



GROUND WATER INFORMATION BOOKLET OF BOUDH DISTRICT, ORISSA



CENTRAL GROUND WATER BOARD MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCE SOUTH EASTERN REGION, BHUBANESWAR

DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

Sl No	ITEMS	STATISTICS			
1.	GENERAL INFORMATION				
	i) Geographical area (sq km)	3098 sq. km			
	ii) Administrative Division (As on 2011)	1			
	Number of Tehsil/Block	Tehasil-2, Block-3			
	Number of Panchayat /villages	1115 nos of inhabited villages			
	iii) Population (as on 2001 census)	373372			
	iv) Average annual rainfall mm	1502.4mm			
2.	GEOMORPHOLOGY				
	Major Physiographic units	Plain land and Pediment			
	Major Drainage	River Mahanadi, Tel and their			
		tributaries			
3.	LAND USE (sq km)				
	a) Forest area	1280.00			
	b) Net sown area	850.00			
4.	MAJOR SOIL TYPES	Alfisols and Vertisols			
5.	AREA UNDER PRINCIPAL CROPS	Autumn-10783 Ha			
		Winter-5722 Ha			
		Summer-508 Ha			
6.	IRRIGATION BY DIFFERENT				
	SOURCES				
	(Area and Numbers of structures)				
	Dug wells	13772 – DW with Tenda			
		1191-DW with pumpset			
	Canals	Major irrigation project			
		43482 (Kharif), 3402(Rabi)			
		Minor irrigation project			
		222/6(Kharif), $3/4$ (Rabi)			
		Lift irrigation project			
		0122(Kilafii), 2434(Kabi)			
	Gross irrigated area	78110 ba			
7	NUMBERS OF GROUND WATER	70110 lla			
7.	MONITORING WELLS OF CGWB (AS				
	(AS ON 31311)				
8	No of Dug well	30			
9	No of Piezometers	1			
10.	PREDOMONANT GEOLOGICAL	Precambrian crystalline of			
10.	FORMATIONS	Eastern Ghat facies			
11.	HYDROGEOLOGY				
	Major Water bearing Formation	Granite, Khondalite, Charnokite,			
		Quartzite			

	Pre monsoon Depth to water level during 2011	3.46 m-8.00m 0.34m-5.77 m			
	Post monsoon Depth to water level during 2011				
	Long term water level trend in 10 years in m/yr	Pre monsoon (Rise 0.05-6.66 m/yr Fall (0.42-1.37m/yr)			
		Post monsoon (Rise 0.05-5.44 m/yr Fall (0.05 m/Yr)			
12.	GROUND WATER EXPLORATION	17			
	BY CGWB (as on 31.3.11)				
	No of wells drilled (EW, OW, PZ, Total)	9 EW under ground water			
		exploration programme			
		8 EW under AEDP			
	Depth Range in m	185 m-204.00 m			
	Discharge litre per second	0.3 lps-2.00 lps			
13.	GROUND WATER QUALITY				
	Presence of chemical constituents more	Within the permissible limit			
	than permissible limit	except few patches			
	Type of water	Fit for irrigation and drinking with a few exception			
14.	DYNAMIC GROUND WATER RESOURCES (2009) IN Hm				
	Annual replenishable ground water resources	110063.00			
	Net annual ground water draft	53471.00			
	Projected demand for domestic and industrial uses upto 2025	7690.00			
	Stage of ground water development	48.58			
15.	AWARENESSANDTRAININGACTIVITY				
	Mass awareness programme organized Date Place No of participants	Nil			
	Water management training programme organized Date Place No of participants	Nil			

16.	EFFORTS ON ARTIFICIAL			
	RECHARGE AND RAIN WATER			
	HARVESTING			
	Projects completed by CGWB (No &	Nil		
	amount spent)			
	Projects under technical guidance of	Nil		
	CGWB (Numbers)			
17.	GROUND WATER CONTROL AND			
	REGULATION			
	Number of OE Blocks	Nil		
	No of critical Blocks	Nil		
	No of Blocks notified	Nil		
18.	MAJOR GROUND WATER	NO major ground water problem		
	PROBLEMS AND ISSUES	in the district.		

