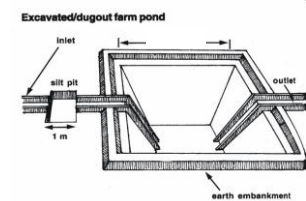
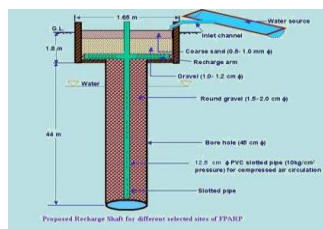




# Plan on Artificial Recharge to Groundwater and Water Conservation in ANNUR (North) Firka, Coimbatore (North) Taluk, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu



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<b>AT GLANCE</b>	
Name of Firka	Annur (North)
Taluk	Coimbatore (North)
District	Coimbatore
State	Tamil Nadu
Total area (Sq. Kms)	139.93
Total Area suitable for recharge	105
Co-ordinates: (Latitude. & Longitude)	11°11'16"to 11°21'06" & 77°01'23"to 77°10'18".
Rainfall	546 mm
Monsoon	413 mm
Non- Mon soon	133 mm
Geology	Crystalline and metamorphic gneiss complex of Archaean age
<b>WATER LEVEL</b>	
Pre - Monsoon	1.3 to 18.0 m bgl.
Post - Monsoon	1.2 to 12.4 m bgl.
<b>GROUND WATER RESOURCES ESTIMATION</b>	
Replenish able ground water resources	13.5914 MCM
Net ground water available	12.2323 MCM
Ground water draft for irrigation	18.9525 MCM
Groundwater draft for domestic & industrial water supply	0.730935 MCM
Total ground water draft	19.6834 MCM
Stage of ground water development (%)	160.914 %
Uncommitted surface runoff available for the Firka	10.0613 MCM
Total volume of weathered zone	614.24 MCM
Total aquifer volume available for recharge (considering 7 m depth from 3 m bgl)	979.49 MCM
<b>ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE /CONSERVATION MEASURES</b>	
Structures Proposed ( Tentative) (Nos.)	
Masonry Check dam	20
Nalla Bund	20
Revival, repair of pond, tanks with recharge shaft	10
Improving Water Efficiency /saving (Micro irrigation system for 100 ha)	0.7 MCM
Excepted ground water recharge	1.335 MCM
Excepted total ground water recharge/saving	2.035 MCM
Tentative total cost of the project	Rs.5.29 Cr
Expected raise in water level by recharging /saving	1.35m

# **Plan on Artificial Recharge to Groundwater and Water Conservation in Annur (North) Firka, Coimbatore (North) Taluk, Coimbatore district, Tamil Nadu**

## **1. Introduction**

India is the largest user of groundwater in the world. Food grain security of the country is largely dependent on water resources and groundwater resources play major role in irrigation sector. Imprints of Over-Exploitation on groundwater resources are being observed as steep deepening of water levels, drying of shallow groundwater abstraction structures, ingress of salinity in fresh aquifers etc. which signal towards taking necessity of emergent action for artificial recharge and rainwater harvesting by utilizing surplus runoff and maintaining groundwater resources at sustainable stage.

In Tamil Nadu dependency on groundwater has increased many folds during the recent years and the groundwater extraction for irrigation, domestic and industries have resulted in lowering of water levels, long-term water level declining trend and even drying up of wells. In order to regulate the groundwater development, Central Ground Water Board in association with State Ground Water Departments has computed Dynamic Groundwater Resources and categorized blocks as Over Exploited, Critical, Semi Critical and Safe.

Out of 1129 firkas (assessment units) in Tamil Nadu the groundwater situation in 374 firkas overexploited, 48 firkas critical, 235firkassemi-critical, 437 firkas safe and 35 firkas are saline. Various measures such as rainwater harvesting, artificial recharge and water use efficiency are successfully practiced by some NGOs, Central and State Govts., which need replication at larger scale in close coordination with State govt. agencies and stakeholders so that capacity building of state implementing agencies and awareness of stakeholders towards artificial recharge and rainwater harvesting can be made.

## **2. Objectives of the scheme**

Objectives of the proposed scheme are

- To upscale recharge activities, supplement additional groundwater resources by harvesting surplus runoff, sustainability of groundwater resources at shallow depths
- Recovery of over-exploited groundwater areas by implementing artificial recharge measures in groundwater stress areas.
- Conservation, development and sustainable management of natural resources including their use.

### 3. Study area details

#### 3.1 Location

The total area of Annur (North) firka is 127.42 sq.km and lies between North latitudes 11°11'16" to 11°21'06" and East longitudes 77°01'23" to 77°10'18". The location map of Annur (North) firka is given in Figure 1.

