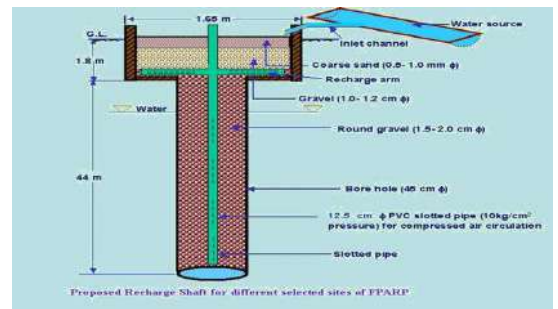
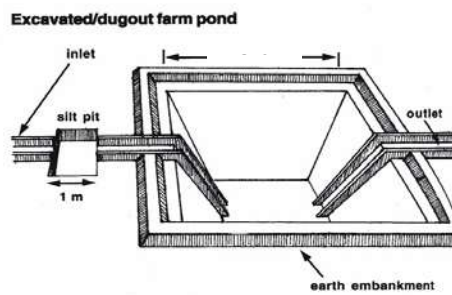




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**ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE TO GROUND WATER AND
WATER CONSERVATION PLAN OF ARAIN BLOCK,
DISTRICT AJMER, RAJASTHAN**

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Plan at a Glance

1.	Area of the Arain Block	1194.40 sq.km.
2.	Area identified for Artificial Recharge	1064.01 sq km
3.	Dynamic Ground Water Resources (as on 31.03.2011)	
	Net Ground Water Availability	40.5879 MCM
	Annual Ground Water Draft	46.7877 MCM
	Stage of Ground Water Development	115.27%
4.	Volume of water to be harnessed	0.6080 MCM
	Volume of water available for recharge	0.6080 MCM
	Volume of water available for conservation by other interventions	-
5.	Volume of unsaturated aquifer zone available for recharge	135.342 MCM
6.	Total number of structures to be proposed	
	Recharge structures (in Nos) Existing village pond with recharge shaft/ well	21 Nos. shafts in 21 Nos. of existing village ponds
	Water Conservation Farm pond	-
	Expected Annual GW recharge	0.4256 MCM
	Provision for supplemental irrigation, thus reducing GW withdrawal for irrigation	0
	Total recharge/ savings of ground water	0.4256 MCM
7.	Estimated Cost Artificial Recharge Plan Water conservation measures Piezometer construction Operation and maintenance	0.706 crore 0.546 crore Nil 0.126 crore 0.034 crore

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INTRODUCTION

The demand of fresh water for agriculture, drinking and industrial uses etc. has significantly increased due to population growth and socio-economic development. As surface water resources in the State of Rajasthan are meagre, the dependability on ground water resources in the State has increased substantially. This has resulted in over exploitation of ground water resources vis a vis depletion of ground water levels in various parts of the State.

The **Arain Block, district Ajmer** is one of the over exploited blocks of Rajasthan and is under severe stress, as evident from the stage of ground water development, which has attained an alarming level of **115.27%**. In view of over exploitation of ground water resources in the block, ground water resources in the area are under continuous depletion. Thus there is urgent need for taking up suitable water management interventions based on integrated approach, which on one hand includes augmentation of ground water resources through appropriate techniques, and on the other hand requires the adoption of suitable water conservation measures, such as ensuring water use efficiency through creation of additional water storage facility, maintenance/renovation of existing water bodies etc. Water awareness and capacity building of the stakeholders are also the important attributes of water management interventions as envisaged in the National Water Policy.

Artificial recharge to ground water is one of the most efficient, scientifically proven and cost effective technology to mitigate the problems of over exploitation of ground water resources. The technology serves as a means for restoring the depleted ground water storage, ameliorate the ground water quality problems and also enhance the sustainability of wells in the affected areas. A detailed knowledge of geology, hydrogeology, land use pattern, geomorphology and hydro-meteorological features are however, essential for selection of appropriate artificial recharge techniques as well as design and sites of ground water recharge structures.

As per directions of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India and in pursuance to letter no 16-24/M(SML)/CGWB/ARP-OE Blocks/2015-6957, dated 13.7.2015 & 3.8.2015 & letter no 39(43)/TC/CHN/CGWB/2015-7929, dated 4.9.2015 from Central Headquarters, Central Ground Water Board, **the preparation of Artificial Recharge and Rainwater harvesting Plan for Over exploited blocks in the State of Rajasthan has been taken up** on priority by the Western Region, Central Ground Water Board, Jaipur. Each Plan discusses the broad framework of ground water situation in the block, status of water availability (both surface and ground water), identification of feasible areas for interventions, feasibility of Artificial recharge and other water conservation structures, their design considerations, numbers and cost estimates. The expected outcomes of the proposed interventions have also been elucidated in the report

The GIS layers used in the Plan include administrative (upto village level), Hydrogeology, Depth to Water level (pre and post monsoon), geomorphic, drainage, water bodies and the map of tentative locations of proposed interventions.

Methodology:

The methodology as adopted for the assessment of source water availability is as follows: As per Ground Water Department, Government of Rajasthan direction the basin wise availability of surplus run off is calculated after taking into account 75 % dependability on the rain water for all uses. In furtherance, the sub basins with surplus run off available for recharge were taken into consideration.

The block area falling in particular sub basin was taken into account and a proportionate area of the sub-basin draining the block was calculated. Based on this area of sub-basin draining the block, proportionate surplus run off, in the block by the sub basin, for recharge was calculated. Thus the final amount of surplus run off available for recharge in particular block by one particular sub-basin was calculated. The available run off was considered for Recharge through Recharge Shaft (@ 0.03 MCM) and Percolation tank (@ 0.2 MCM). If after allocating water for Recharge through Recharge Shaft, large amount of surface run off was left then the Water conservation through Farm Ponds, along with recharge through Percolation Tanks, was also taken into account.