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The erstwhile Phulbani district has been bifurcated into Boudh and Kandhamal during early 1992 with a total geographical area of Boudh being 3098 sq. km. The district has 1 Subdivision and 3 administrative blocks. The district has three blocks with the district headquarters at Boudh. The district is situated between 20°22' and 20°50' North latitude and 83° 34' and 84°49' East longitude covered under survey of India toposheets no 73 D and 64 P. It is bounded on the north by the river Mahanadi and Tel, on the south by Kandhamal and Nayagarh district, Angul in the East and Subarnapur and Bolangir in the West.

The river Mahanadi, Tel and their tributaries constitute the main drainage system in the district. The river Mahanadi flows along the northern boundary of the district.

Boudh district having plain land and being bounded by Mahanadi and Tel rivers offer enough scope for irrigation potential. The irrigation potential created from all sources aggregates to 78110 Ha in the district.

The district was geologically studied by Geological Survey of India and the geological map of the district was prepared. The initial hydrogeological survey on regional scale was carried out by Central Ground Water Board during nineteen eighties. Subsequently the entire district was covered by Central Ground Water Board under reappraisal hydrogeological surveys during nineteen nineties. Under ground water exploration programme and accelerated exploratory drilling programme 17 numbers of exploratory wells were drilled by Central Ground Water Board to access the ground water potentials of rock formations at deeper depths. The ground water regime condition is being monitored by quite a large number of permanent hydrograph stations four times a year.

2.0 RAINFALL AND CLIMATE

The district enjoys sub-tropical climate characterized by hot and dry summer, cold winters & humid rainy season. The winter season generally commences from late November & continues up to the end of February.

It is observed that about 90% of the total annual rainfall takes place due to South West monsoon between the middle of June & mid-October. The northeast monsoon gives erratic & insufficient rainfall. The normal annual rainfall is 1502mm. The rainfall is highly erratic both in space and time. There is a large spatial variation as observed from the rainfall data of various blocks.

The summer season commences from March & continues till middle of June where the maximum temperature varies from 30 $^{\circ}$ to 42.7 $^{\circ}$ C.

Humidity of the air is generally high during southwest monsoon season and decreases due to the effect of cold waves during the end of November. The relative humidity varies from 26% to 84% during different periods of the year.

Wind is generally light to moderate but it increases during summer. During summer wind direction is variable and in rainy season wind from southwest direction is very common.

3.0 GEOMORPHOLOGY AND SOIL TYPES

Physiographically the district comprises two distinct physical division viz the flood plain and the pediments.

Depending upon the mode of origin, occurrence and the physical and chemical characteristics, the soils at the district are mainly classified into two major groups in 1) Alfisols and 2) Vertisols.

The alfisols includes Red loamy soil and Red Sandy soil and are generally light textured with a PH ranging from 6.5 to 7.3. These soils are usually deficient in nitrogen, phosphate, organic matter and lime. The soils are in general having average to good fertility. These soils are suitable for cultivation of paddy and other crops.

The vertisols are medium black soil found around the course of Mahanadi and Tel rivers in the southern part of the district. These soils are highly argillaceous and contain high amount of iron, calcium and magnesium. The PH varies from neutral to alkaline and texture varies from loam to clay loam. These soil are highly argillaceous and contain high amount of iron, calcium and magnesium.

