



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

**REPORT ON THE IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES OF HOME
DEPARTMENT
FOR THE YEAR 2017-2018**

HOME DEPARTMENT

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A REPORT ON IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES OF HOME DEPARTMENT: 2017-2018.

INTRODUCTION:

Home Department as the nodal administrative department for Police, Prosecution, Prisons, Fire Service and auxiliary security wings of Home Guard and Civil Defence looks after the maintenance of internal security, law and public order, prevention of crime and prosecution of criminals. It has a vital role in coordinating and synergizing the functioning of its various units. It is also the nodal Department so far as State Secretariat Service is concerned and the administration of the State Secretariat services like Common Cadre of Assistant Section Officers, Typists, Stenographers, Personal Assistants, Private Secretaries and O.S.S. Officers is dealt by it. It is closely connected with the conduct of elections to Parliament, and State Legislatures. It keeps a close liaison with Defence Services for Civil-Military Co-operation and for setting up of Defence Projects in the State. The Home Department is also responsible to maintain the protocol and to oversee management of State Guest House at Bhubaneswar, Odisha Bhawan and Odisha Niwas at New-Delhi, Odisha Bhawan at Mumbai and Utkal Bhawan at Kolkata.

CHAPTER-1

1. POLICE ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL LAW AND ORDER SITUATION:

The overall Law and Order situation in the State remained by and large peaceful during the year, 2017. There has been a consolidated effort to curb Left Wing Extremist in the State.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY:-

During the year 2017, all political parties were busy in organizing workers conference, public meetings, mass contact and awareness programmes to garner public support in their favour on various issues by highlighting their achievements. The opposition political parties and their frontal organizations agitated on various local issues.

All the Political parties including the ruling party have geared up their activities keeping in view the ensuing ULB elections- 2018 and simultaneous General/ Assembly Elections-2019.

COMMUNAL ACTIVITY:-

The State was by and large free from of communal discord as close attention was paid to maintenance of communal peace and amity. Major fairs and festivals of different communities were observed peacefully with religious fervor and gaiety. Only 16 Hindu-Muslim and 01 Hindu-Christian discords were noticed in the State during the year. Instances of communal tension did not escalate into major law and order situation due to pro-active role, constant vigil and timely intervention by the local administration and police

INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY:-

The State Government is always committed for infrastructure development through rapid industrialization. During 2017, there were various agitational programmes against industrialization on issues such as protection of tribal rights, land acquisition, rehabilitation, payment of compensation, employment facilities, peripheral developments, agriculture, environmental pollution, etc. These agitational activities were handled with lot of patience and care.

LABAOUR AND SERVICES ACTIVITY:-

The agitations by Labour and Service organizations did not escalate into any major law and order situation. Employees/workers of some industrial units exhibited their protest demanding enhancement of wages, re-opening of factory, regularization of contractual labourers, payment of arrear dues, etc. which were addressed through due process of dialogue and reconciliation. Service related demands, particularly by different Teachers Association, State Govt. Employees Associations, etc., were addressed sympathetically by the State Government.

STUDENT ACTIVITY:-

There was no State -wide student unrest during the year. The election of Student's Unions held on September 23, 2017 throughout the State ended on a peaceful note, barring a few incidents of pre/post poll violence noticed in some colleges in the State. Few incidents of students' agitations in State were handled by the local administration & police tactfully.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY:-

During the year 2017, agitation by different tribal organizations demanding rights of tribals over Jal, Jungle and Jamin, distribution of land pattas to landless tribals, etc., agitation by different dalits/ women organizations protesting against alleged increase of crimes against dalits and women, agitation by different voluntary/ women organizations on alleged rampant illicit liquor trade, teetotalism, etc., agitation by different farmer's organizations particularly Naba Nirman Krushak Sangathan demanding price, pension & prestige, Paschima Odisha Krushak Sangathan Samanwaya Samiti over exemption of agriculture loan, purchase of paddy from farmers, compensation for crop loss & farmer's suicide, agitation by different Bar Associations for setting up Permanent High Court Bench in their respective areas, agitation by "Sundargarh Zilla Adivasi Mulabasi Bachao Manch" on different issues for the cause of tribals in Rourkela area, agitation by "Arthika Sanstha Manankadwara Khyatigrasta Milita Manch" on the issue of retrieval of deposited amount to the gullible investors, massive death of Sheeps & Goats due to attack by feral animals, arrest of accused persons involved in sex scandal/ viral of objectionable pictures in social media, agitation pertaining to formation of new NACs/declaration of Sub-Divisional status to some

areas in the State and a host of such other demands which surfaced on different occasions have been tactfully contained with timely intervention of local Administration & Police.

TERRORIST ACTIVITY:-

During the year 2017, no terrorist activity has been noticed in the State, and on intelligence inputs the terrorist activities in the State have been contained effectively. However, advisories and alert messages are being issued to all Dist. SsP. from time to time on possible terrorist activities in the State.

LEFT WING EXTREMIST SCENARIO

Activities of the Left Wing Extremist (LWE) remained under control in the State during the year, 2017. No Maoist activities were noticed in five Districts i.e. Gajapati, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Mayurbhanj and Nabarangpur. Maoist activity was contained to a large extent in Nuapada, Boudh, Nayagarh, Keonjhar, Sambalpur, Deogarh and Sundergarh Districts. The problem remained challenging in parts of Malkangiri, Koraput, Kalahandi, Rayagada, Kandhamal, Angul, Bolangir and Bargarh Districts in terms of movement and activities of armed CPI (Maoists) groups.

52 LWE related incidents were reported in the State during the period, which included 15 incidents of exchanges of fire, mostly due to police initiatives. As many as 07 CPI(Maoist) cadres were killed, 35 arrested and 26 surrendered in the State during the period, 16 weapons, 23 Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), and large quantity of ammunition and other Maoist articles were recovered during anti-naxal operations.

2. CRIME SITUATION.

Total 1,03,866 cognizable cases including 1267 murder, 534 dacoity, 2048 robbery 3953 burglary, 9083 theft, 2960 swindling, 2407 rioting, 2221 rape 10855 MV accident and 68538 Misc. cases were reported during the year, 2017.

3. MODERNISATION OF POLICE FORCE: The state has been allocated Rs.858.30 crore under MPF (Modernization of State Police Forces) Scheme during the period from 2000-01 to 2016-17. Out of this, a sum of Rs.822.88 crore i.e. almost 95.87% of the allocated amount has already been utilized.

The funds allocated are being spent on improving the mobility of the State Police (procurement of new vehicles including Bullet Proof Vehicles), acquisition of advanced weaponry, improving communication, improving as well as modernization of training facilities (purchase of training equipments including Cyber Crime investigation equipments), acquisition of new techniques/equipments for crime detection like Legal Interception unit, acquisition of advanced equipments for forensic examination, acquisition of modern equipments for bomb detection and disposal and anti-sabotage check, acquisition of modern equipments for police including traffic police (purchase of night vision devices, modern control room, CCTV based City surveillance system) and construction of non Residential and Residential buildings required by the State Police.

Further, the State has been allocated Rs.31.75 crore under the Scheme of Modernization of Police Force for the year of 2017-18 as per the details below.

