

CITIZEN'S CHARTER

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

BRIEF HISTORY ABOUT THE COURTS:

It is a known fact that Union Territory of Puducherry was a French Colony till it was transferred to the Indian Government by an agreement, dated 21.10.1954 between France and India. However, only on 01.11.1954, the Indian Government took over the administration of Puducherry under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1947. The Indian Government issued two Notifications on 21.10.1954 and 30.10.1954 under the said Act. The first one called the French Establishments (Administration) Order 1954, and the other one is called the French Establishments (Application of Laws) Order 1954.

Again, the de jure transfer took place on 16.08.1962. The Jurisdiction of the Madras High Court was extended to Puducherry from that date. Through the Treaty of Cession, the process of legal mayor become complete after the 14th amendment in the year 1962. The Government of India issued the Pondicherry (Administration) Act, 1962 on 16.08.1962.

Judicial Department has its existence since French regime and after the introduction of The Pondicherry Civil Courts Act, 1960 the erstwhile French Civil and administrative Courts have been abolished. The Courts like the Tribunal Superieur d' Appel, Tribunal de lere Instance, Tribunal de Grands Instance Com d' Appel, Juge de Paix and Cour de Cassation have no connotation after the above said Act has come into force. Instead the Courts of District Judge, Courts of Subordinate Judges and Courts of Munsif have become the successors Courts.

ACTIVITIES OF JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT:

The activities of Puducherry Subordinate Judiciary can be classified as follows:

1. Dispensation of Civil justice
2. Administration of Criminal justice (delivery) system
3. Adjudication of Labour disputes.

PARTICULARS OF ORGANISTAION:

The control of the Puducherry Subordinate Judiciary vests with the Hon'ble High Court, Madras.

The details of the courts functioning, region-wise, are as follows:–

Sl. No.	Category of Court	Total No. of Courts			
		Puducherry	Karaikal	Mahe	Yanam
1.	District & Sessions Courts	3	1	–	–
2.	Subordinate Courts	4	1	1	1
3.	District Munsif Courts	3	2	-	–
4.	Judicial Magistrate Courts	5	2	–	–
5.	District Munsif-cum-Magistrate Courts	-	-	1	-
6.	Family Court	1	1	–	–
	Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court	1	–	–	–
	TOTAL	17	7	2	1

PUDUCHERRY REGION

District & Sessions Courts:

1. Court of the Principal District & Sessions Judge.
2. Court of the II Additional District & Sessions Judge.
3. Court of the III Additional District & Sessions Judge.
4. Family Court.
5. Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court.

Subordinate Courts:

6. Court of the Principal Sub Judge.
7. Court of the Additional Sub Judge.
8. Motor Accident Claim Tribunal.
9. Court of the Special Officer-cum-II Additional Sub Judge.

District Munsif Courts

10. Court of the Principal District Munsif.
11. Court of the I Additional District Munsif.
12. Court of the II Additional District Munsif.

Magistrate Courts

13. Court of the Chief Judicial Magistrate.
14. Court of the Judicial Magistrate-I.
15. Court of the Judicial Magistrate-II.
16. Court of the Judicial Magistrate-III.
17. Court of the Judicial Magistrate-IV.

KARAIKAL REGION

District & Sessions Court

18. Court of the District & Sessions Judge.
19. The Family Court.

Subordinate Courts:

20. Court of Sub Judge.

District Munsif Courts / Magistrate Courts

21. Court of the Principal District Munsif.
22. Court of the Additional District Munsif.
23. Judicial Magistrate-I.
24. Judicial Magistrate-II.

MAHE REGION

25. Court of the Sub Judge.
26. Court of District Munsif-cum-Judicial Magistrate.

YANAM REGION

27. Court of the Sub Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate.

FUNCTIONS OF THE COURTS

ON THE CIVIL SIDE:

Adjudication of the disputes of civil nature brought before the Civil Courts.

ON THE CRIMINAL SIDE:

Administration of Justice on the cases brought before the criminal courts by the prosecution in respect of the criminal offences committed by the accused persons after analysing the oral and documentary evidence adduced on the side of the prosecution as well as by the defence and if the offence complained of the accused is proved beyond reasonable doubt, to punish the accused by awarding the sentence of imprisonment / sentence of fine and if the offence is not proved beyond all reasonable doubt, to acquit the accused by setting him at liberty.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE:

The organizational structure of the department can be classified into two categories, namely, (i) in respect of Judicial Officers and (ii) in respect of Subordinate Staff (other than Judicial Officers) and is shown in the charts.