4.0 GROUND WATER SCENARIO

4.1 Hydrogeology

The district is mostly underlain by Archean crystalline of Eastern-ghat facies with limited patches of lower Gondwana sandstone and recent laterites and alluvium. Features like geological set up, rainfall distribution and the degree of primary and secondary porosity controls the hydrogeological framework of a place. As the district is underlain by diverse rock type as already discussed, it results in contrasting water bearing properties of these different geological formations. Depending on the nature of formations and their water bearing capacities etc, the rock formations of the district may be divided broadly into three major hydrogeological units viz -

- 1) Consolidated formations
- 2) Semi-consolidated formation
- 3) Unconsolidated formations

Consolidated formations – Almost the entire district is underlain by the consolidated formation containing granites gneiss, khondalite, quartzite, anorthosite and gabro. These rocks are hard and compact and are devoid of primary porosity. The secondary porosity in these rocks developed as a result of weathering and fracturing due to major & minor tectonic movements along with climatological actions. The secondary porosity forms the conditions for movement of ground water and also act as reservoir of ground water. Groundwater occurs under water table conditions in weathered residuum while it occurs under semi confined to confined conditions in the fractured & jointed rocks usually two to four water bearing fracture zone occurs down to a depth of 100 mgl.

Water Bearing Properties Of Major Litho Units

1.Granite and Granite Gneisses-These rock types in the district occupying the undulating plains, low-lying area and sometimes forms hills and hillocks. These rocks are mostly represented by biotite gneiss, porphyritic granitic gneiss etc. They are porphyritic and non porphyritic in nature and are usually grey to light grey in colour. Weathering in granitic rocks is pronounced and fissures and joints etc are also well developed. These rocks are traversed by numerous veins of quartz and pegmatites. The thickness of weathered zone in granitic rocks usually ranges from 5 to 28 m depending upon the topographical set up. For all the above factors, the granitc rocks form the most potential aquifers both at shallow and deeper depths in comparison to other hard rock formation. The available data on existing ground water structures indicate that ground water development is mainly through open wells and to some extent through bore wells. The specific capacity of dug wells tapping weathered zone ranges from 5 to 100 lpm/m.

The potentiality of the deeper aquifers (Saturated fractures) has been explored by deep drilling down to a maximum depth of 204 m at Purnakatak. It is found that though saturated fracture was encountered at the depth of 170 m but normally it is restricted within 150 m depth and it has also been noted that the saturated zones are more commonly found within 100m depth. The yield of the wells varied from negligible to maximum of 2.00 lps, with the average yield of 0.94lps. The maximum yield of 2.00 was recorded in the well located at charichak where 2 sets of saturated fractures were encountered within 1000m depth.

2. Charnockite suite : There is very limited occurrence of charnockite in the district. This suite of rocks comprises of pyroxene granulite, hypersthene granite and granodiorite etc. The acid and intermediate group of rocks are more common than other varieties. The charnockites are fine to coarse grained, greenish grey colour having greasy lusture. Texture is mostly granulitic and having gneissic structure. Weathering in these rocks is neither uniform nor extensive. Due to hard and compact nature of the rocks ground water development prospects in charnockite is not good.

3. Khondalites : This suite of rocks comprises of mainly quartz-garnet-sillimanite schist and gneiss and minor occurrence of calcsilicates and quartzites. The rocks usually form hills and have limited ground water development. These rocks have well developed joints. The weathered residuum and also fracture zones constitute the main repository of

ground water. The thickness of weathered zone ranges from 8 to 30m. The specific capacity of the dug wells ranges is 111pm/m.

Semi consolidated formations: These are represented by the rocks of lower Gondwana formations. These rocks occurs in small patch in the western side of the district. The friable and loosely connected sandstones form the aquifers. Ground water occurs under water table conditions in the weathered zone and under semi confined condition in the deeper fracture and friable sandstone beds. The depth of open well ranges from 6 to 13.5 mbgl and depth to water level ranges from 3 to 10 mbgl. The yield of the well in the district is generally limited.

Unconsolidated Formation: Laterites and alluvium of Sub-recent to Recent age constitute the unconsolidated formations. Laterites occurring as capping over older formations are highly porous in nature and form good aquifers to be tapped through dug wells. The alluvial deposits of recent origin occur as thin discontinuous patches along the prominent drainage channels. The alluvium varies in thickness from 4 to 10 m. These mainly consist of silt, sand with gravel & pebble, which form potential shallow aquifers tapped through dug wells. The specific capacity index of well varies from 4-9 lpm/m/m2.

