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#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SETUP**

#### Location:

Sabi (also called Sahibi) River Basin is located in the mid north eastern part of Rajasthan. It stretches between 27° 18' 39.13" to 28° 13' 55.10" North latitude and 76° 58' 21.09" to 75° 45' 35.05" East longitude. It is bounded in the northwest by Shekhawati River Basin and Ruparail and Banganga River Basins in the southeast. The northern boundary is shared administratively with Haryana State. The Basin extends over parts of Alwar, Jaipur and Sikar districts. The total catchment area of the Basin is 4607.9 km2.

The Sabi River originates in the eastern slopes of the Saiwar Protected Forest (PF) hills in Sikar District, enters Jaipur district near the foot of these hills, and after initially flowing southeast and east turns northeastwards near Shahpura and continues further till it exits the State to enter Haryana. Important left bank tributary is Sota River and there are numerous right bank tributaries that originate in the hills of Alwar district. It flows in Rajasthan for a distance of about 157 km before entering Haryana State.

#### Administrative Set-up:

Administratively, Sabi River Basin extends over parts of Alwar, Jaipur and Sikar districts through 16 blocks and encompassing 1,013 towns and villages. Major part of the basin area lies in Alwar district which accounts for about 64% of its catchment area and Sikar the least with just about 9% of the basin area.

S. No.	District Name	Area	% of Pacin Area	<b>Total Number of</b>	Total Number of
5. NO.	District Name	(sq km)	% UI DASIII AI ea	Blocks	<b>Towns and Villages</b>
1	Alwar	2,937.8	63.8	10	745
2	Jaipur	1,249.2	27.1	3	225
3	Sikar	420.9	9.1	3	43
	Total	4,607.9	100.0	16	1,013

#### **Climate:**

The climate of the Sabi River Basin is semi-arid with very hot summers and extremely cold winters. The monsoon season is of very short duration. The cold season starts by the middle of November and continues up to the beginning of March. The summer season follows thereafter and extends up to the end of the June. The south-west monsoon continues from July to mid-September. The mean annual rainfall over Sabi basin is 616mm, of which about 91% falls during the four monsoon months. The period from mid-September to mid-November forms the post-monsoon season.



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### TOPOGRAPHY



#### **SABI RIVER BASIN**

The general topographic map presented in Plate – II reveals that the southern, south eastern and eastern fringes are hilly whereas the general slope of the terrain is towards north to northwest. Aravali ridges constitute the hills and give rise to ridge and valley topography in hilly areas. The maximum elevation (791m amsl) is found in Sikar district where the Sabi River originates. The maximum elevation found in other districts is also at comparable levels (760m in Jaipur district and 770m in Alwar district). The lowest elevation in the basin is 191m in Alwar district is at the point where the river Sabi exits Rajasthan and enters Haryana.

Table: District wise minimum and maximum elevation							
S. No.	District Name	District Name Min Elevation (m amsl)					
1	Alwar	190.8	769.7				
2	Jaipur	317.6	760.4				
3	Sikar	406.3	791.5				

#### RAINFALL

The general distribution of rainfall across the Luni River Basin can be visualized from isohyets presented in the Plate III where except for the area around Behror and in the Bhiwandi – Tapukara – Tijara region (total annual rainfall received is less than 600mm), most of the basin receives good rainfall (total annual rainfall >800mm) especially hills and in their vicinity. Highest rainfall was recorded by the Kotkasim rain gauge station which measured total annual rainfall of 1,013mm in the year 2010.

Table: District wise total annual rainfall (based on year 2010 meteorological station recordings (http://waterresources.rajasthan.gov.in)

S. No.	Rain gauge Stations	Total Monsoon Rainfall (mm)	Total Non-Monsoon Rainfall (mm)	Total Annual Rainfall (mm)
1	Bairath	829.0	94.0	923.0
2	Bansur	678.0	40.0	718.0
3	Behrod	381.0	36.0	417.0
4	Kotkasim	936.0	77.0	1,013.0
5	Kotputli	757.0	59.0	816.0
6	Mundawar	707.0	59.0	766.0
7	Tapukara	495.0	-	495.0
8	Thanagaji	832.0	70.0	902.0
9	Tijara	618.0	61.0	679.0













**GEOLOGY** 



## **SABI RIVER BASIN**

The Sabi River Basin is covered mainly by rocks belonging to the Pre-Cambrian rocks (Delhi Super-Group) to Aeolian and Fluvial deposits of Recent to Sub-Recent age. The hilly areas are primarily the areas where Delhi Super Group rocks are exposed in the form of ridges and valleys whereas the alluvium is deposited in the broad intervening valleys and regional depressions. Quartzites, schists, marbles are most prominent and other lithologies encountered are Granites, Pegmatites, Calc-silicates, Gneisses etc.

