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Location:

Luni River Basin is located in south-western part of Rajasthan. It stretches between 24° 36' 35.67" to 26° 46' 07.31" North latitude and 70° 59' 33.03" to 74° 42' 18.45" East longitudes. It is bounded by the Outside Basin in the west, by Banas River Basin in the east, Shekhawati River Basin in the north, and Sukli, West Banas, Other Nallahs and Sabarmati River Basins in the south. The Luni Basin extends over parts of Ajmer, Barmer, Jalore, Jodhpur, Nagaur, Pali, Rajsamand, Sirohi and Udaipur Districts. The total catchment area of the Basin is 37,796.37 km². Luni River Basin lies to the west of the Aravali hills and forms part of the mid-west alluvial plain.

Luni River originates in the western slopes of Aravalli Range at an elevation of 550 meters above mean sea level (m amsl) near Ajmer in Ajmer district and flows to the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat State. After flowing for about 495 km in a south-westerly direction in Rajasthan, the river disappears in the marshy land of Rann of Kutch. The water of River Luni is sweet up to Balotra and becomes more and more saline further downstream. The main tributaries of Luni on the left are Sukri, Mithri, Bandi, Khari, Jawai, Guhiya and Sagi, whereas only Jojari River joins it from the right side.

Administrative Set-up:

Administratively, Luni River Basin extends over parts of Ajmer, Barmer, Bhilwara, Jalor, Jodhpur, Nagaur, Pali, Rajsamand, Sirohi and Udaipur encompassing 2,855 towns and villages.

S. No.	District Name	Area (sq km)	% of Basin Area	Total Number of Blocks	Total Number of Towns and Villages
1	Ajmer	1,903.5	5.0	4	310
2	Barmer	6,623.3	17.5	5	422
3	Bhilwara	2.9	-	1	1
4	Jalor	8,824.2	23.3	8	566
5	Jodhpur	3,496.6	9.3	4	206
6	Nagaur	1,892.5	5.0	4	182
7	Pali	12,375.0	32.8	10	960
8	Rajsamand	420.7	1.1	3	42
9	Sirohi	2,075.1	5.5	5	156
10	Udaipur	182.7	0.5	2	10
	Total	37,796.4	100.0	46	2,855

Climate:

Luni River basin is very large and therefore climatic variations in the basin are also quite varied with Ajmer being part of sub-humid climate whereas the climate of Barmer is closer to being arid (desertic). It is extremely cold from October to February while turning hot from March to September. Areas adjoining Aravalli range receive good rainfall and area east of Barmer receives very less to negligible rainfall. The mean annual rainfall over Luni River Basin was 643 mm, of which most of the rainfall is received during the four Monsoon months (June-September).















The Luni river flows from northeast to southwest following the general slope of the terrain within the basin,. Aravali ridges have a northwesterly slopes and thus the river following the trend initially flow NW and then turn in SW direction draining into Rann of Kutch. In Pali, Rajsamand, Sirohi and Udaipur districts the presence of hills leads to maximum elevation reaching more than 1,000m (maximum being 1,614m in Sirohi district) whereas the lower elevations are generally seen in Barmer, Jodhpur, Jalor, Nagaur and western parts of Pali district reaching upto 150 – 300m in general. IN Barmer and Jalor the topography approaches that of mean sea levels i.e., Om amsl.

District Name	Min. Elevation (m amsl)	Max. Elevation (m amsl)
Ajmer	366.3	870.8
Barmer	-	946.3
Bhilwara	628.4	700.3
Jalor	-	969.0
Jodhpur	148.3	450.4
Nagaur	278.6	791.9
Pali	150.6	1,066.5
Rajsamand	374.1	1,173.4
Sirohi	183.3	1,614.8
Udaipur	475.8	1,126.0

Table: District wise minimum and maximum elevation

RAINFALL

The general distribution of rainfall across the Luni River Basin can be visualized from isohyets presented in the Plate III where most of the southern, southeastern and eastern parts receive higher rainfalls (in the range of 800-1000mm of total annual rainfall) whereas; the west and northwestern parts receive very low rainfall (between 300 to 500mm). The average annual rainfall computed based on available station data is about 643mm. The rainfall data for available rain gauge stations is presented below.

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	Ahore	373.8	175.0	548.8
2	Bagoda	442.0	56.0	498.0
3	Bali	796.0	141.0	937.0
4	Bhinmal	605.0	128.0	733.0
5	Bilara	302.0	37.0	339.0
6	Desuri	525.0	121.0	646.0
7	Gudhamalani	571.0	28.0	599.0
8	Jaitaran	470.0	101.0	571.0
9	Jalore	459.0	75.8	534.8
10	Jaswantpura	819.0	216.0	1,035.0
11	Jawaja	199.0	33.0	232.0
12	Kharchi(Marwar J.)	543.0	158.0	701.0
13	Kumbhalgarh	899.0	178.0	1,077.0

