

The T. 43 Trunk Exchange at Karaikal is having one C.I.I., one O.G. and one Record Position :

The following trunk circuits are terminated at Karaikal :

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| (i) | Karaikal—Nagappattinam | 3 circuit/s |
| (ii) | Karaikal—Mayuram | 2 „ |
| (iii) | Karaikal—Tiruvavur | 2 „ |
| (iv) | Karaikal—Pondicherry | 1 „ |

Mahe region :

The Mahe C.O. was opened before 1891. The public call office was opened on 3 March 1955. It had four extensions to the Administrator's Office, Police Station, Electricity Office and the Government Hospital. A telephone exchange with an equipped capacity of 50 lines of SAX type was opened on 25 July 1965. Another 50 line SAX (B unit) was added on 30 September 1968.⁸⁸ The working connections as on 31 March 1970 were 64.⁸⁹ The New Mahe C.O. was opened on 15 September 1953 and the public call office was opened on 25 October 1953. The Chockli Telephone Exchange serves Pallur with an extension to Pallur Police Station.

Yanam region :

An automatic telephone exchange with an equipped capacity of 10 lines, connecting Yanam to Kakinada, was opened at Yanam in 1957. It was expanded with an equipped capacity of 25 lines. The number of working connections which was six in the year 1960 went up to 15 as on 31 March 1970.⁹⁰ There is also a public call office in Yanam.

VIII. All India Radio

The Pondicherry Station of All India Radio (of one KW strength) was commissioned on 23 September 1967. It is a full-fledged programme originating station headed by a Station Director. While the studios are situated on Cours Chabrol, the Transmitter and the Receiving Centre are located at a distance of 6 km. and 8 km. from the studios respectively. The station operates on a frequency of 1060 KHz.

Beginning with only one transmission in the evenings, the Pondicherry station expanded to put out three transmissions (morning, afternoon and evening) for a total duration of about 9 hours. Of this, like the other stations in the