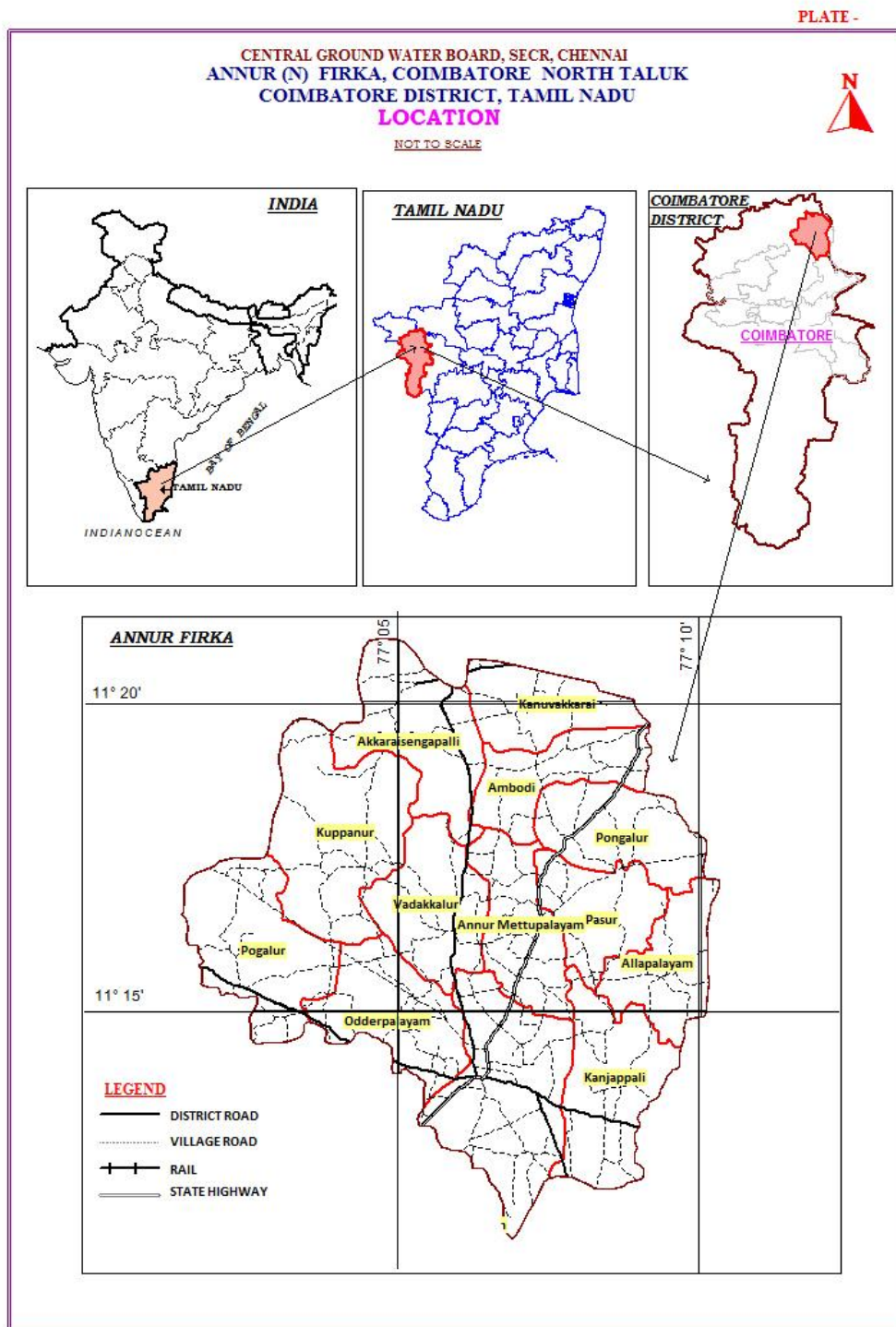


Figure 1. Location map of Annur (North) firka

### 3.2 Geomorphological Set up

Geomorphologically, the area consists of hills and plain landforms. In plain landforms, Pediplain, weathered moderate and shallow pediment have occupied major part of the firka. These landforms are influencing the ground water recharge. Hill landform like residual hills, denudation hill and structural hills are act as runoff zone. (*Source: IRS, Anna university, Chennai Tamil Nadu*). Geomorphological map prepared using IRS- 1D data on 1: 50,000 scale and units are as per NNRMS standards..The various geomorphological units with its % of coverage area are given in table 1. and shown in figure 2.

Table 1. Various geomorphological units with its percentage of coverage area in Annur(North) firka.

LANDFORMS	% of Area
PEDIPLAIN ( WEATHERED) MODERATE	3
STRUCTURAL HILLS	4
DENUATIONAL HILLS / RESIDUAL HILLS	--
DISSECTED/UNDISSECTED	40
INSELBERG	--
PEDIMENT-INSELBERG COMPLEX	3
PEDIPLAIN ( WEATHERED) SHALLOW	50



### 3.3 Land use and soil

The land use pattern of the Annur (North) Firka is given in figure 3. Predominantly the most of the area is characterised by the wet crop, plantation and dry crop (i.e agricultural field) and accounts for 50 % of the total area of the firka (Source: IRS, Anna university, Chennai Tamil Nadu). This area is highly suitable for water conservation and recharge. The entire Firkas is occupied by rock outcrops scatter with loamy soil. The soil map of the Annur (North) Firka is given as figure 3a.

