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AT A GLANCE

Name of the Mandal	SADASIVANAGAR
District	NIZAMABAD
State	TELANGANA
Total Area(sq. km)	227
Area suitable for Artificial Recharge (sq.km.)	182
Latitude and Longitude	18.333560 to 18.477690 and 78.166570 to 78.403340.
Average Annual Rainfall (mm)	993
Geology	BGC and Basalt
Average Depth To Water Level (Decadal) (Pre Monsoon)	11.60
Average Depth To Water Level (Decadal) (Post Monsoon)	5.30
Ground Water Resources (2011)	
Annual Replenishable Ground Water Resources (MCM/yr)	27.03
Net Annual Ground Water Availability(MCM)/yr	24.33
Net Annual Ground Water Draft(MCM)/yr	26.23
Projected Demand for Domestic and Industrial Use(MCM)/yr	0.56
Stage of Ground Water Development (%)	108
Surface runoff available (MCM)/yr	49.97
Total Storage Created in the Mandal by Various Agencies (MCM)/yr	1.79
Artificial Recharge/Conservation Measures	
Recharge Structures Proposed (No.s)	Percolation Tanks-15, Check Dams-36 Farm ponds-540, Recharge Shafts-127
Improving Water use Efficiency	Micro Irrigation System -2700 ha
Tentative Total Cost in Lakhs (Rs.)	2351.685 Lakhs
Expected Recharge/Savings (MCM)/yr	11.448

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Sadasivanagar Mandal is one of over-exploited Mandal in Nizamabad district, Telangana State, which is economically backward and chronically drought affected. The Mandal has 27 inhabited villages, 1 uninhabited village and with 23 gram panchayats.

## 2. LOCATION

The Mandal lies between north latitudes 18.333560 to 18.477690 and between east longitudes 78.166570 to 78.403340. The Mandal occupies the southeast part of the Nizamabad district and is bounded on the north by Dharpalle mandal, on the east by Machareddy mandal, on the south by Tadwai mandal and west by Gandhari mandal. (Fig.1) The geographical area of the Mandal is 227 sq.km.

## 3. PHYSIOGRAPHY AND DRAINAGE:

The area is drained by streams, falling in Middle Godavari basin. The streams are mostly ephemeral in nature. The drainage pattern is dendritic, rectangular to sub rectangular due to the influence of geological structures. (Fig.2)

## 4. RAINFALL

The average rainfall in the Mandal is 993 mm. The rainfall during the South-west monsoon season i.e., June-September accounts for about 85% of the total rainfall.

## 5. LAND USE PATTERN

Out of the total geographical area of 227 sq.km, the area covered by forest is 59.35 sq.km and the net area sown is 81.46 sq.km. Barren and uncultivable land is 5.41 sq.km. The land for non agricultural use accounts for 10.23 sq.km (Fig.3).

## 6. HYDROGEOLOGY

The area is underlain by granitic gneisses of Archaean age (Fig.4). Ground water occurs in weathered and fractured zones under water table and semi- confined conditions. The weathered zone thickness as per the GEC report is 30 m. The weathered zone has been extensively tapped by dug and dug cum bore wells up to 30 m depth, which are mostly dry now. Ground water occurs in the fractured granites up to 200 m bgl. However, the potential fractures are encountered between 50-100 m bgl. The cumulative yield varies from 2-5 lps.

## 7. GROUND WATER LEVEL SCENARIO

The depth to water level during the pre-monsoon and post-monsoon varies from 5 to 20m. The average depth to water level (decadal) during pre and post monsoon is 11.6 and 5.3 m bgl respectively. The depth to water levels maps for pre and post monsoon period (2014) are shown in Figs 5 & 6 respectively. The decadal mean Post Monsoon Water levels and trends are depicted in Fig.7.

## 8. DYNAMIC GROUND WATER RESOURCES

The Ground water availability, Utilization and stage of Development in Sadasivanagar mandal, Nizamabad District is given in Table-1.

Table-1: Ground water resources of Sadasivanagar Mandal, Nizamabad District

Annual Replenishable Ground water resources (MCM)	27.03
Net Annual Ground Water Availability(MCM)/yr	24.33
Net Annual Ground Water Draft(MCM)/yr	26.23
Projected Demand for Domestic and Industrial use up to 2025. (MCM)	0.56
Stage of Ground water development (%).	108
Whether notified or not with year of notification.	No

## 9. NEED FOR ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE AND CONSERVATION METHODS

The ground water withdrawal is more than the recharge with a stage of development above hundred percent. The long term water level trend mostly shows a declining trend and the water levels are very deep ranging upto 15m. The sustainability of bore wells has become questionable as many bore wells are either drying up or have recorded reduced yields. There is no surface water irrigation facility in the area. All these factors indicate that there is an urgent need for artificial recharge and water conservation in the Mandal.

## 10. JUSTIFICATION OF THE ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE PROJECT

Sadasivanagar Mandal falls under high stage of ground water development i.e., 108 % and with sufficient amount of uncommitted surface runoff. The area is completely dependent on ground water for domestic, industrial and irrigation purposes. During the monsoons runoff quickly flows out of the area without natural recharge to ground water. It is necessary to apply artificial recharge techniques to allow more and more recharge through check dams, PTs, MPTs, farm ponds, recharge shafts to cope up with the withdrawal pattern and also to improve ground water situation through various interventions including on farm activities and micro irrigation systems (Sprinkler-Drip-HDPE).

