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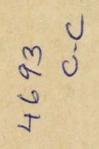
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PREFACE

During my Undergraduate work at the University of Jaffna Professor J. B. Selliah, Professor of Statistics had suggested to me to take more interest in Applied Statistics and Computing Methods as this is a growing field and will be an alround discipline in the future. In the final year of my Special degree in Statistics, Dr. S. Ganesalingam, Senior Lecturer in Statistics, motivated me greatly to gain knowledge in the field of Applied Statistics. He also supervised my undergraduate research work 'A Statistical Analysis of Jaffna Ground Water'. When both my teachers left the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, they suggested many ideas for my studies towards the development of statistical applications at this University.

While I was reading for my Postgraduate degree at the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, India, I preferred to offer the research area 'Applied Statistics and Data Analysis' in the completion of my postgraduate dissertation, with the intention of rejoining this university and working towards the development of Applied Science disciplines. My supervisors Professor B. K. Sinha, Professor of Theoretical Statistics encouraged and motivated me very sincerely to achieve my goals.

When I returned to this University after obtaining my postgraduate degree at the Department of Mathematics and Statistics I wanted to promote my supervision of an undegraduate dissertation as the first research work. I was further motivated to do this job quickly when I joined the Department of Economics, since this work is related to a Socio-Economic Health problem of the Jaffna Society. Professor C. Sivagnanasundram, Professor of Community Medicine, my adviser on my research work. emphasised the need for studying the influence of the quality of ground water on the health of the people of this region. Professor N. Balakrishnan also encouraged my study when I sent an application for research grant and recommended me to do this work.

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SUMMARY

Principal Components Analysis and Cluster Analysis were applied to a widely differing sets of Ground water Hydro-Chemical data. The data used in this study was obtained from the records of the Water Resources Board of Jaffna and referred to sixty eight spatially distributed random wells ih the Jaffna-Valikamam region for the years 1979, 1981 and 1983.

The first two Principal components used suggest that there are ten major recognizable groups; seven of them are classified as ideal and the remaining three are different to the region, in the hydrochemical statistical data obtained for the year 1983. The remaining components described were relatively unimportant. Discrimination boundaries by Principal components were also found. Ideal groups were utilized to update the statistical parameters and are proposed for subsequent research. The Principal components were used for discrimination axes as an alternative to the Canonical axes.

A hierarchical agglomerative clustering procedure applied revealed the development of ground water clusters in relation to Mahalanobi's distance measure. The ideal cluster of ground water source area of the region appeared single in 1979, segregated into two clusters with three portions in 1981 and further segregated into six identified clusters in 1983. None of the clusters met the drinking water standard recommended by WHO. Four of them had fair quality and the remaining two had poor quality drinking water.

The methods applied and conclusions made from the results obtained were moderately successful in the sense that the results do not contradict basically with the results already drawn by geographers and other scientists.

Keywords

Hydrochemical data, Salinity, Hardness, Spatial distribution, Reduction of dimension, Principal components, Bi-plot, Mahalanobi's distance, Dissimilarity matrix, Dendrogram, Hierarchical clustering.

1: INTRODUCTION

Ground water is the major natural water resource in the Jaffna Peninsula and it is used for domestic, agricultural and industrial purposes. Owing to the rapidly increasing population the demand of water is also relatively increasing and various human activities have been causing several serious problems, such as saline intrusion, nitrate pollution and the bacterial multiplication etc. in ground water. Salinity problems arise not only by the increased use of water by the people but also by the greater rainful variability. As rainfall is the only source of recharge, it predominantly affects the ground water.

Salinity problems were perceived as a hazard during 1950's and 1960's and dry phases have been identified during those two decades (Puvaneswaran, K. M., 1985). It was emphasised in this study that preservation of rain water in concrete tanks in every common place must be encouraged, a substantial amount of water consumed from the source area of Valikamam by the Jaffna Provincial (Teaching) Hospital must be cut down, regulation must be enforced for construction of septic tanks and dig wells etc. (1).

Further pumping removes water from ground water storage, causing heads to decline and salt water fresh water interface to rise. Salinity varies seasonally, being lowest during the rainy season and highest during dry season. Largely, because of low fresh water heads in the aquifer and large amount of withdrawals from wells, salt water intrusions have occured in several areas of the peninsula (Nandakumar, V., 1983). The intensive agricultural pattern adopted in the last three decades also led to the increase of salinity of water in the wells. Several wells once used to supply potable water are not in use now due to increase of salinity (2).

The above problem was concentrated over the major area, Jaffna-Valikamam, of the penisula and the Chloric and Hardness concentration of water were analysed (Elankumaran, C., 1986) with the aid of basic statistical analysis to observe the tendencies of the concentrations. The findings show that while the chloride concentrations increased with time significantly, hardness tends to remain unchanged with time over this region. Particularly the concentrations were increasing and decreasing in different wells (3). The purpose of the present research is to identify a clear picture of ground water patterns or groupings in relations to Chloride and Hardness concentrations which cause salinity problems in Jaffna-Valikamam area. The advanced statistical methods, Principal components and Cluster analytic methods of Multivariate analysis have been utilized.

