

PARTICULARS OF ORGANISATIONS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

Historical Background of Revenue Administration

The Union territory of Puducherry is the amalgamation of the erstwhile French territories in India viz. Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe, Yanam.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century, after the French took over the establishment from the British (1816), they brought forward some legislation to regulate the system of farming and to improve the status of cultivation. An *Ordonnance Royale* issued on 25th October 1826 legislated that lands were perpetually farmed out to Europeans or their descendants. The farmer with the help of the “*ecrivain*” (Village Administrative Officer) had to draw up every year a contract called ‘*patta*’ stating the extent of lands cultivated by the ryot and taxes due on such land. The *pattas* were then registered in the *Bureau du Domaine*.

The ordinance of 25th October 1826 was repealed by the ordinance of 7 June 1828 to regulate the ownership of lands and collection of land tax. This is the basic and primordial law to which one has to refer even now for matters relating to the origin of land ownership. The ordinance put forth a fourfold classification of the lands and provided for the payment of tax directly to the ‘*domaine*’ but did not envisage any major deviation from the old principle that gave the king the exclusive right over the land. Hence, the *Commission d’Agriculture et de commerce* constituted in the year 1848 recommended a remission of tax and conferment of ownership rights to cultivators. An *arête* was issued on 19th February 1853 to give a general remission of tax.

Land tax was collected on the basis of a *payemache*, an old survey, originally drawn up in 1806, and then modified in 1830 for Bahour and Villianur and then again between 1818 and 1860 for Puducherry and Ozhukarai.

The *Arrete* of 6th November 1889 laid down the conditions for establishment of a *Bureau du cadastre* in the offices of *Services des contributions* to deal with administrative aspects of survey work. The land records prepared during the French regime were *plan parcellaire*, *tableau synoptique*, *matrice cadastrale*, etc.

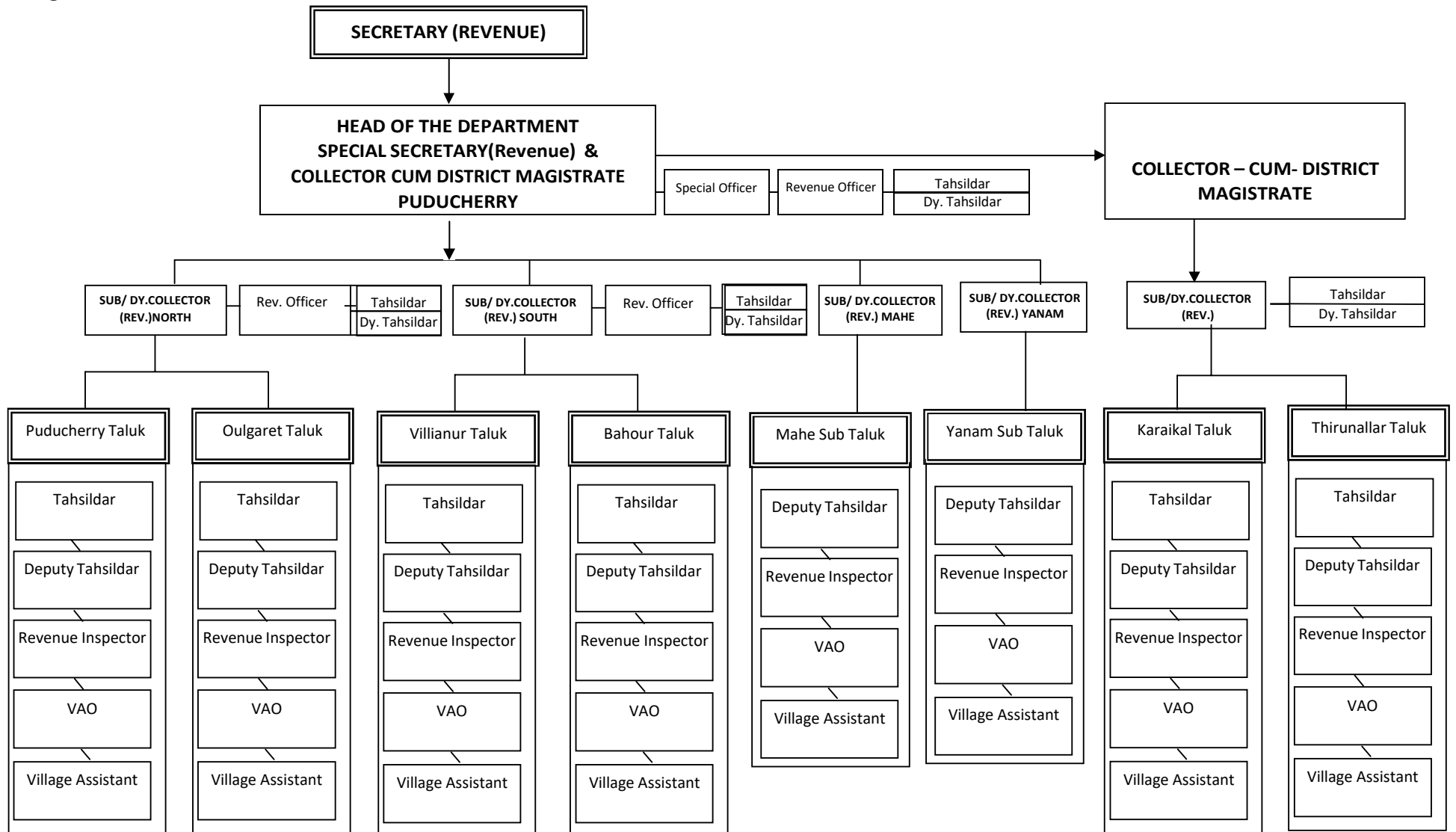
At the time of de-facto merger of Puducherry with the Indian union in 1954, the land revenue administration as adopted by the French regime was followed. The *Services des contributions* (contributions department) was responsible for assessment and collection of taxes and control over the treasury till 1968. The land records prepared during the French regime were in vogue till resurvey and settlement operations in the territory which were taken up and completed by 30 June, 1973 in Puducherry and Mahe regions and by 30 June 1974 in Karaikal and Yanam regions.

