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PREFACE

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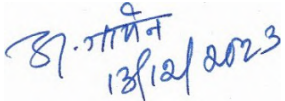
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As per the present assessment(As on 31.03.2023, the total Annual Ground Water Recharge of the A&N Islands have been assessed as 0.6219 bcm and Annual Extractable Ground Water Recharge is assessed as 0.5597 bcm. The Annual Ground Water extraction is 0.0077 bcm which translates to a Stage of Ground Water Extraction of 1.37 %. Out of 37 assessment units (Islands), one (01) is Hilly, thirty-five (35) are 'Safe' and one (01) is 'Saline'. Additionally, the GWRE figures obtained from these assessment units were clubbed into their respective administrative blocks and further into respective districts to obtain the final computation of the whole Union Territory. There is no significant change with respect to 2022 assessment. The figures have been duly ratified, approved and adopted by the State Level Committee(SLC) via Online Meeting, held on 06.09.2023.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background for estimating the total ground water resources of the Union Territory

The Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands forms North - South trending archipelago in the far flung maritime areas of Bay of Bengal. It lies between the North Latitudes of 6° and 14° East Longitudes of 92° and 94°, covering an approximate geographical area of 8,249 sq. km. There are three (3) Districts comprising nine (9) Blocks/Tehsils. The islands form two major groups, popularly known as Andaman Group or Northern Group of Islands which constitutes Andaman District where as the other group is called Nicobar or Southern Group of Islands constitute the Nicobar District. Andaman and Nicobar Group of Islands constitute this Union Territory(Figure-1.1). As per 2011 census the population of Andaman & Nicobar Island is 3,80,591.

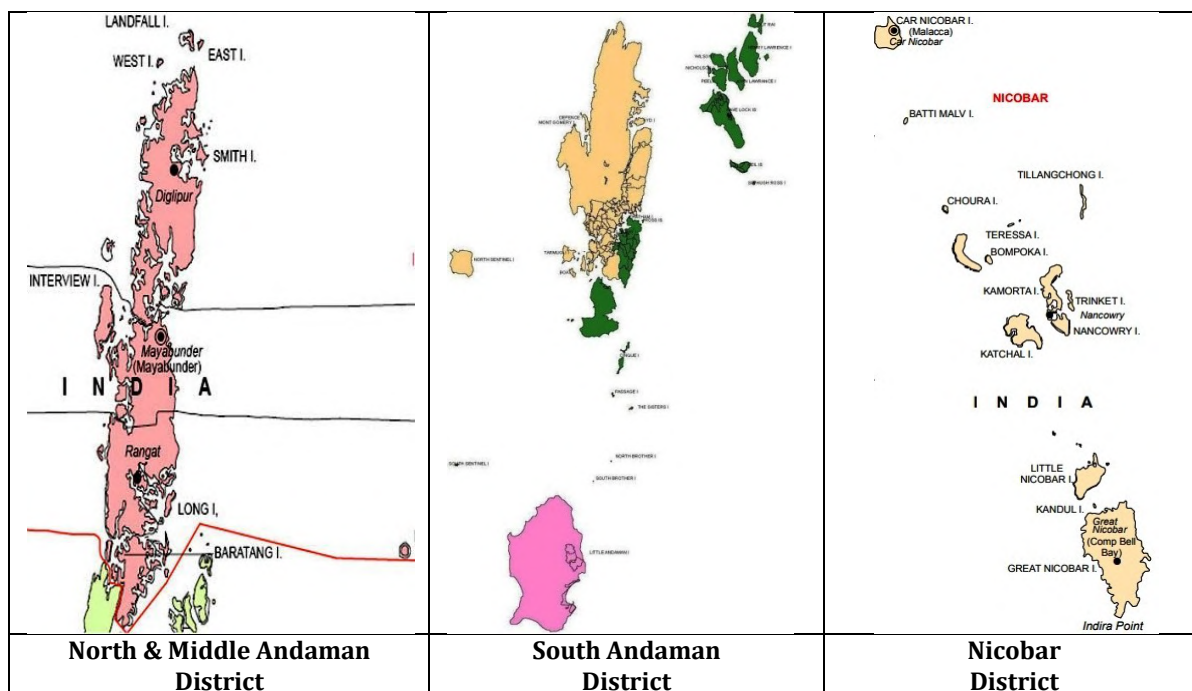


Figure-1.1: Administrative map showing District wise major islands of Andaman and Nicobar Islands

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Administrative Base map showing major islands of Andaman and Nicobar group of islands is shown in Figure-1.1 and Administrative set-up of Andaman and Nicobar Islands is depicted in Table-1.1.

Table-1.1: Administrative set-up of Andaman and Nicobar Islands

District	Name of Block/Tehsil	Islands
North and Middle Andaman	Mayabunder	North Andaman (Mayabunder Tehsil) Stewart Island Aves Island Interview Island
	Rangat	Middle Andaman North Passage Island Long Island Porlob Island Baratang Island Strait Island
	Diglipur	Peel island Narcondam Island East Island North Andaman (Diglipur Tehsil) Smith Island
South Andaman	Port Blair	Havelock Island John Lawrence Island Neil Island South Andaman (Port Blair Tehsil) Rutland Island North Sentinel Island Little Andaman Island
	Ferrargunj	South Andaman (Ferrarganj Tehsil) Flat Bay Island Viper Island
Nicobar	Car Nicobar	Car Nicobar
	Nancowry	Chowra Tillangchang Teressa Bampooka Katchal Kamorta Nancowry Trinket Little Nicobar Kondul Pulo Milo Great Nicobar

1.2 Constitution of state-level committee for ground water resources estimation as on 31st March 2023

By considering similarity of purpose, the Andaman and Nicobar Administration is of view to continue with earlier committee formed for dynamic water assessment 2017 & 2020 vide order No. 3462, dated 09.11.2018, in connection with reassessment of Dynamic Ground Water Resource 2020 as desired by Ministry of water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Central Ground Water Board vide Letter No. 29-20/2018-PWD/1266, dated 03.12.2020. In addition to this, it was decided that henceforth, this committee will act as regular State Level Committee(SLC) for all future periodic re-assessment of Ground Water Resources in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. This was communicated by Andaman Nicobar State Water and Sanitation Mission of APWD vide their Letter No. 1-20/ANSWSM/CGWB/2021-22/402 Dated 18.02.2022. The composition of the Committee is as under:

1. Principal Secretary (PWD)	-	Chairman
2. Secretary (Department of Science & Technology)	-	Member
3. Chief Engineer, APWD	-	Member
4. Superintending Hydrogeologist, CGWB	-	Member
5. Director (Agriculture)	-	Member
6. Director (Industries)	-	Member
7. Director (ANSWSM), CE's Office, APWD	-	Member
8. Representative from NABARD	-	Member
9. Regional Director, CGWB	-	Member Secretary

CHARTER

- Under the directive of MoWR, Dynamic groundwater (GW) resource assessment of entire country has been continuing following Groundwater Estimation Committee (GEC) norm-1997.
- The assessment is done by CGWB, the apex GW organization in MoWR in liaison with the concerned State/UT Govt./Administration where Ground Water Research and Development Department is existing.
- The GEC-1997 had continued till 2013 for groundwater resource assessment for the entire country.
- The GEC-1997 norm has been modified in 2015 as per the directive of MoWR and regarding the GW Resources assessment as per GEC-2015, MoWR has directed CGWB to approach all state/UT Govt. to assess the GW resources for 2017, 2020, 2022 & 2023.

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- Since rainfall is the prime source of recharge to GW and the rainfall for the entire year of 2020-2023 is available, the GEC committee has recommended to DoWR, RD & GR, MoJS, GoI, to assess it for a calendar year 2022-2023 ending in 31.03.2023.
- In A & N Islands, the resource is calculated by CGWB in the absence of R & D Department on GW in A & N Administration. CGWB renders all needful help in matter of Water Resource Development and Management, particularly GW to A & N Administration. APWD acts as the Nodal Agency of the U/T in matters of Ground Water.
- Since ground water is a scarce commodity in A & N Islands, as also in view of extreme population pressure on the Islands due to tourism boom, CGWB, Govt. of India has recommended GW Resource estimation in A & N Islands at a regular interval as in other parts of India.
- DoWR, RD & GR, MoJS, GoI had earlier desired to calculate the GW Resources of the entire country including A & N Islands.
- As per this norm, the State/UT-wise Dynamic Groundwater Resources are being estimated at regular interval on annual basis.
- The basic groundwater resource assessment unit is an Administrative block. In some cases i.e. in few north-eastern states, where block boundaries are not defined, the assessment is done as per watershed basis.
- In A & N Islands, it is done island-wise for the inhabited islands. GWRE 2023 onwards, these primary assessment units are then clubbed into their respective administrative blocks and then subsequently into their respective districts and finally to the UT Level.
- The GW Resources of A & N Islands, being assessed, need to be put forward before a committee for their understanding it as also to know the status of GW Resource development in various inhabited Island.
- In A & N Islands, APWD is the nodal Stake holder Department beside others. Accordingly the name and head of various stake holder departments are proposed for constitution of a committee with the approval of the competent authority in A & N Administration.
- In view of above the task was given by DoWR, RD & GR, MoJS, GoI to CGWB for the needful.
- A & N Island falls under the jurisdiction of CGWB, Eastern Region, Kolkata. And in consultation with APWD the calculation of Dynamic Groundwater Resources of A & N Islands(As on 31.03.2023) was completed and placed before the empowered SLC on 06.09.2023, wherein it was unanimously approved and adopted.

The final report on Dynamic Ground Water Resources of A & N Islands as on 31st March 2023 is prepared by considering suggestions provided by the expert committee. The major propose are as follows:

- Ground water draft per person per day as per APWD - 55 lit
- Non-monsoon recharge by ponds - 60 days out of 125 days of non-monsoon period.

2. HYDROGEOLOGICAL SETUP

2.1 Climate

Andaman Islands enjoy typical tropical climate all through the year. With an average temperature of around 23°C (minimum) and not exceeding 30°C (maximum), Andaman Islands are hot and humid generally. Relative humidity ranges from 79% to 89%, average wind speed is 7 to 10 km/hr, maximum temperature varies between 27° to 33°C and minimum temperature fluctuates between 21° to 25° C. Evaporation rate is very high, i.e. 1500-1800 mm/year because of the location of the archipelago close to the equator i.e. 6°N to 14°N. The high humidity levels are tempered by the sea breeze that springs up making the climate pleasant throughout the day, more so especially in the evenings. In spite of copious rainfall, the islands face acute scarcity of fresh water especially in the years of recession of monsoon.

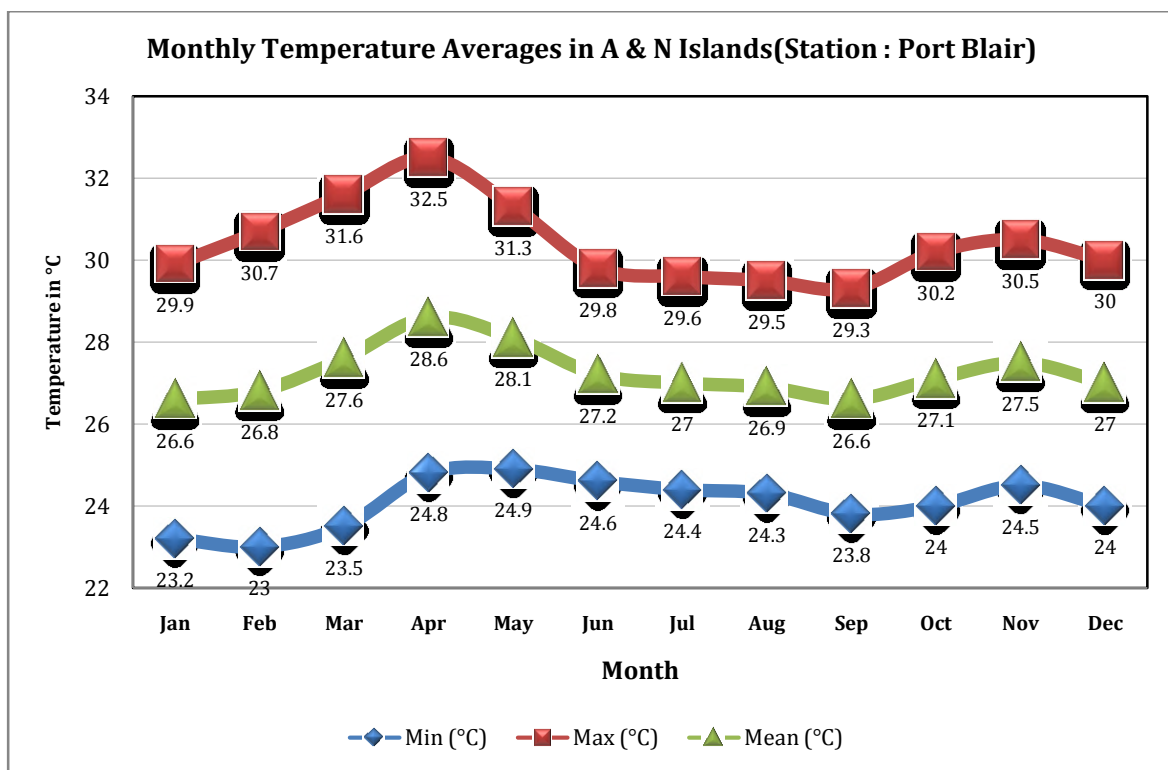


Figure-2 .1 : Monthly average temperatures in Andaman & Nicobar Islands

2.2 Rainfall

In the current decade the rainfall distribution has become highly whimsical and dwindling. Prior to 1990 the rainfall used to commence from 1st week of May every year while now it is receded to 1st week of June as happened in 2001, 2002 and 2003. In 2004 the rainfall in Andaman District has been close to normal. However, the Tsunami devastated Southern Group of Islands are not receiving appreciable rainfall. The annual rainfall of Andaman and Nicobar Islands in

year 2022-23 is 2933.82 mm. Since the islands are isolated, having wide variation in rainfall, hence preparation of iso-hyetal map is not feasible. The assessment unit wise normal annual rainfall zonation map is shown in Figure-2.2 below :

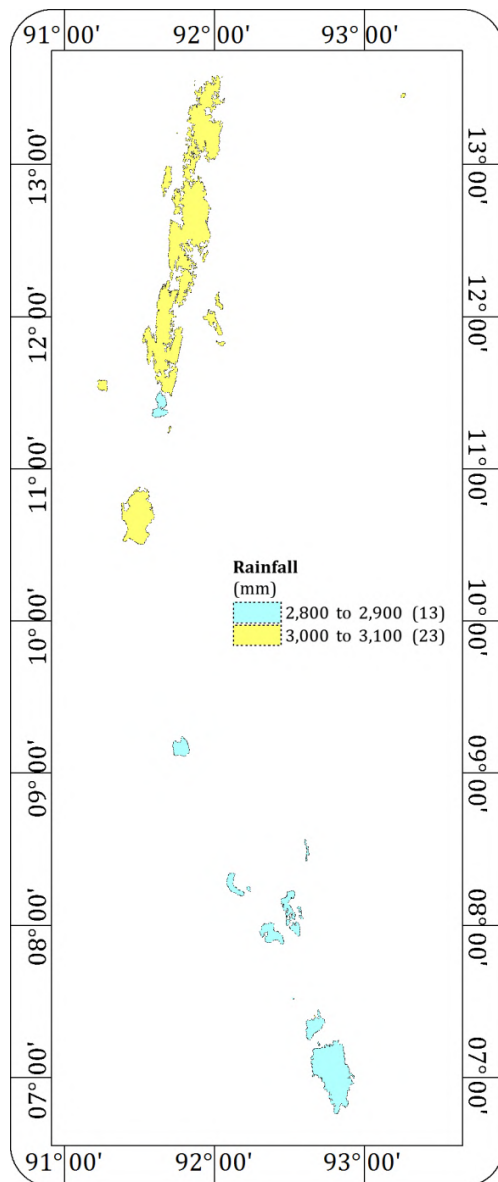


Figure-2.2 : Normal Annual Rainfall Zonation Map of A & N Islands

2.3 Physiography & Drainage

More than 300 islands make up the Andamans. North, Middle, and South Andaman, known collectively as Great Andaman, are the main islands; others include Landfall Island, Interview Island, the Sentinel Islands (where the Sentinelese tribes live), Ritchie’s Archipelago, and Rutland Island. The 10-degree channel which is about 145 km long separates Little Andaman in the south from the Nicobar Islands.

The Nicobars consists of 19 islands. Among the most prominent is Car Nicobar in the north; Kamorta, Katchal, and Nancowry in the centre of the chain; and Great Nicobar in the south. About 90 miles to the southwest of Great Nicobar lies the north-western tip of Sumatra, Indonesia.

Both the Andaman and Nicobar groups are formed by the above-sea extensions of submarine ridges of mountains and are a part of a great island arc. The highest peak is 2,418 feet at Saddle Peak on North Andaman, followed by Mount Thullier at 2,106 feet on Great Nicobar and Mount Harriet at 1,197 feet on South Andaman. Barren island, the only known active Volcano in south Asia lies in the Andaman sea. In the late 20th and early 21st centuries, there were volcanic eruptions on Barren Island.

Terrain of the Union Territory is rough, with hills and narrow longitudinal valleys. Flat land is scarce and is confined to a few valleys, such as the Betapur on Middle Andaman and Diglipur on North Andaman.

The terrain of the Nicobar is more diverse than that of the Andamans. Some of the Nicobar Islands, such as Car Nicobar, have flat coral-covered surfaces with offshore coral formations that prevent most ships from anchoring. Other islands, such as Great Nicobar, are hilly and contain numerous fast-flowing streams. Great Nicobar is the only island in the territory with a significant amount of fresh surface water.

Perennial streams of the status of major rivers are absent in the Andaman and Nicobar group of Islands. The major Perennial streams in South Andaman district are Dhanikhari, Mithakhari, Burmanala, Premanala, Prothrapurnala, Kamsarat Nala, Sona Phar nala etc. In North-Middle Andaman district Kalpong Nala, Korang nala, Betapur nala, Rangat nala, Sankar Nala etc are the important perennial streams. In Nicobar District, Galathea and Alexandria rivers, Dhillon Nala, Magar Nala all in Great Nicobar island are the main drainage channels. Streams are rudimentary in Car Nicobar island while in Chowra, Kondul and Pillow Millo islands the drainage channels are obscured. However, incipient to moderately developed drainage channels are available in Little Nicobar and in all the other islands of Nancowrie group.