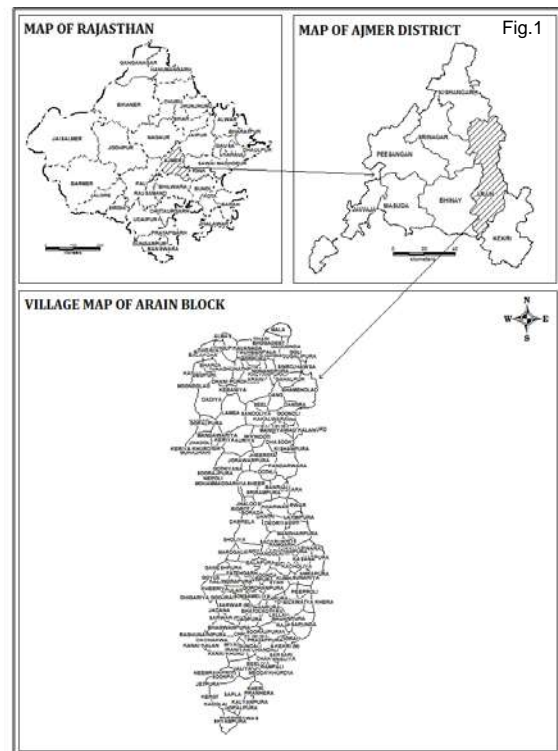
Besides the available run off, the Average Water Level for the time span of ten years (Nov., 2005 to Nov. 2014) and the Decadal Water Level trend (Nov., 2005 to Nov. 2014) were also taken into account. The block showing average water level more than 10 m bgl and declining water level trend were considered as suitable for Artificial Recharge Plan.

Location of the block

Arain Block of Ajmer District covering an area of 1194.40 Sq.Km. falls in eastern part of Ajmer District and is located between North latitudes 25°50' & 26°33' and East longitudes 74°55' & 75°11'. As per 2011 census, the total rural population of the Block is 159058 persons consisting of 80771 males & 78287 females. Location map is shown in fig 1.

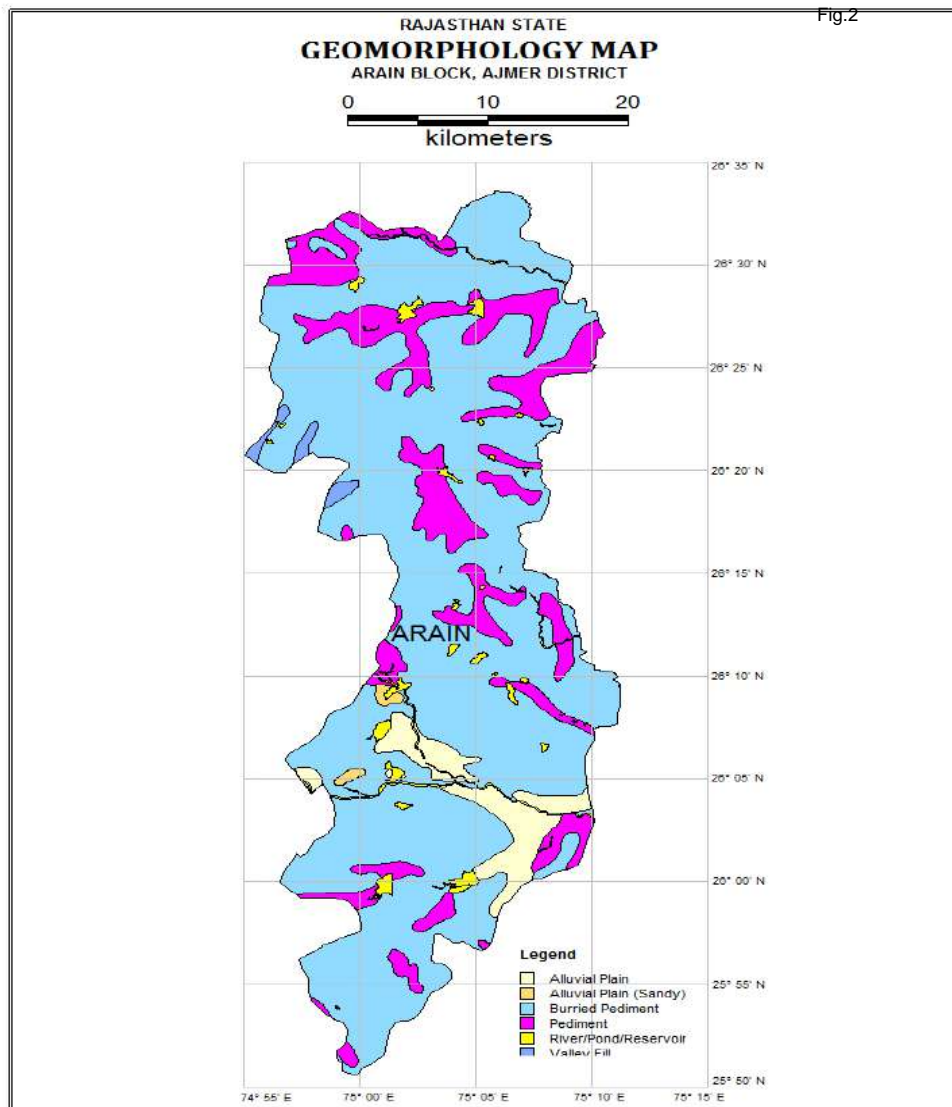
Source wise Irrigated Area

Out of total area of 1194.40 Sq.Km., an area of 141.41 (11.84%) falls under irrigation. The dug wells/ Tube wells are the main source of irrigation in Arain Block. There is very little area of 7.9 Sq.Km. that falls under canal irrigation and an area of 24.75 Sq.Km. is irrigated through ponds. The wells irrigate total 108.75 Sq.Km. area in this Block.