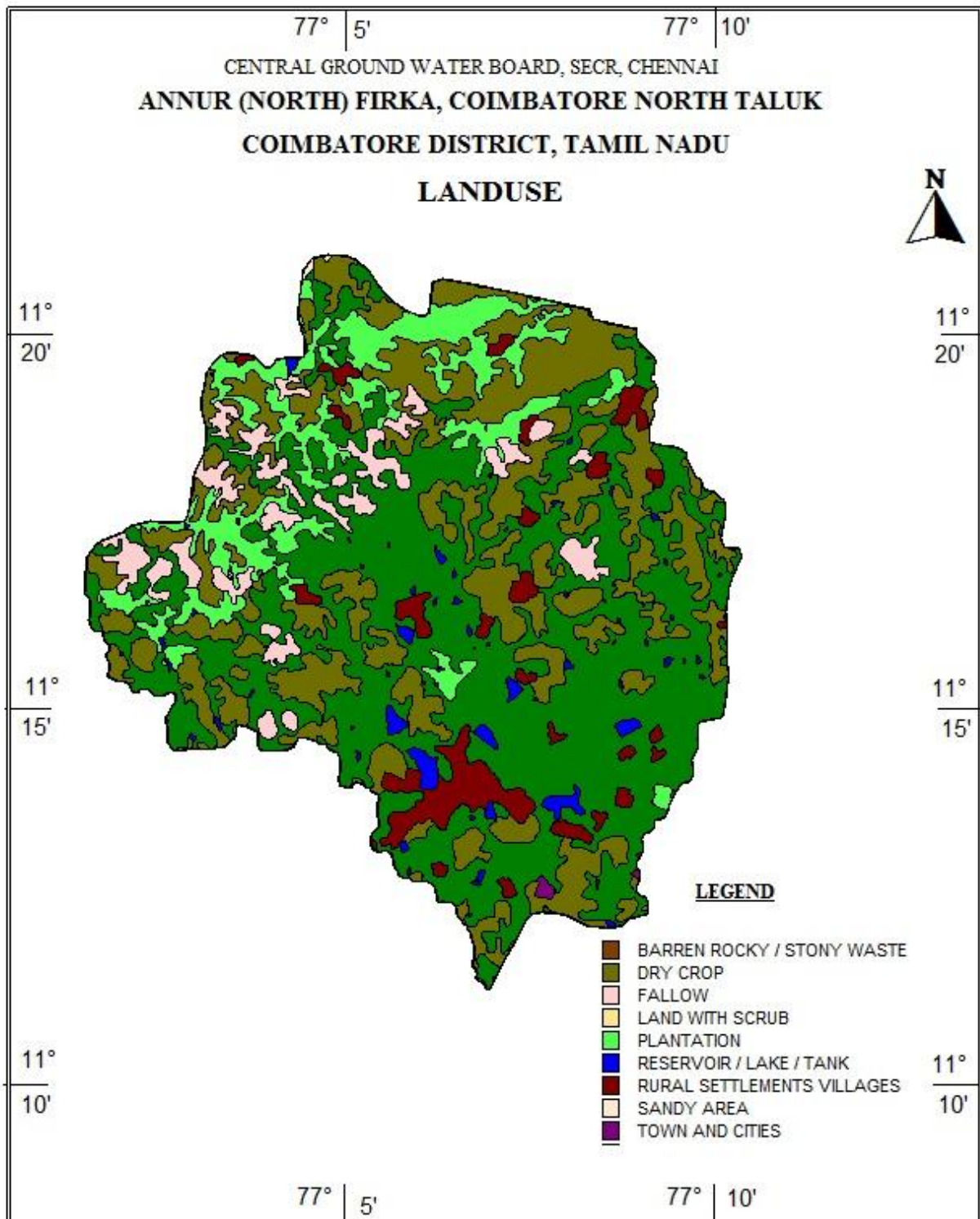
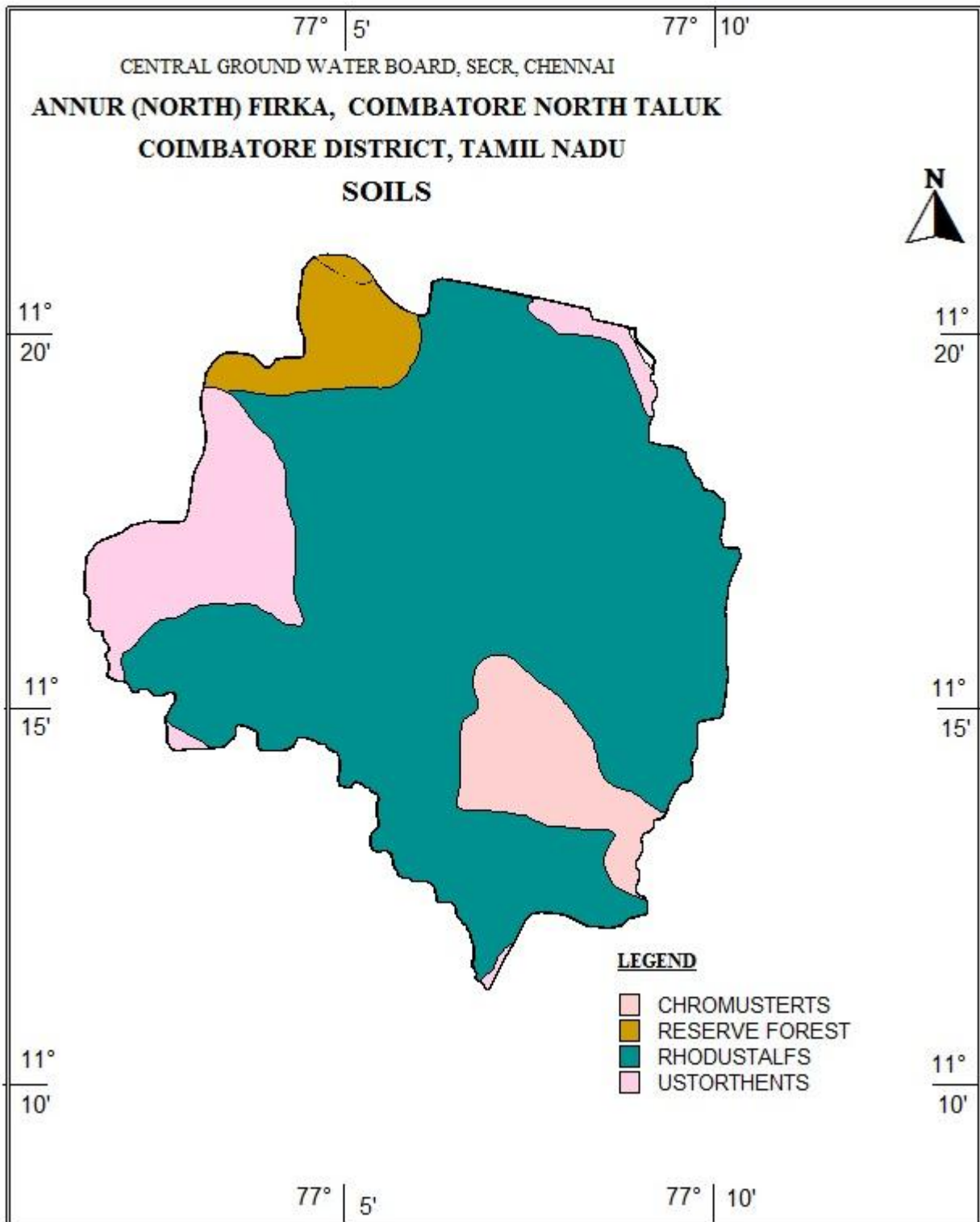


Figure 3. Landuse map of Annur(North) Firka





**Figure 3A. Soil map of Annur(North) Firka**

### 3.4 Drainage

The entire Firka area is within the Bhavani river Basin. A number of small streams originate from the hills located in the Annur (North) firka are seasonal floods inundate lower parts of the basins. Basin sub soil water is used to irrigate the lands. Tanks and surface water bodies are spread over the entire firka. The drainage pattern is the dendritic and sub- dendritic. The drainage map of Annur (North) firka is given in Fig 4.