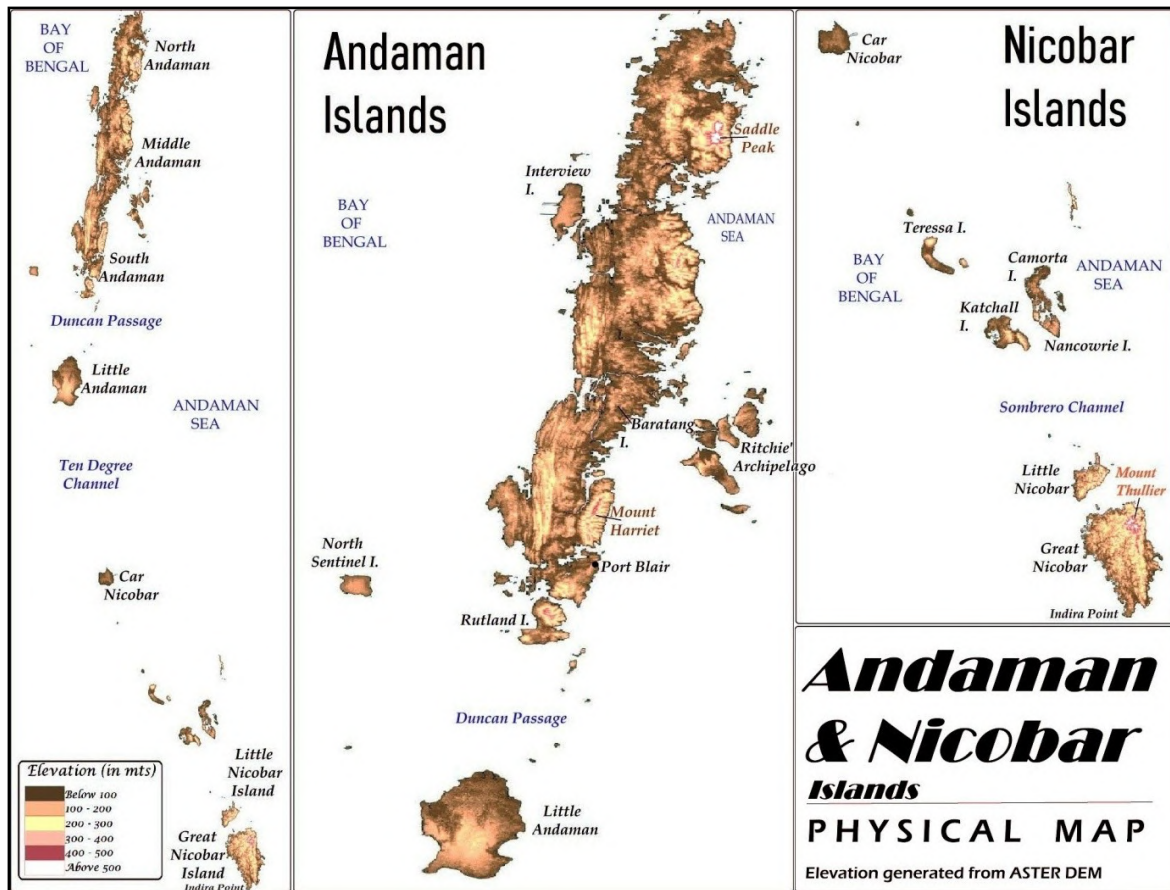


Figure-2.3 : Physiographic map of Andaman & Nicobar Islands

2.4 Geology

Geologically marine sedimentary group of rocks comprising shale, sandstone, grit and conglomerate; extrusive and intrusive igneous rocks (volcanic and ultramafic) and coralline atolls and limestone occupy the entire geographical area. Amongst these, the sedimentary origin formations are most pervasive and occupies nearly 70% of the geographical area of the islands while the igneous origin formations covers nearly 15% while the rest 15% goes to the coralline and limestone formations. All these rock formations have been subjected to chain of tectonically active zone, evident from the occurrence of shallow and deep focus earthquakes in the islands. Because of tectonic activity, the Igneous and Sedimentary group of rocks are highly fractured and fissured. These fracturing in hard rock form conduits for movement of ground water in the deeper horizon. The geology of the islands is highly varied within a small distance.

Late Cretaceous igneous rocks, the ophiolite suite, marine sedimentary rocks of Paleocene to Oligocene age and Recent to Sub-Recent beach sand, mangrove clay, alluvium and coral rags are predominant in the area. The Ophiolite suite of rocks comprises of a wide variety of acidic to

ultrabasic plutonic rocks and their equivalent basic volcanic rocks occur in sporadic patches in both Andaman and Nicobar Group of Islands.

Other rock types, white clay beds and raised coralline limestone are of late Pliocene to Pleistocene age. The rocks of this group are generally rendered good aquifers due to krastification. The ophiolite and marine sedimentaries have undergone different phases of folding, faulting. The area is considered to be orogenically active even today. The generalized geological map is shown in Figure-2.4 and the geological succession of Andaman and Nicobar Islands is given in Table-2.1 .

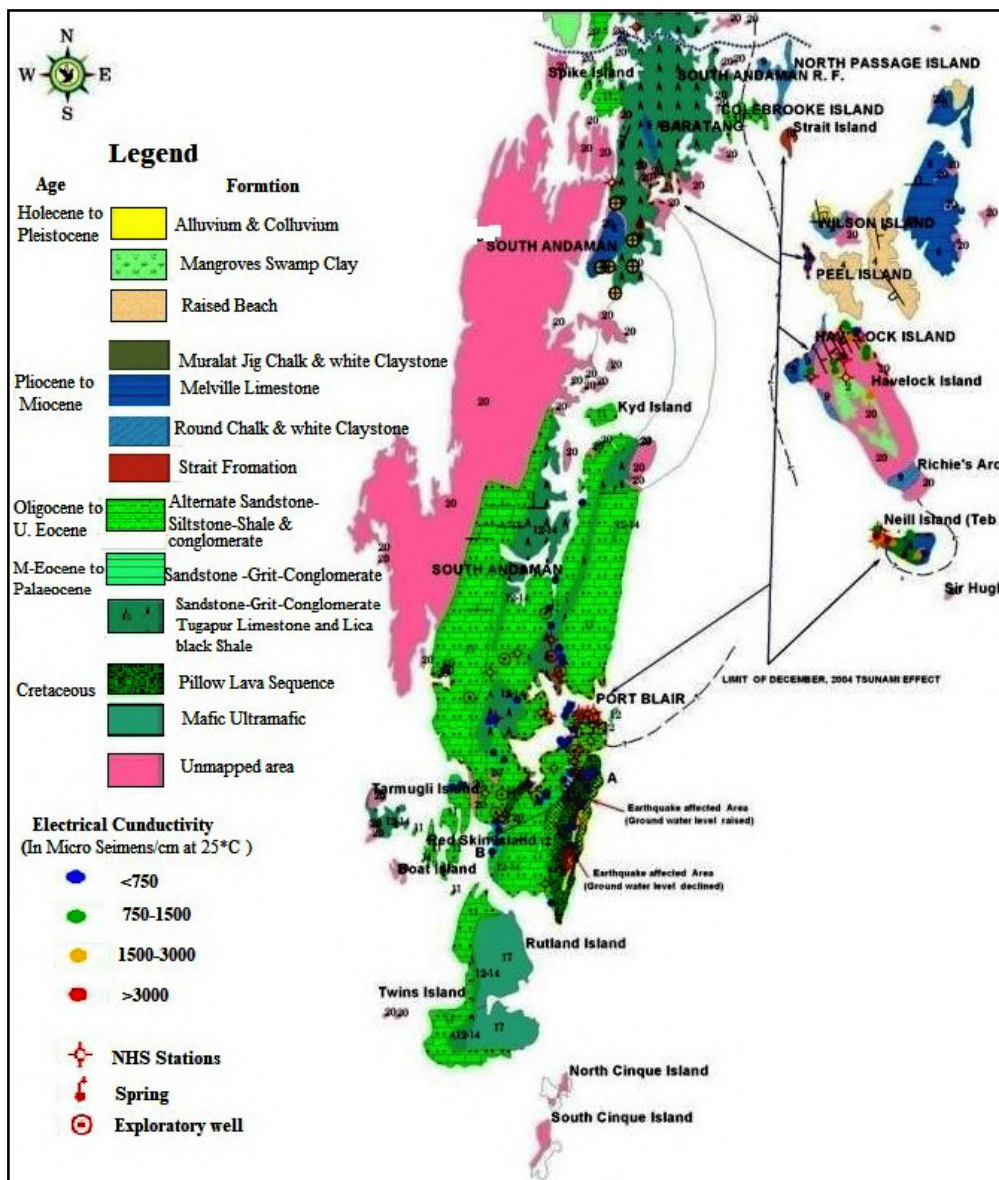


Figure-2.4 : Geological map of Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Table-2.1: Generalized Geological Succession of Andaman & Nicobar Islands