## 11. AVAILABILITY OF SURPLUS, SURFACE WATER FOR ARTIFICIAL RECAHRGE OR CONSERVATION

The runoff was calculated by taking into account of normal rainfall of the mandal and corresponding runoff yield from Strangers table. The existing storage created by various artificial recharge structures constructed by the State Government, if any, was deducted for calculating the runoff yield to recommend new AR structures.

Total Geographical area (Sq.kms)	227.00
Hilly Area (Sq.kms)	45.00
Area suitable for Artificial Recharge (sq.km.)	182.00
Runoff Yield in MCM	49.97
Existing No. of Check Dams	253.00
Storage created	1.79
Existing No. of Percolation Tanks	0.00
Storage created	0.00
Total Existing Storage Created	1.79

## 12. FEASIBLE ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE STRUCTURES

Since the mandal is categorized as over exploited, there is an immediate need for improving ground water scenario and to ensure sustainability of ground water sources. It is also suggested to create additional storage capacity of surface water bodies which would result in supplementing irrigation thereby reducing the ground water draft. The run off available in the mandal has been assessed as 48.18 MCM/yr, which could be considered for further planning of artificial recharge. However, the number of artificial recharge structures feasible has been recommended in areas, by considering the utilizable yield, number of existing structures, land use, drainage pattern and also where the post monsoon water levels (decadal mean) are more than 5 m bgl., and or decadal trends are either falling or showing insignificant raising trend.

### A) Check dams and Percolation Tanks

The area is covered by seasonal nalas – drains, which carry discharge during monsoon period along with silt load and debauched into the water bodies within a short duration. It is proposed to identify such nalas for construction of check dams/Percolation tank with recharge shafts, so as to harness ground water and to increase soil moisture content.

- The site selected for check dam/Percolation Tank should have sufficient thickness of permeable soils or weathered material to facilitate recharge of stored water within a short span of time. The water stored in these structures is mostly confined to the stream course and height is normally less than 2m.
- These are designed based on stream width and excess water is allowed to flow over the crest wall. In order to avoid scouring from excess runoff water cushions are provided on the downstream side. To harness maximum runoff in the stream, a series of such check dams can be constructed to have recharge on a regional scale.
- Considering the annual monsoon rainfall of 993 mm, sufficient rain water can be harnessed. This will improve ground water regime as well as delaying the instant flow into the main river.
- The flow in these seasonal rivers can be sustained up to about 2 to 3 months after monsoon.

- Recharge trenches can also be constructed along upstream side of the check dam/Percolation Tank in the impoundment area for enhancing the ground water recharge rate.

**A total of 36 Check dams and 15 Percolation tanks** are recommended.

### **B). Recharge Shafts**

The existing check dams and percolation tanks lose their storage capacity as well as recharge capacity due to siltation. Hence, Recharge shafts are recommended in the existing Check dams and Percolation tanks to enhance the ground water recharge. During the heavy downpours, there will be sufficient accumulation of runoff, which can also effectively be utilized for recharge by constructing recharge shafts. Hence, it is proposed to construct 127 recharge shafts of 165 mm dia with 30 m depth in the existing check dams.

### **C). Farm Ponds**

A farm pond is a large dug out in the earth, usually square or rectangular in shape, which harvests rain water and stores it for future use. It has an inlet to regulate inflow and an outlet to discharge excess water. The pond is surrounded by a small bund, which prevents erosion on the banks of the pond. The size and depth depend on the amount of land available; the type of soil water from the farm pond is conveyed to the fields manually, by pumping, or by both methods.

Advantages of Farm Ponds

- They provide water to start growing crops, without waiting for rain to fall.
- They provide irrigation water during dry spells between rainfalls. This increases the yield, the number of crops in one year, and the diversity of crops that can be grown.
- Bunds can be used to raise vegetables and fruit trees, thus supplying the farm household with an additional source of income and of nutritious food.
- Farmers are able to apply adequate farm inputs and perform farming operations at the appropriate time, thus increasing their productivity and their confidence in farming.
- They check soil erosion and minimize siltation of waterways and reservoirs.
- They supplies water for domestic purposes and livestock.
- They promote fish rearing.
- They recharge the ground water.
- They improve drainage.
- The excavated earth has a very high value and can be used to enrich soil in the fields, levelling land, and constructing farm roads.

As per the Land use classification, majority of the area is covered by the agricultural field. Hence, it is proposed to construct 540 farm ponds in 27 villages of the Mandal @ 20 farm ponds in each village.

**D). Micro Irrigation System (Sprinkler /drip/HDPE pipes)**

Micro irrigation is defined as the frequent application of small quantities of water directly above and below the soil surface; usually as discrete drops, continuous drops or tiny streams through emitters placed along a water delivery line.