2 : STUDY AREA, PHYSICAL BASE AND HYDRO-CLIMATOLOGICAL ASPECTS

The peninsula is situated in the northern extremity of the Island of Sri Lanka with the extent of 1065 square km. It has a remarkable formation in the Geological history of Sri lanka. The study area Jaffna-Valikamam section alone constitutes around 50 percent of the western peninsula. It is bounded by sea on the western sides and by Jaffna lagoon on the southern side and Vadamaradchi and Thenmaradchi on the eastern side separated by inland salt water lagoons. These lagoons divide the study area from the rest of the peninsula, with the northern outlet at Thondaimanaru and the southern outlet at Navatkuli. Figures 1, 2, and 3 show the above description.

Study area has lime stone base in some sections that it is completely covered by sand. Some area is being covered by pockets of grey and red loams. There are many tanks both large and small in size. Tanks and wells are the major water suppliers in the area. Several wells have been drilled by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board for Market town water supply scheme (1). The topography of the peninsula is mainly low flat land with an elevation of less than 9 meters above sea level except around Tellippalai. The Study area is devoid of any perennial rivers with the exception of a very small intermittent stream called 'Valukkai Aru', Analysis of Geomorphology of the Valukkai Aru drainage basin revealed that the salinity of the ground water in a particular place is inversely correlated to the distance of this place from the sea (4).

Climatically a uniform high temperature with an average of 28 degrees centigrade prevails which leads to high evaporation. The rainfall and evaporation combined with the wind and high intensity of solar radiation, are playing a significant role in groundwater standard or quality. Rainfall in the peninsula is purely seasonal and annual rainfall variation is also very high.

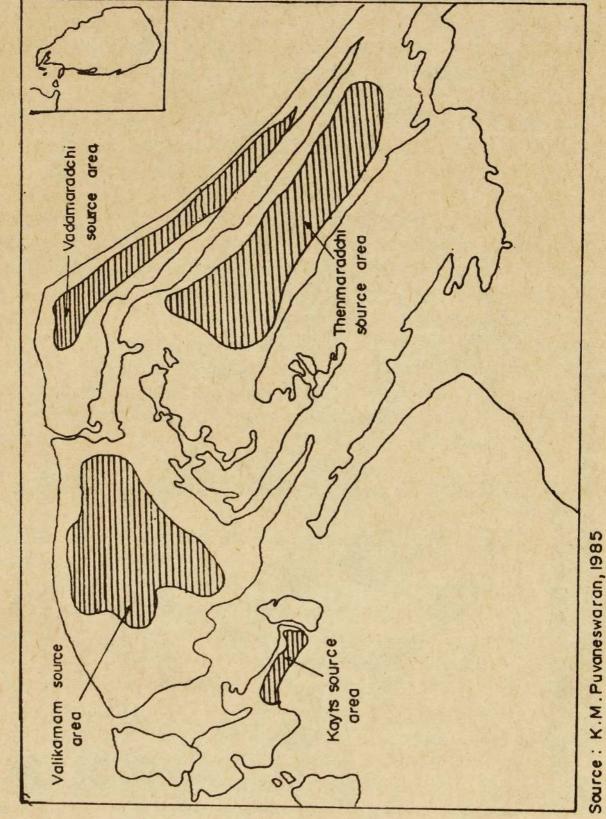
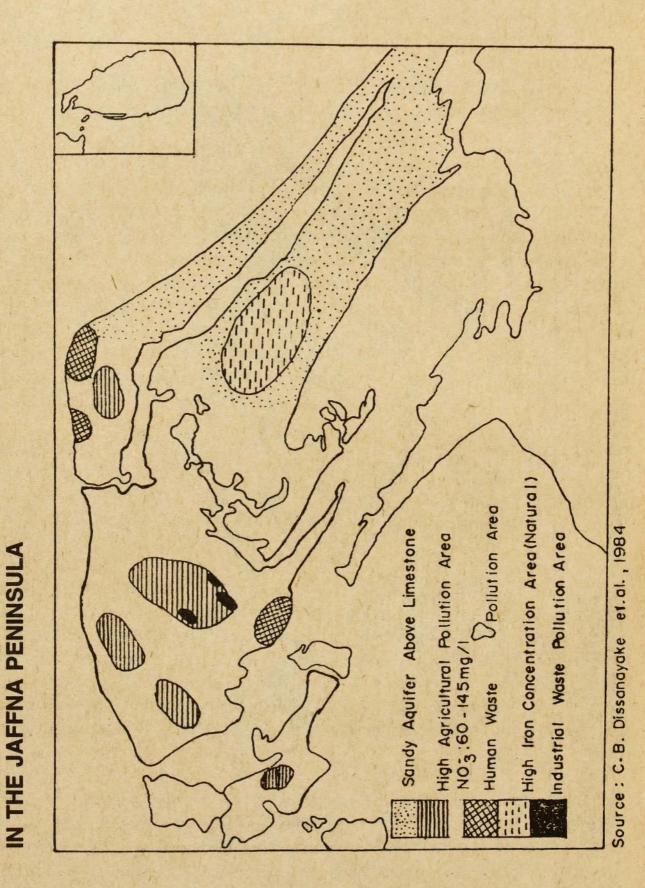


FIG. 1. GROUND WATER SOURCE AREAS OF THE JAFFNA PENINSULA



FIG. 2. GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION



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Although the rainy season lasts from September to January, in some years th peninsula receives more than 50 per cent of the annual rainfall within 24 hours. It is estimated that nearly 10 to 15 per cent of the annual rainfall is lost as direct run-off. About 40 to 48 per cent of the total rainfall is lost by evaporation, only 30 to 32 per cent of the rainfall is left over for ground water recharge. Very high evaporation is one of the reasons of water loss in the peninsula. Variability of rainfall over the region is a key factor which has been emphasised by a number of local authorities on various occasions. Ground water recharge has been viewed as a function of effective rainfall. Ground water recharge is the amount of surface rain water which reaches the water table by percolation (5).

