

# A Review on Artificial Recharge Schemes in Chandigarh City

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**Abstract** – Chandigarh city was designed by the renowned French architect Le Corbusier and it was attractively situated at the Shivaliks foothills. The need of artificial recharge of aquifers is expanding step by step inordinate interest of water by the ever-developing populace and furthermore shortage of better dam locales accessible used for development. Artificial water recharge is the way toward adding up water throughout human exertion. A essential goal of artificial water recharge system is towards safeguard or upgrade groundwater assets in different pieces of India which incorporates removal or preservation floodwaters, controlling of saltwater interruption, stockpiling of water for lessening the costs of siphoning and funneling, transitory guideline of groundwater deliberations, and improvement in water quality by weakening by blending in with normally happening ground water. The target of this review is to introduce a survey of artificial water revive framework in the NITTTR Campus – Chandigarh City. Also, climate and rainfall, soil types and geomorphology, scenario of ground water, management strategy for ground water, problems and issues related to ground water discussed in details.

## I- INTRODUCTION

Chandigarh, the nightmare city of India's first Prime Minister, Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru, was arranged by the well-known French planner Le Corbusier. Beautifully situated at the lower regions of Shivaliks. It is situated

around 250 kms. north of New Delhi. At the hour of rearrangement of the state in 1966 into Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh, the city expected the exceptional differentiation of being the capital city of both, Punjab and Haryana States while it itself was pronounced as a Union Territory and under the immediate control of Central Government and it doesn't frame some portion of any of the two States. It lies between north scopes 30° 40' and 30° 46' and east longitudes 76° 42' and 76° 51'. Chandigarh has a region of 114 sq.km., out of which 34 sq.km. is country and staying 80 Sq.km, is urban. The city is isolated into 55 dwelling segments. According to evaluation 2011, all out populace of the city was 1,054,686 people having a populace thickness of 9252 people/sq.km. The elevation of the city ranges from 304 to 365 meters above MSL

Owing to environmental change, fast urbanization as well as populace development, required water deliver expanding fluctuations [1-2]. For illustration, in dry or semi-dry areas, outside water is confronting consumption nearby groundwater that is in excess abused because of enlarged generalization [3-4]. The capacity of surface water reservoirs is far reaching however it has some disadvantages which incorporates high vanishing misfortunes, huge land region necessities, residue gathering, the chance of breakdown structure and high powerlessness to defilement [5-6]. An option in contrast near the outside storage is to hoard overabundance water underground through times of small interest or elevated accessibility [7]. Artificial

recharge is done for soon healing otherwise ecological advantages represents a significant technique used for economical water resources management [8-9]. In contrast to different kinds of assets the executives techniques, vital advantages of artificial recharge maintain advanced water demands, overcome the secular difference between supply water and require, water quality development, along with the safety of water against departure losses, green growth sprouts, and air aftermath of poisons during underground stockpiling [10]. In artificial water recharge, the ground water has been impressively intensified by removing the saltiness, therefore recovering an amount of water and the nature.

The artificial recharge techniques are ending up being viable in upkeep and renewal of the aquifers [11]. The ground water recharge can be happens artificially as well as naturally. The normal recharge happens by process of invasion in which water permeates. Be that as it may, because of fast turn of events and marvelous development of populace in the ongoing past the regions for regular penetration which have been diminishing step by step, consequently the possibility for naturally recharging of a ground water is additionally failing. Therefore anthropological techniques have been executed for enhancement of infiltration process [12].