S. No	Rain gauge Stations	Total Monsoon Rainfall (mm)	Total Non-Monsoon Rainfall (mm)	Total Annual Rainfall (mm)
14	Luni	405.5	60.5	466.0
15	Merta City	540.0	8.0	548.0
16	Pachpadra	441.0	60.0	501.0
17	Pali	404.0	61.0	465.0
18	Raipur	790.0	177.0	967.0
19	Rohat	394.0	120.0	514.0
20	Sayala	684.8	70.0	754.8
21	Sheoganj	450.1	168.2	618.3
22	Sirohi	612.7	188.6	801.3
23	Siwana	658.0	64.0	722.0
24	Sojat	533.0	107.0	640.0
25	Sumerpur	509.0	121.0	630.0









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	Admin Boundary:		Elevation(m amsl):
	District Headquarter	۲	1514 m
	Block Headquarter	۲	- 1500 m
	Town	\odot	
	International Boundary		— 1250 m
	State Boundary		
	District Boundary		- 1000 m
	Block Boundary		
	River Basin Boundary	\sim	- 750 m
	Water Bodies:		- 800 m
	River / Streams	テー	
	Ponds / Reservoirs		— 250 m
			0m
Source : SRT	M DEM		









The Luni 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. Vindhyans are represented here by

Jodhpur, Bilara and Nagaur Group of rocks.

Age	Super-Group	Group/Formation	Rock Types			
Recent to Sub-Recent	-	Aeolian and Fluvial deposits	Wind-blown sands, Sand dunes, alluvialSands, clays, gravels, Etc.			
		xxx Unconformit	yxxxx			
Lower Eocene	-	Palana	Sandstone, bentonitic Clays, Fuller's earth And lignite seams			
		xxx Unconformit	yxxxx			
	Vindhyan (Marwar Super-Group)	Nagaur group	Sandstone& Evaporite siltstones & Limestone			
Linnar Bracambrian to		Bilara Group	Limestones mainly with Cherty dolomite			
Upper Precambrian to		Jodhpur Group Sandstone & Shales, Limestone, Shales, Conglomerates, Grits etc.				
	xxxx					
		(Semri Group)	Limestones, Shales, Conglomerates, Grits			
Upper Precambrian to	(Post Dolhi) Intrusivos	Jalore-Granite, Malani Rhyolites Idar	Granitas Physicias Parahyrias and Tuffs atc			
Lower Precambrian	(Post-Deilii) Intrusives	Granites, Erinpura Granites	Granices, Rivolices, Polphynes and Turis, etc.			
Middle Procembrian	Dolhi	Ajabgarh	Dolomitic marbles, Quartzites, Metabasites, Schists and gneisses			
Ivildale Precambrian	Dellil	Alwar	Quartzites, Mica-schists and phyllites			

GEOMORPHOLOGY

Origin	Landform Unit	Description
	Dissected Sandy Plain	Sandy plain highly dissected by stream and drainage
	Dune Complex	An undulating plain composed of number of sand dunes of cressent shape.
	Dune Valley Complex	Cluster of dunes and interdunal spaces with undulating topography formed due to wind-blown activity, comprising of unconsolidated sand and silt.
	Eolian Dlain	Formed by aeolian activity, with sand dunes of varying height, size, slope. Long stretches of sand sheet. Gently sloping flat to undulating plain, comprised of fine to medium grained
Acolian		sand and silt. Also scattered xerophytic vegetation.
Aeonan	Interdunal Depression	Slightly depressed area in between the dunal complex showing moisture and fine sediments.
	Interdunal Flat	Flat, narrow land between dunes.
	Obstacla Duna	Formed on windward/leeward sides of obstacle like isolated hills or continuous chain of hills, dune to obstruction in path of sand laden winds. Badly dissected well cemented and
	Obstacle Dulle	vegetated.
	Sandy Plain	Formed of aeolian activity, wind-blown sand with gentle sloping to undulating plain, comprising of coarse sand, fine sand, silt and clay.
	Buried Pediment	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	Pediment	Broad gently sloping rock flooring, erosional surface of low relief between hill and plain, comprised of varied lithology, criss-crossed by fractures and faults.
	Pediplain	Coalescence and extensive occurrence of pediment.
	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 material of varying lithology, predominantly sand along
	, marian (banay)	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.
Tuvia	Paleochannel	Mainly buried on abandoned stream/river courses, comprising of coarse textured material of variable sizes.
	Valley Fill	Formed by fluvial activity, usually at lower topographic locations, comprising of boulders, cobbles, pebbles, gravels, sand, silt and clay. The unit has consolidated sediment deposits.
	Ravine	Small, narrow, deep, depression, smaller than gorges, larger than gulley, usually carved by running water.
	Salt Encrustation/Playa	Topographical depression comprising of clay, silt, sand and soluble salts, usually undrained and devoid of vegetation.
Structural	Platoau	Formed over varying lithology with extensive, flat, landscapes, bordered by escarpment on all sides. Essentially formed horizontally layered rocky marked by extensive flat top and
Structural	Flateau	steep slopes. It may be criss crossed by lineament.