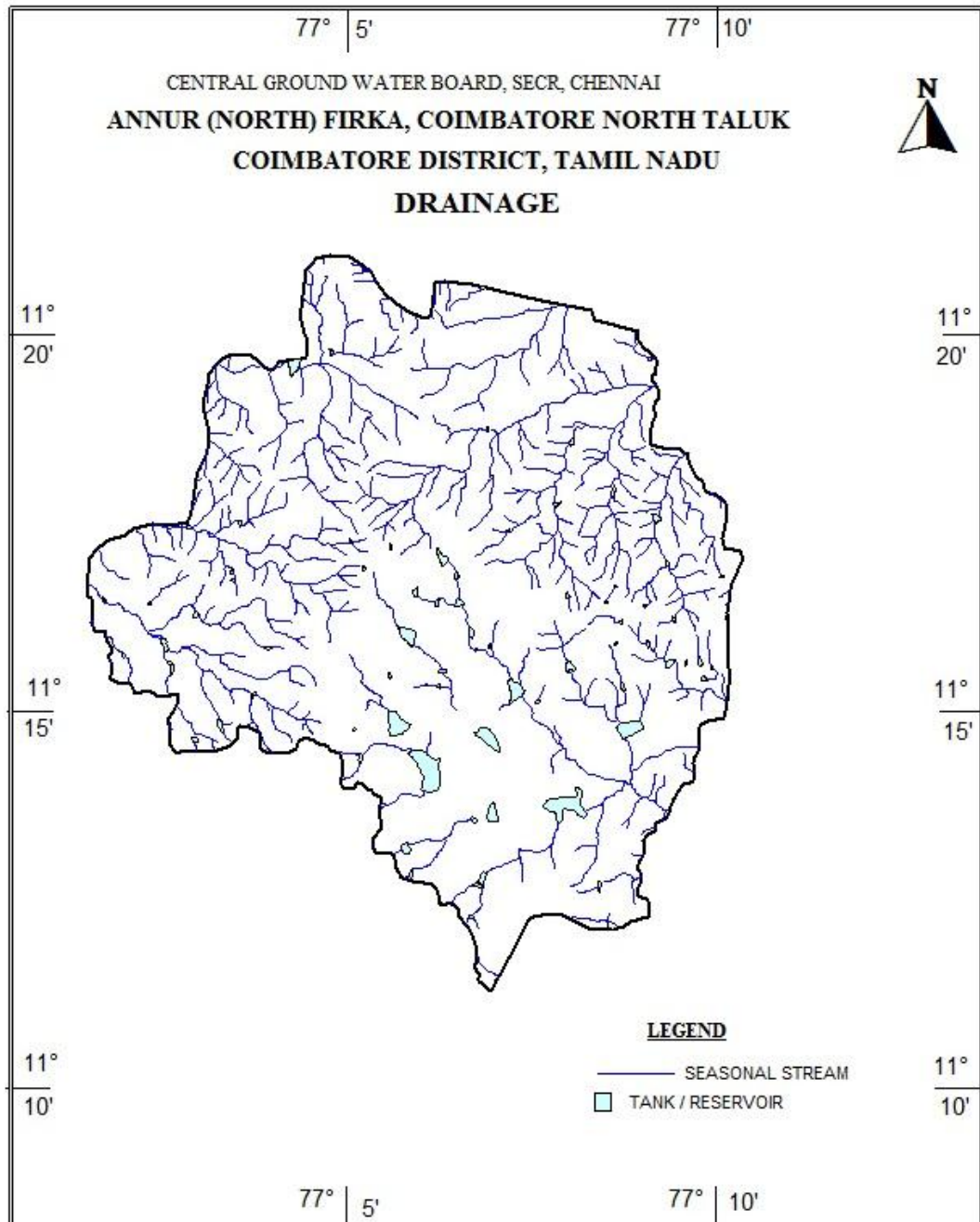


Figure 4. Drainage map of Annur(North) Firka

### 3.5 Rainfall

Annur(North) area falls under tropical climate with temperature in the summer months of March to May. The average temperature varies from 26 to 41° C. The humidity is also high in the order of 80%. The wind speed is high during the months of July and August. The wind speed ranges from 7.4 to 12.6 km/hr, which increases from 100 to 120 km/hr during cyclone period. Annur(North) Firkas receives rainfall from southwest monsoon (June – September), northeast monsoon (October – December) and non-monsoon periods (January – May). The area receives the major rainfall from northeast monsoon. Rainfall is generally heavy during low-pressure depressions and cyclones during the northeast monsoon period. The normal annual rainfall is 546mm.

Taluk	Name of Firkas	Area in sq.km	Monsoon rainfall (Jun to Dec) In m	Non monsoon rainfall (Jan – May) In m	Total Rainfall In m
Coimbatore (North)	Annur(North)	139.9278	0.413	0.133	0.546