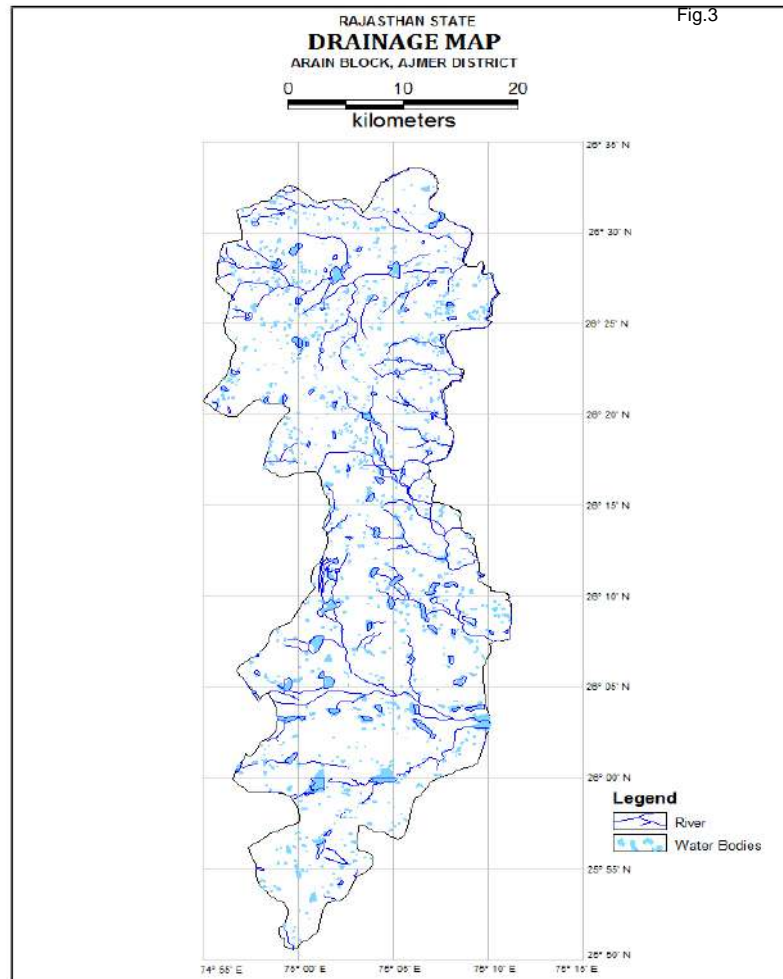


Physiography & Drainage

Physiographically, the block is characterized by presence of buried pediments and alluvial plains. The minimum and maximum elevation of Block is 326.4 m amsl and 421.9 m amsl, respectively. The map showing various geomorphic units is presented in fig 2.



There is no perennial & seasonal river flowing in this Block. The entire block falls under Banas river basin. The map showing drainage and water bodies in the Arain block are shown in fig 3.



Rainfall

The climate of the block is semi arid. The Normal annual rainfall of block is 431.76 mm (IMD, 1901-70). The available data of rainfall indicates that larger part of annual rainfall is received through SW monsoon during July to September.

Hydrogeology of the Area

Gneiss of Bhilwara Supergroup represents the aquifer system of the block. Out of total geographical area of 1194.40 Sq. Km, an area of 1064.01 Sq. Km. (89.08%) forms aquifer system (potential zone) in the block and remaining 130.39 Sq. Km. (10.92%) area is represented by hills. Gneiss forms principal potential aquifer in the whole block. Ground water occurs under unconfined to semi-confined conditions in weathered and fractured part of the consolidated formation. In hard rock aquifers, groundwater occurrence is controlled by thickness of weathered

zone, size, continuity and interconnectivity of fractured zones and other secondary porosities. These form poor aquifers as comparison to alluvium. Quality of water varies from potable to brackish. In general yield of wells tapping Gneiss varies from 0.35 to 1.04 lps.

Ground Water Level:

The average decadal depth to water level is 6.97 mbgl for Pre monsoon & 5.99 mbgl for Post monsoon. As per Average depth to water level (from November, 2005 to November, 2014), the block falls in water level range 2 -5 and 5-10 m bgl. (Fig 4).

According to depth to water level map of May 2014(Fig 5) water level ranges between 2 to 5 mbgl in north western, north central & south central parts and in remaining areas, it ranges between 5 to 10 mbgl . According to depth to water level map of November 2014 (Fig.6), water level ranges between 2 to 5 mbgl in major part. Some patches in northern & central parts have very shallower water level of less than 2 mbgl. In some north western & north eastern parts, water level varying between 5 to 10 mbgl has been observed.

Water Level Trend:

The hydrographs of wells monitored by CGWB & GWD from 1997 to 2010 shows declining water level trend. A water level fall of 0.50 m/year during pre monsoon and 0.47 m/year during post monsoon has been observed for this period.

As per the Decadal Water level trend (from November, 2005 to November, 2014), the declining trend is visible in the block. The fall in the range of 0-1 in ground water level is prevalent in the block. The map of Decadal Water Level Trend is shown in fig. 7.