In flood/furrow irrigation method more than 50% of applied water is wasted through seepage to deeper level, localized inundation causes loss through evaporation and it leaches out the nutrients from the plant. While through drip & sprinkler irrigation wastages of irrigational water could be minimized. The studies on different crops, has revealed that irrigation water is saved drastically. The conveyance losses (mainly seepage & evaporation) can be saved up to 25 to 40% through utilization of HDPE pipes. Initially the scheme is proposed to be implemented in worst affected areas showing deepest water levels and significant declining trends. It is proposed to take up micro irrigation system in 2700 ha @ 100 ha per village.



### 13. TENTATIVE COST ESTIMATES (SADASIVANAGAR MANDAL)

S.No.	Feasible Artificial Recharge & Water Conservation structures/	No. of Structures/ Quantity	Total Volume (MCM)	Tentative unit cost (in Rs lakh)	Total tentative cost (in Rs Lakh)	Expected Annual GW recharge/savings (MCM)
1	Proposed Masonry Check dams Crest Length -10-15 m, Height-1-2 m) (0.007 MCM*4 fillings)	36	1.008	5	180	0.756
2	Recharge shaft in Check dam (50% of the existing Check dams)	127	1.397	0.5	63.5	1.397
3	Proposed Percolation Tanks (100*100*2.5)* 4 fillings)	15	1.5	15	225	1.125
4	Renovation Desilting, Repairs and installation of Recharge Shafts in existing PTS (50% of the existing PTS)	0	0	1	0	0
5	Proposed Farm Pond (6 filling) 5*5*1.5 dimension @ 20 farm ponds per each village	540	0.07776	0.25	135	0.069984
6	Proposed Sprinkler/drip/HDPE pipes for 100 ha in each village	2700		0.6	1620	8.1
7	Proposed Piezometers up to 50 mbgl @ one PZ per Village	27	0	0.6	16.2	0
8 (i)	Total (No. of AR Structures)	745	3.98		619.7	3.348
8 (ii)	Total (ha)	2700			1620	8.1
	Total (8(i) + 8 (ii))				<b>2239.7</b>	<b>11.448</b>
9	<b>Impact Assessment &amp; O &amp; M -5 % of Total cost of the Scheme</b>				<b>111.985</b>	
	<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>2351.685</b>	

\*(Expected annual GW Recharge/Savings MCM - CDS& PTS: 75%, Farm ponds - 90%, Sprinklers-50%, Recharge shafts in existing CDS and PTS-100%)

Note: The type, number and cost of structure may vary according to site, after the ground truth verification.

## 14. TIME SCHEDULE

Steps	Quarters							
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
Identification of line department/implementing agency and preparation of DPR								
Approval of Scheme and releases of sanction of funds								
Implementation of ARS								

Phase = one quarter or 3 months or equivalent to financial quarter

### A). Operation and Maintenance

In all projects impact assessment has to be carried out to ensure that project is economically viable, socially equitable and environmentally sustainable by inter-related socio-economic, cultural and human-health impacts, both beneficial and adverse. Accordingly it is proposed to have impact assessment as well as operation & Maintenance at the rate of 5% of the total cost of the project for 5 years from the completion of artificial recharge project.

### B). Expected Benefits

The benefits of the project are:

1. The implementation of the project would result in additional recharge/Ground water savings to the tune of 11.448 MCM.
2. Ground water recharge will help in arresting the rapid decline in ground water resources and will also ensure improvement in quality of ground water by dilution.
3. Proposed structures and measures will also enhance the ground water potential and would ensure sustainability of ground water resources. It is estimated that the stage of ground water development may likely to be reduced from the present 108% to 73% (35%)
4. It will also help in controlling soil erosion.