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Spatially, the alluvium forms the predominant aquifer type in the Basin and also among this Older alluvium is more prominent, together the Older and Younger alluvium occupy nearly half of the area of the basin. Most of the central and western part of the basin shows the presence of alluvial aquifers along with a small part in north. Among the other remaining aquifer types, the next most predominant is Granite aquifer present in the south and southeastern parts of the basin. Phyllite, Schist, Jalore granite and Gneiss also constitute important aquifers in Luni basin. The Aravalli ranges constitute the eastern limit of the basin in the form of Hills.

Aquifer in Potential Zone	Area (sq km)	Description of the unit/Occurrence
Younger Alluvium	4,886.2	It is largely constituted of Aeolian and Fluvial sand, silt, clay, gravel and pebbles in varying proportions.
Older Alluvium	15,440.1	This litho unit comprises of mixture of heterogeneous fine to medium grained sand, silt and kankar.
Limestone	319.7	In general, it is fine to medium grained, grey, red yellowish, pink or buff in colour.
Bilara Limestone	858.8	It is grey to buff coloured hard and compact.
Tertiary Sandstone	331.9	Medium to coarse grained, consolidated to semi consolidated sandstone.
Nagaur & Jodhpur Sandstone	601.9	Buff to reddish brown in colour, fine to medium grained hard and compact sandstone.
Phyllite	2,437.5	These include meta sediments and represented by carbonaceous phyllite.
Schist	1,831.1	Medium to fine grained compact rock. The Itho units are soft, friable and have closely spaced cleavage.
Rhyolite	460.8	Rhyolite is porphyritic and has phenocryst of quartz and feldspar.
Granite Jalore	1,143.2	Grey to pink in colour, medium to coarse grained, and non porphyritic.
Granite	6,191.9	Light gey to pink colour, medium to coarse grained, and characteristically have porphyritic texture.
Gneiss	1,072.2	Comprises of porphyritic and non porphyritic gneissic complex.
Non Potential Zone (Hills)	2,221.6	Hills and reserve forests
TOTAL	37,796.9	

LOCATION OF GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS

The basin has a well distributed network of large number of groundwater monitoring stations (935) in the basin owned by RGWD and CGWB; and 197 wells have been

recommended to be added to network to effectively monitor ground water quality in the basin.

District Name	Existing Monit	Ground oring Sta	Water tions	Recommended Additional Ground Water Monitoring Stations		
	CGWB	RGWD	Total	Water Level	Water quality	
Ajmer	13	93	106	-	-	
Barmer	20	83	103	-	49	
Bhilwara	-	-	-	-	-	
Jalor	12	199	211	-	98	
Jodhpur	7	95	102	-	-	
Nagaur	-	34	34	-	15	
Pali	-	264	264	-	34	
Rajsamand	1	9	10	-	-	
Sirohi	-	104	104	-	1	
Udaipur	-	1	1	-	-	
Grand Total	53	882	935	0	197	



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LOCATION OF EXPLORATORY WELLS



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In all there are 642 exploratory wells present in the basin drilled in the past by RGWD and CGWB that form good basis for delineation of sub-surface aquifer distribution.

District Normo	Exploratory Wells						
District Marie	CGWB	RGWD	Total				
Ajmer	10	27	37				
Barmer	10	37	47				
Bhilwara	-	-	-				
Jalor	17	249	266				
Jodhpur	5	20	25				
Nagaur	15	32	47				
Pali	51	117	168				
Rajsamand	1	2	3				
Sirohi	1	48	49				
Udaipur	-	-	-				
Total	110	532	642				

DEPTH TO WATER LEVEL (PRE MONSOON – 2010)

The general depth to water level in the basin ranges from 10 to 40 meters below ground level, as seen on northeastern, central, western and southwestern parts of the basin. There are however, three pockets; one in the north (around Merta) and in the western part in Balotra-Siwana-Sayla-Bhinmal region where water levels are quite deep, varying between 70-100mbgl and occasionally reaching upto 130m bgl.

Depth to water level				C	District wis	e area (sq	km)*				
(m bgl)											Total Area
Pre Monsoon - 2010	Ajmer	Barmer	Bhilwara	Jalor	Jodhpur	Nagaur	Pali	Rajsamand	Sirohi	Udaipur	(sq km)
< 10	31.1	537.5	-	1,162.5	645.0	-	1,440.5	-	-	-	3,816.6
10 - 20	882.0	1,005.3	-	1,073.2	1,078.5	34.4	3,889.0	150.6	588.2	56.9	8,758.1
20 - 30	842.8	2,647.0	-	2,487.2	764.0	333.9	3,572.7	3.1	877.9	3.9	11,532.5
30 - 40	23.8	698.9	-	1,156.5	437.6	396.0	1,564.1	-	365.7	-	4,642.6
40 - 50	-	358.1	-	1,230.9	347.9	366.0	562.4	-	70.4	-	2,935.7
50 - 60	-	333.3	-	882.5	141.8	167.4	233.4	-	-	-	1,758.4
60 - 70	-	549.7	-	422.6	52.8	132.1	0.6	-	-	-	1,157.8
70 - 80	-	224.6	-	165.3	23.6	140.9	-	-	-	-	554.4
80 - 90	-	73.4	-	28.3	3.4	122.3	-	-	-	-	227.4
90 - 100	-	-	-	4.4	0.2	66.2	-	-	-	-	70.8
110 - 120	-	-	-	-	-	57.5	-	-	-	-	57.5
100 - 110	-	-	-	-	-	45.6	-	-	-	-	45.6
120 - 130	-	-	-	-	-	17.1	-	-	-	-	17.1
> 130	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	0.1
Total	1,779.7	6,427.8	-	8,613.4	3,494.8	1,879.5	11,262.7	153.7	1,902.2	60.8	35,574.6

