

IrrigationDefinition :-

It is defined as the process of artificially supply water to the soil for raising crops.

It is a science of planning and designing an efficient, low cost, economic irrigation system. It also includes the study and design of works in connection with river control, drainage of water logged areas and generation of hydro-electric power.

Necessity of Irrigation :-

1. Less Rainfall :- when rainfall is insufficient for the crop artificial supply is necessary. In this case irrigation works may be constructed at place where more water is more available and convey water to the area where there is deficiency of water.

2. Non uniform Rainfall :-

when rainfall is not uniform over the area crop period for a particular area. So with this non uniform rainfall, the yield of crops will be less and some times crops may die. So by the collection of water during excess rainfall period, water is supplied to the crop during the period, where there is no rainfall.

3. Growing a Number of crops during a year :-

Some areas have rainfall to raise only one type of crop during the rainy season (i.e. Kharif crops) there is no irrigation required. But beyond the season

(Kharif). Rabi season crops will be there, and irrigation has to be done.

4. Growing perennial Crops: —

perennial crops as sugarcane etc. which are needed throughout the year, can be raised only by (supplying water) irrigation in that area.

5. Commercial crops with additional water: —

Some of the crops are Commercial or Cash crops. So for their usual raise. (irrigation). Sufficient quantity of water has to send.

6. Controlled water supply: —

By the construction of proper distribution system, the yield of the crop may be increased because of controlled supply of water.



## Principal crops and crop seasons :-

Crops can be classified in following ways

- Artificial classification
- Classification based on crop seasons
- Classification based on irrigation requirement.

### \* a. Agricultural classification :-

(i) field crops :- Such as wheat, rice, maize, barley, oats, gram, pulses etc.

(ii) Commercial crops :- Such as sugar cane, cotton, tobacco etc.

(iii) oil seed crops :- Such as mustard, groundnut, Sesame, linseed etc.

(iv) plantation crops :- Such as tea, coffee, coconut, rubber etc.

(v) Horticulture crops :- Consist of various fruit crops, various vegetation crops and flower crops.

(vi) forage crops :- Remove fodder and gram etc.

(vii) Miscellaneous crops :- Medical crops, Aromatic crops, Sericultural crops, Condiments and spices.

### \* b. Classification based on crop season :-

(i) Rabi crops or winter crops :-

These are sown in Autumn (Oct) and are harvested in spring (March) such crops are gram, wheat, barley, peas, mustard, tobacco, potato etc.,

(ii) Kharif crops or Monsoon crops :-

These are sown by the beginning of South west monsoon and are harvested in Autumn. Such crops are rice, maize, Spiced millet, pulses, groundnut etc.

(ii) perennial crops: — These are the crops that require water for irrigation throughout year.

(iii) Eight monsoon crops: — These are Cotton require irrigation water for 8 months.

③ Classification based on irrigation requirements: —

(i) dry crops: — Does not require water, only rainwater is sufficient for their growth.

(ii) wet crops: — These are which cannot grow without irrigation.

(iii) Garden crops: — These are require irrigation throughout the year.

\* Crop Rotations: —

It implies that nature of crop shown in a particular field is changed year after year.

The necessity of rotation arises from the soil lose gradually its fertility. If the same crop is sown every year and the field has to be allowed to gain its fertility. This regain of fertility is obtained by rotation of crops.

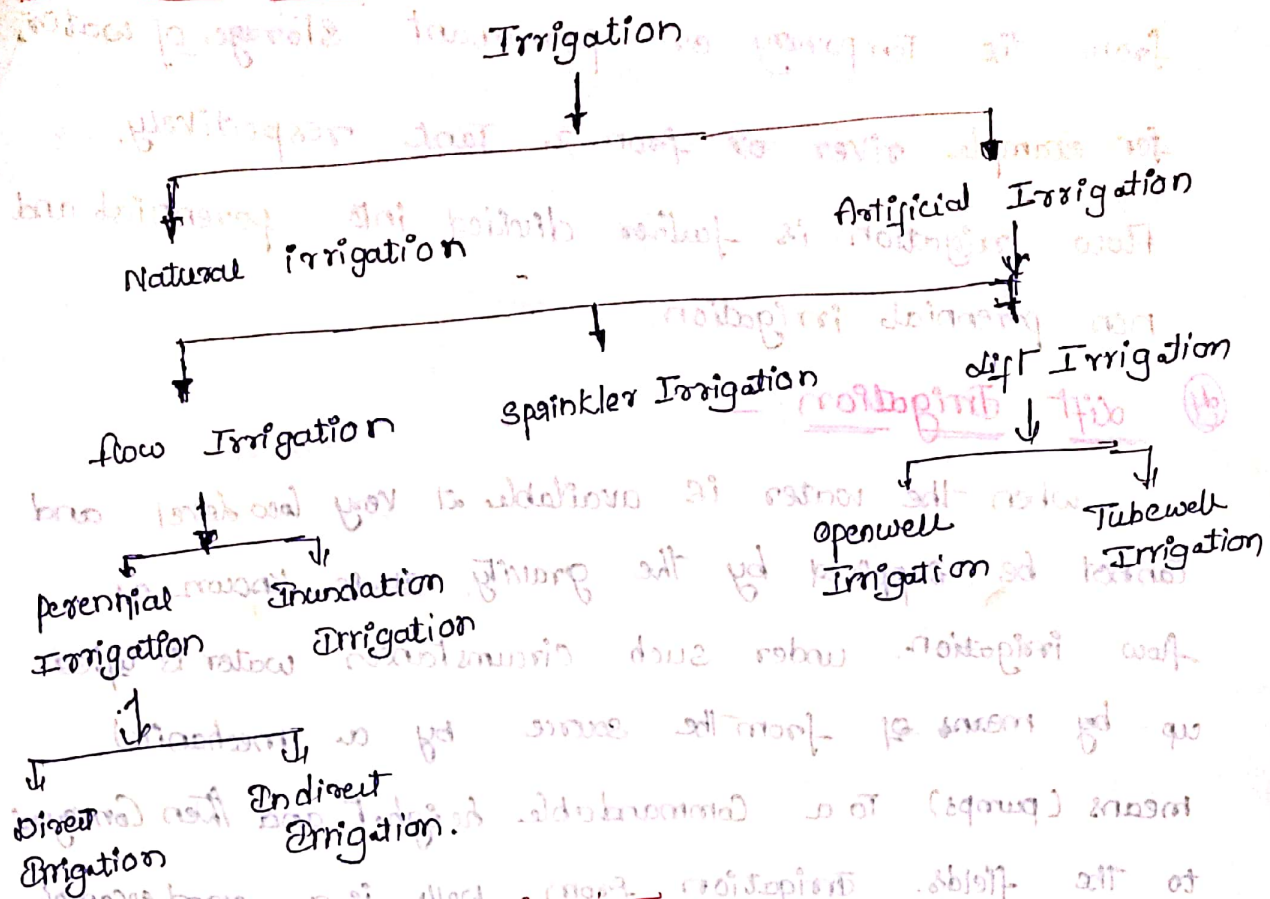
\* Crop Seasons: — There are two main seasons

(a) Kharif Season: — known as monsoon crops. Sown in April months to harvested in September. ex. rice, maize

(b) Rabi Crop: — Called winter crops: Sown in October and harvested in March. ex. wheat, tobacco



Types of Irrigation:



1. Natural Irrigation:

In this type of irrigation water is supplied to the fields without constructing any engineering work. In a very broad sense natural rainfall may be included in a natural type of irrigation.

2. Artificial Irrigation:

In artificial irrigation fields are irrigated after constructing properly designed and located hydraulic structure for example headworks, outlets etc. It can be divided into flow irrigation, sprinkler irrigation and lift irrigation.

3. Flow Irrigation:

When the hydraulic water can be conveyed to the land by the gravity is known as flow irrigation.

In flow irrigation water flows in channels directly from the Temporary or permanent storage of water, for example river or from a Tank respectively.

Flow irrigation is further divided into perennial and non perennial irrigation.

### ④ Lift Irrigation :-

When the water is available at very low level and cannot be supplied by the gravity. It is known as flow irrigation. Under such circumstances water is lifted up by means of from the source by a mechanical means (pumps) to a commandable height and then conveyed to the fields. Irrigation from wells is a good example of lift irrigation. It can be further divided into

- ① Open well irrigation
- ② Tube well Irrigation

In case of open well irrigation the diameter of well ranges from 1.8 to 16m and the water lifting devices erected on the surface of the ground. But in case of Tube well irrigation submersible pumps are kept below the ground level and diameter of the well ranges from 0.18 to 0.27m.