The recharge to ground water in the peninsula depends almost entirely on rainfall percolation. Since Predisposition is irregular and unreliable as a source of water and also due to the fact that there are no major streams in the study area, the only source of water that can be tapped is ground water. Withdrawal from wells is the major discharge compared to other methods (Springs and Seeps). The deviation (from wet to dry) in the water table is larger in Valikamam region compared to other areas of the peninsula. This is related to the population density and land utilization of the region.

3: WATER QUALITY AND SALINITY PROBLEMS

The fresh water body of Jaffna peninsula is floating in lens formation on the saline water due to their relative densities; the fresh water - sea water interface occurs at a depath 40 times the difference in levels; between the water table and sea level at that locality. When pumping is done, the depression by a centimetre of the fresh water table (above sea level) will reduce the thickness of the fresh water lens below sea level by 40 centimetre. Excess pumping in many areas has resulted in salinity intrusion into the fresh water. About 55 to 65 percent of the area was free from salinity in 1972 (2), but the major problem of the peninsula now is the rate of incresing chloride concentrations in the ground water.

As water travels on the earth's surface it reacts dissolved minerals on its way. The modified chemical composition will therefore depend on the terrain and the availability of readily soluble minerals. In addition, evaporation concentrates the mineral content of the water. Run-off water dissolves minerals and transports organic debris and silt from the watershed area to defined streams. There, the water again evaporates and percolates to ground water basins. The mineral content of surface water therefore becomes progressively higher in the down-streem areas.

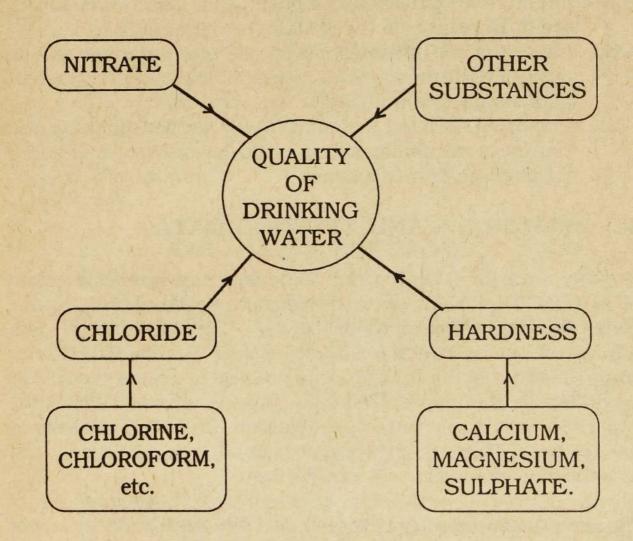
Jaffna peninsula has reportedly the highest nitrate content in the ground water in all of Sri Lanka. Further, 80 per cent of the ground water of the region is being extracted from the lime stone aquifer and utilized for drinking, domestic, agriculatural and industrial purposes, the rest being obtained from the sand aquifer. It was also found that 80 per cent of the well water yielded unacceptable bactereological quality contaminated by faecal caliform (6). A major factor responsible for poor water quality in this region is considered to be the abundant use of agricultural fertilizers, mainly urea which contains 46 per cent nitrogen.

When water reaches the ground water basin, it usually contains a much higher concentration of salts than the rainwater. The chemical charactor of such a percolate will vary from one area to another depending on the terrain and extent of chemical deposits in the soil. The dissocciated salt ions in the porous medium will dissolve in the percolating water and mix with the ground water slowly, guided by convection, hydrodynamic dispersion, and chemical diffusion. The poor quality of ground water in the Jaffna peninsula is also caused by improper planning of soakage pits and latrines as these contribute to the serious contamination of the ground water (6). Figure 2 explains the aobye situation.

Fertilizers, including manuare, applied to the irrigated soils contain nitrogen in different forms; amino groups as in urea, ammonia as in ammonium sulphate and liquid ammonia, and nitrate as in calcium nitrate. Most of the applied nitrogen fertilizers eventually change into nitrates through bacterial degradation, if aerobic conditions prevail. Both quantity and quality of water are important variables that must be taken into account in the management of water resources. Although water may be abundantly available, it may not be fit for use. There are specific quality standards for the different beneficial uses of water.

If the quality of the available water resources does not meet these standards, treatment becomes necessary. As water becomes more saline by natural processes and through man's use, reuse of water becomes difficult, unless the quality still meets the standards for the different uses. Diversions of run-off, impounding of surface water and transfer of surface waters by man made aqueducts modify the natural hydrologic cycle and result in changes of the natural surface water quality and the quality of local ground water (7).