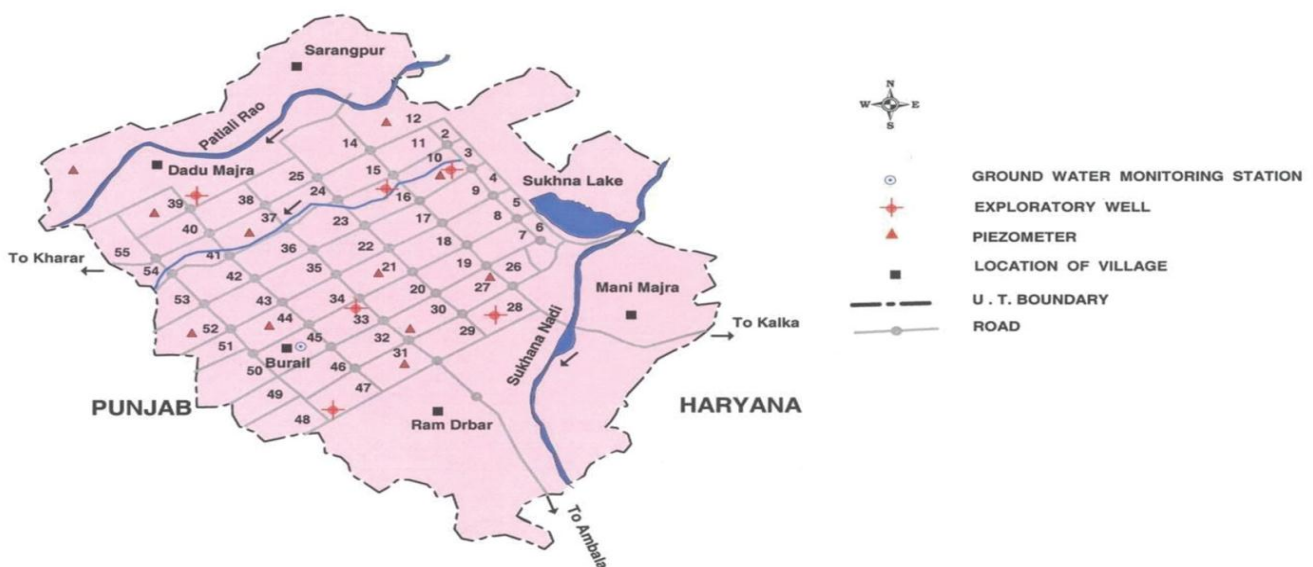


Fig 1- Map of Chandigarh [13].

Because of high urbanization, practically 77.94% of the complete territory isn't accessible for development. The net region planted is 11.12 sq.km. furthermore, the current neglected is 0.49 sq.km. Territory under timberland is 2.12 sq.km. Primary yields developed during Kharif are rice, maize, potato and sugar stick while during Rabi season wheat, gram and oil seeds are developed. There are no enormous common surface water bodies in Chandigarh however little lakes do exist in the country regions [14-16]. The Sukhna Choe has been dammed in eastnorth side of the city, which has offered artificial lake covering a region of about 1.62 sq.km. The lake, known as Sukhna has a water holding limit of 5,000,000 cubic meters (MCM).

UT of Chandigarh falls in the Ghaggar Basin. There are two significant streams, Sukhna Choe and Patiali ki Rao that begin from Siwalik Hills ranges and structures the common waste of the city. Six exploratory wells and

eighteen piezometers have been penetrated by Central Ground Water Board in the UT Chandigarh for depiction spring geometry, nature of development water and hydrogeological investigation of the zone. The shallow and profound piezometers were were developed by the focal Ground Water Board for the investigation of water level conduct in Chandigarh and changes in the nature of ground water in existence.

## II- RAINFALL AND CLIMATE

The atmosphere of Chandigarh can be delegated subtropical with sweltering summer and cold winter aside from during rainstorm season when damp quality of maritime cause arrives at the region [17-18]. There are four seasons in a year. The typical yearly precipitation of the UT is 1061 mm, which is unevenly disseminated over the territory in 49 days. The southwest rainstorm sets in from week ago of June and pulls back in end of September, contributes about 80% of yearly

precipitation. July and August are the wettest months. Rest 20% precipitation is gotten during non- rainstorm period in the wake of western unsettling influences and tempests. The summers and winters show extraordinary temperature mixed by monsoon. The Mean Maximum temperature of the city is 39.1°C (May and June) and the mean Minimum is 6.1° C (January). The most noteworthy recorded temperature in Chandigarh was 46.5° C on 20 June, 1964 and the minimum was (-)1.2° C on 26 January, 1964. The relative stickiness contacts 80% during July – August while the least relative moistness estimations of 26% are recorded during April-May. Wind speed is most extreme at 8.4 km/hr during May while it is least at 3.2 km/hour during September. The normal yearly dissipation for Chandigarh works is 2110 mm. The most reduced month to month dissipation is 7.2 mm during January and most noteworthy of 36.3 mm happens in May.