### ⑤ Sprinkler Irrigation

The system by which water is sprayed over the fields by means of network of pipes fitted with spray nozzles at their open ends is called overhead or sprinkler irrigation. This system just like the rainfall created artificially.



## ⑥ Perennial irrigation : —

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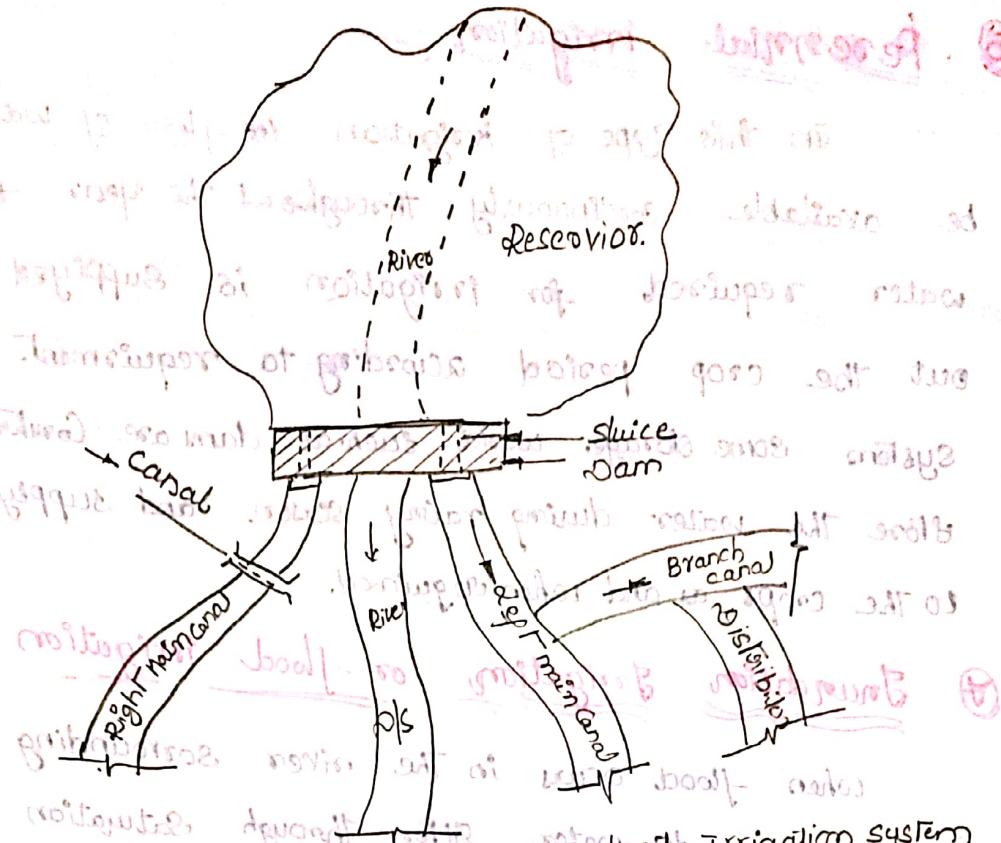
In this type of irrigation the flow of water will be available continuously throughout the year. Hence the water required for irrigation is supplied throughout the crop period according to requirement. In this system some storage works such as dams are constructed to store the water during rainy season and supply the same to the crops as and when required.

## ⑦ Inundation Irrigation or flood irrigation

When flood occurs in the river surrounding area is submerged under water. After through saturation the water is drained off before planting the crop. The moisture thus stored in the soil is supplemented by rainfall occasional minor wetting which brings the crop to maturity. The method is also known as flood irrigation.

## ⑧ Indirect or storage irrigation : —

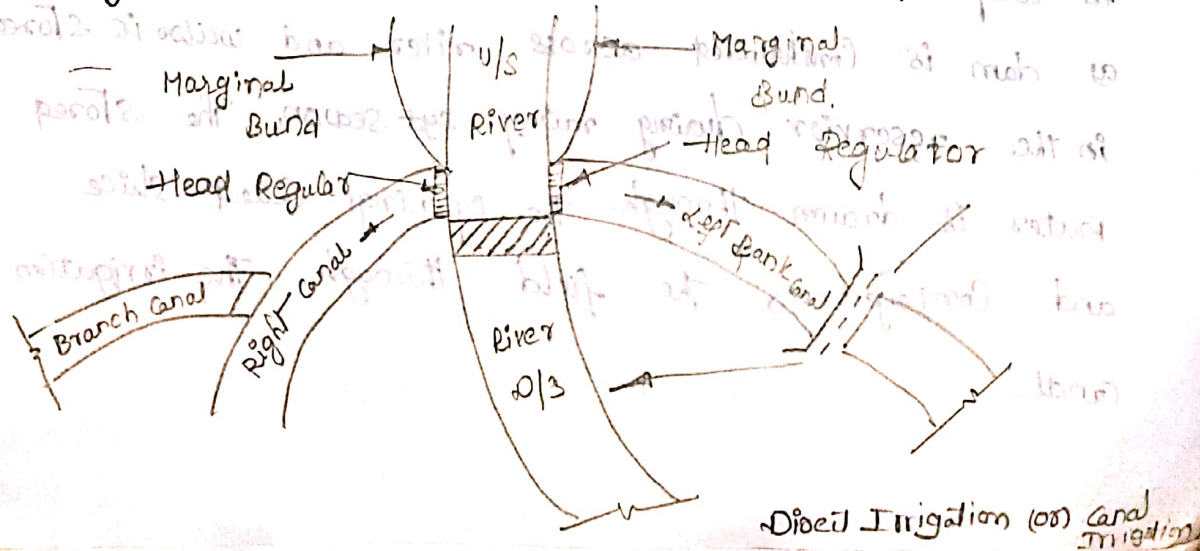
This type of irrigation is also known as Tank irrigation when the flow of water is not available throughout the crop period. This system of irrigation is adopted in storage irrigation a solid barrier such as dam is constructed across river and water is stored in the reservoir during rainy season. The stored water is drawn through the openings called slice and conveyed to the field through the irrigation canal.



Storage Irrigation or Indirect Irrigation system.

Q. Direct Irrigation :-

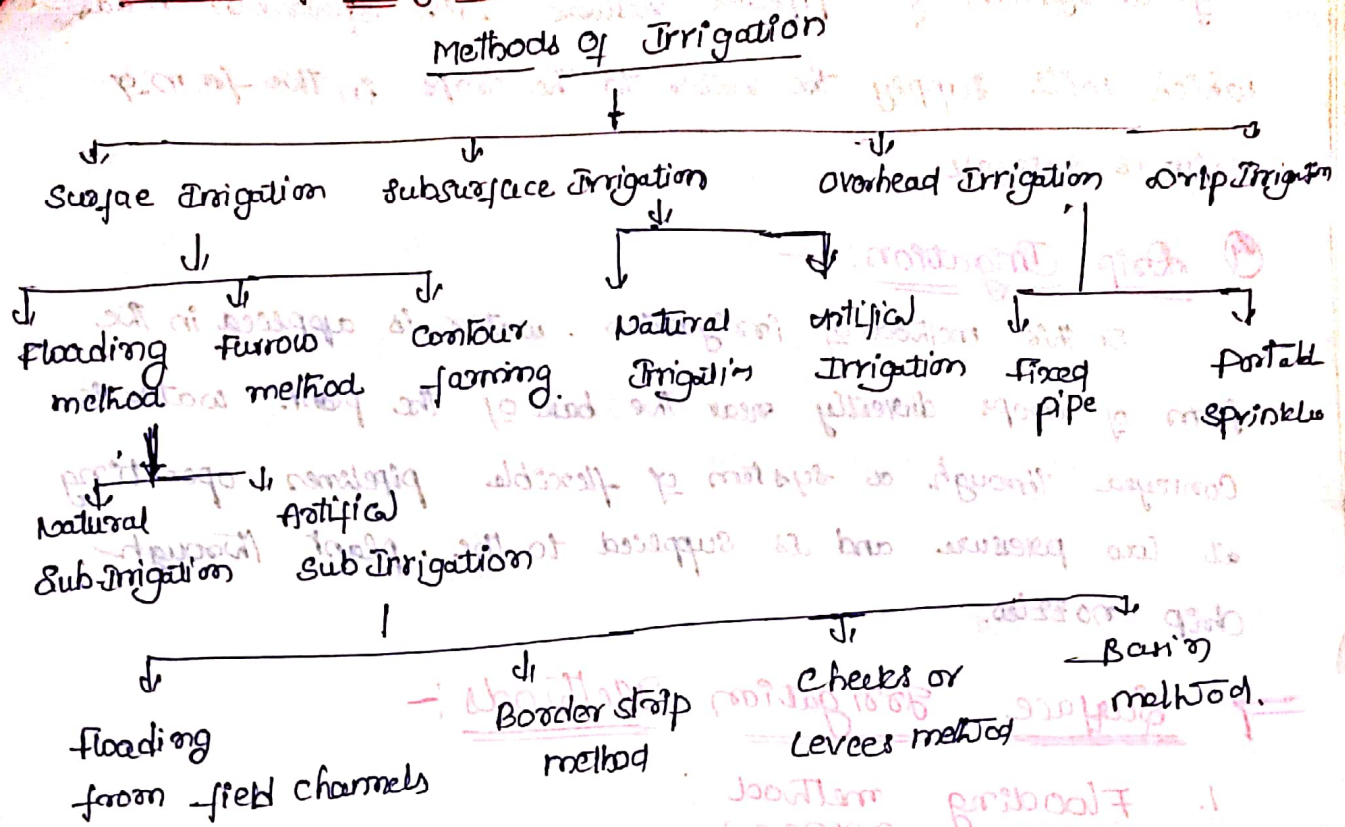
It is also known as River Canal irrigation. In this system of irrigation a barrage or a weir is constructed across the river which causes the rise in water level of the river. Then the water is conveyed to the fields by canals taking off directly from the river. When the flow of water in the river which is available throughout the crop period is always more than the requirements of the area to be irrigated then only direct irrigation is possible.



