

CHAPTER XIII

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The position of organisational set-up, staff and functions of the departments not mentioned in other chapters, is briefly given below:—

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

There are three wings of Public Works Department in the district. The description of organisational set-up and functions of all wings, (i) Buildings and Roads, (ii) Public Health, and (iii) Irrigation is given below:—

Buildings and Roads

Provincial Division, Sonipat.—This division, headed by an Executive Engineer, is responsible for maintenance/Construction of other categories of roads (i.e. State highways, district major roads and other roads etc.) and also maintenance/construction of all Government buildings except some important buildings.

Estate Officer, Rai.—Estate Officer, Rai, is mainly responsible for maintenance and construction of buildings and roads at Moti Lal Nehru School of Sports, Rai (Sonipat).

Above said Division and Estate Officer are under the control of Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., B. & R., branch, Jind Circle.

Murthal Provincial Division (National Highway Works), Sonipat.—The division, headed by an Executive Engineer, is responsible for the construction of Murthal Engineering College at Murthal. It has four Murthal sub-divisions (from I to IV) and one Horticulture sub-division. Maintenance and construction of the buildings and internal road works of the said College are looked after by these divisions and horticulture works are looked after by the horticulture sub-division.

World Bank Aid Project Division, National Highways Works at Sonipat.—This division under an Executive Engineer is responsible for maintenance of national high way No. 1 (Grand Trunk Road or Sher Shah Suri Marg). This division has provincial sub-division No. III, Sonipat for maintenance of G.T. Road from 29. 295 km to 50 km. The works pertaining to District boundary are under the provincial sub-division No. IV. at Sonipat. Provincial sub-division No. II, Sonipat undertakes the construction of high level bridges over river Yamuna near village Niwara (U.P.) from Haryana side in this district.

Above Divisions are under control of Superintending Engineer, national highway circle at Karnal.

World Bank Division at Murthal (Sonipat).—This division headed by an Executive Engineer is responsible for widening, strengthening and construction of dual carriage of national highway no. I (Grand Trunk road or Sher-Shah-Suri Marg.) from Km. 50 towards district boundary and also beyond district boundary. This Division has national highway sub-division, Sonipat from Km. 50 to 60 Km., world bank sub-division, Murthal from Km. 60 to district Boundary and onwards. World bank sub-division No. I, Ganaur attends to above said work beyond the Sonipat district Boundary. World bank sub-division No. II, Ganaur is the incharge of laboratory as well as responsible for providing r.c.c. parts and burbs and channels of above said works only.

This division is under the control of Superintending Engineer, world bank circle No. I at Chandigarh.

Electrical Works.—Electrical work of maintenance and construction of all Government buildings is under two electrical sub-divisions at Sonipat. It is looked after by Electrical Engineer, electrical division, Karnal and controlled by Superintending Engineer, electrical circle at Karnal.

Mechanical Works.—Mechanical work maintenance and newly purchased equipments machineries in connection with buildings and roads works are looked by Executive Engineer, mechanical division, P.W.D., B. & R., Rohtak. Only one S.D.E. (mechanical) is at Sonipat for this purpose. It is under the control of Superintending Engineer mechanical circle at Karnal.

Material Testing.—There is one research laboratory at divisional level, where testing of all kinds of materials used in buildings and roads works is done. It is under control of Director-cum-Superintending Engineer, research Laboratory at Hissar.

Land Papers.—There is one land acquisition cell at District level, consisting of one Naib-Tehsildar, One Kanungo and 4 Patwaries who prepare the compensation papers under the guidance of land acquisition officer at Gurgaon.

At the State level, road works except national highway and major bridges is looked by Chief Engineer (Roads). Buildings works except Engineering College at Murthal is looked by Chief Engineer (buildings). The work relating to national highways, Engineering College and high level bridges over the Yamuna river is looked by Chief Engineer (national highways).

Over all Incharge of P.W.D., B. & R. is the Engineer-in-Chief.