Depth to water level:- The phreatic zone constitutes the most potential ground water reservoir in the district. This zone has been mapped in course of hydro geological surveys. The depth to water table values depend on several factors like rainfall, topography drainage characteristics, lithology, water bearing and water yielding properties of the rocks, as also land use. A total of 31 no. of key wells were monitored during premonsoon (May/June) and post monsoon (Nov/Dec) period. The NHS data for the year 2011 shows that during premonsoon the depth to water level is minimum in Ainiapali (3.46 mbgl and maximum in Charichak (8.00 mbgl). During post monsoon the minimum and maximum water level is found in Sangrampur (0.34 mbgl) and Boudh (5.77mbgl) respectively. These stations are being monitored on long-term basis.

4.2 GROUND WATER RESOURCES

Ground Water Resource- Estimation of Ground Water Resource is essential before planning any programme for development of ground water resource. It involves study of various factors affecting ground water recharge and discharge and demarcation of potential area of ground water development. Rainfall, seepage from tanks & ponds are some of the principal source of recharge to ground water. As per the study group for the year 2009 the following facts of ground water resource of Boudh district is revealed.

Based on the hydrogeological, as well as availability of other source for irrigation, the ground water development in some blocks has been found to be very low. The stage of ground water development for all purpose (Irrigation + Domestic etc) has been found to be maximum in Kantamal block (30.33%) with the net ground water available for future irrigation is 4475 ha m and the minimum development for all purposes has been found in

Harbanga block (13.35%) with the net ground water development for irrrigation purposes has been found for future development is 11614 ha m.

Block	Ground	Existing	Existing	Existing	Allocation	Net	Stage of
	water	Ground	Gross	Gross	for	ground	ground
	resource	Water	ground	ground	domestic	water	water
	assessed	Draft	Water	Water	and	availabilit	developm
		for	draft for	draft for	industrial	y for	ent
		Irrigatio	domestic	all uses	requireme	future	
		n	and		nt supply	irrigation	
			industrial		upto	developm	
			water		next25	ent	
			supply		years		
Boudh	7694.00	1416.00	324.65	1740.00	480.00	5798.00	22.62
Harbanga	13532.00	1545.00	260.47	1806.00	373.00	11614.00	13.35
Kantamal	6613.00	1726.00	280.00	2006.00	412.00	4475.00	30.33
District	27839.00	4687.00	865.00	5552.00	1265.00	21887.00	19.94

Block wise stage of ground water Development in Boudh district, As on 31.3.2009 (in ha m)

4.3 GROUND WATER QUALITY

Quality of ground water in the Shallow aquifers: Chemical analyses of different parameters are done from the water samples collected, from the national hydrograph stations, during April. The collected water samples were analysed in the chemical laboratory of south Eastern Region as per the standard methods available in literatures. The PH and electrical conductance (EC at 25.C) of the water sample were determined by the concerned instrument after calibration. The fluoride, iron and nitrate content of the water samples were determined spectrometrically.

Suitability of water for irrigation purposes-

The suitability for irrigational use of ground water from pheratic zone has been studied based on USSL classification of irrigation water by plotting data of sodium Adsorption Ratio and Sp.Conductance value.

SAR is given as

SAR = Na / $\sqrt{(Ca+Mg)/2}$,

Where Na, Ca and Mg are expressed in milliequivalent per litre (epm) The chemical analysis data of 28 water samples collected from the network hydrograph stations have been plotted in USSL diagram.

The chemical analysis of water samples indicates that ground water can be used for irrigation with moderate leaching and moderate salt tolerant crops. The use of C_3S_1 and C_3S_2 type water requires suitable soil water management practices.

Suitability of ground water for drinking purposes-

The ground water of Boudh district is generally alkaline in nature and is suitable for drinking purpose except for a few places. Out of the 31 nos of samples places like Arakpadar and Charichak has fluoride in the range of 4.9 and 4.64 mg/l respectively. Iron is well within the permissible limit in all the stations.