Direct Irrigation (or) Canal Irrigation



## Methods of Irrigation:



### ① Surface Irrigation:

In surface irrigation methods the irrigation water is applied by spreading it over the surface of the land to be irrigated. Different quantities of water are allowed on the fields at different times according to the crop requirements.

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### ③ Sprinkler Irrigation:

In the sprinkler irrigation method, the irrigation water is applied to the land in the form of spray just like a rainfall. This method mainly consists

of a system of pipeline network with sprinkler heads which will supply the water to the crops in the form of natural rainfall.

### ④ Drip Irrigation:-

In this method of irrigation, water is applied in the form of droplets directly near the base of the plant. Water is conveyed through a system of flexible pipelines operating at low pressure and is supplied to the plant through drip nozzles.

### ⇒ Surface Irrigation Methods:-

#### 1. Flooding method:-

In this method the water is applied to the field by flooding the land. This method is again subdivided into

1. uncontrolled or wild flooding
2. Controlled flooding

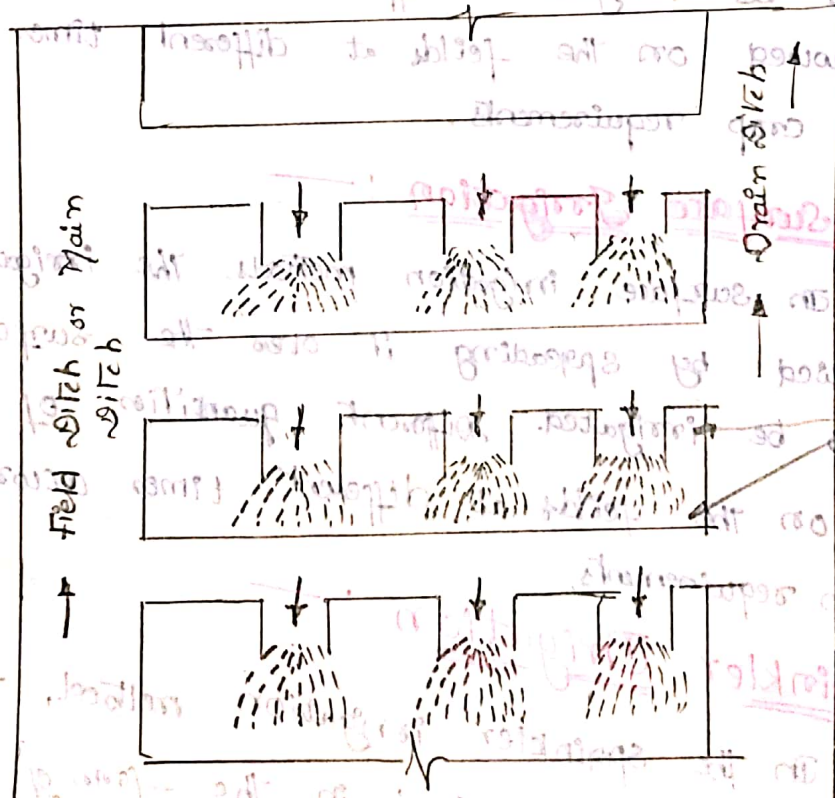


Fig. Free flooding method



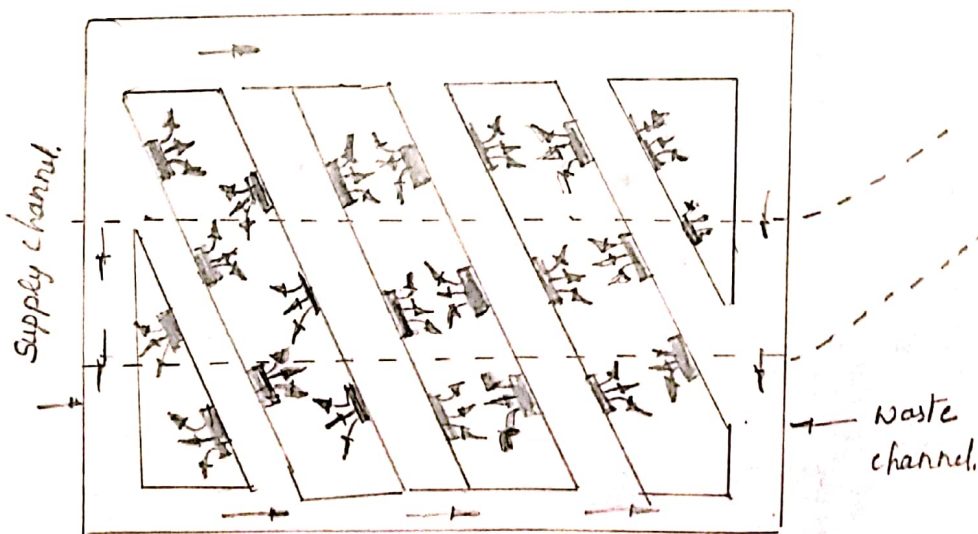
① In this method water is spread or flooded on a smooth flat land without much control or prior preparation. The water is allowed to flow on the natural slope of the ground without any control.

② Control flooding:-

In this method water is applied by spreading it over the field to be irrigated with proper controlling arrangements. In this method prior preparation of the land essential. Controlled method can be subdivided