<u>Age</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Formation</u>
Recent to sub-Recent	Quaternary Holocene Group	Beach sands, Mangrove clay, Alluvium, Coral rags and Shell limestone, loosely consolidated pebble beds
~~~~~	<b>Unconformity</b>	~~~~~
Pleistocene to Late Pliocene	Nicobar Group	Shell limestone, Sandstone, Claystone, etc.
Miocene	Archipelago Group (Upper)	White claystone, Melville Limestone
~~~~~	<b>Unconformity</b>	~~~~~
Oligocene to Paleocene	Andaman Flysh, Mithakhari Group	Thinly bedded alternations of Sandstones and siltstones, grit, conglomerate, Limestones, black Shales with olistoliths.
~~~~~	<b>Unconformity</b>	~~~~~
Late Cretaceous	Ophiolite Group	Dyke swarms, acidic suite, Pillow lava with radiolarian chert and ultramafic suite.

## 2.5 Hydrogeology

Hydro-geologically, there are three major formations in the Andaman and Nicobar Group of Islands:

- a) Porous formation consist of beach sand with coral rags and shale,
- b) Thin cover of alluvium in the valleys and foot hills adjacent to valleys
- c) Moderately thick pebbly valley fill deposits (colluvium) in the narrow inter-montane valley constitute the water table aquifer.

The thickness of beach sand and alluvial deposits ranges between 3 to 6 m. and sometimes ranges up to 9 m. In Great Nicobar the thickness is thinner, only 2 to 2.5 m. The colluvial deposits in narrow inter-montane valley e.g., Beadnabad valley have much higher potentiality. One bore well of 152 mm diameter was drilled by CGWB down to 16.50 mbgl tapping the total thickness of the saturated colluvial deposits and yielded 72 m³/hr. and pumping for 500 minutes did not show any deterioration in chemical quality. The drawdown was recorded as 5.67 m and Transmissivity was calculated as 127m²/day. The well could cater to the domestic need of 10000 rural populations.

The fissured formation consists of the Upper Cretaceous Ophiolite Suite of rocks including the basic volcanics, the ultrabasic and intermediate to acid plutonic rocks. Based on the compactness and fracturing of these rocks as revealed by exploratory drilling carried out in parts of the island the rocks are again classified as consolidated group and semi consolidated group. The fractured upper Cretaceous igneous rocks and the Lower Tertiary conglomerate, grits, graded sandstone (greywacke) and their weathered upper mantle form the aquifers, the

weathered mantle is seldom 3 to 4 m thick but adjacent to the valleys it is about 6 m. The saturated thickness of the weathered mantle and the immediately underlying shallow fracture zones form the water table aquifer. Deeper fracture zones within 60 m below ground level form semi-confined to confined aquifer. The generalized geological succession of Andaman & Nicobar Islands has been given in Table-2.1 and Geology and Hydro-geological map of the islands is shown in Figure-2.5.

The fractured volcanic rocks at places e.g. Brichganj, Hamfreganj are not productive as the yield of the tube wells were in the order of 1.18 m³/hr and 0.52 m³/hr respectively. It appears that the fractured volcanic rocks are most productive where they are intruded by the ultrabasics. The area covered by the fractured sedimentary rocks, 13 exploratory bore holes were drilled and 2 bore holes were found successful i.e. at Potheropore and Dithaman Tank. At both the places Mithakari Sandstones and Shales were encountered, the productive fracture zones at Prothrapore between 25 to 60 meter, but yielded 17 m³/hr water which is brackish. The borehole at Dithaman Tank yielded very less but EC value was less and water potable. The boreholes drilled at other places in the sedimentary rocks through dark grey shale of Mithakari Group were found dry.

It is apparent from the study that the weathered sandstone are poor aquifers whereas the weathered volcanic rocks act as moderate to good aquifers at suitable locales. Results of 18 exploratory bore wells in South Andaman show that the deeper fractures imparting secondary porosity and permeability are restricted within 60 m bgl in sedimentary rocks and within 52.7 m in the volcanic and the intermediate plutonic rocks. The most productive fracture zones are in the volcanic rocks as noticed at Calicut in the depth range of 14-20 m, and 45-52 m where an intrusion of ultrabasic rock (Serpentinites) was noticed. The yield of the bore well was recorded as 44.67 m³/hr, draw down after 500 minutes of pumping was 8.23 m, Transmissivity was calculated and found to be 39.6 m²/day.

The area covered by semi consolidated Lower Tertiary sedimentary rocks in the Great Nicobar Island were also explored and found the thin bedded fine grained sand stone – clay stone alternation cannot be properly termed as aquifers. The maximum discharge obtained by tapping 31 m thick fine grained, soft argillaceous sand stone within 20 - 92 m bgl, was 187 litres/hr and quality of water was found good. Better discharge has been found in the same Island, but the quality of water was brackish (EC : 4503 µS/cm at 25° C).

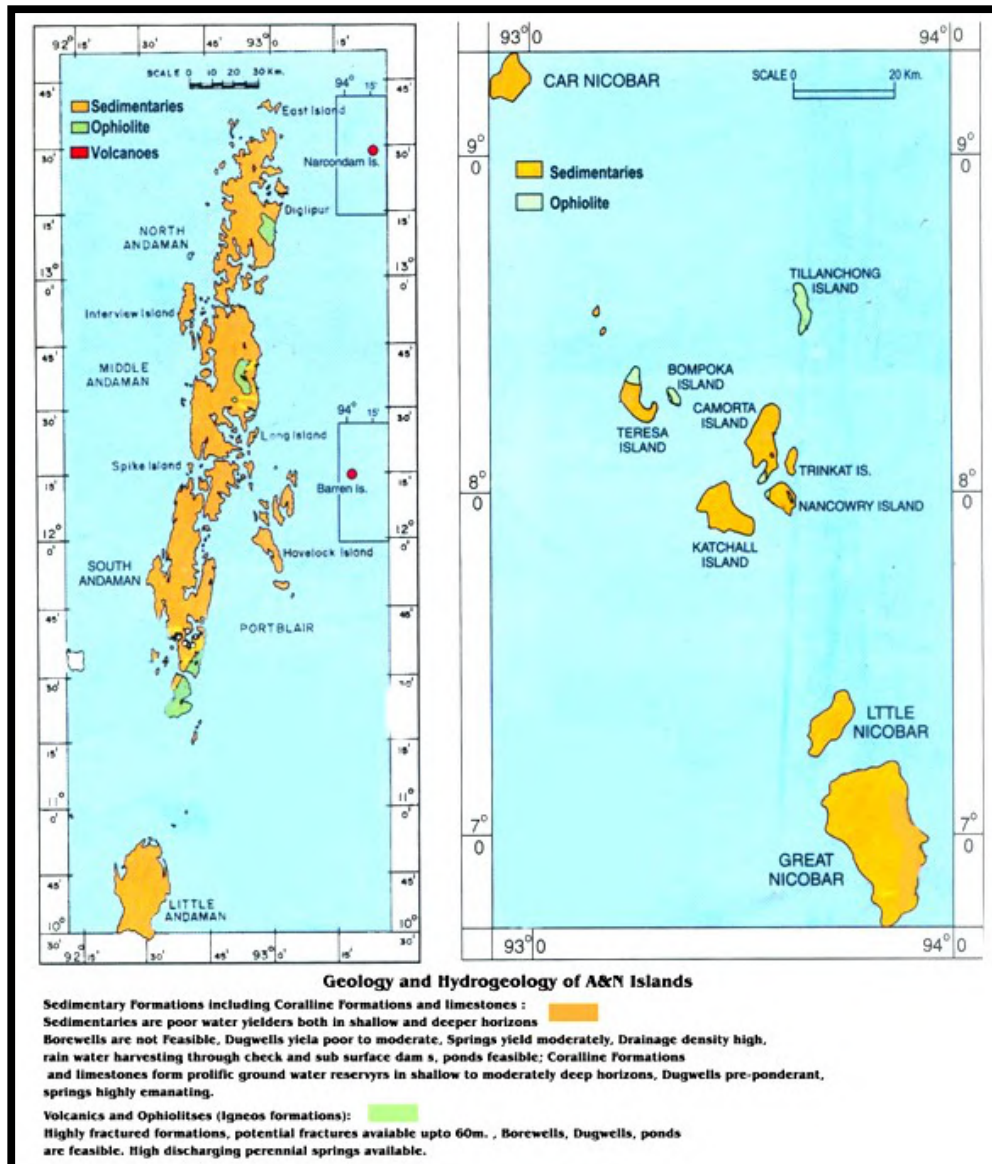


Figure - 2.5: Geology and Hydrogeology of Andaman & Nicobar Islands

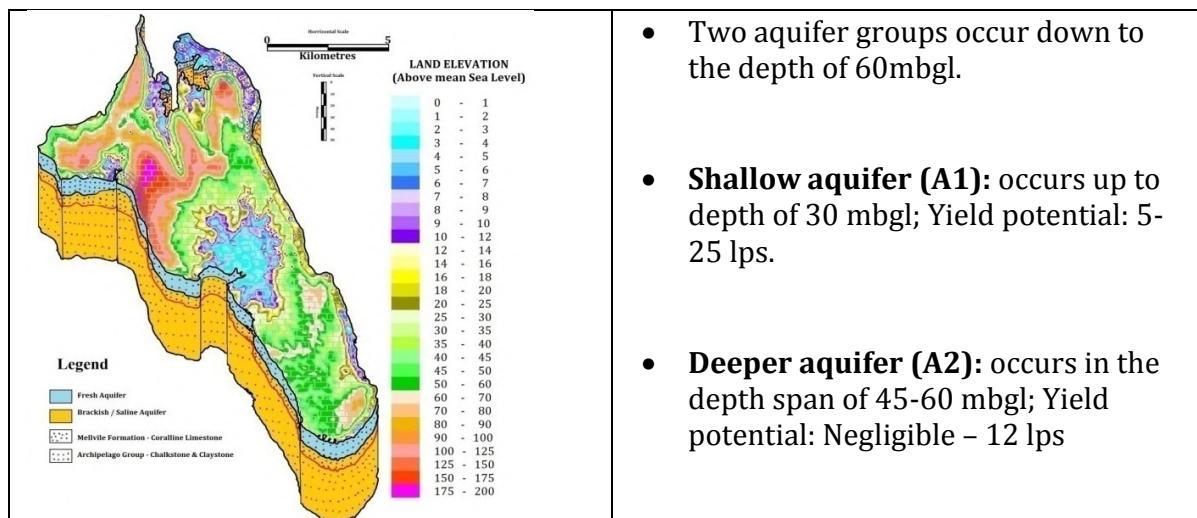
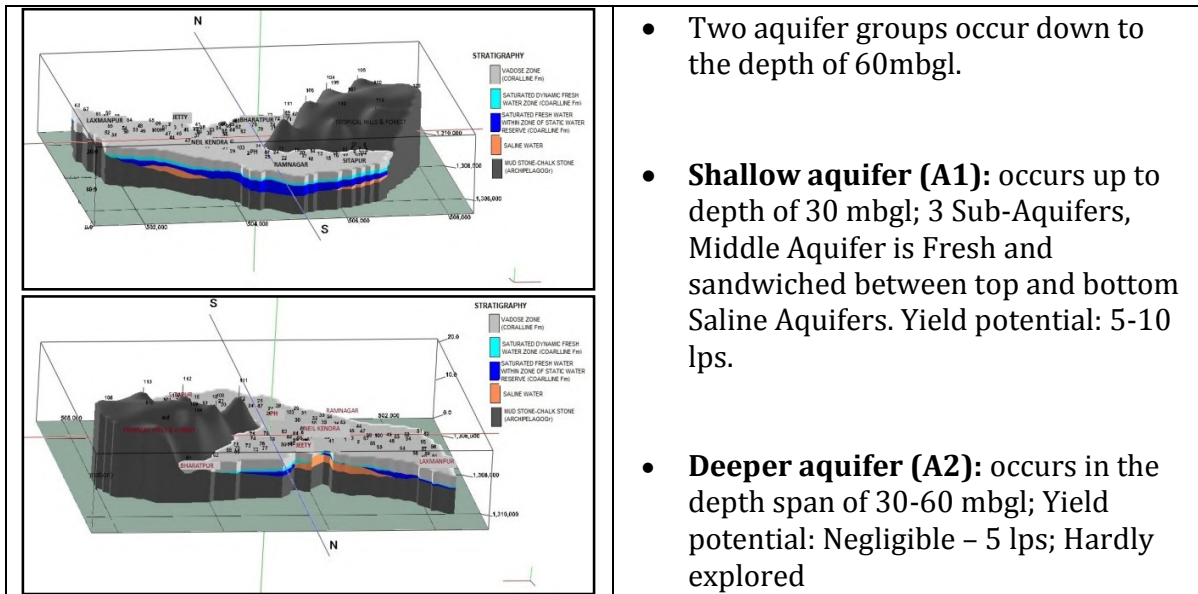


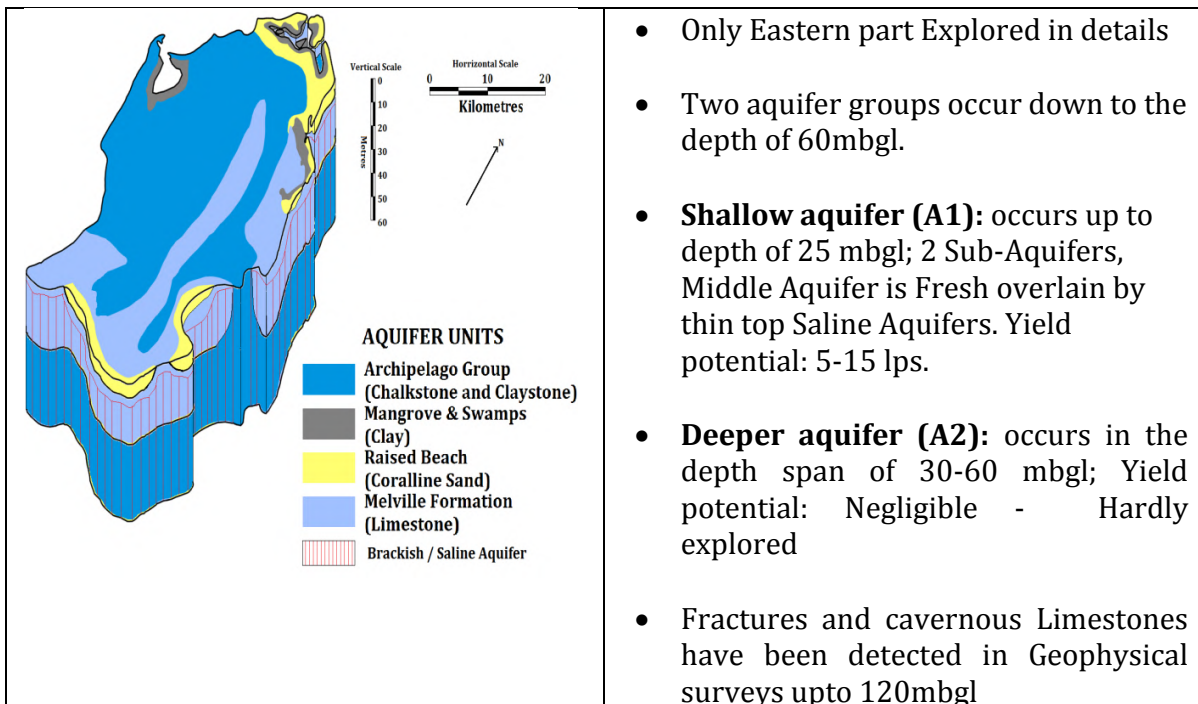
Figure 2.6 : Aquifer Disposition in Havelock Island

- Two aquifer groups occur down to the depth of 60mbgl.
- **Shallow aquifer (A1):** occurs up to depth of 30 mbgl; Yield potential: 5- 25 lps.
- **Deeper aquifer (A2):** occurs in the depth span of 45-60 mbgl; Yield potential: Negligible – 12 lps



**Figure - 2.7: Aquifer disposition in Neil Island**

- Two aquifer groups occur down to the depth of 60mbgl.
- **Shallow aquifer (A1):** occurs up to depth of 30 mbgl; 3 Sub-Aquifers, Middle Aquifer is Fresh and sandwiched between top and bottom Saline Aquifers. Yield potential: 5-10 lps.
- **Deeper aquifer (A2):** occurs in the depth span of 30-60 mbgl; Yield potential: Negligible – 5 lps; Hardly explored



**Figure - 2.8: Aquifer disposition in Little Andaman Island**

- Only Eastern part Explored in details
- Two aquifer groups occur down to the depth of 60mbgl.
- **Shallow aquifer (A1):** occurs up to depth of 25 mbgl; 2 Sub-Aquifers, Middle Aquifer is Fresh overlain by thin top Saline Aquifers. Yield potential: 5-15 lps.
- **Deeper aquifer (A2):** occurs in the depth span of 30-60 mbgl; Yield potential: Negligible - Hardly explored
- Fractures and cavernous Limestones have been detected in Geophysical surveys upto 120mbgl

**2.6 Ground water level conditions – water level, fluctuation, trend**

In sedimentary rock in valleys and adjacent to Bays, depth of dug wells are generally restricted to 3.5 to 4 m bgl, depth to water level in the dug wells in valleys 2.5 to 2.75 m, and in the igneous rock in same physiographic unit depth to water level generally less than 3 mbgl, with a seasonal fluctuation around 1.5 to 2.5 m. Sp. Capacity of lower Tertiary Sandstone, was found very low in

the range of 1.12 to 2.61 lpm/m, in the weathered volcanic rock sp. Capacity values was in the order of 0.79 and 9.55 lpm/m.

During pre-monsoon in 2022, minimum water level 0.01 mbgl at Port Blair in South Andaman and maximum of 5.17 mbgl at Calicut (Tube-well) in South Andaman have been recorded; during post-monsoon 2022, maximum water level of 10.34 mbgl at Calicut(Tube Well) in South Andaman and a minimum of 0.07 mbgl in Knoppuram also in South Andaman have been recorded. Average depth to water level in respective islands is as follows:

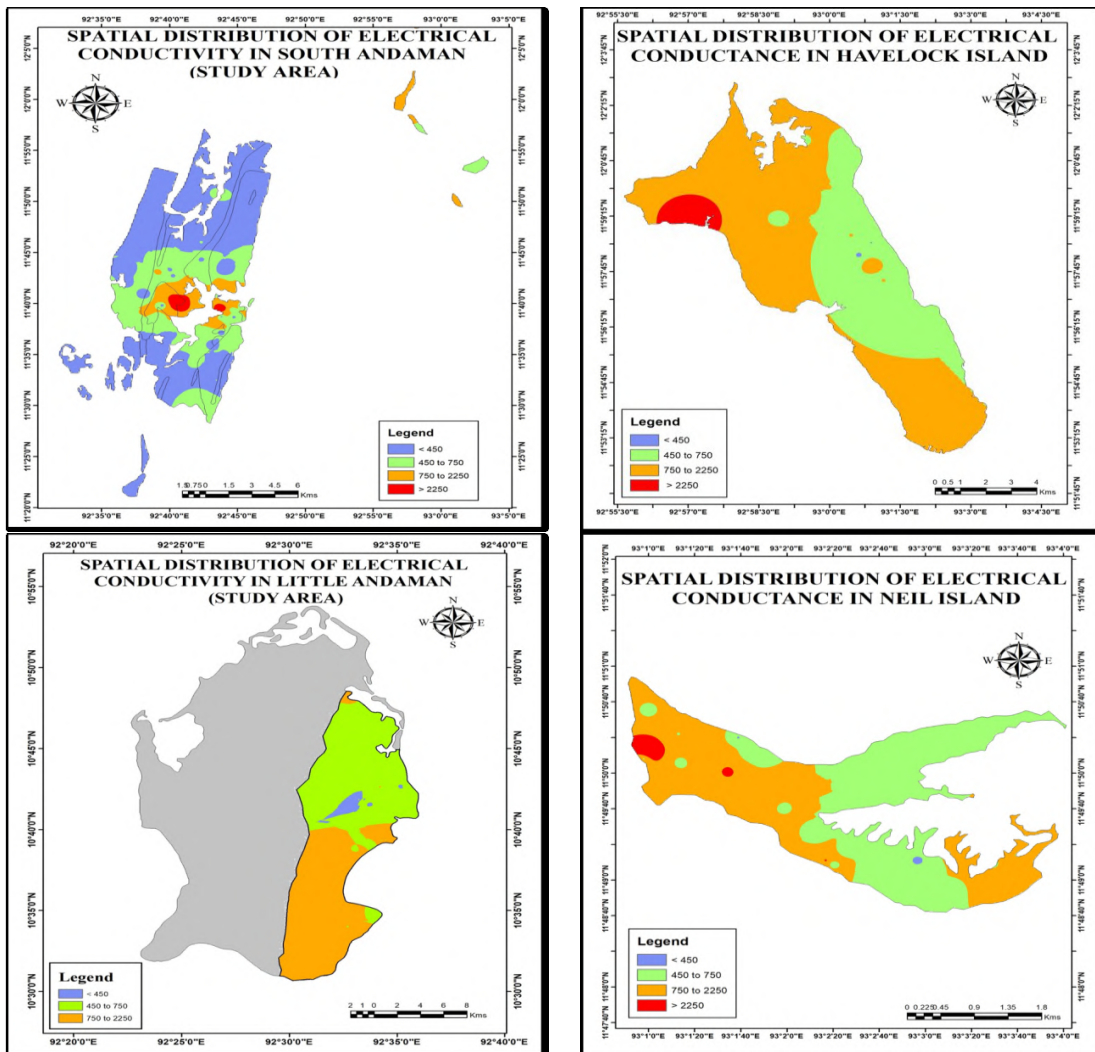
**Table 2.2: Average depth to water level in different islands**

Islands	South Andaman	Middle Andaman	North Andaman	Long Island	Havelock Island	Neil Island
Pre-monsoon 2022	2.08	1.65	1.63	2.33	2.47	4.21
Post-monsoon 2022	1.17	1.04	1.02	1.34	1.56	2.66
Fluctuation 2022	0.91	0.61	0.61	0.99	0.91	1.55

In order to study the behaviour of ground water regime with time and space in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, 112 Hydrograph Monitoring Stations were established in seven islands, viz. South Andaman, North Andaman, Middle Andaman, Long Island, Havelock Island and Neil Island. Periodic water level measurements are being taken 2 times in the year, for pre-monsoon period during May and for the post-monsoon period during December.

## **2.7 Ground water quality**

The quality of ground water throughout the island is neutral to alkaline as envisaged from the analytical results of water samples collected from the existing monitoring stations and reference wells (all dug wells). It is generally of the calcium bicarbonate type, and the bicarbonate content varies from 91 to 427 ppm greatly predominates over the chloride content varying between 14-202 ppm. Computation of the chloride-bicarbonate ratio of ground water from the islands show that the ratio varies between 0.1 to 0.2 which indicates that there has been no large scale saline water intrusion at any place in the islands. In general the ground water is fresh with low mineralization having Electrical Conductivity (EC) ranging from 292 to 1120  $\mu\text{S/cm}$  at 25° C, baring a few cases eg.1340  $\mu\text{S/cm}$  at 25° C at Marina Park, (South Andaman) and at Sitanagar, (North Andaman), > 200  $\mu\text{S/cm}$  at Saitankhari (South Andaman). Iron concentration in ground water are mostly within the permissible limit, except Namunanagar (1.36 ppm), Light House (2.15 ppm), at Annicut (2.59 ppm). As the islands are located in scattered manner, preparation of EC map is not logical in this hydro-geological set up.



**Figure-2.9 : Spatial variation in Ground Water Quality in A & N Islands**

### 3. METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 Ground Water Resource Estimation Methodology – GEC’ 2015 - brief description

In India, first attempt to estimate the ground water resources on scientific basis was made in 1979. A High Level Committee known as Ground Water Over Exploitation Committee was constituted by Agriculture Refinance and Development Corporation (ARDC). This committee had estimated GW resources of the country however recommended that the methodology should be revised with increasing availability of data to make it more scientific. Accordingly, the Ground Water Estimation Committee (1984) came up with a revised methodology based on water balance approach (GEC-1984) for assessment of ground water potential and evolved new norms. In 1997 further refined methodology of ground water resource estimation has been proposed (GEC-1997). In 2015 an analytical and more refined methodology of ground water resource estimation has been proposed (GEC-2015).

The methodologies adopted for computing ground water resources are generally based on the hydrological budget techniques. The hydrologic budget technique is a specialised form of water balance equation that requires quantification of the processes of inflow and outflow from a ground water reservoir, as well as of changes in storage. A few of these parameters are directly measurable; some may be determined as a derivative of measured values or through some indirect methods of estimation.

#### 3.2 Salient Points of GEC - 2015

##### Assessment Unit

*Hard Rock* – Watershed, as inflow/outflow across watershed boundaries is negligible.

*Alluvial Areas* – Administrative Block

**Hilly areas** having slope  $\geq 20\%$  are not considered; **in some islands huge area possesses slope  $\geq 20\%$ .**

Where the assessment unit is watershed, ground water assessment is converted in terms of an administrative unit by converting the volumetric resource into depth unit & then multiplying this depth with the corresponding area of the block.

Each unit is to be delineated into command & non-command areas. Ground Water assessment in command & non-command areas are done separately for monsoon and non-monsoon season.

Mainly two approaches are adopted for this -



**A) Ground Water(Water level) fluctuation method**, which is based on is based on ground water balance equation i.e. (input-output = storage). For assessing this equation, various components are assessed separately for monsoon and non-monsoon seasons as well as separately for command and non-command areas using norms recommended by GEC 1997.

**B) Rainfall infiltration method**, recharge assessment is done only when data of sufficient duration is available. Overall components are computed separately for monsoon and non-monsoon seasons and for command and non-command areas.

In GEC-2015, the threshold limit of minimum and maximum rainfall event which can induce recharge to the aquifer is to be considered while estimating ground water recharge using rainfall infiltration factor method.

It is suggested that 10% of Normal annual rainfall may be taken as minimum rainfall threshold and 3000 mm as maximum rainfall limit. While computing the rainfall recharge, 10% of the normal annual rainfall is to be deducted from the monsoon rainfall and balance rainfall would be considered for computation of rainfall recharge.

The same recharge factor may be used for both monsoon and non-monsoon rainfall, with the condition that the recharge due to non-monsoon rainfall may be taken as zero, if the normal rainfall during the non-monsoon season is less than 10% of normal annual rainfall.

In using the method based on the specified norms, recharge due to both monsoon and non-monsoon rainfall may be estimated for normal rainfall, based on recent 30 to 50 years of data.

### **3.3 Basic Steps of Ground water Resource Assessment**

- Demarcation of assessment units/sub-units: units - block (predominantly alluvial states), watershed (pre-dominantly hard rock states)/sub-units within assessment units-command, non-command, poor quality area;
