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CENSUS OF INDIA 1981 - PROVISIONAL POPULATION TOTALS

UNION TERRITORY OF PONDICHERY

(i) Population	Persons	604,136
	Males	304,342
	Females	299,794
(ii) Decennial population growth 1971-81		
(a) Absolute		- 132,429
(b) Percentage		- 28.07
(iii) Density of population		1,228 per Sq.km.
(iv) Sex ratio		985 females per 1,000 males
(v) Literacy rate (Percentage)	Persons	54.23
	Males	64.00
	Females	44.30

PROVISIONAL POPULATION TOTALS

1981 CENSUS

RANKING OF STATES AND UNION TERRITORIES BY POPULATION SIZE

India/State/UTs	Total population	Rank
I N D I A	683,810,051	
<u>States</u>		
1. Andhra Pradesh	53,403,619	5
2. Assam	19,902,876	17
3. Bihar	69,823,190	2
4. Gujarat	33,960,905	10
5. Haryana	12,850,902	15
6. Himachal Pradesh	4,237,569	18
7. Jammu & Kashmir*	5,981,600	17
8. Karnataka	37,043,451	8
9. Kerala	25,403,217	12
10. Madhya Pradesh	52,131,717	6
11. Maharashtra	62,693,898	3
12. Manipur	1,433,691	20
13. Meghalaya	1,327,874	21
14. Nagaland	773,281	23
15. Orissa	26,272,054	11
16. Punjab	16,569,755	14
17. Rajasthan	34,102,912	9
18. Sikkim	315,682	28
19. Tamil Nadu	48,297,456	7
20. Tripura	2,060,189	19
21. Uttar Pradesh	110,858,019	1
22. West Bengal	54,485,560	4
<u>Union Territories</u>		
1. A & N Islands	188,254	29
2. Arunachal Pradesh	628,050	24
3. Chandigarh	450,061	27
4. D & N Haveli	103,677	30
5. Delhi	6,196,414	16
6. Goa, Daman & Diu	1,082,117	22
7. Lakshadweep	40,237	31
8. Mizoram	487,774	26
9. Pondicherry	604,136	25

*Projected figures.

Comparative figures of Union Territory of Pondicherry
with reference to All India figures.

Census - 1981.

Provisional Population Totals

	Population		Decennial population Growth rate (5)	Sex ratio (Females per 1000 Males) (6)	Literacy rates			
	Persons (2)	Males (3) Females (4)			Persons (7)	Males (8)	Females (9)	
i) INDIA	683,810,051	353,347,249	330,462,802	24.79%	935	36.17%	46.74%	24.88%
ii) PONDICHERRY UNION TERRITORY	604,136	304,542	299,794	28.07%	985	54.23%	64.00%	44.30%