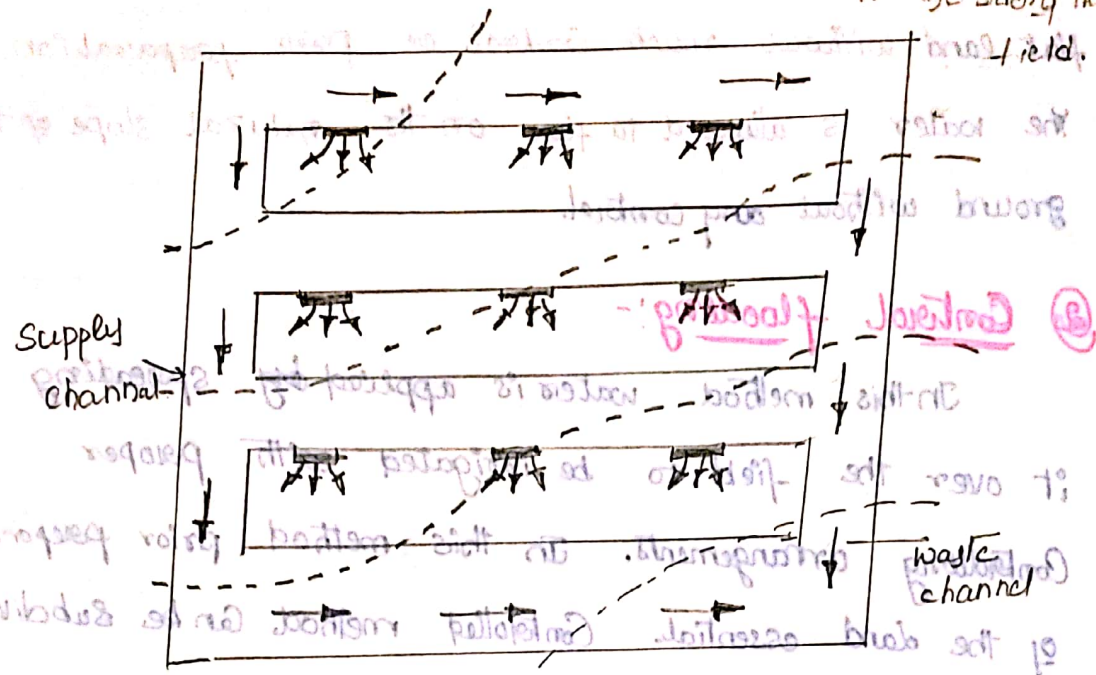
into. flooded from field channel :- Booster stop

In this method a series of field channels divides the irrigated land into small strips. The water is supplied by a main channel to the field channel. The supply channels are aligned along the general slope of the field and are located at the higher edges of the field. The laterals may be aligned in three ways.



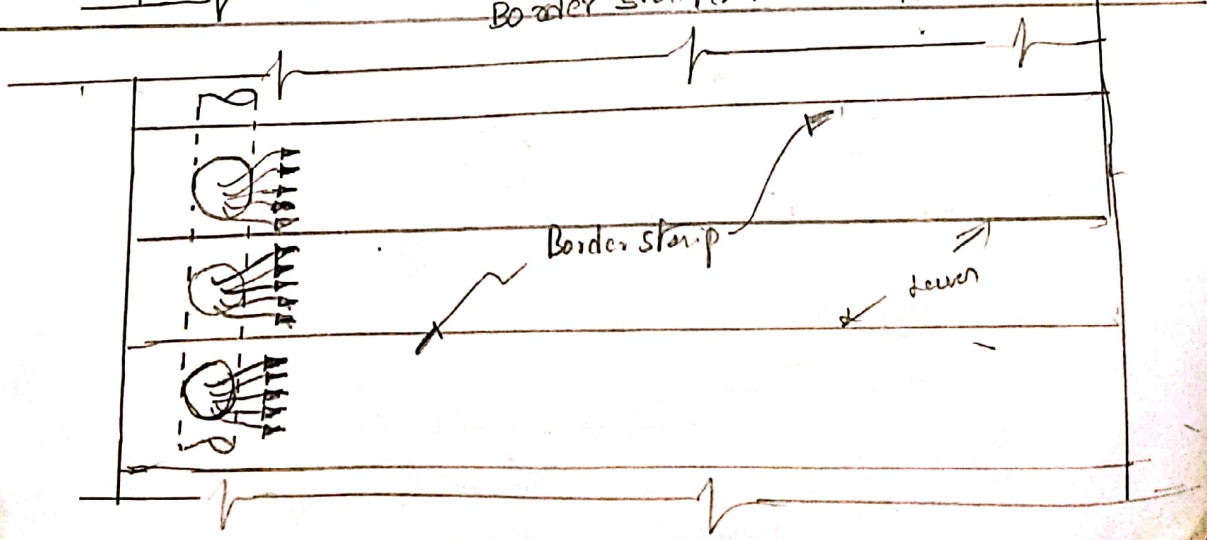
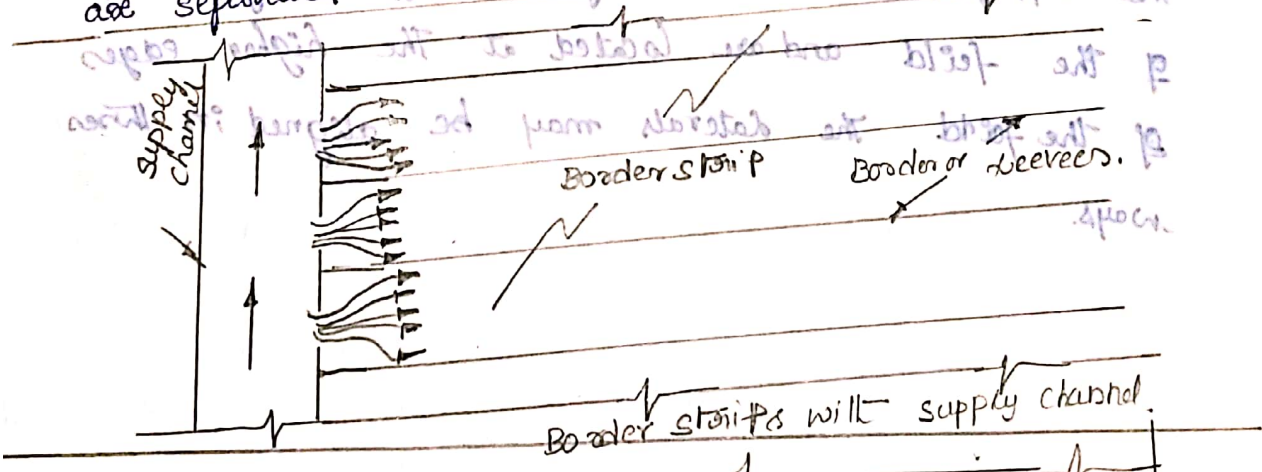
Field channels at right angle to the contour lines

(c) Field channels at right angles to the sides of the field.



Border strip method :-

In the border strip flooding method the entire flood is divided into a series of strips 10 to 20 metres wide. The length of the strip is 100 to 300 metres long. The strips are separated by low embankments or levees.



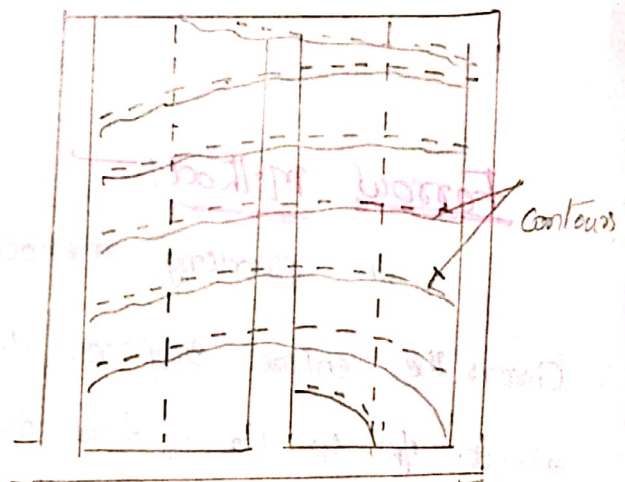
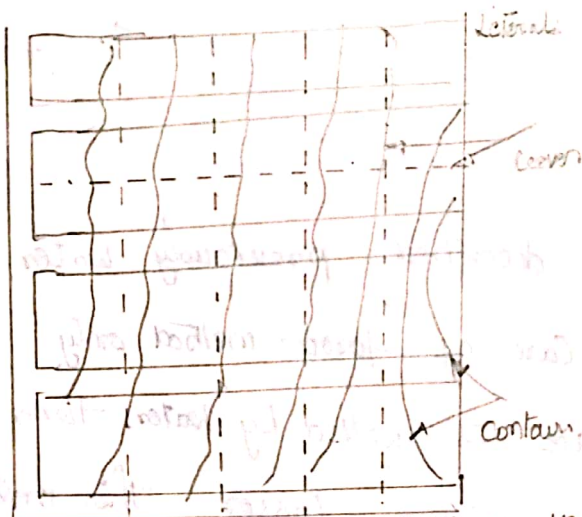


The water is diverted from the field channel into the strip. When the water is allowed through the field channel it flows towards lower and slowly and wetting the soil as it advances.

⑩ check flooding :-

This is the most common method of irrigation used in India. This method is also known as the method of irrigation by plots. In this method relatively level plots are enclosed by small levees or embankments. Water enters the closed area and then floods it. This method is suitable for permeable soils because the water quickly spreads over the entire area and to prevent excessive percolation.

