

ANALYSIS OF ELECTRICAL RESISTIVITY DATA FOR THE DELINEATION OF GROUND WATER PROSPECTIVE ZONES AT KARCHANA BLOCK OF ALLAHABAD DISTRICT. U. P. INDIA.

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ABSTRACT

Electrical resistivity of sounding of Karchana block was conducted to delineating the ground water feasibility and selection of sites for installation of bore wells. The reason for choosing this area have undergone stress for the natural resources like water is continuous declining of ground water due to urbanization and industrialization also it was dark block in 2008. 2 D resistivity imaging technique was utilized. The 2 D resistivity technique/electrical resistivity technique utilized the Schlumberger electrode array configuration because this array is moderately sensitive to both vertical and horizontal structures. Twenty (20) vertical electrical resistivity soundings were acquired with ABEM resistivity Terameter in Schlumberger configuration. The electrode spacing AB/2 varied from 1.5 to maximum spread length of 150 meters. The VES location identified with the help of GPS Oregon 650, whose horizontal resolution is 1-2 Mt.

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Introduction

Ground water is an important component of the water system for domestic, industrial and agricultural purpose. In Geophysics the electrical resistivity technique is the best technique for identifying ground water prospective zones and is economic as compare to other techniques like magnetic method, seismic refraction method. Geophysical studies of the earth involve taking measurements at or near the earth's surface that are influenced by internal distribution of physical properties. Geophysical method is used to identify physical properties of the earth and monitor Geotechnical properties and then cheaper to perform than drilling many sampling wells. VES is also very useful in determining risk assessment of aquifers it is also identified fresh and saline water and depth to the bedrock. In this technique the 2-dimensional (2D) resistivity data generated using multi electrode which resulted high density pseudo section with dense sampling of apparent resistivity measurement at shallow depth ranging from surface to depth of the aquifer.

Ground water is the main source for potable water supply, domestic, industrial and agricultural uses. The scarcity of ground water increases day by day due to rapid population, urbanization, industrial and agricultural related activities, natural calamities etc. The declining of the ground water is alarming with years of devastating effects on human and ecosystem. To meet out the demand of water, people are depending more on aquifers.

Ground water development, therefore, constitutes a practicable choice, where potential ground water is good. In the Indian context, the situation becomes more

precarious due to continuous declining of groundwater and over exploitation because of urbanization and Industrialization. Further, low rainfall, high evaporation and runoff limit recharge to the ground water system. The feasibility of using electrical resistivity methods to determine resistivity, depth and thickness of the model earth layers, estimation of number of smooth and equivalence layers corresponding to the number of model earths layers (stratigraphic correlation). Geophysical investigation of the subsurface strata can we made either from the land surface or in a drilled hole in the formation. The surface method includes electrical resistivity, gravity, magnetic, seismic, remote sensing, etc. Among these methods, the electrical resistivity method is widely used for ground water potential identification has been applied more widely in ground water exploration studies because it is an economic and reasonable method as compared to others.

Study Area

The present study area is situated in a Karchana block of Allahabad district, the area lying between Latitude 25°21' 6.249'' N to 25° 09' 4.372'' N and Longitude 81°51' 41.809'' E to 82° 5' 21.389'' E. It is bounded by Kaudhiyara in the west, Uruwan in the east, Meja block lies in the southern part whereas northern side is bounded by Bahadurpurblock. The Yamuna River follows the block boundary between Karchanaand Bahadpur block. It comprises 80 Gram Panchayat and 119 revenue villages. Karchanablock in Allahabad district forms part of great Indo-Gangetic plains and is situated almost on the bank of the area between the Yamuna and Ganga rivers. The entire block is covered by Alluvial formation (Alluvial plain) is of low relief characterized by thick deposition of clay, canker, sand, gravel and Vindhyan hills of the plateau region.



Karchana block in Allahabad district of Uttar Pradesh lies in alluvial plain and hard rock terrain. Groundwater is available only in medium sand, weathered and fracture zones. In this area assured surface water supplies are nominal and most of the farmers depend on groundwater for drinking and irrigation purposes. Average annual rainfall is around 973.8mm which is mostly lost as surface runoff and evaporation. The age of formation of rock in this area is Proterozoic to Recent and it is characterized by Quaternary alluvium and Vindhyan Plateau.

