



GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA

**REPORT ON THE
IMPORTANT
ACTIVITIES OF
HOME DEPARTMENT
FOR THE YEAR
2008 – 2009**

HOME DEPARTMENT

IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES OF HOME DEPARTMENT: 2008-09.

INTRODUCTION:

Home Department plays a key role in State Administration. This Department provides the policy framework for maintenance of law and order; prevention and control of crime, prosecution of criminals, Fire Services and Prisons Administration. It essentially supervises proper functioning of the police administration. It is the nodal Department for State Secretariat Service. Apart from these, Civil Defence and Home Guards Services are also being looked after in Home Department. It is closely connected with the conduct of elections to the Parliament, and State Legislatures. It keeps a close liaison with the Defence Services for Military and Civil Co-operation and for setting up of Defence Projects in the State. The functions of the Home Department include Protocol matters and management of State Guest House at Bhubaneswar, Orissa Bhawan and Orissa Niwas at New-Delhi and Utkal Bhawan at Kolkata.

1. POLICE ADMINISTRATION:

1.1 LAW AND ORDER :

1.1.1 The overall Law and Order situation in the State during the year, 2008-09 (till end of February) remained by and large peaceful. Bye-election to Laxmipur Assembly constituency and Elections to the Urban Local Bodies were conducted peacefully. Besides, different conflict situations could be defused from time to time due to tactful and timely handling of the situation by the law enforcing agencies.

During the year, 2008 Police resorted to firing on 14 occasions during anti-naxalite operations, crime control and to disperse riotous mob. Besides, on three occasions, Police resorted to lathicharge to deal with irate mob. Emphasis was given to maintain law and Order situations with minimum use of force have been handled with least recourse to force.

1.1.2 SITATIONS OF BUNDH, RASTA ROKO & RAIL ROKO:

During the year, members of opposition political parties and their frontal organizations as well as local groups organized 43 bundhs, 253 rasta rokos and 26 instances of rail roko. All these agitations were handled with tact and patience without allowing them to escalate into major problems. The left parties observed "Orissa Bundh" on 06.06.2008 protesting against

hike in price of petroleum products. On 07.07.2008 members of CPI/CPM/Forward Bloc/NCP/JMM resorted to chaka bundh agitation at different places in the State protesting against hike in bus fare. However, due to proactive policing, no untoward incident occurred. In response to Central call, the National Trade Unions, like CITU, AITUC, AICCTU, UTUC-LS, HMS and their affiliated Trade Unions/ Service Associations organized rasta/rail roko agitations, rallies, demonstrations, picketing, etc. throughout the State on 20.08.2008, protesting against price rise of essential commodities. Protesting against killing of Hindu seer Swami Laxmananananda Saraswati, members of the Sangha Parivar observed "Orissa bundh" on 25.08.2008. Police took firm action against the rioters and brought the situation under control.

The overall communal situation in the State remained peaceful by and large in spite of fragile atmosphere in different parts of the Country. Different religious festivals of all communities like Sriram Nabami, Car Festival, Durga Pooja, Kali Pooja, birth day of Prophet Mohammed, Sab-e-barat, X-mas were observed without any untoward incident.

However, communal riots erupted in Kandhamal District following killing of Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati and his four disciples on 23.08.2008 at Jaleshpata Ashram by unknown miscreants, which had its reverberation in some other districts. The situation has been brought under control by firm measures taken of the law enforcing agencies and deployment of extra police forces in the aforesaid areas.

There was no major labour unrest during the year. However, employees of some Industrial Units/Teachers' Association resorted to agitational activities like demonstration, dharana, rasta roko, protest meeting, procession, etc. and presentation of memoranda demanding fulfillment of their various demands like reinstatement of retrenched employees, regularization of contract labourers, payment of arrear dues, filling up of vacant posts, raising of retirement age and stoppage of outsourcing and privatization policy, grant in aid, etc.

Certain political parties and their affiliated trade unions and service associations organised rasta roko/ rail roko agitation/ demonstration/ picketing in the State on 20.08.2008 protesting against alleged failure of UPA Government at Centre on all fronts, price rise of essential commodities, etc.

Members of Sikhya Sahayak Association of different District Units of the State organized rally/ demonstration/ dharana before all Block Offices of the State on 14.11.2008 and before all Collectrates of the State on 17.11.2008 demanding regularization of services of Sikhya Sahayaka. Besides, the above members organized rally/ demonstration (6000) at Lower PMG Crossing, Bhubaneswar on 21.11.2008 on the above demands.