① Rectangular checks :- In this system the checks or levees are constructed to enclose the field in the form of rectangle.

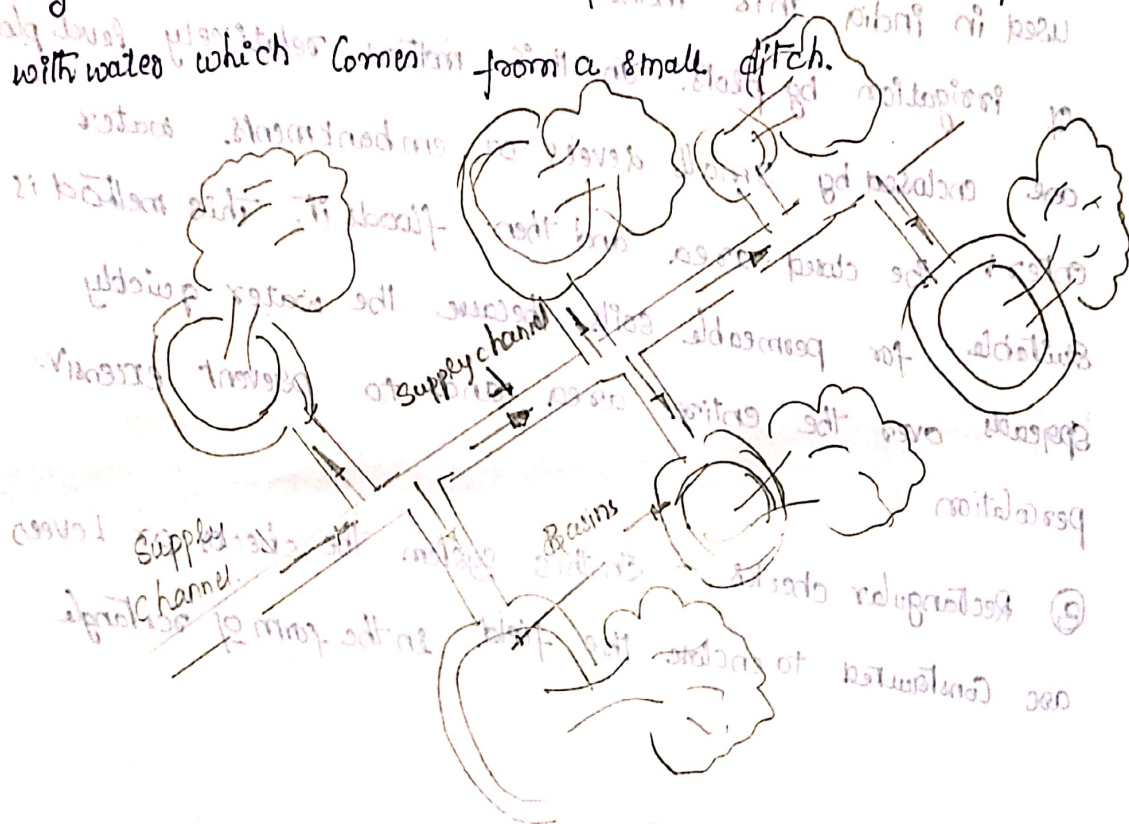


② Contour checks :- In contour checks system the levees are constructed along the contours. Cross levees are constructed sometimes at convenient places.

## Basin Method: —

The basin method of irrigation is nothing but a check method used for orchards (enclosure with fruit) only.

In this method each tree is provided with separate basin which is usually circular in shape and hence it is known as ring basin. Sometimes three or four trees may be included in one basin. Each basin is flooded with water which comes from a small ditch.

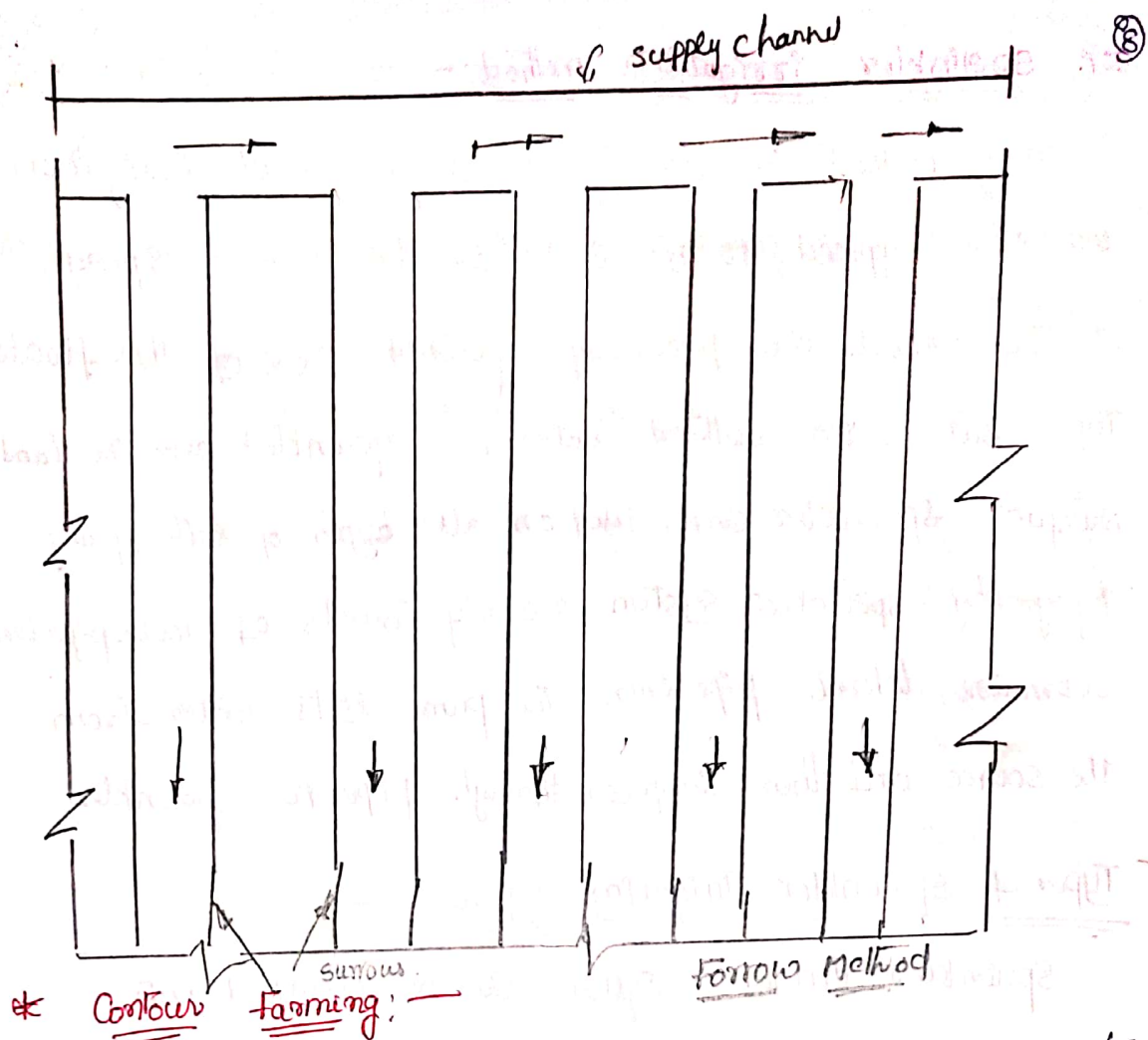


(a) Basin irrigation

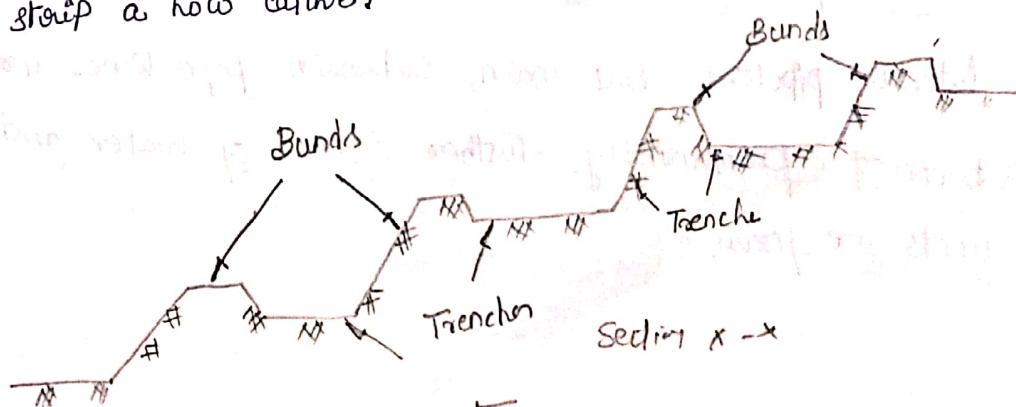
## Furrow Method: —

In flooding methods described previously, water covers the entire surface. In case of furrow method only about  $\frac{1}{5}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of land surface is wetted by water. Hence it results in reducing the evaporation losses. This method furrows are dug in the land at regular intervals. The water is supplied to furrows by openings in the supply channel or rubber hoses which are immersed in the ditch.