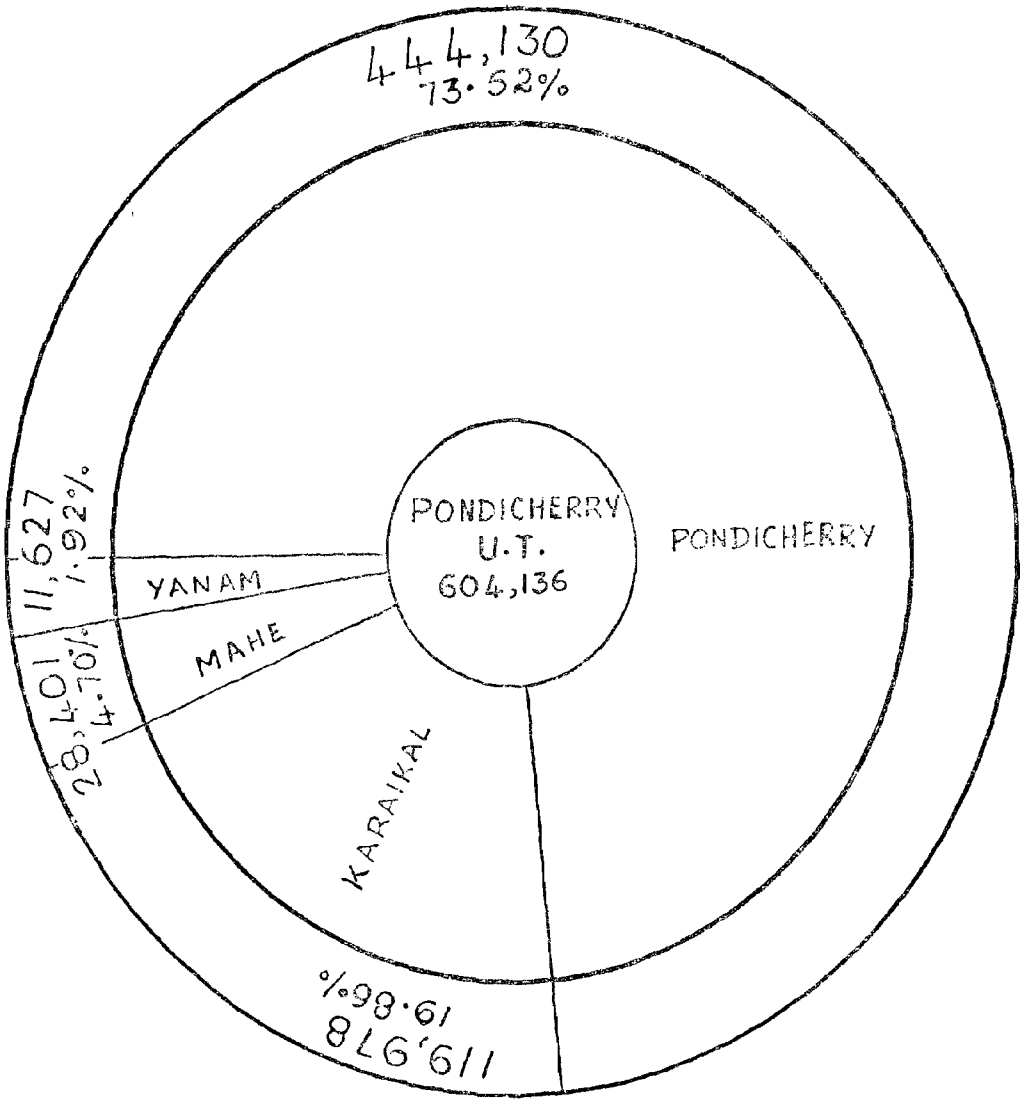
STATEMENT SHOWING COMPARATIVE
PICTURE OF THE POPULATION

(1981 Census - Provisional Figures)

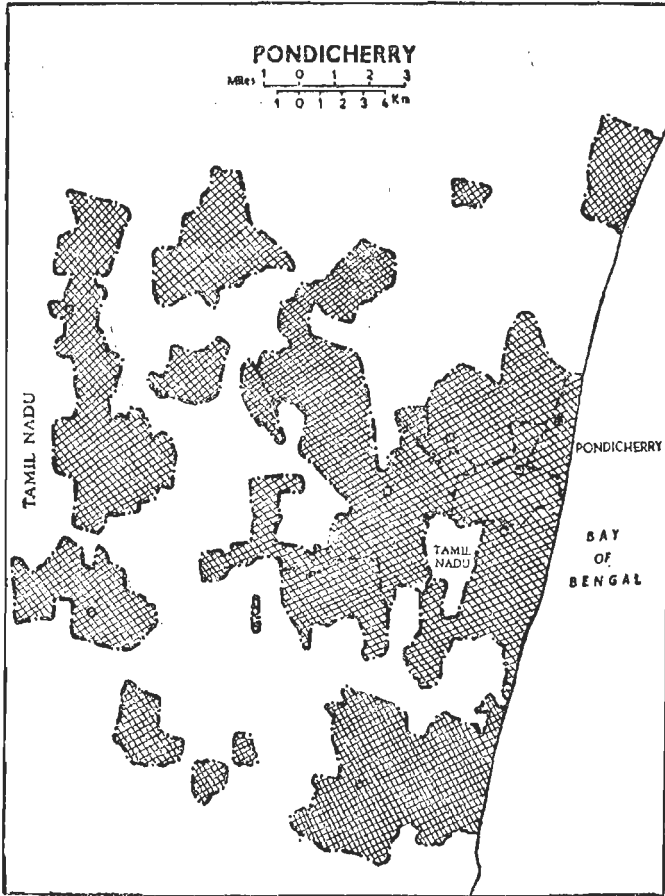
State/ District	Total Population		Decennial growth rates (percentage)		Density of population (1981 per Km ²)
	1971	1981	1961-71	1971-81	
1	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Pondicherry Union Territory	471,707	604,136	27.81	28.07	1,228
1. Pondicherry	340,240	444,130	31.59	30.53	1,516
2. Karaikal	100,042	119,978	19.10	19.93	750
3. Mahe	23,134	28,401	18.73	22.77	3,156
4. Yanam	8,291	11,627	17.90	40.24	388