SL.No.	Component	Action Plan (Rs. in Crores)		
	(Non-Plan)	State Action Plan	Supplementary Action Plan	Total
1	Arms	212.99	0	212.99
2	Equipment for Police	419.98	674.70	1094.68
3	Mobility	703.25	90.50	793.75
4	Revamping of intelligence gathering system	169.48	75.00	244.48
5	Upgradation of Training Resources	10.00	106.50	116.50
6	Upgradation of Communication	242.30	1.32	243.62

7	Upgradation of facilities of State CID	31.00	51.00	82.00
8	Upgradation of facilities of State FSL	0.00	120.00	120.00
9	Upgradation of State Crime Record Bureau.	96.00	151.00	247.00
10	Modernization of Home Guards Equipment	20.00	0.00	20.00
	Total	1905.00	1270.02	3175.02

4. STATE FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY.

The State Forensic Science Laboratory at Rasulgarh, Bhubaneswar has 3(three) Regional Forensic Laboratories at Berhampur, Sambalpur & Balasore and 36 District FSLs. They undertake chemical examination of Physical clues collected from the scene of crime/ victim/ accused/ deceased. The results of chemical examination are furnished in the form of examination reports for aiding in detection of crime and prosecution of offenders. The State FSL has 8 specialised divisions namely Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Serology, DNA, Ballistics, Toxicology and Lie Detection Division.

Over the years, the laboratory has been contributing meaningfully by visiting scenes of crime and submitting chemical examination reports to the courts. During the year 2017, as many as 11,708 cases were examined and disposed of. Considering the importance of forensic science in criminal justice delivery system, the Government of Odisha and the State Police Hdqrs. Cuttack have taken some major steps to improve the infrastructure and the technical facilities of the laboratory in order to dispose of the large number of pending cases of the laboratory. During this year 2017, 04 Scientific Officers and 04 Viscera Cutters have joined in various divisions of this organization. 52 Laboratory Assistants who were appointed on contractual basis to facilitate the laboratory work across the

entire state has been given one year extension taking their work performance into consideration.

The State Forensic Science Laboratory has conducted several training programmes for Police Officers, members of the Judicial Services and Public Prosecutors. The scientists of this organisation are frequently visiting Institutions, such as Biju Patnaik State Police Academy, Judicial Academy, etc. to highlight the ever increasing role of scientific crime investigation in prevention, detection and investigation of crimes and administration of justice.

5. STATE CRIME RECORDS BUREAU

State Crime Records Bureau (SCRB) was created on 23.07.1988 vide Home Dept. Resolution No.40464 out of the erstwhile Police Computer Center and Finger Print Bureau to computerise data on Crime and Criminal Records. SCRB is the nodal agency for implementing the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and System (CCTNS) project in the State of Odisha.

Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) Project is centrally sponsored Mission Mode Project under the National e-Governance Plan which aims to fully modernize the Police organizations in the country. CCTNS is intended to ensure that Police maintains all its crime and criminals data through online system and to provide citizen access to police services online and in a hassle free manner.

In Odisha, CCTNS Project will cover 585 Police Stations, 109 SDPO/ACP Offices, 36 SP/DCP Offices, 7 Range offices, 1 Railway Range office, 37 Police Control Rooms, 44 Training Centres and 12 Higher Police Offices of Odisha.

Under CCTNS Project, Solar energy back up is being provided to 176 Police Stations and this system have been installed in 175 Police Stations through OREDA, Bhubaneswar.

BSNL is providing network connectivity and it has covered 818 locations including 503 Police Stations through VPNo Broadband, 69 Police Stations with VSAT connectivity, 200 higher offices through VPNo Broadband, 1 higher office through VSAT, 44 training centres through VPNo Broadband and 1 State Data

Centre through MPLS connectivity of 45 MBPS and 44 Training centres have been established to provide training to Police Personnel.

Data Centre infrastructure has been set up at State Data Centre in Odisha Computer Application Centre (OCAC) for hosting the Core Application Software, while installation of Disaster Recovery Centre (DRC) is in progress at National Data Centre, New Delhi.

6. STATE FINGER PRINT BUREAU. The State Finger Print Bureau was created on 1st April 1936 with formation of separate State of Odisha.

Finger Print Units have been functioning in 32 Districts since 2002 and since 2008, with 06 AFIS (Automated Finger Print Identification System) Work Stations at SCRB, AFIS (Remote Query Terminal) RQTs have been installed in 34 Police Districts including SsRP, Cuttack and Rourkela and one at CID, CB, Hdqrs., Cuttack.

During this year, Finger Print Slips of 139 Convicts were classified, digitized and verified in AFIS database and main record of FPB.

AFIS database has a record of digitized FP slips of 1,97,063 arrestees and convicts and 5875 unidentified Chance Finger Prints.

Finger Print Slips of 132 Convicts and 5367 Arrestees have been sent to National Crime Records Bureau, New-Delhi for search and record during the year, 2017.

216 Cases (Scene of Crime Chance Print Cases- 197, Government Cases-15 and Private Cases- 04) were examined during the year 2017 and opinion furnished.

Training on Finger Print Science has been imparted to 800 Police Officers, Scientific Officers of State FSL and Judiciary Officers.

Finger Print Slips of 22 Unidentified Dead bodies, 7 Convicts and 2 Arrestees of other States have been searched in AFIS database and results communicated to the respective inquiring officers.

ACHIEVEMENTS

In 26 cases, 48 Chance Finger Prints collected from the scene of crime have been successfully identified with 35 criminals and results have been promptly

communicated to District Authorities which helped the Investigating Officers in investigation.

In 19 cases (15 Govt. cases & 04 Civil cases), 519 criminals have been successfully identified through Finger Prints which helped in prosecution of the cases.

Finger Print Slips of 1232 Arrestees and Convicts have been traced with their conviction particulars / criminal antecedents through Automated Finger Print Identification System (AFIS).

7. HANDWRITING BUREAU

Documents relating to various Crimes such as embezzlement, murder, misappropriation of funds and circulation of fake currency, crime relating to dowry, kidnapping and conspiracy against the State, etc. are examined in the Handwriting Bureau functioning under CID, Crime Branch, Odisha, Cuttack. Besides, documents received directly from various Courts and Departmental authorities are also examined in the Bureau and Expert opinions are furnished. The experts working in the Bureau help the investigating officers, Courts and various Departments in providing proper guide lines in cases where documents are involved. Apart from examining the documents, the experts of the Bureau are also imparting training to P.S.Is., Jail Officials, Police Officers of Biju Patnaik State Police Academy, Officers selected for All India Police Duty Meet, Medical Students and Judicial Officers of different courts.

During the year 2017, 326 Police cases involving 33,823 exhibits have been examined and expert opinions furnished. Besides, 2324 exhibits in 56 non-Police cases referred by various Judicial Courts and Departmental authorities of Govt. of Odisha have been examined and expert opinions furnished. A sum of Rs. 78,000/- has been collected towards the examination fees of these cases and the same has been deposited in the Govt. Treasury.

8. PHOTO BUREAU.

State Photo Bureau, Rasulgarh, Bhubaneswar has prepared 1420 photographs of Finger Prints in 376 cases, 6079 exhibits negative in 246 handwriting cases and 41 photo identity cards of police personnel during 2017. Besides, the officers of Bureau have conducted Videography on 149 occasions during law and order and

checked the media personnel and their equipments from security point of view at different places during visit of VIPs.

9. K.9 SQUAD

Odisha Police K.9 Squad has been functioning under the State CID, CB since 1961 and this Squad has been functioning in 24 districts. The following categories of trained canines are available (a) Tracking Canines (b) Sniffer Canines for detection of explosives (c) Sniffer Canines for detection of Narcotics (d) Search and Rescue Canines used during natural calamities. During the year 2017, tracker canines were utilised in 559 cases and clues were furnished in 147 cases. The canines did commendable jobs in 28 cases, in which, the stolen properties were recovered accused persons were arrested. Besides, the Narcotic Sniffer Canines have been utilized in 01 occasion, explosive sniffer Canines were utilized on 1327 occasions during VIP visits, raids, law and order and other extremist situations and detected explosive substances in 05 occasions i.e one in Rayagada district and four occasions in Puri district.

