

B.A. ESPA
IV SEMESTER
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

UNIT- IV

Sub-Division level:
Sub- Divisional Magistrate- Functions

Introduction

Deputy Commissioner is head of the district administration. There are various officials at the district, division and the taluk levels to assist the Deputy Commissioner. They include the **Assistant Commissioner's (Sub-Divisional Magistrate), Tahsildars**, Shirstedars, Revenue Inspectors, **Village Accountants** and **Panchayat Development Officer**.

ASSISTANT COMMISSINER

The Assistant Commissioners actually working in the Revenue Department man the following categories of posts:

1. Sub-Divisional Assistant Commissioners.
2. Special Land acquisition Officers.
3. Special Assistant Commissioners for Land Reforms.
 - a. The sub-Divisional Officers(S.D.O) are placed in charge of specific taluks in a district and they supervise both revenue and Development Departments. They are also Sub-Divisional Magistrates
 - b. In regard to revenue matters the Tahsildars are subject to the control and supervision of the sub-divisional officers.
 - c. The Assistant Commissioners in charge of the sub-divisions have been vested with powers of the D.C. under many of the Sections of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964 and also other state laws.
 - d. The AC is the first appellate authority in respect of revenue matters handled by his sub-ordinates and he is also the lowest level at which powers of revision under section 56 of Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964 are vested.
 - e. The SDO normally handles the land acquisition work relating to his sub-division and is also the chairman of the Tribunals constituted under Karnataka Land Reforms Act, 1961 for the Taluks in his sub-division. Special Land Acquisition Officers are to be handled by the SDO along with his normal work.
 - f. The SDO is also the returning officer for one or more of the Assembly constituencies in his sub-division.

Example:

Mysuru district is made up of 2 such sub-divisions namely Mysuru and Hunsuru. The 8 taluks in Mysuru come under these sub-divisions in the following way:

Mysore Sub-Division; Taluks: Mysore, Nanjangud and T. Narasipura

Hunsur Sub- Division; Taluks: Hunsur, Piriypattana and H.D.Kote