**MAPS
&
CHARTS**

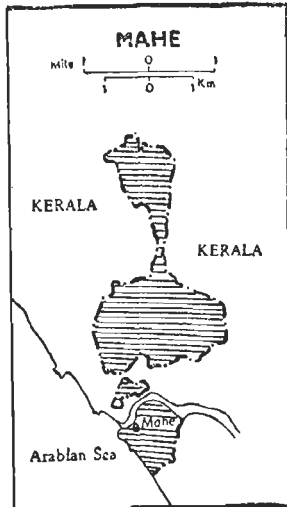
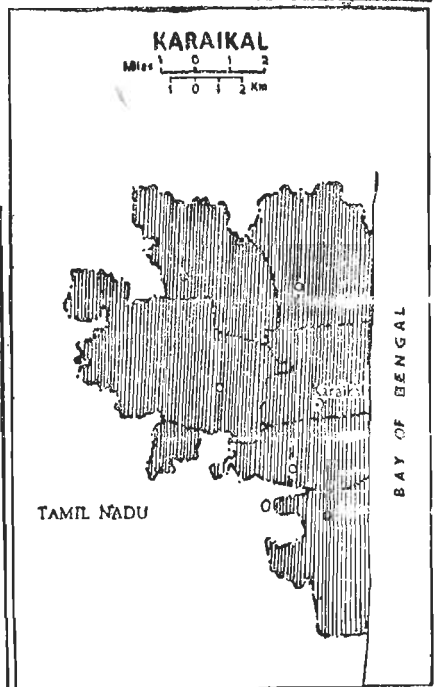
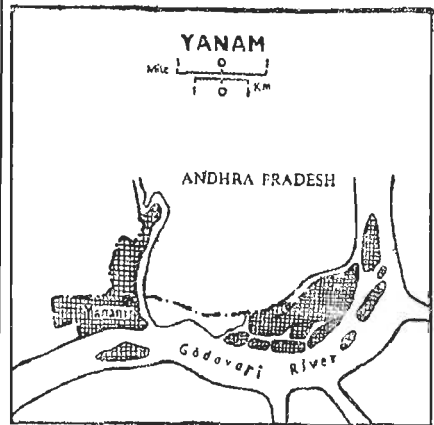
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POPULATION SIZE OF THE AREAS
PONDICHERRY U.T.
(1981 Census - Provisional)



UNION TERRITORY OF
PONDICHERRY

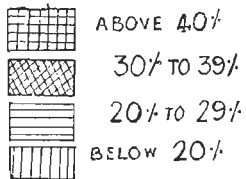


DECENNIAL POPULATION
GROWTH RATES
1971-81
(DISTRICTS)
(PROVISIONAL)



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- Commune Boundary - - - - -
- Area Head Quarters ●
- Commune Head Quarters ○

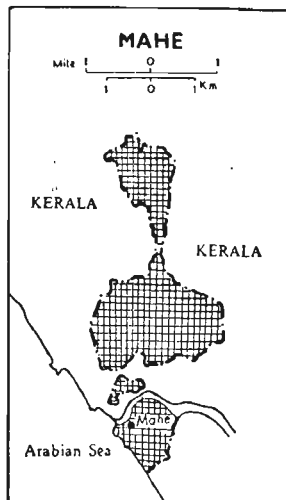
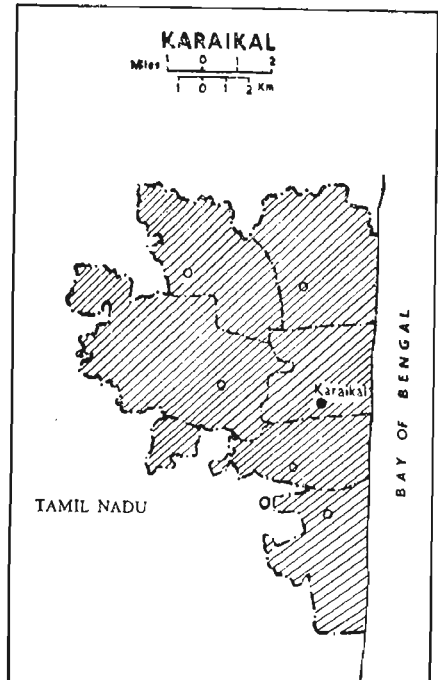
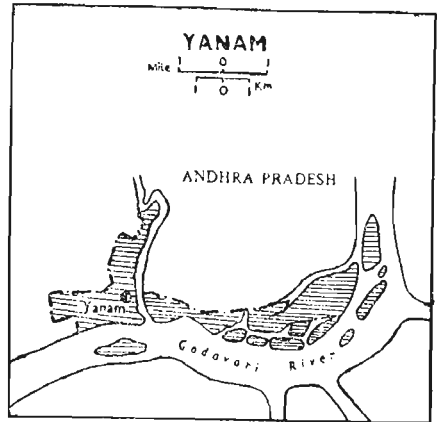
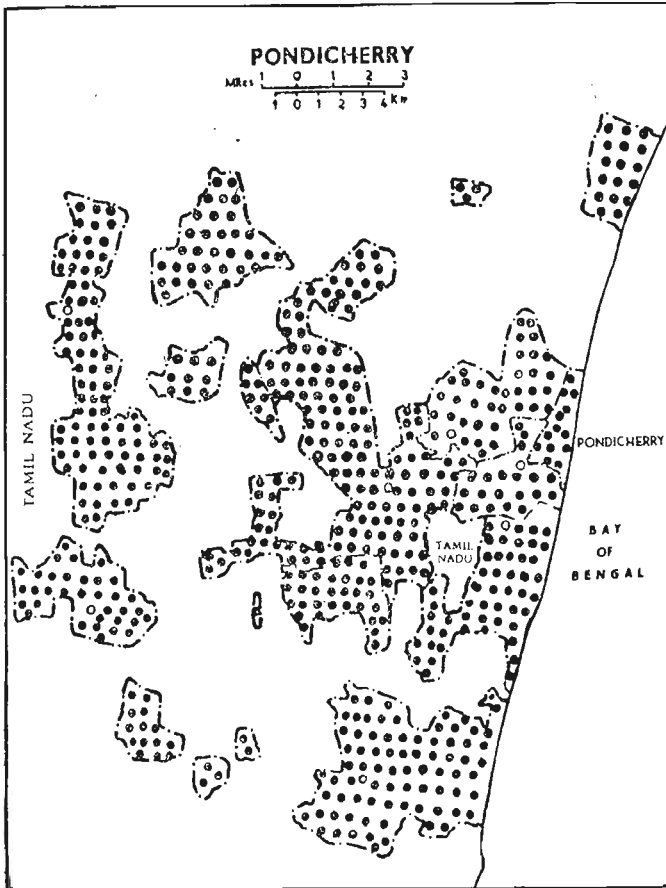
Decennial Population Growth Rates