The Union territory of Puducherry was declared as a Revenue District with the Secretary (Revenue) as the Collector with effect from 9, April 1967. Upon reorganisation on 1st, May 1968, the four regions of the Union territory were constituted as Revenue Sub-Divisions. The revenue district administration was reorganized on the Tamil Nadu pattern, but is unique in nature as it is a blend of French and British administrative set up. The Revenue Administration was again re-organized in 2003 by which Puducherry Sub-Division was bifurcated as North and South Sub-Divisions. The Pondicherry North Sub-Division comprises Pondicherry and Oulgaret Taluks and the Pondicherry South Sub-Division comprises Villianur and Bahour Taluks. The post of Deputy Collector (Revenue), Puducherry was redesignated as Deputy Collector (Revenue)-cum- Sub-Divisional Magistrate (North) and the erstwhile post of Deputy Collector (Land Acquisition), Puducherry was redesignated as Deputy Collector (Revenue) – cum – Sub-Divisional Magistrate (South)-Villianur. Consequent to the above the Sub-Taluks had been upgraded to Taluks as follows: (i) Villianur Sub-Taluk was upgraded into Villianur Taluk comprising Villianur, Thondamanatham, Mannadipet and Kodathur Firkas. (ii) Bahour Sub-Taluk stand upgraded into Bahour Taluk comprising Bahour, Nettarekkam and Seliamedu Firkas. Further, Puducherry and Karaikal Taluks were bifurcated vide G.O.Ms. No. 28, dt. 27.06.2003 by the Revenue Department.

In 2005, Karaikal was formed as a separate District under a Collector and resultantly Mahe and Yanam Sub-Divisions came under the jurisdiction of Puducherry District Collector vide G.O. Ms. No. 37. Dated 26.05.2005 of the Confidential and Cabinet Department, Puducherry.

The Revenue Department was renamed as “Department of Revenue and Disaster Management” on 17.06.2005 by G.O.Ms. No.41 in order to give an impetus to the inevitable role of the Department in calamity management.

Organisation Chart



Sub-Divisions**PUDUCHERRY – NORTH – SUB-DIVISION:-**

Taluk	Firka	Name & Number of the Revenue Village
Puducherry	Puducherry	Puducherry – 40
	Mudaliarpet	Pudupalayam-37 Olandai-41 Thengaithittu -42 Murungapakkam-44 Kompakkam-45
	Ariankuppam	Ariankuppam-43 T.N.Palayam-67 Abishegapakkam-68 Thavalakuppam-69 Manavelly-70 Poornankuppam-71
Oulgaret	Oulgaret	Alankuppam-19 Kalapet-20 Pillaichavady-21 Thattanchavady-34 Oulgaret-35 Reddiarpalayam-36 Saram-38 Karuvadikuppam-39

PUDUCHERRY – SOUTH- SUB-DIVISION:-

Taluk	Firka	Name & Number of the Revenue Village
Villianur	Villianur	Villianur-32 Kurumbapet-33 O dianpet-46 Thirkanji-47 Uruvaiyar-48 Mangalam-49 Sathamangalam-50 Keezhur-51 Ariyur-52 Manakuppam-53 Perungalur-66
	Thondamanatham	Sedarapet-22 Karasur-23 Thuthipet-24 Thondamanatham-25 Pillayarkuppam-26 Ramanathapuram-28 Ousudu-29 Koodapakkam-30 Olavaikal-31
	Mannadipet	Manalipet-01 Chettipet-02 Kunichempet-03 Mannadipet-04 Vadhanur-05 Kalitheerthalkuppam-06 Madagadipet-07 Thirubuvanai-08 Sanyasikuppam-09 Thiruvandarkoil-10