10. SIGNALS

With a view to assist police administration in maintenance of law and order and to curb Naxal activities, 79 numbers of Manpack VHF sets were issued permanently to different Police Personnel of the State during the year. Similarly, 24 numbers of Static VHF Stations and 24 numbers of mobile VHF sets were installed permanently in different PSs, mobile vehicles and P.C.R. vehicles in the State. 16 numbers of VHF Stations were installed temporarily for communication in flood affected areas of the State. To assist Police Administration in maintenance of law and order during festive occasions, VVIP/ VIP visits etc, 6376 Static/ Mobile VHF sets and 8352 W/T sets were temporarily deployed in a phased manner. During the year, 8 numbers of Data Communication equipment have been newly installed in addition to the existing 31 nos. and 6 nos. of working POLNET stations at different District Headquarters for transaction of Messages.

At present, 150 pigeons are available in 2 pigeon centres i.e. at Central Breeding Loft, Cuttack and PTC, Angul. These pigeons are kept ready for deployment

during State Level Functions/ Ceremonial Parade in the State to glorify peace and harmony. The pigeons were released on 23 occasions in the State Level Functions.

11. POLICE MOTOR TRANSPORT.

This organization deals with Police vehicles of the whole state with its Hdqrs. at Cuttack, the Range Workshops at Sambalpur and Berhampur, two Regional Workshops at Rourkela and Koraput and 19 Miniature Workshops at different Dists. / Battalion Hdqrs.

During the year 2017, about 43,479 numbers of Major and 1, 04,456 numbers of Minor repair works were under taken at P.M.T. Hdqrs., Range Workshops, Regional Workshops and Miniature Workshops at Dists. / Battalion Hdqrs. level.

Altogether 261 numbers of condemned Police Vehicles of different makes have been auctioned during the year 2017.

12. HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION CELL

The State HRPC is a Specialized Wing of the State Police. It monitors the investigation of dowry related cases such as dowry homicide, dowry suicide, dowry torture and non-dowry torture, atrocity on SCs/STs and deaths in Police custody. It acts as Nodal Agency for the National Human Rights Commission, Odisha Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Women, State Commission for Women, National Commission for SCs, National Commission for STs etc. by submitting relevant statistical information as and when required. Moreover, the petitions relating to atrocity on women and members of SCs and STs are either enquired into or the petition enquiries monitored by State HRPC.

Besides, a Family Counseling Centre of Social Advisory Board is attached to State HRPC to render counseling to the victims as well as accused persons in cases of dowry and non-dowry torture with a view to restore conjugal life. During the year 2017, the Family Counseling Centres received 125 complaints on dowry torture, extra marital relations, mal-adjustments with in-laws/ husband, personal differences, economic crisis, alcoholism etc. Out of 125 complaints, 75 complaints were disposed of and remaining 50 complaints are under counseling.

During the year 2017, 5562 dowry related cases were registered, out of which 3347 cases have been charge sheeted, 29 ended as Final Report True, 58 cases

ended as FRMF/ML, 29 cases ended as False, and 24 cases closed due to different reasons and remaining 2075 cases are under investigation.

During the year 2017, 2629 cases of atrocity on SC & ST were registered, out of which 927 cases have been charge sheeted, 22 cases ended as FRT, 53 cases ended as FRMF/ML, 251 cases as False, 97 cases closed for other reasons and remaining 1279 cases under investigation.

During the year 2017, the State HRPC took up investigation of 07 cases including 02 cases of State HRPC Police Station and all the 07 cases are under investigation.

During 2017, 264 grievance petitions relating to torture on married women demanding dowry, atrocity on SC/ST and other related matters were received in the State HRPC, out of which 81 petitions were disposed of by taking appropriate legal action and remaining 183 petitions are under enquiry by concerned districts S.Ps.

During 2017, 136 grievance petitions relating to atrocity on S.Cs & S.Ts were received in the State HRPC, out of which 31 petitions were disposed of by taking appropriate legal action and remaining 105 petitions are under enquiry by concerned districts S.P.

During the year 2017, 177 complaints were received from National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, out of which 165 have been disposed of by taking appropriate action and the remaining 12 are under enquiry by concerned districts S.Ps. The State HRPC being the Nodal Agency is pursuing with different authorities to expedite action taken reports within the stipulated time fixed by the NHRC.

During the year 2017, 77 complaint petitions were received in the State HRPC, out of which 74 have been disposed of by taking appropriate action and remaining 03 are under enquiry by concerned district S.Ps.

During the year 2017, 40 petitions were received from Odisha State Commission for Women, out of which 18 petitions were disposed of, 01 received incomplete and remaining 21 are under enquiry by the district SsP.

13. COASTAL SECURITY

The aim and objectives of Coastal Security is to check export /import of illegal arms, contraband articles through sea route, infiltration of unauthorized person, unauthorized fishing, entry of anti-national elements and to guard against attack on vital installations along the sea coast.

Under the Coastal Security Scheme Government of India have sanctioned 18 marine Police Stations (5 MPSs in phase- I + 13 MPSs in phase-II) in the State to strengthen the security in the entire coast of Odisha. All these marine Police Stations are made functional since January 2015.

Odisha Police conducts regular / periodic assessment of the security scenario to asses any illegal immigration, entry of anti-social elements etc. from the sea. The fishermen communities residing on the sea shore areas are being informed to remain alert, to collect intelligence and to intimate the authorities in time. To sensitize the fishermen community, Coastal Security Awareness Programme is being conducted every month. For intensive checking of Boats and verification of documents of all fishing vessels operating at sea, a monthly security drill 'SAJAG' is carried out every month with the help of Indian Coast Guard.

To generate confidence in the minds of general public / fishermen community and to ensure coordination among the stakeholders all total 10 Coastal Security Exercises and 8 Combined Total Security Exercises SAGAR KAVACH have been conducted with West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh, Marine Police, Coast Guard, navy and other stake holders.

14. AIR PORT SECURITY

During the year 2017 altogether 28 circulars/Avsecs orders have been circulated to all dist.SsP/DCsP Bhubaneswar/Cuttack and Deputy Commdt., CISF, Biju Pattnaik Airport, Bhubaneswar on airport security. Besides BDDS of security Wing has participated in the Multi-Agency counter Terrorist exercise at Biju Pattnaik Airport held in October,2017 organized by CISF Hdqrs, New Delhi.

15. ACTIVITIES OF BOMB DETECTION AND DISPOSAL TEAM

- i. Total 157 police personnel of different Dists. have been imparted with VIP Security/PSO training during the year 2017
- ii. Similarly 90 police personnel of different Dists. have been imparted training on Anti-sabotage Check and Bomb detection and Disposal by Security Wing.
- iii. More than 1322 officers and men have been imparted training on VIP Security and Anti-sabotage Check at different training Institutions as per requisition.
- iv. The State BDDS has attended 9 Bomb threat calls and disposed off IEDs-30 nos, Tin/ sutuli crude Bombs 122 nos, Gelatin-4 nos, Electric Detonators 12 nos and Pyrotechnique type of explosive materials. 12 Quintals and 80 Kgs successfully during year 2017.

16. ODISHA STATE POLICE HOUSING AND WELFARE CORPORATION :

During the last five financial Years the Corporation achieved these following turnovers.