Regarding the Judicial Officers:

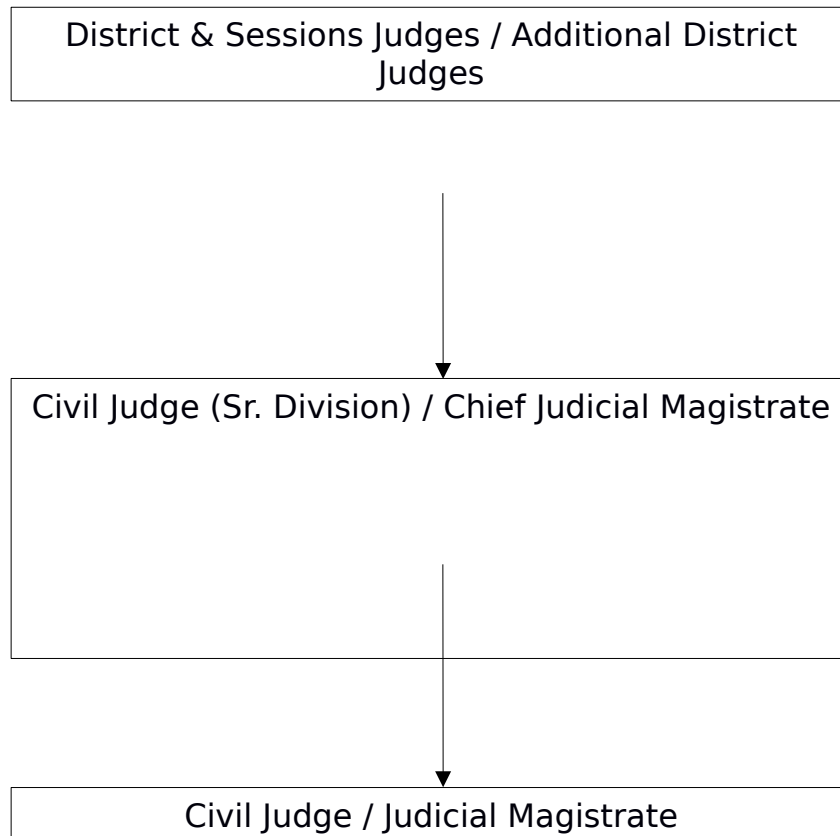
Under the Pondicherry Judicial Service (Cadre & Recruitment), 2008, the recruitment, appointment by transfer on deputation and promotion of Judicial Officers from one cadre to another cadre shall be made by the Administrator on the recommendation of the Hon'ble High Court, Madras. Transfer and posting of all the Judicial Officers shall be made by the Hon'ble High Court, Madras.

The present sanctioned strength of the Judicial Officers in the Pondicherry Judicial Service, region-wise, is as follows:–

Sl. No.	Cadre	Total No. of Posts			
		Puducherry	Karaikal	Mahe	Yanam
1.	District and Sessions Judge / Additional District and Sessions Judge (including Ex-cadre posts of District Judges) (i) Judge, Family Court and (ii) Member Secretary, Legal Services Authority (iii) Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court	6	2	–	–
2.	Civil Judge (Senior Division / Chief Judicial Magistrate)	5	1	1	1
3.	Civil Judge / Judicial Magistrate	7	4	1	–
	TOTAL	18	7	2	1

The Judicial Officers of Puducherry Judicial Service are deputed to Tamil Nadu Judicial Service and vice-versa under the Judicial Service Rules of the respective Government on the recommendations of the Hon'ble High Court, Madras.