(ii) **Public Health Branch**

The public health works in the Sonipat district are under the charge of Superintending Engineer, Public Health Circle, Sonipat. The work of Public

health in the district is looked after by public health division I, Sonipat and public health division II, Sonipat. The administrative control at the State level is with Engineer-in-Chief, P.W.D., Public Health, Haryana, Chandigarh. At the district-level the administration of public health branch lies with the Superintending Engineer, Public Health Circle, Sonipat. During 1988-99, he was assisted by three Executive Engineers and nine Sub-Divisional Engineers (Public Health).

Public Health Division I, Sonipat.—This division has been functioning since July, 1974. It was headed as on March 31, 1989 by an Executive Engineer. He was assisted by 4 Sub-Divisional Engineers at Sonipat. The division is responsible for providing drinking water, sewerage and storm water drainage in rural and urban areas within its jurisdiction. It also carries out the execution of public health works. The towns of Sonipat, Gohana, Ganaur and Kharkhoda have been provided with partial water supply while only Sonipat and Gohana have skeleton sewerage facility.

Public Health Construction Division II, Sonipat.—This division, under the Executive Engineer, has been functioning since February, 1981. In 1989, he was assisted by 4 Sub-Divisional Engineers at Sonipat, two Sub-Divisional Engineers at Gohana, one Sub-Divisional Engineer at Kharkhoda and one at Sonipat. The division undertakes the execution of water supply in rural areas of Kailana, Rai, Rohat and Gohana. It is also responsible for providing water supply, sewerage and sanitation at Sports School, Rai.

Public Health Division, Sonipat (Ground water Investigation).—There was Executive Engineer, (GW1) as a head of this branch at district level as on March 31, 1989. He was assisted by two sub-Divisional Officers at Sonipat. This division is responsible for undertaking the under ground water investigation with the view to searching the water-pockets in the district.

(iii) Irrigation

The district is covered by irrigation from the western Jamuna Canal. The irrigation in Sonipat district is looked after by the Western Jamuna Canal, Delhi Division and Western Jamuna Canal, Rohtak Division. The drainage is looked after by the drainage division, Sonipat. The WJC, Delhi division falls under the WJC (feeder canal circle), Delhi, which is headed by a Superintending Engineer. The WJC Rohtak division falls under the WJC (West), Rohtak Circle under the charge of a Superintending Engineer. The drainage division, Sonipat falls under the drainage circle, Karnal. The overall administrative control at the State level is exercised by the Engineer-in-Chief PWD, Irrigation, Haryana, Chandigarh.

276 **WJC, Delhi Division.**—The Delhi division under an Executive Engineer looks after the irrigation of Sonipat sub-division. In 1989, the division

had 4 sub-divisions; Yamuna sub-drainage sub-division, Delhi, Delhi sub-division, Delhi, Rajpura sub-division, Sonipat and Sonipat sub-division, Sonipat.

WJC (West) Rohtak Division.—The division is under the charge of an Executive Engineer. In 1989, it had 4 sub-divisions; Bhalout sub-division, Butana sub-division, Madina sub-division and construction sub-division, Rohtak. The division looks after the irrigation in Gohana sub-division.

Drainage Division, Sonipat.—The division is under the charge of an Executive Engineer. This division was established at Sonipat during 1978. In 1989, it had 3 sub-divisions, drainage sub-division, Gohana, drainage sub-division I, Sonipat and drainage sub-division II, Sonipat.

The division is responsible for protection of the flood embankment along the 48 kilometres of Jamuna flowing through the district. It is also responsible for the drainage in the district. The division raised and strengthened the flood embankment along the Jamuna during 1979—81. Ring bunds were also constructed around 43 flood prone villages.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The district treasury, Sonipat is under the control of Treasury Officer, Sonipat. He is assisted by two Assistant Treasury Officers, one for each sub-treasuries at Gohana and Ganaur. A sub-treasury was opened at Kharkhoda in May, 1983, with an Assistant Treasury Officer as incharge. The State Bank of India Kharkhoda conducts the cash business on behalf of the sub-treasury. The Treasuries and sub-treasuries function under the overall administrative control of Finance Department. Cash transactions of the Sonipat treasury are conducted through the State Bank of India, Sonipat, while the transactions of sub-treasury, Gohana, are made through State Bank of Patiala, Gohana. and sub-treasury of Ganaur are made through Punjab National Bank, Ganaur.