1.1.5 INDUSTRIAL:

In order to accelerate Industrialisation, the State Government have signed several M.O.Us with various private sector companies and industrial houses. As a result, several large industries are being set up at Kalinganagar(Jajpur District) Paradeep (Jagatsinghpur), Kasipur(Rayagada), Lanjigarh(Kalahandi), Patna (Keonjhar), Talcher(Angul) and in Dhenkanal, Sambalpur and Jharsuguda districts of Orissa..

On the other hand, various political parties are taking advantage of the grievances of the land oustees/ affected people and attempting to disrupt the process of industrialisation in the State. The land oustees/ affected people under the guidance of opposition political parties/ activites have been agitating throughout the year in their respective industrial zones demanding employment, adequate compensation, rehabilitation/ resettlement packages, peripheral development, etc. However, the district administration was asked to highlight the positive features of Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy of the State Government to allay the apprehensions of the affected people. Due to timely intervention of the local police the situation could be handled properly/ timely for which certain incidents including loss of lives/ properties have been saved during anti-industrial agitations in the State during the year.

1.1.6 STUDENT UNREST:

There was no State-wide Student unrest during the year. Students' Union Election of different colleges in the State were held on 23.10.2008 peacefully without any significant incident. However, students of different Colleges organised agitational programmes in shape of dharana/ rasta roko/ boycott of classes/ demonstration etc. demanding filling up of vacancies in post of teaching/ non-teaching staff, increase of stipend, abolition of year back system and all-round development of the institution. No major incident took place during the above agitations.

1.1.7 LEFT WING EXTREMIST ACTIVITIES :

During the year, Sixty seven(67) incidents of naxal violence have been reported in the State, involving death of 25 Civilians and 73 Security personnel. Due to progressive surrender and Rehabilitation Policy 11 hard-core naxalites who surrendered during the period 2007-08, were brought back to the mainstream of social life. They have been properly rehabilitated.

Recovery of a substantial number of looted arms and ammunition was effected at Goshama Hill Range area in anti-naxalite operation. This was after death of 18 Security personnel in naxalite attack in Nayagarh District on 15/16.02.2008.

1.1.8 CRIME SITUATION OF THE STATE:

During the year, all total 67,918 cases including 7,383 cases under Bihar and Orissa Excise Act were registered as against a total of 67,034 cases including 7,733 cases under Bihar and Orissa Excise Act during the year 2007. Crime thus has marginally increased by

1.3% compared to the year 2007. Increase in population, rapid industrialization and unemployment etc. could be the major contributory factors for increase in crime.

However, it is satisfactory to note that number of swindling and M.V. accident cases declined during the year 2008 compared to 2007.

1.1.9 MODERNISATION OF STATE POLICE FORCES:

The Scheme of MPF is under implementation in the State to modernize the Police Force, with sharing of funds with the Government of India. Primarily, the Police force is modernized by procurement of modern and sophisticated arms, vehicles and sophisticated equipments for different branches as well as by creation of infrastructural facilities with construction of Police Station Buildings, Out Post Buildings, fortification of vulnerable Police Posts and construction of residential quarters. For the year 2008-09 the Action Plan was approved for Rs.3537 lakh with Central Assistance of Rs.2653 lakh and state's matching share of Rs.884.00 lakh which is in the ratio of 75 : 25. Out of this an amount of Rs.3034.55 lakh almost 85% have been utilized for equipping the police with necessary weapons, ammunition and necessary accessories.

1.1.10 STATE FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY (S.F.S.L):

The State Forensic Science Laboratory at Rasulgarh, Bhubaneswar 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 the 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. 19 Mobile Forensic Units have been sanctioned for the newly created districts under 11th Finance Commission Award. 7 (seven) specialized divisions functioning in the State FSL, namely Physics, Ballistics, Chemistry, Toxicology, Biology, Serology and Lie-Detection Divisions. The Forensic Science set up in the State of Orissa is equipped with sophisticated equipments and trained man power to attend to the requirements for establishment of truth in the Criminal Justice Delivery System.

During 2008, 6055 cases were examined at State F.S.L., Bhubaneswar Regional F.S.Ls at Berhampur, Sambalpur and Balasore. The S.F.S.L. Orissa has been selected as a Regional Centre for analysis of Narcotics and Psychotropic substances by the Narcotics Control Bureau, Government of India, New Delhi.

