

**Section 1.3 – Introduction to the organisation**

**Inception**

Karnataka State Police Housing Corporation Limited (KSPHC), a company of the Government of Karnataka, was established under the Companies Act, 1956 with registration No. 6967 of 1985-86 (No 1 of 1956) on 17<sup>th</sup> June 1985. KSPHC is committed to innovatively building for its clients to enhance the work efficiency and living environment and thereby improve Police-Community Relations.

**Objectives**

The main objectives to be pursued by the KSPHC as per its Memorandum of Association (Annexure-1) are: -

- 1) To undertake construction of buildings for housing the employees of the Government of Karnataka in the Police, Prisons, Home Guards and Fire Force Department.
- 2) To undertake construction of buildings for the offices of the departments of Police, Prisons, Home Guards such as the administrative offices, Police Stations, Jails, Fire Stations, Training Institutions, District Scientific Laboratories, Forensic Science Laboratories, Dormitories, etc.,
- 3) To construct Schools, Hospitals, Health Centre, Shops, Clubs, Auditoriums, Maternity Homes, Kalyana Mantaps etc., that will be built out of the Police Benevolent Fund and also to undertake construction of any type of buildings entrusted to it by the Government from time to time.

**History**

A crucial agency of law enforcement like the police should be able to mobilize its manpower and resources at short notice in order to handle crisis situation in a better manner. The morale of the force should also be at its peak to enable the policemen to concentrate on their arduous day-to-day duties.

By ensuring that the police personnel are provided with basic requisite like housing, a recurring problem of finding suitable accommodation is minimized. This is not only a welfare measure which ensures high morale but it also helps the State and the police leadership to quickly mobilise the manpower in emergencies and times of need.

Police housing has been a priority subject very positively considered by various Police Commissions since long. The first Police Commission (1860-62) had stated that “Quarters should be provided for the Police at the cost of the State”. The second Police Commission (1902-03) recommended “Provision of suitable quarters to every Police Officers below the rank of Sub-inspector”. The third Police Commission (1977-80) expressed dissatisfaction over the non-provision of 100% accommodation to the non-gazetted Police personnel, inspite of the well accepted general principle having been enunciated over 100 years ago. The Government of Karnataka established KSPHC on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 1985 to address the urgent need attached to Police housing and thus comply with the recommendation of the National Police Commissions.

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From its inception to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2001, the Corporation has constructed 5701 residential and 40 non-residential buildings costing Rs.125.26 Crores for the Police Department. Then onwards there was a spurt in the activities of the Corporation and from April 2001 to March 2004, 6747 quarters have been constructed and handed over to the user departments along with 270 non – residential buildings. At present, construction of 5983 quarters and 337 Non Residential Buildings are on hand.

**Commitment to transparency**

Since public money is involved in the construction of these Police buildings and the Government of Karnataka is committed to Transparency in Public Works and has endowed the Right to Information to its citizens, KSPHC makes available in its portal all relevant information pertaining to its activities for the information of the Public.

By creating its own portal and providing information through Internet-based access to the public, KSPHC hopes to serve the public cause better.

Citizen's Charter focusing the organisations commitment towards its stake holders/ public in respect of standard of services, providing information, non-discrimination and accessibility, grievances redressal, courtesy and value for money, and also expectations of the organisation from stake holders/public for fulfilling the commitment of the organisation is under preparation.

**The accomplishments (extract from 19<sup>th</sup> Annual report 2003-04)**

Sl. No.	Year	No. of buildings handed over during the year upto 31 <sup>st</sup> of March.			No. of buildings under construction as on 31 <sup>st</sup> of March.		
		Residential	Non-Residential	Total	Residential	Non-Residential	Total
1	Upto 1994-95	2979	24	3003	-	-	-
2	1995-96	789	3	792	1678	6	1684
3	1996-97	742	-	742	2270	13	2283
4	1997-98	352	2	354	1410	6	1416
5	1998-99	640	7	647	1133	6	1139
6	1999-00	64	1	65	1053	5	1058
7	2000-01	339	3	342	851	3	854
8	2001-02	1274	1	1275	4937	3	4940
9	2002-03	2739	5	2744	3283	423	3706
10	2003-04	2765	261	3026	1036	296	1332