UNION TERRITORY OF PONDICHERRY

1981

DENSITY OF POPULATION (Districts) (Provisional)



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- Commune Boundary - - - - -
- Area Head Quarters ●
- Commune Head Quarters ○

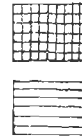
Density Of Population
(Provisional)

- ABOVE 3000
- 1000 TO 1999
(State Average
1,150)
- 500 TO 999
- BELOW 500

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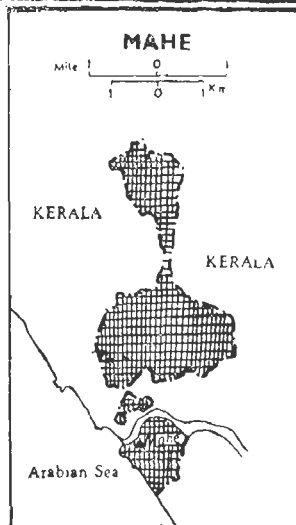
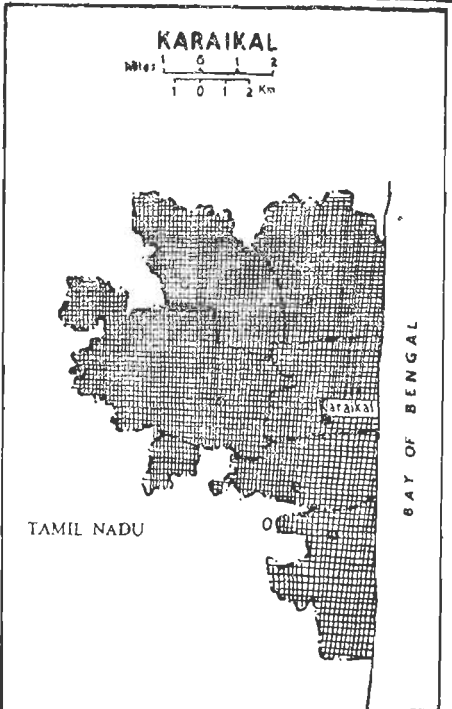
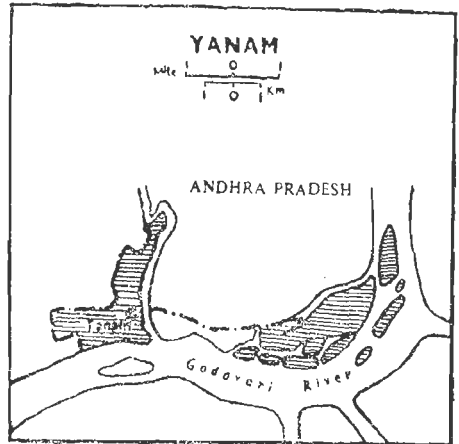
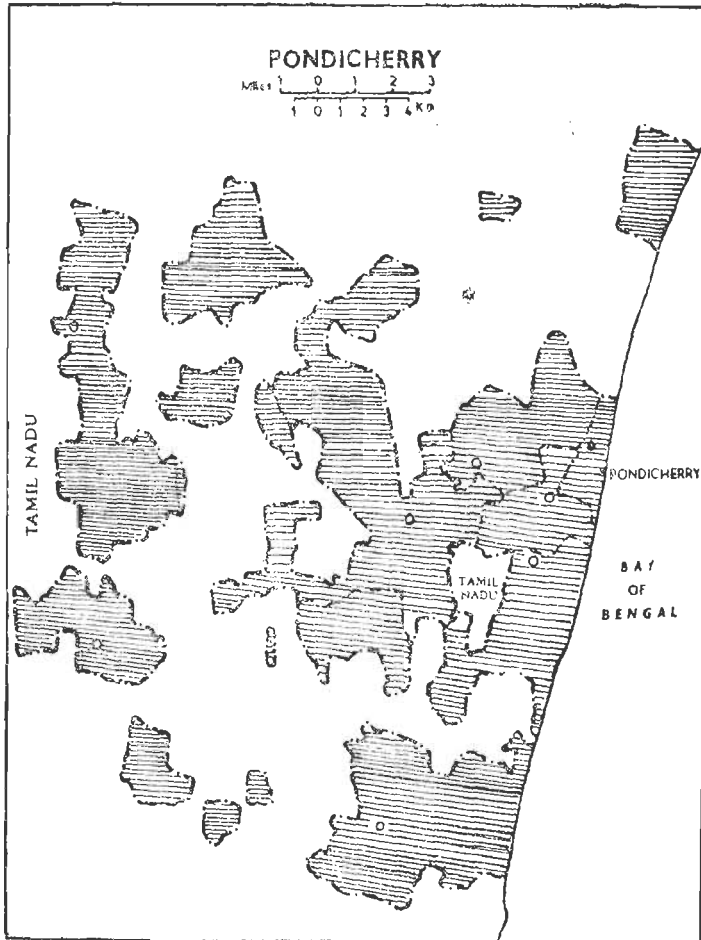
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FEMALES
PER
1000
MALES



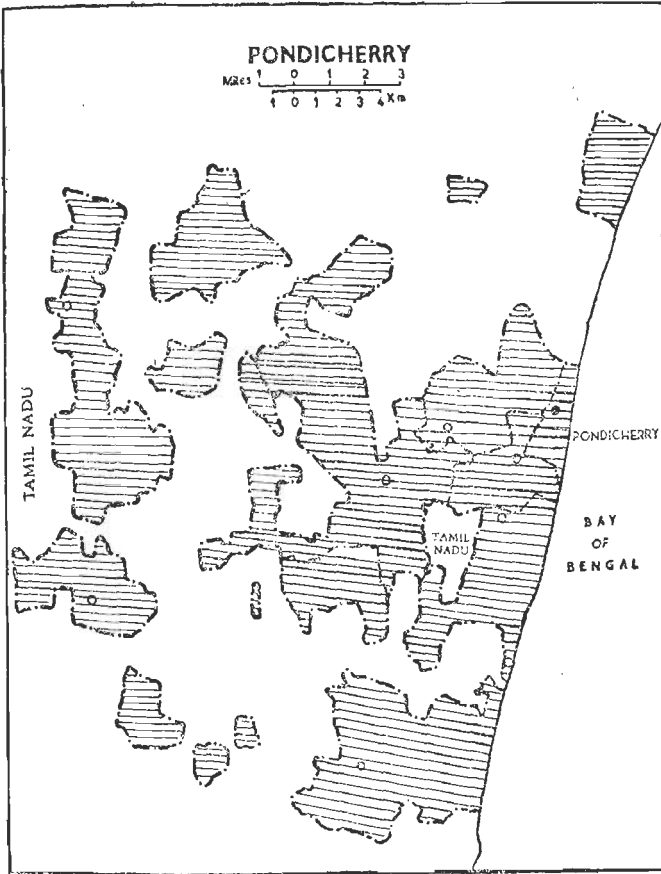
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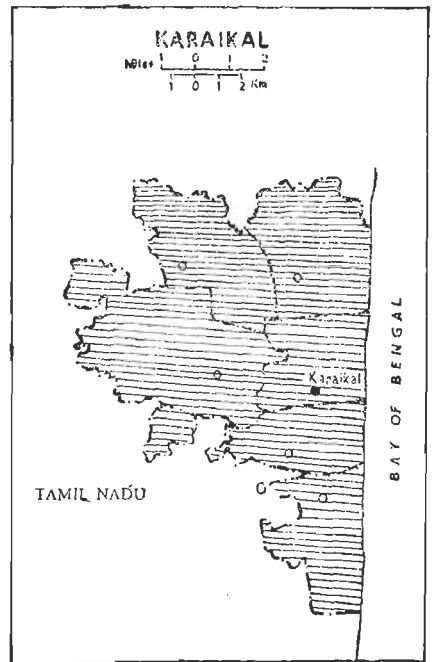
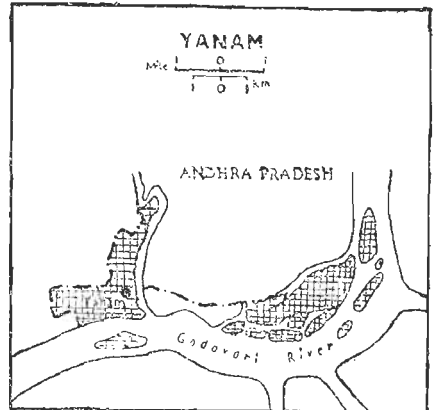


