An Effective Method of Rainwater Harvesting To Provide Water Demands of Indian Villages

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Abstract— Millions of people worldwide suffer from lack of water. The importance of water is well known. The problems facing water sources are well documented. There are several factors that compromise amount and quality of water offer sources in some developing countries. It is found that rainwater gathering, the collection of rain from surfaces upon that it falls, is a long-standing practice of the many countries still used as a way for coping with the water issues of nowadays. Rain is harvested in many ways that and may be a important supplementary supply of water. Can a focus on rain gathering effectively solve a number of the water handiness problems round-faced by communities in developing countries? Is that this old observe still acceptable by trendy feasibility criteria? This paper defines feasibility in terms of the physical, social, and technical environments of developing countries. More specifically, current water supplies, climate, available resources, cultural preferences, gender roles, community dynamics, supply and demand are outlined and evaluated to confirm the role every play in sustaining the observe of rain gathering. For the increasing population demand of water goes on increasing. Due to less precipitation or no rainfall face the matter of water inadequacy and drought condition. To solve this problem easy methodology of rain gathering system is projected during this paper. The rooftop rain gathering system for water conservation is value effective, ecofriendly and easy to hold out.

Key words: Rainwater harvesting, water scarcity, Avg. Rainfall, Catchment, cost effectiveness

I. Introduction

Water is essential for all life and employed in many alternative ways, it is also an area of the larger system within which the copy of the bio diversity depends. Fresh water inadequacy isn't restricted to the arid climate regions solely, but in areas with smart provide the access of safe water is turning into essential downside. Lack of water is caused by low water storage capacity, low infiltration, larger inter annual and annual fluctuations of precipitation (due to monsoonic rains) and high evaporation demand. The term water harvesting was most likely used 1st by Geddes of the University of State Capital. He defined as the assortment and storage of any kind of water either runoff or creek flow for irrigation use. Meyer's of USDA, USA has defined it as the observe of aggregation water from a section treated to extend runoff from downfall. Recently Currier, USA has defined it as the method of aggregation natural precipitation from ready watershed for useful use. Now a day's water harvest home has become a general term for aggregation and storing runoff water or creek flow, resulting from rain in soil profile and reservoirs each over surface /under surface. Previously this was used for arid and semi arid areas, but recently their use has been extended to sub wet and wet regions too. In India water harvest suggest that utilizing the erratic monsoon rain for raising smart crops in dry tracks and conserve the excess runoff water for drinking and for recharging functions.

India has a long tradition of water harvest home. Many of the ancient water harvest home systems have either fallen to declination attributable to a range of physical, social, economic, cultural and political factors that have caused their deterioration, and due to the decline of institutions that have nurtured them (Agarwal and Narain 1997), or have lost their relevance in the modern-day context attributable to their inability to fulfill the needs of communities. While the 1st dimension of the decline in water harvest home tradition has been well researched and documented, the second dimension is much less understood and appreciated. The lack of willingness to understand the very fact that completely different periods in history square measure marked by the genesis, rise and fall of new water harvesting traditions, is also terribly clear. In the history of India's water sector, the past two decades square measure characterised by a boom in water harvest home. They are markedly completely different from the years of ancient harvest home in 2 ways; 1st, in terms of the context; and second, in terms of the purpose. As regards the context, the two decades square measure able to use recent advancements in soil, geosciences and hydrosciences; and modern day techniques and technologies in survey and investigation, earth moving and construction; and management tools such as hydrological and hydraulic modeling. While the ancient years of harvest home delineate the simplest engineering feats of these times, in terms of the water technology used for water harnessing and distribution (Agarwal and Narain 1997), and the volume of water handled, the modern water harvest home systems square measure at the best miniature versions of the big water resource systems that used advances in engineering and geophysics. As regards the purpose, modern water harvest home systems square measure utilized as resource management solutions, and not as resource development solutions. For instance, many water harvest home structures were engineered for up geological formation storages and groundwater quality. The limited Indian analysis on rain harvest home (RWH)/artificial recharge thus so much had centered on the engineering performance of individual structures (see Muralidharan and Athawale 1998). While a ton of anecdotal proof on the social and economic gains is offered, there is little understanding, based on empirical work, of: 1) the impacts of water.