**Rainfall :** Average Rainfall (Annual) : 1061 mm;  
Average Rainfall (Monsoon) : 849 mm

Average Rainy days : 49

**Temperature:** Mean Minimum: 6.1°C (January); Mean Maximum: 39.1°C (May & June).

Figure 2 shows the rainfall data of the last 5 years of Chandigarh.

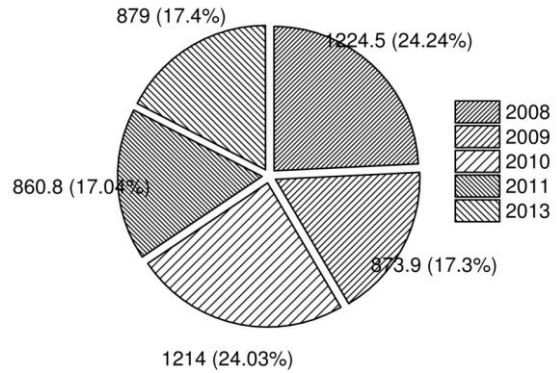


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### III- SOIL TYPES

The soils in UT Chandigarh are loamy sand at surface and calcareous sandy soil in subsurface layers [19-20]. The hard earth structures container at profundities changing somewhere in the range of 20 and 30 m..

In northern parts the soil is sandy to sandy soil where as it is loamy to residue topsoil in southern parts. The soils in Chandigarh are light yellowish earthy colored to pale earthy colored in shading. Practically all the soils are inadequate in nitrogen, phosphorous and potash.

### IV- SCENARIO OF GROUND WATER

WELLS FEASIBLE	RIGS SUITABLE	DEPTH OF WELL (m)	DISCHARGE (lpm)	SUITABLE ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE STRUCTURES
Soft Rock Aquifer Tube Wells	Reverse / Direct Rotary	25 - 400	300 - 1000	Recharge Trench with Injection Well
Soft Rock Aquifer Tube Wells	Percussion / Odex	100 - 300	More than 500	Recharge Trench with Injection Well
Electrical Conductivity (Micromhos / Cm at 25°C)				Iron more than permissible limit (1.0 mg/l)