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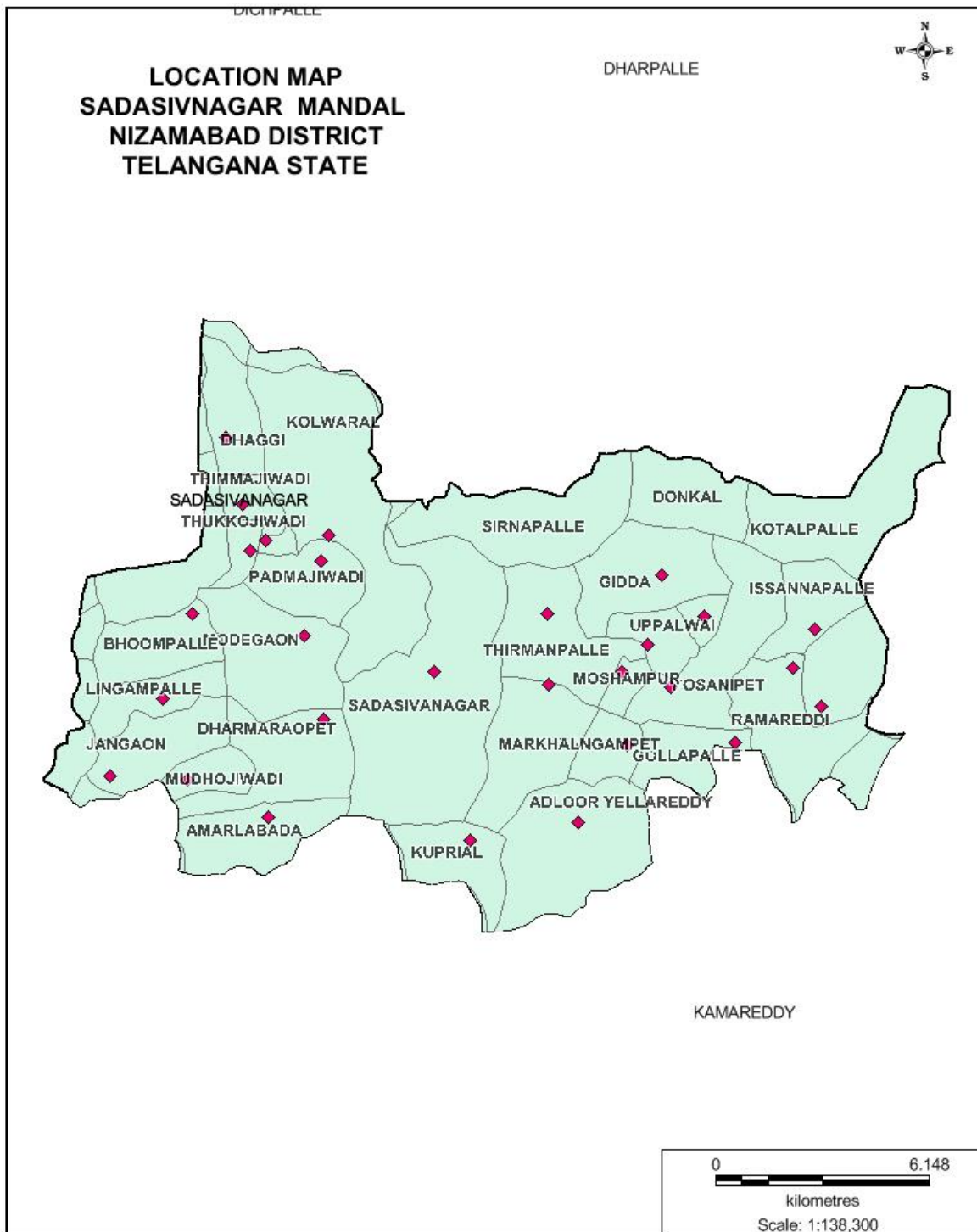
The inputs with regard to the Utilizable Yield, existing and proposed Artificial Recharge Structures have been provided by the Director, State Ground Water Department, Government of Telangana. The same is duly acknowledged.

**PROPOSED ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE STRUCTURES SADASIVANAGAR MANDAL,  
NIZAMABAD DISTRICT, TELANGANA.**

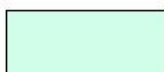
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1	SSNAGAR	18.4680	78.2087	Checkdam
2	SSNAGAR	18.4602	78.2349	Checkdam
3	SSNAGAR	18.4683	78.2313	Checkdam
4	SSNAGAR	18.4514	78.2376	Checkdam
5	SSNAGAR	18.4211	78.2575	Checkdam
6	SSNAGAR	18.4274	78.2641	Checkdam
7	SSNAGAR	18.4359	78.2581	Checkdam
8	SSNAGAR	18.4325	78.2726	Checkdam
9	SSNAGAR	18.4259	78.2768	Checkdam
10	SSNAGAR	18.4314	78.2955	Checkdam
11	SSNAGAR	18.3945	78.2828	Checkdam
12	SSNAGAR	18.4079	78.2412	Checkdam
13	SSNAGAR	18.4033	78.2286	Checkdam
14	SSNAGAR	18.4053	78.2186	Checkdam
15	SSNAGAR	18.4082	78.2268	Checkdam
16	SSNAGAR	18.3945	78.2111	Checkdam
17	SSNAGAR	18.3899	78.2087	Checkdam
18	SSNAGAR	18.3882	78.2180	Checkdam
19	SSNAGAR	18.3693	78.2259	Checkdam
20	SSNAGAR	18.3616	78.2243	Checkdam
21	SSNAGAR	18.4136	78.2864	Checkdam
22	SSNAGAR	18.3776	78.3069	Checkdam
23	SSNAGAR	18.3602	78.3126	Checkdam
24	SSNAGAR	18.3564	78.3196	Checkdam
25	SSNAGAR	18.3853	78.3012	Checkdam
26	SSNAGAR	18.4362	78.3711	Checkdam
27	SSNAGAR	18.4096	78.3419	Checkdam
28	SSNAGAR	18.4088	78.3365	Checkdam
29	SSNAGAR	18.4194	78.3404	Checkdam
30	SSNAGAR	18.4102	78.3500	Checkdam
31	SSNAGAR	18.4008	78.3467	Checkdam
32	SSNAGAR	18.3853	78.3672	Checkdam
33	SSNAGAR	18.3802	78.3792	Checkdam
34	SSNAGAR	18.4011	78.3741	Checkdam
35	SSNAGAR	18.4031	78.3862	Checkdam
36	SSNAGAR	18.3899	78.2771	Checkdam

