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INTRODUCTION

Water in General

Water is the most important element in a country's development. It gives life to a country's economy.

Water can be used in many ways. For this we have drinking water, irrigation water and water used for industrial purposes.

Water is the simplest ehemical reaction between Oxygen and Hydrogone. Water is coulourless (in layer above 2m depth is blue).

Water is consisted:

- a) In atmosphear with shape of rapor.
- b) In the Formation of the ground.
- c) In many minerals and rocks.

The hydrological cycle.

The cyclic movement of water from the sea to the atmosphere and thence by precipitation to the earth, where it collects in streams and runs back to the sea, is neferred to as the hydrological cycle.

The cycle may short-circuit at several stages, for example, the precipitation may fall directly into the sea, lakes or river courses.

The intensity and frequency of the cycle depends on geography and elimake, since it operates as a results of solar radiation, which varies according to latitude and season of the year.

This councept of the hydrological cycle is oversimplified, it affords a meens of illustrating the most important processes that the hydrologist must understand.

Water in the sea eraporates under solar radiation, and clouds of water rapour move over land areas. Precipitation occurs us snow, hail and rain over the land, and water begins to flow back to the sea.

Some of it infiltrates into the soil and mones down or percolates into the saturated ground zone beneath the water-table, or phreatic surface.

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