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









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WATER TABLE ELEVATION (PRE MONSOON 2010)

Water table elevation shows large variation since the topography in the basin reaches a high of >1300m amsl and low of 0m amsl. Since the water table generally follows the topography, such variations are not exception. A perusal of Plate X reveals that although WT is very high in places but the spatial distribution of the same is limited in extent to the vicinity of Aravalli range, whereas, most part of the basin has water table elevations from less than 20m amsl to around 200m amsl in the non-hilly parts of the basin in Barmer, Jalor, Jodhpur and Pali districts.

District								0	District wis	e area cov	verage (sq	km) withii	n water ta	ble elevati	on range	(m amsl											Total
Name	< 20	20 - 40	40 - 60	60 - 80	80 - 100	100 - 120	120 - 140	140 - 160	160 - 180	180 - 200	200 - 220	220 - 240	240 - 260	260 - 280	280 - 300	300 - 320	320 - 340	340 - 360	360 - 380	380 - 400	400 - 440	440 - 480	480 - 520	520 - 560	560 - 600	600 - >920	Area (sq km)
Ajmer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.7	119.9	222.0	537.8	549.0	241.4	76.2	16.0	5.8	1,779.8
Barmer	116.2	581.9	1,073.2	1,385.1	975.0	1,499.8	729.8	66.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,427.9
Bhilwara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jalor	0.1	2,289.9	1,031.2	698.3	419.5	436.8	650.4	969.5	996.3	738.1	225.3	76.8	53.4	27.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,613.2
Jodhpur	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.9	140.5	225.7	356.4	552.0	957.3	1,170.7	81.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,494.8
Nagaur	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67.2	621.5	289.2	234.2	243.1	173.4	104.1	50.3	29.3	22.2	29.8	15.1	-	-	-	-	1,879.4
Pali	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113.2	730.7	948.1	1,769.2	1,905.0	1,494.5	1,162.5	835.8	648.8	515.3	412.8	282.7	173.2	190.4	61.6	14.9	4.1	-	-	11,262.8
Rajsamand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6	26.3	40.0	16.5	69.3	153.7
Sirohi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92.3	201.2	220.1	326.8	294.0	289.6	278.7	89.1	55.8	32.3	20.3	0.2	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	1,902.3
Udaipur	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	1.3	0.9	2.3	3.0	4.2	5.3	5.9	36.3	60.7
Total	116.3	2,871.8	2,104.4	2,083.4	1,394.5	1,936.6	1,391.1	1,290.1	2,045.0	2,243.8	2,833.8	3,887.4	3,301.8	1,795.2	1,357.6	911.3	675.2	508.6	453.5	418.5	762.2	630.3	286.8	125.6	38.4	111.4	35,574.6

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. Therefore, wide fluctuations in water levels are seen which ranges broadly from -8m to +18m. In Sirohi district and in the hilly parts of other districts, the water level fluctuation map shows rise from nominal to significantly high whereas in alluvial areas of Nagaur Jalor and Barmer, the fluctuation is in the range of ±2m. High negative fluctuation, i.e., fall in water levels is localized phenomenon and possibly due to high exploitation.

District Norma					Dis	trict wise ar	rea covera	ge (sq km)	within flu	ctuation r	ange (m)					Total Area
District Name	< -8	-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	16 to 18	> 18	(sq km)
Ajmer	-	-	-	-	1.4	106.4	161.3	301.1	460.1	345.1	253.1	142.0	9.3	-	-	1,779.8
Barmer	-	-	-	-	284.9	3,062.5	1,713.0	890.2	262.6	111.6	58.6	32.4	12.1	-	-	6,427.9
Bhilwara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jalor	-	1.2	12.9	55.0	693.6	4,183.5	1,954.0	821.2	415.9	233.3	100.9	68.7	73.3	-	-	8,613.5
Jodhpur	-	-	-	-	33.0	831.7	1,408.6	723.9	290.5	139.3	63.1	4.7	-	-	-	3,494.8
Nagaur	-	-	-	-	524.7	1,193.6	105.4	45.6	8.3	1.8	-	-	-	-	-	1,879.5
Pali	0.1	2.9	8.6	23.7	92.0	1,722.4	3,360.2	2,366.3	1,519.2	1,056.8	598.0	410.9	88.0	13.6	0.1	11,262.7
Rajsamand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.9	26.3	35.4	17.4	39.7	14.0	-	-	153.6
Sirohi	-	-	-	-	-	88.0	204.1	382.2	621.8	393.5	94.0	68.9	28.2	19.0	2.6	1,902.2
Udaipur	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.2	22.4	38.0	-	-	-	-	-	60.6
Total	0.1	4.0	21.5	78.7	1,629.6	11,188.2	8,906.6	5,551.6	3,627.2	2,354.8	1,185.2	767.2	224.8	32.6	2.7	35,574.6