37	SSNAGAR	18.4482	78.2084	Percolation Tank
38	SSNAGAR	18.4614	78.2304	Percolation Tank
39	SSNAGAR	18.4399	78.2382	Percolation Tank
40	SSNAGAR	18.4174	78.2463	Percolation Tank
41	SSNAGAR	18.4016	78.1888	Percolation Tank
42	SSNAGAR	18.3696	78.1915	Percolation Tank
43	SSNAGAR	18.3653	78.2626	Percolation Tank
44	SSNAGAR	18.4391	78.2702	Percolation Tank
45	SSNAGAR	18.4354	78.3132	Percolation Tank
46	SSNAGAR	18.3982	78.3190	Percolation Tank
47	SSNAGAR	18.3739	78.2903	Percolation Tank
48	SSNAGAR	18.3830	78.3476	Percolation Tank
49	SSNAGAR	18.3790	78.3331	Percolation Tank
50	SSNAGAR	18.4171	78.3705	Percolation Tank
51	SSNAGAR	18.4291	78.3585	Percolation Tank

Fig.1



**LEGEND**



Village boundary



Village HQ

Fig.2

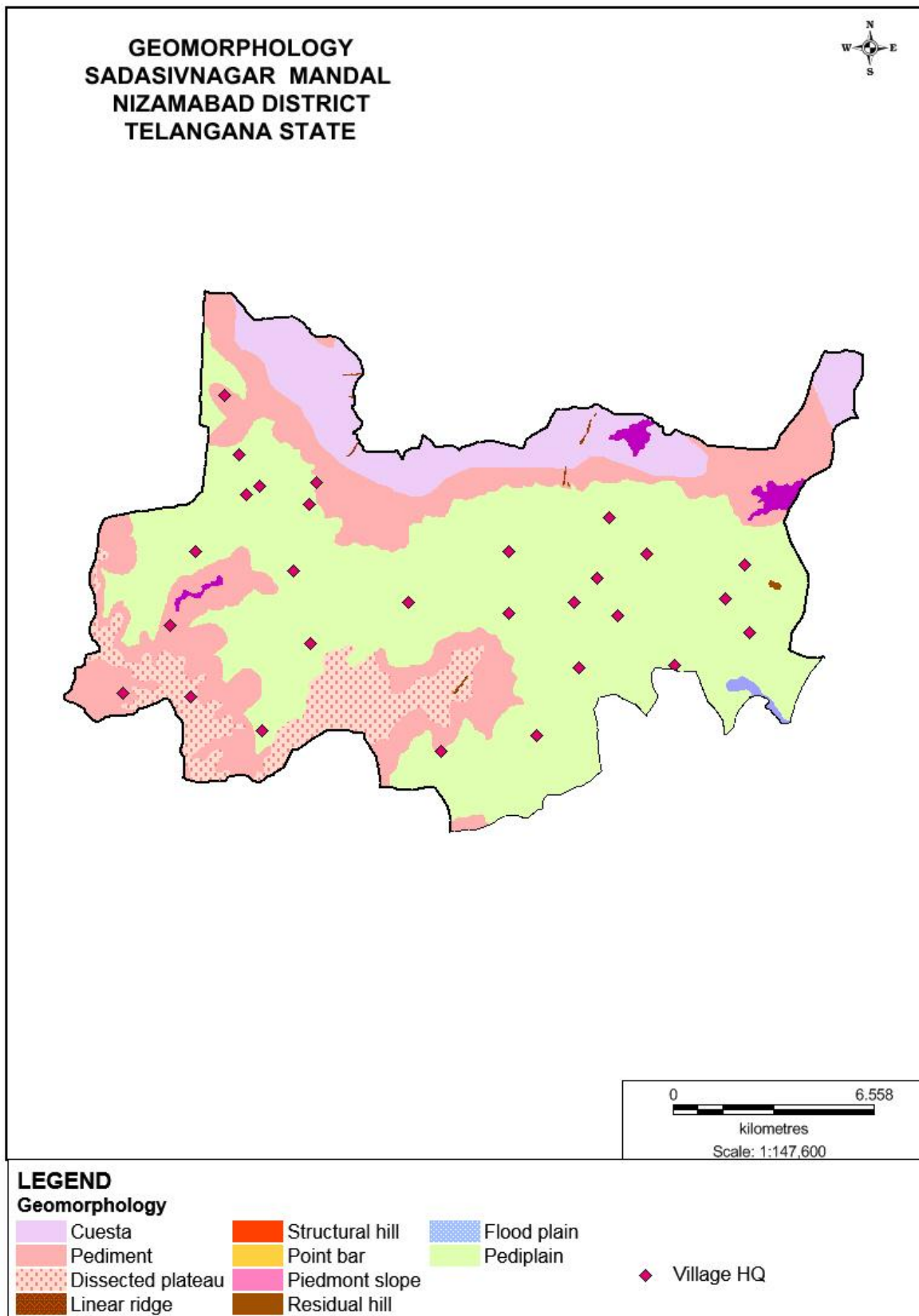


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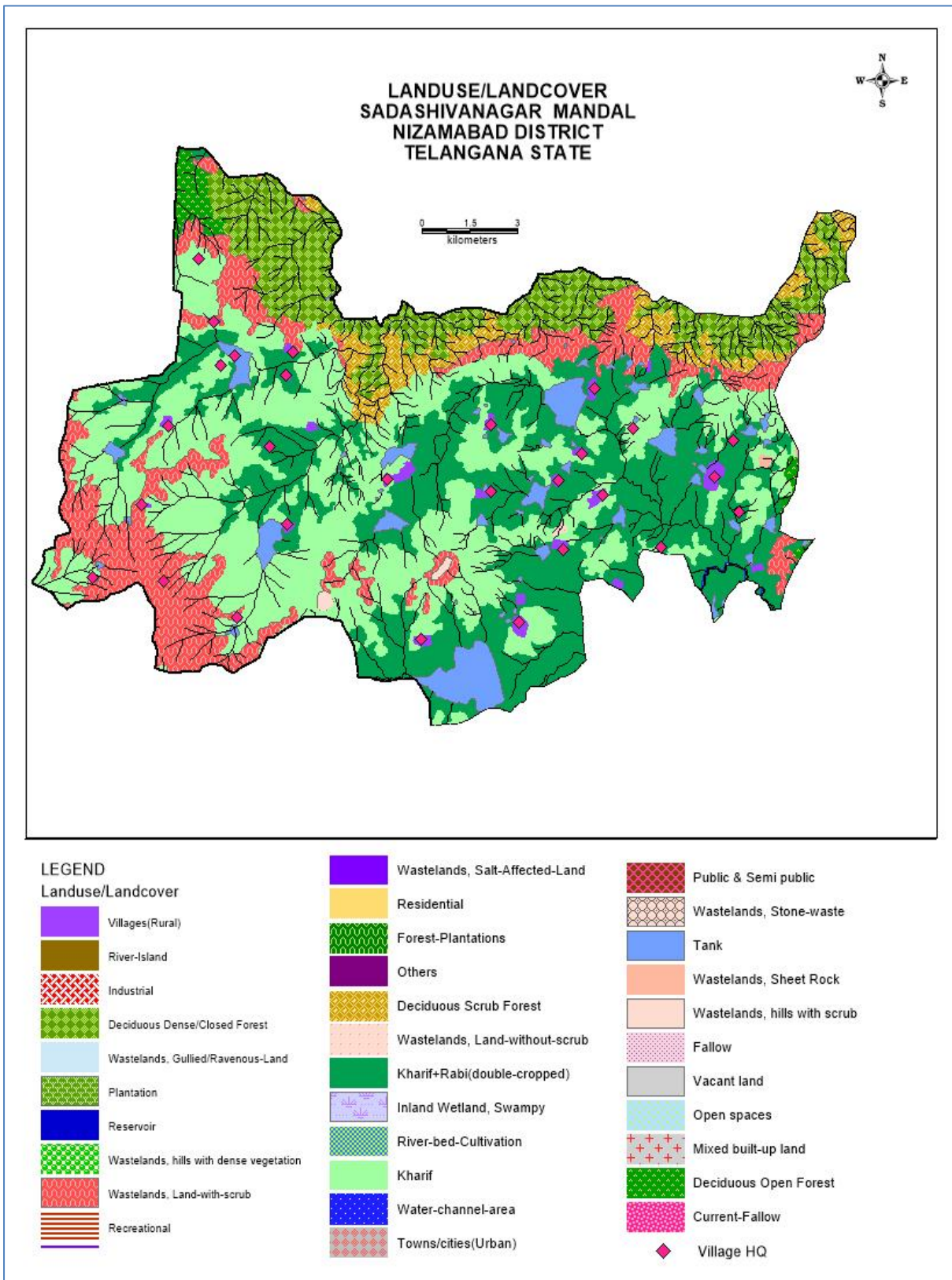