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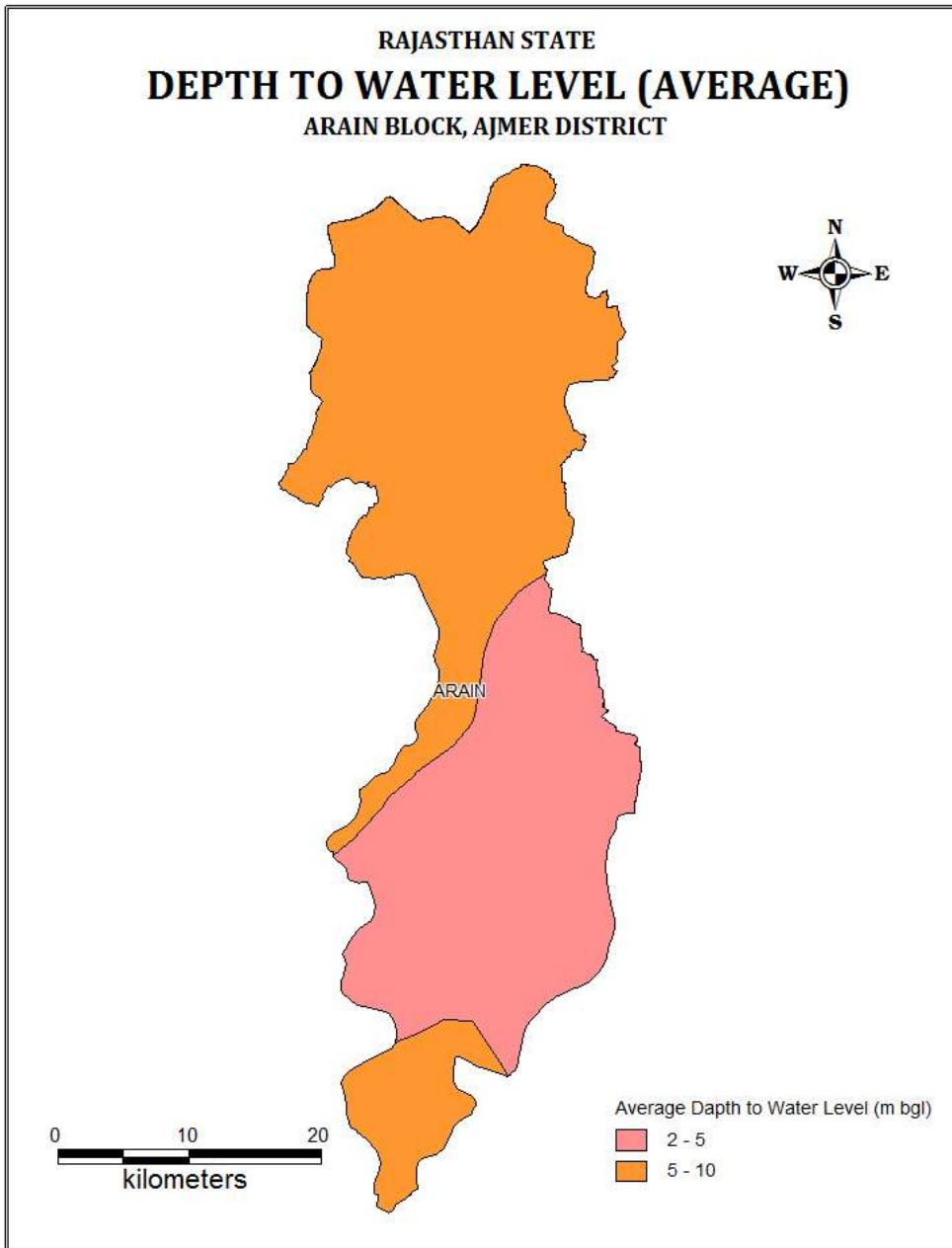


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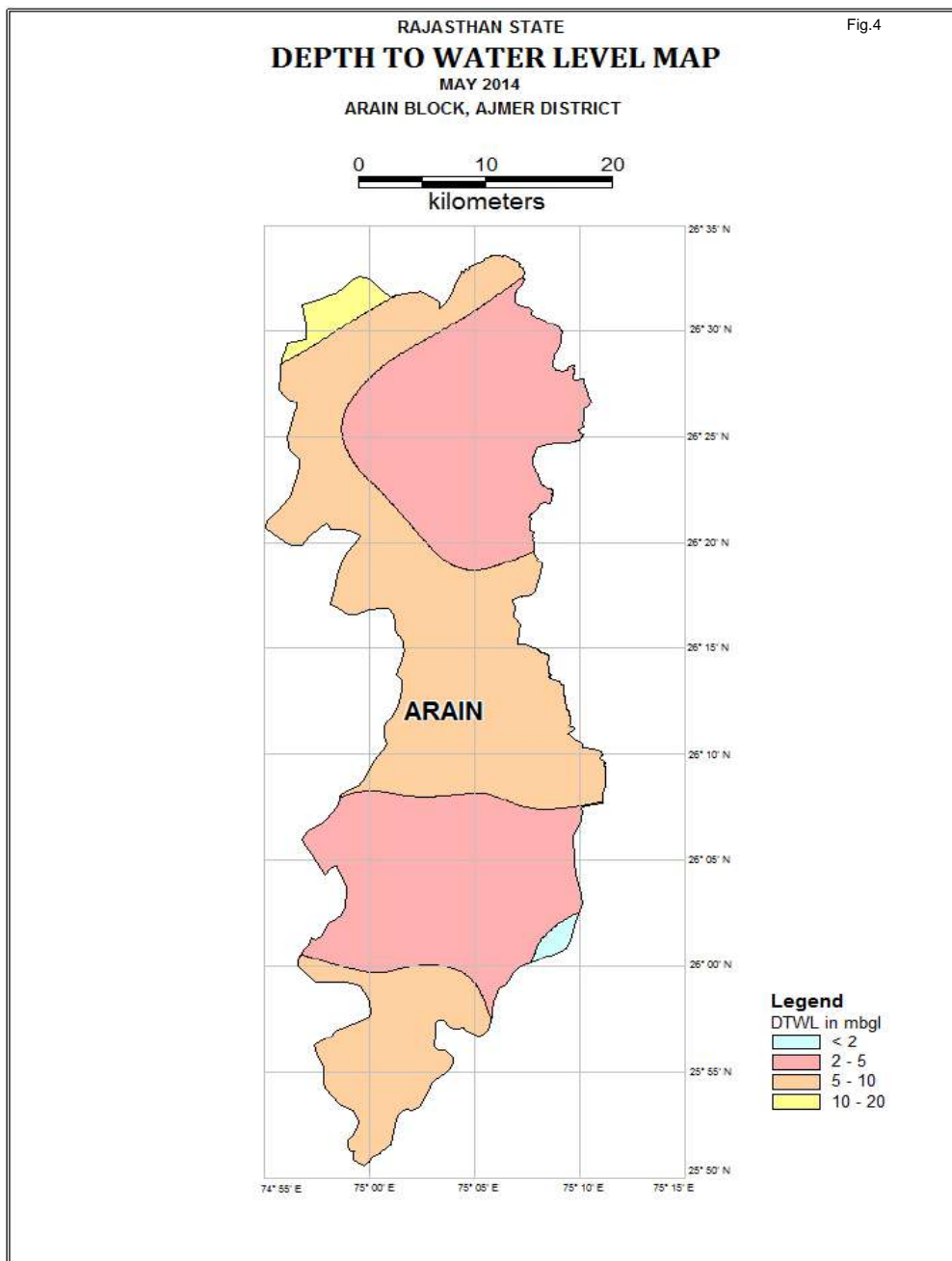