Age	Super-Group	Group/ Formation	Rock Types					
Sub-Recent To Recent	Alluvium	Alluvium	Alluvial sand, Clays, Kankar, Gravel, Pebble beds, Colluvial cobbles and boulders, Wind-blown sand					
	xxxxxx							
Lower Precambrian To Upper Precambrian	(Post-Delhi Intrusives)		Granites, pegmatites and amphibolites					
Middle Precambrian	Delhi Super Group	Ajabgarh	Schists, Calc-schists, Phyllites, marbles and quartzites, gneisses, meta basics					
		Alwar	Quartzites, Conglomerates, Schists					

### GEOMORPHOLOGY

Origin	Landform Unit	Description
	Folian Dlain	Formed by aeolian activity, with sand dunes of varying height, size, slope. Long stretches of sand sheet. Gently sloping flat to
Applian		undulating plain, comprised of fine to medium grained sand and silt. Also scattered xerophytic vegetation.
Aeolian	Sandy Plain	Formed of aeolian activity, wind-blown sand with gentle sloping to undulating plain, comprising of coarse sand, fine sand, silt
	Sanuy Flain	and clay.
	<b>Buried Pediment</b>	Pediment covers essentially with relatively thicker alluvial, colluvial or weathered materials.
Dopudational	Intermontane Valley	Depression between mountains, generally broad & linear, filled with colluvial deposits.
Denudational	Dodimont	Broad gently sloping rock flooring, erosional surface of low relief between hill and plain, comprised of varied lithology, criss-
	Feuiment	crossed by fractures and faults.
	Alluvial Plain	Mainly undulating landscape formed due to fluvial activity, comprising of gravels, sand, silt and clay. Terrain mainly
		undulating, produced by extensive deposition of alluvium.
	Alluvial Plain (Sandy)	Flat to gentle undulating plain formed due to fluvial activity, mainly consists of gravels, sand, silt and clay with unconsolidated
	Alluviai Fialli (Salluy)	material of varying lithology, predominantly sand along river.
Fluvial	Flood Plain	The surface or strip of relatively smooth land adjacent to a river channel formed by river and covered with water when river
		over flows its bank. Normally subject to periodic flooding.
	Vallov Fill	Formed by fluvial activity, usually at lower topographic locations, comprising of boulders, cobbles, pebbles, gravels, sand, silt
	valley Fill	and clay. The unit has consolidated sediment deposits.
	Ravine	Small, narrow, deep, depression, smaller than gorges, larger than gulley, usually carved by running water.
	Denudational,	Steep sided, relict hills undergone denudation, comprising of varying lithology with joints, fractures and lineaments.
Hills	Structural Hill,	Linear to arcuate hills showing definite trend-lines with varying lithology associated with folding, faulting etc.
	Linear Ridge	Long narrow low-lying ridge usually barren, having high run off may form over varying lithology with controlled strike.













## AQUIFERS



#### **SABI RIVER BASIN**

Younger and Older alluvium together form the predominant aquifer type in the Basin and also among these the Older alluvium is more prominent. While all the alluvium together account for about 82% of the basin area, the older alluvium alone occupies about 59%. The alluvium is both of fluvial and aeolian origin constituted of sand, silt, clay and gravel and at times Kankar too. The weathered and fractured quartzite contributes to rest of the aquifer area forming 13% of Sabi river basin.

Aquifer in Potential Zone	Area (sq km)	% of Basin Area	Description of the unit/Occurrence
Younger Alluvium	1.007.6	21.9	It is largely constituted of Aeolian and Fluvial sand, silt, clay,
rounger / marian	1,007.0		gravel and pebbles in varying proportions.
Oldor Alluvium	2,733.7	50.2	This litho unit comprises of mixture of heterogeneous fine to
Older Alluvium			medium grained sand, silt and kankar.
Quartzita	597.5	12.0	Medium to coarse grained and varies from feldspathic grit to
Quartzite		15.0	sericitic quartzite.
Non Potential Zone	269.1	5.8	Hills
Total	4,607.9	100.0	

## LOCATION OF GROUND WATER MONITORING WELLS

The basin has a well distributed network of large number of ground water monitoring stations (114) in the basin owned by RGWD (76) and CGWB (38); and an additional 120 wells have been recommended to be added to network to effectively monitor ground water level (5 additional wells in Alwar district) and quality (15 additional wells) in the basin.