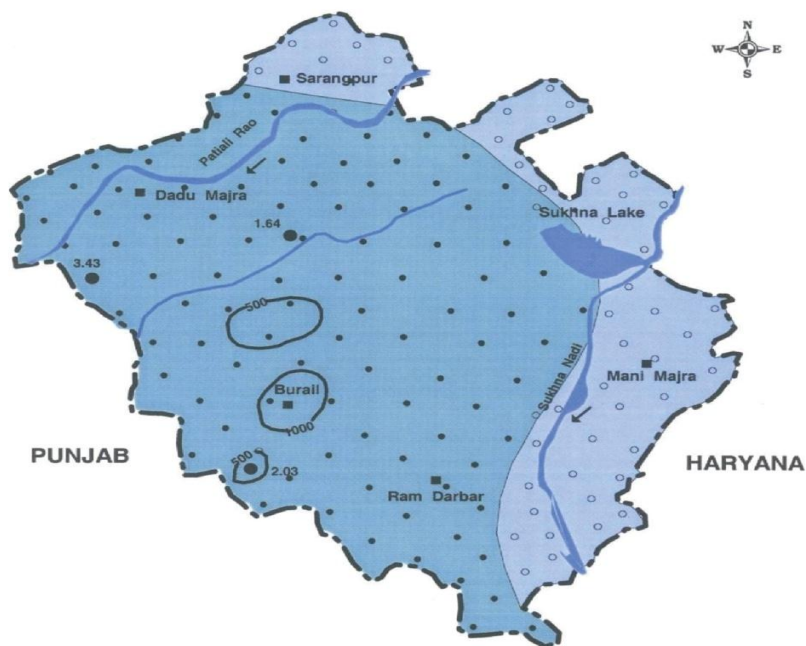


Fig 3- Hydrogeology of Chandigarh [13]

### 4.1 Hydrogeology

The Union Territory of Chandigarh is involved by semi combined arrangements of upper Siwalik arrangement of center Miocene age that are uncovered in north eastern periphery though the remainder of the Territory is involved by Indo-Gangetic plain including alluvium of Pleistocene age. The piedmont stores at the foot of Siwalik Hills involve cobble, stone and rock, related with sand, sediment and dirt. The piedmont stores are trailed by alluvial plain contained mud, sediment and sand.

The arrangements have been saved by the drainage framework beginning in the Siwaliks. Coarser residue happen along the Sukhna Choe and Patiali ki Rao while generally better dregs, therefore limiting the aquifer disposition horizontally, underlie the zone between these two streams.

The arrangements experienced in a borehole penetrated down to 465 mbgl in segment 28, near Sukhna Choe, are all around characterized coarse dregs up to 240 mbgl. Beneath this profundity the developments are better grained. This shows the thickness of coarser dregs is more prominent in northern pieces of the city when contrasted with the southern parts.

Along Sukhna Choe, three conspicuous sand beds happen (inter-bedded with clay beds) inside a profundity of around 100 m. The upper sand beds are around 15 m thick and happen 8 m underneath land surface. Center sand bed is around 18 m thick and happens at profundities differing from 21 to 38 mbgl. The more profound sand bed happens at profundity fluctuating from 39 to 76 mbgl and is around 27 m thick.

Along the Patiali-ki-Rao nala a solitary thick sand bed has been watched. This thick bed is between layered

with earth focal points in east north and westsouth directions of the nala. This bed proceeds yet diminishes towards southeast. Further this bed gets split up into two units isolated by 20 – 25 m thick earth beds.

Ground water in the zone happens submerged table, restricted just as semi-bound conditions [21-23]. The siphoning test information of the aquifers tried in the city unmistakably demonstrates that great restricted springs happen around division 10,33, 38 and 47 while broken are experienced around part 28. The depth of the shallow aquifer framework is under 30m below ground level though the depth of the deeper aquifer system ranges from 40 to 450 mbgl of investigated depth while in Manimajra territory limited aquifers happen under 90 m.

Various aquifer execution tests were likewise directed on the current shallow tubewells and just the recuperation information was utilized to survey the aquifer boundaries. The transmissivity estimations of shallow aquifers up to 100 m depth extend got during these tests went somewhere in the range of 70 and 466 m<sup>2</sup>/day. Water table rise study uncovers that the progression of ground water is from north to westsouth and southern directions. Water table rise contrast among northern and southwestern parts is 20 m and lies between 330 m amsl and 310 m amsl.

During the pre-rainstorm period depth to water level in the shallow aquifer system differs between 1.22 in the southern parts to 45 mbgl in the northern zones. In the western and south-western piece of the city covering parts 39 to 47 the water level is shallow – under five meters. This is because of better nature of silt and lithological limits. In the territory falling north of Madhya Marg, it shifts from 16 m to 27 m below ground level. Anyway in Manimajra territory it is most extreme in the scope of 70 - 80 mbgl.