This method is adaptable for the lands having a steep slopes with quickly falling contours. In this method, the irrigated area is divided into longitudinal curved plots called terraces or benches. The bends of the plot follow the contours. These plots are having gently sloping along their length to ensure efficient irrigation and disposal of excess water with low velocity. At the outer end of each strip a low earthen bund or dike is provided



## => sprinkler irrigation method:-

This method is also known as overhead irrigation. Water is applied to the land in the form of spray. All the methods are previously explained were of the flooding type. But in this method water is sprinkled over the land surface. Sprinklers can be used on all types of soil of any topography. Sprinkler system mainly consists of main pipeline, submains, lateral pipelines. The pump lifts water from the source and then supplies through pipes to sprinklers.

### Types of sprinkler irrigation system:-

Sprinkler irrigation system can be classified into

- ① portable system:- This system defined to moved from one land to another land with all components namely mains, submains, and laterals, sprinkler and pumps unit.
- ② Semiportable system:- It is similar to that portable system except that the location of the water source and pumping units are fixed.
- ③ Semi permanent system:- It has the portable lateral pipeline but main, submain pipe lines are buried permanently. Further sources of water and pumps units are fixed.



## Drip Irrigation or Trickle Irrigation (9)

Drip Irrigation is one of the latest method of Irrigation. This method is suitable in areas where water scarcity and salt problems are existing. In this system of irrigation, water is applied in the form of drops directly near the base of the plant. Flexible system of pipe lines are laid parallel to row of the plants. Water is carried and applied to the plants through nozzles at low pressure. By maintaining a minimum soil moisture limit the Consumptive use of ~~max~~ water is maximum thus results in saving water.

### \* Quality of Irrigation Water: —

A good irrigation water is one which performs the above mentioned functions without any side effects which retard the plant growth. Irrigation water may be said to be unsatisfactory for its intended use if it contains

- (1) chemical toxic to the plants
- (2) unsatisfactory moisture characteristics
- (3) Bacteria injurious to person or animals eating plants irrigated with the water.

### Impurities in Irrigation Water

The quality of irrigation water depends upon various types of impurities present in water. The following being the prominent one.

- ① Concentration of sediments in water.
- ② Total Concentration of soluble salts
- ③ Proportion of sodium ions to other cation
- ④ Concentration of Toxic elements such as boron content
- ⑤ Concentration of bicarbonate in relation to the concentration of calcium of magnesium
- ⑥ Bacterial Concentration

\* Quality of Drinking Water

A good drinking water should be free from all the above mentioned impurities. The presence of these impurities in drinking water is harmful to health. The impurities in drinking water are of two types: (a) chemical impurities and (b) biological impurities. The chemical impurities in drinking water are of two types: (i) inorganic impurities and (ii) organic impurities. The biological impurities in drinking water are of two types: (i) bacteria and (ii) viruses. The presence of these impurities in drinking water is harmful to health. The impurities in drinking water are of two types: (a) chemical impurities and (b) biological impurities. The chemical impurities in drinking water are of two types: (i) inorganic impurities and (ii) organic impurities. The biological impurities in drinking water are of two types: (i) bacteria and (ii) viruses. The presence of these impurities in drinking water is harmful to health.



## \* Soil water plant Relationship : — (10)

Water is the most significant environmental factor. important constituent of living organisms.

Soil plant water relationships are related to the properties of soil and plant that affects the movement and use of water.

Soil provides space for water, which is used by plants through their roots.

### Soil characteristics : —

(i) - Soil Composition

(ii) Soil profile

(iii) Soil Texture

(iv) Soil structure.

Soil furnishes the following for plant life : —

- (1) Anchor for its roots
- (2) water for its Transpiration
- (3) Mineral for its nutrition
- (4) oxygen for its metabolism.

(1) classification according to age of formation

(a) youthful : — It is fully pervious

(b) Mature : It has low permeability

(c) Senile : — It has little or no productivity. The soil becomes hard and of very low permeability.

(2) classification according to geological process of formation

(a) Residual soils : They are formed by disintegration of rock in place under various actions.

(b) Alluvial soils :- They are formed by deposition by water borne material.

(c) Eolian soils :- These are formed by deposition by wind action.

(d) Coluvial soils :- These are formed by deposition by glaciers by rainwash below foot hills.

(e) Glacial soils :- These are formed by Transportation and deposition by glaciers.

(f) Volcanic ash :- They are ash deposits due to volcanic eruptions. Soil characteristics

### (3) Soil classification basis of particle size :-

A composite soil can be classified on the basis of particle sizes, soil particles are grouped into gravel, sand, silt, and clay. The relative proportions are according to international soil classification.

Coarse sand size particles - 0.2 to 0.075 mm

Silt size particles - 0.075 to 0.002 mm

Clay size particles - less than 0.002 mm

### (4) Based on structure :-

This refers to arrangement of soil particles and aggregates with respect to each other. Soil structure is one of the most important properties of soil mass. It influences aeration, permeability, water holding capacity. This classification as follows.

(1) Type :- four types of primary structure - platy, prism, like block like and spheroidal.



(2) class :- five types (1) Very fine, fine, medium, Coarse and Very Coarse. (11)

(3) Grade :- Represents aggregation i.e. is the proportion between aggregated and unaggregated material results when the aggregates are gently washed or dispersed. Grades are termed as less, weak, moderate, strong and very strong depending on stability of aggregates when disturbed.

### Classification of Soil Water :-

(1) Hygroscopic water :- When a oven dried sample is kept open in the atmosphere, it absorbs some amount of water from the atmosphere. This is known as hygroscopic water and is not capable of movement by gravity or capillary forces.

(2) Capillary water :- Excess of hygroscopic water which exists in the pore space of the soil by molecular attraction. or which is water extracted from pores of soil.

(3) Gravitational water :- It is the excess of hygroscopic and capillary water and capillary water which will move out or extract from soil if sufficient drainage is provided.

### Soil moisture Tension :-

It is force per unit area to extract water from soil is known as soil moisture tension, and expressed as atmosphere (atm). and is also known as

capillary potential, Capillary Tension or force of suction.

It is inversely proportional to moisture content, It is measured in laboratory with Centrifuge, Tensometer etc.,

### Soil Moisture stress:

It is sum of soil moisture tension and osmotic pressure of soil solution.

Osmotic pressure is the increase in the force (or tension)

caused by the salts present in the soil solution

The growth of plant is a function of both soil moisture

tension and as well as osmotic pressure and function of soil moisture stress.

### Soil Moisture Constants:

#### ⊕ Saturation capacity:

This is also called as maximum holding capacity (or)

total capacity of water required to fill all the pore space

between soil particles replacing all air held in pore spaces.

If porosity of soil is known, saturation capacity can

be expressed as equivalent cm of water per meter of soil

depth.

ex:- If porosity is 50% by volume, moisture in each metre

of saturated soil is depth of 50cm.

#### (2) Field capacity:

It is moisture content of soil after free drainage removed the most gravity water. The concept is extremely



useful in arriving at the amount of water available in the soil for plant use. (2)

### 3. permanent wilting point:

Permanent wilting coefficient is the water content at which plants no longer extract sufficient water from soil for its growth. This is the lower end of the available moisture range. If plant does not get sufficient water to meet its needs, it will wilt permanently. A plant is considered to be permanently wilted when it will not

regain to its original size (or) strength (turbidity) even after being placed in a saturated atmosphere. However, it will regain its turbidity if water is added to soil.

### Temporary wilting point:

It takes place during hot, windy day, but plant will recover in the cooler portion of the day.