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Admin Boundary:			Water	r Table Ele	vation(m a	msl):	
District Headquarter	۲	_	< 20		240 - 260		520 - 560
Block Headquarter	۲		20 - 40		260 - 280		560 - 600
Town International_Boundary	•		40 - 60		280 - 300		600 - 640
State Boundary			60 - 80		300 - 320		640 - 680
District Boundary		_	80 - 100		320 - 340		680 - 720
Block Boundary		_	100 - 120		340 - 360		720 - 760
River Basin Boundary	\sim		100 140	=	260 280	=	720 800
Water Bodies:		_	120 - 140	=	360 - 380	=	760 - 800 800 - 840
River / Streams	7~	_	160 190		400 440	_	940 990
Ponds / Reservoirs			100 - 100	=	400 - 440	_	040 - 000
Reserve Forest			180 - 200		440 - 480		880 - 920
			200 - 220		480 - 520		> 920
Hills			220 - 240				
Water Table Elevation	\approx						









ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY DISTRIBUTION

The Electrical Conductivity (at 25°C) distribution map is presented in Plate – XII reveals an interesting pattern. The areas adjacent to hills or within hilly areas show fairly good

water quality having EC < 2000 µS/cm (represented by Yellow coloured regions) whereas, significant part of the basin largely in alluvial areas in the northern, central, western and

southwestern parts has high salinity (EC > 4000 μ S/cm).

Electrical Conductivity Ranges									District w	vise area	coverage	(sq km)									Total
(μS/cm at 25°C)	Ajm	ner	Barn	ner	Bhi	wara	Jal	or	Jodh	pur	Nag	aur	Pa	li	Rajsa	mand	Sirc	ohi	Uda	aipur	Area
(Ave. of years 2005-09)	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	(sq km)
< 2000	737.3	41.4	769.1	12.0	-	100.0	1,098.0	12.8	173.7	5.0	317.5	16.9	2,651.2	23.5	123.5	80.4	715.2	37.6	60.8	100.0	6,646.1
2000-4000	796.7	44.8	1,337.6	20.8	-	0.0	3,291.0	38.2	514.3	14.7	872.1	46.4	3,434.6	30.5	30.0	19.6	965.9	50.8	-	0.0	11,242.3
> 4000	245.8	13.8	4,321.1	67.2	-	0.0	4,224.6	49.1	2,806.8	80.3	690.0	36.7	5,177.0	46.0	0.1	0.0	221.2	11.6	-	0.0	17,686.4
Total	1,779.7	100.0	6,427.9	100.0	-	100.0	8,613.5	100.0	3,494.8	100.0	1,879.5	100.0	11,262.7	100.0	153.6	100.0	1,902.2	100.0	60.8	100.0	35,574.8

CHLORIDE DISTRIBUTION

High chloride concentration in ground water also renders it unsuitable for domestic and other purposes. The red coloured regions in Plate – XIII are such areas where Chloride concentration is very high (> 1000 mg/l) which are largely found in alluvial aquifers of Barmer, Jalor, Jodhpur and Pali districts. Good quality water with low Chloride concentration (<250 mg/l) are very limited in spatial distribution and found in the close proximity of hilly areas. Significant part of the basin has moderately high Chloride concentration in ground water that ranges in between 250-1000 mg/l.

Chloride Ranges									District v	wise area	coverage	(sq km)									Total
(mg/l)	Ajn	ner	Barr	ner	Bhi	lwara	Jal	or	Jodh	npur	Nag	aur	Ра	li	Rajsa	mand	Sire	ohi	Ud	aipur	Area
(Ave. of years 2005-09)	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	(sq km)
< 250	469.7	26.4	225.2	3.5	-	5.8	573.2	6.7	16.3	0.5	151.5	8.1	1,586.8	14.1	111.6	72.6	318.7	16.8	60.8	100.0	3,513.6
250 - 1000	1,093.5	61.4	1,797.4	28.0	-	94.2	3,830.9	44.5	830.6	23.8	1,324.1	70.5	4,923.2	43.7	42.1	27.4	1,413.0	74.3	-	0.0	15,254.8
> 1000	216.6	12.2	4,405.3	68.5	-	0.0	4,209.4	48.9	2,647.8	75.8	403.9	21.5	4,752.8	42.2	-	0.0	170.5	9.0	-	0.0	16,806.4
Total	1,779.7	100.0	6,427.9	100.0	-	100.0	8,613.5	100.0	3,494.8	100.0	1,879.5	100.0	11,262.7	100.0	153.7	100.0	1,902.2	100.0	60.8	100.0	35,574.8















FLUORIDE DISTRIBUTION

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The Fluoride concentration map (Plate – XIV) displays a number of scattered patches of high fluoride concentration (>3 mg/l) which is surrounded but an even larger area having 1.5 – 3.0 mg/l of fluoride in ground water. Together these two areas combined (i.e., > 1.5 mg/l), occupy close to 70% of the basin rendering the ground water of limited use from fluoride concentration point of view. The areas showing low concentration of fluoride in ground water are seen in Sayla-Siwara-BalotraSindhari-Charnan region, southwest of Chiralwana, and some isolated pockets in the east and north of the basin which are suitable for all purposes.