- U. T. Boundary
- Commune Boundary
- Area Head Quarters
- Commune Head Quarters

UNION TERRITORY OF PONDICHERY

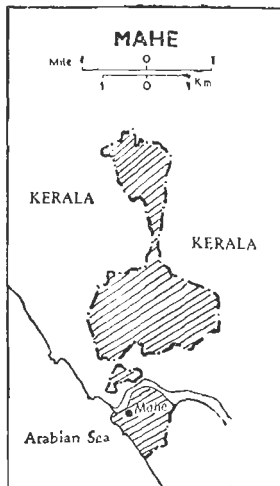
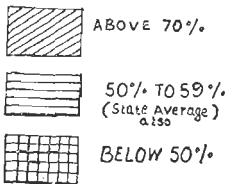


LITERACY 1981
PERCENTAGE OF LITERATES TO
TOTAL POPULATION
(Including Age Group 0-4)
(Districts) (Provisional)



- U. T. Boundary
- Commune Boundary
- Area Head Quarters
- Commune Head Quarters

Percentage of Literates To
Total Population (Provisional)



**CENSUS 1981
BACKGROUND NOTE**

CENSUS 1981

BACKGROUND NOTE

The Indian census is a vast administrative and field operation. It requires the cooperation and collaboration between citizens and army of enumeration personnel. In general, the term 'census' refers to population count conducted under the authority of Government of India with a fixed point of time as reference date. Census is conducted once in 10 years.

2. The first census was conducted in our country in 1872. The first scientifically conducted census in the Union Territory of Pondicherry after merger with Indian Union was in 1961.

3. The Union Territory of Pondicherry comprises of 4 districts viz, Pondicherry and Karaikal adjacent to Tamilnadu, Mahe near Kerala and Yanam near Andhra Pradesh.

4. There was no inter-censal office in this Union Territory. Hence, a Directorate of Census Operations was set up at Pondicherry on 28-6-1979.

5. A preliminary houselisting assessment for the conduct of population count was undertaken in July-August 1980. The population of this Union Territory according to this houselisting count was 583,661 as against 471,707 during 1971. The provisional population after the individual count works out to 604,136 and this agreed with our expectation in January 81 of about 600,000. The difference between the houselisting and actual count provisional figures is due to increase in 6 months and inclusion of houseless personnel figures. It was ensured that there was no lack of coverage in any area.

6. The field work in the Union Territory was under the charge of Municipal Commissioners, Deputy Collectors, Administrators and Revenue Officers who were appointed as District Census Officers / City Census Officers. The Revenue officials/Deputy Tahsildars were appointed to function under them as Charge Officers. The brunt of the operations fell on the shoulders of enumerators and supervisors who were largely drawn from teachers of the Directorate of Education. More than 1,000 personnel were employed in this massive operation. The officers of the Bureau of Economics and Statistics were appointed as Additional District Census Officers to supervise the canvassing/processing of enterprise lists.

7. Extensive training classes were conducted for all those connected with census job followed by field demonstration so as to enable them to acquaint with the work.

8. The actual census count was conducted during 9th—28th Feb. 1981 with sunrise of 1st March 1981 as reference time. The houseless were counted on the night of 28th Feb. 1981 with revisional round during 1st—5th March 1981.

9. Elaborate publicity measures were taken by exhibition of films, insertion of slides, display of wall-posters, release of talk/slogans over All India Radio, tom-tom etc. to make the people conscious about the conduct of the head count.