Cultivation is the major activity in this area, monsoon water is not sufficient to fulfil the requirement for both domestic and economical purposes. As the ground storage water is the only ultimate source for all requirements. In this context of the more dependent on groundwater, as well as open wells are deepened and the creation of deep bore wells are constructed for irrigation purposes.

This work is undertaken with the following objectives

- a) To delineate the occurrence of freshwater aquifer in the study area through geophysical investigation.
- b) To delineate the fresh/saline zone interface by interpretation of VES results.
- c) Hydro geomorphological study through interpretation of local geology.
- d) As a ground water storage is only the ultimate source for all requirements. In this contest more depending on ground water, as well as open wells are deepened and the creation of deep bore wells are constructed for irrigation and drinking water purpose.

Methodology

Twenty (20) Schlumberger vertical electrical resistivity sounding were acquired at the selected location. The Schlumberger array used, with maximum current electrode separation of 1.5 meters to 150 meters. Electrodes are normally arranged in along a straight line, the potential electrode placed in $AB/2 \leq 5MN/2$ between the current electrodes. This configuration is mostly used as it would provide subsurface information considering the depth of penetration. The geometrical factor k is used in Schlumberger configuration is; $Kk =$

whereas k is Geometric factor : A numerical value (in meter) depending on the relative spacing of electrodes.

After noting ΔV and ΔI the apparent resistivity is calculated by the fundamental equation for resistivity survey is derived from ohm's law the voltage applied across the conductor is directly proposal to the current flowing through it

That is $V \propto I$

$V=RI$ (R =Constant and Resitivity)

$R=V/I$

Where, V – volatge across the conductor

I – Current flowing through the conductor

R – Resitance

According to ohm's law and from the primary data, the mathematical process is as follows:-

The resistivity of the soil (R) = $K.V/I$

K =constant (ohm's constant)

V =voltage across the conductor

I =current in ampere

The result is put in the double log (log-log) graph and the resultant curve is interpreted through the master's curve of (Orellana and Mooney 1966)Schlumberger



method and the interpretation results are calculated.

In the present study, geological mapping is done using enhance LISS-IV and Cartosat PAN merged data for preparing different thematic layers. By using Arc GIS software (10.1 version) prepare various thematic maps like Location map of study area(fig. no.-21),VES Location map of study area(fig. no.-22), Hydrogeomorphological map(fig. no.-23).

Result and Discussion

Resistivity soundings in this area clearly identified the nature of the lithological depth and proved useful in identifying water-bearing zones. After interpreting resistivity data and value, of the study area is found to be changed due to subsurface strata variation. There resistivity value and layer thickness of the subject area is afforded in the table 1. It is observed at most of the locations have four layers, curves, whereas three layers, curves are noticed in location. The top soil layer of variable nature has a resistivity value between 5 to 163 ohm mt. Whose thickness is ranging from 1 to 2 Mt. The Overburden thickness layer containing clay\kankar, sandy soil is identified with resistivity value ranging from 5 to 202 ohm met. whose thickness is 2 to 16 mt. The aquifer layer including (Medium sand, Weathered and Fracture zone) is identified with resistivity value ranging from 8 to 487ohm Mt. whose resistivty thickness 9 to 37 mt. After investigation, we find that all the paint is suitable for bore wells. The discharge of the bore wells depending upon thickness of the aquifer. Remote sensing and GIS is the powerful tool and cost effective method for assessing ground water potential zone based on which suitable locations for ground water withdrawal could be identified.