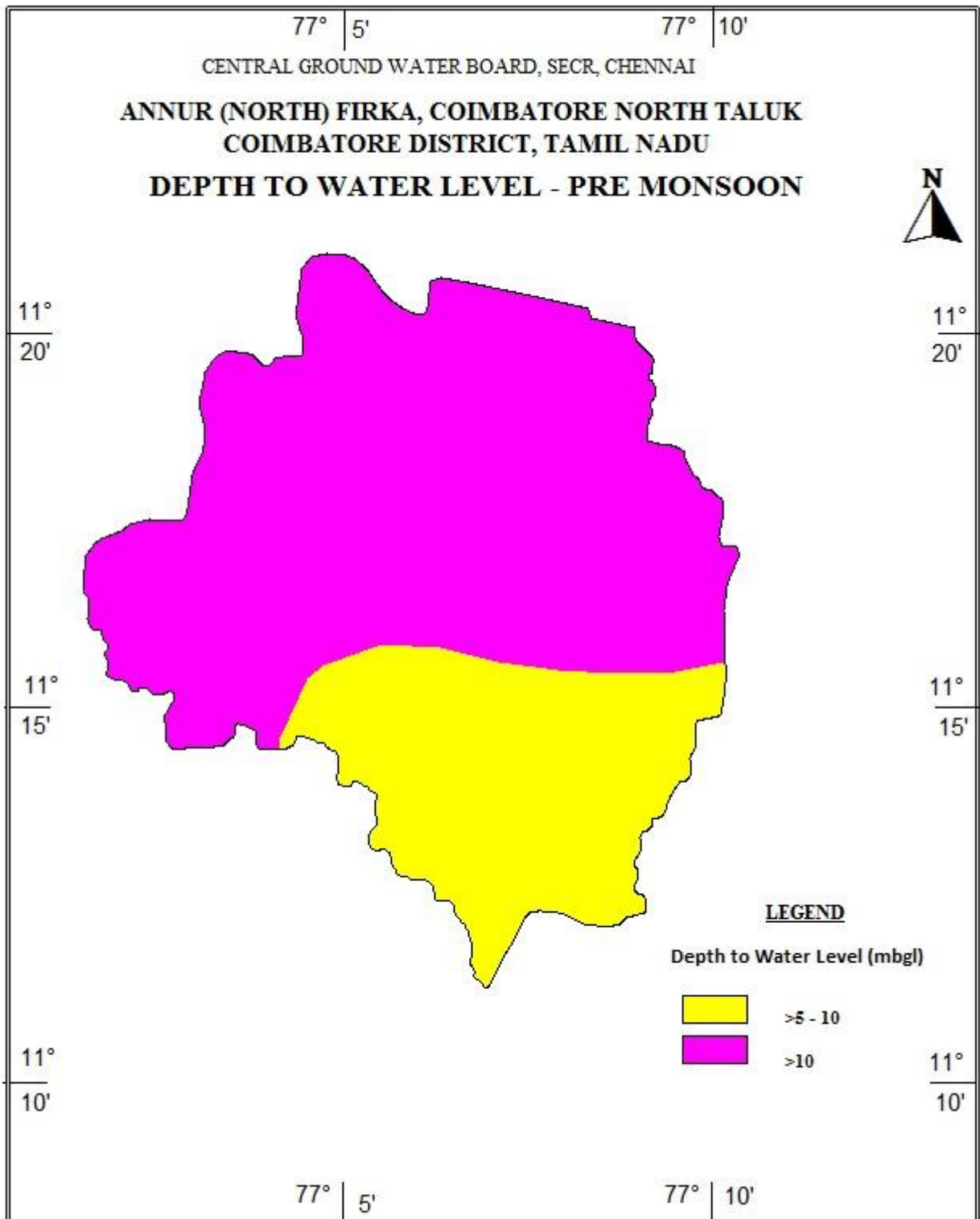
### 3.6 Hydrogeology

The entire firka is underlain by the Archaean crystalline and metamorphic gneiss complex. Groundwater is occurring in pheratic conditions in weathered and fractured gneiss rock formation. The weathering is erratic and the depth of abstraction structures is controlled by the intensity of weathering and fracturing. Large diameter dug well is more common ground water abstraction structures in the area. The diameter of the dug well is in the range of 5 to 10 m and depth of dug wells range from 15 to 40 m bgl. The dug wells yield up to 1 lps in summer months and few wells remains dry. The yield is adequate for irrigation for one or two crops in monsoon period.

The hydrogeological map of Annur(North) firka is given in Figure 5. The decadal mean water level of pre-monsoon and post monsoon are given in fig 6 a & b respectively. The decadal maps reveal that, mean water level during pre-monsoon in majority area is < 10 m bgl and likewise during post monsoon majority part is under < 10m ground level.

The present water level in the firka is in the range of 1.2 to 12.4 m bgl.( May 2016)





**Figure - 6a. Pre - monsoon water level in Annur (North) firka (Decadal mean)**



### 3.7 Dynamic Ground water Resources

The ground water resources have been computed jointly by Central Ground Water Board and State Ground Water Resources Data Centre (PWD, WRO, Govt. of Tamil Nadu) as on 31st March 2011. The computation has been done using GEC1997 methodology. The salient features of the computations are furnished in table 2.

**Table 2. Dynamic Ground water resources estimation of Annur(North) firka**

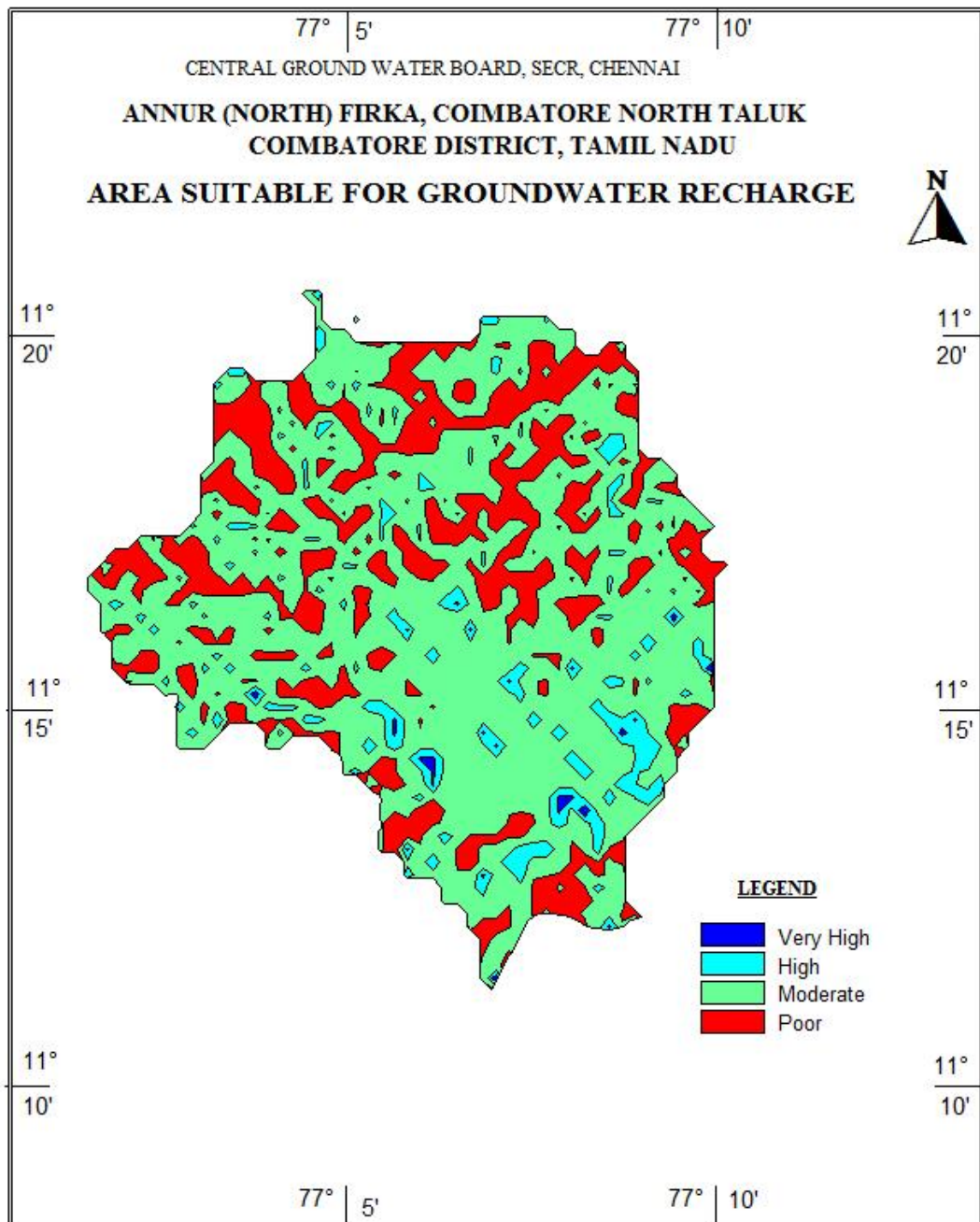
Firka	GW WORTHY AREA	REPLENISH ABLE GROUND WATER RESOURCES	NET GROUND WATER AVAILABLE	GROUND WATER DRAFT FOR IRRIGATION	GROUNDWA TER DRAFT FOR DOMESTIC & INDUSTRIAL WATER SUPPLY	TOTAL GROUND WATER DRAFT	STAGE OF GROUND WATER DEVELOPM ENT (%)	CATEGORY
	( Sq.Km)	( In MCM)					%	
Annur (North)	139.9278	1359.14	1223.23	1895.25	73.0935	1968.34	160.914	OVER EXPLOITED