10. The 28th February 1981 was declared as a dry day in this Union Territory; late cinema shows were prohibited to enable easy count of the houseless population.

11. The schedules which were canvassed during the individual count were :

- i) Household schedule;
- ii) a) Individual slip (universal) and
b) Individual slip (sample).

While the household schedule collected particulars about each household like language spoken, predominant construction materials of the house, facilities available etc., the individual slips covered details about each person. The individual slip (sample) also is canvassed throughout the Union Territory and the word 'sample' has no significance in so far as this Union Territory is concerned. The specimens of individual slips are exhibited at pages 39 - 41 in the booklet for information

12. The entire operations were conducted in a very satisfactory manner with the unstinted co-operation of all the officers and staff engaged for this purpose. There was no occasion to resort to the penal provisions of the Census Act, 1948, thanks to the enthusiasm and sense of duty shown by the enumeration staff as well as the co-operation of the public for the success of this national task.

**ANALYSIS
OF
RESULTS**

CENSUS 1981

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

Preamble :

The Union Territory of Pondicherry which comprises of four districts viz, Pondicherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam has no change in the jurisdiction since the last census.

2. Area figures:

The area figures adopted during 1971 census were 480, 290, 161, 9 and 20 sq. kms. while during 1981 as per Central Statistical Organisation, the same are taken as 492, 293, 160, 9 and 30 sq. kms. for the Union Territory, Pondicherry area, Karaikal area, Mahe area and Yanam area respectively.

3. Position of Pondicherry Union Territory:

With India's provisional population as 683,810,051 during 1981 census, the Union Territory of Pondicherry with its population of 604,136 accounts for 0.09% of the country's figure and ranks 25th among the existing 31 states and Union Territories. It is 4th in population size among the 9 Union Territories. During 1971, the Union Territory accounted for 0.09% of India's population and ranked 24th among the then existing 29 states and Union Territories.

4. Decennial growth rate :

The population growth rate is 28.07% for the decade 1971-1981 as opposed to 27.81% during the earlier decade. While the growth rates in Pondicherry, Karaikal and Mahe closely compare with the previous decade's growth rates, the growth in Yanam area works out to 40.24% as opposed to 17.90% of the last decade and current Union Territory's average of 28.07%. This is attributed to heavy migration in that area.

5. Sex ratio :

The sex ratio has declined in all the areas with its figure put at 985 as against 989 during the last census for the Union Territory as a whole. It has registered a steep decrease from 1,024 to 974 during last census in Yanam. It may be mentioned that during last census the decline was only confined to Pondicherry area while in other areas, females outnumbered males.

6. Density of population:

A study of density of population will not prove correct in as much as the area figures adopted during the current census were different from those adopted during 1971 census. However, it may be mentioned that the concentration of population is heavy in all areas with the union territory's figure put at 1228 per sq. km during the current census as against 983 per sq. km during the last census.

7. Literacy rate :

Education of public should have precedence over other factors. The Union Territory of Pondicherry satisfies this criterion. 54.23% of population are literates as against 46.02% in 1971. The rate of male literacy has increased by 6.71% and female literacy by 9.68% as against 4.17% and 7.40% during 1971, which proves that the trend of increase in female literacy continues. Among the various districts, Karaikal has registered an increase of 9.46% in literacy rate (from 45.05% in 1971 to 54.51% in 1981) as against the Union Territory rate of 8.21%. All other areas are below the Union Territory rate.

8. Cities over 1 lakh population :

The two towns of Pondicherry and Mudaliarpet together with two rural villages of Mudaliarpet Commune in 1971 census were merged into a single Pondicherry city. The population is 162,697 as against 134,222 during 1971. The increase in Population is 21.21% as against the Union Territory growth of 28.07%.

The sex ratio works out to 991 females for every 1000 males as against the union territory figure of 985. The literacy rate is 63.60% as against the Union Territory rate of 54.23%. Being a city, this has registered higher literacy rates as compared to Union territory rate and area rate.

**PROVISIONAL
POPULATION TABLES**

TABLE - I

1981 - CENSUS
(Provisional Figures)

Distribution of Population, Sex Ratio, Growth Rate
and Density of Population by Districts.