Table-1

Interpretation of Lithology as per their respective resistivity values

| VES No. | Apparent resistivity in ohm-Mt. | Thickness in mt. | Probable Lithology | Remarks |
|---------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | 56.36 | 1.5 | Top soil | Aquifer zone |
| | 35.31 | 4 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 22 | 10 | Sand/weathered rock | |
| | 114 | 18.5 | Fractured/compact Sandstone | |
| 2 | 52 | 2 | Top soil | Aquifer zone |
| | 10 | 9 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 114 | 23 | Sand/weathered rock | |
| | 147 | 16 | Fractured/compact Sandstone | |
| 3 | 16 | 1.5 | Top soil | Aquifer zone |
| | 5.4 | 14.5 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 21.57 | 18 | Sand | |
| | 41.01 | 16 | weathered/fractured rock | |
| 4 | 25.21 | 1 | Top soil | Aquifer zone |
| | 62 | 3 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 19.1 | 14 | Sand | |
| | 7.1 | 37 | Sandy clay | |
| 5 | 12.4 | 1 | Top soil | Aquifer zone |
| | 28.69 | 12 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 51.78 | 15 | Sand/weathered rock | |
| | 65.51 | 13 | Fractured/compact Sandstone | |
| 6 | 14 | 2 | Top soil | Less Discharge Aquifer zone |
| | 4.98 | 7 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 59.1 | 19 | Sand/weathered rock | |
| | 99.56 | 13 | Fractured/compact Sandstone | |
| 7 | 59.55 | 1 | Top soil | Aquifer zone |
| | 23.35 | 7 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 9 | 30 | Sandy clay | |
| | 20.1 | 17 | Sand | |



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|----|--------|-----|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 8 | 27.25 | 2 | Top soil | Aquifer zone |
| | 17.38 | 16 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 9.5 | 20 | Sandy clay | |
| | 13.5 | 17 | Sand | |
| 9 | 12.66 | 1.5 | Top soil | Less Discharge Aquifer zone |
| | 26.3 | 8.5 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 152.8 | 10 | Sand/weathered rock | |
| | 402.5 | 9 | Fractured/compact Sandstone | |
| 10 | 4.88 | 2 | Top soil | Less Discharge Aquifer zone |
| | 21.5 | 5 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 211.91 | 13 | Sand/weathered rock | |
| | 487.61 | 9 | Fractured/compact Sandstone | |
| 11 | 17.47 | 1 | Top soil | Aquifer zone |
| | 24.45 | 5 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 35.89 | 19 | Sand/weathered rock | |
| | 87.41 | 10 | Fractured/compact Sandstone | |
| 12 | 10.99 | 1.5 | Top soil | Aquifer zone |
| | 21.08 | 6.5 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 14.05 | 17 | Sand/weathered rock | |
| | 39.9 | 11 | Fractured/compact Sandstone | |
| 13 | 14.6 | 2 | Top soil | Aquifer zone |
| | 24.22 | 8 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 37.93 | 21 | Sand/weathered rock | |
| | 87.55 | 14 | Fractured/compact Sandstone | |
| 14 | 83.89 | 1.5 | Top soil | Aquifer zone |
| | 16.28 | 6.5 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 7.9 | 26 | Sandy clay | |
| | 26.34 | 16 | Sand | |
| 15 | 24.16 | 1.5 | Top soil | Aquifer zone |
| | 83.38 | 8.5 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 41.31 | 35 | Sand/weathered rock | |
| | 60.33 | 21 | Fractured/compact Sandstone | |
| 16 | 66.19 | 1 | Top soil | Aquifer |

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|----|--------|-----|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | 93.08 | 4 | Clay/Clay kankar | zone |
| | 39.71 | 10 | Sand/weathered rock | |
| | 42.95 | 30 | Fractured/compact Sandstone | |
| 17 | 162.73 | 1 | Top soil | Less Discharge Aquifer zone |
| | 201.67 | 2 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 72.37 | 12 | Sand/weathered rock | |
| | 144.96 | 30 | Fractured/compact Sandstone | |
| 18 | 16.35 | 1.5 | Top soil | Aquifer zone |
| | 43.76 | 9.5 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 16.23 | 23 | Sand/weathered rock | |
| | 56.78 | 16 | Fractured/compact Sandstone | |
| 19 | 37.35 | 1 | Top soil | Aquifer zone |
| | 69.59 | 6 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 7.3 | 24 | Sandy clay | |
| | 14.94 | 14 | Sand | |
| 20 | 16.35 | 1 | Top soil | Aquifer zone |
| | 23.34 | 7 | Clay/Clay kankar | |
| | 18.07 | 26 | Sand/weathered rock | |
| | 30.7 | 16 | Fractured/compact Sandstone | |