### 4. Spatial Data Integration

The potential area for groundwater recharge is highly influenced by Geology, Geomorphology, Land use /land cover, Drainage, Surface Water Body, Weathered Thickness and first fractured Depth in the area. In order to ascertain the suitable area for groundwater recharge in firka, spatial data integration of have been attempted using index overlay model in GIS environ. In this model,above seven layers have been integrated byassigning weightage for the theme having scale of 1-100 and sub-classes of the theme between 1 to 10 scales.The resultant map has been reclassified into four classes(High-low integrated values) indicating the suitable area for artificial recharge and given in fig-7 and described below.

ZONE	% OF AREA COVERAGE	SIGNIFICANCE*
Very high	0.26	Suitable for all major recharge structures like Percolation pond and nala Bund, check dam etc.,
High	6.36	Suitable for all major recharge structures like nala Bund,, check dam etc.,
Moderate	68.18	Suitable for all major recharge structures like earthen check dam, Boulder check dam and Nala bund etc.,
Poor	25.71	Hilly/Forest /Catchment area

\* However, the field verification is required to confirm above potential area for groundwater recharge.



**Figure 7 Showing the recharge worthy area Annur (North) firka**

## **5. Planning for groundwater recharge /conservation**

### **5.1 Justification of the artificial recharge & conservation measures**

- ❖ The Annur(North) Firkas is with high stage of groundwater development i.e, 160.914 % and with sufficient amount of uncommitted surface runoff/flow of 10.0613 MCM.
- ❖ The total weathered zone available beneath the ground in the firka is 614.24 MCM. Out of these total volume available for recharge considering 7 m depth from 3 m) is 557.222 MCM.



- ❖ The Annur(North) Firka consists of surface water bodies /lakes (cover almost 5 % of the total area of the firka) which are well connected by the drainage. Revival and Recharge of these ponds will enhance the sustainability of the ground water abstraction structures.
- ❖ However, most of the ground water developments for agricultural purposes are met through dug-cum bore well and bore wells only. Hence, there is sufficient scope of recharge.
- ❖ Model generated in the Annur(North) areas reveals that more than 80 % of areas are suitable for recharge.
- ❖ In Annur(North) firka more than 50 % area is characterised by the agricultural activities, there is sufficient scope for the water conservation measures for enhance the crop production and better ground water development.

## 5.2 Availability of surplus surface water for artificial recharge or conservation

The uncommitted surface flow for Annur(North) Firka is estimated as per the norms followed by State Ground & Surface Water Resources data centre, PWD, Taramani, Chennai (Aug 2015). The available of surplus surface water for Annur(North) Firka is 10.0613 MCM.

## 5.3 Proposed interventions including tentative location of artificial recharge /conservation measures

On basis of above description the following three type of approach have been made to propose artificial recharge or conservation structures.

- a. Artificial recharge
- b. Water conservation measure /Water Efficiency

### 5.3.1 Artificial recharge

The details of artificial recharge structure proposed along with justification are given below.

#### 5.3.1.1 Check dam/Nala bund

Annur(North) firka area is covered by the seasonal nallahs/drains which carry heavy discharge during monsoon period along with heavy silt load and this is debauched into the water bodies within a short duration. It is proposed that such seasonal nallah rivers will be identified and the rain water will be harnessed through construction of series of check dams, nala bund and gabion structures so as to harness this water thereby increasing the resident period of the water in these channels and to increase the soil moisture content. As per the integrated model prediction around 30 % of the firkas areas are suitable for these structures. It is proposed to construct 20 Check dam and 20 Nala bunds. The tentative location of these 40 ARs are given below and shown in Plate 1. The size and location of these structures are tentative and details field survey is essential to ascertain the exact size and location.

Tentative location of proposed 20 Check dam in Annur(North) firka

S. NO.	LOCATION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	TYPE OF ARS
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1	Akkarai senganpalli	11.3179	77.0933	Check Dam
2	Akkarai senganpalli	11.32432	77.0933	Check Dam
3	Akkarai senganpalli	11.371192	77.08400	Check Dam
4	Vadakkalur	11.297540	77.0977843	Check Dam
5	Akkarai senganpalli	11.318047	77.072618	Check Dam
6	Kuppanur	11.307102	77.054539	Check Dam
7	Pogalur	11.269235	77.052307	Check Dam
8	Kuppanur	11.298566	77.075893	Check Dam
9	kuppanur	11.285141	77.060417	Check Dam
10	Pogalur	11.2633986	77.044867	Check Dam
11	Kandapalli	11.239468	77.132886	Check Dam
12	Kandapalli	11.247056	77.143749	Check Dam
13	Alapalayam	11.260335	77.154612	Check Dam
14	Pasur	11.287184	77.143351	Check Dam
15	Pongalur	11.297545	77.141962	Check Dam
16	Pongalur	11.309802	77.142039	Check Dam
17	Kanivakkarai	11.327897	77.115849	Check Dam
18	Ambodi	11.306591	77.110194	Check Dam
19	Pongalur	11.302730	77.155729	Check Dam
20	kuppanur	11.311408	77.097843	Check Dam