SI No.	FINANCIAL YEAR	TURNOVER (in Cr.)
1	2012-13	243.97
2	2013-14	323.00
3	2014-15	332.12
4	2015-16	342.45
5	2016-17	403.08

Corporation's major key features during last five Financial Years.

- The Corporation has constructed Police Stations and Fortified Infrastructures for BSF & CRPF in Naxal affected areas and in SRE districts. Also the Corporation constructed Fire Stations & Jail Buildings for Fire, Prison & Correctional services.
- The Corporation has taken up Basic Training Institute and Ekalavya Model Residential School (EMRS) / Kalinga Model Residential School (KMRS), ANWESHA & AKANKSHYA for ST & SC students (under ST & SC Development Department).

- The corporation is constructing Dwelling Units (G+3) Storied building for slum people at Tulasipur & Anandpur under IHSDP projects phase-II of Cuttack city.
- The Corporation also constructed Reception Centre-cum-Mahila & Sishu Desk in different P.S. across Odisha.
- The Corporation has taken up 4 nos of renovation & new construction of Bus Stands / Terminals at Angul, Badambadi (Cuttack), Bolangir & Rayagada.
- The Corporation executed various iconic buildings/projects i.e. Economic Offence Wing (EOW), DPO & R.O., Baripada, Dist. Court Bonai etc in the State.
- The Corporation has taken up various projects in the State under Corporate Social responsibility (CSR) scheme as per the provisions of the Companies Act.
- The Corporation has paid Rs.4.65 Cr. to Govt. as dividend in the F.Y 2016-17.

CHAPTER-II

2. TRAINING & HUMAN RESOURCES

2.1 TRAINING FOR POLICE PERSONNEL

The following training institutions are functioning for training of Police Officers and Men.

- (i) Biju State Police Academy, Bhubaneswar.
- (ii) Police Training College, Angul.
- (iii) Police Training School, Nayagarh.
- (iv) Urban Police & Traffic Training Institute, Bhubaneswar.
- (v) Odisha Armed Police Training Centre, Jharsuguda.
- (vi) S.O.G. Training Centre, Chandaka, Bhubaneswar.
- (vii) Police Training Institute, Byree
- (viii) RPTS (Range level Police Training School), Koraput.
- (ix) Basic Training Institute, Burla.

2.2 TRAINING OF JAIL STAFF: One day Refresher Training Course on RTI Act 2005 has been imparted to 91 Prison Officials at Gopabandhu Academy of Administration, Bhubaneswar during the year 2017

- (i) One day sensitization training programme for 65 senior Prison Officers on their functions, duties, responsibilities and the rights & duties of prisoners has been organized at Biju Pattnaik State Police Academy, Bhubaneswar during the year 2017.
- (ii) The 48th Batch Basic Training Course for untrained warders has been started w.e.f 01.12.2017 at Odisha Jail Training School, Berhampur during the year 2017-18.

2.3 TRAINING FOR FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL. Training is an essential tool for improving professional efficiency of the Fire Service personnel. Keeping this in view, 1437 Fire Service personnel have been imparted training in different courses at OFADRA, Bhubaneswar including 337 personnel of other establishments

like Prasar Bharati, INS Chilika, IOCL etc. during 2017-18. Moreover, 1056 Fire Service personnel have been imparted training at OFADRI, Naraj, Cuttack and 974 Fire Service personnel have been imparted training at OSWALI, Ramachandi, Puri during the year.

2.4 THE ODISHA SECRETARIAT TRAINING INSTITUTE, BHUBANESWAR:

The Government of Odisha in Home Department vide Resolution No-2420/A-STCE-24/59, dated 08.02.1960 established the Odisha Secretariat Training Institute (OSTI) with a view to increasing the efficiency of the erstwhile Assistants of Secretariat. Over the years, the administrative set up of Secretariat has witnessed structural as well as directional changes brought about in keeping with the emerging challenges to public administration. Therefore, the State Government have taken decision to restructure the erstwhile Secretariat Ministerial Service Cadre vide Home Department Resolution No-44874-CC-PSC, dated 30.09.2008. Accordingly, the entry level in the Ministerial Service Cadre in the Secretariat has been designated as

Assistant Section Officer. Therefore, keeping abreast with the development in the field of public administration, the Odisha Secretariat Training Institute has been reconstituted afresh.

In the meanwhile, since its reconstitution (i.e on 04.02.2017) the Institute has imparted basic training to 5 batches of trainee Assistant Section Officers, after completion of their basic training are working in different Department efficiently/successfully. Presently, 86 trainee ASOs are undergoing training in 6th batch at this Institute located at Old Bus Stand, Unit No.2, Bhubaneswar.

2.5 THE ODISHA SHORTHAND AND TYPEWRITING INSTITUTE BHUBANESWAR:

This training Institute is functioning under the control of Home Department since 1963. The main aim and objective of the Institute is to impart training on Shorthand and Typewriting in English to the unemployed S.C. & S.T. graduates in order to build up them as qualified Stenographer to cater to the needs of Government as well as non-Government sectors. The Private Secretaries, Personal Assistants, Stenographers of the Departments of Odisha Secretariat and Clerks and Typists other State and Central Government offices are also trained in the Institute in Odia Shorthand & Typewriting in computer (Leap Office). The Institute also renders relevant technical assistance as and when required to different offices/ agencies of State/ Central Governments for selection of candidates for employment/ promotion in their offices.

In the year 2017-18, 126 Stenographers, Clerks and Typists from different offices of Government of Odisha have been given training in Odia typewriting in computer (Leap Office software).

RECRUITMENT

Total 521 of Constable/ Sepoy in 9th SIR battalion and 92 Gorkha Sepoys in OSAP Battalion and 4 posts of Assistant Scientific Officer have been recruited. Permission has been given to Staff Selection Commission (SSC) for recruitment of 696 posts of Sub-inspector of Police. Besides, permission have also been given to

SSC to complete the recruitment process for appointment of SI, Armed (40 posts), SI, Hand writing (4 posts) and SI finger print (8 posts). Permission have also been accorded to the State Selection Board for completion of recruitment process for appointment of 1252 Civil Constables, and 437 Battalion Constable.

2) Government have approved recruitment of 144 Firemen, 6 Fireman Drivers and 20 Station Officers during the current year.

CHAPTER-III

3. PRISONS ORGANISATION:

3.1 Budget Allocation for 2017-18: TRS 200, 94, 61

Non Plan	State Plan	Total
TRS 167,93,60	TRS 33,01,01	TRS 200,94,61

3.2 Improving the Security of Prisons:

- In order to strengthen the security of the Jails, it has been up-graded by 'Raising the height of Perimeter Walls in different Jails.
- Provision has been made for installation of Baggage Scanner, Digital Restricted Calling System Door Frame Metal Detector, CCTV, Walkie-Talkie, Handheld Metal Detector, Rechargeable LED search light, Cooler-cum-Water purifier, Chapatti Making Machine during the year 2017-18

3.3 Health Care of the Prisoners:

- The work like "Construction of Additional wards" in Jails for better living condition of the prisoners and Improvement of "Water supply & Sanitation facilities" in different jails have been taken up.
- Prison Canteen at Circle Jail Choudwar, Berhampur and Special Jail Bhubaneswar have already been opened inside the Jail.

- Prison Canteens at Baripada, Sambalpur, Balasore, Bolangir, Keonjhar, Puri, Sundargarh, Bhawanipatna, Rourkela, and Angul are going to be opened shortly.