1.1.11 S.C.R.B. (STATE CRIME RECORDS BUREAU):

The crime records are maintained in the SCRB. Crime statistics under different major heads like murder, dacoity, rape etc. and under minor heads like M.V accidents, arson etc. are

collected from the districts and is compiled and collated in the SCRB and sent to the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) for publication of the annual crime statistics. Efforts are on to fully computerise the crime data through a software called CCIS Mle (Crime Criminal Information System Multi Lingual Version Web enabled) developed and supplied by the NCRB. District Ss.P., have been requested to complete data entry and make the database of CCIS Mle up to date.

To facilitate inter office automation of the police offices, 34 districts, 9 battalions and 23 heads of Police establishments have been provided with computers and LAN(Local Area Network) provision. All the 95 S.D.P.O. (Sub-Divisional Police Officer) Offices, 2 Court Offices, Range Offices and Battalions of the State have been provided with the computers for office automation. Efforts are on to establish police intranet connectivity between all the Police establishments for enabling communication through mail.

1.1.12 CCTNS (Crime Criminal Tracking and Networking System, erstwhile CIPA):

For automating the police station processes and its primary functions that is crime criminal investigations and maintenance of crime records ; for networking all the police stations in the country, and for providing the public a computerised FIR etc, Government of India is providing computers and networking tools to a select number of states. In the first phase, 45 Police Stations of the State Police, have been supplied with five computers , two printers ,other networking tools and the necessary software each for the 45 Police Stations under five districts directly through National Informatics Centre (NIC). Computers in these police stations have already been installed. The project has been operationalised in these selected police stations. Necessary training has been imparted to the Staff of the 45 Police Stations for handling the Common Integrated Police Application (CIPA) work at the Police Station.

1.1.13 STATE FINGER PRINT BUREAU, BHUBANESWAR:

The Finger Print Bureau was created on 1st April, 1936 on formation of separate State of Orissa. As on 31.12.2008, total finger print record slip of convicts stood at 49,499. Automated Finger Print Identification System(AFIS) has been installed in the State Finger Print Bureau at SCRB. Under this project, Remote Query Terminals (RQT) machines have been installed in all the 34 Police Districts and at CID, Headquarters and in at SCRB. A total number of 84,903 Finger Print slips of arrestees and convicts and 3,545 un-detected chance Finger Prints have been digitized and stored in the database. Finger Print Slips in respect of 10,112 arrestees were searched from Bureau records and identity could be established against 47 arrestees. Finger Print Slips of 259 convicts and 3100 arrestees have been submitted to National Crime Records Bureau, New Delhi for record. In 14 cases, chance prints detected at the scene of crime could be successfully identified and linked with criminals. In 9 Govt. cases and 5 Private cases, disputed finger prints appearing on documents were examined and

expert opinion furnished. 248 Police Officers have been imparted training on finger print, foot print science and A.F.I.S. Software during the year,2008.

A sum of Rs.6,950/- has been earned as revenue towards examination of 5 civil cases.

1.1.14 HAND WRITING BUREAU:

Documents relating to various Crime such as Embezzlement, Murder, Crime relating to Dowry, Kidnapping and Conspiracy against State, etc. are examined in the Handwriting Bureau functioning under CID, Crime Branch, Orissa, Cuttack. The experts appointed in the Bureau, furnish their opinion on various points as required by the investigating officers. Besides, examining the documents, the experts of the Bureau also provide their valuable advice to the I.Os. to investigate the cases involving documents in right direction.

During 2008, as many as 211 number of Police cases involving 24,999 exhibits have been examined in the Bureau and expert opinions have been furnished. Besides that, 734 exhibits in 22 number of non-police cases referred to by various Judicial Courts and departmental authorities of Government of Orissa have been examined and expert opinions furnished. The Bureau has earned a sum of Rs.33,565/- as examination fees, which has been deposited in the Government Treasury.

1.1.15 PHOTO BUREAU:

State Photo Bureau, Rasulgarh, Bhubaneswar have prepared 1,018 photographs of finger print in 198 cases, 29,691 photographs in 180 Handwriting cases and 763 photographs of 185 missing persons for wide circulation in print and electronic media and 425 photo identity cards of Police personnel. Besides, the officers of Bureau have conducted videography in 104 occasions during law and order, checked the photo equipments from security point of view at 5 different places during visit of VIPs and VVIPs.

