



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

**REPORT ON THE IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES
OF HOME DEPARTMENT FOR THE
YEAR 2015-2016**

HOME DEPARTMENT

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A REPORT ON IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES OF HOME DEPARTMENT, 2015-2016.

INTRODUCTION:

Home Department plays a key role in State Administration as it is the nodal department looking after maintenance of internal security, law and order, public order and prevention and prosecution of criminals. It is the administrative department for Police, Prosecution, Prisons, Fire Service and auxiliary security wings of Home Guard and Civil Defence. This Department has a vital role of coordinating and synergising the functioning of these wings. It is the nodal Department so far as State Secretariat Service is concerned. The administration of various cadres of the State Secretariat service, like Common Cadre of Assistant Section Officers, Typists, Stenographers, Personal Assistants, Private Secretaries and O.S.S. Officers is assigned to Home Department. 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 responsibility of Home Department is also to properly 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-I

1. POLICE ADMINISTRATION

1.1 GENERAL LAW AND ORDER SITUATION:

The overall Law and Order situation in the State remained peaceful during the year, 2015

POLITICAL ACTIVITY:

During the year 2015, all political parties remained busy in organizing workers' conferences, public meetings, mass contact and awareness programmes to garner public support in their favour for election to Urban Local Bodies. Besides, the opposition political parties and their frontal organizations agitated on various local issues. Due to pro-active role of police and administration, election to the 9 Urban Local Bodies in the State passed off peacefully.

COMMUNAL ACTIVITY:

The State was relatively free from any form of communal discord as the highest priority was accorded to maintenance of communal peace and amity. Major fairs and festivals of different communities were observed peacefully with religious fervor and gaiety. Only 20 Hindu-Muslim and 4 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. Besides, the first Nabakalebar Festival of the century and Car Festival at Puri passed off peacefully.

INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY:

During 2015, there were various agitational programmes against industrialization on issues such as protection of tribal rights, land acquisition, rehabilitation, payment of compensation, employment facility, peripheral development, agriculture, environmental pollution, etc. These agitational activities were handled with patience and forbearance as well as caution and restraint.

LABOUR AND SERVICE ACTIVITY:

The agitations by Labour and Service organizations did not escalate into any major law and order situation. However, 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 Associations, 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 Students' Unions held on Oct. 14, 2015 throughout the State ended on a peaceful note, barring a few incidents of pre/post poll violence noticed in some colleges in the State. The few incidents of students' agitations in the State were handled by the local administration and police tactfully.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY:

Agitations by different tribal organizations demanding rights of tribals on 'Jal, Jungle and Jamin', distribution of pattas to landless tribals, etc., agitations by different Dalits/ women organizations protesting against alleged increase in crime against dalits and women, agitations by different voluntary/ women organizations on alleged illicit liquor trade, opening of liquor shops, etc., agitations by different Green Card Holders Organizations on the issue of implementation of State Govt.'s policies on Green Card Holders, agitations by different farmers' organizations, particularly in Western Odisha Districts, over exemption of agriculture loan, purchase of paddy from farmers, etc., agitations by different Bar Associations for setting up Permanent High Court Bench in their respective areas surfaced on different occasions. There were also agitations by different peoples' fora for setting up IIM in their respective areas and agitation against the Pollavaram Project undertaken by Andhra Pradesh and Lower Suktel Dam Project of Bolangir District, violent agitation all over the State in connection with clandestine activities of Sarathi Baba @ Santosh Roul of Kendrapara and also Sura Baba of Achyut Ashram, Jhantsasan, Khurda and others. All these agitations were controlled tactfully with timely intervention of local administration and police.

TERRORIST ACTIVITY:

Of late, some activity and movement of terrorists and jihadi organisations has been noticed in Odisha. They have chosen the peaceful coastal state as a safe hideout and to stay away from limelight. During the year, based on an intelligence tip off, police arrested Ishwar Chandra Behera of Kanti, PS--Baisinga, Dist.--Mayurbhanj, a contractual photographer of ITR, Chandipur on the charges of spying and transmitting information of ITR, Chandipur and Wheeler Island, Dhamara through his mobile phone. The case is under investigation by CID, CB, Odisha.