Taluk	Firka	Name & Number of the Revenue Village
	Kodathur	Sorapet-11 Vambupet-12 Kodathur-13 Thethampakkam-14 Suthukeny-15 Pudukuppam-16 Kattery-17 Kuppam-18 Sellipet-27
Bahour	Bahour	Panayadikuppam-59 Karaiyamputhur-60 Manamedu-61 Kaduvanur-62 Bahour-76 Irulanchandai-77 Kuruvintham-78 Parikalpattu-79
	Selliamedu	Kirumampakkam-72 Pillaiyarkuppam-73 Selliamedu-74 Aranganur-75 Uchimedu-80 Manapet-81
	Nettapakkam	Madukarai-54 Kariamanikkam-55 Eripakkam-56 Nettapakkam-57 Pandasozhanallur-58 Embalam-63 Korkadu-64 Karikallambakkam-65

KARAIKAL SUB-DIVISION:-

Taluk	Firka	Name & Number of the Revenue Village
Karaikal	Karaikal	Thalatheru-23 Kizhavelly-24 Kovilpathu-25 Dharmapuram-27 Karaikal-28
	Kottucherry	Varichikudy (South)-09 Varichikudy (North)-10 Poovam-11 Thiruvattakudy-12 Kottucherry-13 Kizhakasakudy-14
	Neravy	Vizhudiur-19 Oduthurai-29 Kizhamanai-30 Neravy-31 Akkaravattam-32
	T.R. pattinam	Kizhaiyur (North)-33 T.R. pattinam-34 Polagalam-35 Kizhaiyur (South)-36 Vanjour-37

Taluk	Firka	Name & Number of the Revenue Village
Thirunallar	Nedungadu	Nedungadu-05 Kurumbagaram-06 Ponpethy-07 Puthukudy-08 Melakasakudy-15
	Thirunallar	Ambagarathur-01 Nallezhundur-02 Sethur-03 Devamapuram-04 Sorakudi-16 Thennankudy-17 Sellur-18 Pettai-20 Thirunallar-21 Subrayapuram-22 Kizhavor-26

MAHE SUB-DIVISION

Taluk	Firka	Name & Number of the Revenue Village
Mahe	Mahe	Pandakkal -1 Chalakara - 2 Palloor -3 Kallayee - 4 Mahe - 5

YANAM SUB-DIVISION

Taluk	Firka	Name & Number of the Revenue Village
Yanam	Yanam	Yanam -2 Mettakur -1 Kanakalapeta -3 Francitippah- 4 Adivipolam - 5 Iskitippah- 6

Addresses of various offices of Department of Revenue and Disaster Management:-

PUDUCHERRY DISTRICT

SI.No	Name of the Office	Address
1	Office of the Special Secretary (Revenue) – cum – District Collector, Puducherry	Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Vazhudavur Road, Pettaiyanchathiram, Puducherry
2	O/o the Sub/Deputy Collector (Revenue) (North), Puducherry	Revenue Complex, Ground Floor No.505, Kamaraj Salai, New Saram, Puducherry – 605 013.
3	Taluk Office Puducherry	100 Feet Road, Next to RTO, Puducherry
4	Taluk Office Oulgaret.	(adj. to Jeeva Rukkumani Marriage hall) East Coast Road, Pakkumudayanpet Puducherry-8
5	O/o the Sub/Deputy Collector(Revenue) (South), Villianur	Revenue Complex, South Car Street, Villianur, Puducherry
6	Taluk Office, Villianur.	Revenue Complex, South Car Street, Villianur, Puducherry
7	Taluk Office, Bahour	No.8, Marie Street, Bahour, Puducherry

KARAIKAL DISTRICT

SI.No	Name of the Office	Address
1	O/o the District Collector, Karaikal	Collectorate Campus, Duplex Street, Karaikal
2	O/o the Sub/Deputy Collector (Revenue)	Collectorate Campus, Duplex Street, Karaikal
3	Taluk Office, Karaikal	Revenue Complex, Duplex Street, Karaikal.
4	Taluk Office, Thirunallar	Vellala Street, Thirunallar, Karaikal

MAHE REGION

SI.No	Name of the Office	Address
1	O/o the Sub/Deputy Collector (Revenue)	II-Floor, Civil Station, Mahe.
2	Sub-Taluk Office, Mahe	II-Floor, Civil Station, Mahe

YANAM REGION

SI.No	Name of the Office	Address
1	O/o the Sub/Deputy Collector (Revenue)	Regional Administrator Building, Yanam
2	Sub-Taluk Office, Yanam	Mini Civil Station, Yanam