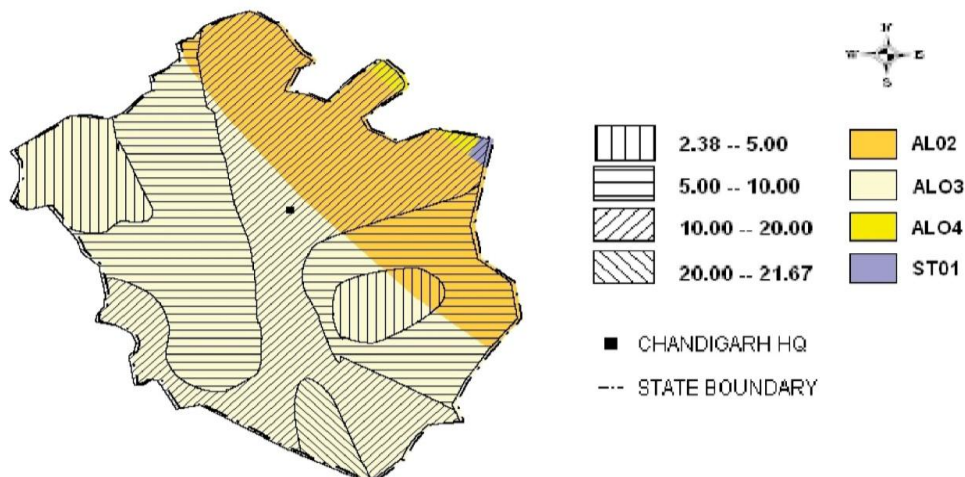


Fig 4- Depth to water level post monsoon 2011 of Chandigarh [13]



The occasional (Pre-post rainstorm) water level fluctuation in the shallow aquifer isn't huge. A larger piece of the city has indicated an rise in water levels, the most extreme being 6.09 m meters in segment 12 and 0.14 meters at Maloya. The western side of the city has enrolled a decrease, the most extreme being 1.1 meters at Maloya.

The drawn out water level fluctuation information of the shallow aquifer system uncovers there is a general decrease of water levels going between - 0.43 m at area 37 and - 7.19 m at part 12 while the ascent of 0.04 m at Maloya and 2.92 m at segment 52 is watched.

#### **4.2 Quality of Ground Water**

In light of the information created from the investigation of ground water tests drawn from hand pump and cylinder wells, it is discovered that the ground water is new and reasonable for drinking just as water system purposes. The conductivity esteems are under 1000 small scale Siemens for every cm aside from in shallow spring at Burail where conductivity is 1030 smaller scale Siemens for every cm. Convergence of a portion of the imperative quality markers, for example, F, NO<sub>3</sub>, saltiness, and hardness is inside reasonable constraints of drinking water measures (BIS - 1991). Among anions, bicarbonate is the prevailing anion. None of the ground water tests from more deeper zone demonstrated centralization of these constituents above greatest allowable level.

To assess water system reasonableness of ground waters, plot of SAR and EC on a broadly utilized USSL chart uncovered that lion's share of the waters fall under C1S1, C2S1 and C3S1 classes of water system rating. Utilization of such waters for water system may cause medium saltiness risks to salt touchy harvests and low sodium danger on soil with low porousness. Nonetheless, these waters are suitable for customary irrigation to salt tolerant crops grown on soils of medium permeability.

#### **4.3 Ground Water Resources**

Ground Water Resources of Chandigarh have been evaluated for the water table aquifer as on 31.03.2011 by considering the accompanying information into thought:

The all out geological region of Chandigarh is 114 Sq.km. what's more, depth to water level in shallow aquifers extended from 4.48 m to 8.47 m during Pre-rainstorm of 2006-2010 while it was 4.53 to 8.07 m during Post monsoon 2006-2010. Explicit yield in the zone of water table change was taken as 12% and Rainfall infiltration factor as 20% (according to standards) and there was no pumpage/ground water draft from shallow aquifers. There were 30 water system tubewells oversaw by Chandigarh Administration in the different towns of U.T., Chandigarh. The depth of these wells is in the scope of 180 m – 250 m. These tubewells tap bound springs under 78 m from ground level. There were 239 tubewells for drinking water flexibly to the rural and urban populace. These tubewells tap restricted springs under 90 m from ground level. The depth of these wells ranges from 200-300 m.

