

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The government departments that are concerned with general administration, revenue administration and law order and justice in the district have already been dealt with in chapters X, XI and XII respectively. The organizational set-up of other principal offices in the district is discussed in the following paragraphs.

Agriculture Department

The district is under the supervision of the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Gorakhpur region with headquarters at Gorakhpur.

In the district, the project officer assisted by a District Agriculture Officer and five additional district agriculture officers, is in the immediate charge of agricultural programmes including formulation and implementation of Five-year plan schemes. The district agriculture officer looks after the execution of all agricultural activities in the district such as plant protection, oil-seed extension work, jute development work and the like. Under him are 31 assistant development officers (agriculture) and 31 assistant development officers (compost) for execution of schemes, supervision of seed stores, distribution of fertilizers and recovery of agricultural dues. There are 92 seed stores in the district each under the care of an assistant agriculture inspector. For the collection of agricultural dues the services of one tahsildar, two naib tahsildar and several amins have been placed at the disposal of this department. There is a jute development inspector provided for looking after the development of jute in the district.

The plant protection officer with headquarters at Gorakhpur supervises operations aiming at control of pests and plant diseases through a network of 30 units spread over the 31 development blocks. He also provides the necessary equipment and technical know-how to farmers and horticulturists. The plant protection officer is assisted by three plant protection inspectors and two assistant plant protection inspectors.

Horticulture

The horticulture development scheme is controlled by the superintendent, government gardens, Gorakhpur, who is assisted by a senior horticulture inspectors, a district horticulture inspector, an assistant horticulture inspector and two gardeners. They supervise the layout of orchards and the planting of fruit trees and offer technical guidance to horticulturists and vegetable growers. A senior horticulture inspector is posted here to supervise the banana package scheme.

Soil Conservation

A soil conservation scheme is running in the district under the charge of a district level officer. He is assisted by five soil conservation inspectors, 25 assistant soil conservation inspectors, two overseers, and a technical assistant. The office of deputy director of soil conservation also exists at Gorakhpur.

Animal Husbandry Department

The district falls within the jurisdiction of the deputy director of animal husbandry, Gorakhpur region with headquarters at Gorakhpur. The district live-stock officer is in charge of schemes for the development of live-stock and fisheries. Also, he has to ensure implementation of plan schemes and provision of credit facilities to animal and poultry breeders. The district live-stock officer is assisted by a veterinary officer for artificial insemination work and 31 veterinary assistant surgeon for control and cure of animal diseases.

Co-operative Department

The department deals with the organisation, registration supervision and working of the various types of co-operative societies formed in the district and their liquidation, besides attending to administrative and statutory functions.

The deputy director, co-operative societies, Gorakhpur is the regional head of the department. At the district level an assistant registrar supervises all activities pertaining to co-operative undertakings, besides exercising control over the staff and institutions in district. He is assisted by an additional assistant registrar, four co-operative inspectors, four assistant co-operative inspectors and a senior accounts inspector. There are 31 assistant development officers (co-operatives), one in each development block, to look after the work of co-operative societies.

There are 43 co-operative supervisors (loan), 38 co-operative supervisors (seed) and five co-operative supervisors (marketing).

Forest Department

Gorakhpur is the headquarters of a forest division which forms part of the eastern circle under a conservator with headquarters at Gorakhpur. The division is in the charge of a deputy conservator of forests with headquarters at Gorakhpur. He exercises control over nine ranges. He is assisted by an assistant conservator of forests and three subdivisional

officers who have their headquarters at Lachhmipur, Anandnagar and Nichloul. There are 13 forest rangers and nine deputy forest rangers, posted in nine ranges. These ranges are further subdivided into 52 beats, under 32 foresters and 62 forest guards.

Among the main objects of this department are plantations to meet requirements of the local population for timber, firewood and grass, conservation and improvement of the erstwhile Zamindari forests, afforestation of the waste lands and planned exploitation of forest wealth. Preservation of wild life has also assumed significant importance now.

Industries Department

Gorakhpur is the zonal headquarters of the department and is under the charge of a deputy director whose jurisdiction extends to the districts of Gorakhpur, Basti, Deoria and Azamgarh. At the district level the district industries officer looks after the development of both small-scale and large-scale industries. His duties include rendering all possible assistance for the setting up of new industries and the expansion of existing ones. There is also an area development officer (industries) who promotes industrial activities in the urban area of the district. Three inspectors are posted in the district to impart guidance to entrepreneurs. A superintendent looks after the utilization and recovery of loans advanced for the industrial development in the district.

The district has an industrial estate under the charge of a manager.

Public Works Department

The district falls within two administrative circles viz. VI and XXXX of the State public works department and each under the charge of a superintending engineer with headquarters at Gorakhpur. The district forms part of the Gorakhpur provincial division (under circle VI) which has jurisdiction over the district of Deoria, Basti, Azamgarh, Ballia and Ghazipur as well. Circle XXXX includes two divisions - construction and building construction and has under it the districts of Gorakhpur, Deoria, Gonda and Basti.

Besides, the district has a temporary road survey division and a temporary electrical division, each under the charge of an Executive Engineer. The department is responsible for construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, etc. and buildings of the State Government.

Irrigation Department

The department at the district level and its activities cover tube-wells, canals and minor irrigation which are described below:

Tube-wells

The tube-wells division of the department falls under the irrigation works circle, Gorakhpur, headed by a Superintending Engineer, with headquarters at Gorakhpur, At the district level the division is under the charge of an Executive Engineer stationed at Gorakhpur, exercising control simultaneously over the districts of Basti, Deoria and Azamgarh. The Executive Engineer is assisted by four Assistant Engineers and 19 Junior Engineers. The division constructs and maintains the State tube-wells.

Canals

The district falls in circles I and II of the Gandak canal, each under a superintendent Engineer stationed at Gorakhpur. The circle I comprises the Naraini branch construction division under an Executive Engineer, five Assistant Engineers and eight Junior Engineers, Madhubani construction division under an Executive Engineer, 22 Assistant Engineers and five Junior Engineers, Gandak canal division I under an Executive Engineer, five Assistant Engineers and 23 Junior Engineers, Gandak canal construction division II under an Executive Engineer, four Assistant Engineers and 18 Junior Engineers and Gandak canal construction division III under an Executive Engineer, four Assistant Engineers and 18 Junior Engineers. The circle II of the Gandak canal consist of the Khajuria branch construction division under an Executive Engineer, five Assistant Engineers and 19 Junior Engineers, Chief branch construction division under an Executive Engineer, five Assistant Engineers and 21 Junior Engineers, Gandak canal construction division VI under an Executive Engineer, five Assistant Engineers and 18 Junior Engineers, and the Gandak canal construction division X under the charge of an Executive Engineer, five Assistant Engineers and 17 Junior Engineers.

Minor Irrigation

For the supervision of Minor Irrigation works there is an Executive Engineer, at Gorakhpur. He is assisted by four assistant Engineers, a senior Junior Engineer and two Junior Engineers.