The identified hydrochemical substances influencing the quality of Jaffna ground water are given in the following schematic diagram:



Water containing Chloride upto 150 parts per million (ppm) is classified as 'good' quality water and that containing 150 to 500 ppm as 'fair' quality. Water with over 500 ppm is considered brackish. Hardness is a measure of the dissolved calcium in water. Water containing dissolved calcium below 100 ppm is classified as 'soft' and over 300 ppm as 'hard'. This concept has been recommended by the World Health Organizaation (WHO) (15). The author's previous study (3) also was done on the basis of this criteria. The problems described above are common and becoming a serious issue in every location in the Jaffna peninsula. The people of many areas are facing difficulties to get drinking water. People sometimes have to go far away from their residence every morning and evening to fetch drinking water. In view of this, a scientific study of the ground water situation is necessary for the betterment of the people of this region.

Hence, in view of the various factors discussed above, this study focuses on the following specific objectives :

- (1) Finding homogenous sub-regions of the Jaffna Valikamam sector in respect of the drinking water quality.
- (2) Analysing the sub-regions or clusters obtained on the basis of WHO recommendations on Salinity and Hardness, for drinking water quality.
- (3) Proposing updated and statistically verified Chloride and Hardness parameters that could be utilised for further research on related studies.

4: MATERIALS AND EXISTING DATA

Monthly data for Chloride and Hardness concentrations from 1979 to 1984 are available at the Northern Regional Offfice of the Water Resources Board (WRB), Jaffna. The collection of data conducted by the Water Resources Board was disturbed after June 1984 due to the conditions of political unrest and civil war prevailing in this region. The data collected during 1979, 1981 and 1983 were subjected to Multivariate Statistical analysis in this research. These three alternate year data were utilized to see how the cluster patterns differ with time.

The data available during the years 1980 and 1982 were not utilised in this study because the available data is not adequate to use methods such as Stochastic processes and Time series analysis. Hence, the cross-section data at equi-distance of years was chosen for this study. Only 150 wells out of 250 wells in the study area had complete data as the data for the remaining had been left out, from time to time, by the field workers of the WRB, Jaffna. Sixty eight wells among the 150 wells were sampled according to spatial distribution of wells in the study area. Figure 3 indicates the spatial distribution or Cartogram of the complete data used. The locations and sampled wells in this study are given in the appendix of this research report. The classification of sampled wells according to the AGA divisions of the Jaffna-Valikamam area is given in table 1.

Table 1: Location of Sampled wells classified by AGA divisions

AGA Divisions	Sample identification number	(Size)
Jaffna Town	01, 02, 03, 04, 07	(05)
Nallur	05,06,08,09,10,11,12,13,14	(09)
Valikamam South-West (Sandilipay)	15,16,17,19,20,21,55,56,57	(09)
Valikamam South (Uduvil)	18,22,23,24,40,42,43,44	(08)
Valikamam East (Koppy)	25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33 34,35,36,41	(13)
Valikamam North (Thellipalai)	37 , 38, 39, 45,46,47,48,49,50, 51,52,53,54	(13)
Valikamam West (Chankanai)	58,59,60,61,62,63,64,65,66 67,68	(11)

Climatological water resource and recharge aspects menioned earlier were considered to categorise the data type and assigning Statistical variables approportiately. The Climatological seasons prevailing over the Northern province of Sri Lanka are as folows :

Season 1 : March Season 2 May Season 3 : October Season 4 : December - February

- April - Sepember :

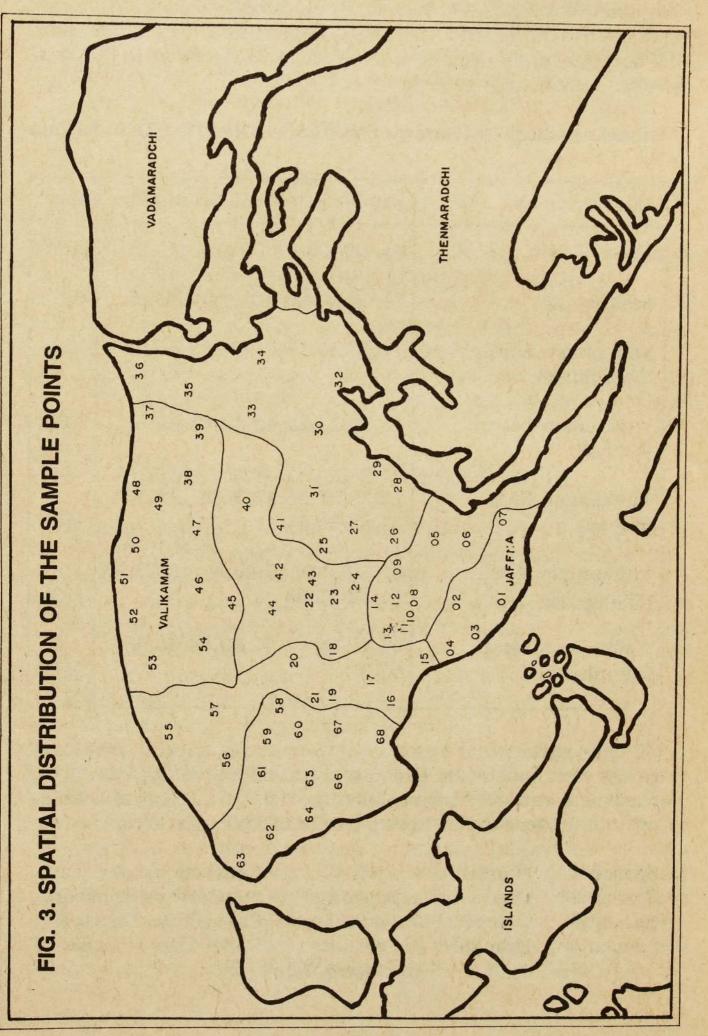
- November

(Following Year)

- Convectional season I.
- South West Monsoon,
 - Convectional season II.