3.4 Construction of Open Air Jail:

- Construction of Open Air Jail at Jujumura in Sambalpur District is in progress.
- The shifting of District Jail Puri to new location at Bangora has been completed and Puri District Jail is functioning w.e.f 20.06.2017

3.4 New Model Convict Jails:

Construction of 02 New Model Convict Jails with capacity of 500 each in Sundargarh and Athagarh has been taken up and funds have been provided for its completion.

3.5 Shifting of Jail:

For construction and shifting of Special Sub-Jails at Boudh, Bhanjanagar and Bhadrak, funds have been placed with O.S.P.H. & W.C. Ltd. Bhubaneswar for its completion.

3.7 Welfare Activities:

- 448 numbers of prisoners of different Jails have been provided with legal Aid by the District Legal Aid Authorities.
- The Government in Home Department have provided Rs.4,00,000/-(four lakh) for self employment of the prisoners during the year 2016-17. Twenty nos of convict prisoners and Fifty nos of family members of convict prisoners belonging to BPL category have been provided financial assistance for self employment
- The NGOs like Prajapita Brahma Kumari Iswariya Viswa Bidyalaya, the Art of Living, National Prison Ministry India, International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) etc had organized various spiritual discourses in different Jails including yoga, meditation, religious discussion etc to reform the mental, psychological, spiritual and sociological aspect of the inmate.

CHAPTER – IV

4.1 FIRE SERVICE ORGANISATION:

Odisha Fire Service is a public utility service which renders valuable service in protecting the lives and properties of the public from fire hazards as well as natural calamities. In addition to fire fighting and fire prevention duties, Fire Service is the first Responder to all types of natural and manmade disasters, calamities, accidents etc. In the past disasters, Fire Service Personnel have done commendable jobs as 1st Responders and proved their efficiency.

At present 323 Fire Stations are functioning in the State. During the current financial year 2017-18 (from April 17 to October 17) Fire Personnel attended to 8383 fire incidents and 10323 other emergencies during which they saved 104 human lives, 710 cattle lives and properties worth Rs. 196, 70,80,195/-. Chlorine gas leakage in SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack which occurred on 29.11.2017 was promptly and successfully handled by Fire Personnel as a result there was no loss of human life or property.

Odisha Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Rules, 2017 have been enacted by the Government for enforcement of fire safety measures in high-rise buildings, clinical establishments and other buildings like Cinema Halls , Shopping malls etc.

During the current financial year 2017-18 (up to November, 2017) Government Revenue amounting to Rs.80,14,557/- collected from different sources for providing Fire related services are deposited in the Government account. Nine Fire personnel have been awarded with President's Fire Service Medals for Distinguished/Meritorious service on 15th August, 2017 & 06 Fire personnel have been declared to be awarded with President's Fire Service Medals for Distinguished/Meritorious Service on the occasion of Republic Day, 2018 for their good performance.

Similarly, during the current financial year 2017-18, 06 new Fire Stations have been made functional and steps are being taken to open 17 Fire Stations more to provide better

service to the public. Apart from imparting training to the personnel of Odisha Fire Service, the Odisha Fire and Disaster Response Academy (OFDRA) has imparted different training courses to 162 officers/men of other States and 281 personnel of other Establishments of the State. A sum of Rs. 14,97,350/- towards imparting training to Officers/men of other Estts. has been collected and deposited in Government account.

The total sanctioned strength of all ranks in the Fire Service organization is 5695 and the present strength is 5144 with 551 vacancies. During the current financial year 3 posts of Fire Officer, 3 posts of Deputy Fire Officer 20 posts of Asst. Fire Officer and 76 posts of Driver Havildar have been filled up by way of promotion.

CHAPTER – V

5.1 CIVIL DEFENCE ORGANISATION:

The Civil Defence Organisation is functioning in the country with the enactment of Civil Defence Act, 1968. It was playing a vital role during war emergencies. Now the mandate of Civil Defence is to prepare citizens to face hostile enemy attack and prepare citizens in responding to disasters, both natural and manmade. Retaining its primary role and character, the Civil Defence Act, 1968 has been amended suitably to include "Disaster Management" as an additional role of Civil Defence Corps.

In Odisha, Civil Defence was functioning in five towns' viz. Bhubaneswar, Koraput, Paradeep, Rourkela and Talcher. Under revamping of Civil Defence Scheme now Civil Defence is functioning in nine districts viz. Angul, Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Dhenkanal, Khurda, Koraput, Sundargarh and Jagatsinghpur. Further Ganjam and Puri Districts have been declared as the Most Vulnerable Districts, by Government of India. Thus Civil Defence activities are now extended to eleven districts and now working in disaster preparedness and response activities. Civil Defence awareness programmes and combined Civil Defence training activities are being conducted taking the community people as the Civil Defence Community Volunteers. Civil Defence is now educating and sensitizing people of different walks of life on disaster related life saving skills and disaster response through training and

demonstrations in Educational Institutions. As such the contribution of Civil Defence towards disaster management initiatives of the State including community capacity building is quite encouraging.

For outstanding contribution in State Disaster Management programme, Civil Defence Organization was awarded on the occasion of State Disaster Preparedness Day, 2017 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha Two Civil Defence Volunteers have also been honored with the President's Medal for Meritorious Services to the society through this Organisation.

CHAPTER- VI

6.1 HOME GUARDS ORGANISATION:

Odisha Home Guards Organisation was created on 11.11.1961. Since then the volunteers of Home Guards Organization have been rendering valuable service to the society by assisting Police in maintenance of internal Security, Law & Order, Prevention of crime, Traffic Regulation, Night Patrolling and Watch & Ward duties etc. as an auxiliary to State Police as well as Fire Service. The Organization is governed as per guidelines in the Compendium of Instructions for Home Guards published by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi and provisions of the Odisha Home Guards Act 1961 and Rules 1962.

The sanctioned strength of Home Guards Volunteer is 17,675, out of which 100 Home Guards have been designated as life-guards and deployed at Puri sea beach to work as life guards.

Two Home Guard volunteers namely Smt. Chandramani Pattanaik, Lady Home Guard of Cuttack City and Sri Bibhuti Bhusan Panda, Home Guard of Kandhamal district have been awarded with the President's Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal for Meritorious Service on the occasion of Independence Day-2016. For the current year, 2017 two Home Guard Volunteers namely Smt. Ranjita Mohanty of Cuttack City and Sri Muralidhar Rana, Home Guard of Bhadrak district have been

awarded with the President's Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal for Meritorious Service on the occasion of Republic Day-2017.

CHAPTER – VII

7.1 JUDICIARY:

COMPUTERISATION IN THE JUDICIARY

- i. **National Judicial Data Grid:** - The National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) is serving as the store house of the Court Proceeding in High Court and District Subordinate Courts. Judgments, Court orders and other Administrative matter are being uploaded on NJDG on a daily basis thereby increasing the transparency of the judicial system. It has improved India's World Bank ranking in 'Ease of Doing Business'.
- ii. **Case Information System:-** The case information System (CIS), the fully automated software reflecting the details of information pertaining to the pending, disposal, name and type of all the case records of the court, has been upgraded by the help of the NIC, Pune Team to CIS NC Version 1.0 after migrating approximately 10,00,000 case records of High Court of Orissa. The periphery development for the purpose is being worked out by the software team deployed at the Hon'ble Court.
- iii. **Procurement of Hardware items for Computerization of District & Subordinate Court Complex:-**
Procurement of various hardware items such as Display Board, Monitors with thin clients, extra monitors with splitters, information Kiosks, Hard Disks, UPS, Diesel Generator Sets, Desktop PCs and the LAN equipments and Projector with Screens are in full Swing for achieving computerization of the District and Subordinate Court complexes under e Courts Project Phase-II.
- iv. **Implementation of e Office in High Court of Orissa:** - Total numbers of pages in the running and reference files of the Administrative Sections has been calculated to be 4,00,000 approximately and sent to the C.M.G.I. for implementation of e-Office in the Administrative Sections of the High Court of Orissa.

