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Assessment of Quality of Ground Water in Some Villages of Gurgaon District, Haryana (India): Focus on Fluoride.

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Abstract: Ground water quality of Gurgaon district was assessed for its suitability for drinking purposes. The fluoride concentration in underground water was determined in various villages of Gurgaon district of Haryana state (India). The fluoride concentration in the underground water of these villages varied from 0.02-6.4 mg/l. Various other water quality parameters, viz., pH, total dissolved salts, total hardness, total alkalinity, calcium and magnesium hardness were also measured. Majority of the samples do not comply with Indian as well as WHO standards for most of the water quality parameters measured. Overall water quality was found unsatisfactory for drinking purposes. Fluoride content was higher than permissible limit in more than 23% samples.

Key words: Fluoride, Underground water, Drinking water, Total hardness, Water quality standards

I.INTRODUCTION

Ground water is a replenishable source of human water supply and it is estimated that approximately one third of the world's population use ground water for drinking 1. Presence of more than 200 chemical constituents in groundwater has been documented including approximately 175 organic and more than 50 inorganic and radionucleotides. The sources of these chemicals are both natural and anthropogenic 2. Ground water has been contaminated for hundred of years due to their slow movement in water aquifers. Aquifers are the large reservoirs of fresh water surrounded by rock. Ground water has long been considered as the purest form of the water. The quality of ground water is the resultant of all the processes and reaction that act on the water from the moment it condensed in the atmosphere to the time it is discharged by a well as spring and varies from place to place and with the depth of the water table 3. The ground water is more cleaner and pollution free as compared to surface water. But during last decade, this is observed that ground water get polluted drastically because of increased human activities 4-7. Consequently number of cases of water born diseases has been seen which a cause of health hazards 8-11. In India, approximately 62 million people including 6 million children suffer from fluorosis because of consumption of water with high fluoride concentrations 12. As per WHO (1997)13 permissible limit for fluoride in drinking water is 1.0 mg/l, while as per Indian standards it is 1.5 mg/l 14. Seventeen states in India have been identified as endemic for fluorosis and Haryana is one of them. Though fluoride enters the body through food, water, industrial exposure, drugs, cosmetics, etc., drinking water is the major contributor (75-90% of daily intake) 15. Due to its strong electronegativity, fluoride is attracted by positively charged calcium in teeth and bones causing dental fluorosis, teeth mottling, skeletal fluorosis and deformation of bones in children as well as in adults 16. The major sources of fluoride in groundwater are fluoride bearing rocks such as fluorspar, cryolite, fluorapatite and hydroxylapatite 17. In some parts of India, the fluoride levels are below 0.5 mg/l, while at certain other places, fluoride levels are as high as 30 mg/l have been reported 18. It is emerging as a social problem in many parts of northern India. Therefore monitoring the quality of water is one of the essential issues of drinking water management 19. Considering the above aspects an attempt has been made under the present study to assess the various physical and chemical properties of ground water of Gurgaon district including fluoride, which is mainly used for drinking and other domestic purposes.



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Experimental: Site specification and sampling:

Gurgaon, 32 km away from south-west of New Delhi, is the Cyber City of <u>Haryana</u> lies between the 27° 39'and 28° 32' 25" North latitudes, and 76° 39' 30"and 77° 20' 45" East longitudes as shown in fig-1.The district has a total geographical area of 1254 square kilometers and a support a population of 8,70,539. The climate of the district can be classified as tropical steppe, semi-arid and hot which is mainly characterized by the extreme dryness of the Air except during monsoon months, intensely hot summers and cold winters. The average annual rainfall is 569 mm. sThe premonsoon depth to water level in the district ranges from 7.45 mbgl to 52.10 m bgl. During the postmonsoon the water levels range between 7.80 to 51.10 m.bgl. The predominant geological formation is Alluvium.



Fig-1 Location of Gurgaon in Haryana, India

There are a total of 271 villages in Gurgaon District. For the present study a total of 97 water sample were collected from different sources like tube well and shallow hand pumps. From every sites thee water sample were collected for checking the physico-chemical status of ground water. Water sample were collected during and taken in pre-cleaned polyethylene bottles from the selected sites.