#### **4.4 Status of Ground Water Development**

As Per the examinations completed by CGWB in Chandigarh, three aquifer groups have been recognized. Aquifer Group – I happens fundamentally in the northern pieces of the city. It involves slight sand and rock beds of changing thickness. This gathering happens mainly in the depth range of 325 to 315 m amsl (above mean ocean level). The release of tubewells developed in this gathering ranges somewhere in the range of 450 and 900 lpm. for drawdowns going somewhere in the range of 2.5 and 25 meters. Aquifer Group – II happens in the depth range of 290 – 250 m amsl. The release of tubewells developed in this gathering fluctuates from 650 – 1000 lpm. Because of fine nature of residue the drawdown is high. Aquifer Group – III is the last deepest aquifer group happening in the zone. The normal thickness is around 30 m in the region. It happens between 210 – 180 m amsl. The thickness of individual confined aquifer is 10 to 30 m and sand is medium to coarse grained. The water bearing zones are highly potential and yield about 2000 lpm.

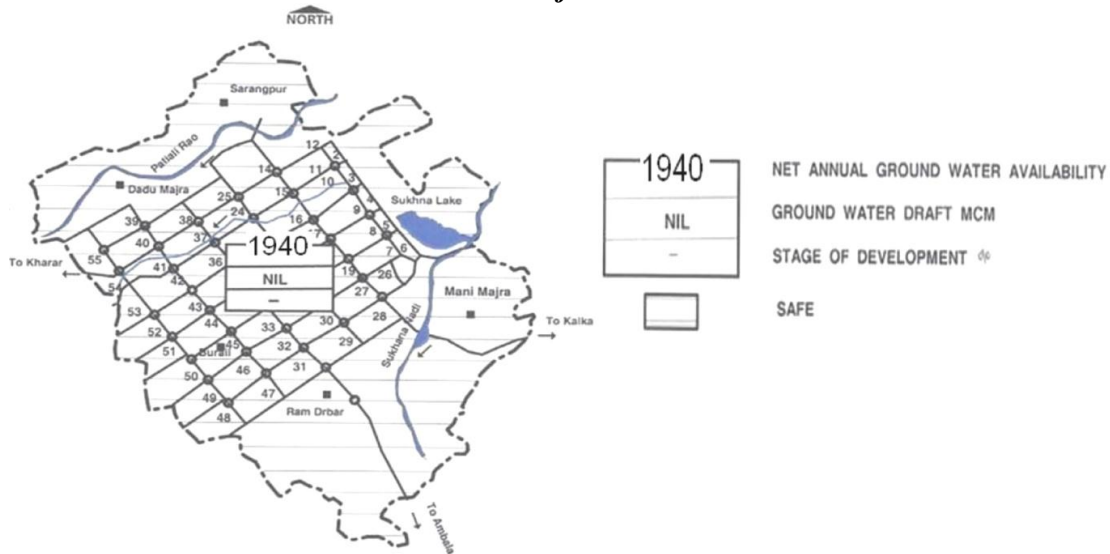


Fig 5- Ground water development potential [13]

There are 200 deep tubewells in the city, which contribute an aggregate of 91 MLD (20 MGD) of water from ground water saves for drinking water supplies to the urban zones of the city. Other than there are 39 tubewells, which give drinking water to country region additionally separated 30 tube wells for irrigation.

## V-GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

### 5.1 Ground Water Development

According to the Water Supply Bye Laws of Chandigarh just the more deep aquifers, under 100 m, are to be misused in Chandigarh city. There are 200 deep tubewells in urban regions and 39 tubewells in country zones for drinking purposes. For water system, there are 30 government tubewells in the country zones. Because of event of stones at different depths in the northern and eastern parts, the penetrating must be embraced by percussion or DTH-cum-Odex strategy. In the boreholes penetrated in the stone arrangements, tapping around 30 m of spring thickness through an opened admission partition having a space size in the scope of 1.5-3.0 mm is generally reasonable and is probably going to yield around 750 to 1000 lpm of good nature of ground water for moderate drawdowns. In the boreholes bored with revolving rigs, an admission part of 30 m through an opened channel of 1.0 to 1.5 mm space size would yield around 400 to 800 lpm of ground water.