- v. Video Conferencing:** - Remand of U.T.Ps is being successfully done through Video Conferencing between Court and corresponding jails.
- vi. National Uniformity Exercise:** - National Uniformity Exercise that involves uniformity in National codes in Case , Purpose type, adjournment type, disposal type and police station type has been successfully completed in 13 judgeships and will be completed in 17 judgeships at the earliest.
- vii. Computerization of O.J.A., D.L.S., As and T.L.S. Cs:** - Odisha Judicial Academy, 30 nos of D.L.S. As and 74 nos of T.L.S. Cs are on the verge of being fully computerized.
- viii. Training of Judicial Officers:** - Judicial Officers and Court staff have been trained intensively as Master Trainers and they are imparting training to the remaining Judicial Officers and Court staff.
- ix. Display of Lok Adalat disposal on NJDG:** - Lok Adalat disposal is being displayed on NJDG.
- x. Citizen Centric Services :-** Citizen Centric Services like SMS, email, posters, mobile apps and training videos etc. are being provided to Advocates, Litigants and public in general.
- xii. Availability of relevant information on District Court websites :-** Every information relating to District & Subordinate Courts are made available in the respective District Court websites.
- xiii. e Filing :-** e Filing is aimed to be implemented in 2018.

7.2 STEPS TAKEN FOR REDUCTION OF PENDENCY

Arrears Committee has been constituted during the year 2015 for reduction of pendency of cases more than 05 years in the High Court. The meeting of the Arrears

Committee was held on 20.04.2017, 05.07.2017, 08.11.2017 & 15.11.2017 during the year 2017 and various steps have been taken for reduction of pendency.

7.3 JUDICIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- The important projects relating to the High Court include construction of 7 numbers of new Bungalows for Hon'ble judges of the High Court and construction of an Annex Building (Stilt +3 Floors) in the premises of the Orissa High Court for functioning of different offices of the High Court establishment.
- Funds have been provided for continuance of different non-residential building projects such as construction of 8 nos of District Court building.
- Construction of 50 other Court buildings for the Sub-ordinate judiciary has been taken up during the financial year 2016-17.
- Similarly, the funds earmarked for residential projects relating to the Subordinate Judiciary have been utilized for continuance of construction of 18 nos of residential quarters for Judicial Officers and staff.

List of New Courts Established by the Government during the year, 2107.

SI No.	Location	District
Family Court		
1.	Gajapati at Paralakhemundi	Gajapati
2.	Sonepur	Sonepur
ADJ. Court		
1.	Kujanga	Jagatsingpur
2.	Balasore (3 rd Court)	Balasore
SR Civil Judge-cum-Asst Sessions Judge		
1.	Talcher (Addl)	Angul
2.	Chandikhole	Jajpur
3.	Sohela	Bargarh

Civil Judge (Sr. Division)-cum-Asst. Session Judge (Women's Court)		
1.	Kandhamal	Kandhamal
2.	Koraput	Koraput
3.	Rayagarda	Rayagarda
4.	Bargarh	Bargarh
Civil Judge-cum-JMFC		
1.	Talcher (2 nd Addl.)	Angul
2.	Angul (2 nd Addl.)	Angul
3.	Balesore (2 nd Addl.)	Balesore
4.	Cuttack (Addl.)	Cuttack
5.	Basudevpur (Addl.)	Bhadrak
6.	Muribahal	Bolangir
7.	Bhampur	Nayagarh
8.	Bonth	Bhadrak
9.	Tumudibandh	Kandhamal
10.	Binjharpur	Jajpur
11.	Chhendipada	Angul
12.	Banarpal	Angul
13.	Tirtol	Jagatsinghpur
14.	Ghatagaon	Keonjhar
15.	Harabhanga at Charichhaka	Boudh
16.	Gania	Nayagarh
17.	Belgunth	Ganjam
18.	Kokasara	Kalahandi
19.	Gondia	Dhenkanal
20.	Kosagumuda	Nabarangpur
21.	Gaisiler	Bargarh

22.	Golamunda	Kalahandi
23.	Raikia	Kandhamal
24.	Bolagarh	Khurda
25.	Narayanpatna	Koraput
26.	Jashipur	Mayurbhanj
27.	Kanasa	Puri
28.	Muniguda	Rayagada
29.	Lahunipada	Sundargarh
30.	Rasagovindapur	Mayurbhanj
GRAM NYAYALAYA:		
1.	Sukinda	Jajpur
2.	Bisra	Sundargarh
3.	Brahmagiri	Puri
4.	Kashinagar	Gajapati
5.	Phiringia	Kandhamal
6.	Odapada	Dhenkanal

LIST OF COURTS MADE FUNCTIONAL DURING THE YEAR, 2017

A	Courts in the cadre of District Judge	2017
1.	ADJ-cum-Spl. Judge (Vig) Dhenkanal	05.08.2017
2.	Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Baliguda	05.08.2017
3.	Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Athamallik	12.08.2017
4.	Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Anandpur	19.08.2017
B	Courts in the cadre of Senior Civil Judge	
1.	Addl. Civil Judge (Sr. Divn) at Sambalpur	10.03.2017

2.	Addl. Civil Judge (Sr. Divn) at Bhadrak	11.03.2017
3.	Civil Judge (Sr. Divn) at Khariar	14.03.2017
4.	Civil Judge (Sr. Divn) at Soro	18.03.2017
5.	Civil Judge (Sr. Divn) at Rairakhole	15.04.2017
6.	4 th Addl. Senior Civil Judge at Cuttack	23.10.2017
7.	2 nd Addl. Senior Civil Judge at Berhampur	26.10.2017
8.	Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate at Berhampur	26.10.2017
9.	Civil Judge (Sr. Divn) at R Udayagiri	28.10.2017
10.	Civil Judge (Sr. Divn) at Pipili	16.11.2017
11.	Addl. Civil Judge (Sr. Divn) at Kendrapara	20.11.2017
12.	Sr. Civil Judge-cum-ASJ(Women's Court) at Dhenkanal	22.11.2017
13.	Sr. Civil Judge-cum-ASJ(Women's Court) at Jagatsinghpur	22.11.2017
14.	Sr. Civil Judge-cum-ASJ(Women's Court) at Nayagarh	25.11.2017
15.	3 rd Addl. Senior Civil Judge at Balasore	01.12.2017
16.	Civil Judge (Sr. Divn) at Biramaharajpur	02.12.2017
17.	Addl. Civil Judge (Sr. Divn) at Bolangir	02.12.2017
C	Courts in the cadre of Civil Judge	
1.	Civil Judge (Jr. Divn)-cum-JMFC, Kabisurya Nagar	04.03.2017
2.	Addl. Civil Judge (Jr. Divn)-cum-JMFC, Talcher	08.03.2017
3.	Civil Judge (Jr. Divn)-cum-JMFC, Nimapada (2 nd Court)	08.03.2017
4.	Civil Judge (Jr. Divn)-cum-JMFC, Sinapali	14.03.2017