District Name	CGWB	RGWD	Total	Recommended additional wells for optimization of monitoring network				
				Water Level	Water Quality			
Alwar	31	50	81	5	103			
Jaipur	7	17	24	-	2			
Sikar		9	9	-	10			
Total	38	76	114	5	115			







76\*59'25"

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District Boundary

Block Boundary

National Highway

State Highway

Railway:

Metre Gauge

Roads:

**River Basin Boundary** 

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## LOCATION OF EXPLORATORY WELLS

In all there are 134 exploratory wells present in the basin drilled in the past by RGWD (107) and CGWB (27) that form basis for interpretation and understanding of sub-surface aquifer distribution. The exploratory wells are well distributed all over the basin.

District Name	CGWB	RGWD	Total
Alwar	22	91	113
Jaipur	5	13	18
Sikar	-	3	3
Total	27	107	134

## DEPTH TO WATER LEVEL (PRE MONSOON - 2010)

The map showing depth water level contours is presented in Plate – IX. Most of the river basin shows general water level depth in the range of 10 – 40m bgl. There are three prominent isolated pockets in the southwest, southeast and northwestern part of the basin which show deeper water levels about 60m bgl incidentally, these areas also correspond to hilly parts of the basin. The broad patch in the Kotkasim – Tijara – Bhiwandi region, the ground water occurs at shallow depths of less than 20m bgl.

Depth to water level (m bgl)	District wis	District wise area coverage (sq km)*						
Pre Monsoon - 2010	Alwar	Jaipur	Sikar	(sq km)				
< 10	1.9	-	-	1.9				
10 - 20	820.2	15.5	56.4	892.1				
20 - 30	1,074.9	873.0	144.5	2,092.4				
30 - 40	640.9	271.2	74.2	986.3				
40 - 50	155.9	21.4	81.2	258.5				
50 - 60	66.5	-	23.9	90.4				
> 60	17.2	-	-	17.2				
Total	2,777.5	1,181.1	380.2	4,338.8				

The area covered in the derived maps is less than the total basin area since the hills have been excluded from interpolation/contouring.















### WATER TABLE ELEVATION (PRE MONSOON 2010)

Water table elevation map is important in order to visualize the ground water flow directions in the river basin. The map is presented in Plate – X and reveals that the highest ground water elevation is seen in the hilly areas of Sikar district and the lowest elevation corresponding to the exit point of Sabi River from the State. The overall flow of the ground water thus is from southwest to northeast following the general topographic trend in the basin. The total fall in water level head across the basin is about 240m and the gradient is higher in the hilly areas as suggested by closely spaced contours but a relatively sluggish flow in the flatter parts of the basin beyond Alwar, northwards indicated by widely spaced contours.

Water Table Elevation	District wise	Total Area		
(m amsl) Pre Monsoon - 2010	Alwar	Jaipur	Sikar	(sq km)
< 240	76.1	-	-	76.1
240 - 260	666.2	-	-	666.2
260 - 280	844.2	-	-	844.2
280 - 300	354.3	13.1	-	367.4
300 - 320	257.5	61.1	-	318.6
320 - 340	147.0	108.9	-	255.9
340 - 360	226.4	174.2	-	400.6
360 - 380	103.3	190.4	-	293.7
380 - 400	64.4	220.2	-	284.6
400 - 440	38.1	401.9	85.3	525.3
440 - 480	-	11.3	293.4	304.7
> 480	-	-	1.5	1.5
Total	2,777.5	1,181.1	380.2	4,338.8

## WATER LEVEL FLUCTUATION (PRE TO POST MONSOON 2010)

The Basin area is a mixture of hardrock aquifers and those formed within thick cover of alluvium as can be seen from aquifer distribution map in Plate – VI. Therefore, wide fluctuations in water levels are seen which ranges broadly from -8m to +16m. Unusually high water level rise is seen in Sikar area which was recorded in quartzite aquifer measuring the highest in the basin (rise of about 16m). Similarly a localized high extraction is indicated in the well near Bansur in Alwar district. Apart from these two extremities which together occupy no more than 4% of the basin area, the general ground water level fluctuation has been in the range of -2m to +4m.