Fluoride Ranges									District	wise area	coverage	(sq km)									Total
(mg/l)	Ajm	ner	Bar	mer	Bhi	lwara	Ja	or	lpor	pur	Nag	gaur	Pal	i	Rajsa	amand	Siro	hi	Ud	aipur	Area
(Ave. of years 2005-09)	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	(sq km)
<1.5	839.4	47.2	3,305.6	51.4		0.0	2,536.4	29.5	403.4	11.5	396.3	21.1	2,210.1	19.6	139.6	90.9	274.9	14.5	60.8	100.0	10,166.3
1.5-3.0	899.6	50.6	2,340.7	36.4	-	100.0	3,772.5	43.8	2,012.6	57.6	1,363.9	72.6	6,144.9	54.6	14.0	9.1	949.3	49.9		0.0	17,497.6
>3.0	40.7	2.3	781.6	12.2	-	0.0	2,304.7	26.8	1,078.8	30.9	119.3	6.4	2,907.7	25.8	-	0.0	678.1	35.7	-	0.0	7,910.8
Total	1,779.7	100.0	6,427.9	100.0	-	100.0	8,613.5	100.0	3,494.8	100.0	1,879.5	100.0	11,262.7	100.0	153.6	100.0	1,902.2	100.0	60.8	100.0	35,574.8

NITRATE DISTRIBUTION

High nitrate concentration in ground water renders it unsuitable for agriculture purposes. Plate – XV shows distribution of Nitrate in groundwater. The Nitrate concentration is also high in this basin as seen by the red and green coloured regions occupying about 73% basin area. Such high Nitrate areas are seen in the western fringes, NW and scattered patches in rest of the area.

Nitrate Ranges									District	wise area	coverage	(sq km)									Tatal Aura
(mg/l)	Ajn	ner	Barı	mer	Bhi	lwara	Jal	lor	lool	npur	Nag	gaur	Pa	li	Rajsa	amand	Sir	ohi	Ud	aipur	lotal Area
(Ave. of years 2005-09)	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	Area	% age	(SY KIII)
< 50	655.2	36.8	592.4	9.2	-	100.0	1,476.1	17.1	650.0	18.6	701.4	37.3	4,539.8	40.3	112.5	73.2	716.4	37.7	50.4	82.9	9,494.0
50-100	743.0	41.8	1,877.5	29.2		0.0	3,441.1	40.0	1,155.9	33.1	958.8	51.0	4,266.9	37.9	35.5	23.1	667.8	35.1	10.4	17.1	13,156.9
> 100	381.5	21.4	3,957.9	61.6	-	0.0	3,696.3	42.9	1,688.9	48.3	219.4	11.7	2,456.1	21.8	5.7	3.7	518.2	27.2	-	0.0	12,923.9
Total	1,779.7	100.0	6,427.9	100.0	-	100.0	8,613.5	100.0	3,494.8	100.0	1,879.5	100.0	11,262.7	100.0	153.6	100.0	1,902.3	100.0	60.8	100.0	35,574.8















Apart from surface exposures, the bedrock is encountered below soil cover and thick pile alluvial material at different depths. The sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rock types that constitute the bedrock in Luni Basin which are: Sandstone, Limestone Shale, Granite, Rhyolite, Schist, Phyllite, Quartzite, Dolomite and Gneiss.

Plate XVI represents depth to bed rock in meters below ground level. Shallower depth to bedrock is found in areas closer to Aravalli Range i.e., within 40m of depth below ground level and around Siwana in the western part of the basin. Deeper bedrock lies below alluvial cover in west, northwest and southwestern parts of the basin reaching upto 120m bgl.

Depth to Bedrock				Distri	ct wise are	ea coverag	ge (sq km)				Total Area
(m bgl)	Ajmer	Barmer	Bhilwara	Jalor	Jodhpur	Nagaur	Pali	Rajsamand	Sirohi	Udaipur	(sq km)
< 20	35.2	-	-	-	-	-	26.0	-	8.2	25.7	95.0
20-40	1,465.0	294.3	-	2,872.2	-	36.1	5,311.4	137.2	1,881.5	35.1	12,032.8
40-60	276.3	2,796.9	-	1,177.5	135.2	46.2	2,819.6	16.4	3.3	-	7,271.4
60-80	3.2	668.3	-	1,652.7	1,686.7	203.4	1,727.6	-	-	-	5,941.9
80-100	-	695.9	-	1,338.6	1,672.8	1,520.0	1,371.3	-	-	-	6,598.6
100-120	-	1,737.0	-	857.0	-	73.8	-	-	-	-	2,667.8
> 120	-	235.6	-	731.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	967.3
Total	1,779.7	6,427.9	-	8,629.7	3,494.8	1,879.5	11,255.8	153.7	1,893.0	60.8	35,574.8