Chemical Quality of ground water in deeper aquifer: The ground water from deeper aquifers are suitable for drinking purposes as almost all the constituents are well within the permissible limit. The quality of ground water for irrigation use is also good. A study of the chemical analysis data shows that in general ground water in the area is marginally alkaline in nature. Nitrate is high in places like Ainlapali (60 mg/l) Boudh (70 mg/l) and Tilesar (91 mg/l).

4.4 STATUS OF GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Ground water development in the district is being mainly through dug wells, Dug cum bore wells and bore wells. Ground water is mainly used for domestic and irrigation purpose and in a very limited scale for industrial purpose.

The depth of the dug well drilled so far in the district ranges between 10 m - 12.00 m with the well diameter varying from 4 m to 6 m. The depth of bore well drilled so far in the district ranges between 185-204 mbgl. Generally 2-5 fracture zone are available with the discharge ranging between 0.20-3.73 lps. Out of the 17 nos of EW, 4 wells have discharge above 2 lps.

Urban and rural water supply:- The urban area gets piped water supply for domestic purpose.

In rural area RWS&S, Govt. of Orissa has installed a few piped water supply schemes. Apart from this RWS&S has also constructed hand pump fitted bore wells at different places to provide safe drinking water in rural areas.

Ground water for irrigation:- The present draft for irrigation in the district is 5350 HM and there are 13772 existing ground water structures (dug wells with tenda) and 1191 (DW with pumpset).

The block wise existing ground water structure for irrigation is given below

Sl no	Block	Nos of existing structures for irrigation use as on 31.3.2004				
		DW with tenda	DW with pumpset	FPTW	BW	
1.	Boudh	4022	411		4	
2.	Harbhanga	3440	380		2	
3.	Kantamal	6310	400			
	District total	13772	1191		6	

Block wise existing ground water structure for irrigation use

5.0 GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

5.1Ground water development

The district has a net sown area of 1028000 Ha out of the total geographical area of 3098 sq. km. Drought condition is a frequent phenomenon, which adversely affects the agricultural activities in the district. Hence from agricultural point of view use of both surface and ground water is a must. While the stage of ground water development is only 19.94%, which shows that there is ample scope for ground water development. With proper understanding of the hydrogeological framework of the district and through adoption of suitable technology ground water resource can be harnessed to create additional irrigation potential and to supply drinking water to the remotest villages of the district.

DUG WELL: These are most common ground water absraction structure in Boudh district. The well should tap the maximum thickness of water saturated zone. The standard dugwell may be 10-15 m deep and of 4.5 to 6 m diameter, 1.5 H.P centrifugal pumps may be suitable for dug wells. Depending upon the hydrogeological situation, thickness of weathered residuum the yield may vary from 2-3 lps.

DUG CUM BOREWELL: These are essentially dug wells with a bore drilled through the bottom of the well, down to the depth of 25-30 m from ground water level tapping the saturated shallow fracture below the regolith and in the top portion of the hard basement. Generally the depth of the dug well is upto 12 m with diameter of 4.5 to 6 m. The wells should be fitted with 2 HP centrifugal /submersible pumps. The additional dug well feasible includes the dug cum bore wells, which can be constructed at suitable locations.

BORE WELL: These are feasible in fractured and jointed consolidated formations in the district. Bore wells are suitable structure in the areas where water level is deeper and hard rocks are encountered at shallow depth. Exploratory drilling data indicates good scope for ground water development through bore well in Boudh district. The bore wells should be 100-120m deep and 15m dia. 2-3 H.P submersible pumps may be suitable for ground water development depending upon the availability of productive water bearing fracture zones.

Since the surface water resources are inadequate and the district often comes under the grip of drought, development of ground water resource may help in expanding irrigated agriculture in the district.