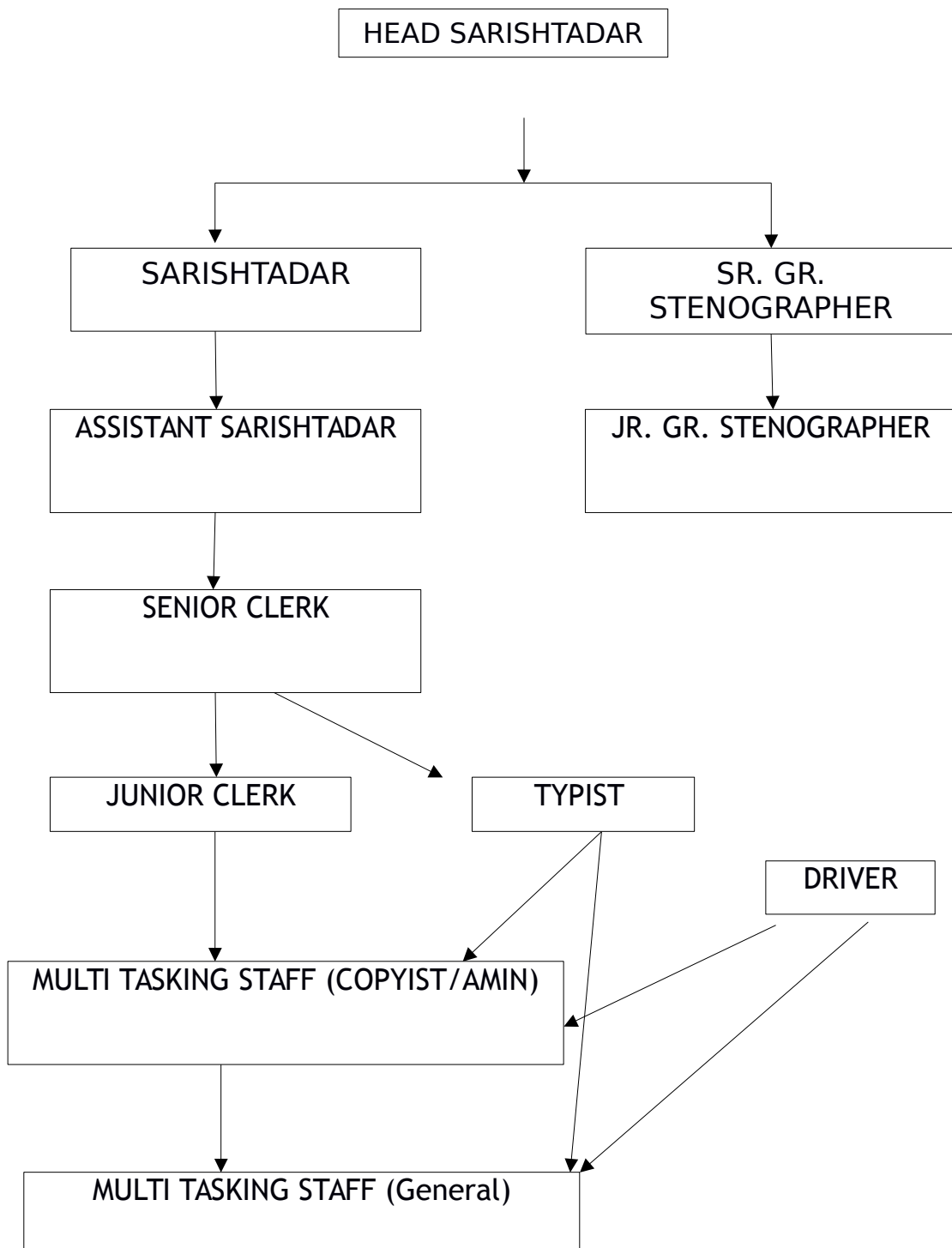
ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE IN RESPECT OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS



Regarding the Subordinate Staff.

Under the Pondicherry Judicial Subordinate Service Rules, 1979, the recruitment, promotion of staff from one cadre to another cadre, shall be made by the Chief Judge, Puducherry on the basis of the recommendation of the Selection Committee constituted under the said rules.

There is a separate Recruitment Rules for the post of Head Sarishtadar called "Head Sarishtadar Recruitment Rules, 1990".

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OTHER THAN JUDICIAL OFFICERS

OFFICE ADDRESS:

Puducherry	Karaikal	Mahe	Yanam
Integrated Court Complex, Venkata Subba Reddiar Salai, Puducherry.	Integrated Court Complex, Keezhaveli, Karaikal.	Court complex, Mahe Main Road, Mahe.	Sub Court, No. 3-106, Thiyagaraja Street, Yanam.

Office Time : 08.45 a.m., to 01.00 p.m., and 02.00 p.m. to 05.45 p.m.,
 Court sitting hours : 10.00 a.m., and 03.00 p.m.,
 Lunch Time : 01.00 p.m., to 02.00 p.m.,

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE JUDICIAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

(JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT)

POWERS**On the Administrative Side:**

1. Chief Judge, Puducherry : ➤ The Chief Judge, Puducherry is the Principal District & Sessions Judge, Puducherry
 - Head of Department
 - Chairman of the Selection Committee constituted under the Pondicherry Judicial Subordinate Service Rules, 1979
 - Controlling Officer of all Judicial Officers of the rank of Civil Judge (Senior Division and Civil Judge/ Judicial Magistrate) and the Subordinate staff.
 - Appellate Authority for all the Group 'C' staff of Judicial Department.
 - Inspective authority of Subordinate Courts, U.T. of Puducherry.
 - Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority, Puducherry.
2. Special Officer, Judicial Department, Puducherry : ➤ Head of Office, District Court, Puducherry
 - Disciplinary Authority for Group 'C' staff of District Court, Puducherry.
 - Discharges the functions of the Procureur de la Republique system under the French system.
 - Discharges the functions of Special District Registrar under the Puducherry Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969.
3. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Puducherry : ➤ Head of Office, Magistrate Court, Puducherry
 - Disciplinary Authority for Group 'C' staff of Magistrate Court, Puducherry.