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The average concentrations of Chloride and Hardness during the periods March-April (S1), May-September (S2), October-November (S3), and December-February (S4) were defined as random variables in this study.

The notations of the defined variables are as follows ;

Х	(1 -	Average	Chloride	concentration	during	S1,
Х	(2 -	Average	Chloride	concentration	during	S2,
Х	(3 -	Average	Chloride	concentration	during	S3,
Х	(4 -	Average	Chloride	concentration	during	S4,
Х	(5 -	Average	Hardness	concentration	during	S1,
Х	K6 -	Average	Hardness	concentration	during	S2,
				concentration		
and X	- 83	Average	Hardness	concentration	during	S4.

The North-East monsoon season covers the period from December of a year to February of the following year. In this study the variables X4 and X8 were defined, for a particular year, by considering January, February and December of the SAME year.

The unit of the above variables is parts per million (ppm). The concentrations mentioned above were those obtained by WRB of Jaffna. The Major components observed and subjected to laboratory testing of Jaffna ground water are Chlorine, Calcium, Magnesium, Sulphate and Nitrate substance. The minor components Manganese, Iron, Copper, Phenolic, Carbon and Chloroform extract were not taken into consideration as they do not significantly affect the water quality of Jaffna peninsula.

The defined Chloride concentration is the level of chlorine in the water which is related to the salinity of water, and the hardness concentration is the total level of

Calcium, Magnesium and Sulphate substances. A drawback in this study is the nonavalability of Nitrate level in the water from each of the sampled well. As mentioned earlier, the nitrate concentration which mostly determines the water quality, has been quantified by a coding method described below.

The coding work has been incorporated according to the distribution of nitrate concentration in the potable water of Sri Lanka (6). The codes of the coding variable X9, related to each sampled well, have been defined with the above subjective reasons. Codes were assigned according to figure 2 and the cartogram of the study area given in figure 3. The variable X9 assumes integer values from 1 to 4 (ie. X9 = 1, 2, 3, 4). The center of the area has the highest concentration which takes coding value 4 and the sea-sides have the lowest concentration which takes coding value 1 and the values vary between 1 and 4 according to the spatial distribution.

The population density throughout the study area is also an influencing factor of water quality. Intensive market gardening in the fertile red soil region with good under ground water resource are the primary factors for the high density of population in the Valikamam region. Further the population density is directly correlated to the use of ground water (8).

The population size data surrounding each well are not available for the years 1979, 1981 and 1983 which is another drawback to this study. Unfortunately the population density in every local council division is available only in the year 1987. However the spatial distribution or density of the population is comparatively homogenious in Jaffna and Nallur AGA divisions and in all the other Valikamam AGA divisions. These are urban and urbanrural mixed sectors respectively. The density difference between these two sectors is a matter to be reckoned; but being comparatively low, the difference has been neglected in the study.

Under the above circumstances it is strongly emphasised that all the above described nine variables are adequate enough to postulate the dissimilarity measures and highlight resemblences within the wells. This emphasis is laid on the basis of subjective as well as statistical theoretical considerations.

5: ANALYTIC METHODS

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Cluster analysis, applied to widely differing sets of ground water hydro-chemical data, appears to be moderately successful as a statistical tool for revealing hydrochemical and hydrogeological features. Moderately successful refers here to the agreement with the previous results obtained in the other studies using other approaches. It possesses advantages over the traditional graphical methods of solving similar problems, principally in its systematic nature, and it can generate inter-parameter relationships that may be overlooked in the less sophisticated traditional methods.

One of the major problems of hydrochemical investigations in hydrogeology is the ease with which large quantities of data are generated. In a comprehensive study, particulary a regional study, every water sample collected and analysed should be of some use but the sheer numebr can frequently cause confusion and error both to the interpreter and to those to whom he presents his conclusions.

From the methods available, Cluster analysis has obvious attractions for use in ground water chemistry in which large quantities of data can be processed rapidly and systematically with the aid of digital computers. There has been very little previous work in applying Cluster analysis specifically to hydrochemical data, although other statistical methods have been applied. For Example, Multiple regression analysis by Khan et. al. (1972) and Discriminant analysis by Drake and Harmon (1973). (Ashley, R.P. & Lloyd, J.W. : 1978) have been used before.

In view of the limitations of the existing methods and the increasing number of chemical parameters now being measured in ground water studies, there is a need for more wide ranging statistical analysis of data. In other scientific fields Multivariate analysis is proving fruitful. Cluster analysis, however, allows the grouping of waters according to their chemical composition (9). The groups may be termed as 'homogenious clusters of ground water' in terms of hydrochemical data.

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5.1: Description of Variables

The reduction of dimensionality and classification via distance measures, completely depend on the variation of the individual variables and co-variation of the paired variables. That is, the Variance-Convariance matrix only plays an important role in this method. Hence, although the estimation of parameters of the Nine-variate distribution is required, the Multivariate normality is not necessary for the methods Principal Components Analysis (PCA) and Cluster analysis applied in this research.