1.1.16 DOG SQUAD:

Orissa Police Detective Dog Squad is functioning under the State CID, CB since 1961. During the year 2008, detective dogs were utilized in 612 cases and clues have been furnished in 256 cases. Besides, the explosive sniffer dogs were utilized in 901 occasions during VVIP visit, Law and order situation and Naxal operations in the State. During Naxal operation in Gasama Hills, Bhanjanagar, Ganjam, large quantity of arms and ammunitions and live bombs were recovered with the assistance of sniffer dogs.

1.1.17 SIGNALS:

With a view to assist Police Administration in maintenance of law and order and to curb naxalite activities, 3 nos. of H.F.R.T. stations were installed in the State. 46 nos. of Static V.H.F. stations were also installed permanently and 29 nos. of Mobile V.H.F. sets were installed

in different P.S. vehicles and P.C.R. vehicles in the State. 27 nos. of H.F/V.H.F. stations were installed for communication in flood affected areas of the State from June to November, 2008. To assist Police Administration in maintenance of law and order during festive occasions, VVIP/VIP visits, etc. 3258 static/mobile V.H.F. sets and 3470 Walkie Talkie sets were temporarily deployed in phased manner during the year 2008. Besides, 31 nos. of H.F. manpack sets have been deployed in different non-line of sight areas of the State for communication in naxalite affected areas and 96 MART(RSU) Centres have been installed in different P.Ss. belonging to Line of Sight (LOS) areas of the State.

1.1.18 POLICE MOTOR TRANSPORT:

Police Motor Transport (PMT) deals with Police vehicles of the State with Headquarters at Cuttack, two range workshops at Sambalpur/ Berhampur, two Regional Workshops at Rourkela/ Koraput and 17 Miniature workshops at District/Battalion level. During the year, 62,901 nos. of Major and 88,076 nos of minor repair works were undertaken in different workshops of P.M.T. Altogether 19 condemned Police vehicles of different make were auctioned during 2008 and Rs.6,44,919/- towards sale proceeds have been deposited in treasury. P.M.T. training centre, Tulasipur, Cuttack imparted training to 132 Police personnel in driving and maintenance, motor mechanism to create awareness about defect in vehicle.

1.1.19 H.R.P.C:

State Human Rights Protection Cell, Orissa, a specialized wing of the State Police Hdqrs. is dealing with crimes in respect of dowry and non-dowry torture against women, atrocity on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and death in Police custody. It acts as Nodal Agency for the National Human Rights Commission, Orissa, State Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Women, State Commission for Women and National Commission for S.Cs/ S.Ts. Besides, all matters relating to human rights issues referred to State Police Hdqrs. are also dealt in State H.R.P.C. Moreover, petitions relating to atrocity on women and members of S.Cs/S.Ts are either enquired into or monitored by the State H.R.P.C. In selected cases, it also assumes full control over investigation of dowry and S.C/S.T. related cases. State HRPC also takes up investigation of all cases of death in Police custody. The State HRPC gives necessary guide-lines to the Dist. Ss.P. for effective functioning of district H.R.P.C. which have been created in each district Hdqrs. of the State. During the year 3375 cases of dowry/ non-dowry torture have been reported in the State as against 3116 cases of 2007. During the year 1639 cases of atrocity on members of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were reported as against 1749 cases of 2007. The increase could be due to wide publicity in media, news papers and awareness campaign organized by the district authorities and N.G.Os in order to create awareness among the S.Cs & S.Ts.

During the year, State HRPC has taken up investigation of 6 cases of dowry related cases

of which, charge sheets have been submitted in 2 cases and remaining 4 cases are pending investigation. During the year, 537 grievance petitions relating to torture on married women demanding dowry and atrocity on S.C/S.T. and other miscellaneous matter have been received in the State HRPC of which 130 petitions have been disposed of by taking appropriate legal action and remaining 407 petitions are pending for enquiry with the concerned district Ss.P.

During the year, 58 complaints have been received from the National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi. Out of which, 45 petitions have been disposed of by taking appropriate action and the remaining 13 petitions are pending for enquiry with the concerned district Ss.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 N.H.R.C., New Delhi. During the year, 17 complaints have been received from the Orissa Human Rights Commission, Bhubaneswar for enquiry. Out of which in 11 complaints, action taken reports furnished by the district Ss.P. have been submitted to the O.H.R.C. Bhubaneswar and remaining 6 complaints are pending with the district Ss.P.

During the year, 131 petitions have been received from the Orissa State Commission for Women, Bhubaneswar, of which 21 petitions have been disposed of and remaining 110 petitions are pending with the district Ss.P.