- Inspective authority of all Magistrate Courts, U.T. of Puducherry.
 - Ex-officio member of the District Legal Services Authority.
4. Principal Sub Judge, Puducherry :
- Head of Office, Sub Court, Puducherry
 - Disciplinary Authority for Group 'C' staff of Sub Court, Puducherry
 - Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority.
5. Principal District Munsif, Puducherry :
- Head of Office, Munsif Court, Puducherry
 - Drawing and Disbursing Officer
 - Disciplinary Authority for Group 'C' staff of Munsif Court, Puducherry
6. District Judge, Karaikal :
- Head of Office, District Court, Karaikal.
 - Disciplinary Authority for Group 'C' staff of Munsif Court, Karaikal.
 - Chairman of the Taluk Legal Aid Committee, Karaikal.
7. Sub Judge, Mahe :
- Head of Office, Sub Court, Mahe.
 - Drawing and Disbursing Officer
 - Disciplinary Authority for Group 'C' staff of Sub Court, Mahe
 - Chairman of the Taluk Legal Aid Committee, Mahe.
8. Sub Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Yanam :
- Head of Office, Sub Court, Yanam.
 - Drawing and Disbursing Officer
 - Disciplinary Authority for Group 'C' staff of Sub Court, Yanam
 - Chairman of the Taluk Legal Aid Committee, Yanam.
9. Additional District Munsif-cum-Judicial Magistrate II, Karaikal :
- Apart from Judicial work, the Additional District Munsif-cum-Judicial Magistrate II, Karaikal discharge the functions of the Procureur de la Republique system under the French system as Additional Special Officer
10. Administrative Officer, Judicial Department, Puducherry :
- Supervising the Process Service Establishment (Nazarath) in District Court, Puducherry.
11. Head Sarishtadar, District Court, Pondichery :
- Drawing and Disbursing Officer, District Court, Puducherry
12. Head Sarishtadar, Karaikal Courts, Karaikal :
- Drawing and Disbursing Officer, Karaikal Courts, Karaikal.

FAMILY COURT

1. Judge, Family Court, : ➤ Head of Office, Family Court, Puducherry
Puducherry
2. Head Sarishtadar, Family : ➤ Drawing and Disbursing Officer, Family
Court, Puducherry Court, Puducherry.

INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL-CUM-LABOUR COURT

1. Presiding Officer, : ➤ Head of Office & Drawing and Disbursing
Industrial Tribunal-Cum- Officer Industrial, Tribunal-Cum-Labour
Labour Court, Court, Puducherry
Puducherry

Financial Powers:

The Financial powers are vested with the Judicial Officers of the Department in the capacity of Head of the Department and Heads of Offices. The financial powers are discharged as contained in GFR, DFPR and other rules adopted by the Government of Puducherry and as contained in the G.O.Ms.No.39/2012/F3, dated 12.11.2012 and G.O.Ms.No.48/2012/F3, dated 31.12.2012 and other financial powers issued by the Finance Department, Puducherry.

On the Judicial Side (Civil Side Work):-

The District Munsif / Additional District Munsifs / the Sub Judges / Additional Sub Judges / Additional District Judges / Principal District Judge shall exercise the powers vested in them under the Code of Civil Procedure and various special enactments, while discharging their judicial work.

On the Judicial Side (Criminal Side Work):-

The Judicial Magistrates, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Assistant Sessions Judges, Additional Sessions Judges and Principal Sessions Judge shall exercise the powers vested in them under the Code of Criminal Procedure and various special enactments, while discharging their judicial work.

As per Section 28(2) of Cr.P.C. a Sessions Judge or Additional Sessions Judge may pass any sentence authorised by law; but any sentence of death passed by any such Judge shall be subject to confirmation by the High Court.

As per Section 28(3) of Cr.P.C An Assistant Sessions Judge may pass any sentence authorized by law except a sentence of death or of imprisonment for a term exceeding ten years.

As per Section 29(1) of Cr.P.C. the court of a Chief Judicial Magistrate may pass any sentence authorized by law except a sentence of death or of imprisonment for life or of imprisonment for a term exceeding seven years.

As per Section 29(2) of Cr.P.C. the court of a Magistrate of the first class may pass a sentence of imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or of fine not exceeding five thousand rupees, or of both.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION OF THE COURT OF SESSIONS:

Any convicted person sentenced to undergo for a term of imprisonment of not more than seven years and fine can file an appeal to the Court of Sessions u/s 374(3) of Cr.P.C.