Water is one of the most abundant commodities in nature but it is most misused one. One of the basic necessities of life is water. Living things exist on the earth's surface because this is the only planet that has presence of water. Water is necessary for survival of all living things. In summer season in various districts of Maharashtra people faces the problem of drought condition due to no or less rainfall. Now a day for increasing population the demand of water for domestic, industrial and agricultural purposes goes on increasing. The people from draught region face the problem of water scarcity. In nature the water sources are limited. We are well aware of that the 1/3 part on earth is surrounded by water but out of that 97% is of seawater and 3% fresh water out of 3% only 0.3% is potable water. The population near the industrial area is exposed to the water sources polluted by waste water from industries which causes the various diseases. Now a day due to less or no rainfall the Sangli District is facing Sevier drought condition. Out of 10 theses 8tahasils are suffering from such conditions. The ground water is one of the most reliable sources of water on the earth. Due to less rainfall and drought condition the ground water level goes on decreasing. In our area the ground water is saline in nature which is not useful for the domestic purposes as well as agricultural purposes due to heavy use of chemical fertilizers. So it is necessary to do the alternative arrangement for usable water. To solve this problem simple technique of rooftop rainwater harvesting is one of the most important alternatives and its use for future plan is investigated here. It means when rain falls catch the rain water on rooftop, building surface and through the pipes it is stored in storage tanks. By making good quality it is used for various domestic purposes and also seldom adopted in industry.

II. History of Rain Water Harvesting

Water harvesting like several techniques in use these days is not new. It is practiced as early as 4500 B.C. by the individuals of Ur and conjointly latest by the Nabateans and alternative people of the Center East. While the early water gathering techniques used natural materials, 20th century technology has created it doable to use artificial suggests that for increasing runoff from precipitation. Evenari and his colleagues of Israel have described water gathering system in the Negve desert. The system involved clearing hill sides to sleek the soil and increase runoff and then building contour ditches to gather the water and carry it to low lying fields wherever the water was wont to irrigate crops. By the time of the Roman Empire, these runoff farms had evolved into relatively subtle systems. The next significant development was the development of catchments as represented by the general public works Department of Western Australia in 1956. They are therefore referred to as as a result of the soil is ranked into ditches. These ditches convey the collected water to a storage reservoir. Lauritzan, USA has done pioneering work in evaluating plastic and artificial rubber membranes for the development of catchments and reservoirs during 1950’s. In 1959,Mayer of water conservation laboratory, USA began to investigate materials that caused soil to become hydrophobic or water repellent. Then gradually expanded to embrace sprayable asphalt compounds, plastic and metal films bounded to the soil compaction and dispersion and asphalt fiber glass membranes. Early 1960, research programmes in water harvesting were also initiated in Israel by Hillal and at the University of Arizana by Gluff. Hillal’s work related primarily to soil smoothing and runoff farming. Cluff has done a considerable amount of work on the use of soil sealing with sodium salt and on ground covered with plastic membranes.

Water harvesting was practiced more than 1000 years back in South India, by way of construction of irrigation tank, ooranis, temple tanks, farm ponds etc, but the research in India on this subject is of recent one. Work is taken up at ICRISAT, Hyderabad, Central arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur, Central Research Institute for dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), Hyderabad, State Agricultural Universities and other dry Land Research Center throughout India. In Pakistan, in the mountainous and dry province of Balukhistan, bunds are constructed across the slopes to force the runoff to infiltrate. In China, with its vast population is actively promoting rain and stream water harvesting. One very old but still common flood diversion technique is called ‘Warping’ (harvesting water as well as sediment). When water harvesting technique are used for runoff farming, the storage reservoir will be soil itself, but once the water is to be used for farm animal, supplementary irrigation or human consumption, a storage facility of some kind will have to be made. In countries where land is lush, water gathering involves; harvesting or reaping the entire fresh water, store it and utilize it for various functions. In India, it is uphill to use the space|acreage|area|expanse|surface area} only to reap water and thence water gathering suggests that use the rain water at the place wherever it falls to the utmost and also the excess water is collected and once more reused within the same area. Therefore the which means of water gathering is totally different|completely different} in different area/ countries.