5.	Civil Judge (Jr. Divn)-cum-JMFC, Odogaon	18.03.2017
6.	Civil Judge (Jr. Divn)-cum-JMFC, Binika	25.03.2017
7.	Civil Judge (Jr. Divn)-cum-JMFC, Reamal	15.04.2017
8.	Gram Nyayalaya at Bhograi	22.04.2017
9.	Civil Judge (Jr. Divn)-cum-JMFC, Konark	06.05.2017

7.4 ODISHA JUDICIAL ACADEMY:

- As per the scheduled training programme for the year 2016-17, 35 nos. of refresher and institutional training have been conducted and 903 participants have been trained during the year 2016-17 including Judicial Officers, Staff of High Court & District Judiciary.
- Judicial Colloquium on Human Trafficking in collaboration with Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India was organized on 17th April 2016.
- Half day Seminar by Supreme Court Middle Income Group Legal Aid Society was held in the Academy on 30th April, 2017. The programme was graced by Hon'ble Shri Justice Dipak Mishra, Judge, Supreme Court of India & President, Supreme Court MIG Legal Aid Society.
- Sensitization Workshop for Presiding Officers of Family Courts and other Presiding officers dealing with family court cases was held in the Academy on 17th September, 2016 in collaboration with Odisha Legal Services Authority. The workshop was inaugurated by Hon'ble Shri Justice Vineet Saran, Chief Justice, Orissa High Court.
- State Level Interaction Programme was held at OJA on 4th February, 2017. The interaction Programme was in preparation of Regional Conference held at Ranchi on 11th & 12th February, 2017 for all stakeholders involved in the implementation of the Juvenile Justice (C&PC) Act, 2015 & POCSO Act, 2012. The Programme was inaugurated by Hon'ble Shri Justice Vineet Saran, Chief Justice, Orissa High Court.

- 51 Judicial Magistrates Second Class attended Training (Evaluation & Classroom Training) at OJA from 8th February to 28th February, 2017. After completion of their two years institutional training, they were conferred with the power of Judicial Magistrate First Class.
- National Seminar on "Speedy & Fair Trial of Sessions Cases, Civil Suits and cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012(POCSO Act) and writing of Judgements in Civil Suits and Criminal Cases was held in the Academy on 4th & 5th March, 2017. The Seminar was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Mishra, Judge, Supreme Court of India who was also the Chief Guest of the Seminar. Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.K. Agarwal, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Mishra, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amitabh Roy, all Supreme Court judges, also graced the Seminar. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vineet Saran, Chief Justice, High Court of Orissa & Patron-in-Chief, Odisha Judicial Academy also addressed the August gathering which included 57 Judicial officers from the State of Odisha and 110 participants from 21 High Courts consisting of Directors of respective State Judicial Academies and Judicial officers. All the technical sessions in the Seminar were most intriguing and thought provoking due to eloquent presentation made by the Hon'ble Judges. The open house discussion held at the end of each technical session was highly appreciated by the participants. At the end, the Seminar was declared a great success.
- Two days training Programme on PWDV Act for Judicial officers and other stakeholders was organized by Odisha State Legal Services Authority at the Odisha Judicial Academy on 25th & 26th March, 2017.

CHAPTER-VIII

8. ELECTION:

Bye-Election to Council of State has been conducted successfully during the month of May, 2017.

- Special Drive for enrolment of left out electors giving special emphasis on young electors (18-21years of age) was undertaken during 01.07.2017 to 31.07.2017 as per instruction of Election Commission of India. 1, 74, 921

numbers of electors (Male- 75294, Female-99592 & Third Gender-35) was enrolled in the Electoral Rolls and 28685 numbers of electors' (Male-13510, Female-15173 & Third Gender-2) names were deleted from the Electoral Rolls.

- The Presidential Election and Vice-Presidential Election 2017 have been conducted successfully in the state.
- Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls was taken up during the period from 18.09.2017 to 16.02.2018. 5,60,766 numbers of electors' (Male-2,43,033, Female-3,17,621 and Third Gender-112) were added in the E-Rolls and names of 288232 numbers of Electors' (Male-1,34,230, Female-1,53,986 and Third Gender-16) were deleted from the E- Roll. The Photo coverage increased from 97.73% to 97.78% and the EPIC coverage increased from 98.17% to 98.22%. The ERO-Net was successfully introduced for the first time in the state of Odisha.
- The 8th National Voters Day was observed successfully at the State Headquarters as well as in the District Sub-Division and polling station level on 25th January 2018. On the occasion, newly enrolled young electors were felicitated and EPICs were distributed. Electors in general and 18+ youth in particular were sensitized on voter's awareness.
- Bye-Election to 02-Bijepur Assembly Constituency has been conducted successfully in a free and fair manner during the month of February, 2018. For the first time, VVPATs were used in an election in Odisha.
- Biennial Elections to Council of States to fill up three vacant seats to be vacant has been conducted successfully during the month of March, 2018.

CHAPTER-IX

9. RAJYA SAINIK BOARD:

The main objective of Rajya Sainik Board, Odisha is to promote measures for welfare and resettlement of the Ex-Servicemen, War Widows, Disabled ESM and families of deceased defence personnel belonging to our State. The board is also entrusted with the responsibility to look after the welfare of the families of serving soldiers of the state. In order to assist in implementing the objectives and various

welfare and resettlement measures, eight Zilla Sainik Boards are located at (i) Cuttack, (ii) Dhenkanal, (iii) Sambalpur, (iv) Balasore, (v) Ganjam, (vi) Berhampur, (vii) Kalahandi, (viii) Keonjhar, (ix) Koraput. As on 05 December 2017, the strength of Ex-servicemen in the State of Odisha is 43636 (ESM 39578+ Widows 4058). Achievements of Sainik Board Organisation for the financial year 2017-18 are given in succeeding paragraphs:-

Achievements

A case for enhancement of World War-II veteran pension was taken up with Government of Odisha. The Government of Odisha has increased the said pension from Rs. 1000/- per month to Rs. 6000/- per month with effect from 19.07.2017. 35 numbers of veterans are being benefited with this scheme.

Aims & Objectives for the year 2018-19

The following aims and objectives are proposed to be undertaken during the year 2018-19:-

- (a) Launching of website of the Sainik Board. Once it is launched, all services will be provided on line and Ex-servicemen need not visit our offices.
- (b) Digitization of ESM records in respective Sainik Board.
- (c) Construction of Sainik Sadan at Bhubaneswar.

CHAPTER-X

10.1 STATE GUEST HOUSE:

State Guest house, Bhubaneswar has 44 double bedded AC rooms including one VVIP room and 17 VIP Rooms. In the year 2017-18, around 499 State Guests and 8250 other guests have been accommodated in State Guest House, Bhubaneswar. The total revenue collection of the period from 01.04.2017 to 28.02.2018 is Rs 69,14,260.00.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS 2017-18:

- The Total revenue collection for the period from 01.04.2017 to 28.02.2018 is Rs.69, 14,260.00.

- 08 rooms in the Banquets Hall and 04 rooms in the old Complex Building have been renovated for better facilitation of State Guests and other guests and work is going on for another 04 rooms.
- The Reception Hall has been renovated with provision of a mini Lounge.
- CCTVs have been installed in the State Guest House for better surveillance.
- Wi-Fi system has been installed in the SGH.
- 02 no of new Maruti CIAZ vehicles have been purchased for the use of State Guests.
- 02 no of off-road vehicles have been auctioned fetching a price of Rs.1, 42,500.00.
- Cadre Rule of SGH has been formulated and is under process for approval.
- The Plan proposal for the "New Annexe Building of State Guest House" has been approved with an estimated of Rs.27,64,88,000.00.
- Old condemned articles of State Guest House has been disposed off through auction sale fetching revenue of Rs 3,15,555.00.