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 alluvial or fluvial origin sand, clay and gravel. The thickness of this aquifer varies from very thin layers to upto 120m as seen around Sheoganj and Peesangaon. The hardrock aquifers are formed in weathered and fractured part of the hard rocks that can sustain water under unconfined conditions. Such aquifers are formed in Sandstone, Limestone, Shale, Dolomite, Phyllite, Schist, Quartzite, Granites and Gneiss. These aquifers are formed mainly in Eastern part of the basin close to Aravalli range and the belt runs parallel to the ridges and in Nagaur area.

Alluvial areas

Unconfined				District	wise area	coverage	(sq km)				Total Area
aquifer Thickness (m)	Ajmer	Barmer	Bhilwara	Jalor	Jodhpur	Nagaur	Pali	Rajsamand	Sirohi	Udaipur	(sq km)
<10	256.9	3,998.4	-	4,108.3	779.9	584.1	2,006.8	-	619.5	-	12,353.8
10-20	0.0	692.1	-	1,031.2	405.7	115.7	830.2	-	55.0	-	3,130.0
20-30	-	354.6	-	613.4	6.0	55.6	304.7	-	48.7	-	1,382.9
30-40	-	349.9	-	616.5	-	55.3	98.0	-	19.8	-	1,139.5
40-50	-	348.8	-	739.8	-	5.5	48.0	-	-	-	1,142.2
50-60	-	159.8	-	456.5	-	2.3	25.7	-	-	-	644.3
60-70	-	82.0	-	169.7	-	0.0	14.8	-	-	-	266.5
70-80	-	49.6	-	42.9	-	-	7.8	-	-	-	100.3
80-90	-	32.6	-	29.4	-	-	3.6	-	-	-	65.6
90-100	-	22.6	-	24.9	-	-	0.8	-	-	-	48.3
100-110	-	5.4	-	35.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.7
110-120	-	0.8	-	10.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.0
>120	-	-	-	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.4
Total	256.9	6,096.8	-	7,878.3	1,191.5	818.5	3,340.3	-	743.0	-	20,325.3

Hardrock areas:

Unconfined				Dist	rict wise ar	ea coverag	e (sq km)				Total Area
aquifer Thickness (m)	Ajmer	Barmer	Bhilwara	Jalor	Jodhpur	Nagaur	Pali	Rajsamand	Sirohi	Udaipur	(sq km)
<10	755.7	328.7	-	167.9	734.9	828.3	1,168.2	53.2	174.8	41.0	4,252.7
10-20	318.0	2.4	-	230.3	459.9	222.7	2,605.8	65.0	423.2	14.2	4,341.5
20-30	212.9	-	-	259.3	626.2	10.0	2,387.9	17.2	273.9	5.5	3,792.9
30-40	104.5	-	-	74.5	283.3	-	1,198.1	8.2	163.4	-	1,831.9
40-50	60.5	-	-	3.3	113.1	-	357.7	9.3	109.9	-	653.8
50-60	43.6	-	-	-	63.1	-	103.2	0.9	11.1	-	221.8
60-70	16.4	-	-	-	18.2	-	49.5	-	2.7	-	86.8
70-80	9.0	-	-	-	4.6	-	25.7	-	0.3	-	39.6
80-90	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	15.0	-	-	-	17.3
90-100	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.8	-	-	-	7.8
>100	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	-	-	-	3.5
Total	1,522.8	331.1	-	735.2	2,303.2	1,061.0	7,922.4	153.7	1,159.2	60.8	15,249.5









LEGEND









CROSS SECTIONS



LUNI RIVER BASIN

Several hydrogeologic cross sections have been drawn to better depict 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 XXI. 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













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Section A-A':

This section is the longest of the sections plotted in the basin and trends in SW-NE direction, cutting across the basin. The section depicts the disposition of different layers of sand and clay along with weathered and fractured zones sandstone, phyllite, granite and gneiss. On perusal of the cross section, it is apparent that sand is the predominant lithology while there are some lenses of clay. In the northern part of the river basin hard rock is observed underlined by sand. The general slope of the terrain is from NE to SW and the Luni River is present in the northern part of the section.

The depth of exploration varies from 215 m amsl to -150 m amsl.

Section B-B':

The section B-B' trending NW-SE has been plotted and presented in Plate – XX. The section depicts predominantly sand and clay layers in alluvial aquifers. The western part of the section shows predominantly alternate layers of sand and clay. Granite is observed as the bedrock. In the central part of the section, the alternate layers of clay and sand which forms major aquifer system in these areas. In some of the wells towards the SE of the cross section Rhyolite is encountered which attains good thickness but it does not form good aquifer due to lack of any significant weathered and fractured zone. Granite, Quartzite and Rhyolite seem to form the bedrock over which the alluvial material is deposited.

In this section, the depth of drilling is between 100m to 150m bgl.