Conclusion

There are four Geo-electrical layers were delineated within the study area and mostly found H, K, A types of VES curves. These includes; the top soil, caly/kankar, sandy clay, weathered and fracture zone. Interpretation of the VES tests indicates the presence of an alluvial aquifer that mainly consists of fractured/weathered Sandstone with an intermediate resistivity range between 5 to 487 ohm mt. The ground water prospects are less in hard rock areas, especially in granitic terrains. The interpretation of resistivity curve is done by Zohdy and IP2win software. Four distinct subsurface geological layers were identified, aided by bore hole litho-logical



logs. This includes; the top soil, over burden, weathered and fractured layer. The top soil layer variable nature has a resistivity value between 5 to 163 ohm mt. Whose thickness is ranging from 1 to 2 mt. The overburden thickness layer containing clay\kankar, sandy soil is identified with resistivity value ranging from 5 to 202 ohm mt. whose thickness is 2 to 16 mt. The aquifer layer is identified by the resistivity value ranging from 8 to 487 ohm mt. whose resistivity thickness 9 to 37 mt. After investigation, we find that all the point is suitable for bore well. Most of the feasible sites are found in sand, weathered and fractured granite. Rock type of study area is Vindhyan sandstone, granite, quartzite and granite gneiss. The discharge of the bore wells depending upon thickness of the aquifer. Taking in the view of VES interpretation and the strata of exploration drilling, the Karchana block is considered for feasibility of Bore wells.