A Family Counselling Centre has been attached to the H.R.P.C. with professional counselors appointed by the Social Welfare Advisory Board, Govt. of Orissa to settle up the family disputes and restore conjugal life by way of mutual understanding.

During the year, 98 complaints have been received in the Family Counselling Centre as against 125 of the year 2007. Out of which, 61 complaints have been resolved amicably and remaining 37 cases are under process of settlement. All the district Ss.P. have also been instructed to look into this aspect in their District H.R.P.C.

1.1.20 MAHILA AND SISU DESKS

The Government. have set up a Mahila and Sisu Desk in 460 Police Stations in the State to provide redressal to the Women and Child complainants. The Police personnel attached to such Desks have been provided sensitization training organised jointly by the Home Department and Women & Child Development Department. Biju Pattnaik State Police Academy organised necessary training and sensitisation of police personnel for functioning of these desks.

1.2 ORISSA STATE POLICE HOUSING AND WELFARE CORPORATION :

The Orissa State Police Housing and Welfare Corporation Ltd. was incorporated as a Company on 24th May 1980. The main objectives of the Corporation are :

i) Construction of residential and non-residential buildings for the Police, Vigilance and Fire

Service Organisation of the Government of Orissa as well as of Government of India.

ii) Taking up construction, repair, maintenance, modification and renovation of the roads, buildings and Civil structures of the same organizations.

iii) In addition the corporation is also executing works meant for Prisons and Judiciary.

During the year 2008, the Corporation put up a good performance by constructing buildings in adverse conditions and even Naxalite affected areas and handed over the completed buildings to the concerned Departments. The detailed list is given below.

Organisation.	Residential	Non-residential.	Other
Police	241	79	07
Fire Services	15	18	--
Prisons	354	11	166
Judiciary.	--	16	--
Total :	610	124	173

To achieve greater efficiency and productivity, recently the Corporation has undertaken restructuring of its cadres and decentralization of duties & responsibilities. As a measure of decentralization new Divisions have been opened up to speed up the construction of building projects and achieve optimum productivity during the year 2008-09.

2. PRISON ADMINISTRATION:

2.1. There are 70(Seventy) jails and 55(fifty five) correctional institutions functioning under the Prisons Directorate, Bhubaneswar.

2.2 Under modernization of prisons, the Government of Orissa have approved construction of 21 new Sub-Jails. Out of which 7 numbers are made functional, 11 numbers are going to be functioned and 3 numbers are under construction.

Out of 65 numbers of approved additional wards, 41 numbers have been completed so far and rest 24 are under construction.

2.3 Provision of Rs.50.00 lakh has been made under 'State-Plan' Scheme in supplementary Budget during the year 2008-09 for construction of Prisons Academy.

An amount of Rs.905.51 lakh under State-Plan and Rs.600.00 lakh under Non-Plan in total Rs.1505.51 lakh have been provided during the year,2008-09. Out of total budget an amount of Rs.70.00 lakh has been earmarked for construction and repair of Non-Residential buildings in eight Jails, Rs.66.00 lakh for improvement of electrification works in 21 Jails, Rs.11.38 lakh for improvement of sanitation W/S works in 9 Jails, Rs.320.40 lakh for

construction of different type of staff quarters in different Jails/Sub-Jails, Rs.377.13 lakh for construction of Watch Tower and fortification work in 10 Jails and Rs.50.00 lakh for construction of Prison Academy at Bhubaneswar. All the works are being executed through the O.S.P.H. & W.C. Ltd. Bhubaneswar.

An amount of Rs.200.00 lakh has been provided for improvement of sanitation and W/S work in 41 Jails. Further an amount of Rs.300.00 lakh has been provided for repair and maintenance of Jail building in 34 Jails and Rs.100.00 lakh for repair and maintenance of Jail staff quarters in 21 Jails. The above works are being executed through the Works and R.D. Department.

Out of 21 new Sub-Jails constructed/taken up under C.S.(Non-Plan) 2002-2003 to 2006-2007, six Jails have been made functional during the year,2008-09.363 vacant post of Jail Warder in the Jail Organization have been filled up by Direct Recruitment during the year 2008.

2.4 Cell Phone Jammers and Video Conferencing System and Close Ciurcuit Television System have been established in certain jails for strengthening the security.

2.5. Government have proposed a scheme which aims at reform and rehabilitation of offenders so as to enable them to stand on their feet in the society. It necessitates training of Jail Officers and staff and also financial assistance to the released prisoners and family members of the BPL prisoners.