No addition of water is required for place in hot summer day, even when soil moisture is higher than the wilting coefficient, because of increased transpiration rates.

### Ultimate wilting point:

It is slightly different from permanent wilting. When ultimate wilting occurs, plant will not regain its turbidity even after addition of sufficient water.

to the soil and the plant will die.

#### 4. Available Water:

It is difference of water content b/w field capacity and permanent wilting point is known as available water or available water content (moisture).

#### 5. Readily available moisture:

It is portion of available moisture easily extracted by plants and is approx 45% of available moisture.

#### 6. Moisture Equivalent

This is an artificial moisture property of soil and is used as an index of the natural properties. It is % of moisture retained in a small sample of wet soil

10cm deep when subjected to a centrifugal force 1000 times as great as gravity.

#### 7. Soil Moisture deficiency:

It is the deficiency in the water required to bring soil moisture content of the soil to its field capacity.

Depth of water stored in root zone and available to plants:

Let 'd' be the depth of root zone (in meters)

' $f_c$ ' be the field capacity (as ratio)

Let  $\gamma_d$  = dry unit weight of soil.



1 hect (10000sq.m) area with a depth  $\Delta$  metres. (14)

$$= 1 \times 10,000 \times \Delta \text{ cumes}$$

No. of hectares then can be irrigated by 1 cumec -flowing

for B days.

$$= \frac{10 \times 60 \times 24 \times B}{1 \times 10,000 \times \Delta} = \frac{8.64 B}{\Delta}$$

$$D = \frac{8.64 B}{\Delta}$$

(\*) Factors affecting duty: —

(1) Rainfall

(7) method of cultivation

(2) evaporation

(8) Quality of water

(3) Base period of crop

(9) Skill of cultivator

(4) Soil characteristics

(10) Topography of land

(5) Type of crop

11. Basic principle

(6) Depth in using water

1. Methods and system of Irrigation: —

In the perennial Irrigation system, soil is continuously kept moist, and hence water required for initial saturation is less. Also due to the shallow depths of the water Table, deep percolation losses are less. In the inundation irrigation system has more duty than the inundation irrigation.

2. Mode of applying water: —

The flood irrigation system has lesser duty than the furrow system. sub-irrigation system gives still higher duty. The ring basin irrigation and uncontrolled flooding give less duty.

3. Method of Cultivation: —

If the land is properly ploughed and made quite

loose before irrigating the soil will have high water retention capacity in its unsaturated zone. Thus, the number of waterings can be reduced by increasing the duty.

#### 4. Time and frequency of tilling

Frequency of cultivation reduces the loss of moisture through weeds. Soil structure affects the plant growth to a very great extent. A good structure is called good tilth of the soil. When the soil is in good tilth, evaporation losses from the surface of the soil is less. Soil becomes properly aerated, and hence yield of crop is also better.

#### 5. Type of crop:-

The duty varies from crop to crop.

#### 6. Base period of the crop:-

If the base period of the crop is more, the amount of water required will be high, hence duty will be low, and vice-versa.

#### 7. climatic Conditions of the Area:-

The climatic conditions which affect the duty are (i) Temperature (ii) wind (iii) humidity (iv) rainfall. Due to high temperature and wind, evaporation losses will be more and duty will be less. A humid atmosphere reduces the losses.

#### 8. Quality of water:-

If the harmful salt content and alkali content of water is more, water will have to be applied liberally so that the salts are leached off. This will, in turn



$\gamma_w =$  unit wt. of water. (13)

consider unit area (1 sq m) of soil area then

$$F_c = \frac{\text{wt. of water retained in unit area}}{\text{wt. of soil of unit area}}$$

$$F_c = \frac{\text{wt. of water retained in unit area}}{\gamma_d \times 1 \times d}$$

wt. of water retained in unit area =  $F_c \cdot \gamma_d \cdot d$

Depth of water stored (in depth)  $d = \frac{F_c \cdot \gamma_d \cdot d}{\gamma_w}$  metres. (1)

A part of this depth of water will be available for

evapo-transpiration.

Available moisture depth ( $d_w$ ) is given

$$d_w = \frac{\gamma_d \cdot d}{\gamma_w} \left[ \text{field capacity} - \text{wiltting coefficient} \right]$$

$$d_w = S_g \cdot d [F_c - W_c]$$

$$\therefore S_g = \frac{\gamma_d}{\gamma_w} = \text{Sp. gravity of soil.}$$

## \* Consumptive use and Estimation of Consumptive use

Duty: — It is the total areas to be irrigated by a unit of water or irrigating capacity of unit water. It is relation between area of crop irrigated and quantity of irrigation water required to supply is termed as duty.

If 3 cumecs of water required for a crop in 3000 hectares

$$\text{duty} = \frac{3000}{3} = 1000 \text{ hect/cumec for entire base period.}$$

Delta: — It is the total depth of water required by a crop during entire period and denoted by  $\Delta$

for ex: — If crop require 10 watering in an 10 days

(1) — interval every watering requires 100 mm

Then  $\Delta = 100 \times 10 = 1000 \text{ mm or } 1.0 \text{ m etc.}$

Crop period: — It is NO. of days of instant sowing to the harvesting.

Base period: — Represents entire period of cultivation from when irrigation water is applied from instant of first watering to before harvesting.

Relation between Duty, Delta and Base period

Let "D" be duty of water hect/cumec

A be the total depth of water supplied.

B be base period in days.

1 cumec flowing for a base period 'B' days.

provides volume of water =  $1 \times 60 \times 60 \times 24 \times B \text{ m}^3$

Quantity of water in cum required for flooding



(17)

reduce the duty. More fertilizing matter ~~is~~ in water (15)  
will cause less consumption of water, and increase duty.

### (9) Method of Assessment of water —

Volumetric method of Assessment Always lead to a higher duty. This is because the former will use water economically. If however the method of assessment is based on the area under cultivation.

### (10) Canal Conditions : —

If an earthen canal seepage and percolation losses will be high resulting in a low duty. If however the canal is lined, the losses will be less and the duty will high.

### (11) Character of soil and subsoil of the Canal

If the canal is unlined if it flows through coarse grained, permeable soils the seepage and percolation losses will be high. If the canal flows through fine grained soil, such losses will be less, and hence the duty will be higher.

### (12) Character of soil and subsoil of the irrigation field

If the soil and subsoil of the field is coarse grained percolation losses will be high. However if there is hard pan at depth 1 to 2 metre below surface the percolation losses reduces. The duty is also affected by the topography of the land

## Depth and Frequency of Irrigation :-

The readily available moisture is that moisture which is easily extracted by the plants and approximately 75% of available moisture. At any time, therefore the moisture constant in soil should be between field capacity and lower limit ( $\eta_0$ ) of the readily available moisture.

$$dw = \frac{\gamma_d}{\gamma_w} d [F_c - P_0] m$$

$\gamma_d$  = dry unit weight of soil     $\gamma_w$  = unit weight of water

$F_c$  &  $P_0$  are moisture constants

$C_u$  is daily consumptive use

$$f_w = \frac{dw}{C_u} \text{ days.}$$

## Time required to irrigate a certain Area :-

Let "t" be the time required to apply desired water depth dw to bring water level in the soil from  $m_0$  to the field capacity  $F_c$  over an irrigation field of area A.

If q is the discharge in the field channel, in cumecs

$$t = \frac{A \cdot dw}{q} \text{ Seconds}$$

where A is Sq. mt and dw is depth of water applied

$$t = \frac{dw}{q} \cdot A \times 10^4 \text{ Seconds}$$

$$= \frac{2.778 A dw}{q} \text{ hours}$$

if A is expressed in hectares.



(17) Irrigation Efficiencies : — (16)

Efficiency is the ratio of water output to the water input and is expressed in percentage.