The two-fold functions of the Treasury Officer comprise (i) receipt of revenue including sale of stamps on behalf of the Central and State governments, (ii) disbursement of bills of pay and allowances of government employees, bill of contingencies, grant-in-aid and pensions (including military pensions), and (iii) maintenance of accounts pertaining to above items.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Economic and Statistical Organisation under the administrative control of the Planning Department, Haryana, Chandigarh, is represented

in the district by the District Statistical Officer. The District Statistical Office was set up in the Sonipat district in November, 1973. The functions of District Statistical Officer are centred in co-ordinating the statistical activities of the different departments at the district level. He collects, compiles, analyses and maintains statistics relating to various socio-economic aspects of the district. He checks and scrutinizes the periodical progress reports prepared by the Block Development and Panchayat Officer and by various other district officers. He prepares District Statistical Abstract containing comprehensive data on various socio-economic aspects. He also prepares a Municipal Year Book giving detailed statistical information regarding towns. He conducts various socio-economic surveys in the district assigned by the Economic and Statistical Adviser to Government, Haryana. He also renders technical guidance to the reporting agencies in collecting and compiling reliable statistics and to the other departments in conducting surveys and enquiries.

He collects data relating to weekly and bi-weekly prices of commodities from centre at Sonipat for preparing the consumer price index of the Sonipat district. His duties include maintenance of record about the arrival of essential commodities in different mandis/markets, their disposal, checking of seasons and crop reports, conducting of annual census of government employees, etc. The District Statistical Officer co-ordinates statistical activities of various departments in the district and also renders them technical guidance regarding the collection and compilation of statistics. He also collects data from different offices/institutions for state income estimates, capital formation, etc.

The District Statistical Officer has been given the additional charge of the District Planning Officer. He formulates district development plans under the guidance and directions of the District Planning Advisory Board, District Planning Committee and District Executive Councils which function under the supervision of the Deputy Commissioner.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

This department is represented in the district by the District Public Relations Officer, Sonipat who is assisted by one Assistant Public Relations Officer at Gohana, one District Publicity Organizer of Sonipat, 3 Male Publicity Assistants (one at Gohana and two at Sonipat), one Lady Field Publicity Assistant at Sonipat, one technical Assistant (Sound) at Sonipat, One Cinema operator at Sonipat, four bhajan parties (one each at Sonipat, Ganaur, Kharkhoda and Gohana), one drama party, 7 Block Publicity Workers (one each in all the development blocks), two Radio Mechanics (one each at Sonipat and Gohana) and one T.V. technician at Sonipat. He maintains information centre at Sonipat. The administrative control of the department at the state level lies with the Director, Public Relations, Haryana, Chandigarh.

The District Public Relations Officer, maintains constant liaison with the press and the public in general for putting across the Government point of view. He undertakes publicity campaigns through meetings, cinema shows, drama performances and personal contacts with a view to informing and educating the people about various programmes and policies formulated by the Government and the development made in different fields. He also keeps the Government informed of public reaction to its plans and policies and conveys public grievances to the district and State authorities. He is in charge of the community listening and T.V. schemes under which 256 radio sets and 161 television sets were allotted to panchayats and schools as on March 31, 1989. The details are as under:—

Block	Panchayats	T.V. sets allotted
1. Sonipat	63	34
2. Gohana	36	31
3. Ganaur	67	29
4. Kharkhoda	43	22
5. Kathura	21	13
6. Mundlana	35	9
7. Rai	53	33

The mechanics of the department are responsible for the maintenance of these radio sets and televisions. Besides staging drama on rural reconstruction, films of rural interest are also shown. In addition, programmes are organised to highlight the country's cultural heritage.

DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND BACKWARD CLASSES

This department is represented in the district by the District Welfare Officer for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes, who is assisted by three Tahsil Welfare Officers (one in each tahsil) and Female Social Workers with Lady Attendants working in the Community Centres. The administrative control at the state level lies with the Director, Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes, Haryana, Chandigarh.

The main functions of District Welfare Officer are to create public opinion against untouchability and to adopt measures for the welfare and uplift of

Scheduled Castes, Vimukat Jatis and other Backward Classes. He also implements the schemes formulated by Government for their welfare and looks after the interest of the these people against victimisation, ejection, etc. He provides legal assistance and guidance for getting employment in industrial establishments.

In 1988-89, there were two welfare community centres at Nathupur, (Tahsil Sonipat) and Chirana village (Tahsil Gohana). The Male Social Workers who were working in community centres have been adjusted in the offices of Tahsil Welfare Officers.

The Lady Social Workers hold classes in the *Balwadis* and arrange *satsangs* in the community centres. They deliver lectures to Harijan women on the care of babies, general cleanliness, etc. They visit Harijan *bastis* and create public opinion among the residents that they should observe no distinction even among themselves and other castes. Sewing, cutting and embroidery are taught in the community centres.

The Lady Attendants are trained *dais* and provide maternity aid to the expectant mothers. Till March 31, 1989, 145 widows/girls were trained and each of them was given a sewing machine to earn her living.

HARYANA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD

The Board in the district is represented by two operation divisions, one located at Sonipat named city division Sonipat (created in 1968) and the second named sub-urban division Fazilpur (created in 1982). Each division is under the charge of an Executive Engineer.

The Executive Engineer city division, Sonipat is assisted by four Sub-Divisional Officers, viz., (i) Sub-Divisional Officer op. sub-division, Kundli, (ii) Sub-Divisional Officer, industrial area sub-division, Sonipat, (iii) Sub-Divisional Officer, City sub-division, Sonipat and (iv) Sub-Divisional Officer, model town sub-division, Sonipat. In addition to this, there is a Sub-Station Engineer at 132 K.V. sub-division, Fazilpur under this division.

The Executive Engineer, Sub-urban division, Fazilpur (Sonipat) is assisted by four Sub-Divisional Officers, viz. (i) operation sub-division, Murthal (Stationed at Sonipat), (ii) operation sub-division Kharkhoda, (iii) operation sub-division Ganaur and (iv) Sub-Divisional Engineer at 132 K.V. Sub-Station, Ganaur. Besides, there are two sub-offices, one at Farmana and the other at Bhatgaon.

In addition to the above, there are two operation sub-divisions, i.e. Gohana and Kathura. These sub-divisions are under the charge of Executive Engineer, sub-urban division, Rohtak and overall charge of Superintending Engineer Operation Circle, Rohtak. The divisions i.e. city division,

Sonipat and sub-urban division, Sonipat (Fazilpur) are under the charge of Superintending Engineer Operation Circle, H.S.E.B., Delhi. At the State level Chief Engineer Operation, H.S.E.B. Chandigarh has the overall control.

The operation divisions look after the maintenance of transmission and distribution of power to rural and urban areas of Sonipat and Gohana and Ganaur tahsils and Kharkhoda Sub-tahsil under their respective jurisdictions and also release new connections for industrial agriculture and domestic purposes.

In March, 1969, electricity was available in about 91 villages but by November, 1970, all the villages of the district were electrified. By March, 1976, 5,189 tubewells were provided with electric connections and by March, 1978, the number of tubewells energised rose to 6,210. By March, 1983, the tubewell connections further rose to 10,187 and the area under irrigation rose to 1,884.86 square kilometers. As on March 31, 1989, 13,963 tubewells connections were given in the district.