District Norma	District wise area coverage (sq km) within fluctuation range (m)										<b>Total Area</b>		
District Name	-8 to -6	-6 to -4	-4 to -2	-2 to 0	0 to 2	2 to 4	4 to 6	6 to 8	8 to 10	10 to 12	12 to 14	14 to 16	(sq km)
Alwar	0.8	2.8	9.9	421.3	1,975.3	297.5	50.8	19.1	-	-	-	-	2,777.5
Jaipur	-	-	-	237.0	733.7	143.4	40.2	18.4	7.3	1.1	-	-	1,181.1
Sikar	-	-	-	2.5	71.8	77.0	63.7	51.3	48.8	38.5	26.4	0.2	380.2
Total	0.8	2.8	9.9	660.8	2,780.8	517.9	154.7	88.8	56.1	39.6	26.4	0.2	4,338.8











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### **ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY DISTRIBUTION**

The Electrical Conductivity (at 25°C) distribution map is presented in Plate – XII reveals that the overall quality of ground water in the basin from EC point of view is good as indicated by yellow coloured region (EC < 2000  $\mu$ S/cm) occupying most part of the basin. This region encompasses all the districts and aquifer types and covers about 90% of the basin area. There is a small patch north of Alwar where the EC values in ground water are very high (EC >4000  $\mu$ S/cm). The moderate EC region (EC between 2000 – 4000  $\mu$ S/cm) surrounds the high EC area and also occurs as isolated patches in southern part of basin within alluvial aquifers.

<b>Electrical Conductivity Ranges</b>	Dis	District wise area coverage (sq km)				Total Area	
(μS/cm at 25°C)	Alw	Alwar		Jaipur		kar	(ca km)
(Ave. of years 2005-09)	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	(sq kiii)
< 2000	2,394.1	86.2	1,142.3	96.7	380.2	100.0	3,916.6
2000-4000	338.1	12.2	38.8	3.3	-	-	376.9
> 4000	45.3	1.6	-	-	-	-	45.3
Total	2,777.5	100.0	1,181.1	100.0	380.2	100.0	4,338.8

## **CHLORIDE DISTRIBUTION**

The yellow coloured region (Chloride <250mg/l) in Plate – XIII indicates the areas that have ground water suitable for domestic purposes. The green coloured region (Chloride 250 – 1000 mg/l) defines the area where ground water is still within tolerable limits for domestic consumption and on adding these two regions together, these occupy 99.4% of the basin area that leaves only very small part of the basin in the northwestern part which is unsuitable because of high Chloride concentration (>1000 mg/l) in ground water.

Chloride Ranges	District wise area coverage (sq km)						Total Area
(mg/l)	Alw	var	Jaip	our	Sil	kar	Iotal Area
(Ave. of years 2005-09)	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	(sq km)
< 250	2,178.2	78.4	895.0	75.8	339.7	89.4	3,412.9
250 - 1000	573.9	20.7	286.1	24.2	40.5	10.6	900.5
> 1000	25.4	0.9	-	-	-	-	25.4
Total	2,777.5	100.0	1,181.1	100.0	380.2	100.0	4,338.8















### **FLUORIDE DISTRIBUTION**

The Fluoride concentration map (Plate – XIV) displays a large patch of high fluoride concentration (>3 mg/l) in the northern part of Alwar district and close to the exit of Sabi River from Rajasthan. This is about 74 sq km in area and constitutes less than 2% of the basin area which is unsuitable for domestic purposes. Another small area of high Fluoride concentration is seen in the south of Bansur which also is within Alwar district. Rest of the 97% of the basin area is either very low in Fluoride concentration (F <1.5 mg/l) or has moderately high (F between 1.5 - 3.0 mg/l).