Types of Efficiencies : —

(#) Water Conveyance Efficiency ( $\eta_c$ )

This takes in to account the Conveyance or Transit losses

$$\eta_c = \frac{w_f}{w_r} \times 100$$

$\eta_c$  = Conveyance Efficiency

$w_f$  = water delivered to farm or irrigation plot

$w_r$  = water supplied or delivered from source

or - reservoir

(#) Water application Efficiency : —

It is the ratio of Quantity stored in to the root zone of crops to the Quantity of water delivered to field.

$$\eta_a = \frac{w_s}{w_f} \times 100.$$

Common sources of loss of irrigation water during water application are Surface runoff ( $R_p$ ), percolation

$$w_f = w_s + R_p + D_f$$

$$\eta_a = \frac{w_f - (R_p + D_f)}{w_f} \times 100.$$

(3) water use efficiency ( $\eta_w$ ) : —

Ratio of water beneficially used, including leaching water to quantity of water delivered,

$$\eta_w = \frac{w_u}{w_d} \times 100$$

(4) Water storage efficiency : — ( $\eta_s$ ) Ratio of

Quantity of water stored in root zone during irrigation to the quantity of water need to bring water content of the soil to field capacity.

$$\eta_s = \frac{w_s}{w_n} \times 100$$

(5) Consumptive use efficiency ( $\eta_{cu}$ ) : — Ratio of normal

Consumptive use of water to the net amount of water depleted to the root zone

$$\eta_{cu} = \left( \frac{w_{cu}}{w_d} \right) \times 100$$

Water logging : —

When Agricultural land is said to be water logged when its productivity or fertility is affected by high water table and harmful to growth and subsidence of plant life depends on the height of capillary fringe which is the height to which the water will rise due to capillary action.



The depth of water Table adversely affects differently for different crops. (17)

⊕ Effects of water logging : —

1. Inhabiting activity of soil bacteria
2. Decrease in availability of capillary water
3. Fall in soil temperature.
4. defective air circulation
5. Rise of salt
6. Delay in cultivation operations.

⊕ Causes of water logging : —

1. Inadequate surface drainage
2. Seepage from canal system
3. over irrigation of rocks
4. obstruction of natural drainage.
5. obstruction to the flow of ground water.

Land Drainage : —

Benefits of drainage : —

1. Adequate drainage improves soil structure and increase productivity of soil
2. leads to early ploughing and planting.
3. lengthens areas of crop growing season
4. Increase soil ventilation.
5. decreases soil erosion and gully
6. excess of salts from soil can be leached out

Types of drains :- or classification of drains :-

① open drains

It can be further sub divided into

① shallow surface drains or open deep drains.

(i) shallow surface drains :-

It reduces percolation to ground water but is of no use if water has already permeated to the ground water Reservoir. This drains excess irrigation water applied to the field and accelerates removal of storm water.

(ii) Deep open drains :-

These can be used to reduce water logging without provision of the tile drains. These will then have to be provided at a distance of 0.75 km or even less. They are also commonly as common outlet drains for closed drains system.

(iii) under drains or tile drains :-

These are located at suitable depths below ground surface above the impervious clay stratum. The natural percolation of water. They are preferably placed in a medium or high permeability.



## Objectives of Land Drainage :-

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- ① Land drainage improves the soil structure and increases the productivity of soil.
- ② It keeps the soil warmer by maintaining higher soil temperature.
- ③ It makes the soil to grow large varieties of crop.
- ④ It controls the weeds, malaria and improves the sanitary conditions of the area.
- ⑤ Aeration of upper soil layer and properly maintained by land drainage.
- ⑥ Land drainage extends the crop root zone due to which the soil moisture gets increase for crop growth.
- ⑦ It provides tillage operation due to increase in soil tilt.
- ⑧ Land drainage removes the harmful salts present in soil and reclaims water logging land.

## Requirements of Land Drainage :-

- ① A drainage with quick and unobstructed flow are require from the catchment.
2. The initial cost of construction and maintenance should be low.
3. Discharge should be ~~low~~ high. So that it can spread over the section.
4. The condition of outfall should be ideal for each land drainage.
5. Land drainage require to admit all the flood discharge from the catchment and carry with high capacity to the outfall.



Distribution problems

① Find the field capacity of a soil for the following data

Root zone depth = 2m

Existing water content = 5%

Dry density of soil =  $15 \text{ kN/m}^3$

Water applied to the soil =  $500 \text{ m}^3$

Water losses due to evaporation and deep percolation = 10%

Area of plot =  $1000 \text{ sq. m}$

Total water applied =  $500 \text{ m}^3$

Loss of water = 10%

Water used in the soil =  $500 \times \frac{90}{100} = 450 \text{ m}^3$

Weight of water used =  $450 \times 9.81 = 4414.5 \text{ kN}$

Total dry weight of the soil =  $1000 \times 2 \times 15 = 30000 \text{ kN}$

% of water added =  $\frac{4414.5}{30000} \times 100$

= 14.72%

New water content added = 5% + 14.72%

(S)

= 19.72%

Field Capacity = 19.72%

② After how many days will you supply water to soil in order to ensure efficient irrigation of the given crop

Field Capacity of soil = 20%

Permanent wilting point = 14%

Dry density of soil =  $15 \text{ kN/m}^3$

Effective depth of root zone = 75 cm



Daily Consumptive use of water for the given crop = 11 cm

Sol. Available moisture = field capacity - permanent wilting point  
 $= 27 - 14 = 13\%$

Let the readily available moisture be 80% of the available moisture

Readily available moisture =  $13 \times 0.8 = 10.4\%$

Calculated  $m_0 = 27 - 10.4 = 16.6\%$

Hence when irrigation water is applied, moisture raised from 16.6% to 27%.

Depth of water stored in root zone, during each watering

$$= \frac{\gamma_d \cdot d}{\gamma_w} [\text{field capacity} - m_0] = \frac{\gamma_d}{\gamma_w} d (0.27 - 0.166)$$

$$= \frac{1.5 \times 0.75}{9.81} \times 0.104 = 11.9 \text{ cm}$$

Thus depth of water available for evapo-transpiration

$= 11.9 \text{ cm}$

Daily Consumptive use of water = 11 cm

Watering frequency =  $\frac{11.9}{11} = 10.82 \text{ day}$

$\approx 10 \text{ day}$

③. A water course has a culturable command area of 1200 hectares. The intensity of irrigation for crop A is 40% and for B is 35%. Both the crops being kharif crops. Crop A has a kor period of 20 days and crop B has kor period of 15 days. Calculate the discharge of water course if the kor depth for crop A is 10 cm and for B it is 18 cm.

Sol. Area under irrigation =  $1200 \times 0.40 = 480 \text{ ha}$

Kor period  $b = 20 \text{ days}$

Kor depth  $d = 10 \text{ cm} = 0.1 \text{ m}$



$$\text{Duty} = \frac{8.64(b)}{s} = \frac{8.64 \times 20}{0.1} = 1728 \text{ ha/cum}$$

Hence, discharge required =  $\frac{\text{Area under irrigation}}{\text{outlet factor}}$

$$= \frac{480}{1728} = 0.278 \text{ cum}$$

For crop B

$$\text{Area under irrigation} = 1200 \times 0.35 = 420 \text{ ha}$$

$$\text{crop period } b = 15 \text{ days}$$

$$\text{crop depth } s = 16 \text{ cm} = 0.16 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Duty or outlet factor} = \frac{8.64(b)}{s}$$

$$= \frac{8.64 \times 15}{0.16} = 810 \text{ ha/cum}$$

$$\text{Hence discharge required} = \frac{410}{810} = 0.519 \text{ cum}$$

Thus, the design discharge of water course

$$= 0.519 + 0.278 = 0.8 \text{ cumec}$$

(Q) Express a duty of 1800 ha/cumec for a base period of 120 days in ha/million cum

Given Data

Duty = 1800 ha/cumec for a base period 120 days

Quantity of water required for 1800 ha for

for 120 days

$$= 120 \times 24 \times 60 \times 60$$

$$= 1036800 \text{ cu. m}$$

$$= 10.368 \text{ million cu. m}$$



10.368 million cum can irrigate 1800 ha

$$1 \text{ million cum} = \frac{1800}{10.37} = 173.6 \text{ ha}$$

$$\text{Duty} = 173.6 \text{ ha}$$

⑤: Express a duty of 1800 ha/cum for a base period of 120 days in ha/million cum.

sd

$$\text{Duty} = 1800 \text{ ha/cum}$$

$$\text{Base period} = 120 \text{ days}$$

Quantity of water required for 1800 ha for 120 days

$$= 120 \times 24 \times 60 \times 160$$

$$= \frac{120 \times 24 \times 60 \times 160}{10^6} = 10,368,000 \text{ cum}$$

$$= 10.368 \text{ million cum}$$

10.368 million cum can irrigate 1800 ha

$$1 \text{ million cum can irrigate} = \frac{1800}{10.37} = 173.6 \text{ ha}$$

$$\text{Duty} = 173.6 \text{ ha/million cum.}$$