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## PHYSICO-CHEMICAL ANALYSIS (HARDNESS OF WATER) OF MAJALGAON DAM WATER, MAJALGAON, DIST. BEED (M.S.)

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**ABSTRACT** : A report of physico-chemical parameter of the water samples taken from the Majalgaon Dam near Beed District of Maharashtra is presented here. The study of physico-chemical analysis like pH, TDS, hardness, conductivity, dissolved oxygen and chemical oxygen demand has been done. The study of these water sample has given the information regarding the suitability of water for drinking and other domestic applications.

**KEYWORDS** : Physico-chemical parameters, domestic, water characteristics.

### INTRODUCTION

Hard water is water that has high mineral content (in contrast with "soft water"). Hardness is important to fish culture and is a commonly reported aspect of water quality. It is a measure of the quantity of divalent ions (for this discussion, salts with two positive charges) such as calcium, magnesium and/or iron in water. There are many different types of salts; however, calcium and magnesium are the most common sources of water hardness. Hardness is traditionally measured by chemical titration. The hardness of a water sample is reported in milligrams per liter (same as parts per million, ppm) as calcium carbonate ( $\text{mg/l CaCO}_3$ ). Calcium carbonate hardness is a general term that indicates the quantity of divalent salts present and does not specifically identify whether calcium, magnesium and/or some other divalent salt is causing water hardness. Hardness can be a measure of divalent salts. In theory, it is possible to have water with high hardness that contains no calcium. Calcium is the most important divalent salt in fish culture water.

### MATERIAL AND METHODS

The experiment was conducted at dept. of zoology, Sunderrao Solanke Mahavidyalaya, Majalgaon, Dist. Beed (M.S.) on the sample collected from dam.

## PHYSICO-CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

The physico-chemical tests included the determination of temperature, turbidity, odour, color, total solid, total dissolved solid, total suspended solid, pH, conductivity, iron content, acidity, total hardness, and chloride content using the methods of FAO (1997a).

## METHODOLOGY

pH was measured with the help of pH meter (Model no. 101 E) of Electronic India, standardized with pH buffer 4,7 and 9.2. TDS was estimated by evaporation method at 1800 C. Alkalinity, Hardness, D.O., Chloride, CO<sub>2</sub> and all parameters were analyzed by standard procedure mentioned in APHA (1995). The elemental analysis carried out by digital flame photometer.

## OBSERVATION

Reading of water quality parameters of Majalgaon dam.

Params	pH	T.D.S	T.H.	Cal Hard.	D.O.	Cl	Alk.	Co <sub>2</sub>	Na	K
sample	7.2	145±2	235±	106±2	3.6±	83±1.	110±5.	7.92±.0	25±.0	6±.0
water	±.0 0c	.8e	11d	.3c	00d	1d	77b	02a	0b	0c

## DISCUSSION

The value of pH 7.2 is in the prescribed limit of ICMR. A little bit increase in pH level may depress the effectiveness of the disinfectants like chlorinations thereby requiring the additional chlorines. The value of total dissolved solid is in the prescribed limit of ICMR it is due to high dissolved salts of Ca, Mg and Fe it requires specific cation and anion analysis. Total hardness 235 is in the prescribed limit. Calcium hardness 106 mg/l and dissolved oxygen 3.6 mg/l indicates nearly pure symptoms. Chlorine content is 83 and alkalinity 110 mg/l is in the prescribed limit. Alkalinity is the cause of carbonate and bicarbonate ion and its salts. Carbon dioxide is 7.92 ppm. According to Henry's law the gaseous dissolution has been determined by partial pressure of gases, soluble salt content and ambient temperature. Increase in CO<sub>2</sub> content may be by high dissolved salt contents. One more possibility is there that is the degradation of DOC (dissolved organic carbon). Higher DOC on post disinfectant application causes some DBPs (Disinfection byproducts) like THM

(Trihalomethanes), HAA (Haloaceticacids) etc. Some of them are potential carcinogens, and a short-term exposure can lead to dizziness, headaches as well as to problems associated with the central nervous system, so it is more relevant for those areas where OM contaminations are high with high use of disinfectants. Quality of ground water under study is nearly fit for drinking purpose, but it is recommended that ground water analysis should be carried out from time to time to monitor the rate and kind of contamination along with analysis of DBPs to corroborate the present study.

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