Similarly, one Ramachandran Subhas, of Vallan, Dist.-Tirunavelly, (Tamilnadu) was arrested for being involved in Puri serial train burning cases. His suspected involvement with some terrorist outfit is under investigation. The investigation of the case has been taken over by National Investigation Agency (NIA). Further, in a joint operation with Odisha Police, Delhi Police Special Cell arrested one Abdul Rehman, of Paschimkachha, PS – Jagatpur, Dist.- Cuttack about his suspected link with terrorist organisations like AQIS and running an un-registered Madrasa at Bilteruan Dist.- Cuttack where he was reportedly aiming to radicalize Muslim youth. The investigation process is in progress to fully unearth his terror related links.

1.2 LEFT WING EXTREMIST SCENARIO

There was a progressive improvement in the overall Left Wing Extremism (LWE) situation in the State in the year 2015 in terms of decline in the intensity of Maoist activities / violence and its popular mass support at the ground level. While there was a substantial improvement in the situation in districts like Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Gajapati, Ganjam, Nabarangpur, Sambalpur, Deogarh and Sundargarh, the situation remained challenging in parts of Malkangiri, Koraput, Nuapada, Rayagada, Kandhamal, Kalahandi, Bolangir, Nayagarh, Rourkela and Baragarh districts.

72 LWE related incidents were reported in the State in the year 2015 involving death of 26 civilians, 4 security personnel and 9 hardcore LWE cadres. Pro-active action taken by the security forces resulted in the arrest of 53 LWE cadres, recovery of 255 weapons, 168 Improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and large quantity of

explosives. Besides, 64 LWE cadres /militia surrendered in the State during the year 2015. The robust security response resulted in total marginalisation of “Odisha Maobadi Party” of Sabyasachi Panda and significant containment of activities of ‘Chasi Mulia Adivasi Sangha’ a frontal organisation of CPI Maoist in Narayanpatna-Bandhugaon axis of Koraput District. In a significant development, about 1039 persons of Kalimela and Podia area of Malkangiri district including many active militias, members of Revolutionary People’s Committees and Village Committee Members withdrew their support to the Maoists. The above achievements were the outcome of a well calibrated counter-LWE response of the State Government, both on security and development fronts, and the true professionalism and commitment shown by the security forces to curb the LWE activities.

1.3 CRIME SITUATION

Total 1,03,200 cognisable cases including 1473 Murder, 486 dacoity, 1787 robbery, 4046 burglary, 10,055 theft, 2925 swindling, 1976 rioting, 2286 rape, 10542 MV Accident and 67,624 Misc. cases were reported during the year, 2015. The percentage of detection was 86.2 % against 84.7% of the year 2014.

1.4 MODERNISATION OF POLICE FORCE :

The state has been allocated Rs.782.15 crore under MPF (Modernization of State Police Forces) Scheme during the period from 2000-01 to 2014-15. Out of this, a sum of Rs.766.38 crore i.e. almost 98% 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.28.94 crore under the Scheme of Modernization of Police Force for the year of 2015-16 as per the details below.

SL.No.	Component (Non-Plan)	Action Plan (Rs. in Crores)		
		State Action Plan	Supplementary Action Plan	Total
1	Arms	1.95	1.3	3.25
2	Equipment for Police	6.1946	4.1297	10.3243
3	Traffic Control equipment	0.666	0.444	1.11
4	Mobility	4.44	2.96	7.4
5	Revamping of intelligence gathering system	0.6135	0.409	1.0225
6	Upgradation of Training Resources	1.218	0.812	2.03
7	Upgradation of Communication	1.392	0.928	2.32
8	Upgradation of facilities of State CID	0.42	0.28	0.7
9	Modernization of Home Guards Equipment	0.468	0.312	0.78
	Total	17.3621	11.5747	28.9368