Therefore, the Mean vectors and Variance-Covariance matrices for the above mentioned three years 1979, 1981 and 1983 have been estimated by using all the sixty eight observation vectors in a nine-dimensional space.

Let X =	X1 X2 X3 X4 X5 X6 X7 X8 X9	and M		M1 M2 M3 M4 M5 M6 M7 M8 M9
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both of dimension (9x1) be the vector of variables and its sample mean vector respectively.

Then, the sample Variance - Covariance matrix could be defined and denoted by;

$$S = E [(X - M)' (X - M)]$$

of dimension (9x9) as follows:

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S ₄₁	S ₄₂	S ₄₃	S ₄₄	S ₄₅	S ₄₆	S ₄₇	S ₄₈	S4
S ₅₁	S ₅₂	S ₅₃	S ₅₄	S ₅₅	S ₅₆	S ₅₇	S ₅₈	S ₅
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where S is symmetrical. Then $X \approx (M, S)$.

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5.2 : Reducing the dimensionality of the problem : PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS ANALYSIS (PCA)

The study of Principal Components Analysis was developed by Hottelling (1933) after its origination by Pearson (1901). Kendall (1957) and Seal (1962) also worked on this area and found additional properties. It was further developed by Rao (1964) for further details and various applications (11).

Principal Components analysis has been utilised in this study to reduce the dimension of the nature of data. The important practical objectives of this method are given as follows :

- (1) Examination of correlations between the variables of a selected list :
- (2) Reduction of basic dimension of the variabilities in the measured set to the smallest meaningful dimension;

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- (3) Elimination of variables which contribute relatively little extra information;
- (4) Allocation of individuals to previously demarcated groups; and
- (5) Recognition of misidentified individduals. etc.

Digitized by Noolahan Soundation. noolaham.org | aavanaham.org The first step involved the calculation of Principal Components is to maximize the variation explained in a nine-dimensional data set in this study. Unrotated components (Origional variables) may not usually produce a meaingful patterning of variables in the original data. To ascertain the underlying meaning embodied in the row data set, varimax rotation of the principal components was done. All nine hydro-chemical vaariables form a suitable number of linear combinations through eigen values and corresponding eigen vectors. The reduction of dimensionality also further enables the analysis to proceed with the bi-plot explanation for recognizing grouped elements and discarding unusual elements.

The eigen values and eigen vectors corresponding to all the three matrices have been calculated. Mathematically, these matrices need not be of full rank, nor need contain more than one distinct characteristic root (10). However, the exigenity of simplicity in our description of the latent structure of the variables calls for a data matrix of full rank.

Let $u1, u2, \ldots, u9$ be the characteristic roots of the sample Variance-Covariance matrix S, in descending order, and $e1, e2, \ldots, e9$ be the correspoding characteristic vectors of size 9 x 1.

Let E = (e1, e2, e3, e4, e5, e6, e7, e8, e9) of dimension $9 \ge 9$, Then, E is an orthogonal matrix.

Further, E'SE = D = Diag (u1, u2,, u9)

and

Tr (S) = Tr (D) = Total variation.

Therefore, the Principal Components of the original variables given in X are the linear combinations defined by;

	$\underline{Y} - E'(\underline{X} - \underline{M})$
Where	<u>Y</u> = (Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7, Y8, Y9)' of
	dimension 9x1.
	constitutes the principal components.
and	V(Yi) = ui ; i = 1, 2,

Thus the Principal Components are the weighted averages of the deviation of the observations from their means, the weights being the corresponding elements of the eigen vectors. This is described as the Varimax rotation of data.

The first two principal components Y1 and Y2, which explain the major portion of the total variation, were plotted one against another. The scatter plot was observed for discrimination boundaries. This plot is called a bi-plot, which is expected to explore the nature of clusters by varimax rotation of data. The odd elements or outliers may be identifed and discarded to update the mean vector and Variance-Covariance matrix for future research. This can be done by inspecting the bi-plot of the principal components.

5.3 : Clustering procedure

In our treatment of Multivariate data, we always assume that the sample comes from a homogeneous pouplation with a single mathematical form and set of parameters. If the distribution is Multinormal, we tacitly assume a smooth and unimodal density function. Often the data belie those assumptions; the observation vectors may clump together in clusters, or contain gaps that appear to indicate that the source may be a mixture of several displaced distributions.

The clusters suggest that they are highly dependent on the sampling variation and measurement error in the observations. Small perturbations in the data might lead to very different clusters. The choice of the number of clusters may not follow from the clustering procedure, but may have to be made subjectively. For these reasons cluster analysis is not a rigorous and sharp statistical tool, and should be applied with care and with the assistance of any other information about the sampling units. This is why the Principal Components analysis and in the beginning descriptive statistical analysis were employed.