Appeal can be filed before the Court of Sessions against the acquittal of an accused person in a criminal case instituted by the police u/s. 378(2)(a) of Cr.P.C. (other than criminal case instituted on private complaint)

REVISIONARY POWERS OF THE COURT OF SESSIONS:

The revisionary powers of the Court of Sessions are laid down u/s 397 r/w 399 of Cr.P.C.

LOCAL JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE IN PUDUCHERRY REGION:

The Judicial Magistrates of Puducherry shall try all the cases i.e cases filed by the police officers and private complaints filed by private parties for offences under various Acts as detailed hereunder.

Sl. No.	Name of Court	Jurisdiction
1.	Chief Judicial Magistrate, Puducherry	1. Grand Bazaar Police Station. 2. Odiansalai Police Station. 3. CBCID, Puducherry PS. 4. PCR Cell PS. 5. Vigilance PS. 6. All Women PS, Puducherry. 7. All Women PS, Villianur. 8. CBI, Chennai.
9.	Judicial Magistrate-I, Puducherry	1. Thavalakuppam Police Station. 2. Nettappakkam Police Station. 3. Traffic – South. 4. Lawspet Police Station 5. Food Cell Unit. 6. Railway Protection Force. 7. Dhanvanthri Nagar Police Station. 8. Forest Department.
10.	Judicial Magistrate-II, Puducherry	1. Kalapet Police Station 2. Orleanet Police Station 3. Excise Squad. 4. Traffic – North. 5. Muthialpet Police Station
11.	Judicial Magistrate-III, Puducherry	1. Reddiarpalayam Police Station 2. Ariyankuppam Police Station 3. Villianur Police Station

		4. Mudaliarpet Police Station
		5. Traffic – Rural.
12.	Judicial Magistrate-IV, Puducherry	6. Sedarapet Police Station
		7. Katterikuppam Police Station
		8. Thirukkanur Police Station
		9. Kirumampakkam Police Station
		10. Mangalam Police Station
		11. Mettupalayam Police Station
		12. Bahour Police Station
		13. Thirubuvanai Police Station

PECUNIARY JURISDICTION OF CIVIL COURTS:

The pecuniary jurisdiction of the Civil Courts in the U.T of Puducherry is as defined under the Pondicherry Civil Courts (Amendment) Act, 2005 (Act No.5 of 2005) published in Extra-ordinary Gazette No.47, dt. 03.08.2005.

I. Original Jurisdiction of District Munsif Courts

The pecuniary jurisdiction of the District Munsif Courts shall extend to all original suits and proceedings of civil nature, of which the amount or value of the subject matter does not exceed Rs.1,00,000/–.

II. Original Jurisdiction of Subordinate Courts

The pecuniary jurisdiction of the Subordinate Courts shall extend to all original suits and proceedings of civil nature, of which the amount or value of the subject matter exceeding Rs.1,00,000/– and less than Rs.10,00,000/–.

III. Original Jurisdiction of District Courts

The pecuniary jurisdiction of the District Courts shall extend to all original suits and proceedings of civil nature, of which the amount or value of the subject matter exceeding Rs.10,00,000/–.

IV. APPELLATE JURISDICTION OF SUBORDINATE COURTS

The pecuniary appellate jurisdiction of Subordinate Courts in Pondicherry is upto Rs.1,00,000/– .

All appeals from the Judgment and Decree of the District Munsif Courts, Puducherry will be entertained, heard and disposed of by the Subordinate Courts at Pondicherry.

IV. APPELLATE JURISDICTION OF DISTRICT COURTS

The pecuniary appellate jurisdiction of District Courts in Pondicherry is above Rs.1,00,000/– and below Rs.10,00,000/–.

All appeals from the Judgment and Decree of the Subordinate Courts, Pondicherry will be entertained, heard and disposed of by the District Courts at Pondicherry.

All the appeals from the Judgment and Decree of the Sub Courts, Mahe and Yanam upto to the value of Rs.10,00,000/– will be entertained, heard and dispose of by the District Courts, Pondicherry.

FAMILY COURT

All family disputes relating to matrimonial, maintenance and guardianship of minors in respect of the person alone (not property) will be entertained, heard and disposed of by the Family Court.

KARAIKAL REGION

I. Original Jurisdiction of District Munsif Court at Karaikal

The pecuniary jurisdiction of the District Munsif Court at Karaikal shall extend to all original suits and proceedings of civil nature, of which the amount or value of the subject matter does not exceed Rs.1,00,000/-.

II. Original Jurisdiction of Sub Court at Karaikal

The pecuniary jurisdiction of the Subordinate Court at Karaikal shall extend to all original suits and proceedings of civil nature, of which the amount or value of the subject matter exceeding Rs.1,00,000/- and less than Rs.10,00,000/-

III. Original Jurisdiction of District Court at Karaikal.

The pecuniary jurisdiction of the District Court at Karaikal shall extend to all original suits and proceedings of civil nature, of which the amount or value of the subject matter exceeding Rs.10,00,000/-.