1.5 STATE FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY:

The State Forensic Science Laboratory at Rasulgarh, BBSR and three Regional Forensic Laboratories at Berhampur, Sambalpur and Balasore undertake the 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. Besides, 15 district F.S.Ls. are functioning at each undivided police district headquarters. Seven specialised divisions are functioning in the State F.S.L. namely Physics, Ballistics, Chemistry, Toxicology, Biology, Serology 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 2015, 18,000 cases were examined. 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 liquidate the large number of pending cases of the laboratory and start new disciplines, such as DNA profiling and Cyber Forensics. A modern state of the art , well equipped DNA profiling laboratory was established during the year 2015 and it has started functioning satisfactorily. During this year, 26 Scientific Officers have joined various divisions of this organisation and 18 Graduate Constables have undergone six months' training on scientific aids to crime investigation.

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.

1.6 . STATE CRIME RECORDS BUREAU:

State Crime Records Bureau (SCRB) was created on 23.07.1988 vide Home Dept. Resolution No.40464 consisting of the erstwhile Police Computer Center and Finger Print Bureau.

Now, the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and System is being implemented throughout the country including Odisha. Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) Project is a 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 in online system and citizens have access to police services online and in a hassle free manner.

In Odisha, CCTNS Project will cover 784 locations, including 581 Police Stations, 110 SDPO/ACP Offices, 36 SP/DCP Offices, 7 Range offices, 1 Railway Range office, 37 Police Control Rooms, Office of the Commissioner of Police, Crime Branch, EOW, STF, State Intelligence Wing, Operations Wing, State Police Head Quarters and other Higher Police Offices of Odisha.

A common Core Application Software (CAS) for the whole Country has been recently developed by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) centrally. The Odisha specific state customization of the above software is currently in progress.

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.

45 Training centres have been established to provide training to Police Personnel.

Under CCTNS Project, Solar energy back up system will be installed at 161 Power deficit Police Stations through OREDA, Bhubaneswar at the cost of Rs.6,57,23,700/- from Police Modernization fund.

A "Citizen Portal" was launched on a Pilot basis as part of CCTNS project in July, 2014. It has enabled citizens to make their complaints on line and know the progress of criminal cases and service requests made by them at the click of a button, without making repeated trips to Police Stations.

Out of 581 Police Stations taken up under CCTNS Project, 564 Police Stations are using the Core Application Software.

1.7 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 189 Convicts were classified, digitized and verified in AFIS database and main record of FPB.

AFIS database has a record of digitized FP slips of 1,86,714 arrestees and convicts and 5226 unidentified Chance Finger Prints.

During this year, Finger Print Slips of 1,508 Arrestees were digitized, searched and recorded.

Finger Print Slips of 176 Convicts and 5,310 Arrestees have been sent to National Crime Records Bureau, New-Delhi for search and record during the year, 2015.

288 Cases (Scene of Crime Chance Print Cases- 277, Government Cases-09 and Private Cases- 02) were examined during the year 2015 and opinion furnished.

Training on Finger Print Science has been imparted to 251 Police Officers, Scientific Officers of State FSL and Judiciary Officers.

Finger Print Slips of 17 Unidentified Dead bodies, 3 Convicts and 4 Arrestees of other States have been searched in AFIS database and results communicated to the respective inquiring officers.

ACHIEVEMENTS

In 24 cases, 47 Chance Finger Prints collected from the scene of crime have been successfully identified with 31 criminals and results have been promptly communicated to District Authorities which helped the Investigating Officers in investigation.

In 11 cases (09 Govt. cases & 02 Civil cases), criminals have been successfully identified through Finger Prints which helped in prosecution of the cases.

Finger Print Slips of 276 Arrestees and Convicts have been traced with their conviction particulars / criminal antecedents through Automated Finger Print Identification System (AFIS). Besides, 3 chance prints have been identified with criminals through AFIS.

1.8 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 2015, 173 Police cases involving 19,207 exhibits have been examined and expert opinions furnished. Besides, 1553 exhibits in 33 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. 93,880/- has been collected towards the examination fees of these cases and the same has been deposited in the Govt. Treasury.