CO-OPERATIVE DEPARTMENT

This department is represented in the district by two Assistant Registrars, Co-operative Societies. One is posted at Sonipat and has jurisdiction over two tahsils, Sonipat and Ganaur while the second is posted at Gohana for Gohana tahsil. The post of Assistant Registrar, Sonipat, was created during 1968-69. Both the Assistant Registrars function under the administrative control of Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Haryana, Chandigarh, through the Deputy Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Karnal. The Assistant Registrar posted at Sonipat is assisted by 4 General Line Inspectors, two Milk Supply Inspectors, 3 Special Line Inspectors (Industrial, Marketing and Farming-Liquidation) and 28 Sub-Inspectors. The Assistant Registrar at Gohana is assisted by 3 General Line Inspectors, two Milk-Supply Inspectors, one Special Line Inspector (Industrial) and 18 Sub-Inspectors.

Both the Assistant Registrars are responsible for the healthy growth and development of the weaker sections through the Co-operative movement. They ensure that agriculturists receive adequate and timely supply of short, medium and long term credit through Central Co-operative banks, land development banks and primary and credit and service societies.

They also arrange through co-operative marketing societies the supply of chemical fertilizers, improved seeds, insecticides and pesticides. The produce is routed through the marketing societies for the benefit of agriculturists. Besides, consumer goods like sugar, foodgrains, kerosene, cloth are also made available through co-operative consumer stores in urban areas and primary co-operative credit and service societies in rural areas. There are also retail outlets of the Confed in the rural areas.

The Industrial Inspector functions for Industrial Co-operative Societies for arrangement of raw material and sale of finished goods. The sugar mill crushes sugar cane for making sugar and supplies sugar cane seed to the farmers. The main function of the labour co-operatives is to provide work to the labourers, workers and to improve their economic conditions.

DEPARTMENT OF TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

The work relating to town and country planning in the district is looked after by the District Town Planner, Sonipat. The post of District Town Planner, Sonipat was created in June, 1968. The development of urban estates is managed by Estate Officer, Haryana Urban Development Authority, Rohtak. The work of colonization relating to setting up of mandi townships is managed directly from the headquarters, except the physical planning, i.e. preparation of master plans and detailed layout plans which are dealt by this department. All these three departments are headed by one person with different designations, viz. Director, Town and Country Planning, Chief Administrator, Haryana Urban Development Authority and Director-cum-Special Land Acquisition Collector of the Department of Colonization.

The objective of District Town Planner is to regulate the urban development of towns and areas surrounding them. In Sonipat district-outside municipal limits the vulnerable area between Sonipat and Delhi has been declared as controlled area, to regulate the corridor development along the Sher Shah Suri Marg (national highway No. 1) and prepare the development plan under the Punjab Scheduled Roads and Controlled Area (Restriction of Unregulated Development) Act, 1963. This department has prepared the development plan for the controlled area around Sonipat, Ganaur and Gohana.

Under the development plan, Haryana State Industries Development Corporation has set up an industrial estate near Murthal on an area of 100 hectares. Besides, another industrial estate over an area of 70 acres has been set up at Kundli, while an area of 760 acres on the national highway is being developed for industrial and residential purpose.

The Haryana Urban Development Authority set up a residential urban estate, Sector-14 at Sonipat, on 80 hectares of land in 1978-79. All the plots have been allotted. The town of Sonipat is likely to have a population of 3 lakh by 2001 and to accommodate this, the department has planned the development of 1,580 hectares for residential purpose.

An industrial estate of 975 hectares is also being planned for Sonipat. The Town Planning Department also renders technical advice for planned development to Rural Development Board, Haryana Urban Development Authority and municipal committees.

FOOD AND SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

The department is represented by the District Food and Supplies Controller. In 1989, he was assisted by one District Food and Supplies Officer, 4 Assistant Food and Supplies Officers, 35 Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors. In March, 1989, no check posts/barriers had been set up by the Department in the district to prevent smuggling of foodgrains to other states. The Controller functions under the administrative control of the Director of Food and Supplies, Haryana, Chandigarh. He is also responsible for procurement, release and storage of foodgrains, equitable distribution of sugar, Kerosene, cement, coal/coke, vegetable oil and other essential commodities at controlled prices. In March, 1989, the district had 339 fair price shops (79 in urban and 260 in rural areas).