3. HOME GUARDS.

The Volunteers of Home Guards Organisations are auxiliary to the State Police and Fire Service. They play a vital role in maintenance of internal security, law and order, prevention of crime, apprehension of criminals, V.I.P. security, traffic control, Day and Night patrolling, watch and guard duties in various Public Sector Units. They also render voluntary services in rescue and relief operation during natural calamities.

Home Guards strength of the State was 15000 and the same has been increased to 15,708 during the year 2008. Similarly, Duty Call Allowance for the Home Guards has been enhanced from Rs.75 to Rs.90 per day from 05.08.2008. Apart from this, a sum of Rs.10 lakh has been sanctioned by the Govt. as ex-gratia payment from the C.M's Relief Fund in favour of the NOKs of deceased Home Guard volunteer, Chintamani Sahu of Nayagarh District Home Guards organization who sacrificed his life at Nayagarh fighting with Naxalities on dtd.15.02.2008.

The following Home Guards volunteers of the state have been awarded with the President's Home Guards and Civil Defence Medals for meritorious service on Republic Day/Independence Day 2008-09.

ON THE OCCASION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY-2008.

1. Shri Kamalakanta Dash, Asst. Section Leader(HG) Rourkela.

ON THE OCCASION OF REPUBLIC DAY-2009

1. Shri Narayan Mukherjee, Platoon Commander HG, Puri.
2. Shri Bidyadhar Jena, Platoon Commander, HG, Cuttack.

Besides, 2 Home Guards namely Shri Saroj Samal, Home Guard of Cuttack and Shri Narayan Mukherji, Platoon Commander of Puri have been awarded with DGCD Disc. and commendation Certificate on the occasion of Independence Day, 2008.

During the year 2008-09, 902 Home Guards volunteers of the State have been imparted with the Basic course of Training and 2038 Home Guards volunteers have undergone Refresher course of Training.

Though, a voluntary force, the Home Guards organization continues to make a very significant contribution in every field of law and order, watch and ward duty of emergency rescue work during calamity.

4. FIRE SERVICES:

4.1 The Orissa Fire Service is a public utility service. It is rendering valuable services by protecting the life and property of Public from fire hazards. Fire service personnel are also placed into service during calamities. There are 171 Fire Stations functioning in the State out of which 12 Fire Stations have been opened during 2008-09.

4.2 During the year 2008-09 (upto 31.03.2009) 11,551 Fire Calls and 6015 Special Service Calls were promptly and effectively responded to by the Fire Service Organisation in which 154 Nos of Human lives and 61 Nos of Cattle lives saved and properties worth of Rs.122,44,31,900 /- have been saved. The Fire Service personnel have successfully handled fire protection arrangement in fairs & festivals and attended to VVIPs & VIPs duties.

4.3 During the year 2008-2009, 15 Fire Station buildings and 14 staff quarters have been constructed and made functional.

4.4 As many as 109 numbers of Fire Service Officers and men have been awarded with Gallantry, Distinguished and Meritorious award for their services during 2008-2009.

4.5 During the Financial year Government Revenue of worth Rs.14,07,510/- have been collected and deposited towards hire charges of vehicles and condemnation of vehicles.

5. CIVIL DEFENCE:

5.1 Civil Defence connotes the performing of humanitarian tasks, intended to protect the

civil population against the danger and to help them to recover from immediate effect of hostility of natural disasters and also to provide the conditions necessary for survival.

5.2 There are limited numbers of Civil Defence units in Orissa, located at Bhubaneswar, Rourkela, Paradeep, Koraput and Talcher.

5.3 814 Civil Defence Volunteers have earlier been trained to save lives during the floods and cyclones.

5.4 Civil Defence Volunteers were involved in celebration of World Red Cross Day, Utkal Divas, Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme, Independence Day, National Malaria Eradication Programme and such other programmes.

6. INTERFACE WITH JUDICIARY:

6.1 FAST TRACK COURTS

Under Central Plan, State Government have received Rs.158.80 lakh for continuance of 33 Fast Track Courts presently operational in the State for the year 2008-09. The entire sum has been provided in the State Budget. The role of Fast Track Courts in the disposal of backlog cases is praiseworthy. By 30.11.2008, Fast Track Courts in the State disposed 40,991 cases. Recently prompt action has been taken to establish 2 (Two) Fast Track Courts in Kandhamal District.

6.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW COURTS.