1.9 PHOTO BUREAU:

State Photo Bureau, Rasulgarh, Bhubaneswar has prepared 1655 photographs of Finger Prints in 398 cases, 204 document photographs in 130 handwriting cases and 88 photo identity cards of police personnel during 2015. Besides, the officers of Bureau have conducted Videography on 201 occasions during law and order and checked the media personnel and their equipments from security point of view at 13 different places during visit of VIPs. During the year, 153 Police Personnel have been trained in photography by the Bureau.

1.10 DOG SQUAD:

Odisha Police Detective Dog Squad has been functioning under the State CID, CB since 1961. Besides, Dog Squad has also been functioning in 27 districts. The following categories of trained dogs are available (a) Tracking Dogs (b) Sniffer Dogs for detection of explosives (c) Sniffer Dogs for detection of Narcotics (d) Search and rescue dogs used during natural calamities. During the year 2015, tracker dogs were utilised in 777 cases and clues were furnished in 293 cases. In 69 cases, the dogs have done a commendable job, in which, the stolen properties have been recovered. Besides, the explosive sniffer dogs were utilised on 1221 occasions during VIP visits, raids, law and order and other extremist situations.

1.11 SIGNALS:

With a view to assist police administration in maintenance of law and order and to curb Naxal activities, 34 numbers of Manpack VHF sets were issued permanently to different Police Personnel of the State during the year. Similarly, 30 numbers of Static VHF Stations and 33 numbers of mobile VHF sets were installed permanently in different P.Ss. 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 from June to November, 2015. To assist Police Administration in maintenance of law and order during festive occasions, VVIP/ VIP visits etc. 4679 Static/ Mobile VHF sets and 6104 W/T sets were temporarily deployed in a phased manner.

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 27 occasions in the State Level Functions.

1.12 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 17 Miniature Workshops at different Dists. / Battalion Hdqrs.

During the year 2015, about 49,549 numbers of Major and 86,644 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 415 numbers of condemned Police Vehicles of different makes have been auctioned during the year 2015 and Rs. 1,13,60,104/- (Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lakhs Sixty Thousand one Hundred Four) only has been collected towards sale proceeds of the condemned Police Vehicles and deposited in the Treasury.

1.13 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 2015, the family counseling centre received 185 complaints on dowry torture, extra marital relations, mal adjustments with in-laws/ husband, personal differences, economic crisis, alcoholism etc. Out of 185 complaints, 111 complaints were disposed of and remaining 74 complaints are under counseling.

During the year 2015, the State HRPC took up investigation of 6 cases of dowry torture and atrocity on SC/ST, out of which 3 cases have been closed and 3 cases are under investigation.

During 2015, 315 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 125 petitions were disposed of by taking appropriate legal action and remaining 190 petitions are under enquiry by concerned districts S.P.

During the year 2015, 406 complaints were received from National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, out of which 369 have been disposed of by taking appropriate action and the remaining 37 are under enquiry by concerned districts S.P. 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 2015, 72 complaint petitions were received in the State HRPC, out of which 70 have been disposed off by taking appropriate action and remaining 2 are under enquiry by concerned districts S.P.

During the year 2015, 93 petitions were received from Odisha State Commission for Women, out of which 39 petitions were disposed of and remaining 54 are under enquiry by the district. Ss.P.

The Govt. of Odisha have decided to set up a Mahila and Sishu Desk in each P.S. of the State to provide the legal redressal to the women and child victims. So far Mahila and Sishu Desks have been set up in 537 Police Stations of the State. For this purpose, the training programmes were undertaken to sensitise the officers/men attached to the Desks. Govt. have created 537 posts of Sub-Inspector of Police for smooth functioning of Mahila and Sishu Desks in different Police Stations of the State.

1.14 TRAINING :

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

- (i) Biju Patnaik 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.

1.15 ODISHA STATE POLICE HOUSING AND WELFARE CORPORATION :

During the Financial Year 2014-15, the Corporation posted turnover of Rs.332.12 crores. Similarly, the Corporation aims at a turnover of Rs.350.00 crores during the Financial Year 2015-16.

The Corporation has taken up construction of 70 nos. of upgraded Police Stations in the LWE affected areas across the State out of which 43 nos. are already completed and the rest shall be completed soon. These new Police Stations shall provide amenities for public interface where general public are received and their grievances redressed, besides providing security features for the safety of the Police personnel in LWE areas.