II.METHODOLOGY USED IN THE DETERMINATION OF PHYSICO-CHEMICAL PARAMETERS

The collected samples were analyzed for following major physical and chemical parameters:

- 1. pH was determined by Eutech instruments pH tutor.
- 2. Total dissolved solid(TDS) was determined by gravimetric analysis method.20
- Total hardness (TH), Ca²⁺ and Mg²⁺ hardness was determined by titrimetric method using standard EDTA solution. 20
- 4. Total alkalinity (TA), was determined by titrimetric method using standard sulphuric acid solution. 20
- 5. F⁻ ion was determined by fluoride ion-specific electrode and using a reference pH-meter ((Hanna Instruments Model=Hi 3222-02).21

All the chemicals used were of Analytical Grade. All the experiments were carried out in triplicate and the results were found reproducible with \pm 3% error



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Table - 1: Comparison of ground water quality of the villages under study with drinking water standards (Indian and WHO)

Parameters	Minimum	Maximum	Indian	WHO
			standard	
TDS	60	3731	500-1500	500
TH	50.47	2984.2	200-600	500
Ca2+	9	481	200-1000	500
Mg2+	6.8	2922	200-400	50
TA	102	582	200-600	-
pН	5.6	8.4	7.0-9.2	6.5-9.2
F-	0.02	6.4	1.0-1.5	1.0

Except pH all parameters are expressed in mg/lt.

III.RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The groundwater has no colour, odour and turbidity. Taste of the water was slightly brackish at most of the locations. The minimum and maximum values of various physico-chemical parameters for the selected sites are provided in Table-1. The results indicate that the quality of water varies considerably from location to location.

pH Varies from 5.6 to 8.4. This shows that all samples are existed within the minimum and maximum tolerable limit of WHO and BIS. The water samples were found to be slightly basic in nature. Hardness is measured in terms of total hardness and calcium hardness. Total hardness varies form 50.47-2984.2 mg/lit, mostly exceeds the maximum permissible limits of WHO. Ca^{2+} varies from 9-481 mg/lt which were within the WHO and Indian Standard. Mg^{2+} concentration varies from 6.8-2922 mg/lt which were very high compared with the WHO and Indian Standard. Alkalinity varies from 102-582 mg/lt. (As shown in table no 2)

The major natural resource of fluoride is amphiboles, apatite, fluorite and mica. It's concentration in natural waters generally should not exceed 10mg/lit **22**. The factor responsible for ground water contamination with fluoride are geological factors such as weathering of minerals, rock dissolution and decomposition Containing fluoride over a long period of time resulting in the leaching it into ground water **23**. An anthropogenic factor such as industrial process liberates higher concentration of fluoride into atmosphere. The concentration of fluoride in the studied Water samples varies from 0.02 to 6.4 mg/lt. The analyzed fluoride concentration of the sites shows that around 24% samples have the fluoride levels higher than 1.5 mg/l (as shown in fig2 and fig 3). Taking into account the BIS recommended fluoride concentration (1.5 mg/l) in drinking water, people in these localities should be advised to adopt some defluoridation technique prior to use of groundwater for drinking purposes. On the other hand, in about 43% samples F^- content was lesser than (0.7 mg/l) recommended fluoride concentration for caries control.



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Fig-2 Sampling Sites

High fluoride concentration causes dental fluorosis and more skeletal fluorosis 24 whereas the low concentration or absence of fluoride in drinking water results in dental caries in children particularly when the fluoride concentration is less than 0.5 mg/lit 25. The fluoride content in the groundwater is a function of many factors such as availability and solubility of fluoride minerals, velocity of flowing water, temperature, pH, concentration of calcium and bicarbonate ions in water, etc. 26.



Fig-3 Sampling Sites

Khaiwal, R. and V.K. Garg had observed uneven distribution of fluoride in the groundwater of Hisar city which was due to uneven distribution of fluoride containing minerals in the rocks. Fluoride was not significantly correlated with any of the analyzed water quality parameter.



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On the basis of physicochemical analysis of the studied water sources in sixty villages of Gurgaon district (India), it has been concluded that the groundwater and dug well water quality varied spatially. Water at most of the locations is not suitable for drinking purposes as per WHO guidelines. Hardness and fluoride were major health related issues. It is further suggested that some kind of treatment for hardness and fluoride removal is immediately required in the studied villages to avoid waterborne health problems in residents.