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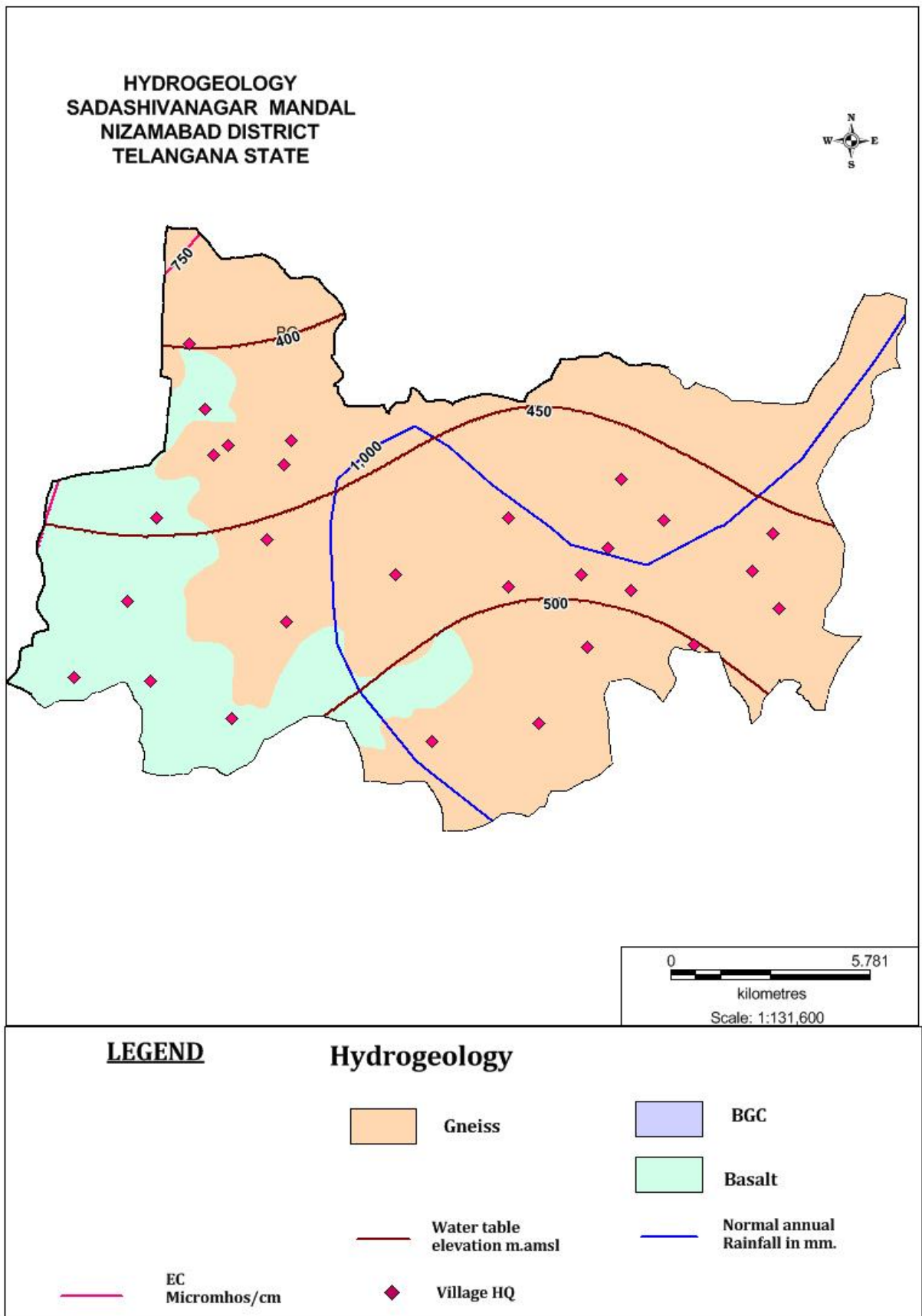




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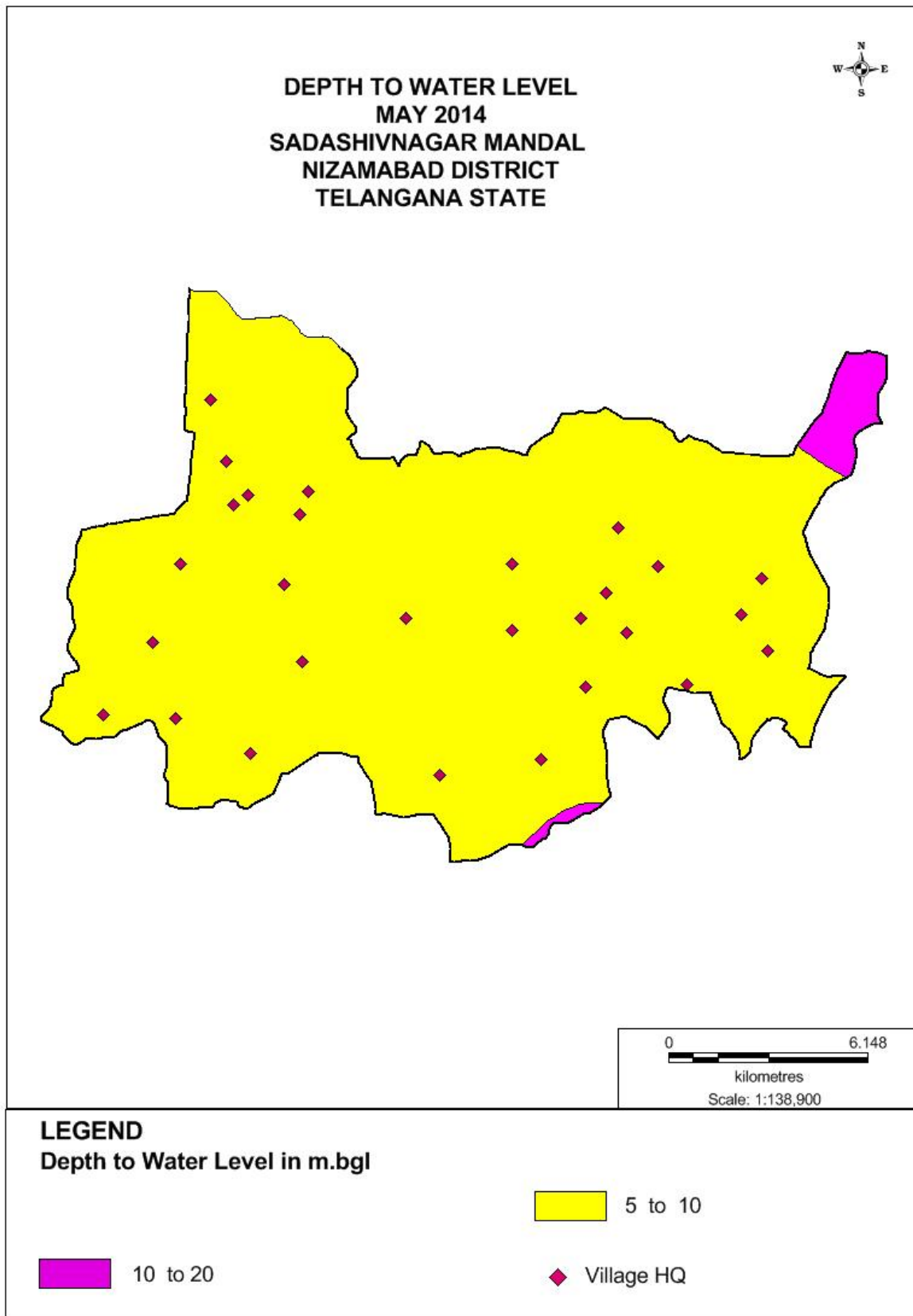