The Corporation has been entrusted to construct accommodation for BSF and CRPF personnel in highly sensitive areas in the district of Malkangiri, Rayagada, Gajapati and other SRE Districts. Pre-fabricated structure for accommodating CAPF personnel at 54 locations are entrusted for construction out of which at 18 locations the work has been completed and made functional and at other locations the work shall be completed soon.

The Corporation has taken up 510 nos. Reception centre-cum-Mahila & Sisu Desk in different P.Ss.across Odisha out of which 267 nos. have been completed and made functional.

The Corporation had taken up installation of the State of the art CCTV city surveillance system with modern control room in the city of Bhubaneswar, which has already been functional. Similarly same type of city surveillance system at Puri was taken up and functional within a record time of 70 days before Navakalebar'2015.

As a part of Navakalebar infrastructure the Corporation has taken up 17 nos. of building projects like P.S, Barrack, Control Room, Staff Quarters etc. and 1 No. of installation of transformer which were completed within the schedule time i.e. before Navakalebar-2015.

Training institute at Koraput and Burla have been taken up by the Corporation to increase the training capacity of Odisha Police. In the social development sector, the

Corporation has taken up two Ekalabya Model Residential Schools for ST students at Malkangiri and Nuapada. Construction of Kalinga Model Residential School at 5 locations have been entrusted to the Corporation by the ST & SC Deptt. at an estimated cost of Rs.60 Crores for execution. The Malkangiri project has already been completed and handed over and the Nuapada project shall be handed over soon..

The OSPH&WC has paid Rs.631.95 Lakhs as dividend to the State Government.

CHAPTER-II

2. PRISONS ORGANISATION:

2.1. Tracking Overcrowding in Jails:

The problem of overcrowding has been substantially reduced through enhancement of accommodation capacity of Jails. At present the total number of Prisoners in the State is 16,737 as against the total scheduled accommodation capacity of 18,012.

2.2. Improving the Security of Prisons:

- Installation of V.C system along with connection of Broad band ULD 795 in 42 different Jails are going on .
- In order to strengthen the security of the Jails, "Raising the height of Perimeter walls in different Jails", "Installation of High Mast Lights", barbed wire fencing and fixing of concertina wire of perimeter wall and compound wall have been taken up..

2.3. Health Care of the Prisoners:

- The work like "Construction of Additional wards" in Jails for better living condition of the prisoners." Improvement of Water supply & Sanitation facilities" indifferent jails have been taken up.
- Installation of chapatti making machine in 05 jails, Solar Steam Cooking System in 01 Jail and Heavy Duty Exhaust Fan in all Jails through National Informatics Center, Bhubaneswar, Odisha Renewable Energy Development Agency and Odisha State Police Housing & Welfare Corporation Ltd respectively have been taken up.

- In order to modernize the Jails of Odisha as per the Benchmarks/Key performance Indicators, It has been proposed for construction of modern visitor's room with drinking water and toilet facilities, construction of interview room for interaction of the prisoners with their relatives.
- conversion of existing kitchen into modern kitchen in Jails, construction of bath room for the prisoners as per suggested norm (1:10), improvement of water supply and sanitation in Jails and provision of commode latrine for old and sick prisoners in different Jails of the State and construction of residential quarter for Jail officers and the staffs.

2.4. Construction of Open Air Jail:

- Construction of Open Air Jail at Jujumura in Sambalpur District is in progress. Funds to the tune of Rs. 4,16,93 Crore have already been placed with O.S.P.H. & W.C. for the purpose.
- A sum of Rs. 508.21 lakhs has been provided for the Open Air Jail at Basta in Balasore District and the work is under progress.

2.5. Training of Jail staff:

- The 45th Batch Basic Training Course for 101 nos. of newly recruited warders has already been completed at Odisha Jail Training School, Berhampur.
- The 46th Batch Basic Training Course for 90 nos. of newly recruited warder has already been started from 05.10.2015 at Odisha Jail Training School, Berhampur.
- 5 days Refresher Training Programme for 32 warders has been organized from 03.08.2015 to 03.10.2015 at Odisha Jail Training School, Berhampur.

