

CHAPTER XIII

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The government departments that are concerned with general administration, revenue administration, and law and order and justice in the district have already been dealt with in chapters X, XI and XII, respectively. The organizational set-up at the district level of the government departments for agriculture, animal husbandry, co-operatives, education, forests, industries and public works is dealt with briefly in this chapter.

Agriculture Department

The district comes within the jurisdiction of the assistant director of agriculture, Kumaon and Uttarakhand region, whose headquarters are at Naini Tal. In the district, the district agriculture officer looks after agricultural programmes and their execution. He is assisted by eight assistant development officers (agriculture) and eight assistant agriculture inspectors, one in each development block. The number of *kamdars* working under the assistant agriculture inspectors is 16. There are eight agriculture seed stores, one each at the block headquarters, of which an assistant agriculture inspector is in-charge, who maintains the records of stocks of fertilizers and seeds and distributes it to the cultivators.

The horticulture development scheme in the district is controlled by a district horticulture officer. The other staff comprises two senior horticulture inspectors, a senior plant protection assistant, two junior plant protection assistants, five persons in charge of the horticulture mobile teams, eight supervisors, eight head gardeners, 40 gardeners, four field attendants and a porter. There are eight mobile team centres, one each at the block headquarters and two such sub centres, one each at Punga and Madkote. The mobile teams are engaged in the work of collection of fruit plants and vegetable seeds and their distribution; collection of tools and implements from certain orchardists and their distribution to other orchardists on cash payment; maintenance of progeny orchards; treatment of fruit plants, agriculture and vegetable crops against pests and diseases; pruning of fruit plants; supervision of orchards; and giving technical guidance to orchardists.

Animal Husbandry Department

The district falls under the jurisdiction of the assistant director of animal husbandry, hill circle, whose headquarters are at Naini Tal. The district live-stock officer is in charge of programmes of the development of live-stock and fisheries and is concerned with the treatment of animal diseases, control of epidemics, castration of scrub bulls, and better breeding of cattle and poultry.

Co-operative Department

The district comes within the jurisdiction of the assistant registrar (co-operative societies), in charge of Kumaon region, whose headquarters are at Naini Tal. At the district level an assistant registrar (co-operative societies) is in charge of co-operative activities and exercises supervision and control over the co-operative societies in the district. He is assisted by an additional district co-operative officer and several assistant development officers (co-operative), one for each development block. There is also a co-operative inspector who is attached to the District Co-operative Bank. In addition to this, there are 33 co-operative supervisors and 13

provincial co-operative union supervisors in the district. For the efficient functioning of co-operative work at village level, 4 rural godowns have been constructed, one each at Rongkong, Meharkhola, Binchesar and Nainichoura.

Education Department

The organizational set-up of the education department at the regional level consists of a deputy director of education, Kumaon and Uttarakhand region (for boys' education), and a regional inspectress of girls' schools, Bareilly region (for girls' education), their headquarters being at Naini Tal and Bareilly, respectively. At the district level, a district inspector of schools is the highest educational officer and is responsible for the supervision, control and inspection of educational institutions (for boys in particular), up to the higher secondary stage. He is assisted by a deputy inspector of schools and an assistant inspectress (of girls' schools), both of whom are in charge of education up to the junior high school. There are also 9 sub-deputy inspectors in the district to inspect and supervise boys' schools up to the junior high school stage, in the development blocks. Sanskrit *pathshalas* (schools) in the district are supervised by the inspector of Sanskrit *Pathshalas* of the Bareilly region and Urdu medium schools by a deputy inspector of Urdu-medium schools of the Allahabad region.

Forest Department

The district falls under the jurisdiction of the conservator of forest, Kumaon circle, whose headquarters are at Naini Tal. The district is the headquarters of the Pithoragarh forest division, under the charge of a divisional forest officer who is assisted by an assistant conservator of forest. There are two range officers, one for each of the two ranges in the district. The district is also divided into eight sections, each of which is looked after by a forester and eight beats, each under the charge of a forest guard.

Industries Department

The district falls under the northern zone of the industries department, U.P., the zonal office being situated at Bareilly. The district industries officer is in charge of industries and the industrial development of the district and provides technical guidance and assistance to the industrial units in both the private and public sectors. He is assisted by an industries inspector and five assistant development officers who look after the work concerning industries in the rural areas.

There are a number of training-cum-production centres, five of them being for wool spinning and weaving, one each at Munsyari, Sirkha, Kalika, Bin and Thal, one for embroidery and knitting at Pithoragarh, one for carpet and shawl making at Didihat, one for *namda* making at Dharchula, one for carpentry at Pithoragarh, three for tailoring, one each at Tejam, Kheta and Pithoragarh, two for hosiery, one each at Balwakot and Munsyari and one for weaving at Pithoragarh. In addition there are six *jalcharka* units, two wool utilization centres and a service centre for repair of agricultural implements.

Public Works Department

The district is at present the temporary headquarters of the XII border works circle of the public works department, U. P., and is under the charge of a superintending engineer. The four divisions of the circle are provincial division, Pithoragarh, border works division, Pithoragarh border works temporary division, Askot and border works temporary division, Didihat, each

being under the charge of an executive engineer. The headquarters of the provincial and the border works divisions are at Pithoragarh. The executive engineer of the provincial division is assisted by three assistant engineers and two sub-divisional officers. The executive engineer of the border works division is assisted by four assistant engineers and nine overseers. The department is concerned with the maintenance and construction of roads, culverts, bridges and buildings belonging to the State government.