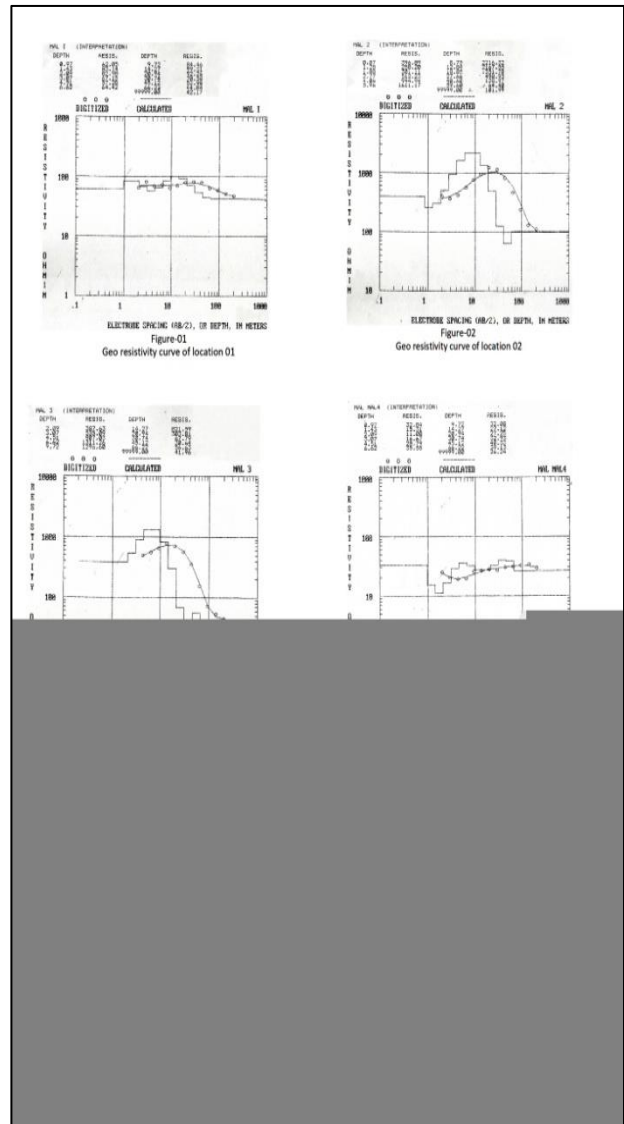
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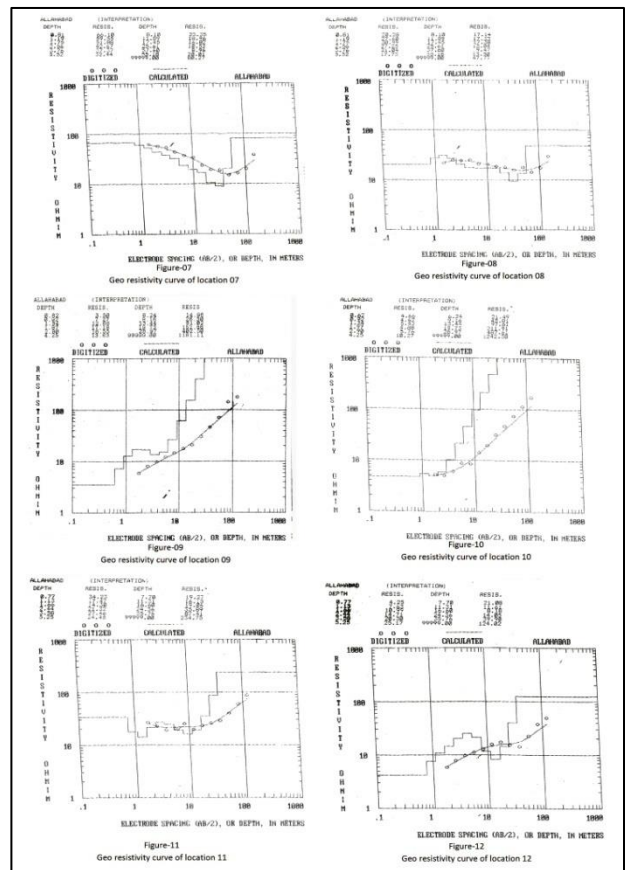
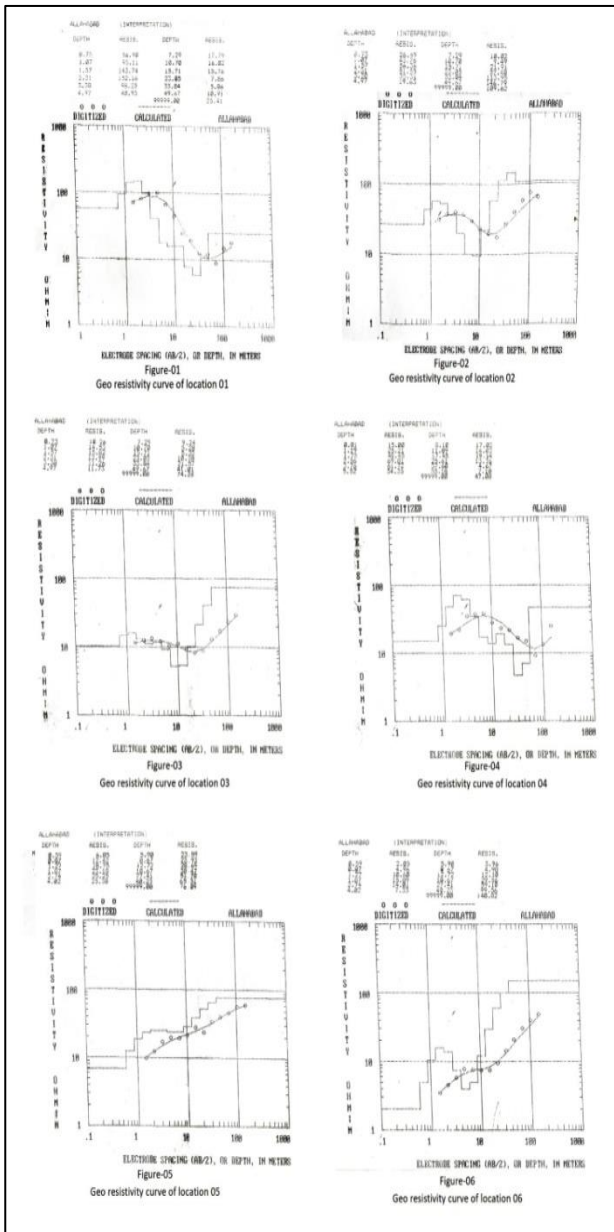
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