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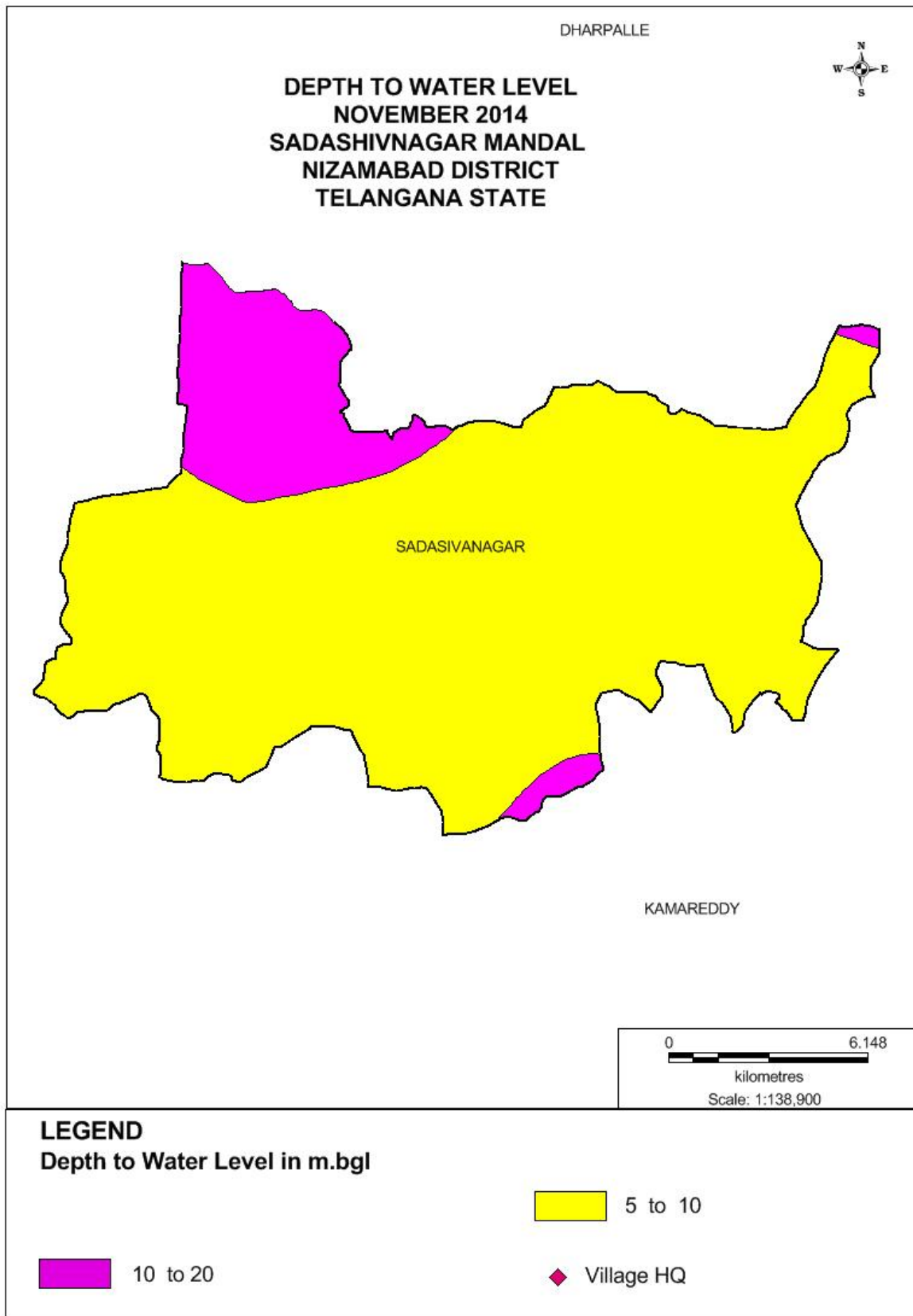


Fig.7