III. Appellate Jurisdiction of District Court at Karaikal:

All the appeals from the Judgment and Decree of the District Munsif Courts, Karaikal and Sub Court, Karaikal will be entertained, heard and disposed of by the District Court, Karaikal.

MAHE REGION

I. Original Jurisdiction of District Munsif Court at Mahe

The pecuniary jurisdiction of the District Munsif Court at Mahe shall extend to all original suits and proceedings of civil nature, of which the amount or value of the subject matter does not exceed Rs.1,00,000/-.

Original Jurisdiction of Subordinate Court

The pecuniary jurisdiction of the Subordinate Court at Mahe shall extend to all original suits and proceedings of civil nature, of which the amount or value of the subject matter exceeding Rs.1,00,000/- and less than Rs.10,00,000/-

YANAM REGION

I. Original Jurisdiction of Subordinate Court

The pecuniary jurisdiction of the Subordinate Court, Yanam is upto to the value of Rs.10,00,000/- and shall extend to all original suits and proceedings of civil nature. There is no Munsif Court at Yanam, but only Sub Court.

CAMP COURT AT MAHE

The Government has issued a G.O.Ms.No.38/91-LA, dt. 24.07.1991 by which, Camp Court will be conducted at Mahe region by the Presiding Officer of the Court of the Second Additional District Judge, Puducherry, the first three working days of the last seven days of every alternative month for disposal of both civil and criminal cases.

CAMP COURT AT YANAM

The Government has issued a G.O.Ms.No.9/99-LD, dt. 17.05.1999 by which, Camp Court will be conducted at Yanam region by the Presiding Officer of the Court of the Second Additional District Judge, Puducherry, for disposal of both civil and criminal cases, as and when necessity arises therefor.

VACATION FOR THE CIVIL COURTS

The Civil Courts in the Union Territory of Puducherry will remain closed during the period of summer vacation in the month of May in respect of the Munsif Courts and till first week of June in respect of the District Courts as notified by the Hon'ble High Court, Madras.

During the period of vacation, urgent matters of filing on the civil side will be entertained, heard and disposed of by the Vacation Judge appointed by the Hon'ble High Court, Madras.

Vacation Civil Judges will be appointed separately for all the four regions by the Hon'ble High Court, Madras.

Urgent matters of filing on the criminal side like bail, relaxation of condition of bail, suspension of sentence will be entertained, heard and disposed of by the Vacation Judge appointed by the Hon'ble High Court, Madras to look after urgent work on the criminal side.

COPYIST ESTABLISHMENT

Puducherry Region

For all the courts in Puducherry region, there is a centralized Copyist Establishment for issue of certified copies of Judgments / Orders / Decrees, Exhibits, Depositions, etc., on payment of charges prescribed under Rules of Practice and Circular Orders.

Karaikal Region

For all the courts in Karaikal region, there is a centralized Copyist Establishment for issue of certified copies of Judgments / Orders / Decrees, Exhibits, Depositions, etc., on payment of charges prescribed under Rules of Practice and Circular Orders.

Mahe / Yanam Region

There is a Copyist Establishment in the Sub Court at Mahe and Yanam respectively for issue of certified copies of Judgments / Orders / Decrees, Exhibits, Depositions, etc., on payment of charges prescribed under Rules of Practice and Circular Orders.

NAZARATH ESTABLISHMENT**Puducherry Region**

For all the courts (other than Family Court) in Puducherry region, there is a centralized Nazarath Section for service of notices, summons, Injunction Orders, other processes and execution of warrants relating to attachment / delivery of property and arrest of judgment debtors on the civil side.

Karaikal Region

For all the courts in Karaikal region, there is a centralised Nazarath Section for service of notices, summons, Injunction Orders, other processes and execution of warrants relating to attachment / delivery of property and arrest of judgment debtors on the civil side.

Mahe / Yanam Region

There is a Copyist Establishment in the Sub Court at Mahe and Yanam respectively for service of notices, summons, Injunction Orders, other processes and execution of warrants relating to attachment / delivery of property and arrest of judgment debtors on the civil side.

INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL-CUM-LABOUR COURT

The Government of Puducherry constituted exclusive Labour Court for the U.T of Puducherry vide G.O. Ms. No.24/AIL/Lab/2011, dt. 16.11.2011 published in Gazette No.48, dated 29.11.2011.

