

## CHAPTER-VII: NON-TAX RECEIPTS

### 7.1 Results of audit

We conducted a test check of records of 16 offices of the Deputy Conservator of Forest and 21 offices of the Deputy Director/Senior Geologist (Mines) during the year 2010-11. This revealed underassessments and non-realisation of revenue amounting to ` 165.45 crore in 125 cases. The observations broadly fall under the following categories.

(` in crore)			
Sl. No.	Category	Number of cases	Amount
	<b>Forestry and Wildlife</b>		
1.	Non/short recovery of lease rent	08	11.70
2.	Loss of revenue due to non-extraction of dead and fallen trees	03	2.73
3.	Non/short levy of seignorage rates	06	0.23
4.	Non/short levy of forest development tax	08	0.15
5.	Other irregularities	20	2.19
	<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>17.00</b>
	<b>Mineral Receipts</b>		
1.	Non/short collection of Environment Protection Fee	24	96.02
2.	Non/short levy of interest/penalty	22	36.41
3.	Non/short levy of royalty/dead rent, penalty, interest	16	3.68
4.	Other irregularities	18	12.34
	<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>148.45</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>165.45</b>

During the course of the year 2010-11, the Departments accepted audit observations involving ` 95.96 crore in 61 cases pointed out during the year and of that, recovered ` 3.75 crore. The Departments also recovered ` 3.22 crore in 28 cases pointed out in earlier years.

One case of non-demand of water rates involving ` 5.71 crore is mentioned in the succeeding paragraph.

## IRRIGATION RECEIPTS

### 7.2 Non-raising of demands for water rate and penal water charges

#### Seven Tahsildar offices

Under the Karnataka Irrigation (Levy of Water Rate) Rules, 1965, the Irrigation Officer prepares a demand statement of water rate and penal water charges payable by each landholder and sends it to the tahsildar concerned for raising demand and effecting recovery. On receipt of the demand statement from the Irrigation Department, these demands are to be booked in the demand, collection and balance (DCB) register and a copy of the demand statement sent to the concerned village accountants to enable them to serve demand notices on individual parties and recover the amount.

We noticed between August 2008 and December 2010 during cross verification of the demand statements received from Irrigation Department with DCB register of seven tahsildars in five districts that Revenue Department had not initiated action to book and raise demand for water rate and penal water charges of ` 5.71 crore for the period 2006-07 to 2009-10. Details are given below:

(` in lakh)

Sl. No.	Taluk (District)	Year to which demand relates	Amount of - water rate not booked	Amount of penal water charges not booked	Total amount of non-booking of demand for water charges
1	Mandya (Mandya)	2007-08	9.88	57.15	67.03
		2008-09	126.47	47.13	173.60
		2009-10	121.42	7.39	128.81
2	Kanakapura (Ramanagara)	2007-08	1.81	-	1.81
		2009-10	2.68	-	2.68
3	Holenarasipura (Hassan)	2006-07	7.82	-	7.82
		2007-08	10.86	-	10.86
		2008-09	12.90	-	12.90
		2009-10	15.47	-	15.47
4	Channarayapatna (Hassan)	2007-08	6.01	13.48	19.49
		2008-09	14.23	21.34	35.57
		2009-10	10.67	9.12	19.79
5	Hiriyur (Davanagere)	2008-09	8.62	-	8.62
6	Honnali (Davanagere)	2007-08	22.83	-	22.83
7	Yelandur (Chamarajanagara)	2007-08	-	14.58	14.58
		2008-09	-	29.46	29.46
<b>Total</b>			<b>371.67</b>	<b>199.65</b>	<b>571.32</b>

After we reported the cases to the Government (Revenue Department) in June 2011, Government reported (June/August 2011) that demand of ` 39.52 lakh for water rates and ` 43.94 lakh for penal water charges had been booked and raised in respect of Hiriyur and Channarayapatna taluks. Of this, water rates of ` 14.73 lakh was recovered in Channarayapatna taluk.



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