Tentative location of proposed 20Nalla bund in Annur(North) firka

SL.NO		LATITUDE (DD)	LONGITUDE(DD)	TYPE OF ARS
1	Kuppanur	11.30798	77.07813	Nala Bund
2	Kuppanur	11.302000	77.073288	Nala Bund
3	Vadakkalur	11.279962	77.079389	Nala Bund
4	Annur Mettupalayam	11.254442	77.105878	Nala Bund
5	Annur	11.260405	77.107664	Nala Bund
6	Oderpalayam	11.258654	77.067336	Nala Bund
7	Pasur	11.288427	77.131026	Nala Bund
8	Pasur	11.264346	77.131474	Nala Bund
9	AkkaraiSenganpalli	11.328562	77.086086	Nala Bund
10	Kanivakkarai	11.328480	77.116444	Nala Bund
11	AkkaraiSenganpalli	11.325789	77.105431	Nala Bund
12	kanivakkarai	11.321225	77.113245	Nala Bund
13	Ambodi	11.314648	77.122769	Nala Bund
14	Ambodi	11.311013	77.115329	Nala Bund
15	Pongalur	11.298534	77.126414	Nala Bund
16	Ambodi	11.313345	77.136682	Nala Bund
17	AnnurMettupalayam	11.289413	77.118825	Nala Bund
18	AnnurMettupalayam	11.283649	77.122843	Nala Bund
19	Pasur	11.282481	77.155060	Nala Bund
20	Akkarai Senganpalli	11.304578	77.096429	Nala Bund

### 5.3.1.2. 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. Several such tanks are available in the area which can be modified for enhancing ground water recharge. Studies, however, are needed to ascertain whether the village tanks are suitably located to serve as recharge structures. The locations of about 10 existing ponds/tanks have been identified with latitude and longitude given below and marked on Plate 1. The above 10 tanks/ponds could be taken up for the renovation with recharge shaft.

Tentative location of proposed de-siltation of pond/tanks with recharge shaft in Annur(North) firka.

SI.NO	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	STRUCTURE	ACTION
1	11.27376	77.10752	TANK / RESERVOIR	DESILTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF RECHARGE SHAFT
2	11.27092	77.15640	TANK / RESERVOIR	DESILTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF RECHARGE SHAFT
3	11.24625	77.14650	TANK / RESERVOIR	DESILTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF RECHARGE SHAFT
4	11.22925	77.131192	TANK / RESERVOIR	DESILTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF RECHARGE SHAFT
5	11.23793	77.10127	TANK / RESERVOIR	DESILTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF RECHARGE SHAFT
6	11.24669	77.09315	TANK / RESERVOIR	DESILTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF RECHARGE SHAFT
7	11.25355	77.06161	TANK / RESERVOIR	DESILTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF RECHARGE SHAFT
8	11.29157	77.0811	TANK / RESERVOIR	DESILTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF RECHARGE SHAFT
9	11.2273	77.11533	TANK / RESERVOIR	DESILTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF RECHARGE SHAFT
10	11.2439	77.11458	TANK / RESERVOIR	DESILTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF RECHARGE SHAFT

### 5.3.2 Water conservation measure

#### 5.3.2.1 Farm Pond

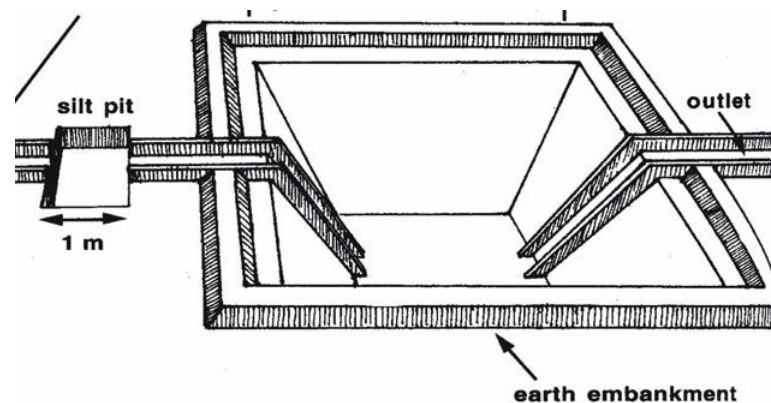
A farm pond is a large dug out in the earth, usually square or rectangular in shape, which harvests rainwater and stores it for future use. It has an inlet to regulate inflow and an outlet to discharge excess water. The pond is surrounded by a small bund, which prevents erosion on the banks of the pond. The size and depth depend on the amount of land available, the type of soil, the farmer's water requirements, the cost of excavation, and the possible uses of the excavated

earth. 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 Landuse classification of the firka, majority of the area is covered by the agricultural field. Hence it is proposed to construct 100 farm ponds as per the specification of AED, Govt. of Tamil Nadu (30 x 30 x 1.5 m).



