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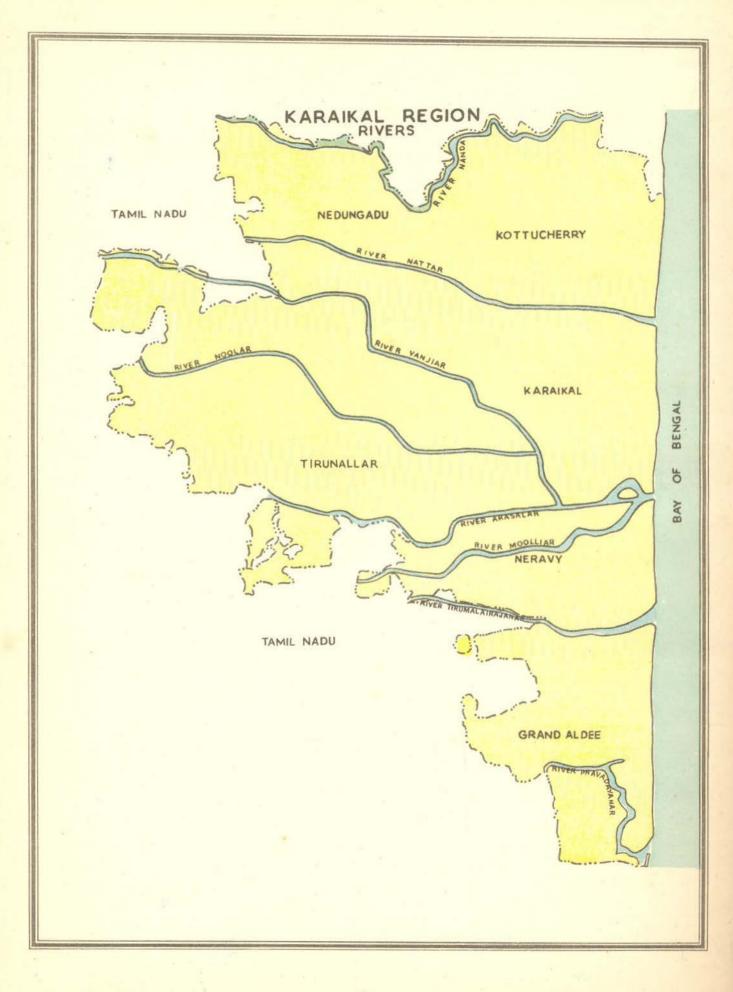
Pondicherry Region.

There are two important rivers one being the River Gingy which traverses the region diagonally from North-West to South-East and the other, Pennaiyar, which forms the Southern border of the region.

The River Gingy has her source at the hills of Malayanur in the South Arcot District of Tamil Nadu and has a course of 34 kilo metres in this region However, at a distance of 7 kilo metres off the Bay of Bengal she divides into two branches known as Ariankuppam River and Sunnambar. The Vikravandi River, Pambaiyar and Kuduvaiyar are the affluents of the River Gingy. These affluents flow on the right side of the Gingy River. It will also be worthwhile to point out that Pambaiyar traverses for about 13 kilo metres in the Pondicherry Region before merging with the Gingy River while the Kuduvaiyar flows for 12 kilo metres before joining the Sunnambar near Thirukanji.

The branch river of the Pennaiyar is known as Malattar. The Malattar flows through the region touching the villages of Nettapakkam, Pandasozhanur, Nadunayagapuram, Sambadapet, Vadukuppam, Manakuppam, Kamblikarankuppam, Karikalampakkam and Thimmanayakkanpalayam, and discharges the water directly into the sea near Pannithittu and Aladimedu.

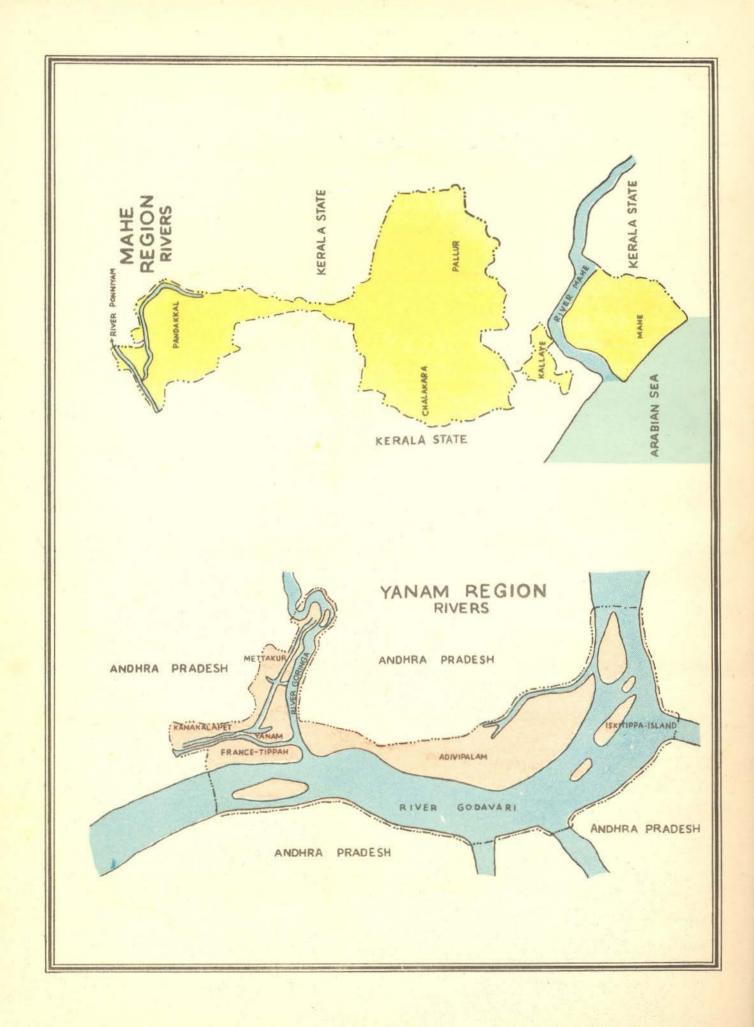
There are two dams, one across the River Gingy at Vidur and the other across the Pennaiyar at Sornavoor. These two projects divert the flow of the river water into canals which feed the irrigation tanks.



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Karaikal Region.

Karaikal region is situated in the deltaic position of the River Cauvery, one of the most important rivers of South India. The principal distributories of the River Cauvery in the Karaikal region are (1) Nandalar, (2) Arasalar, (3) Nattarvoikal, (4) Noolar, (5) Mulliyar, (6) Thirumalarayanar, (7) Paravadinar, (8) Nattar and (9) Vettar.



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Mahe Region.

In Mahe region, there are two rivers, viz, the River Moolakadavu on the Northern boundary and on the South the River Mahe.

Yanam Region.

The only major river in Yanam region is the River Godavari. However, one of the branches of this river is known as Coringa River which divides the region into two parts.