Fluoride Ranges	District wise area coverage (sq km)						Total Area
(mg/l)	Alw	var	Jaip	ur	Sil	kar	Iotal Area
(Ave. of years 2005-09)	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	(sq km)
< 1.5	2,285.5	82.3	887.8	75.2	372.0	97.9	3,545.3
1.5-3.0	405.9	14.6	293.3	24.8	8.2	2.1	707.4
> 3.0	86.1	3.1	-	-	-	-	86.1
Total	2,777.5	100.0	1,181.1	100.0	380.2	100.0	4,338.8

#### NITRATE DISTRIBUTION

High nitrate concentration in ground water renders it unsuitable for agriculture purposes. Plate – XV shows distribution of Nitrate in ground water wherein there are several isolated patches distributed all over the basin. The distribution is seen both in quartzite and alluvial aquifers alike. Northern alluvial part is seen to have more patches of high Nitrate concentration in ground water (Nitrate >100 mg/l). These areas occupy about 10% of the basin area while rest of the basin either falls within low (Nitrate <50 mg/l) or moderately high (Nitrate 50-100 mg/l) category rendering the ground water bye and large suitable for agriculture.

Nitrate Ranges	Dis	Total Area					
(mg/l)	Alwar Jaipur		Sikar				
(Ave. of years 2005-09)	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	(sq kiii)
< 50	1,407.6	50.7	904.0	76.5	122.5	32.2	2,434.1
50-100	1,021.1	36.7	236.3	20.0	202.6	53.3	1,460.0
> 100	348.8	12.6	40.8	3.5	55.1	14.5	444.7
Total	2,777.5	100.0	1,181.1	100.0	380.2	100.0	4,338.8













## **DEPTH TO BEDROCK**



#### **SABI RIVER BASIN**

The hilly areas expose the bedrock and gradually into the plains, the thick alluvial pile conceals the bedrock under sand, clay and mix. From an aquifer perspective, the beginning of massive bedrock is taken to mark the start of bedrock and thus the weathered and fractured part of bedrock and alluvial cover constitutes the material above the bedrock. Plate XVI represents depth to bedrock in meters below ground level (bgl).

Steeply dipping bedrock surface is indicated in the depths of about 40m bgl in the vicinity of hills which gradually but consistently deepens towards the northeastern part to reach the maximum of about 120m bgl as seen around Tijara and Kotkasim. The bedrock is primarily made up of quartzites and slates.

Depth to Bedrock	District wis	Total Area		
(m bgl)	Alwar	Jaipur	Sikar	(sq km)
< 40	18.3	0.3	47.5	66.1
40-60	445.4	987.3	332.7	1,765.4
60-80	971.4	163.0	-	1,134.4
80-100	758.3	30.5	-	788.8
100-120	366.9	-	-	366.9
> 120	217.2	-	-	217.2
Total	2,777.5	1,181.1	380.2	4,338.8

#### **UNCONFINED AQUIFER**

Hydrogeological properties are different for alluvial and hard rock aquifers and therefore, this aquifer has been mapped as two separate regions viz, unconfined aquifers in alluvial and in hard rock areas.

The alluvial material is predominantly eolian or fluvial origin sand, clay and gravel. The thickness of this aquifer depends on the thickness of saturation zone within aquifer material and in turn on depth to water level. Generally deeper water levels leave lesser thickness of aquifer zones. The Plate – XVII and table below reveals a generally less than 20m thickness of unconfined aquifer zone in alluvial areas, occasionally reaching higher thicknesses of 50m and rarely 70m bgl. In hardrock areas also the general thickness of unconfined aquifers is low i.e., below 20m only.

#### Alluvial areas:

`Unconfined aquifer	District wis	District wise area coverage (sq km)					
Thickness (m)	Alwar	Jaipur	Sikar	(sq km)			
< 10	1,421.0	696.0	33.0	2,150.0			
10-20	777.6	248.0	112.5	1,138.1			
20-30	287.8	56.3	24.7	368.8			
30-40	88.0	5.3	-	93.3			
40-50	31.0	-	-	31.0			
50-60	2.5	-	-	2.5			
60-70	1.1	-	-	1.1			
> 70	0.5	-	-	0.5			
Total	2,609.5	1,005.6	170.2	3,785.3			

#### Hardrock areas:

Unconfined aquifer	District wis	Total Area		
Thickness (m)	Alwar	Jaipur	Sikar	(sq km)
<10	31.9	84.7	101.3	217.9
10-20	128.6	81.9	108.7	319.2
> 20	7.5	8.9	-	16.4
Total	168.0	175.5	210.0	553.5















Several hydrogeologic cross sections have been drawn to better decipher the sub-surface distribution of lithology. These sections have been overlaid with geological maps and structural faults if there are any have been transferred for verification of their impact on sub-surface material disposition. The alignment of the cross sections is shown in Plate XVIII and corresponding sections are presented in Plates XIX to XXII. The broad alignment of the sections is as given below:

Name of Section Line	Orientation
Section AA'	SW – NE
Section BB'	NW – SE
Section CC'	NW – SE
Section DD'	NW – SE















#### Section A-A':

This section is the longest of the sections plotted (Plate – XIX) in the basin and trends in SW-NE direction, extending along the length of the basin and alongside the Sabi river. The data pertaining to 10 boreholes has been plotted and interpreted for this cross section. It is interesting to note that as one moves from A to A' (i.e., from southwest to northeast) not only the topography is lowered by also the water levels, while the thickness of alluvial cover shows marked increase. The section depicts the disposition of different layers of sand and clay along with weathered and fractured zones in quartzite. While clay lenses are seen all around, the thickness significantly increases northwards to about 100m towards A'.

Ground water occurs at an elevation of 250 m amsl to 410 meter amsl in the section and generally follows the surface topography.

#### Section B-B':

Section B-B' (Plate – XX) is considered from NW to SW direction of the basin, covering a distance of about 34 km in the southern part of the basin roughly cutting across the river Sabi and basin. The lithologs of 5 boreholes along with surrounding well information has been considered for the section. Schist (0-15 km), Quartzite (14 - 28), Slate (28 – 32 km) and Limestone (32 – 34 km) forms the bedrock in the section; overlain by clay and sand. There is rise in topography eastwards and so is the bedrock level. The first layer below soil cover is thick and continuous sand followed by variable thickness clay layer and another set of sand lenses between the clay and bedrock giving rise to somewhat confined aquifer situation. A tentative fault is indicated near B' where the limestones rest against slates.

Ground water occurs at an elevation of 320m amsl to 365m amsl in the section. It is shallower in the centre of the section but goes deeper on either side towards B and B'.









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#### Section C-C':

The section C-C' (Plate – XXI) has been selected across the basin trending NW-SE direction for a distance of about 47km in the centre of the basin. The lithologs of 7 boreholes have been used for interpretation and preparation of this section along with surrounding data. Bedrock is formed by Phyllites and Quartzites and the alluvial cover is quite thick in the centre of the section. The section is predominantly sandy in nature with some discontinuous clay lenses are present at shallow depths leaving the lower layer of sand in semi confined state.

Ground water occurs at an elevation of 260m amsl to 280m amsl in the section following the surface topography, is often quite deep reaching a general depth of 40m bgl.

#### Section D-D':

The D-D' (Plate – XXII) section is selected across the basin trending NW-SE direction in the northern part of the basin for short a length of 30 km. The lithologs of 5 boreholes are interpreted and presented in the section along with surrounding data. The alluvial column is quite thick in this section and while the central part has thick sand in the subsurface (reaching thickness of >100m) clay predominates on either side of it. Quartzite is the only hardrock encountered in this section forming bedrock.

Ground water occurs at an elevation of 230m amsl to 275m amsl in the section following the surface topography. The depth of ground water level is shallow and often seen to occur at less than 20m of depth below ground level.

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The continuous litho-stratigraphic model has been developed for the Sabi River Basin using the data of scattered exploratory boreholes as input. 3D model depicts the sub-surface aquifer disposition of litho-stratigraphic units forming aquifers, aquicludes and aquitards in the area. Plate – XXIII presents 3D model depicting the various litho-stratigraphic units in the entire river basin.

From this model it is apparent that beneath the top soil there is persistent sand horizon forming unconfined aquifer, it seems that beneath the there are two persistent clay horizons (2nd one not extending in the west) in the region separating two sandy aquifers. The second sandy aquifer is found only in the northeastern part of the basin within alluvium. The confined sandy aquifer is found in the eastern and southeastern part of the basin within alluvium is more persistent in the west and southern part forming the unconfined aquifer. The depth of weathered and fractured rock is shallow in the western part as compared to the northeastern part of the basin. However the quartzite, below the weathered and fractured rock is appearing as almost continuous layer in the model.