- Computations of season-wise (monsoon & non-monsoon) gross ground water draft;
- Computations of season-wise (monsoon & non-monsoon) recharge from other sources – recharge from canal seepage, surface water and ground water irrigation, recharge from tanks & ponds, recharge from water conservation structures. Recharge from other sources is estimated using norms recommended;



In A & N Islands, ponds are mostly of same size: 30m*22m*3m

- Computation of season-wise (monsoon & non-monsoon) rainfall recharge
- Monsoon rainfall recharge: using two methods namely Water level fluctuation method and Rainfall Infiltration Method
- Non-monsoon rainfall recharge: using Rainfall Infiltration Method.
- Annual Replenishable Ground Water Resources: sum-total of Monsoon and non-Monsoon ground water recharge
- Allocation for Natural Ground Water Discharge during Non-Monsoon season:

5 -10% of Annual Replenishable Ground Water Resources; as Andaman & Nicobar Islands show high slope areas, therefore Natural Ground Water Discharge of 10% of Annual Replenishable Ground Water Resources has been considered.

- Net Annual Ground Water Availability: Annual Replenishable Ground Water Resources – Allocation for Natural Ground Water Discharge.
- Stage of Ground Water Development =  $\frac{\text{Gross Annual Ground Water Draft}}{\text{Net Annual Ground Water Availability}}$
- Categorization of Assessment units based on - Stage of Ground Water Development and long term Water Level Trend as enumerated below

The categorization of Assessment Units is shown in Table-3.1.

**Table-3.1: Categorization of Assessment units**

Sl. No.	Stage of Ground Water Development (%)	Categorization
1	≤ 70 %	SAFE
2	> 70% - ≤ 90%	SEMI- CRITICAL
3	> 90% - ≤100%	CRITICAL
4	> 100 %	OVER- EXPLOITED

**Note:**

- 'To be re-assessed' means that data is to be checked for the purpose of categorization.
- *The long term ground water level data should preferably be for the period of 10 years.*
- The significant rate of water level decline may be taken between 10 and 20 cm per year depending upon the local hydro-geological conditions.
- However, for all practical purpose, in contrast to GEC-1997 methodology, under GEC' 2015 Methodology, only the stage of ground water development will be taken into consideration for assigning categorization of assessment unit.

**3.4 Procedure followed in the present assessment including assumptions and Computation of Ground Water Resources Estimation in Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

- As per the GEC 2015 norm, the watershed or administrative unit could not be applied here since the islands are generally separated. For these reason respective Island wise water resources were calculated. Here Islands are forming the units. There are 36 Islands, which were previously dwelled by people. But, as per Census 2011, habitation has been encountered only in 29 islands. Therefore, the task of ground water resource estimation has been taken into consideration only in these 29 islands. As there is wide variation in lithology, rainfall infiltration also varies; so, the range of rainfall infiltration factor as utilized during the resources calculation varies from 0.04 to 0.22. Total Annual rainfall in Andaman and Nicobar Islands for the year 2021 is 3015.7 mm in North and Middle Andaman & South Andaman Districts, 2805.2 mm in Nicobar district.
- During calculation, the inter-montane valley and relatively flat topographical areas are considered as recharge areas. The hilly areas (573770 ha) having slope more than 20% are deducted from the geographical area available in the inhabited islands. The rechargeable area in the inhabited island is 211387 ha out of total geographical area of 785157 ha.
- Since water level data of all the Islands are not available, the rainfall infiltration method is adopted for computation of annual replenishable ground water resource. As Andaman and Nicobar Islands show high slopy areas, therefore, Natural Ground Water Discharge of 10% of Annual Replenishable Ground Water Resources has been considered.

- At present, all the ponds constructed by irrigation department are of similar size of 30m*22m*3m; also, in these islands rainfall takes place for about 8 months i.e. 240 days and the rest i.e. 125 days are non-rainfall days as suggested by APWD. For recharge by ponds, 1.44mm recharge by one hectare in one day has been considered.
- During meeting with the members of SGWCC on **G W assessment as on 31st March 2020**, Director, ANDW&SM, A & N Islands opined that during non-monsoon period in A & N Islands ponds contain water for 60 days out of 125 non-monsoon days as said before and as per his suggestion, calculation of recharge by ponds in non-monsoon has been carried out accordingly. Also, APWD opined that 55 litres should be considered for calculation of ground water draft per person per day as the organization is following the same in practice. As discussed in the gathering of the working group and resource assessment cell, it was decided to follow the same protocol for assessment of GWRE 2022.
- In South Andaman, water for domestic need is made available by APWD from the storage of Dhanikhari Dam; accordingly, calculation for GW draft for domestic purpose is considered as '0'.
- The deduced figures of Ground Water Assessment of Andaman and Nicobar Islands are presented in the Table-3.2 as on 31st March 2022.

**Table 3.2: Summary figures of GWRE 2023 - Andaman & Nicobar Islands**

Ground water Assessment year & Unit	2022-2023 (As on 31.03.2023) & Islands as Primary Assessment Units
Total annual ground water recharge	61,842.92 Ham
Annual extractable ground water resource	55,658.62 Ham
Current Annual Gross Ground Water Draft for drinking and industrial purpose	764.27 Ham
Annual allocation of ground water for domestic water supply up to 2025	688.25 Ham
Available ground water for future use for irrigation and industries	54857.67 Ham
Stage of Ground Water development	1.37 %
Categorization for future ground water development	SAFE

The available calculation and record suggested that the net annual ground water availability is 55,658.62 Ham, and 688.25 ham is allocated for domestic use upto year 2025.

Per capita consumption is taken as 55 lpcd. The available ground water for future use for irrigation and industries is 54857.67 Ham and the stage of development for the entire Union Territory is 1.37%.

As regards the static ground water resources, since detailed drilling data is not available to ascertain the average depth of saprolite (weathered mantle) and fractured horizon, it could not be attempted.

### 3.5 Computation of Ground Water Resources in Andaman And Nicobar Islands

**Table-3.3 : Approved timelines for computation of Dynamic GWRE' 2023**

S. No.	Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1	Constitution of State Level Committee (SLC) on GW Resource Assessment by the concerned States/UTs									
2	Creation of Ground Water Resources (GWR) Assessment Cell and Deployment of District/State level officers by State Agencies									
3	Organizing State Level Meeting between CGWB and Nodal/GW Department of State									
4	Firming up of Assessment units as per latest data and providing 'Shape File' of the same									
5	Compilation of basic data/map/information available for each assessment units by CGWB and State GW /Nodal Department									
6	Organize an online workshop (Zone-wise) to facilitate interaction with District/State Level Officials and IIT-H									
7	Organize interactive trainings for States those facing difficulties in assessment and software handling with IITH Teams (as per request).									
8	Coordinate with the entire line department to obtain additional required crop /Irrigation data etc as per water year (June 2021 to May 2022).									
9	Planning of Second Workshop to review overall status of assessment exercise and other issues, if any									
10	Software Operation and exercise of assessment-wise GW Resource Assessment as per the software protocol.									
11	Approval of the State Ground Water Resources by SLC and Submission of the approved Ground Water Resources to CLEG									
12	Compilation of National Report and scrutiny for Finalization									
13	Approval of the National Report by Central Level Expert Group (CLEG)									
14	Approval by Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India and Publication of National Report									

#### 3.5.1 Salient features of the dynamic ground water resources assessments including the type assessment units, total number of assessment units in the state, base-year of collection of data, year of projection of data

- i.) Assessment Unit: Inhabited islands of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- ii.) Assessment Sub Unit: Non-Command area in the 36 Islands (29 inhabited islands) of Andaman and Nicobar group of islands.
- iii.) Total number of Assessment Units in Andaman and Nicobar islands: 36 Islands (29 inhabited islands)

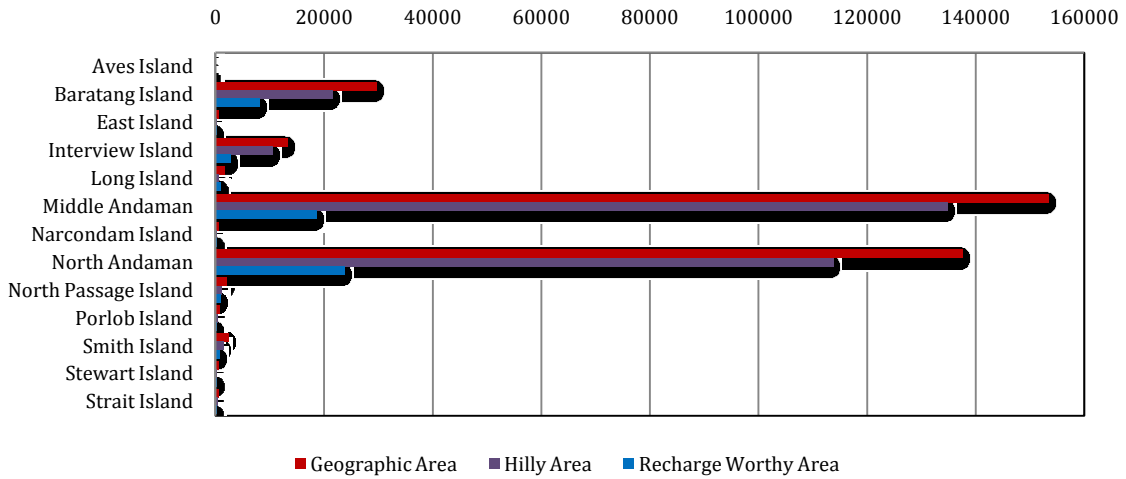
iv.) Total Number of sub units: 36 Islands (29 inhabited islands) - all of which are Non-command areas.

v.) Base Year of Data Collection: 2022-2023(As on 31.03.2023)

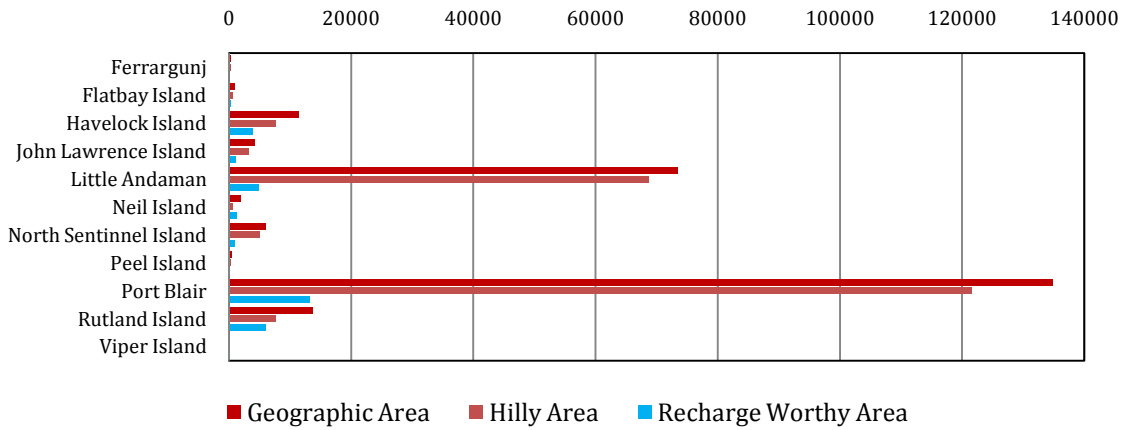
**Table-3.4 : Island wise Recharge worthy area in Andaman & Nicobar Island**

District	Tehsil	Island/ Assessment Unit	Area(Ha)				Poor Ground Water Quality Area	
			Geographical Area	Hilly Area	Recharge Worthy Area	Non Command Area		
N & M Andaman	Diglipur	East Island	611.00	305.00	306.00	306.00	0.00	
		Narcondam Island	681.00	320.00	361.00	361.00	0.00	
		North Andaman	137599.00	113825.00	23774.00	23774.00	0.00	
		Smith Island	2470.00	1579.00	891.00	891.00	0.00	
		<b>Block Total</b>	<b>141361.00</b>	<b>116029.00</b>	<b>25332.00</b>	<b>25332.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
	Mayabunder	Aves Island	20.00	4.00	16.00	16.00	0.00	
		Interview Island	13300.00	10500.00	2800.00	2800.00	0.00	
		Stewart Island	723.00	360.00	363.00	363.00	0.00	
		<b>Block Total</b>	<b>14043.00</b>	<b>10864.00</b>	<b>3179.00</b>	<b>3179.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
	Rangat	Baratang Island	29760.00	21560.00	8200.00	8200.00	0.00	
		Long Island	1790.00	688.00	1102.00	1102.00	0.00	
		Middle Andaman	153550.00	134837.00	18713.00	18713.00	0.00	
		North Passage Island	2196.00	1190.00	1006.00	1006.00	0.00	
		Porlob Island	845.00	538.00	307.00	307.00	0.00	
		Strait Island	601.00	400.00	201.00	201.00	0.00	
		<b>Block Total</b>	<b>188742.00</b>	<b>159213.00</b>	<b>29529.00</b>	<b>29529.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
	<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>			<b>499550.00</b>	<b>412999.00</b>	<b>86551.00</b>	<b>86551.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	Nicobar	Car Nicobar	Car Nicobar Island	12691.00	5690.00	7001.00	7001.00	0.00
			<b>Block Total</b>	<b>12691.00</b>	<b>5690.00</b>	<b>7001.00</b>	<b>7001.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Great Nicobar		Great Nicobar Island	104454.00	10043.00	9441.00	9441.00	0.00	
		Kondul Island	466.00	123.00	343.00	343.00	0.00	
		Little Nicobar Island	15902.00	12800.00	3102.00	3102.00	0.00	
		Pulo Milo Island	129.00	34.00	95.00	95.00	0.00	
<b>Block Total</b>		<b>120951.00</b>	<b>23000.00</b>	<b>9795.00</b>	<b>9795.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
Nancowry		Bampooka Island	1346.00	840.00	506.00	506.00	0.00	
		Chowra Island	828.00	0.00	828.00	0.00	828.00	
		Kamorta Island	18803.00	12802.00	6001.00	6001.00	0.00	
		Katchal Island	17430.00	11000.00	6430.00	6430.00	0.00	
		Nancowrie Island	6682.00	5500.00	1182.00	1182.00	0.00	
		Teressa Island	10126.00	9010.00	1116.00	1116.00	0.00	
		Tillangchang Island	1683.00	981.00	702.00	702.00	0.00	
		Trinket Island	3626.00	2900.00	726.00	726.00	0.00	
<b>Block Total</b>	<b>60524.00</b>	<b>43033.00</b>	<b>17491.00</b>	<b>16663.00</b>	<b>828.00</b>			
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>			<b>327808.00</b>	<b>100413.00</b>	<b>227395.00</b>	<b>226567.00</b>	<b>828.00</b>	
South Andaman	Ferrarganj	Ferrargunj	338.81	338.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		Flatbay Island	936.00	606.00	330.00	330.00	0.00	
		Viper Island	50.00	26.00	24.00	24.00	0.00	
		<b>Block Total</b>	<b>1324.81</b>	<b>970.81</b>	<b>354.00</b>	<b>354.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
	Little Andaman	Little Andaman	73439.00	68649.00	4790.00	4790.00	0.00	
		<b>Block Total</b>	<b>73439.00</b>	<b>68649.00</b>	<b>4790.00</b>	<b>4790.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
	Port Blair	Havelock Island	11393.00	7560.00	3833.00	3833.00	0.00	
		John Lawrence Island	4198.00	3190.00	1008.00	1008.00	0.00	
		Neil Island	1890.00	647.00	1243.00	1243.00	0.00	
		North Sentinell Island	5967.00	5060.00	907.00	907.00	0.00	
		Peel Island	435.00	250.00	185.00	185.00	0.00	
		Rutland Island	13717.00	7710.00	6007.00	6007.00	0.00	
		South Andaman	134820.00	121623.00	13197.00	13197.00	0.00	
	<b>Block Total</b>	<b>172420.00</b>	<b>146040.00</b>	<b>26380.00</b>	<b>26380.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
	<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>			<b>321947.62</b>	<b>285279.62</b>	<b>36668.00</b>	<b>36668.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>			<b>1149305.62</b>	<b>798691.62</b>	<b>350614.00</b>	<b>349786.00</b>	<b>828.00</b>	

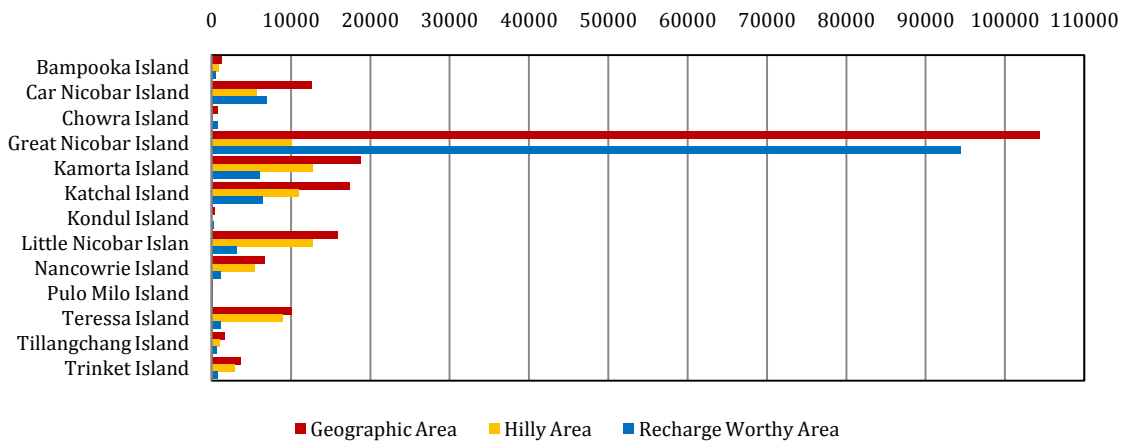
**North & Middle Andaman : Area Considerations**



**South Andaman : Area Considerations**



**NICOBAR : Area Considerations**



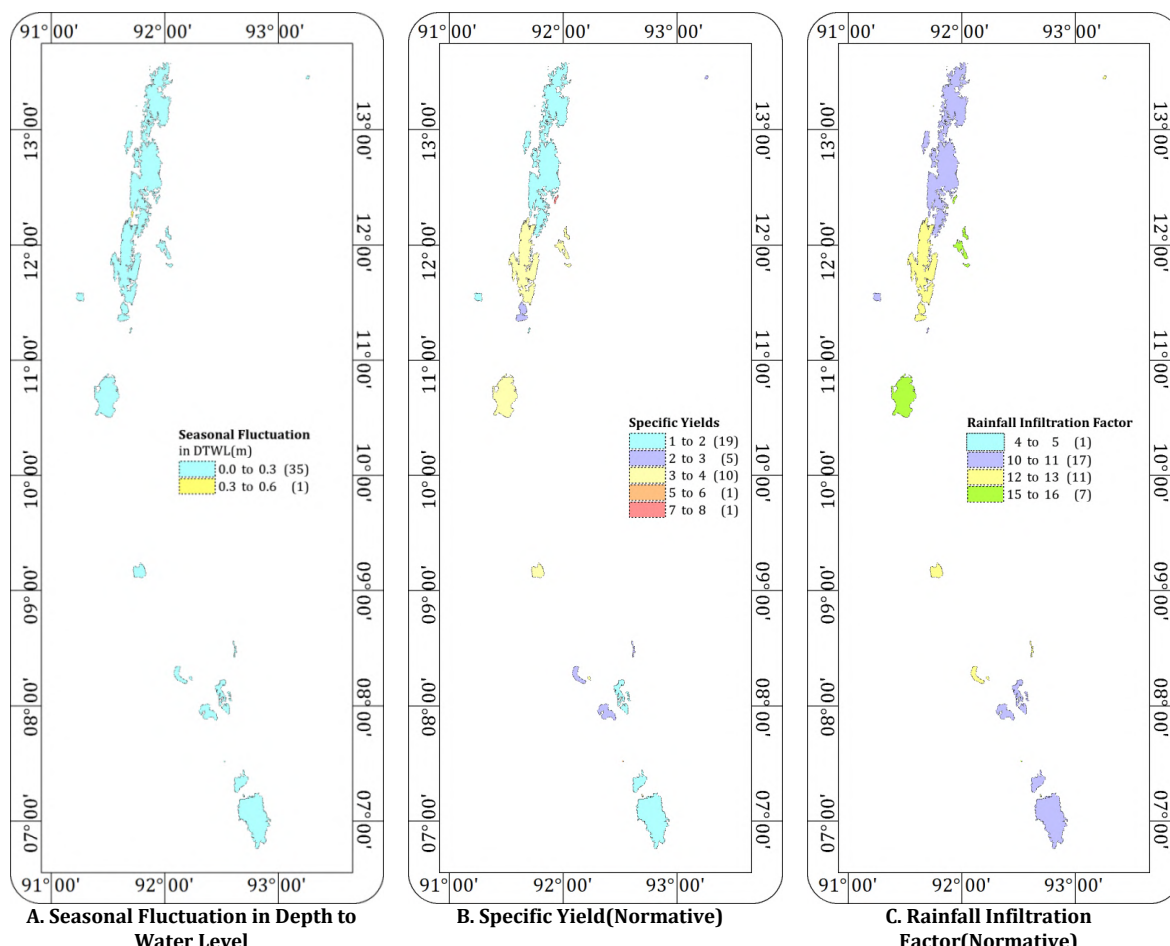
**Figure – 3.1 : District & Island wise Area(hectares) considered for GWRE 2023 in A & N Islands**

**3.5.2 Assessment sub-unit-wise method adopted for computing rainfall recharge during monsoon season (WLF/RIF)**

Rainfall infiltration (RIF) method has been adopted for computing rainfall recharge during monsoon as well as non monsoon.