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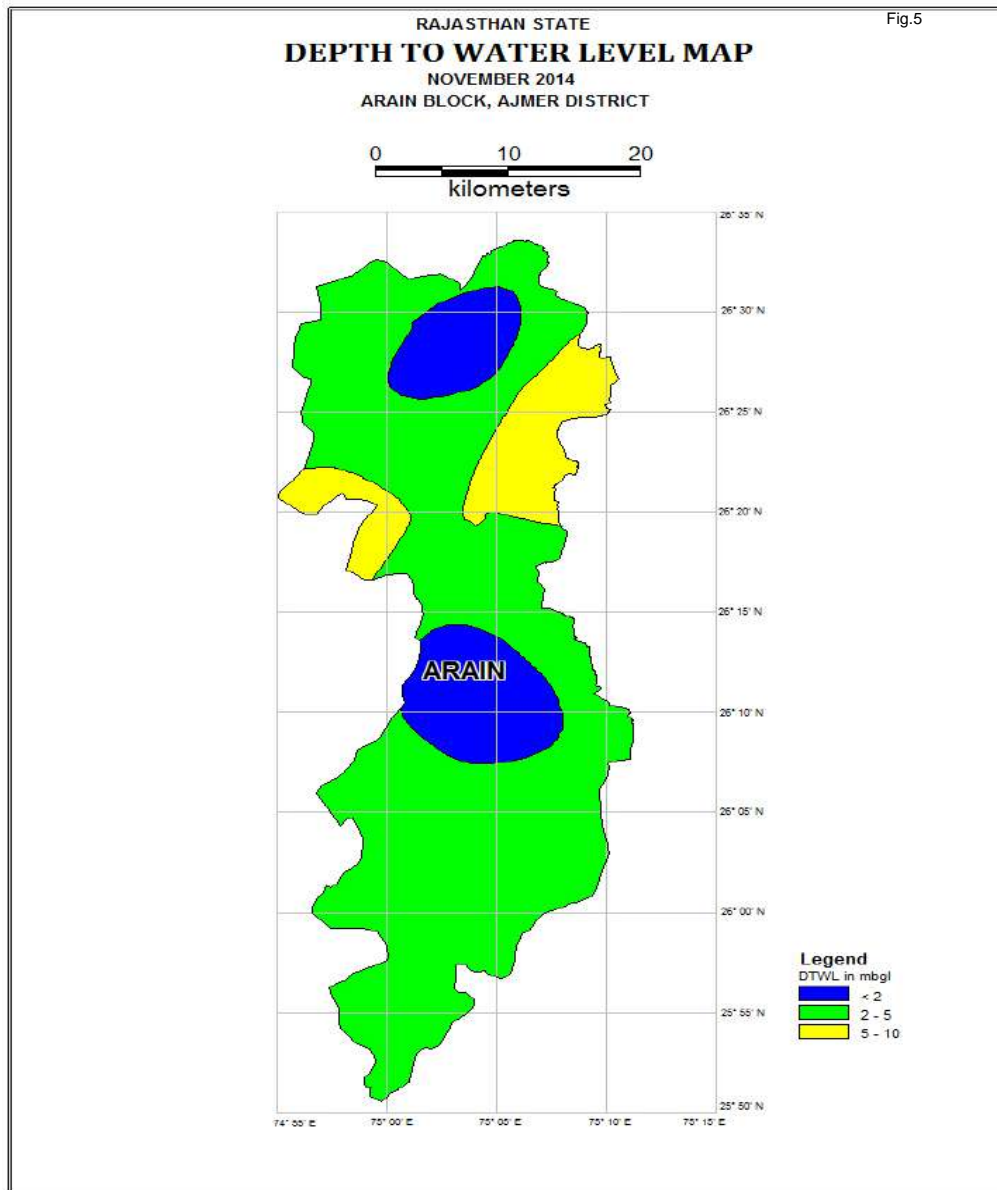
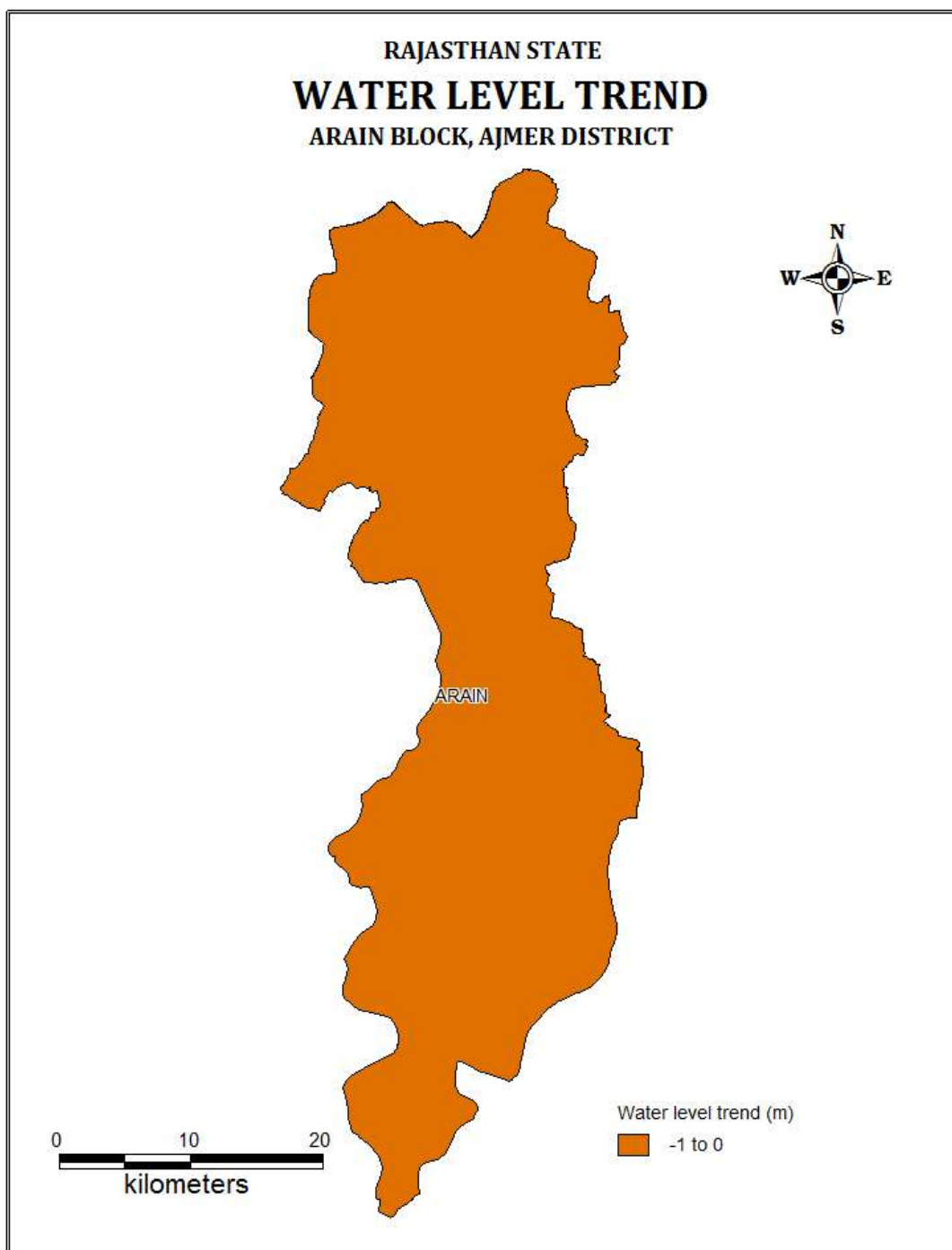