Section C-C':

The section C-C has been selected across the northern part of the basin trending NW-SE. The eastern part of the section is characterized by thick sequence of schist whereas the major part of section in the west side is made up of sandstone. The weathered and fractured portions of schist constitute aquifer zones and in sandstone, both its porosity and secondary openings make them good aquifers. There is a layer of alluvium near Merta Road that would form major aquifer which is underlain by sandstone which is also a good aquifer.

There is a fault in the eastern part of the area which possibly separates the schistose rocks in the east with sandstones in the west.













3D MODEL OF AQUIFERS



LUNI RIVER BASIN

The continuous litho-stratigraphic model has been developed for the Luni River Basin using the data of scattered wells as input. 3D model depicts the subsurface aquifer disposition of litho-stratigraphic units forming aquifers, aquicludes and aquitards in the area. Plate – XXII presents 3D model depicting the various litho-stratigraphic units in the entire river basin. With this model it is apparent that schist is a continuous formation in the area overlain by limestone and quartzite formations, in the south east weathered and fractured zone often serves as aquifer.

The depth of bedrock is low in the eastern part as compared to the western part of the basin. Granite gneiss is the basement forming rock in this basin. The small discontinuous patches depicted in 3D model are indicative of occurrence of limestone, quartzite, weathered & fractured zone as reported in data of GWD and CGWB. In absence of continuity of the similar formation in adjacent wells they are appear as small patches.















Glossary of terms

S. No.	Technical Terms	Definition
1		A saturated geological formation which has good permeability to
1	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 groundwater 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.
-		A water bearing strata having confined impermeable overburden. In
5	CONFINED AQUIFER	this aquifer, water level represents the piezometric head.
c	CONTANANATION	Introduction of undesirable substance, normally not found in water,
б	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		A hydro-geologic unit containing one large aquifer or several
10	GROUND WATER BASIN	connected and interrelated aquifers.
11	GROUNDWATER	The natural infiltration of surface water into the ground.
11	RECHARGE	
12	HARD WATER	The water which does not produce sufficient foam with soap.
10	HYDRAULIC	A constant that serves as a measure of permeability of porous
13	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		Value of hydrogen-ion concentration in water. Used as an indicator
20	рп	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 groundwater without
23	SAFE HELD	producing undesirable effect.
24	SALINITY	Concentration of dissolved salts.
25		An area is considered semiarid having annual rainfall between 10-20
25	SEIVII-ARID	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
27	SFECIFIC TIELD	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.

S. No.	Technical Terms	Definition	
	TRANSMISSIBILITY	It is defined as the rate of flow through an aquifer of unit width and	
29		total saturation depth under unit hydraulic gradient. It is equal to	
		product of full saturation depth of aquifer and its coefficient of	
		permeability.	
30	UNCONFINED AQUIFER	A water bearing formation having permeable overburden. The	
		water table forms the upper boundary of the aquifer.	
31	UNSATURATED ZONE	The zone below the land surface in which pore space contains both	
		water and air.	
32	WATER CONSERVATION	Optimal use and proper storage of water.	
33	WATER RESOURCES Availability of surface and ground water.		
34	WATER RESOURCES	Planned development, distribution and use of water resources.	
	MANAGEMENT		
35	WATER TABLE	Water table is the upper surface of the zone of saturation at	
		atmospheric pressure.	
36	ZONE OF SATURATION	The ground in which all pores are completely filled with water.	
37	ELECTRICAL	Flow of free ions in the water at 25C mu/cm.	
57	CONDUCTIVITY		
38	CROSS SECTION	A Vertical Projection showing sub-surface formations encountered in	
		a specific plane.	
39	3-D PICTURE	A structure showing all three dimensions i.e. length, width and	
40	CIMP	deptn.	
40	GWD	Ground Water Department	
41	CGWB	Central Ground Water Board	
42	CGWA	Central Ground Water Authority	
43	SWRPD	State Water Resources Planning Department	
44	EU-SPP	European Union State Partnership Programme	
45	TOPOGRAPHY	Details of drainage lines and physical features of land surface on a	
40	map.		
46	GEOLOGY	I ne science related with the Earth.	
47	GEOMORPHOLOGY	The description and interpretation of land forms.	
48 49	PRE MONSOON SURVEY POST-MONSOON SURVEY	Nonitoring of Ground Water level from the selected	
		to 15th luno)	
		Monitoring of Ground Water level from the selected	
		Nonitoning of Ground Water level from the selected	
		October to 15th November)	
50	PIEZOMETER	A non-numning small diameter have hale used for monitoring of	
		static water level	
	GROUND WATER	Change in static water level below ground level	
51		change in static water level below ground level.	
52	WATER TABLE	The static water level found in unconfined aquifer	
52	DEPTH OF BED BOCK	Hard & compact rock encountered below land Surface	
54	G.W. MONITORING	Dug wells selected on grid basis for monitoring of state water level	
	STATION		
55	EOLIAN DEPOSITS	Wind-blown sand 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
	 a net work of underground rivers 	
	 a bowl filled with water 	
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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