**Table-3.5 : Input variables used in GWRE 2023 in Andaman & Nicobar Island**

SI	DISTRICT	Block/ Tehsil	Island/ Assessment Unit Name	Normal Annual Rainfall	Specific Yield	Rainfall Infiltration Factor
				(mm)	(Normative)	(Normative)
1	N & M Andaman	Diglipur	East Island	3015.7	1	10
2			Narcondam Island	3015.7	1	10
3			North Andaman	3015.7	2	12
4			Smith Island	3015.7	1	10
5		Mayabunder	Aves Island	3015.7	3	12
6			Interview Island	3015.7	1	4
7			Stewart Island	3015.7	1	10
8		Rangat	Baratang Island	3015.7	1	12
9			Long Island	3015.7	1	10
10			Middle Andaman	3015.7	7	15
11			North Passage Island	3015.7	1	15
12			Porlob Island	3015.7	1	10
13			Strait Island	3015.7	3	12
14	Nicobar	Car Nicobar	Car Nicobar Island	2805.2	3	12
15		Great Nicobar	Great Nicobar Island	2805.2	1	10
16			Kondul Island	2805.2	3	12
17			Little Nicobar Island	2805.2	1	10
18			Pulo Milo Island	3015.7	1	10
19		Nancowry	Bampooka Island	2805.2	3	12
20			Chowra Island	2805.2	5	15
21			Kamorta Island	2805.2	1	10
22			Katchal Island	2805.2	2	10
23			Nancowrie Island	2805.2	1	10
24			Teressa Island	2805.2	2	12
25			Tillangchang Island	2805.2	2	12
26			Trinket Island	2805.2	1	10
27	South Andaman	Ferrarganj	Flatbay Island	3015.7	1	10
28			Viper Island	3015.7	1	10
29			Little Andaman	3015.7	3	15
30		Port Blair	Havelock Island	3015.7	3	15
31			John Lawrence Island	3015.7	3	15
32			Neil Island	3015.7	3	15
33			North Sentinell Island	3015.7	1	10
34			Peel Island	3015.7	1	10
35			Rutland Island	2805.2	2	12
36			South Andaman	3015.7	3	12



**Figure-3.2 : Spatial Distribution of Input variables used in GWRE 2023 in A & N Islands**

**3.5.3 The total resources of the state, existing development, balance available for future development, stage of development, categorization of assessment units and other relevant salient features of the resources assessment in the state**

For estimation of dynamic ground water resources of Andaman and Nicobar islands, Rainfall infiltration Factor (RIF) has been adopted for computation. Total 36 Islands (29 inhabited islands) have been taken into account for ground water resource calculation. These 36 islands are belonging to three districts namely North & Middle Andaman district, South Andaman district and Nicobar district. For three districts stage of ground water development ranges from 0.28 % to 3.44 %, with the overall Stage of Ground Water Abstraction being pegged at 1.35% . Out of all the assessed islands – 1 is Hilly, 1 is Saline(Poor Ground Water Quality Area) and rest are classified under Safe category.

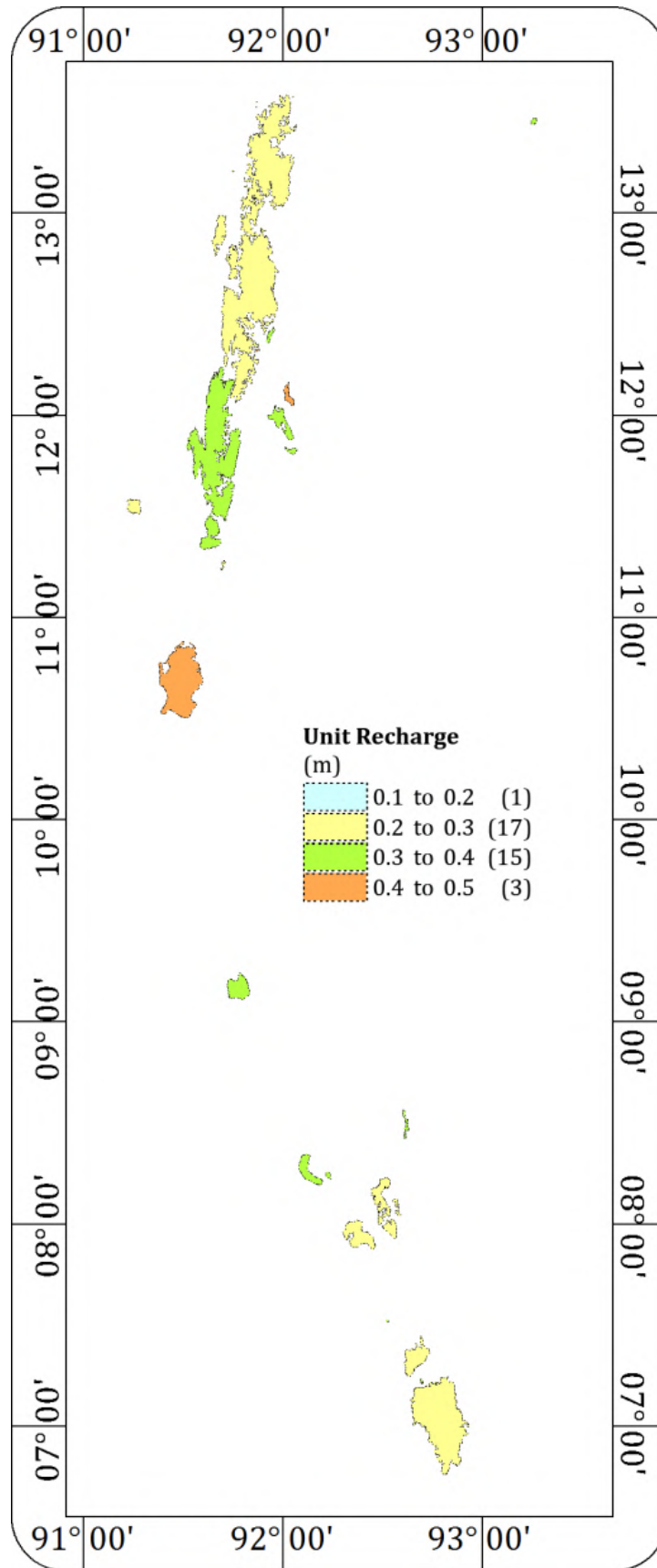


**3.5.4 Spatial variation of the Ground water recharge and development scenario in the State/ district-wise:**

District wise variations of recharge from rainfall during monsoon have been assessed. Total annual recharge in the Andaman and Nicobar Island is estimated as **61,842.92** ham and total natural discharges is calculated as **6,184.30** ham. Net ground water availability(annual extractable ground water resources) of the island is estimated as **55,658.62** ham.

**Table-3.6 : Computed Recharge(GWRE 2023) in Andaman & Nicobar Island**

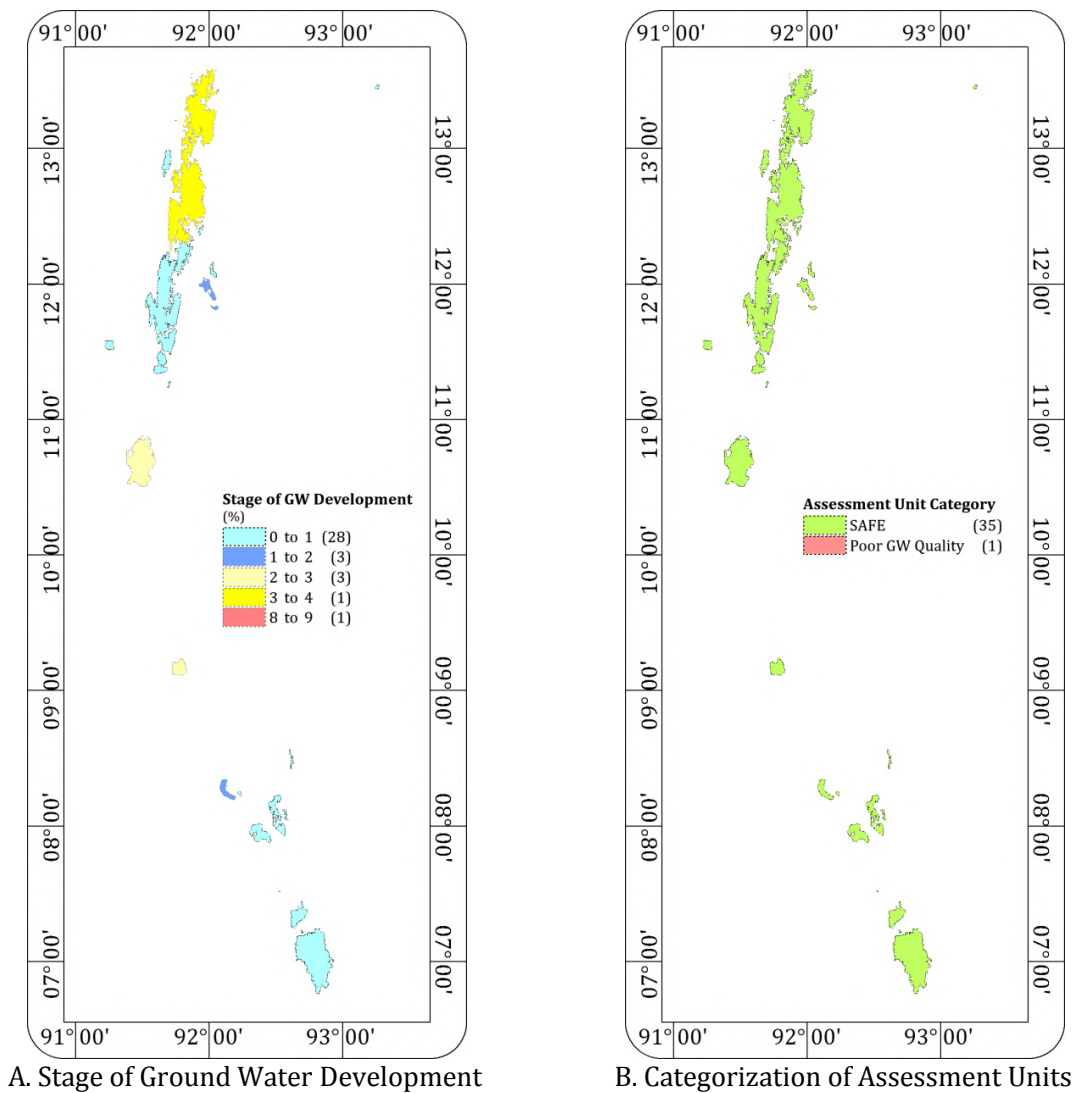
District	Block/ Tehsil	Island/ Assessment Unit	Recharge (Ham)			Total Natural Discharges (Ham)	Annual Extractable Ground Water Resource (Ham)	Unit Recharge (m)	
			Rainfall	Other Sources	Total				
N & M Andaman	Diglipur	East Island	92.28	0.00	92.28	9.23	83.05	0.271	
		Narcondam Island	130.64	0.00	130.64	13.06	117.58	0.326	
		North Andaman	6334.01	0.00	6334.01	633.41	5700.60	0.240	
		Smith Island	322.44	0.00	322.44	32.25	290.19	0.326	
		<b>Block Total</b>	<b>6879.37</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6879.37</b>	<b>687.95</b>	<b>6191.42</b>	<b>0.244</b>	
	Mayabunder	Aves Island	1.93	0.84	2.77	0.28	2.49	0.156	
		Interview Island	844.40	0.00	844.40	84.44	759.96	0.271	
		Stewart Island	131.36	0.00	131.36	13.13	118.23	0.326	
		<b>Block Total</b>	<b>977.69</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>978.53</b>	<b>97.85</b>	<b>880.68</b>	<b>0.277</b>	
	Rangat	Baratang Island	2472.87	10.81	2483.68	248.37	2235.31	0.273	
		Long Island	440.40	0.25	440.65	44.07	396.58	0.360	
		Middle Andaman	4985.63	0.00	4985.63	498.56	4487.07	0.240	
		North Passage Island	455.07	0.16	455.23	45.52	409.71	0.407	
		Porioh Island	92.59	0.00	92.59	9.26	83.33	0.271	
		Strait Island	72.74	0.00	72.74	7.28	65.46	0.326	
		<b>Block Total</b>	<b>8519.30</b>	<b>11.22</b>	<b>8530.52</b>	<b>853.06</b>	<b>7677.46</b>	<b>0.260</b>	
		<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>16376.36</b>	<b>12.06</b>	<b>16388.42</b>	<b>1638.86</b>	<b>14749.56</b>	<b>0.170</b>	
	Nicobar	Car Nicobar	Car Nicobar Island	2356.70	0.00	2356.70	235.67	2121.03	0.303
			<b>Block Total</b>	<b>2356.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2356.70</b>	<b>235.67</b>	<b>2121.03</b>	<b>0.303</b>
Great Nicobar		Great Nicobar Island	26484.18	1.00	26485.18	2648.52	23836.66	0.252	
		Kondul Island	115.46	0.16	115.62	11.56	104.06	0.303	
		Little Nicobar Island	870.17	0.00	870.17	87.02	783.15	0.252	
		Pulo Milo Island	31.98	0.00	31.98	3.20	28.78	0.303	
<b>Block Total</b>		<b>27501.79</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>27502.95</b>	<b>2750.30</b>	<b>24752.65</b>	<b>0.253</b>		
Nancowry		Bampooka Island	170.33	0.00	170.33	17.03	153.30	0.303	
		Chowra Island	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000	
		Kamoria Island	1683.40	0.00	1683.40	168.34	1515.06	0.252	
		Katchal Island	1803.74	0.00	1803.74	180.37	1623.37	0.252	
		Nancowrie Island	331.57	0.00	331.57	33.16	298.41	0.252	
		Teressa Island	375.67	0.00	375.67	37.57	338.10	0.303	
		Tilangchang Island	236.31	0.00	236.31	23.63	212.68	0.303	
		Trinket Island	203.65	0.04	203.69	20.37	183.32	0.253	
<b>Block Total</b>		<b>4804.67</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>4804.71</b>	<b>480.47</b>	<b>4324.24</b>	<b>0.260</b>		
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>		<b>34663.16</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>34664.36</b>	<b>3466.44</b>	<b>31197.92</b>	<b>0.138</b>		
South Andaman		Ferrarganj	Flatbay Island	99.52	0.00	99.52	9.95	89.57	0.271
			Viper Island	7.24	0.00	7.24	0.72	6.52	0.272
	<b>Block Total</b>		<b>106.76</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>106.76</b>	<b>10.67</b>	<b>96.09</b>	<b>0.271</b>	
	Little Andaman	Little Andaman	2166.78	0.00	2166.78	216.67	1950.11	0.407	
		<b>Block Total</b>	<b>2166.78</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2166.78</b>	<b>216.67</b>	<b>1950.11</b>	<b>0.407</b>	
	Port Blair	Havelock Island	1531.81	0.00	1531.81	153.18	1378.63	0.360	
		John Lawrence Island	455.98	0.41	456.39	45.64	410.75	0.407	
		Neil Island	496.75	0.00	496.75	49.68	447.07	0.360	
		North Sentinel Island	273.53	5.82	279.35	27.93	251.42	0.277	
		Peel Island	55.79	0.00	55.79	5.58	50.21	0.271	
		Rutland Island	2173.84	6.65	2180.49	218.05	1962.44	0.327	
		South Andaman	3516.02	0.00	3516.02	351.60	3164.42	0.240	
	<b>Block Total</b>	<b>8503.72</b>	<b>12.88</b>	<b>8516.60</b>	<b>851.66</b>	<b>7664.94</b>	<b>0.291</b>		
	<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>10777.26</b>	<b>12.88</b>	<b>10790.14</b>	<b>1079.00</b>	<b>9711.14</b>	<b>0.265</b>		
	<b>UT TOTAL</b>	<b>61816.78</b>	<b>26.14</b>	<b>61842.92</b>	<b>6184.30</b>	<b>55658.62</b>	<b>0.159</b>		



**Figure-3.3 : Spatial Distribution of computed Unit Recharge in GWRE 2022 in A & N Islands**

**Table-3.7 : Computed Ground Water Drafts(GWRE 2023) in Andaman & Nicobar Island**

DISTRICT	Block/ Tehsil	Island/ Assessment Unit	Annual Extractable Ground Water Resource (Ham)	Ground Water Extraction (Ham)				Annual CW Allocation for Domestic Use as on 2025 (Ham)	Net Ground Water Availability For Future Us (Ham)	Stage Of Ground Water Extraction (%)	Category	
				Irrigation Use	Industria Use	Domestic Use	Total Extraction					
N & M Andaman	Dighipur	East Island	83.05	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.04	83.01	0.05	Safe	
		Narcondam Island	117.58	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.04	117.54	0.03	Safe	
		North Andaman	5700.60	0.05	33.76	102.70	136.52	108.45	5558.33	2.39	Safe	
		Smith Island	290.19	0.00	0.00	1.45	1.45	1.53	288.66	0.50	Safe	
		<b>Block Total</b>	<b>6191.42</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>33.76</b>	<b>104.23</b>	<b>138.05</b>	<b>110.06</b>	<b>6047.54</b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>Safe</b>	
	Mayabunder	Aves Island	2.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	2.48	0.00	Safe	
		Interview Island	759.96	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.03	0.04	759.93	0.00	Safe	
		Stewart Island	118.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	118.22	0.00	Safe	
		<b>Block Total</b>	<b>880.68</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>880.63</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>Safe</b>	
	Rangat	Baratang Island	2235.31	0.00	4.51	13.73	18.24	14.50	2216.30	0.82	Safe	
		Long Island	396.58	0.00	0.82	2.49	3.31	2.63	393.13	0.83	Safe	
		Middle Andaman	4487.07	0.75	44.15	134.32	179.23	141.83	4300.33	3.99	Safe	
		North Passage Island	409.71	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	409.70	0.00	Safe	
		Porlob Island	83.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	83.33	0.00	Safe	
		Straits Island	65.46	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.09	0.10	65.36	0.14	Safe	
		<b>Block Total</b>	<b>7677.46</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>49.48</b>	<b>150.64</b>	<b>200.88</b>	<b>159.07</b>	<b>7468.15</b>	<b>2.62</b>	<b>Safe</b>	
	<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>14749.56</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>83.24</b>	<b>254.91</b>	<b>338.96</b>	<b>269.19</b>	<b>14396.32</b>	<b>2.30</b>	<b>Safe</b>		
	Nicobar	Car Nicobar	Car Nicobar Island	2121.03	0.20	0.20	43.07	43.47	45.48	2075.15	2.05	Safe
			<b>Block Total</b>	<b>2121.03</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>43.07</b>	<b>43.47</b>	<b>45.48</b>	<b>2075.15</b>	<b>2.05</b>	<b>Safe</b>
		Great Nicobar	Great Nicobar Island	23836.66	0.03	0.14	19.42	19.59	20.51	23815.98	0.08	Safe
Kondul Island			104.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.06	0.00	Safe	
Little Nicobar Island			783.15	0.00	0.00	0.73	0.73	0.77	782.38	0.09	Safe	
Pulo Milo Island			28.78	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.05	28.73	0.17	Safe	
<b>Block Total</b>			<b>24752.65</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>20.20</b>	<b>20.37</b>	<b>21.33</b>	<b>24731.15</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>Safe</b>	
Nancowry		Bampooka Island	153.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	153.30	0.00	Safe	
		Chowra Island	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3.24	0.00	0.00	SAFELY	
		Kamorta Island	1515.06	0.01	0.14	8.90	9.04	9.40	1505.52	0.60	Safe	
		Katchal Island	1623.37	0.01	0.14	4.67	4.80	4.93	1618.31	0.30	Safe	
		Nancowrie Island	298.41	0.01	0.14	2.46	2.60	2.60	295.67	0.87	Safe	
		Teresa Island	338.10	0.00	0.19	6.48	6.67	6.84	331.07	1.97	Safe	
		Tillangchang Island	212.68	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.09	0.10	212.58	0.04	Safe	
		Trinket Island	183.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	183.32	0.00	Safe	
<b>Block Total</b>		<b>4324.24</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>22.61</b>	<b>23.20</b>	<b>20.63</b>	<b>4299.77</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>Safe</b>		
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>31197.92</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>85.88</b>	<b>87.04</b>	<b>87.44</b>	<b>31106.07</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>Safe</b>			
South Andaman	Ferrarganj	Plathay Island	89.57	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	89.56	0.01	Safe	
		Viper Island	6.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.52	0.00	Safe	
		<b>Block Total</b>	<b>96.09</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>96.08</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>Safe</b>	
	Little Andaman	Little Andaman	1950.11	0.23	0.23	45.44	45.91	47.98	1901.66	2.35	Safe	
		<b>Block Total</b>	<b>1950.11</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>45.44</b>	<b>45.91</b>	<b>47.98</b>	<b>1901.66</b>	<b>2.35</b>	<b>Safe</b>	
	Port Blair	Havelock Island	1378.63	0.01	0.01	15.24	15.26	16.10	1362.51	1.11	Safe	
		John Lawrence Island	410.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	410.75	0.00	Safe	
		Neil Island	447.07	0.01	0.01	7.34	7.34	7.75	439.32	1.64	Safe	
		North Sentinel Island	251.42	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.03	0.04	251.39	0.01	Safe	
		Peel Island	50.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.21	0.00	Safe	
		Rutland Island	1962.44	0.00	0.00	0.84	0.84	0.89	1961.55	0.04	Safe	
		South Andaman	3164.42	10.40	13.36	245.13	260.89	258.85	2801.01	8.50	Safe	
	<b>Block Total</b>	<b>7664.94</b>	<b>10.42</b>	<b>13.38</b>	<b>268.59</b>	<b>292.36</b>	<b>283.63</b>	<b>7357.54</b>	<b>3.81</b>	<b>Safe</b>		
	<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>9711.14</b>	<b>10.65</b>	<b>13.61</b>	<b>314.04</b>	<b>338.28</b>	<b>331.62</b>	<b>9355.28</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>Safe</b>		
<b>UT TOTAL</b>	<b>55658.62</b>	<b>11.70</b>	<b>97.80</b>	<b>654.82</b>	<b>764.28</b>	<b>688.25</b>	<b>54857.67</b>	<b>1.37</b>	<b>Safe</b>			



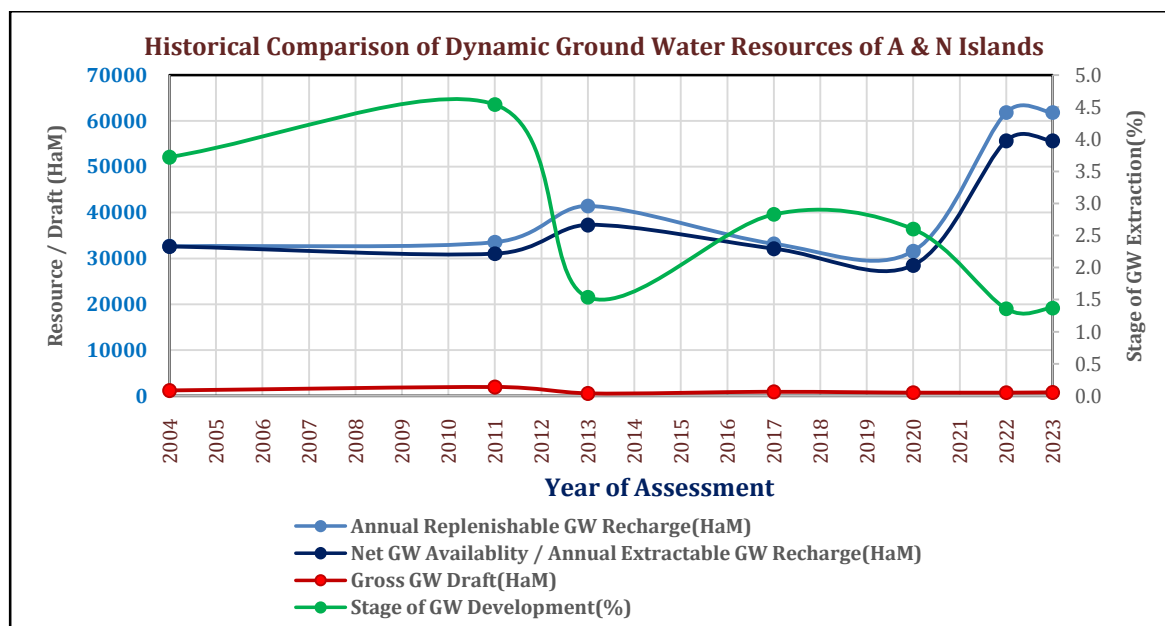