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Village		Physical Parameter/Value						
		Total	Total	Ca	Mg	Alkalinit	pН	Fluori
		Dissolv	Hardness as	Hardness	Hardness	v(ppm)	1	de (F)
		ed	CaCO3(ppm	(ppm)	(ppm)			, í
		Solid(p)	чт <i>ў</i>	41 ,			
		pm)	,					
<u> </u>	tubewell no 1	651	256.8	41	37.5	535	7.6	0.5
Sohna	tubewell no 2	373	184.3	26	29	323	7.6	0.4
Nainwai	tubewell no 3	378	137.2	21	20.6	313	7.5	0.36
Sohna Dhana	tubewell no 1	651	256.8	41	37.5	535	7.6	0.5
	tubewell no 2	572	254.7	41	37	472	7.6	0.8
	tubewell no 1	535	254.7	41	37	331	7.7	0.4
Sohna Langra	tubewell no 2	451	165.2	33	20.1	302	7.6	1.0
Ŭ	tubewell no 3	385	145.6	25	20.2	273	7.6	0.53
	tubewell no 1	559	262.4	33	43.7	542	7.6	0.5
Calara	tubewell no 2	566	304.2	41	49	582	7.8	0.6
Sonna	tubewell no 3	814	304.2	41	49	522	7.6	0.8
bhangrola	tubewell no 4	835	244.8	41	34.6	482	7.9	0.7
	tubewell no 5	306	265.9	42	39.1	252	7.7	0.6
Sohna	tubewell no 2	572	172.0	25	26.6	502	7.7	0.4
Begampur								
khatola								
Color Tolat	tubewell no 1	572	102.6	18	14	433	7.7	1.0
Sonna Teekri	tubewell no 2	1190	331.7	40.5	56	221	7.9	0.4
Mandpur	tubewell no 1	387	204.8	21	37	242	7.6	0.3
	tubewell no 1	629	330.1	41	55.3	391	7.7	0.8
Budhera	tubewell no 2	209	220.5	24	39	183	7.6	0.8
	tubewell no 3	192	185.1	25	29.8	162	7.7	0.6
Kaliawas	tubewell no 1	284	254.2	21	49	191	7.5	0.85
Muhamadpur-	tubewell no 1	3310	2784.8	322	481	292	8.2	1.8
faruqnagar								
Makrola	mandir	282	254.7	41	37	211	8	1.9
Iviakiola	handpump							
Sohna	tubewell no 2	278	191.6	21	33.8	162	7.6	0.7
Basunda								
Garhi	tubewell no 1	531	508.4	42	98	192	7.7	0.7
	tubewell no 2	391	316.5	42	51.4	222	7.6	0.7
	(Harijan	293	254.7	41	37	202	7.6	0.6
	Moholla)							
G 11	tubewell no 1	292	102.2	21	21.5	192	7.55	0.65
Sadhrna	(Balmiki	282	182.2	21	31.5	182	1.55	0.65
	wionolla)	205	222.6	42	20 6	252	76	0.6
	tubewell no 1	295	222.0	42	28.0	252	7.0	0.0
	Dhaam	3/0 2215	407.0	41	88.7 122	202	/.0	0.55
	Bneem	2515	101.2	82	122	382	ð	1.05
Khandewla	handnump							
	submersible	186	225.5	25	39.6	102	75	03
Basunda	nanchavti	1175	275.3	41	42	532	7.8	0.5

