CHAPTER III
DESIGN OF THE STUDY

Overview

In this chapter an attempt has been made to explain the statement of the problem, objectives of the study and methodology of the study.

Statement of the Problem

The District is an important unit of administration and occupies the most important and a unique position in the administration of a State. During the British period the District was an important unit of administration. Each District was divided into Revenue Divisions, Taluks, Firkas and Villages for the convenience of administration. District was put under the control of the District Collector, Revenue Division was put under the control of Revenue Divisional Officer, Taluk was put under the control of Tahsildar, Firka was put under the control of Revenue Inspector and Village was put under the control of Village Munisif for the efficient functioning of the District Administration. Corresponding to the District Administration, District Police Administration was created in each District. Each Police District was divided into Police Division, Sub Divisions, Circles and Police Stations. The Police Division was headed by the District Superintendent of Police, the Sub Division was headed by Assistant Superintendent of Police/Deputy Superintendent of Police, the Circle was headed by the Circle Inspector. Police Station was headed by a Sub Inspector and assisted by Head Constables and Constables. At Village level Village Munisif was assisted by Thalayaries. Thus corresponding to the District administration, District Police Administration was created in each District during the British period. The main function of the District Administration was to collect
revenue during the British period. In order to assist the District Administration in the collection of revenue, the District Police Administration was created. Therefore the District Collector was made responsible for the District Police Administration and the District Superintendent of Police at the District level was made to work under the general direction and control of the District Collector. District Collector as in charge of the District Police Administration enjoyed certain Police powers. The same position continues even today. At present the District Superintendent of Police wants to be in charge of the District Police Administration. He is not interested to work under the general direction and control of the District Collector. It is necessary to analyze whether the present system of the District Collector as in charge of District Police Administration should continue or the District Superintendent of Police should be made in charge of District Police Administration. Since the present study is about District Police Administration with reference to Theni District, it is necessary to understand the system of policing at the State level, the setting of the District chosen for the study, the present system of organization of the Police Department in the chosen District, an analysis of the controversies that exist in District and District Police Administration, the present system of recruitment, training and conditions of service of the Police personnel and the need for improvement and the present state of Police Public relations and the need for strengthening good Police public relations in order to enable the Police personnel at the District level to carry out their functions efficiently. So far, no attempt has been made to analyze the District Police administration with reference to Theni District having in mind the above mentioned problems. A detailed study on District Police Administration could help to sort out the various problems that stand in the way of effective functioning of the District Police and to suggest suitable reforms for the effective functioning of the District Police.
Administration. Therefore, the scholar thought it proper to take up this research study.

**Objectives of the Study**

Having in mind the problems of District Police Administration, it has been proposed to have the following objectives in this study. They are:

1. To explain the background of the study;
2. To examine the review of literature;
3. To explain the design of the study;
4. To examine the profile of Theni District;
5. To describe the organization of District Police Administration in Theni District;
6. To examine the present system of District Administration and District Police Administration and to suggest suitable reforms in the District Police Administration;
7. To analyze whether the present system of recruitment, training and conditions of service is adequate or any improvements are required for the effective functioning of District Police Administration; and
8. To analyze the Police public relations and to suggest suitable methods to improve Police public relations so that the Police can discharge their functions efficiently.

**Scope of the Study**

As it has been already mentioned the main focus of the study is the District Police Administration with reference to Theni District. Therefore, the scope of the study is limited to the District Police Administration with reference to Theni District.

**Method of Research**

Case study method has been made use of in this study, as the study is limited to the detailed discussions on Theni District Police Administration.
Sources of Data

The data for this study have been collected both from primary and secondary sources. The secondary sources of data have been collected from Books, Journals, Police Commission Reports, Police Acts, Manuals and Monographs. The primary sources of data have been collected from Police Files, Manuscripts, and Discussion held with the Police Officers from Theni District.

Study Design

The primary purpose of the study is not the testing of any hypothesis. Being an exploratory-cum-descriptive study, its basic thrust will be to gain familiarity and insight into the reorganization of the District Police Administration with reference to Theni District.

Data Analysis

The purpose of analysis is to summarize the complete observation and to search for the broader meaning of the collected data by linking them to other available knowledge. In this study descriptive and analytical methods have been made use of to analyze the data. Simple statistical tools, charts and diagrams have been made use of in the analysis of data.

Presentation of the Report

After processing and analyzing the raw data the report writing work was undertaken. Sufficient care was taken to present the report as per the requirements of the study designed earlier.

Significance of the Study

A large number of books, articles and reports have been written on Police Administration. The various written sources available on Police Administration have discussed the District Police administration. The various sources referred in this study have been given in the Bibliography. But these sources have not discussed in detail the District Police Administration in which District Magistracy
system is combined. A detailed discussion on the District Police Administration in Theni District could highlight a detailed analysis of District Magistracy system. This study will provide necessary guidelines for policy makers and administrators to evolve a suitable administrative organization for the District Police Administration. In this respect, this work is a pioneering effort on the studies on District Police Administration.