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Subsurface Hydrogeology

As inferred from borehole data of the Arain Block, Gneiss is the water bearing formation in this area. However, the ground water in Gneiss only occurs in shallow weathered parts or fractures due to absence of primary porosity. The depth of drilling is 146.24 mbgl and the average discharge is 2.08 lps.

Dynamic Ground Water Resource

The status of ground water resources of the block is presented in table 1. The annual Net Ground water Availability in the block is 4058.79ham and Annual Ground water draft is 4678.77ham. Stage of Ground water development has reached 115.27%.

Table 1: Ground Water Availability, Utilization and Stage of Development Arain Block, Ajmer District (As on 31.3.2011)

Natural Discharge During Non Monsoon Period	450.98 ham
Net Annual Ground Water Availability	4058.79 ham
Annual Ground Water Draft	4678.77 ham
Net Ground water Availability for Future Irrigation Use	Nil
Stage of Ground Water Development	115.27%
<i>Source: Ground Water Resource Assessment 31.03.2011</i>	

Need for artificial recharge and water conservation plan

The present artificial recharge and water conservation Plan aims to mitigate the problems of continuous decline in water levels over the area through techniques of artificial recharge utilizing surplus rainwater based on scientific manner for optimal results. The broad scope of the recharge plan is as follows:

- Establishing efficacy of integrated approach through various artificial recharge and water conservation techniques. Intervention is proposed in cluster mode basis wherever feasible to have a better impact.
- Enhancing water use efficiency for controlling excessive ground water draft, especially for irrigation purposes.
- Ensuring sustainability of ground water abstraction structures and improvement in quality of ground water.

Surface water availability

As per the studies carried out by Water Resources Department, Govt of Rajasthan there is hardly any surplus water available for further development at 75% dependability. However, after taking into account the availability of source water in the basins of Rivers flowing in the State proportionate amount of surplus runoff available in particular block by particular sub basin was calculated.

Accordingly about 0.608 MCM has been considered for recharge plan in the block. Optimum utilization of rainwater runoff depends on availability of land, feasible conditions, etc. Surface water availability, allocation and number of structures are presented in table 2.

Table 2: Source water for artificial recharge and number of recharge structure

District	District code	Block	Block code	Area of Block (Sq.km.)	Potential area suitable for recharge (Sq.km.)	Type of Aquifer	Area feasible for artificial recharge (Sq km)	Specific Yield
AJMER	RJ01	ARAIN	RJ0101	1194.400	1064.010	hard rock	1064.010	0.015

Table 2 (contd): Source water for artificial recharge and number of recharge structure

Average DTW (mbgl) NOV 2013	Thickness of unsaturated zone 3 m below ground level (m)	Volume of sub surface storage space available for artificial recharge (MCM)	Sub Basin	Surplus available in the block (in Mm3)	Surplus water used in Recharge Shaft (RS)	No. of RS 0.03 MCM/RS	Remaining Surplus water for Percolation tank (PT)	No. of PT (0.2 MCM/PT)
11.480	8.480	135.342	Mashi	0.4987	0.4987	17	0	0
			Sodra	0.1092	0.1092	4	0	0
				0.6080	0.6080	21	0	0

Feasible Artificial Recharge and water conservation structures

A wide spectrum of techniques is in vogue, which are being implemented to recharge the ground water reservoir, conserve the utilizable rainfall and enhance the water use efficiency. Based on prevailing field conditions, out of total block area of 1194.40sq km practically 1064.01sq km area is feasible for implementing recharge measures. Based on available information about the area such as ground water scenario, hydrogeology, hydrology, topography, rainfall pattern, drainage, soil cover, utilizable rainfall etc. scope for various interventions has been studied and assessment of suitable areas, tentative design and costs of structures has been worked out in the present plan.

Identification of feasible areas

Arain block is having ground water level between 2-5, 5-10 m below ground level and as per dynamic ground water resource estimation, the block is over exploited with stage of ground water development at 115.27%. The Arain block is feasible for recharge due to presence of permeable zone above water table, favorable land slope and availability of water from rainfall.

Generally the Artificial recharge structures suitable in this type of area are Check dams/ Anicuts/ Percolation tanks and Recharge Shafts/ Recharge wells. Since the ground water levels are quite deep in the block, the structures like ani-cuts and Check dams are not suitable and also their construction is regulated. Considering this aspect the proposal for Recharge Shaft/ Recharge wells and have been firmed up in the present Plan are the most suitable structures in Arain block. In view of the availability of number of ponds in the block, percolation tanks are also not found feasible.