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## **Glossary of terms**

S. No.	Technical Terms	Definition
1	AQUIJEER	A saturated geological formation which has good permeability to
T	AQUIFER	supply sufficient quantity of water to a Tube well, well or spring.
2	ARID CLIMATE	Climate characterized by high evaporation and low precipitation.
3	ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE	Addition of water to a ground water reservoir by man-made activity
		The sum total of all atmospheric or meteorological influences
4	CLIMATE	principally temperature, moisture, wind, pressure and evaporation
		of a region.
5		A water bearing strata having confined impermeable overburden. In
5		this aquifer, water level represents the piezometric head.
6	CONTAMINATION	Introduction of undesirable substance, normally not found in water,
0	CONTAMINATION	which renders the water unfit for its intended use.
7	DRAWDOWN	The drawdown is the depth by which water level is lowered.
8	FRESH WATER	Water suitable for drinking purpose.
9	GROUND WATER	Water found below the land surface.
10	GROUND WATER BASIN	A hydro-geologic unit containing one large aquifer or several
10	UNDOND WATER BASIN	connected and interrelated aquifers.
11	GROUND WATER	The natural infiltration of surface water into the ground.
11	RECHARGE	
12	HARD WATER	The water which does not produce sufficient foam with soap.
12	HYDRAULIC	A constant that serves as a measure of permeability of porous
15	CONDUCTIVITY	medium.
14	HYDROGEOLOGY	The science related with the ground water.
15	HUMID CLIMATE	The area having high moisture content.
16	ISOHYET	A line of equal amount of rainfall.
17	METEOROLOGY	Science of the atmosphere.
18	PERCOLATION	It is flow through a porous substance.
19	PERMEABILITY	The property or capacity of a soil or rock for transmitting water.
20	рН	Value of hydrogen-ion concentration in water. Used as an indicator
20		of acidity (pH < 7) or alkalinity (pH > 7).
21	PIEZOMETRIC HEAD	Elevation to which water will rise in a piezometers.
22	RECHARGE	It is a natural or artificial process by which water is added from
22	RECHARGE	outside to the aquifer.
22		Amount of water which can be extracted from ground water without
23		producing undesirable effect.
24	SALINITY	Concentration of dissolved salts.
25	SEMILARID	An area is considered semiarid having annual rainfall between 10-20
25	SEIVIFARID	inches.
26	SEMI-CONFINED	Aquifer overlain and/or underlain by a relatively thin semi-pervious
20	AQUIFER	layer.
27		Quantity of water which is released by a formation after its
21		complete saturation.
28	TOTAL DISSOLVED	Total weight of dissolved mineral constituents in water per unit
20	SOLIDS	volume (or weight) of water in the sample.

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Wind-blown sand deposits

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EOLIAN DEPOSITS

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S No	Myths	Facts
1	What is Ground Water	Water which occurs below the land in geological
	an underground lake	formations/rocks is Ground water
	<ul> <li>a net work of underground rivers</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>a bowl filled with water</li> </ul>	
2	Ground Water occurs everywhere beneath the Land Surface	Not really, it depends on the nature of rock formation
3	There is a relationship between ground water and surface water	Not all the places. Near streams/rivers there is relation
4	Groundwater is not renewable resource	It is renewable source and every year it is being recharged through rain/applied irrigation etc
5	Ground water is unlimited and deeper you drill more discharge	It is limited to annual recharge from rain/applied irrigation. The discharge may not increase if you go deeper
6	Ground Water moves rapidly	The movement of ground water is very slow
7	Ground water pumped from wells is thousands of years old	Generally the ground water being tapped through wells is a few years old
8	If water taste good—it is safe to drink	It may have other chemicals e.g. fluoride, nitrates etc which are harmful
9	Water from free flowing tube wells is very pure	This water can also be contaminated so test before use
10	If I recharge my TW/DW/HP it will not benefit me	It will also benefit you and also adjoing wells
11	There is no static ground water resources in Rajasthan	Rajasthan is also having Static GW resources, and being tapped in most of areas as GW annual withdrawal is more than annual recharge
12	I cannot meet annual cooking and drinking water requirement by rain water harvesting	The water requirement for drinking and cooking is only 8 lit/day. You can harvest this water for family of 5 persons from roof top or paved area of 75 Sq m to meet annual requirement
13	You can increase ground water recharge	This can be done by harvesting the rain water and storing in sub surface reservoir (GW) by constructing the recharge structures
14	You cannot use abandoned TW/HP/DW for ground water recharge	These should be used as recharge structures as harvested rain water is directly put into GW reservoir
15	Putting waste near HP/TW will not cause any problem	Such actions will pollute wells and water

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