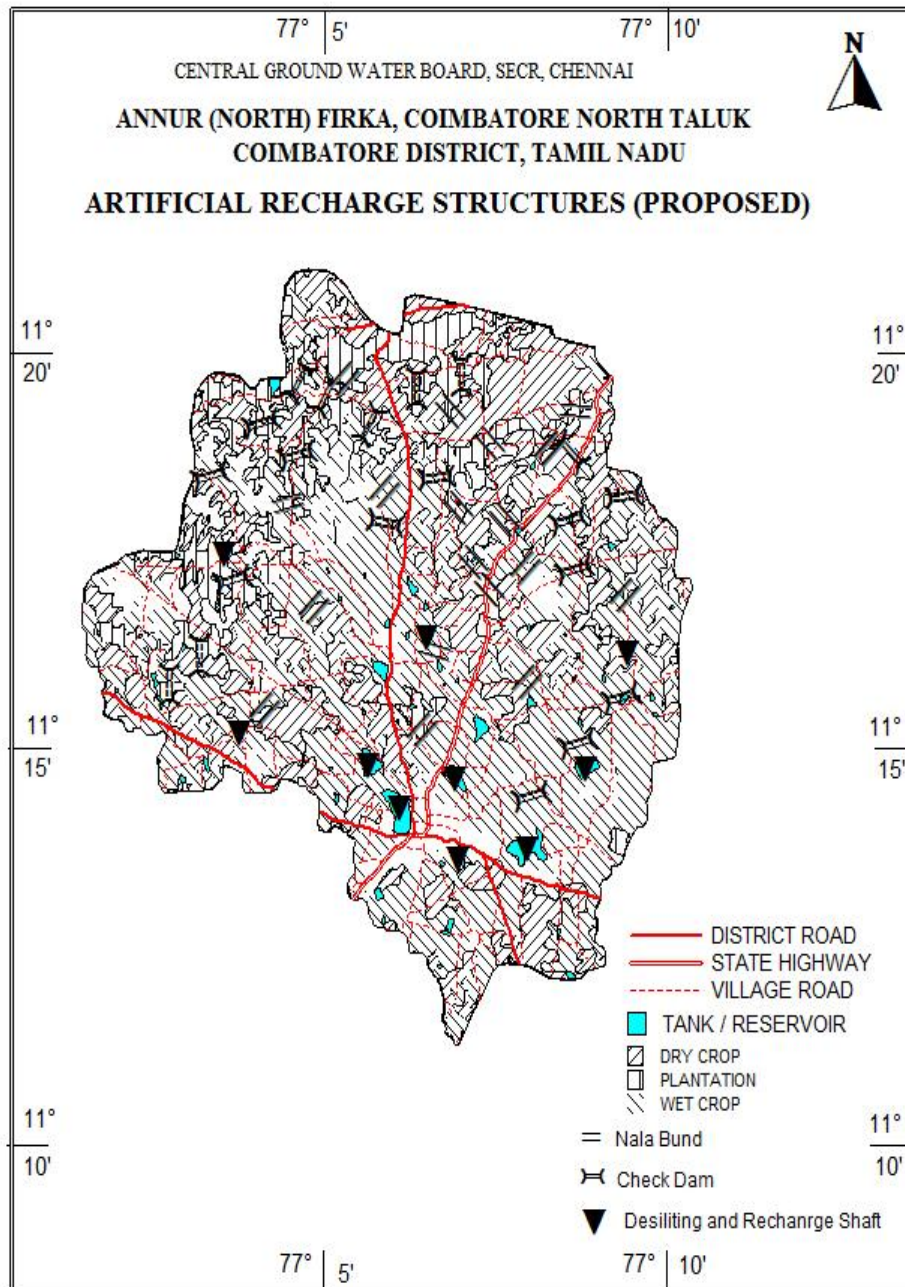
### **5.3.2.2. Micro Irrigation System (Sprinkler/ drip/ HDPE pipes)**

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 wastage 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 100 ha. The cost estimation for this component has been taken from SOR of Agricultural Engineering Department (AED), Govt. of Tamil Nadu. The detailed proposed micro irrigation system is given in the chapter 6.



**Plate 1. Location map showing the proposed AR Structures in Annur(North) firka**

## 6. Tentative Cost Estimation

A tentative number of feasible structures, its cost and expected annual ground water recharge /water saving is given in the table 7. The unit rates are as followed by the PWD, Govt. of Tamil Nadu (Sources : Schedule of rates , Govt. of Tamil Nadu 2015).

**Table 7. Showing the Cost Estimation of proposed Artificial Recharge Structures**

Feasible Artificial Recharge & Water Conservation structures/ activities	Tentative Design	quantity (in nos. or area in sq. m)	Total volume (cu.m )	Tentative unit cost (in Rs lakh)	Total tentative cost (in Rs lakh)	Expected Annual GW recharge /saving (cu.m)
<b>Recharge Structures/ Activities</b>						
Masonry Check dams ( 5 Fillings )	Crest- 10 -15 m; Height- 1 to 1.5 m	20	340000	9	180	272000
Nala bunds/ Gabion ( 4 Fillings)	Width: 5 to 15 m	20	60000	2.0	40	48000
Revival, repair of water bodies (3 fillings)	(~100mx100mx2.5m)	10	750000	12.0	120	600000
Recharge shaft (within pond /tank)	Recharge shaft of 1.5 m dia. with 2 m depth with filter media in lower 1 m Bore dia 10" Casing 6" Depth 30 m	10		2	20	
<b>Water Conservation Activities</b>						
Farm Pond (in ha) (5 filling)	( 30 m x 30m x 1.5 m)	100 unit	600000	1	100	510000
Sprinkler/ drip/ HDPE pipes	For 1 ha with 5 m interval HDPE pipe	100 ha	1000000	0.6 /ha	60	700000
<b>Sub total</b>					<b>520</b>	<b>2130000</b>
<b>Impact assessment and O &amp; M</b>						
Piezometers Up to 50 m bgl – 5 nos. @ 0.6 lakh					<b>3.0</b>	
Total cost of the project					<b>523</b>	
<b>O &amp; M - 5 % of total cost of the scheme</b>					<b>26.15</b>	
<b>Impact assessment -5 % of total cost of the scheme</b>					<b>26.15</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>575.3</b>	

### Note:

- The type, number and cost of structure may vary according to site, after the ground truth verification
- CD, PC – the storage of Check dams and percolation ponds is also proposed for irrigating the surrounding areas for enhancing the ground water recharge as well as effective utilisation of the artificial recharge structures.

## 7. Implementation modalities

The implementation of the scheme will be done by the line department of the state selected by the respective State authority. Further, it is to add that more than 50 % MGNREGA works related to water conservation/sustainable management, accordingly a convergence guideline has been made between National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) (Ministry of Rural Development) & Programmes of Water Resources (MoWR , RD & GR). The Coimbatore district is one among the list of districts identified for Convergence between NREGS and schemes of MoWR. The details of permissible works under convergence are envisaged in the Joint Convergence Guideline.

### a.) Time schedule

Steps	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	6 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	7 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	8 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
❖ Identification of line department /implementing agency and preparation of DPR								
❖ Approval of scheme and release of sanction of funds								
❖ Implementation of ARS								

### b.) Operation and maintenance

In all projects Impact assessment has to be carried out to ensure that projects 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 at the rate of 5 % of the total cost of the project for 5 years from the completion of artificial recharge structures.

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