**Figure-3.4 : Spatial Distribution of Stage of Ground Water Development & Categorization of Assessment Units in GWRE 2022 in A & N Islands**

**3.5.5 Comparison with the earlier ground water resources estimate and reasons for significant departure from earlier estimates.**

The loss in surface area in some of the highly earthquake devastated islands have made possible changes in freshwater volume in the islands. In 11 (Eleven) islands parts of their area have been submerged due to tsunami/earthquake effect. It's important to note that parts of the Andaman group of islands and the entire Nicobar group of islands were subsided during the plate collision and submerged. Net availability of ground water resources have been increased in comparison to the values obtained in previous ground water resource estimation in the islands in 2004, 2011, 2013, 2017, 2020 & 2022.

**Table-3.8 : Comparison between GWRE in Andaman & Nicobar Island over time**

	Assessment year						
	2004	2011	2013	2017	2020	2022	2023
Annual Replenishable Ground Water Recharge(HaM)	32673	33561	41449	33158	31551	61817	61843
Annual Extractable Ground Water Recharge(HaM)	32599	31023	37304	32132	28492	55659	55659
Gross Ground Water Draft(HaM)	1197.4	1965.6	573.53	908.18	739.49	754.81	764.27
Stage of Ground Water Development(%)	3.72	4.54	1.54	2.83	2.60	1.36	1.37
Categorization	SAFE	SAFE	SAFE	SAFE	SAFE	SAFE	SAFE

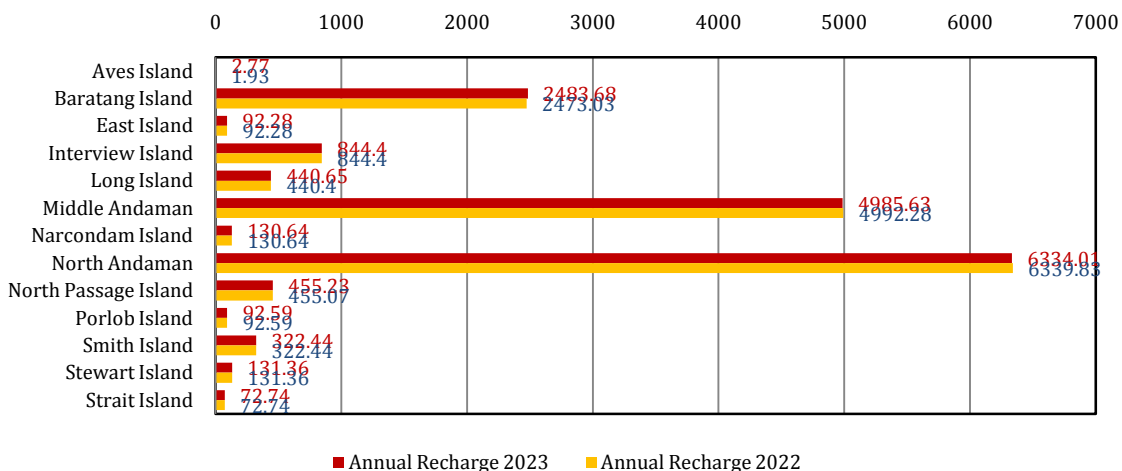


**Figure-3.5 : Historical comparison GWRE over time in A & N Islands**

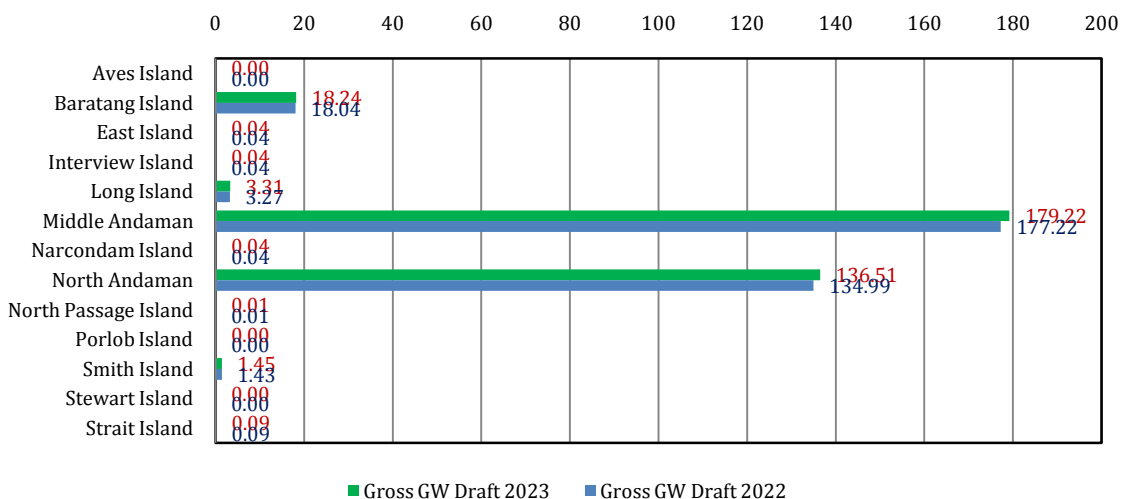
**Table-3.9 : Comparison between GWRE'2023 vs GWRE'2022 in Andaman & Nicobar Island**

S. No	District	Year	Annual Replenishable Recharge (HaM)			Environmental Flow (HaM)	Annual Extractable Recharge (HaM)	Ground Water Extraction (HaM)				Stage of GW Extraction (%)	Category
			Rainfall	Other Sources	Total			Domestic	Industrial	Irrigation	Gross		
1	N & M Andaman (Fresh)	2022	16376.36	12.63	16388.99	1638.9	14750.09	251.33	83.04	0.8	335.17	2.27	SAFE
		2023	16376.36	12.06	16388.42	1638.9	14749.56	254.91	83.24	0.8	338.95	2.30	SAFE
2A	Nicobar (Fresh)	2022	34663.16	1	34664.16	3466.4	31197.75	84.67	0.94	0.25	85.84	0.28	SAFE
		2023	34663.16	1.2	34664.36	3466.44	31197.92	85.88	0.95	0.25	87.04	0.28	SAFE
2B	Nicobar (PGWQA)	2022	348.4	0	348.4	34.84	313.56	3.02	0	0	3.03	0.97	SALINE
		2023	348.4	0	348.4	34.84	313.56	3.07	0	0	3.07	0.98	SALINE
3	South Andaman (Fresh)	2022	10777.26	12.51	10789.77	1078.97	9710.8	309.63	13.54	10.65	333.8	3.44	SAFE
		2023	10777.26	12.88	10790.14	1079	9711.14	314.04	13.61	10.65	338.28	3.48	SAFE
	STATE TOTAL (Fresh)	2022	61816.78	26.14	61842.92	6184.27	55658.64	645.63	97.52	11.7	754.81	1.36	SAFE
		2023	61816.78	26.14	61842.92	6184.34	55658.62	654.83	97.8	11.7	764.27	1.37	SAFE
	STATE TOTAL (PGWQA)	2022	348.4	0	348.4	34.84	313.56	3.02	0	0	3.03	0.97	SALINE
		2023	348.4	0	348.4	34.84	313.56	3.07	0	0	3.07	0.98	SALINE

North & Middle Andaman : Annual Recharge Comparison 2023 vs 2022



N & M Andaman : Gross Ground Water Draft Comparison 2023 vs 2022



N & M Andaman : Stage of GW Extraction Comparison 2023 vs 2022

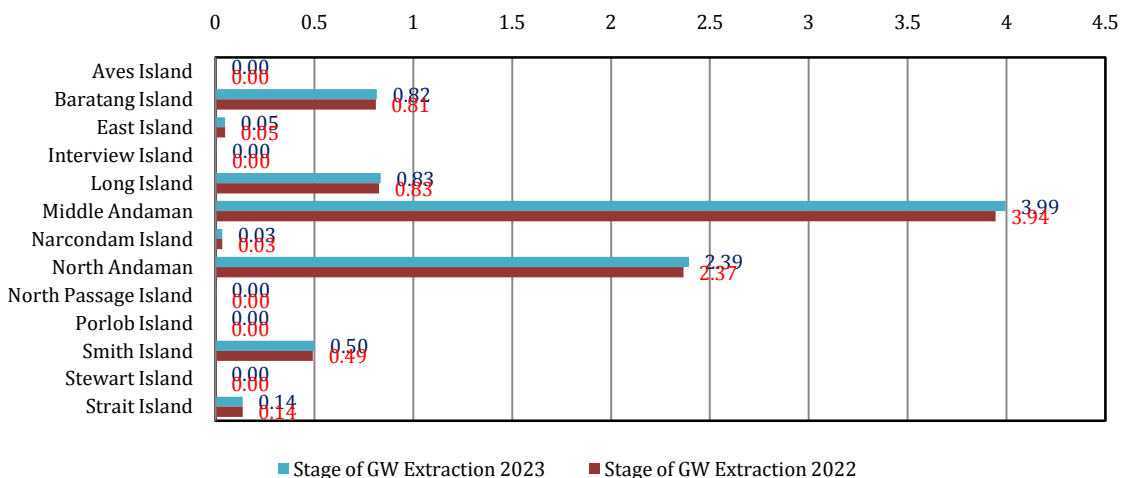
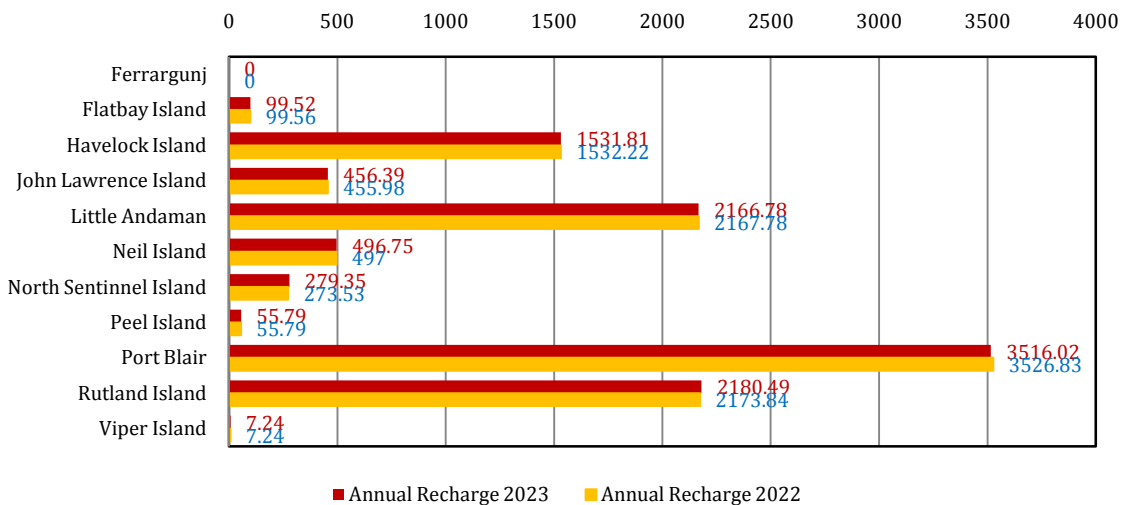
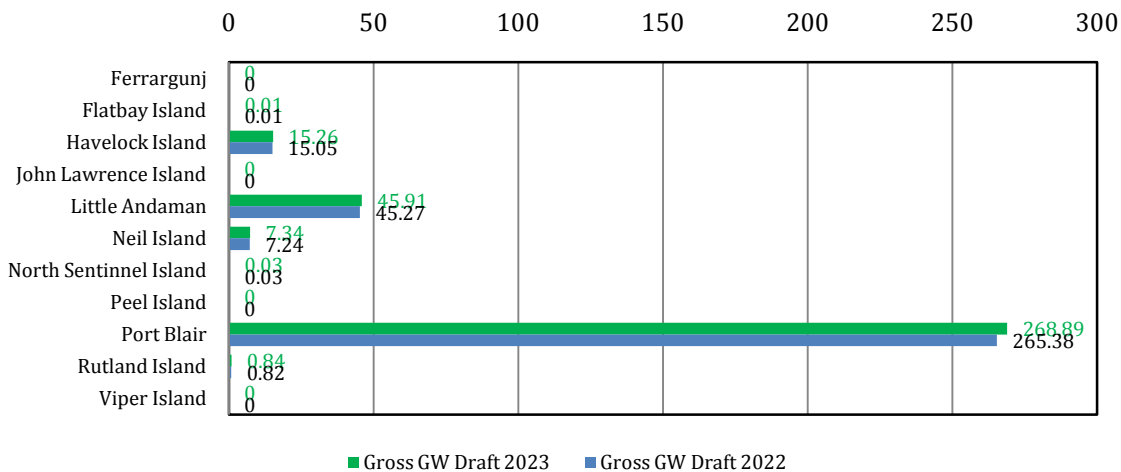


Figure-3.6 : GWRE 2023 vs 2022 – North & Middle Andaman District

### South Andaman : Annual Recharge Comparison 2023 vs 2022



### South Andaman : Gross Ground Water Draft Comparison 2023 vs 2022



### South Andaman : Stage of GW Extraction Comparison 2023 vs 2022

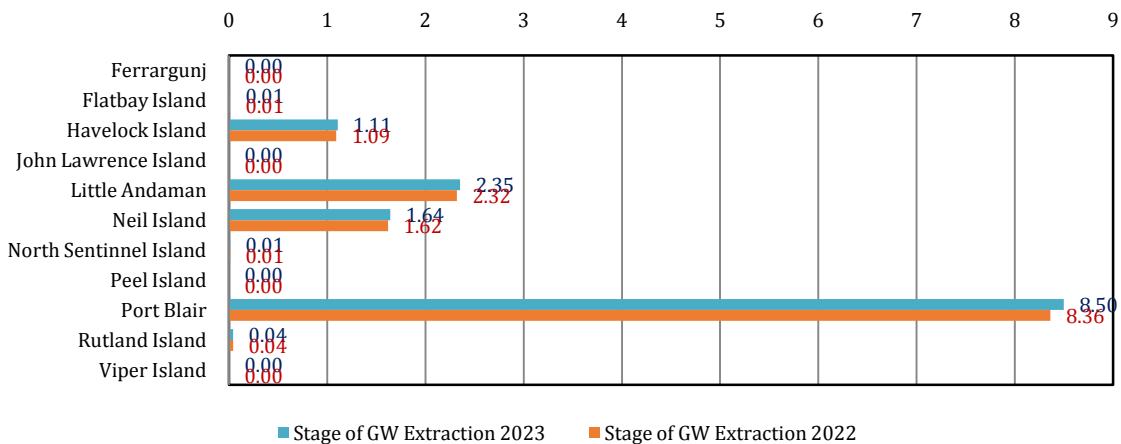
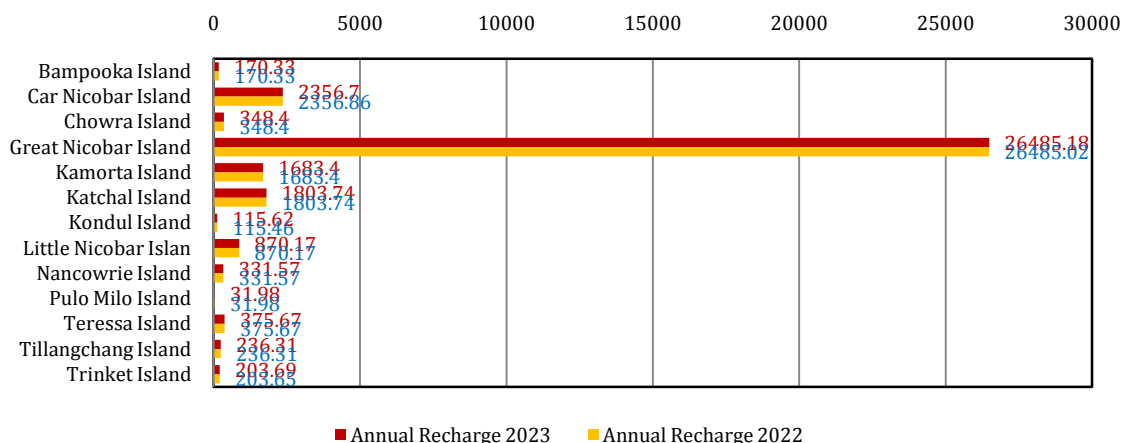
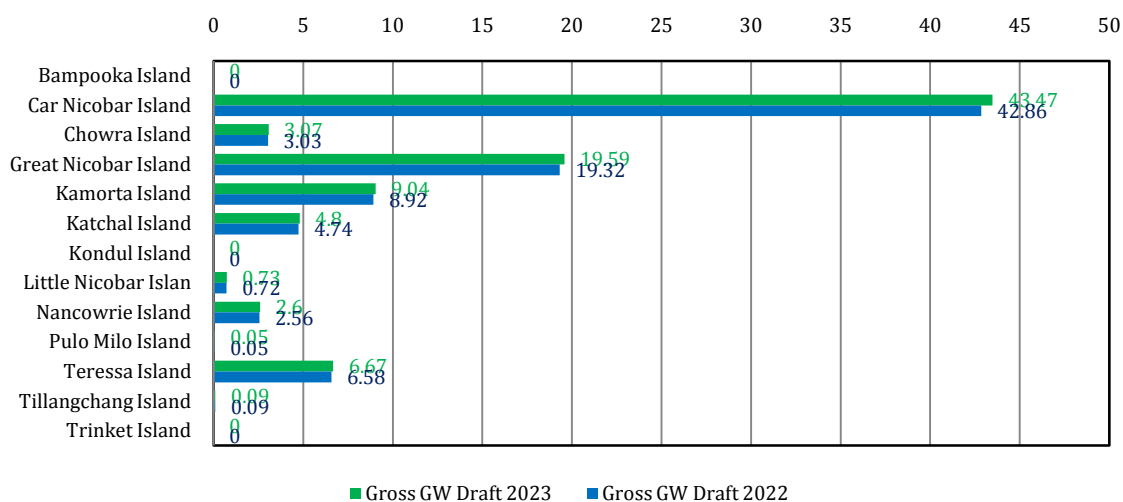


Figure-3.7 : GWRE 2023 vs 2022 – South Andaman District

### Nicobar : Annual Recharge Comparison 2023 vs 2022



### Nicobar : Gross Ground Water Draft Comparison 2023 vs 2022



### Nicobar: Stage of GW Extraction Comparison 2023 vs 2022

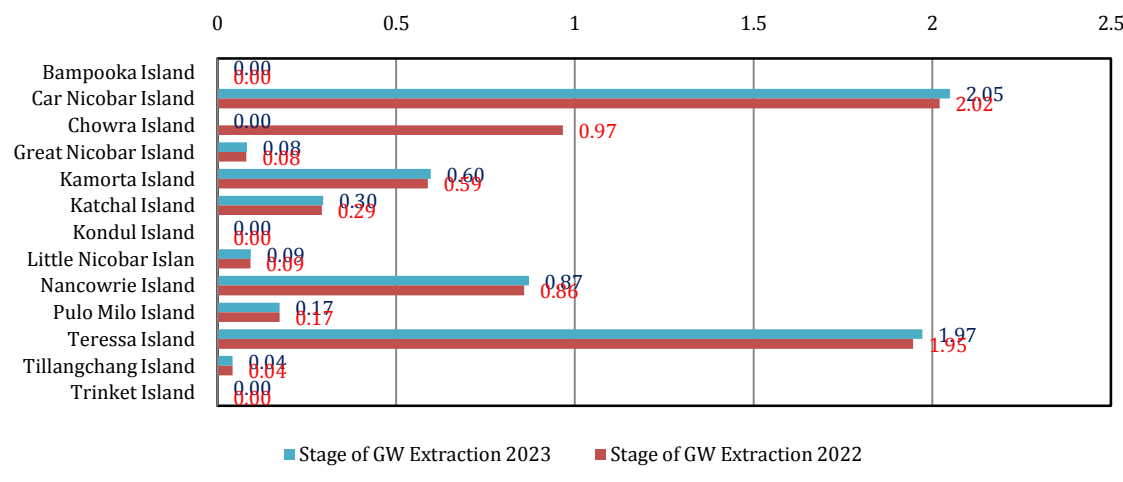


Figure-3.8 : GWRE 2022 vs 2020 – Nicobar District



### **3.5.6 Ground water recharge in the poor quality zone**

The topography of Chowra Island is such that whatever may be the rain fall gets recharged does not reside into the aquifer and it immediately gets discharged into the sea.

### **3.5.7 Additional annual potential recharges**

In all the assessment units, computation of rainfall recharge during monsoon and non monsoon has been computed using only Rainfall Infiltration Method (RIF). So, Percent Deviation (PD) factor as per the guidelines by GEC'97 methodology does not arise here.

The SLC formation order, as well as the Minutes of the SLC Meeting of 06.09.2023, containing the approval of the GWRE 2023 in respect of the UT of A & N Islands is attached as annexure.

General description of the ground water assessment unit, recharge from rainfall, recharge from other sources, natural discharge and annual extractable ground water resource, ground water extraction, annual ground water allocation for domestic Use as on 2025, net ground water availability for future use, stage of ground water extraction and categorization assessed in dynamic ground water resources of the Andaman and Nicobar islands (as on 31st march 2023) as computed through INGRES is provided in the subsequent Annexures(1 - 5) and attribute table.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Andaman & Nicobar Islands comprise an arc-shaped chain of islands in the Bay of Bengal and are characterized by rugged topography, steep slope, low infiltration capacity and close proximity of hills to the sea. Marine sedimentary group of rocks comprising shale, sandstone, grit and conglomerate; extrusive and intrusive igneous rocks (volcanics and ultramafics) and limestone occupy the entire geographical area. Amongst these, the Sedimentary Group is most pervasive and occupy nearly 70% of the entire area of the islands while the igneous group covers nearly 15% while the rest of 15% goes to the coralline and limestone formations. All these rock formations have been subjected to many tectonic activities, evident from the occurrence of shallow and deep focus earthquakes in the islands. Marine sedimentary rocks are developed only through dug wells having meagre yield of 0.1 to 0.5 lps. The igneous Ophiolite suite of rocks in the area although restricted in occurrence, are observed to yield moderate to high both in shallow and deeper locales and they are developed by dug wells and bore wells

with yield ranging from 1 to 10 lps. Area covered by Coralline Limestone contains appreciable quantity of groundwater with yield ranging from 5 to 25 lps.

- ❖ Island Hydrogeological set up demands judicious and measured (regulated) use of fresh water lenses seasonally (though falls under Safe category).
- ❖ State may review their free/subsidized electricity policy to farmers (if applicable), bring suitable water pricing policy and may work further towards crop rotation/diversification/other initiatives to reduce overdependence on groundwater.
- ❖ Regulation & control of Ground water Extraction: Ministry of Jal Shakti has issued the guidelines for control and regulations of ground water extraction vide notification dated 24.09.2020. Concerned departments may ensure implementations of the guidelines.

#### **REFERENCES**

Central Ground Water Board, 2013: Ground Water Information Booklet, North-Middle Andaman District, A & N Islands, Scientific Report Series "E", Serial No. 47

Central Ground Water Board, 2013: Ground Water Information Booklet, South Andaman District, A & N Islands, Scientific Report Series "E", Serial No. 49

Central Ground Water Board, 2013: Ground Water Information Booklet, Nicobar District, A & N Islands, Scientific Report Series "E", Serial No. 50

# **ANNEXURES**

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# **Permanent SLC Formation Order**



अण्डमान निकोबार राज्य जल एवं स्वच्छता मिशन  
ANDAMAN NICOBAR STATE WATER AND SANITATION MISSION  
(समीति पंजीकरण अधिनियम 1860 के अंतर्गत पंजीकृत समीति)  
(A Society registered under Society Registration Act 1860)  
मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय परिसर, अ०लो०नि०वि०, निर्माण भवन, पोर्टब्लेयर  
CE's OFFICE COMPLEX, APWD, NIRMAN BHAWAN, PORTBLAIR  
पंजीकरण सं. 1352

Registration No.1352

No.1-20/ANSWSM/CGWB/2021-22/402 Port Blair date the 18 Feb. 2022

To

The Regional Director,  
Central Ground Water Board,  
Eastern Region,  
Bhujalika, Sector-V, CP-6 Block,  
Salt Lake City.

**Sub: Assesment of Ground Water Resources of Andaman & Nicobar Islands as in 2022-reg.**

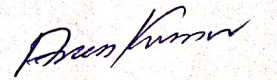
**Ref: No.6-14/CGWB/M(SOUTH)/RESOURCES/2018-2022-404 dt.20/01/2022**

Sir,

With respect to above refrence, I am directed to convey the approval of competent authority that existing State Level Committee formed vide Order No.3462 dt.09/11/2018 for assement of dynamic ground water resources shall henceforth act as regular State Level Committee(SLC) for all future periodic re-assesment of Ground Water Resources in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Copy of order along with approval of competent authority is enclosed for ready reference.

Encl: - A/A

Yours faithfully;



Director/ANSWSM

**Copy to:**

- 1) The PS to Sectary (PWD) for kind information of the Secretary (PWD) please
- 2) The Chief Engineer, APWD Port Blair for kind information pleases.
- 3) The Under Secretary(GW), DoWR, RD & GR to GoI, MoJS Shram Shakthi Bhawan, New Delhi for information.

Director/ANSWSM



अण्डमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन  
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
सचिवालय / SECRETARIAT

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Port Blair, dated the 9^h November, 2018

ORDER NO. ...3462

The Chief Secretary, A & N Administration is pleased to constitute the State Level Committee in connection with reassessment of Dynamic Ground Water Resource as desired by Ministry of Water Resources, RD&GR, Central Ground Water Board. The composition of the committee is as under: -

1. Principal Secretary (PWD)	Chairman
2. Secretary (Department of Science & Technology)	Member
3. Chief Engineer, APWD	Member
4. Superintending Hydrogeologist, CGWB	Member
5. Director (Agriculture)	Member
6. Director (Industries)	Member
7. Director (ANSWSM), CE's Office, APWD	Member
8. Representative from NABARD	Member
9. Regional Director, CGWB	Member
	Secretary

Charter

- Under the directive of MoWR, Dynamic groundwater (GW) resources assessment of entire country has been continuing following Groundwater Estimation Committee (GEC) norm-1997.
- The assessment is done by CGWB, the apex GW organization in MoWR in liaison with the concerned State/UT Govt. / Administration where Ground Water Research and development Department is existing.
- The GEC 1997 had continued till 2013 for groundwater resource assessment for the entire country.
- The GEC-1997 norm has been modified in 2015 as per the directive of MoWR and regarding the GW Resources assessment as per GEC-2015, MoWR has directed CGWB to approach all State/UT Govt. to assess the GW resources for 2017.
- Since rainfall is the prime source of recharge to GW and the rainfall for the entire year of 2016-2017 is available, the GEC committee has recommended to MoWR to assess it for a calendar year 2016-2017 ending in 31.3.2017.
- In A&N Islands, the Resource is calculated by CGWB in the absence of R&D Department on GW in A&N Admn. CGWB renders all needful help in matter of Water Resources Development and management, particularly GW to A & N Admn.
- Since ground water is a scarce commodity in A & N Islands, as also in view of extreme population pressure on the islands due to tourism boom, CGWB, Govt. of India has recommended GW Resources estimation in A&N Islands at a regular interval as in other parts of India.
- MoWR had earlier desired to calculate the GW resources of the entire country including A&N Islands.
- As per this norm, the state/UT-wise dynamic groundwater resources are being estimated at regular interval.

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- The basic groundwater resource assessment unit is an Administrative block in some cases i.e. in few north-eastern states, where block boundaries are not defined the assessment is done as per watershed basis.
  - In A & N islands, it is done island-wise for the inhabited islands.
  - The GW Resources of A&N Islands, being assessed, need to be put forward before a committee for their understanding it as also to know the status of GW resources development in various Inhabited Island.
  - In A & N Islands, APWD is the nodal Stake holder Department beside others. Accordingly the name and Head of various Stake holder Departments are proposed for constitution of a committee with the approval of the competent authority in A & N Admn.
  - In view of above the task was given by MoWR to CGWB for needful.
  - A & N Island falls under the jurisdiction of CGWB, Eastern Region Kolkata. CGWB, Kolkata is already on the job for calculation of dynamic groundwater resources of A&N Islands.

### Time-Line

- As per the directive of MoWR, RD & GR, the report is to be finalized and approved by the state/UT level committee positively by November, 2018.
- CGWB has already made progress regarding assessment of groundwater resources.
- Is proposed to reconcile the resources as per methodology with the stakeholder departments of A & N Admn. by 25th November before its presentation and approval by the Chairman of the assessment committee by 30th November.

*P2*  
Deputy Secretary (PWD)  
(E/No. 29-20/2018-PWD)

### ORDER BOOK

Copy to:-

1. Sr. PS to Chief Secretary for kind information of Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, Port Blair.
2. PS to Principal Secretary (PWD) for kind information of Principal Secretary (PWD), A & N Administration.
3. All Concerned.

*P2*  
Deputy Secretary (PWD)

*o/c*  
*Issued*  
*9/11/18*



**Minutes of SLC Meeting  
on 06.09.2023**