SCOPE FOR ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE:

Major parts of Boudh district is underlain by Precambrian consolidated formations. Very few pockets show deeper water level condition during the post monsoon period. This is mainly due to the prevailing topographic conditions and water table gradient, which facilitates flow of ground water through nalas, rivers and streams as base flows. To arrest the rapid decline of water table in these areas special studies may be taken up to pin point the areas where water scarcity problems are more pronounced during pre-monsoon period. In these pockets suitable sites are required to be pin pointed to adopt artificial recharge techniques and rain water-harvesting methods based on site-specific conditions. This artificial recharge will help in increase in ground water storage and also in improving the quality of ground water. The most feasible artificial recharge and rain water harvesting structures are percolation tanks, nala/contour bunding, small check dams/weirs, renovation of old tanks to percolation tanks, water spreading, gully plugging, gabion structures etc.

6.0 GROUND WATER RELATED ISSUE & PROBLEMS

The ground water in Boudh district is mainly alkaline in nature and few patches have high nitrate concentration. It is observed that ground water is mostly suitable for drinking and domestic use.

Awareness and Training Activity

7.1 Mass awareness programme (MAP) and water Management Training Programme by CGWB:- Till date no mass awareness and training programme has been conducted in Boudh district by CGWB.

7.2 Participation in Exhibision, Mela, Fair etc:- NIL

7.3 Presentation and lecture delivered in public forum/ radio/T.V/

institution of repute/Grassroots association/NGO/Academic institution

etc. :- NIL

8.0 Area notified by CGWA/SGWA :- No area has been notified by CGWA/SGWA.

9.0 Recommendations

The existing hydrogeological set up and availability of huge ground water resource indicate that there is scope for development of ground water on large scale. But this large-scale development requires block as well as Gram Panchayat wise detail hydrogeological maps on large scale. For this purpose intensive hydrogeological survey and exploratory drilling aided by remote sensing studies and geophysical investigation may be taken up jointly by the state and central Govt. agencies. This will help in precise delineation of areas suitable for different ground water development structures and will also facilitate for designing different type of ground water extraction structures and defining specification of pumps etc.

1. The major part of the area presents gently sloping undulating topography and dug wells which are best suited ground water structures for this terrain. The yield potential of shallow zone of granitic rocks, pyroxene granulites and meta-basics are better than that of other formations. Hence the undulating plains and valleys which are occupied by above mentioned rock types may be used for extensive ground water development through dug wells and also by dug-cum-bore wells.

2. In construction of ground water abstraction structures, such as dug wells, dug cum bore wells and bore wells, for irrigation minimum safe spacing should be maintained to avoid interference of the wells.

3. The yield of existing dug wells may be enhanced by converting those into dug cum bore wells wherever feasible and the wells should be provided with brick lining which will facilitate the free flow of ground water into the well.

4. Detailed surface geophysical survey aided by photogeological & remote-sensing studies may be taken up in the district to identify the exact

thickness of weathered zone and occurrence and extent of lineaments, which form potential aquifer zones.

5. The agricultural extension services should motivate and guide the farmers to adopt suitable cropping patterns to maximize the benefits of irrigation through dug wells / bore wells.

6. Construction of check dams, nalla bunds, percolation tanks at suitable locations will help in effecting additional recharge to the ground water reservoir. Sub-surface dams may also be constructed at hydrogeologically suitable sites to arrest sub-surface out flow of ground water in the weathered mantle of hard massive rocks. This will increase the dynamic ground water storage in the adjacent phreatic aquifer.

7. Ground water monitoring in the district, for water level and water quality, through National Hydrograph Stations should be strengthened to assess the impact of envisaged ground water development on the ground water regime and to find out the status of water logging in the canal command areas.

8. As there is large scope for development of ground water, suitable schemes may be launched for ground water development to boost agricultural production in the district. The financial institutions should generously finance such schemes.Financial institutions and Bankers should extent necessary co-operation to farmers for granting loan etc. for construction and energisation of dug wells. GRDICO/CESCO and REC etc. should also take necessary steps for energisation of wells to ensure optimum utilization of ground water resource. Adoption of best-suited cropping pattern will also facilitate to improve the economic situation of this agriculture dependant district.