The methods explained on top of area unit used for each agriculture and to increase the bottom water accessibility. The water harvesting for recharging functions area unit conjointly breathing for long years within the world. During rainy days, the people within the villages want to collect the roof water in the vessels and use constant for home functions as well as drinking. In South East Asian countries people used to collect the roof water (roof by providing gutters) by putting four huge earthern drums in four corners of their homes. They use this water for all household functions and if it is exhausted solely they'll choose ground water.These rainwater area unit used for all labs, which need pure and sensible quality of water. In the same way the fresh water falling on the terrace altogether the building created after area unit collected and keep within the underground masonry tanks Even the surface water flowing the field are amused by providing obstructions, to the open wells to recharge ground water. Hence fresh water gathering is as recent as civilization and practiced unceasingly in completely different ways that for various functions within the world the sole issue is that it's not been done consistently altogether places. Need has come back to harvest the fresh water as well as roof water to resolve the water issues all over not solely within the arid however conjointly within the wet region. It is estimated that water would like for drinking and alternative municipal uses are going to be increased from 3.3 MHm to 7.00 MHm in 2020/25. Similarly the demand of water for industries can be increased 3 by 4 fold i.e. from 3.0 MHm 12.00 MHm during this amount At constant time additional space ought to be brought below irrigation to feed the escalating population of the country, which conjointly wants additional water. But we tend to area unit not reaching to get one metric capacity unit additional water than we tend to get at the moment tho' the demand is fearsome. The perennial rivers are changing into dry and water table is depleting in most of the areas. Country is facing floods and drought in the same year in many nations. This is because, no concrete action was taken to conserve, harvest and manage the rain water efficiently. The rainfall is lush in the world and conjointly in Asian country. But it is not equally distributed altogether places. India being the monsoonic country, the rain falls only for three to four months in an exceedingly year with high intensity, which results additional runoff and wearing. Total rain occurs solely in concerning one hundred hours out of 8760 hours in a year. It also erratic and fails once in three or four years. This is quite common in many components of the country.

III. Critical Issues in Rainwater Harvesting

One of the foremost important underlying values in rain gathering is that it's a benign technology (Bachelor et al. 2002) and cannot create undesirable consequences. Water harvesting initiatives square measure driven by firm beliefs and assumptions, some of which are:

1) That there's an enormous quantity of monsoon flow, which remains un-captured and eventually ends up within the natural sinks, especially seas and oceans, supported by the national level aggregates of macro hydrology;
2) That native water desires square measure too tiny and as such exogenous water isn't needed;
3) That local water gathering systems square measure forever tiny and, therefore, are cost effective;
4) since the economic, social and environmental values of water are terribly high in regions hit by water shortages, water harvesting interventions square measure viable, supported by the assumption that cost- effective alternatives which will herald an equivalent amount of water, do not exist;
5) Progressive structures cause incremental benefits; and
6) Being tiny with tide storage and diversion capacities, they do not pose negative consequences for downstream uses.

IV. Lack of Emphasis on Local Water Demand and Potential Supplies

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VI. Issues in Evaluating Costs and Economics

In the planning of enormous water resource systems, cost and economic science area unit vital issues in evaluating totally different choices. But sadly, the same doesn't seem to be applicable within the case of tiny systems, though issues concerning economic science of recharge systems in sure things were raised by authors such as Phadtare (1988) and Kumar (2004). Part of the explanation for the dearth of stress on ‘cost’ is that the lack of scientific understanding of the hydrological aspects of small-scale interventions, such as the quantity of stream flows that are obtainable at the purpose of impounding, their patterns, the amount that might be impounded or recharged and also the influence space of the recharge system. Even though simulation models area unit obtainable for analyzing construction geophysics, there are nice difficulties in generating very important knowledge at the small level, especially those on daily precipitation, soil infiltration rates, catchment slopes, land cover and PET, which verify the potential inflows; and evaporation rates that verify the potential outflows. Furthermore, for small water gather comes, implemented by native agencies and NGOs with tiny budgets, the cost of hydrological investigations and designing is difficult to justify. Often, provision for such items is not created in tiny water gather comes.

VII. Conclusions

In the most water-scarce regions of India, RWH offers limited potential. In many different regions, which have medium rainfalls however expertise ‘medium to high evaporation’, the poor groundwater potential of the hard-rock that underlie these regions pose a constraint for recharging. This was illustrated by water-level fluctuation data in the wells of the geographical region. The economic evaluation of water gathering systems poses many complexities due to the issues in quantifying their hydrological impacts, and their various advantages. The economics of water gathering cannot be figured out for structures on the idea of individual advantages, but on the basis of progressive advantages. In many water-scarce basins, there is a robust tradeoff between maximising the hydrological advantages from RWH and creating them cost-efficient. In many water-scarce basins, RWH interventions lead to the distribution of hydrological benefits instead of to their augmentation. This was also illustrated by the historical flow series information from watercourse basin. There is an optimum level of water gathering that a basin will endure to optimize the gross worth product of water economic, social and environmental outputs basin-wide.

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