**Minutes of the Meeting of State Level Committee for Assessment of Ground Water Resources of Andaman & Nicobar Islands(as on 31.03.2023), held online on 06.09.2023**

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The meeting of the State Level Committee for assessment of Ground Water Resources of Andaman & Nicobar Islands(as on 31.03.2022) was held online on 06.09.2023 at 1600 Hrs on Google Meet Platform, under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, PWD, Andaman & Nicobar Administration. The lists of attendees are provided as **Annexure-I**. The agenda of the meeting was as follows:

1. Welcome and Introduction of all the members and distinguished invitees.
2. Background of the meeting and sharing of Meeting Agenda.
3. Presentation of the results of Ground Water Resource Assessment - 2023 of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and its comparative study with earlier assessment of 2022.
4. Any other items with the permission of the Chair.

At the very outset, with the kind permission of the Chair, Dr Anadi Gayen, Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board(CGWB), Eastern Region(ER), Kolkata and Member Convenor, SLC, welcomed all the Members of the SLC, and other distinguished invitees of the meeting and briefed the agenda, in detail and also appraised the Chair about the background of the meeting.

Shri Anirvan Choudhury, Scientist-'D'(HG), CGWB, ER, Kolkata, presented results and computational outcomes of the Ground Water Resource Assessment (GWRA) - 2023 (as on 31.03.2023) and its comparative study with respect to the assessment of 2022. It was informed that all the units assessed were categorized as **Safe**, and that only Chowra Island was categorized under saline category. It was also informed to the Members that computation of resource for 2023, like that of previous assessment, was automated and validated through Integrated Ground Water Resource Estimation System (INGRES), jointly developed by Central Ground Water Board, IIT-Hyderabad and the Vassar Labs, Hyderabad.

Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, Secretary (PWD), A&N Administration & Chairman, SLC GWRA 2023, A&N Islands, enquired the reason for changes in computed results for ground water recharge in 2023 compared to 2022 assessment and it was clarified that changes are results of computational refinement only.

Shri Arun Kumar, Director (ANSWSM) enquired about reason for quantum of increase in industrial ground water extraction and their implication. It was clarified that as per field data an increase in ground water extraction has been noticed and considering reserve volume this is insignificant. Further it was also informed that assessment of ground water recharge is based on annual average rainfall and therefore annual variation in rainfall doesn't have any significant effect on computational outcome.

General Manager NABARD, Port Blair, enquired about Aquifer Management and Spring based source development in the UT. Dr. Anadi Gayen, Regional Director, CGWB, ER informed the august house that NAQUIM 1.0 studies have been completed in the UT and the resultant reports are available in the public domain. There are area specific suggestions and recommendations in those NAQUIM 1.0 Reports.

Dr. Indranil Roy, Scientist-'D'(HG), CGWB, ER, Kolkata informed the august house that under detailed NAQUIM Studies under NAQUIM 2.0, PBMC area has been selected under both Urban as well as Quality issues. Given the drinking water scarcity in the PBMC area, the house appreciated the efforts of CGWB, ER and unanimously agreed for the area as well as the theme chosen for detailed NAQUIM 2.0 Studies. The house was also informed that a detailed investigation too have been carried out in



**Minutes of the Meeting of State Level Committee for Assessment of Ground Water Resources of Andaman & Nicobar Islands(as on 31.03.2023), held online on 06.09.2023**

PBMC area aimed at recommending short and long term interventions for mitigating water scarcity in PBMC area.

The house was informed that as per the directives received from CHQ, in pursuance of the instructions received from the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India, resource estimation in the National Compilation, will be reflected on Block wise basis. Thus the GWRA 2023, which was carried out with islands as primary assessment units, will be grouped into their respective administrative blocks / tehsils, as applicable and the same will be reflected in the National level Compilation.

At the end the draft Ground Water Resources of Andaman & Nicobar Islands(As on 31.03.2023) was accepted unanimously and was accorded due approval by the members of the State Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Public Works Department, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, with the additional approval of grouping the individual assessment units into their respective administrative block / tehsil basis in the UT GWRA 2023 Report as well as in the National Level GWRA 2023 Compilation.

The draft computational figures for Dynamic Ground Water Resources of the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands (As on 31.03.2023), as approved and adopted by the SLC are as follows :

S. No	District	Annual Replenishable Recharge (HaM)			Environmental Flow (HaM)	Annual Extractable Recharge (HaM)	Ground Water Extraction (HaM)				Stage of GW Extraction (%)	Category
		Rainfall	Other Sources	Total			Domestic	Industrial	Irrigation	Gross		
1	N & M Andaman (Fresh)	16376.36	12.06	16388.42	1638.9	14749.56	254.91	83.24	0.8	338.95	2.30	SAFE
2A	Nicobar(Fresh)	34663.16	1.2	34664.36	3466.44	31197.92	85.88	0.95	0.25	87.04	0.28	SAFE
2B	Nicobar(PGWQA)	348.4	0	348.4	34.84	313.56	3.07	0	0	3.07	0.98	SALINE
3	South Andaman(Fresh)	10777.26	12.88	10790.14	1079	9711.14	314.04	13.61	10.65	338.28	3.48	SAFE
	<b>STATE TOTAL(Fresh)</b>	<b>61816.78</b>	<b>26.14</b>	<b>61842.92</b>	<b>6184.34</b>	<b>55658.62</b>	<b>654.83</b>	<b>97.8</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>764.27</b>	<b>1.37</b>	<b>SAFE</b>
	<b>STATE TOTAL(PGWQA)</b>	<b>348.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>348.4</b>	<b>34.84</b>	<b>313.56</b>	<b>3.07</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3.07</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>SALINE</b>

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair

**NB: In accordance with the advise and approval of the Chairman, SLC, GWRA -2023, the Minutes of the SLC meeting pertaining to approval of GWRA-2023 (A & N Islands), is to be signed by the Member Secretary, SLC, GWRA -2023.**

*(Handwritten Signature)*  
18/09/2023

**(Dr. AnadiGayen)**  
Regional Director

Central Ground Water Board, Eastern Region, Kolkata  
& Member Secretary, SLC, GWRA 2023(A & N Islands)



**Minutes of the Meeting of State Level Committee for Assessment of Ground  
Water Resources of Andaman & Nicobar Islands(as on 31.03.2023),  
held online on 06.09.2023**

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ANNEXURE - I

**Participant List of the Meeting of State Level Committee for Assessment of Ground  
Water Resources of Andaman & Nicobar Islands(as on 31.03.2023),  
held online on 06.09.2023**

Sl No	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS	Secretary(PWD), A&N Administration & Chairman, SLC GWRA 2023, A & N Islands (In the Chair)
2.	Shri S. Thej Bahadur	Chief Engineer(I/C), APWD
3.	Er. Arun Kumar	Director(I/C) ANSWSM, A & N Administration
4.	Director of Industries	Directorate of Industries, A & N Administration
5.	General Manager	NABARD, Port Blair
6.	Dr. Anadi Gayen	Regional Director CGWB, ER, Kolkata & Member Secretary, SLC
7.	Smt. Sandhya Yadav	Scientist-'E'(HG), CGWB, ER, Kolkata
8.	Dr. Indranil Roy	Scientist-'D'(HG), CGWB, ER, Kolkata
9.	Smt. Chirashree Mohanty	Scientist-'D'(HG), CGWB, ER, Kolkata
10.	Sri. Anirvan Choudhury	Scientist-'D'(HG), CGWB, ER, Kolkata
11.	Shri Debasish Bagchi	Scientist-'D'(HG), CGWB, ER, Kolkata
12.	Sri. Awadhesh Kumar	STA(HG), CGWB, ER, Kolkata

**Computed Result of  
Assessment Unit(Island wise)**

## DYNAMIC GROUND WATER RESOURCES OF INDIA, 2023

INDIA															
S.NO	States / Union Territories	Ground Water Recharge				Total Annual Ground Water Recharge	Total Natural Discharges	Annual Extractable Ground Water Resource	Current Annual Ground Water Extraction				Annual GW Allocation for Domestic use as on 2025	Net Ground Water Availability for future use	Stage of Ground Water Extraction(%)
		Monsoon Season		Non-Monsoon Season					Irrigation	Industrial	Domestic	Total			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	0.3	0	0.32	0	0.62	0.06	0.56	0	0	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.55	1.37
	Total(bcm)	0.3	0	0.32	0	0.62	0.06	0.56	0	0	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.55	1.37

**DYNAMIC GROUND WATER RESOURCES OF INDIA, 2023**  
**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS**

S.NO	Name of District	Ground Water Recharge				Total Annual Ground Water Recharge	Total Natural Discharges	Annual Extractable Ground Water Resource	Current Annual Ground Water Extraction			Annual GW Allocation for Domestic use as on 2025	Net Ground Water Availability for future use	Stage of Ground Water Extraction(%)	
		Monsoon Season		Non-Monsoon Season					Irrigation	Industrial	Domestic				Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	<b>N &amp; M ANDAMAN</b>	8854.86	9.65	7481.5	2.41	16388.42	1638.86	14749.56	0.8	83.24	254.91	338.96	269.19	14396.32	2.3
2	<b>NICOBAR</b>	14917.07	0.96	19748.09	0.24	34664.36	3466.44	31197.92	0.25	0.95	85.88	87.04	87.44	31106.07	0.28
3	<b>SOUTH ANDAMAN</b>	5974.52	10.31	4802.74	2.57	10790.14	1079	9711.14	10.65	13.61	314.04	338.28	331.62	9355.28	3.48
	<b>Total(Ham)</b>	29786.45	20.92	32030.33	5.22	61842.92	6184.3	55658.62	11.7	97.8	654.82	764.28	688.25	54857.67	1.37
	<b>Total(Bcm)</b>	0.3	0	0.32	0	0.62	0.06	0.56	0	0	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.55	1.37

## Annexure-3A

S.No	States / Union Territories	Total No. of Assessed Units	CATEGORIZATION OF BLOCKS/ MANDALS/ TALUKAS IN INDIA ( 2023)						Over-Exploited		Saline	
			Safe		Semi-Critical		Critical		Nos.	%	Nos.	%
			Nos.	%	Nos.	%	Nos.	%	Nos.	%	Nos.	%
	ANDAMAN AND											
1	NICOBAR ISLANDS	36	35	97.22	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2.78
	Total	36	35	97.22	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2.78
	Grand Total	36	35	97.22	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2.78

## DYNAMIC GROUND WATER RESOURCES OF INDIA, 2023

## ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

S.No	Name of District	Total No. of Assessed Units	Safe		Semi-Critical		Critical		Over-Exploited		Saline	
			No	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1	N & M ANDAMAN	13	13	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	NICOBAR	13	12	92.31	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7.69
3	SOUTH ANDAMAN	10	10	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	36	35	97.22	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2.78



**ANNUAL EXTRACTABLE RESOURCE OF ASSESSMENT UNITS UNDER DIFFERENT CATEGORIES, 2023**

S.No	State/Union Territories	Total Annual Extractable Resource of Assessed Units (in mcm)	Safe		Semi-Critical		Critical		Over-Exploited		Saline	
			Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%	Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%	Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%	Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%	Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	556.59	556.59	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.14	0.56
	<b>Total</b>	556.59	556.59	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.14	0.56
	<b>Grand Total</b>	556.59	556.59	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.14	0.56

**DYNAMIC GROUND WATER RESOURCES OF INDIA, 2023**  
**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS**

S.No	Name of District	Total Annual Extractable Resource of Assessed Units (in mcm)		Safe		Semi-Critical		Critical		Over-Exploited		Saline	
		Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%	Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%	Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%	Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%	Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%	Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%
1	N & M ANDAMAN	147.5	100	147.5	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	NICOBAR	311.98	100	311.98	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.14	1.01
3	SOUTH ANDAMAN	97.11	100	97.11	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	556.59	100	556.59	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.14	0.56
	<b>Grand Total</b>	556.59	100	556.59	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.14	0.56

S.No	States / Union Territories	Total Geographical Area of Assessed Units (in sq km)	Recharge Worthy Area (in sq km)	AREA OF ASSESSMENT UNITS UNDER DIFFERENT CATEGORIES IN INDIA (2023)						Over-Exploited Recharge Worthy Area in sq km	%	Saline Recharge Worthy Area in sq km	%
				Safe Recharge Worthy Area in sq km	%	Semi-Critical Recharge Worthy Area in sq km	%	Critical Recharge Worthy Area in sq km	%				
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	7851.57	2120.07	2111.79	99.61	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.28	0.39
	<b>Total</b>	7851.57	2120.07	2111.79	99.61	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.28	0.39
	<b>Grand Total</b>	7851.57	2120.07	2111.79	99.61	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.28	0.39