The first two principal components of the set of nine hydrochemical data have been utilized for classification and for comparison with Hierarchical clustering. A hierarchical agglomerative clustering procdure was applied to the spatial random sample mentioned above. The clustering for all three years was done separately. The clustering process begins with measures of the distances of the observation vectors from one onother. Several distance measures are available. The Euclidian distance d (i, j) defined by

d (i,j) - Squareroot [$(X_{(i)} - X_{(j)})'(X_{(i)} - X_{(j)})$]

does not usually satisfy many statistical properties. Hence the following distance measure, Mahalanobi's distance 1 (i, j) was defined and utilised for discriminating observation vectors from each other in statistical sense, as

1 (i,j) - Squareroot [$(X_{(i)} - X_{(i)})' S^{-1} (X_{(i)} - X_{(j)})$]

Where X (i) and X (j) are two arbitary observation vectors of dimension nine. The dissimilarity matrix constituting intrastructural distances among the sampled observations could be denoted by ;

0	1(1,2)	1(1,3) 1 (1,N)
1(2,1)	0	1(2,3) 1(2,N)
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1(N-1,1)	I(N-1,2)	
1(N,1)	1(N,2)	1(N,3) 0

N×N

Three dissimilarity matrices of the above type for 1979, 1981 and 1983 were constructed using the Mahalanobi's Distances among the samples calculated.

The correspoding 'Dendrograms', via Linkage method, were drawn to form clustes at different distance levels. Dendrogram is a tree diagram in which the X-axis represents the objects, while the Yaxis represents the distances. The technique of drawing dendrogram operates on the dissimilarity matrix of distances. Average linkage method was adopted to merge the sample points or objects as clusters (12). That is, we might form clusters in a rudimentary way by scanning the dissimilarity matrix for smallest distances and grouping the observations into clusters on that basis. The distance between a classifying sample point (observation vector) and a cluster already formed, has been calculated by taking the average of the distances to the individuals belonging to that cluster, which is called average linkage method.

The linkage algorithm combines the original N single-point clustees hierarchically into one cluster of N points. The clusters formed by this way were subjected to further analysis and interpretation. The mean vector and Variance-Covariane matrix for the year 1983 were readjusted after eliminating the outliers identified by Principal Components analysis.

5.4: Data Processing

The 'Pascal' programmes written on the basis of standard algorithms developed during auther's earlier studies (12) were performed to complete many data processing works in this study. Construction of data matrices, calculating the values for principal components, calculating Mahalanobi's distances, construction of dissimilarity matrices, and operation for dendrogram were completed using these programmes.

Standard statistical calculations were obtained using 'MINITAB' statistical package. Construction of mean vectors and Variance Convariance materices, calculating characteristic roots and corresponding characteristic vectors, drawing bi-plots, etc. were performed using the above package.



6: RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

6.1: Descriptive Statistics

The hydro-chemical data matrices, formed after variability assignment for the three years, were subjected to descriptive statistical analysis. The simple description of the available data are given in the following three tables for the total number of sample points, n. The sample point locations are given in Appendix 1 and the raw data of Chloride and Hardness levels in Appendix 2 respectively.

	Maximum	Mean	Std Error
40.0	5560.0	548.3	96.0
52.0	15484.0	845.0	249.0
40.0	5970.0	645.0	107.0
43.3	4393.3	515.9	79.1
55.0	2265.0	478.5	39.1
16.0	6188.0	596.1	95.0
75.0	2475.0	517.9	42.6
46.7	1836.7	432.2	34.4

Table 2 : Descriptive statistics for the year 1979 (n=68)

Table 3 : Descriptive statistics for the year 1981 (n=68)

Variable	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Error
X1	45.0	6450.0	724.3	153.0
X2	43.0	11875.0	911.0	234.0
X3	60.0	6813.0	727.0	138.0
X4	66.7	4055.0	583.1	83.9
X5	120.0	3765.0	527.9	66.4
X6	164.0	4328.0	581.0	88.9
X7	150.0	2405.0	562.6	56.6
X8	166.7	2376.7	513.5	44.6

Table 4 : Descriptive statistics for the year 1983 (n=68)

Variable	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Error
X1	53.0	7813.0	680.0	137.0
X2	43.0	28492.0	1104.0	427.0
X3	53.0	7000.0	903.0	166.0
X4	56.7	3908.3	583.5	81.6
X5	135.0	3070.0	455.0	49.1
X6	148.0	8946.0	617.0	134.0
X7	160.0	3215.0	602.4	72.8
X8	165.0	1675.0	474.5	32.9

Table 4 : Descriptive statistics for the year 1983 (n=68)

The following facts are revealed from the above tables. It is observed that the chloride variable X2 has the maximum concentration compared to its associated variables X1, X3 and X4. Similarly the hardness variable X6 has the maximum concentration compared to its associated variables X5, X7 and X8. The variables X2 and X6 stand for the period 'May to September', i. e. the season of the South-West monsoon, Further, the average concentrations of X2 and X6 are the highest compared to their associated variables. Therefore, the salinity problems increase during the period May to September and decline during the other seasons. The climatological relationship with the hydro-chemical variables mentioned earlier is therefore verified or confirmed.

It can also be inferred from the above tables that the average Chloride concentrations for X2, X3 and X4, ie, during January -February and May - December (ten months), steadily increse from 1979 to 1983. The average chloride concentration of X1, ie, during March - April, increases from 1979 to 1981 and decreases to 1983. As anticipated, the concentration during December - February is the lowest for all these years. Again, as anticipated, the chloride concentrations increase during March - April for all the three years.