2.6. Hostel for the Children of Prisoners:

Government in Home Department has created the following posts for functioning of the Hostel for Children's of Prisoners at Bhubaneswar vide their letter No-41173 dated-05.11.2013 i.e. Superintendent-01, Senior Clerk-Cum-Accountant-01, House Mother-01, Cook-01, Helper-01. The post of Superintendent, Clerk-Cum-Typist and House Mother has been filled up on deputation basis from Jail Organization. The hostel building for children of prisoners is now under occupation of Odisha Patita Udhar Samiti. The Secretary, of the said NGO has filed a Writ Petition No-13018 (C)/ 2014 before the Hon'ble High Court, claiming for taken over the staff appointed by the Odisha Patita Udhar Samiti. The matter is sub-judice.

2.7. Functioning of New Sub-Jails:

New Sub-Jails at Patrapur & Kantabanjhi have been functioned and Kasipur, M.V.– 79 & Laxmipur are expected to become functional very soon.

2.8. 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.

2.9. 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.

2.10. Implementation of Yoga and HIV awareness programme in Jails. :

- The Directorate of Prisons and Correctional Services Odisha have taken up various reformatory measures including implementation of Yoga and HIV awareness camp in Jails with a mission to reform the mental, psychological, Spiritual & sociological aspect of inmates.
- A number of N.G.Os like Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Inner Wheel club, The art of living, are organizing various spiritual discourses in jails including Yoga, meditation, religious discussion in order to divert mental tension of the inmates and to bring in them mental peace and happiness.

2.11. Expand the number of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) Network in Jails in the State for enhanced vocational training:

Total Literacy campaign has been launched in all Jails to make the interested illiterate inmates literate. Full time teachers have been appointed in all Circle Jails, District Jails, Special jails, Special Sub Jails & Female Prison to impart primary education to the illiterate Prisoners. Special attentions are being given to the interested prisoners to prosecute their studies with the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha Universities, and Distance Education under IGNOU National Institute of Open Schooling etc.

During the year 2015, 110 prisoners (63 from IGNOU & 47 from NIOS) have successfully passed in different examinations.

CHAPTER – III

3.1 FIRE SERVICE ORGANISATION:

The Odisha Fire Service is a public utility service rendering valuable service by protecting the lives and properties of the public from hazards as well as natural calamities. At present there are 283 Nos of Fire Station functioning in the State. During the year 2015-16 (from April-15 to November-15) as many as 7501 Nos of Fire Calls & 8477 Nos of Special Service call have been successfully attended to in which 71 Nos of human lives, 87 Nos of cattle live and properties worth of Rs.131,82,08,110/- have been saved. So far Revenue amounting of Rs.5,07,000/- have been collected and deposited in the Govt. account during the year 2015-16. Six Fire Service personnel have been awarded with medals for meritorious service & distinguished service during the year 2015-16 for their good performance.

Similarly, during the year 2015-16, 20 new Fire Stations have been made functional and steps are being taken on open 52 Fire Stations more with a view to provide better service to the public. Steps have been taken to fill-up the vacancies in different ranks for better performance of Odisha Fire Service organization during the year 2015-2016.

Training makes all the difference in improving the organizational performance and public delivery. In order to augment the extremely limited available training capacity, the Government have recently notified (i) Upgradation of existing OFSTI, Bhubaneswar to Odisha Fire and Disaster Response Academy (OFDRA); (ii) Establishment of Odisha State Watermanship and Lifeguard Institute (OSWLI) at Ramachandi, Puri and (iii) Establishment of Odisha Fire and Disaster Response Institute (OFDRI) at Naraj, Cuttack.

The total sanctioned strength of all ranks in the Fire Service organization is 5,652 and the present strength is 4,210 with 1,442 vacancies. 1042 of Firemen and Fireman-Drivers have been appointed in the year 2015 to fill up the vacancies in the said ranks. The Odisha Staff Selection Commission conducts recruitment of Station Officers.