**DYNAMIC GROUND WATER RESOURCES OF INDIA, 2023**

**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS**

S.No	Name of District	Total Recharge Worthy Area of Assessed Units (in sq.km)	Safe			Semi-Critical		Critical		Over-Exploited		Saline	
			Recharge Worthy Assessed Units (in sq.km)	Area of (in sq.km)	%	Recharge Worthy Assessed Units (in sq.km)	Area of (in sq.km)	Recharge Worthy Assessed Units (in sq.km)	Area of (in sq.km)	Recharge Worthy Assessed Units (in sq.km)	Area of (in sq.km)	Recharge Worthy Assessed Units (in sq.km)	Area of (in sq.km)
1	N & M ANDAMAN	580.4	580.4	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	NICOBAR	1224.43	1216.15	99.32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.28	0.68
3	SOUTH ANDAMAN	315.24	315.24	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	2120.07	2111.0	99.61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.0	0.39

Annexure 4A

**CATEGORISATION OF ASSESSMENT UNIT, 2023**

**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS**

S.NO	Name of District	S.NO	Name of Semi-Critical Assessment Units	S.NO	Name of Critical Assessment Units	S.NO	Name of Over-Exploited Assessment Units
<b>ABSTRACT</b>							
<b>Total No. of Assessed Units</b>		<b>Number of Semicritical Assessment Units</b>		<b>Number of Critical Assessment Units</b>		<b>Number of Over Exploited Assessment Units</b>	
35		0		0		0	

QUALITY PROBLEMS IN ASSESSMENT UNITS, 2023

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

S.NO	Name of District	S.NO	Name of Assessment Units affected by Fluoride	S.NO	Name of Assessment Units affected by Arsenic	S.NO	Name of Assessment Units affected by Salinity
1	NICOBAR					1	CHOWRA ISLAND
<b>ABSTRACT</b>							
<b>Total No. of Assessed Units</b>		<b>Number of Assessment Units affected by Fluoride</b>		<b>Number of Assessment Units affected by Arsenic</b>		<b>Number of Assessment Units affected by Salinity</b>	
1		0		0		1	

Annexure-5A

<b>State-Wise Summary Of Assessment Units Improved Or Deteriorated From 2022 To 2023 Assessment</b>				
<b>S.No</b>	<b>Name of States / Union Territories</b>	<b>Number of Assessment Units Improved</b>	<b>Number of Assessment Units Deteriorated</b>	<b>Number of Assessment Units With No Change</b>
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	0	0	36

COMPARISON OF CATEGORIZATION OF ASSESSMENT UNITS (2022 AND 2023 )

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

S.No	Name of District	Name of Assessment Unit	Stage of Ground Water Extraction (%)2022	Categorization in2022	Name of District	Name of Assessment Unit	Stage of Ground Water Extraction (%)2023	Categorization in2023	Remark
1	SOUTH ANDAMAN	SOUTH ANDAMAN	8.360663	safe	SOUTH ANDAMAN	SOUTH ANDAMAN	8.497291762787492	safe	Just change in AU name. But both are identical in all respect and parameters.



Attribute Table Summary

<b>Count - Assessment Unit</b>		<b>Categorization (OE/Critical/Semicritical/Safe)</b>					
<b>State</b>	<b>Over-exploited</b>	<b>Safe</b>	<b>Saline</b>	<b>Critical</b>	<b>Semi-critical</b>	<b>Total Result</b>	
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS		35		1		36	

**Computed Result of  
Assessment Unit  
(Block/Tehsil wise)**

Sl. No	State	District	Assessment Unit Name	Assessment Unit Type	Total Area of Assessment Unit (Ha)	Recharge Worthy Area(Ha)	Recharge from Rainfall-Monsoon Season	Recharge from Other Sources-Monsoon Season	Recharge from Rainfall-Non Monsoon Season	Recharge from Other Sources-Non Monsoon Season	Total Annual Ground Water (Ham) Recharge	Total Natural Disemi-Criticalha rges (Ham)	Annual Extractabl e Ground Water Resource (Ham)	Ground Water Extraction for Irrigation Use (Ham)	Ground Water Extraction for Industrial Use (Ham)	Ground Water Extraction for Domestic Use (Ham)	Total Extraction (Ham)	Annual GW Allocation for for Domestic Use as on 2025 (Ham)	Net Ground Water Availability for future use (Ham)	Stage of Ground Water Extraction (%)	Categorization (Over-Exploited/Critical/Semi-Critical/Safe/Saline)	Urban Assessment Unit (Yes/No)
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	N & M ANDAMAN	DIGLIPUR	BLOCK	141361	25332	3659.82	0	3219.55	0	6879.37	687.95	6191.42	0.054	33.76016	104.2254	138.05	110.06	6047.54	2.229699	Safe	No
2	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	N & M ANDAMAN	MAYABUNDER	BLOCK	14043	3179	569.68	0.67	408.01	0.17	978.53	97.85	880.68	0	0	0.044165	0.03	0.06	880.63	0.003406	Safe	No
3	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	N & M ANDAMAN	RANGAT	BLOCK	188742	29529	4665.36	8.98	3853.94	2.24	8530.52	853.06	7677.46	0.75	49.48437	150.6368	200.88	159.07	7468.15	2.61649	Safe	No
4	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	SOUTH ANDAMAN	FERRARGANJ	BLOCK	986	354	62.21	0	44.55	0	106.76	10.67	96.09	0	0	0.012045	0.01	0.01	96.08	0.010407	Safe	No
5	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	SOUTH ANDAMAN	LITTLE ANDAMAN	BLOCK	73439	4790	1262.55	0	904.23	0	2166.78	216.67	1950.11	0.232	0.23258	45.44177	45.91	47.98	1901.66	2.354226	Safe	No
6	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	SOUTH ANDAMAN	PORT BLAIR	BLOCK	172420	26380	4649.76	10.31	3853.96	2.57	8516.6	851.66	7664.94	10.415	13.37752	268.5874	292.36	283.63	7357.54	3.81425	Safe	No
7	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	NICOBAR	GREAT NICOBAR	BLOCK	120951	97951	11835.22	0.93	15666.57	0.23	27502.95	2750.3	24752.65	0.0294	0.143195	20.19947	20.37	21.33	24731.15	0.082294	Safe	No
8	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	NICOBAR	CAR NICOBAR	BLOCK	12691	7001	1014.19	0	1342.51	0	2356.7	235.67	2121.03	0.1984	0.198896	43.07091	43.47	45.48	2075.15	2.049476	Safe	No
9	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	NICOBAR	NANCOWRY	BLOCK	60524	17491	2067.66	0.03	2737.01	0.01	4804.71	480.47	4324.24	0.0252	0.603631	22.60646	23.2	23.87	4299.77	0.53651	Safe	No

**DYNAMIC GROUND WATER RESOURCES OF INDIA, 2023**

**ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS (in bcm)**

S.NO	NAME OF STATE/UT	Ground Water Recharge					Total Natural Discharges	Annual Extractable Ground Water Resource	Current Annual Ground Water Extraction				Annual GW Allocation for Domestic use as on 2025	Net Ground Water Availability for future use	Stage of Ground Water Extraction(%)
		Monsoon Season		Non-Monsoon Season		Total Annual Ground Water Recharge			Irrigation	Industrial	Domestic	Total			
		Recharge from rainfall	Recharge from other Sources	Recharge from Rainfall	Recharge from other Sources										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	0.3	0	0.32	0	0.62	0.06	0.56	0	0	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.55	1.37
	<b>Total(bcm)</b>	0.3	0	0.32	0	0.62	0.06	0.56	0	0	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.55	1.37

**DYNAMIC GROUND WATER RESOURCES OF INDIA, 2023**

**ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS (in Ham)**

S.NO	Name of District	Ground Water Recharge					Total Natural Discharges	Annual Extractable Ground Water Resource	Current Annual Ground Water Extraction				Annual GW Allocation for Domestic	Net Ground Water Availability for	Stage of Ground Water Extraction (%)
		Monsoon Season		Non-Monsoon Season		Total Annual Ground Water Recharge			Irrigation	Industrial	Domestic	Total			
		Recharge from rainfall	Recharge from other Sources	Recharge from Rainfall	Recharge from other Sources										
1	<b>N &amp; M ANDAMAN</b>	8894.86	9.65	7481.5	2.41	16388.42	1638.86	14749.56	0.8	83.24	254.91	338.96	269.19	14396.32	2.3
2	<b>NICOBAR</b>	14917.07	0.96	19746.09	0.24	34664.36	3466.44	31197.92	0.25	0.95	85.88	87.04	87.44	31106.07	0.28
3	<b>SOUTH ANDAMAN</b>	5974.52	10.31	4802.74	2.57	10790.14	1079	9711.14	10.65	13.61	314.04	338.28	331.62	9355.28	3.48
	<b>Total(Ham)</b>	29786.45	20.92	32030.33	5.22	61842.92	6184.3	55658.62	11.7	97.8	654.82	764.28	688.25	54857.67	1.37
	<b>Total(Bcm)</b>	0.3	0	0.32	0	0.62	0.06	0.56	0	0	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.55	1.37





<b>ANNUAL EXTRACTABLE RESOURCE OF ASSESSMENT UNITS UNDER DIFFERENT CATEGORIES, 2023</b>										
S.No	State/Union Territories	Total Annual Extractable Resource of Assessed	Safe		Semi-Critical		Critical		Over-Exploited	
			Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%	Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%	Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%	Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	556.59	556.59	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	556.59	556.59	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Grand Total</b>	556.59	556.59	100	-	-	-	-	-	-



<b>DYNAMIC GROUND WATER RESOURCES OF INDIA, 2022</b>										
S.No	Name of District	Total Annual Extractable Resource of Assessed	Safe		Semi-Critical		Critical		Over-Exploited	
			Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%	Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%	Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%	Total Annual Extractable Resource (in mcm)	%
1	<b>N &amp; M ANDAMAN</b>	147.5	147.5	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	<b>NICOBAR</b>	311.98	311.98	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	<b>SOUTH ANDAMAN</b>	97.11	97.11	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	556.59	556.59	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Grand Total</b>	556.59	556.59	100	-	-	-	-	-	-

**AREA OF ASSESSMENT UNITS UNDER DIFFERENT CATEGORIES IN INDIA (2023)**

S.No	States / Union Territories	Total Recharge Worthy Area of Assessed	Recharge Worthy Area (in sq km)	Safe		Semi-Critical		Critical		Over-Exploited		Saline	
				Recharge Worthy Area in sq km	%	Recharge Worthy Area in sq km	%	Recharge Worthy Area in sq km	%	Recharge Worthy Area in sq km	%	Recharge Worthy Area in sq km	%
1	<b>ANDAMA</b>	7851.57	2120.07	2111.79	99.61	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.28	0.39
	<b>Total</b>	7851.57	2120.07	2111.79	99.61	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.28	0.39
	<b>Grand Total</b>	7851.57	2120.07	2111.79	99.61	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.28	0.39

**DYNAMIC GROUND WATER RESOURCES OF INDIA, 2023**

**ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS**

S.No	Name of District	Total Recharge Worthy Area of Assessed Units (in sq.km)	Safe		Semi-Critical		Critical		Over-Exploited		Saline	
			Recharge Worthy Area of Assessed Units (in sq.km)	%	Recharge Worthy Area of Assessed Units (in sq.km)	%	Recharge Worthy Area of Assessed Units (in sq.km)	%	Recharge Worthy Area of Assessed Units (in sq.km)	%	Recharge Worthy Area of Assessed Units (in sq.km)	%
1	<b>N &amp; M ANDAMAN</b>	580.4	580.4	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	<b>NICOBAR</b>	1224.43	1216.15	99.32	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.28	0.68
3	<b>SOUTH ANDAMAN</b>	315.24	315.24	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	2120.07	2111.0	99.61	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.0	0.39

<b>CATEGORISATION OF ASSESSMENT UNIT, 2023</b>							
<b>ANDAMAN &amp; NICOBAR ISLANDS</b>							
<b>S.NO</b>	<b>Name of District</b>	<b>S.NO</b>	<b>Name of Semi-Critical Assessment Units</b>	<b>S.NO</b>	<b>Name of Critical Assessment Units</b>	<b>S.NO</b>	<b>Name of Over-Exploited Assessment Units</b>
1	N & M ANDAMAN	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	NICOBAR	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	SOUTH ANDAMAN	-	-	-	-	-	-

**ABSTRACT**

<b>Total No. of Assessed Units</b>	<b>Number of Semicritical Assessment Units</b>	<b>Number of Critical Assessment Units</b>	<b>Number of Over Exploited Assessment Units</b>
9	0	0	0

QUALITY PROBLEMS IN ASSESSMENT UNITS, 2023							
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS							
S.NO	Name of District	S.NO	Name of Assessment Units affected by Fluoride	S.NO	Name of Assessment Units affected by Arsenic	S.NO	Name of Assessment Units affected by Salinity
1	NICOBAR	-	-	-	-	1	NANCOWRY
ABSTRACT							
Total No. of		Number of		Number of		Number of Assessment	
36		0		0		1	
ABSTRACT							
Total No. of Assessed Units		Number of Assessment Units affected by Fluoride		Number of Assessment Units affected by Arsenic		Number of Assessment Units affected by Salinity	
9		0		0		1	

State-Wise Summary Of Assessment Units Improved Or Deteriorated From 2022 To 2023 Assessment							
S.No	Name of States / Union Territories	Total Number of Assessment Units Improved	Number of Assessment Units Improved	Number of Assessment Units Deteriorated	Number of Assessment Units With No Change	Number of Assessment Units Newly formed or Previous Assessment Units Reorganized	Remarks if any
		1+2+3+4	1	2	3	4	
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	0	0	0	9	9	Primary assessment unit of Islands have been grouped into respective Blocks / Tehsils for GWRA 2023

**COMPARISON OF CATEGORIZATION OF ASSESSMENT UNITS (2022 & 2023 )**

**ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS**

S.No	Name of District	Name of Assessment Unit	Stage of Ground Water Extraction (%) 2022	Categorization in 2022	Name of District	Name of Assessment Unit	Stage of Ground Water Extraction (%) 2023	Categorization in 2023	Remark
1	N & M ANDAMAN	DIGLIPUR	2.2028	Safe	N & M ANDAMAN	DIGLIPUR	2.2297	Safe	No Change. Previously in 2022 was carried out only Island as AU. In 2023, the same has been grouped into respective Blocks / Tehsils
2	N & M ANDAMAN	MAYABUNDER	0.0034	Safe	N & M ANDAMAN	MAYABUNDER	0.0034	Safe	
3	N & M ANDAMAN	RANGAT	2.5887	Safe	N & M ANDAMAN	RANGAT	2.6165	Safe	
4	SOUTH ANDAMAN	FERRARGANJ	0.0104	Safe	SOUTH ANDAMAN	FERRARGANJ	0.0104	Safe	
5	SOUTH ANDAMAN	LITTLE ANDAMAN	2.3203	Safe	SOUTH ANDAMAN	LITTLE ANDAMAN	2.3542	Safe	
6	SOUTH ANDAMAN	PORT BLAIR	3.7648	Safe	SOUTH ANDAMAN	PORT BLAIR	3.8143	Safe	
7	NICOBAR	GREAT NICOBAR	2.0206	Safe	NICOBAR	GREAT NICOBAR	0.0823	Safe	
8	NICOBAR	CAR NICOBAR	0.0812	Safe	NICOBAR	CAR NICOBAR	2.0495	Safe	
9	NICOBAR	NANCOWRY	0.5293	Safe	NICOBAR	NANCOWRY	0.5365	Safe	