During the year 2008-09, two Civil Judge(Junior Division) Courts each at Bhuban and Chandbali has been established by the Law Department. But power under sub-section-I of section-II of the Cr. P.C. has been conferred for trial of criminal cases by the Home Department designating these Courts as Civil Judge (Junior Division) cum Judicial Magistrate First Class at Chandbali and Bhuban.

6.3 INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES FOR JUDICIARY

With a view to equip judiciary with adequate infrastructural facilities so as to obviate any inconveniences in dispensation of justice, construction of court buildings and completion of incomplete buildings have been decided to be undertaken at Salepur, Pattamundai, Khariar, Kuchinda & Rairangpur at the cost of Rs. 285.67 lakhs. Similarly a Budget Provision of Rs.324.24 Lakhs has been earmarked for repair of old judicial buildings, repair of residential buildings, construction of building of Hon'ble Chief Justice along with the expansion of Orissa High Court Building. Budget provision of Rs.1374.00 Lakhs has been earmarked for construction of Multi-storey building of Orissa High Court. To under take E-Court Projects budget provision of Rs.285.84 Lakhs has been made during the current financial year.

7. ELECTIONS:

7.1 CONDUCT OF BYE-ELECTION:

The Bye-Election to the 83-Laxmipur (ST) Assembly Constituency was held on 12.04.2008 due to the death of Shri Anantram Majhi, M.L.A. The election was conducted peacefully.

7.2 PHOTO ELECTORAL ROLL

For the first time in the State, Photo Electoral Rolls have been generated. Door-to-Door Survey was conducted from 16.04.2008 to 31.05.2008 before generation of photo electoral rolls.

7.3 EPIC PROGRAMME

A photography programme was taken up from 17th September to 4th October 2008 and these EPICs are now under preparation. The passport size photos submitted by fresh applicants at the time of Special Revision, 2008 and during the current Revision, 2009 will be utilized for generation of EPIC by way of scanning after the final rolls, 2009 are published.

7.4 SPECIAL REVISION OF PHOTO ELECTORAL ROLLS, 2008:

A Special Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls with reference to 01.01.2008 as the qualifying date was held as per the newly delimited Assembly Constituencies. The final publication of Photo Electoral Rolls was done on 8th September 2008 in respect of all Assembly Constituencies except 3 A.C.s of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation for which the Photo Electoral Roll was published on 15th September 2008.

8.1 THE ORISSA SECRETARIAT TRAINING INSTITUTE BHUBANESWAR.

With a view to increase the efficiency at the Secretariat level, the Secretariat Training Institute, Bhubaneswar has been functioning in the State since 1960 for imparting in-service training to the Assistants working in different Departments of Government. The duration of the training is 4 months and the training is compulsory. No junior assistant can be promoted to the Grade of senior Assistant unless he passes the Secretariat Training examination. In case where the Senior Assistant has been directly recruited, having been selected from other Cadre, he shall have to attend the training course and he is liable to pass the Secretariat Training Examination within 4 clear chances, failing which he is liable for reversion. Recently the posts of Junior and Senior Assistant have been merged together and re-designated as Assistant Section Officer. Due to non-recruitment of A.S.Os. of the Secretariat during the year 2008-2009 the Training Institute could not impart any training. Most of the staffs of this Institute have been deployed in Home Department.

8.2 THE ORISSA SHORTHAND AND TYPEWRITING INSTITUTE BHUBANESWAR :

This Institute at Bhubaneswar is meant to train 'Shorthand' and 'Typewriting' in Oriya and English to Unemployed youths, as well as, the in-service Stenographers, Typists/ Clerks.

During the year 2008-09, 6 (SIX) In-service Personnel (Stenographers, Typists/Clerks) have been imparted training in Oriya Stenography and Typewriting. During this year, 80 (eighty) nos. of Unemployed Scheduled Caste and Tribe Graduates have been imparted English Shorthand & Typewriting Training.

9. RAJYA SAINIK BOARD:

The Rajya Sainik Board, Orissa has been established to promote welfare and resettlement of ex-servicemen, war widows, disabled ex-servicemen and families of deceased defence personnel belonging to the State and to look after the welfare of the families of serving soldiers of the State. Six Zilla Sainik Boards, one each at Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Balasore, Berhampur, Sambalpur and Kalahandi are functioning under the Rajya Sainik Board. The State Government has allotted land at Jayadev Nagar, Bhubaneswar for construction of Sainik Bhawan.

