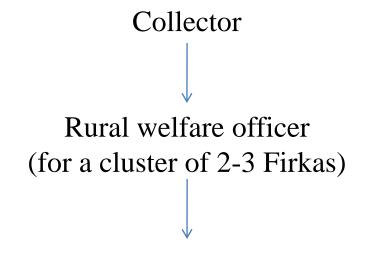
Firka Development Scheme

Firka Development Scheme – 1946 Shri. V. T. Krishnamachari

- Sponsored by the provincial government with the aim of
 - attainment of Gandhian ideal of gram swaraj by brining about not only educational, economic, sanitary and other improvements in the village, but also making the people self confident.

- Selection of Firkas based on general backwardness of the area and where there is possibility of initiating cottage industries.
- Consisted of two types of plans
 - Short term plans (development of infrastructure, communications etc) and
 - Long term plans (knowledge inputs, attainment of Gandhian ideal etc).

The organization structure



Gram Sevak (Revenue Inspector) a team of 5-10 for each Firka.

For each Firka or a cluster of Firkas a team of professionals

- > Agricultural field man,
- > Administrative officer,
- > Mistries,
- > Supervisors,
- > Irrigation overseers

The priority areas of work for each Firka included

- Rural reconstruction
- Drinking water facility
- Sanitation
- Agriculture
- Kadhi and other village industries.

Limitations

- Restricted scope and lack of coordination
- Lack of direction, support and encouragement from central authority

Conclusion

- Development can not be visualized in isolation
- In Indian context development invariably and inevitably includes agriculture