10.2 ODISHA BHAWAN/ NIWAS, NEW DELHI:

1. Utkal Dibas, 2017 was organized by this office in Satya Sai International Centre in a befitting manner. The function was graced by the Chief Resident Commissioner. Colorful cultural programme and sand art animation were presented in the occasion. An Odia Food Festival was organized which received enthusiastic response from guests.
2. Compilation of briefs received from various Departments of Government of Odisha and circulated amongst Hon'ble Members of Parliament before every session of the Parliament.
3. Coordination of meetings of Hon'ble Chief Minister with Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and Cabinet Ministers.
4. Tracking & Monitoring of all pending cases in Supreme Court of India, High Court of Delhi and other Quasi Judicial Forums in Delhi.

5. Freedom Fighters from Odisha, who visited Rashtapati Bhawan on invitation of Hon'ble President of India for the "AT HOME" function on 09.08.2017 stayed in Odisha Niwas, New Delhi. All arrangements relating to their stay and visit to Rashtrapati Bhawan were looked after by this office. The Freedom Fighters were also felicitated by the Chief Resident Commissioner, Government of Odisha, New Delhi.
6. This office co-ordinate the participation of Government of Odisha in the Bharat Parv organized by Ministry of Tourism on 15th August 2017 at Lal Quila, New Delhi.
7. Government of Odisha participated in Annapoorna-World of Food India organized by FICCI from 14nd to 16th September 2017 at Mumbai. Department of Agriculture, MSME and OIEPO participated in the event. Various processed and organic food products were on display in the Odisha Pavilion. The Odisha Pavilion received encouraging response and enthusiastic business queries.
8. This office facilitated the Handlooms exhibitions organized by Boyanika at Odisha Bhawan, New Delhi.
9. This office co-ordinated the participation of Government of Odisha at Odisha at the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2017 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
10. This office provided required support and assistance to injured passengers on board Kaling Utkal Express which met with an accident on 19.08.2017 at Muzaffarnagar.
11. Odisha Investor's Meet was organized to meet Japanese companies on 21st September, 2017 at Embassy of Japan, New Delhi. State delegation was led by Shri Niranjan Pujari, Hon'ble Minister, Industries, Government of Odisha.
12. Government of Odisha participated in the 1st WORLD Food India organized from 3rd -5th November 2017 at New Delhi OIEPO facilitated the event and provided necessary support to MSME Department. Opportunities of investment in Food Process Sector in Odisha were highlighted during the event.
13. Odisha Bhawan hosted the Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat show with Maharashtra as Partner State. This is an initiative taken by Government of India pairing States to showcase their cuisine and culture to visitors. The objective is to understand the diversity of the country and foster national integration. Odisha Bhawan hosted an exhibition of Maharashtra cuisine on 21st November, 2017 and the same was

reciprocated by Maharashtra Sadan by hosting Odia cuisine on 5th December, 2017. The Exchange between 2 States was very well received.

14. This office made immediate arrangements to fly the body of Late Soumitri Pande, a youth from Jharsuguda who lost his life to Dengue on 7th November, 2017.

10.3 UTKAL BHAWAN, KOLKATA:

The Utkal Bhawan, Kolkata has 68 beds in 27 (twenty seven) rooms. There are 6(six) A/C Special Rooms, 15 (Fifteen) A/C double bedded rooms, 4(four) single bedded A/C rooms and 2(two) Dormitory. During the year 2016-17, 11,464 beds were occupied and Rs.20,75,697/- only was collected towards revenue.

10.4. ODISHA BHAWAN, VASHI, NAVI MUMBAI:

The Odisha Bhawan, Vashi, Navi Mumbai is functioning since 30.10.2010. This Bhawan is having the following accommodation facilities.

VIP Suites	4
Double Suites	24
Dormitory (6 beds)	3
Conference Hall (100 capacity)	1
Podium (350 capacity)	1
Dining hall (50 Sitting Capacity)	1

Out of the above, 16 double bedded A.C. rooms and one dormitory having 6 beds have been earmarked for Cancer, Heart & Thalassaemia patients from Odisha. An amount of Rs.16,57,565/- only has been collected from occupants towards room rent and Hall charges.

One Tourist Office, a Show Room of Sambalpuri Bastralaya and a Show Room of Utkalika are functioning inside the premises of Odisha Bhawan, Navi Mumbai for promoting their departmental activities.

10.5. ODISHA BHAWAN, CHENNAI:

A piece of land measuring 0.11 hectares in the S No.26/3 in Pallikaranai village, Sholinganallur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu has been allotted by

Government of Tamil Nadu in favour of Government of Odisha for construction of Odisha Bhawan at Chennai. Cost of the said land is Rs.1,06,61,477/-.

Government of Odisha in Home Department has taken over the possession of the above land from the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Odisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO) has been entrusted the construction work of the Odisha Bhawan at Chennai.

10.6. ODISHA BHAWAN, BENGALURU.

A piece of land measuring 3748.50 Sq.Mtrs dimension in Arkavathi Layout, 3rd Block, Sampigehali, Sy No.37,47 & 48 has been allotted in favour of State Government of Odisha by the Government of Karnataka for construction of Odisha Bhawan. The cost of the land is Rs.3,98,10,094/-. Odisha State Police Housing & Welfare Corporation, Bhubaneswar has been entrusted with the construction work of Odisha Bhawan at Bengaluru.

CHAPTER-XI

11. DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS:

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Odisha, Bhubaneswar was established in the year 1982 to improve the performance of prosecution system. It was however; found that the desired result could not be achieved with the existing system of appointment of Prosecutors under Odisha Law Officers Rules, 1971. Therefore, in the year 1997 Odisha Prosecution Service Rules was framed to introduce the system of cadre based prosecution. Subsequently, 2 posts of Deputy Directors, 30 posts of Public Prosecutors, 68 posts of Additional Public Prosecutors and 202 posts of Assistant Public Prosecutors were created to improve the standard of prosecution. For full-fledged cadre based system, Home Department have moved Odisha Public Service Commission to complete the recruitment process of vacant posts of prosecutor in all cadres. Besides, the following steps have been taken to improve the standard of prosecution.

- i) The Odisha Prosecution Service Rules, 1997 has been suitably amended giving chance to more candidates to participate in the test.

Performance of both cadre and Non cadre prosecutors are reviewed from time to time and steps are being taken to improve the standard of prosecution so as to enhance the rate of conviction. During the Year 2017, the rate of conviction of criminal cases has been increased and reached at 40.11%.

The Prosecutors have been instructed through the Public Prosecutor of the concerned district to follow the guidelines in improving the standard of prosecution.

In each and every case where any information regarding non attendance of the official witnesses in court is received, this Directorate is making correspondence with their higher authorities and ensures their attendance in the court on the date fixed.

All together 103 nos of proposals with the views of Director have been sent to the Advocate General, Odisha, Cuttack for filling of appeal against judgment of order of acquittal during the year 2017.

In view of relaxation of experience for recruitment of Assistant Public Prosecutors, this Directorate has formulated to introduce training programme for newly recruited 192 Assistant Public Prosecutors in the Gopabandhu Academy of Administration, Bhubaneswar for a period of two months.

This Directorate is also taking appropriate steps on the report of the District Level Standing Committee where lapses are found on the part of prosecuting officers as reported in the judgement of acquittal.

Two Deputy Director, Public prosecutions have been posted at the Southern Zone, Berhampur and the Northern Zone, Sambalpur to monitor the work of Prosecutors of the respective Zones.