Details of Ground Water Recharge Measures

Existing Village Pond with recharge shaft/wells

Almost all the villages in the State of Rajasthan have one or two village ponds & other ponds. With time, these ponds get silted & hardly any water percolates downward. Also, any excess water coming into the pond goes away as a run off due to limited storage capacity. This surplus runoff can very well be utilized for recharging the ground water and also for enhancing conservation of water that can be further used for irrigation, thereby saving ground water withdrawal. Since natural recharge from these ponds is limited due to siltation and ground water levels are deep, the most effective ground water structure considered under the Plan is Recharge Shaft/ Recharge well constructed within the pond itself.

The above mentioned recharge well has been designed in a manner that maximum surplus water would likely to be utilized for recharge as well as sufficient water is retained in the pond for local use.

The model design of recharge well has been worked out in consultation with Ground Water Department, Government of Rajasthan and presented in Fig 8. The major features required are:

1. The well should have sufficient diameter for recharge- 10 to 12 inch diameter well with bottom screen/ opening just above the highest ground water level.
2. The well should have screen/ opening at the top, which should be at least 1.5m above the bed level of the pond.
3. The upper opening should be surrounded with filter pack comprising graded filter media of medium, coarse sand & gravel, so that the Recharge well does not get silted.

The opening for inflow to the well has been proposed at 1.5m above Bed level of pond. This is necessary to ensure that the pond retains sufficient water for use by local consumers. However, this may necessitate further deepening of pond itself so that the pond is 3-4 m deep. A Single

1	Ankauriya	75.0125	26.3558	14.722	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
2	Balapura	75.0862	26.3733	15.7925	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
3	Dadiya	74.9708	26.4167	4.0229	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
4	Dadiya	74.9625	26.4338	4.5743	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
5	Dadiya	74.9464	26.4313	7.0245	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
6	Dadiya	74.9763	26.4472	7.5772	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
7	Dadiya	74.9803	26.4165	16.2957	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
8	Dadiya	74.9612	26.4301	17.0409	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
9	Deopuri	74.9428	26.462	4.6738	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
10	Kasheer	75.0442	26.2856	20.988	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
11	Katsoora	74.9814	26.4557	6.2392	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
12	Lamba	75.0134	26.4058	4.8515	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
13	Lamba	74.9887	26.4122	4.8565	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
14	Lamba	75.0297	26.4143	7.3638	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
15	Lamba	75.02	26.3932	7.6214	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
16	Lamba	75.0073	26.3989	16.8129	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
17	Sandoliya	75.0409	26.3824	8.4119	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
18	Sandoliya	75.0434	26.3954	10.4651	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
19	Seel	75.0499	26.4204	3.988	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
20	Seel	75.0713	26.4121	8.212	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
21	Srirampura	75.0706	26.2731	19.2435	Hard_rock	1	2.6	2.6
Total						21		54.6

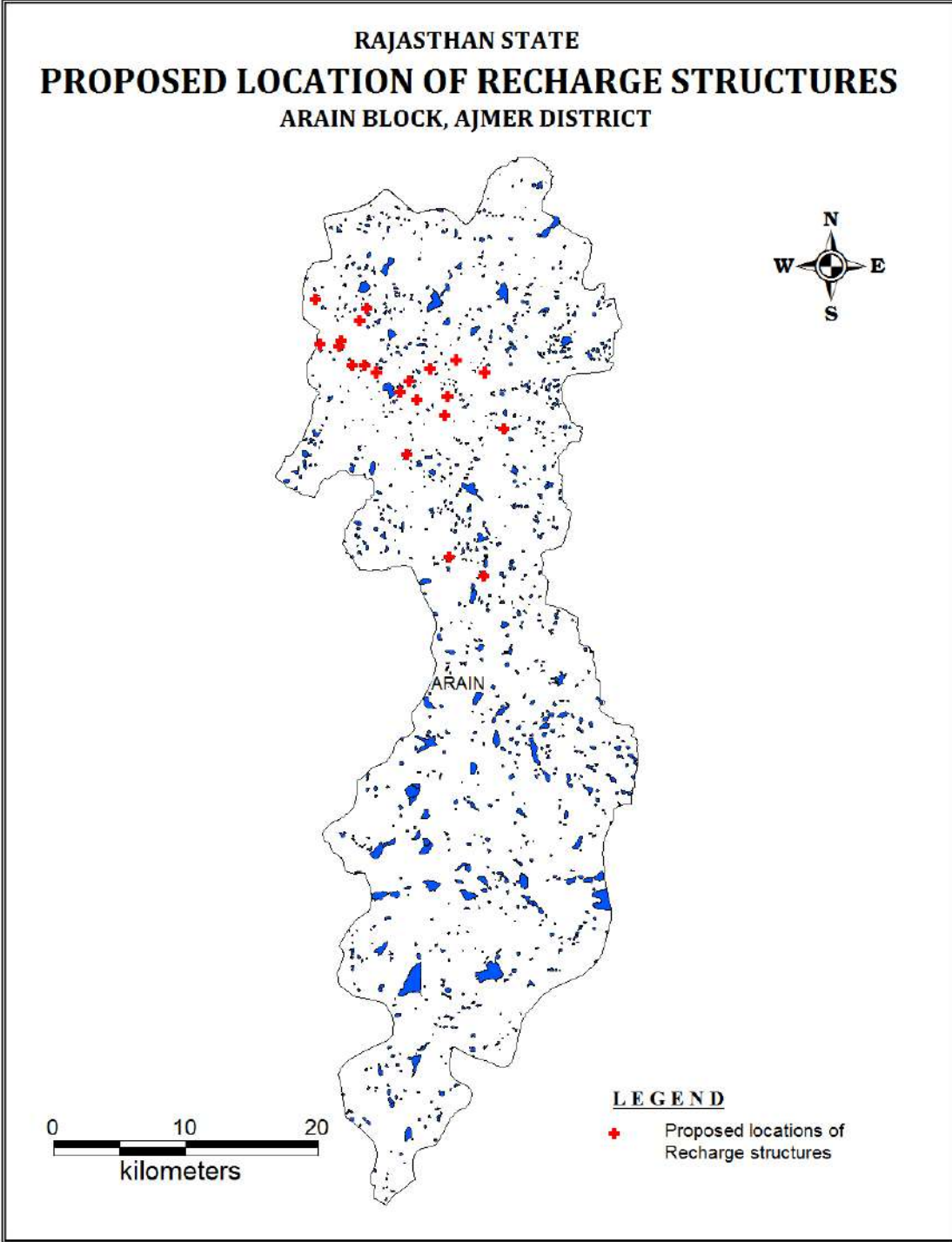
B. Revival, repair of water bodies

The existing ponds and tanks in loose their storage capacity as well as the natural ground water recharge through these water bodies has also become negligible due to siltation and encroachment by farmers for agriculture purposes. There are several such villages where ponds/ tanks are in dilapidated condition. These existing village tanks, which are normally silted and damaged, can be modified to serve as recharge structure in case these are suitably located to serve as percolation tanks. Through desilting, coupled with providing proper waste weir, the village tanks can be converted into recharge structure.