Table-2



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	handpump							
Mahahama	panchayti	2382	1438.7	248	199	415	8.3	1.55
Menchana	bore							
	handpump(Ja	1482	614.9	83	99	573	7.9	0.9
Karola	smal)							
Kaiola	panchayti	793	495.0	62	82.6	448	5.6	0.7
	bore							
	Panchayat	831	314.0	41	51.4	363	7.7	0.25
	Submersible							
Tripari	pump							
	chitra hand	875	324.0	41	53.8	383	7.55	0.35
	pump							
Basunda	tubewell	2333	1653.8	250	250	420	8	0.9
Rajpura	tubewell	2540	1331.5	210	196	395	8.4	2.1
Menchana	tubewell	3398	1257.4	210	178	445	8.4	1.4
Saidnur	tubewell no 2	2364	1022.0	185	136	415	7.9	2.64
Salupui	tubewell no 1	1944	1113.1	205	146	466	8	2.1
Khantawaa	tubewell no 1	1313	871.6	102	149.8	352	7.7	0.5
Mantawas	tubewell no 2	2600	2012.4	326	291	233	8.3	0.35
Malan In	tubewell no 1	2233	1403.2	242	194	153	7.9	0.74
Monamapur	tubewell no 2	2468	1798.1	321	242	202	8.3	0.27
	Hajipur	1859	1812.5	244	292.2	420	8.1	0.31
Patli	tubewell							
	tubewell	165	217.2	22	39.4	112	7.5	0.25
Tajnagar	tubewell	2610	1594.2	241	241	133	8.1	1.0
Daboda	tubewell no 1	716	264.6	41	39.4	232	7.6	0.14
Khandewla	tubewell no 3	670	289.0	42	44.7	278	7.6	0.4
	tubewell at	416	235.0	41	32.2	295	7.7	0.43
Taj nagar	panchayat							
171	Panchayat	1474	610.8	83	98	244	7.9	0.9
Knurampur	h/pump							
Siwari -Ki -	tubewell	2666	2449.0	331	394	133	8.0	6.4
Dhani								
Ionala	Govt.	1453	837.2	110	136.6	175	7.9	0.7
Jarola	tubewell							
Mohamadpur	tubewell no 3	3108	2125.3	330	316	155	8.3	0.60
(Farukh								
nagar)								
Rajupur	handpump	2320	1507.0	244	218	363	8.1	2.3
Siwari	tubewell	617	432.1	51	74	132	7.65	0.58
panchayat								
	h/pump	572	439.6	49	77.2	452	7.7	0.82
Musheadpur	h/pump	1280	343.5	45	56.2	510	7.9	3.6
	mandir							
Siwari	h/pump near	1984	1624.8	212	266	192	8.3	0.82
Siwari	chopal							
Sahara mall	tubewell	297	285.6	26	53.6	192	7.6	0.55
Meoka	tubewell no1	556	162.8	22	26.2	512	7.6	1.85
Noorgarh	tubewell no 2	3162	1323.3	210	194	372	8.4	2.0
noorgani	tubewell no1	3110	1603.0	322	194	272	8.4	2.2
Rampura	tubewell no 2	1899	604.2	82	97	471	7.6	2.2



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Sohna	Dadawas	2292	1197.9	201	169	481	7.66	0.6
Jointa	tubewell							
Haliyaki	tubewell	1952	1098.0	161	169	452	8	1.5
Manwaki	tubewell no 1	2870	1830.7	245	296	482	8.2	1.5
Rajpura	tubewell no 1	1964	811.1	122	123	481	8.2	1.8
Balawa	tubewell no 4	1650	759.9	81	135.4	322	8.1	0.4
Dalewa	tubewell no 2	1429	615.0	83	99	323	7.6	0.45
Hussainka	tubewell no 1	1434	324.1	49	49	451	7.7	2.7
Sohna	tubewell no 2	3697	1794.0	321	241	208	8.4	1.1
Chhillarki	tubewell no 1	1278	385.5	34	73	462	7.8	2.55
Muhamdnur	Jharsa	1113	261.4	42	38	384	7.7	0.82
Wunanupui	tubewell no 2							
DLF colony	Jet pump	1180	211.4	22	38	313	7.9	0.18
Garhi	tubewell no 2	337	187.6	26	29.8	305	7.65	1.2
Dhorompur	tubewell no 2	3731	1508.4	205	242	558	8.4	1.7
Dharampu		2970	904.2	123	145	551	8.2	3.3
Harsaru	tubewell no 2	1476	476.4	46	87.8	391	7.83	0.96
Gugana	tubewell	2232	1108.1	203	146	422	8.1	1.52
Dooma	tubewell no 2	458	357.7	41	62	282	7.6	1.1
Jori	tubewell no 1	918	389.2	49	64.8	421	7.6	1.45
Sohna	tubewell no 2	415	218.1	25	37.8	351	7.6	0.48
Sahiawas								
Sohna	tubewell no 1	445	122.0	17	19.3	331	7.6	0.28
Nainwal								
Sohna	tubewell no 2	3692	2984.2	481	433	161	8.4	1.2
Ghanghola								
Sohna	tubewell	472	239.7	33	38.2	281	7.5	1.41
Nanerhera								
Sohna Alipur	tubewell	1116	497.4	59	85	291	7.8	0.19
Patel Nagar	tubewell	339	183.3	17	34.2	321	7.67	0.02
Sohna	tubewell no 1	516	119.4	16.5	19	351	7.7	2.2
Darbaripur								
Jahajgarh	tubewell	2000	618.7	40	126	510	8	1.8
chanakyapuri	tubewell	60	50.5	9	6.8	110	7.5	0.02
guest house								
Daboda	tubewell no 3	1070	206.7	30	32	510	7.9	1.55
Sohna Dhani	tubewell	610	415.6	51	70	421	7.65	0.65
Hasanpur	t/well no 1	770	319.0	42	52	150	7.6	1.09