The Government re-constituted the Labour Court as Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court for the Union Territory of Puducherry vide G.O. Rt. No.75/Lab/AIL/J/2013, dt. 22.06.2013 published in Gazette No.23, dated 04.06.2013.

The re-constituted Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court conducts periodically camp court sittings in the outlying regions of U.T of Puducherry, namely, Karaikal, Mahe & Yanam.

SPECIAL COURT UNDER THE PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION ACT, 1988

The Government of Puducherry has constituted two Special Courts constituted under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, one at Puducherry and another at Karaikal.

The Principal Sessions Judge is the Special Judge under the Prevention of Corruption Act for Puducherry, Mahe and Yanam regions.

The Sessions Judge, Karaikal is the Special Judge under the said Act for Karaikal region.

SPECIAL COURT UNDER NDPS ACT, 1985

The Government of Puducherry has constituted two Special Courts under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, one at Puducherry and another at Karaikal.

The Third Additional District and Sessions Judge, Puducherry is the Special Judge under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act for Puducherry, Mahe and Yanam regions.

The Sessions Judge, Karaikal is the Special Judge under the said Act for Karaikal region.

CONSTITUTION OF SPECIAL COURT UNDER THE SCHEDULED CASTES/SCHEDULE TRIBES (PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES ACT), 1989

The Government of Puducherry has constituted a Special Court under the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities Act), 1989 for the Union Territory of Puducherry.

The Second Additional District Judge is the Special Judge appointed under the said Act.

MOTOR ACCIDENT CLAIMS TRIBUNAL

The Government has constituted the following Motor Accident Claims Tribunal for the Union Territory of Puducherry.

1. Court of the Principal District Judge, Puducherry.
2. Court of the Second Additional District Judge, Puducherry.
3. Court of the Third Additional District Judge, Puducherry.
4. Court of the Principal Subordinate Judge, Puducherry.
5. Court of the Additional Subordinate Judge, Puducherry.
6. Court of the Special Officer-cum-Second Additional Sub Judge, Puducherry.
7. Court of the District Judge, Karaikal.
8. Court of the Sub Judge, Mahe
9. Court of the Sub Judge, Yanam.

In addition to the above Motor Accident Claims Tribunal one more Accidents Claims Tribunal headed by a single member in the cadre of Civil Judge (Senior Division) for the trial of MACTOP cases at Pondicherry was constituted vide Notification G.O.Ms. No.31/Tr.Sectt./2014, dated 01.08.2014 of the Transport Secretariat, Puducherry.

COURT UNDER THE E.S.I. ACT, 1965

The Presiding Officer, Labour Court is the Presiding Officer of the ESI Court for the U.T of Puducherry.

WAKF TRIBUNAL

The Government of Puducherry has constituted two Tribunals under the Wakf Act, 1995 (Central Act 43 of 1995) read with S.O.No.572(E) for the Union Territory of Puducherry.

The Third Additional District Judge is the Presiding Officer of the WAKF Court under the WAKF Act for Puducherry, Mahe & Yanam regions.

The District & Sessions Judge, Karaikal is the Presiding Officer of the WAKF Court under the WAKF Act for Karaikal district.

STATE TRANSPORT APPELLATE TRIBUNAL

The Government of Puducherry has constituted State Transport Appellate Tribunal under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, (Central Act 59 of 1988) appointing the Chief Judge, Puducherry as the Presiding Officer of the Tribunal for the Union Territory of Puducherry.

CONSTITUTION OF SALES TAX APPELLATE TRIBUNAL

The Government of Puducherry has constituted Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal under the Pondicherry General Sales Tax Act, 1967 appointing the Principal District Judge, Puducherry as the Presiding Officer of the Tribunal for the Union Territory of Puducherry.

CONSTITUTION OF COOPERATIVE TRIBUNAL

The Government of Puducherry has constituted two Tribunals under the Pondicherry Cooperative Societies Act, 1972 for the Union Territory of Puducherry.

The Chief Judge, Puducherry is the Member of the Tribunal for Puducherry.

The District Judge, Karaikal is the Member of the Tribunal for Karaikal.

**CONSTITUTION OF APPELLATE TRIBUNAL UNDER THE REAL ESTATE
(REGULATION AND DEVELOPMENT) ACT 2016**

The Principal District & Sessions Judge, Puducherry has been appointed as the Appellate Tribunal under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act 2016 by the Hon'ble High Court of Madras and Notification from the Government of Puducherry is awaited for the same.

LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS – CONSTITUTION OF ELECTION TRIBUNAL

The Principal District & Sessions Judge, Puducherry has been appointed as the Election Tribunal for the whole of the U.T of Puducherry for trial of petitions in respect of an election under the Pondicherry Municipalities Act, 1973 vide G.O. Ms. No.15/2006-LAS, dt. 04.07.2006 of the Local Administration Secretariat, Puducherry.