Impact Assessment and Monitoring

Assessment of impact of the artificial recharge schemes implemented is essential to assess the efficacy of structures constructed. It helps in identification of cost-effective recharge mechanisms for optimal recharge into the ground water system. It also helps to make necessary modifications in site selection, design and construction of structures in future. The monitoring system should be designed judiciously to monitor impact of these structures individually as well as collectively. Demarcation of the zone of influence of the artificial recharge structure is one of the main objectives of monitoring.

Fig 9



It is proposed to utilize the existing data available with the Government of Rajasthan and CGWB baseline data. For assessment of the impact of proposed measures additional data will be generated by construction of the piezometer at suitable and strategic sites.

It is proposed to construct 21 piezometer, at suitable locations for monitoring of water levels, in the vicinity of proposed recharge structure. The depth of the piezometer may vary from 60 to 80 mbgl. This will help in assessing the impact of the project implementation.

Since the implantation of the Plan involves institutional framework, it is proposed to constitute State Level Technical Coordination Committee (SLTCC) and District Level Technical Coordination Committee (DLTCC) for proper monitoring and review of the implementation of the Plan.

Financial Outlay of the Plan

The total estimated cost of the Plan is 0.706 cr, which includes Rs 0.546 cr for ground water recharge activities, 0.13 cr for ground water monitoring (Piezometer construction) and Rs 0.034 cr towards operation and maintenance charges. The tentative cost estimates of the various activities of the Plan are shown in Table 4 & 5.

The unit rates are as followed by the Govt. of Rajasthan (BSR). The total estimated cost of the project is **Rs 0.706 Crores**.

Table 4: Cost of the recharge structures

Cost of Percolation Tank in Rs in crs (Unit cost Rs 0.4 cr)	Cost of Farm Pond in Rs (Unit cost Rs 0.1 cr)	Cost Recharge Shaft Rs in cr (Unit cost Rs 0.05 cr for alluvium and Rs 0.026 cr for hard rock)
0	0	Hard rock – 0.546

Table 5: Tentative cost of different activities

Feasible Artificial Recharge & Water Conservation structures/ activities	Tentative Design	Quantity (in nos. or area in sq. m)	Rainwater harvested (mcm)	Tentative unit cost (in Rs lakh)	Total tentative cost (in Rs lakh)	Expected Annual GW recharge/ conservation (mcm)
Recharge Structures/ Activities						
Recharge shaft within the pond /tanks	Hard rock: Depth –60m, Dia 10-12"with filter pit	21	0.608	2.6	54.6	0.4256
Impact assessment & Monitoring						
Piezometer	Up to 80 m bgl	21		0.6	12.6	
<i>Impact assessment will be carried out by implementing agency</i>						
O & M - 5% of total cost of the scheme					3.36	
TOTAL					70.56	

Note: Type, number and cost of structure may vary according to site after ground verification

Time Schedule

The project is to be implemented in two years, however impact assessment will be carried out for five years. A time schedule for different activities is given in table 6.

Table 6: Time Schedule

Steps	1 st phase	2 th Phase	3 rd Phase	4 th Phase	5 th Phase	6 th Phase	7 th Phase	8 th Phase
Constitution of State Level Technical Coordination Committee (SLTCC) and District Level Technical Coordination Committee (DLTCC)								
Arranging meeting of SLTCC for provision available under the scheme, request to implementing agencies for submission of DPR								
Scrutiny, recommendations & approval of AR Projects / Schemes in DLTCC & SLTCC								
Forwarding the DPR to Central Ground Water Board (CHQ), New Delhi for approval and issuing of sanction from the Ministry								
Meeting of TCC(CHQ) and release of sanction of funds								
Construction of artificial recharge structures & Monitoring of water levels in the area locally								
Completion and Utilisation certificate								
Impact Assessment and submission of report								

Expected Benefits or outcome of the Plan

Ground water recharge and water conservation Plan of Arain block, Ajmer envisages gainful utilization of 0.608 MCM of surplus monsoon runoff for recharging of depleted aquifer system.

With the additional recharge and water conservation interventions as proposed in the Plan, it is anticipated that with enhanced recharge and reduction in ground water draft, the stage of ground water development will reduce to 96.10% from the existing 115.27%. The projected status of ground water resources and utilization scenario is presented in table 7.

Net G.W. Availability (mcm)	Additional Recharge from RWH & conservation (mcm)	Total Net G.W. Availability after intervention (Ham)	Existing G.W Draft for all purpose (ham)	Saving of Ground water through projects (ham)	Net GW draft after interventions (ham)	Present stage of G.W. development (%)	Projected stage of G.W. Dev. (in %)
40.5879	0.4256	41.0135	46.7877	0	46.7877	115.27	114.08

- The implementation of the project would result in additional recharge. The other tangible/non-tangible benefits of the project are:
 - ❑ Recharging the ground water will help in arresting the rapid decline in ground water resources and will also ensure improvement in quality of ground water by way of dilution.
 - ❑ Proposed structures and measures will also enhance the ground water potential and would ensure sustainability of ground water resources.
 - ❑ Surface runoff water stored or harnessed can be used as supplemental irrigational resources and will reduce the stress on the ground water.
 - ❑ Besides, it will also help in reducing the amount and spate of storm water being drained by river and controlling soil erosion.