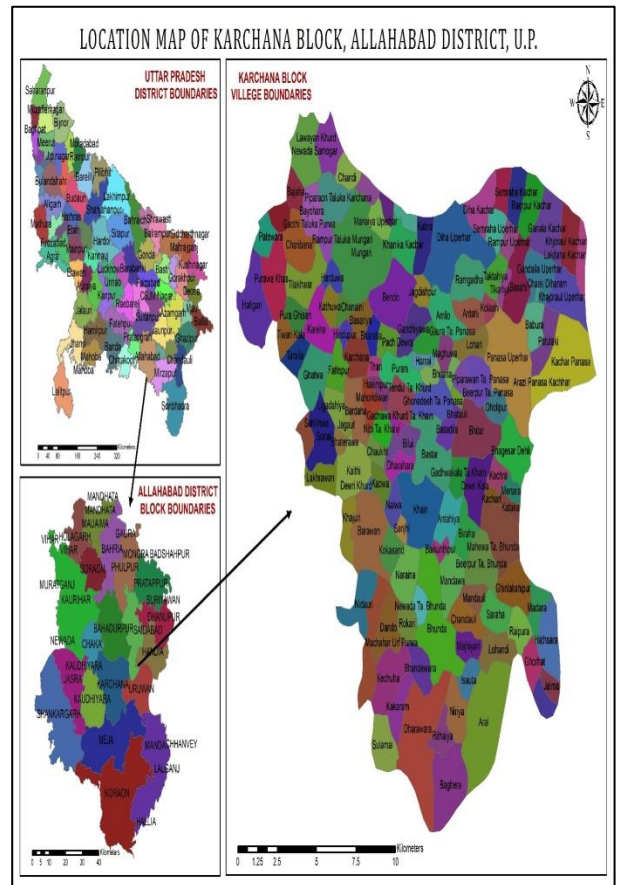
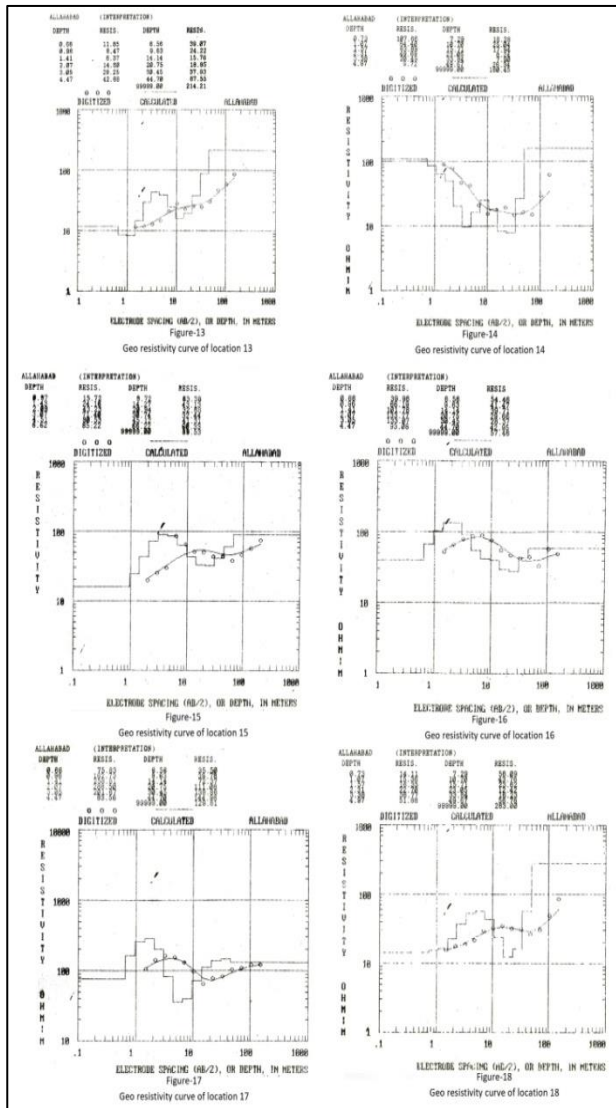


Fig. No. 21 Location map of Study area

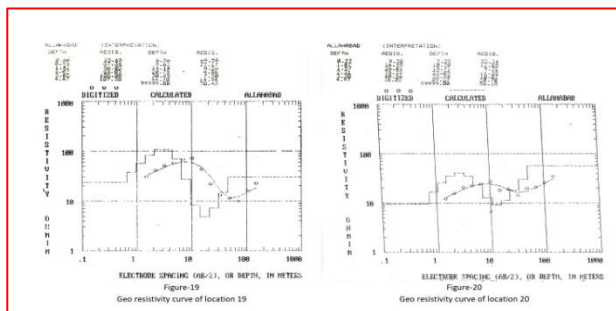




Fig. No. 22 VES Location map of Study area