State/District	Population 1981		Sex-Ratio (Females per 1000 Males)		Density of Population per Sq. Km.	Decennial Growth rate of Population			
	Persons	Males	Females	1971		1981	1971-71	1971-81	1971-81
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pondicherry Union Territory	604,136	304,342	299,794	989	985	983	1,228	27.81	28.07
Pondicherry	444,130	225,834	218,296	960	967	1,173	1,516	31.59	30.53
Karaikal	119,978	59,366	60,612	1,023	1,021	621	750	19.10	19.93
Mche	28,401	13,251	15,150	1,169	1,143	2,570	3,156	18.73	22.77
Yanam	11,627	5,891	5,736	1,024	974	415	398	17.90	40.24

TABLE - 2

1981 - CENSUS
(Provisional Figures)

Decadal Variation in Population Since 1901

State/District	Percentage Decadal Variation in Population								
	1901- 1911	1911- 1921	1921- 1931	1931- 1941	1941- 1948	1948- 1961	1961- 1971	1971- 1981	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	
Pondicherry Union Territory	+4.39	-5.06	+5.93	+10.20	+11.31	+16.34	+27.81	+28.07	
Pondicherry	+5.95	-5.68	+5.28	+11.49	+8.75	+16.17	+31.59	+30.53	
Kareikal	-0.03	-3.93	+5.59	+5.51	+16.49	+19.08	+19.10	+19.93	
Mahe	+4.19	+0.91	+14.01	+13.37	+29.81	+6.52	+18.73	+22.77	
Yanam	+0.56	-8.01	+13.37	+8.80	+2.49	+20.14	+17.90	+40.24	

TABLE - 3

1981 - CENSUS
(Provisional Figures)

Literacy (including Population in age group 0-4)

State/District	Total Population 1981		Literate Population 1981		Percentage of Literates to Total Population							
	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	1971		1981				
						Per-sons	Males	Per-sons	Males			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Pondicherry Union Territory	604,136	304,342	299,794	327,600	194,792	132,808	57.29	54.23	34.62	57.29	64.00	44.30
Pondicherry District	444,130	225,234	218,296	235,559	142,606	92,953	56.44	53.04	32.97	56.44	63.15	42.58
Karaikal District	119,978	59,366	60,612	65,401	38,627	26,774	57.32	54.51	33.05	57.32	65.07	44.17
Mahe District	28,401	13,251	15,150	20,964	10,303	10,656	73.52	73.81	62.14	73.52	77.79	70.34
Yanam District	11,627	5,891	5,736	5,676	3,251	2,425	50.56	48.82	37.43	50.56	55.19	42.28

TABLE - 4

Statement showing

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(Provisional Figures)

Cities with a Population of 100,000 and above.

Sl. No.	Name of City	Provisional Population 1981		Sex ratio	Total Literates	Literacy Rates						
		Persons Males	Females			Persons	Persons					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1.	Pondicherry	162,697	81,713	80,984	991	103,480	53,591	44,839	63.60	71.70	55.43	

Location Code..... () S1.No of Household

1. Name.....
2. Relationship to head..... 8 Religion.....

3. Male (1)/Female (2) 9 Whether SC (1) or ST (2)

4. Age..... 10. Name of caste/tribe

5. Marital status.....

6. Mother tongue..... 11. Literate (1)/
Illiterate (2)

12 Educational attainment.

7. Two other languages known
13 Attending school/college.
Yes (1)/No (2)

14A Worked any time at all last year? ^{Yes} No (H/ST/D/R/B/I/O)

14B If yes in 14A, did you work for major part of last year? Yes (1)/No (2)

15A Main activity last year? ^{Yes in 14B (C/AL/HHI/OW)} No in 14B (H/ST/D/R/B/I/O)

If HHI/OW in 15A
(i) Name of establishment.....

(ii) Description of work.....

(iii) Nature of industry, trade or service.....

(iv) Class of worker.....

15B ~~14B Yes~~--Any other work any time last year? ^{Yes (C/AL/HHI/OW)} ~~No~~
~~14B No~~--Work done any time last year? (C/AL/HHI/OW)

If HHI/OW in 15B
(i) Name of establishment.....

(ii) Description of work.....

(iii) Nature of industry, trade or service.....

(iv) Class of worker.....

16 If No in 14A or 14B, seeking/available for work? Yes (1)/No (2).....



1. Birth place

- (a) Place of birth.
- (b) Rural (1)/Urban(2).....
- (c) District.
- (d) State/Country.....

5 For all ever-married women only

- (a) Age at marriage.
- (b) Number of children surviving at present
- Male Female Total

2. Last residence

- (a) Place of last residence.
- (b) Rural (1)/Urban(2)
- (c) District.
- (d) State/Country.....

(c) Number of children ever born alive

Male Female Total

3. Reasons for migration from place of last residence (Code)*

4. Duration of residence at the village or town of enumeration

6. For currently married women only

Any child born alive during last one year.

* Employment (1) Education (2) Family moved (3) Marriage (4)Others(5)