The following Judicial Officers had been declared as Judicial Authorities for the purposes of declaring the validity of an election of a Member or President of a village Panchayat or the Member of the Commune Panchayat Council under the Pondicherry Village and Commune Panchayat Act, 1973 vide G.O. Ms. No.16/2006-LAS, dt. 04.07.2006 of the Local Administration Secretariat, Puducherry.

CONSTITUTION OF SPECIAL COURT UNDER THE ELECTRICITY ACT

The Government of Puducherry has constituted two Special Courts under the Electricity Act, 2003 one at Puducherry and another at Karaikal.

The Principal Sessions Judge is the Special Judge under the Electricity Act for Puducherry, Mahe and Yanam regions.

The Sessions Judge, Karaikal is the Special Judge under the Electricity Act for Karaikal region.

**CONSTITUTION OF SPECIAL COURT UNDER THE PROTECTION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

The Government of Puducherry has constituted two Special Courts under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 one at Puducherry and another at Karaikal.

The Principal Sessions Judge is the Special Judge under the Protection of Human Rights Act for Puducherry, Mahe and Yanam regions.

The Sessions Judge, Karaikal is the Special Judge under the Protection of Human Rights Act for Karaikal region.

CONSTITUTION OF CHILDREN'S COURT UNDER THE COMMISSIONS FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS ACT, 2005

The Government of Puducherry has constituted two Children's Courts under the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 one at Puducherry and another at Karaikal.

The Principal Sessions Judge is the Special Judge under the Act for Puducherry, Mahe and Yanam regions.

The Sessions Judge, Karaikal is the Special Judge under the Act for Karaikal region.

CONSTITUTION OF SPECIAL COURTS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN'S FROM SEXUAL OFFENCES ACT, 2012

The Government of Puducherry has constituted two Special Courts under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 one at Puducherry and another at Karaikal.

The Principal Sessions Judge is the Special Judge under the Act for Puducherry, Mahe and Yanam regions.

The Sessions Judge, Karaikal is the Special Judge under the Act for Karaikal region.

RULES, REGULATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT IN DISCHARGING THE FUNCTIONS

The procedure laid down under the (i) Code of Civil Procedure 1908, (ii) Civil Rules of Practice and Circular Orders, (iii) Pondicherry Court Fees and Suits Valuation Act, 1972, (iv) the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and various other Acts and Rules framed thereunder are followed by the Civil Courts.

The procedure laid down under the (i) Code of Criminal Procedure 1973, (ii) Criminal Rules of Practice and Circular Orders and (iii) the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 are followed by the Criminal Courts.

All the Judicial Officers and Subordinate Staff are governed under various Central Civil Service Rules relating to their service matters.

A STATEMENT OF THE CATEGORIES OF DOCUMENTS THAT ARE HELD BY IT OR UNDER ITS CONTROL

ON THE JUDICIAL SIDE

The courts maintain various registers prescribed under the Rules of Practice with regard to the day-to-day functioning of the courts.

COMPOSITION OF SELECTION COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION COMMITTEE FOR JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

As per Rule 13 of the Pondicherry Judicial Subordinate Service Rules, 1979, the Selection Committee shall consist of the following officers:—

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| (1) | The Chief Judge, Puducherry | Chairman |
| (2) | Judicial Officer nominated by the High Court, Madras | Member |
| (3) | Judicial Officer nominated by the High Court, Madras. | Member |

The Departmental Promotion Committee shall consist of the following officers in respect of the post of Head Sarishtadar.

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| (1) | Chief Secretary to Government, Puducherry | Chairman |
| (2) | Secretary to Government, Law Department, Puducherry | Member |
| (3) | Chief Judge, Puducherry | Member |

Minutes relating to staff members of Judicial Department, Puducherry are prepared in the office of the Chief Judge, Puducherry.

Minutes relating to Head Sarishtadar are prepared in Law Department, Puducherry.

PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The cases are decided by the Courts after analysing the oral and documentary evidence adduced and after hearing the arguments advanced by both the sides.

VIDEO CONFERENCING

Video Conferencing facility has been made available at Puducherry Court complex. Conferencing between the court and the jail and other court complexes including the Hon'ble High Court and Supreme Court is possible from the conferencing room.

To avoid unnecessary movement of under trial prisoners the Judicial Officers are taking up remand cases through Video Conferencing, which also saves expenditure in terms of man power and transportation.

E-Court

The official website of this court can be accessed at the following address:

<https://districts.ecourts.gov.in/puducherry>

All the judgments, interim orders as well as case status are available online except of Family courts.

CHIEF JUDGE
PUDUCHERRY