The Achievements of the Sainik Board organisation during the year 2008-09 are given below :

9.1.1 Second World War Veteran Pension :

A sum of Rs.5,64,048/- has been disbursed to 94 Second world War Veteran Ex-servicemen/ widows towards World War-II Pension @ Rs.500/- P.M. Decision has been taken by the State Government to increase the existing monthly pension from Rs.500/- to Rs.1,000/-.

9.1.2 Allotment of Government waste land to landless ex-servicemen:

200 landless Ex-servicemen upto the rank of Havildar and its equivalent have been issued with the Eligibility Certificates for allotment of one standard acre of waste land in the respective native village for agriculture purpose.

9.1.3 Employment Assistance to ex-servicemen

59 Ex-servicemen have been given employment in various Public Sector Banks.

9.1.4 Sainik Bhawan at Bhubaneswar

The State Government has allotted a piece of land at Jayadev Nagar, Bhubaneswar for construction of Sainik Bhawan. The process of allotment of un-disputed land and its possession for construction of Sainik Rest House at Bhubaneswar is in progress with G.A. Department, Government of Orissa.

9.1.5 Augmentation of Amalgamated Fund

During the current financial year the Amalgamated Fund has been augmented from Rs.2,63,02,359/- to Rs.4,69,49,306.

9.1.6 Welfare Awareness Campaign

A number of Ex-servicemen Rallies and Awareness Campaign have been organized at different places to educate them on various welfare programmes launched by Central/State Government.

9.1.7 Financial Assistance from Kendriya Sainik Board, New Delhi

Item	Nos covered	Amount in Rupees
Daughter's Marriage Grant	57	5,60,000
House Repairing Assistance	9	90,000
Destitute Grant	20	5,82,000
Education Grant	7	38,400
Medical	5	40,000
Ex-Gratia Grant	4 @ Rs.15,000/-	60,000
	1 ESM Widow	5,000

9.1.8 Financial Assistance from Amalgamated Fund, Rajya Sainik Board, Orissa.

Item	Nos covered	Amount in Rupees
Merit Scholarship to Children of Ex-servicemen	98	3,95,400
Destitute Grant to Ex-Servicemen/Widow	14	63,000
Funeral Grant	8	16,000
Grant to blind Ex-Servicemen	2	18,000

9.1.9 Assistance to National Defence Academy:

A sum of Rs.25.00 lakh has been contributed to the National Defence Academy, Poona on the occasion of its Dimond Jubilee Celebration.

10. STATE GUEST HOUSE:

10.1 State Guest House, Bhubaneswar has 57 rooms including one VVIP room and two VIP rooms. The capacity of guest days are 20,705.

10.2 ORISSA BHAWAN/ NIWAS, NEW DELHI:

The office of Resident Commissioner is an integrated office of all Orissa Government offices, Organizations and Public Sector undertakings located at Delhi. Setting up of this integrated

office has resulted in optimal utilization of resources, better co-ordination, greater accountability and a better image of Orissa at Delhi. The office facilitated expeditious disposal of various pending proposals in different Ministries of Government of India.

10.3 UTKAL BHAWAN, KOLKATA.

The Utkal Bhawan, Kolkata has 68 beds in 28 (twenty eight) rooms. There are six A/C Special Rooms, eleven ordinary A/C double bed rooms and two single A/C rooms. 19,126 guest days were entertained and Rs.8, 62,073/- was collected as revenue.

10.4 ORISSA COMPLEX, MUMBAI

The Orissa Complex at Vashi, Navi Mumbai is under construction at a cost of Rs.6.79 crores. The IDCO, Bhubaneswar has been entrusted to construct the complex. It is going to be completed shortly.

11. DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTION:

The Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Orissa, has been created in 1982 with the object of monitoring due and proper presentation of Public Prosecution before different Criminal Courts of the State. The Director is visiting different parts of the State to persue/review the case matters convening meeting with the State Prosecutors, Police Officers and other investigating agencies. During the meeting with the District Magistrates and Superintendents of Police of different districts compliance of the provisions of Rules-4(2) of S.C. & S.T.(P. O. A) Rules-1995 is also insisted to keep track of cases involving atrocities on S.C. & S.T. individuals. As per the provision of O.S.P.S. Rules,1997, 20 Public Prosecutors, 12 Additional Public Prosecutors and 19 Asst. Public Prosecutors were appointed by the State under Home Department in September/October,2001. Out of them now 9 Public Prosecutors, 10 Additional Public prosecutors and 19 Assistant Public Prosecutors are working under this Department and 8 more officers are working as P.P/ Addl. P.Ps(Vigilance) under G.A. (Vigilance) Department on deputation.