### 5.2 Water Conservation and Artificial Recharge

Chandigarh is a profoundly urbanized city and the rooftop of the structures can be reasonably utilized for

artificial recharge of the rainfall falling in Chandigarh. Shallow aquifer happens under semi-limited conditions and exists down to 20 to 30 m underneath land surface. Deep aquifer under 40 m are under limited conditions. The piezometric top of the deep aquifer stands much underneath the water table of shallow aquifers and consequently it can get water effectively on being energized misleadingly. The tubewells in Chandigarh are tapping just the more depth aquifer system which causes fall in piezometric head of more profound aquifer system; whereas water level in the shallower aquifer system is rising. The profundity of the revive well is recommended to associate with 40 m. The channel ought to be loaded up with the channel material. The channel fills double need of putting away the abundance water and sifting the suspended particles/sediment. After development of channel cum revive well, the channelized water is to be associated with the energize structures through R.C.C. or then again M.S. pipes.

Central Ground Water Board, North-Western Region has taken up the accompanying artificial recharge projects in UT of Chandigarh under different midway helped plans. These projects were executed by different offices of Chandigarh Administration and Municipal Corporation.

## VI- GROUND WATER RELATED ISSUES AND PROBLEMS

Luckily there are no large issues identified with ground water in the city aside from a decrease in the piezometric head of the deeper aquifers because of supported siphoning. As referenced before as well, the Water Supply Bye Laws of Chandigarh guarantee all the water

flexibly is to be met from government tubewells and no private tubewells are permitted to be developed. Additionally just the deeper aquifer, under 100 m, are being abused and in this way at present there is none or immaterial withdrawal of ground water from shallow aquifers in Chandigarh city.

This is additionally obvious from the way that though there is an overwhelming decrease in the water levels of the more deeper aquifers because of supported siphoning, there is not really any decrease in water levels of the shallow aquifers. The water levels are particularly very shallow in the southern divisions (and Mohali - where in specific regions water logged conditions exist and dewatering must be depended on while developing multi-storeyed structures). It merits referencing that the chemical quantity of ground water of all the aquifer system in Chandigarh is acceptable and inside as far as possible recommended by BIS (1991) for drinking water aside from at several areas where water test drawn from hand pumps that are around 15 m depth, the iron focus was higher than as far as possible. This may likewise be because of corrosion in the delivery pipes.

## VII- CONCLUSIONS

Chandigarh has a populace of 10.54 lakhs as on 2011, anyway the undertaking populace in 2021 would be 12.40 Lakhs (approx.). Presently, a significant piece of water prerequisite of the city is met by cannal water. Cannal water flexibly to the city is roughly 305 MLD (67 MGD). There are 200 deep tubewells in the city, which contribute an aggregate of 91 MLD (20 MGD) of water which have been saves from ground water . Other than there are 39 tubewells, that provide drinking to rural area too.

As of now referenced, Chandigarh city has the twin issue of ground water decrease just as rise. While the deeper aquifer are under extraordinary pressure and are portraying declining water levels, the shallow aquifers are not being put to any utilization and the water levels are rising and furthermore causing close to water logging conditions in the southern regions of the city. To adjust this issue, it is basic that siphoning from the deeper aquifer is diminished and that from the shallow aquifers be expanded. The misuse from the shallow aquifer ought to be gathered in the southern segments, particularly 39 to 55 in light of shallow ground water levels.

Artificial recharge of the deeper aquifer ought to be taken up to capture the decrease in the piezometric head. It ought to be made obligatory for all the buildings having a rooftop region of more than 250 sq. meters.

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