It is known that Jaffna region does not get any rainfall of significant amount during the period May - September and as such, an apriori anticipation should be that concentration should rise during this period. This is infact observed for all these years; a fact more worrying is that the concentration has progressively increased over the years 1979 to 1983. During the period October - November, one would expect a decrease in Chloride concentra-

tion As rainfall sets in Jaffna region in the month of October; although the levels of concentration in any one year is seen to drop from that of the correspoding May - September period, the concentration levels over the years is found to progressively increase. This suggests that the rainfall has not been sufficient to reduce the mean chloride level. It has been suggested that the rise in Chloride levels immediately after the first rains is due to the leaching of the salt from the soil layers through which the water percolates.

However, with more rain in the December - February period, the Chloride concentration is found to drop to a more steady level over all the years. Therefore, although the means for chloride concentrations as given above make sense, the salinity problems caused by progressively increasing chloride concentrations over the years 1979 to 1983 are remarkably worrying for serious precautionary actions.

The Hardness concentrations in the above tables do not present a clear picture of any trend, although the concentration is found to peak during the May-September period, as in the Chloride levels. These results have been roughly obtained already by different analysis (3). Statistical inference was not applied as it is not within the scope of this research to extract different results for interpreting different purposes. The standard error of the estimates of the average concentrations listed in the above tables are meaningful and support the unbiasedness of the statistical point estimation.

Descriptive statistics of the coded variable X9 are not given in the above tables, because those statistics are not relevant for the interpretation of the statistical nature of the nitrate data. However, those codes are essential for the discrimination or clustering of the observation vectors.

The important parameter of this research is the sample Variance Covariance matrix. Sample Variance-Covariance materices for the years 1979, 1981 and 1983 were calculated. The corresponding three Correlation matrices were also estimated and are given in the following tables:



Table 5: Correlation matrix for the year 1979 (n=68)

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	X1	X2	X3	X4	X5 ·	X6	X7	X8	X9
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X2	0.708	1.000		ANDER					
X3	0.939	0.560	1.000	. in this					
X4	0.923	0.547	0.902	1.000	turning				
X5	0.929	0.598	0.840	0.855	1.000				
X6	0.682	0.991	0.523	0.521	0.608	1.000		a trail	
X7	0.883	0.477	0.940	0.872	0.864	0.472	1.000		
		0.380	0.701	0.898	0.763	0.387	0.755	1.000	
			- 0.323	-0.265	-0.308	-0.252	- 0.322	-0.189	1.000

Table 6: Correlation matrix for the year 1981 (n=68)

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	X1	X2	X3	X4	X5	X6	X7	X8	X9
X 1	1.000								H AN
X2	0.974	1.000							1 - 1 - 1
X3	0.837	0.875	1.000						ST. AND
X4	0.905	0.849	0.879	1.000					A.L.
X5	0.946	0.895	0.688	0.830	1.000				a set of
X6	0.971	0.977	0.807	0.831	0.952	1.000			NUT A MA
X7	0.829	0.828	0.879	0.834	0.769	0.831	1.000		
X8	0.826	0.735	0.637	0.838	0.870	0.798	.0.790	1.000	1 Ash
X9	-0.342	-0.300	- 0.325	-0.348	-0.336	-0.309	- 0.383	-0.301	1.000

Table 7: Correlation matrix for the year 1983 (n=68)

			the second se			And the state of the state of the	and the second se		
	X1	X2	X3	X4	X5	X6	X7	X8	X9
X1	1.000	1.28		9.8.2.9	19.2	HORAL R			
X2	0.897	1.000		A Hear		· .			
X3	0.689	0.520	1.000	1. 192. 13					
X4	0.896	0.732	0.655	1.000					ALC ALC
X5	0.963	0.894	0.632	0.855	1.000		at in y		1.15
X6	0.888	0.991	0.577	0.726	0.898	1.000			
X7	0.579	0.451	0.942	0.532	0.577	0.533	1.000		
X8	0.782	0.643	0.530	0.880	0.835	0.655	0.510	1.000	
X9	-0.284	-0.207	- 0.325	-0.327	-0.250	-0.231	- 0.354	-0.305	1.000

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Significance testing of the correlation co-efficeents is not needed as said earlier. The Variance-Covariance matrices were only used for consequent calculations. However, a carefrul examination of the co-efficients of correlation in the above tables suggests the following facts.

It is observed from all the above correlation tables that the nitrate variable X9 is negatively correlated to all the chloride and hardness variables, and particularly highly negatively correlated with the chloride variable X4 and hardness variable X7. Therefore it can be concluded that the nitrate concentration of ground water inversely affects the chloride concentration most during December to February and hardness concentration during October to November.

The above tables further reveal that the eight chloride and hardness variables are positively correlated with each other. Particularly among the chloride variables, X1 and X2 have the maximum association and among hardness variables, X5 and X6 have the maximum association. Therefore we can conclude that the first two seasons, March-April and May-September, have similar characteristics as far as salinity problems are concerned. It may seem that the association between X1 and X4 is not significantly different from the association between X1 and X2 indicated above. However, a study of the Hardness variable X6 with Chloride variables X2 and X4 indicates that the chloride variable X2 and hardness variable X6, for the same period May-September, have the maximum correlation compared to the other pair X4 and X6. Hence, we may conclude that the salinity problems are highly influenced by hardness substances during May-September, the so-called summer season of the Jaffna penisula.

As discussed above, one of the important aspects highlighted in the correlation matrices of the three years given in Tables 5,6 and 7 is a high degree of correlation between Chloride and Hardness concentrations of the ground water. However, the study is concerned mainly with the importance of Chloride rather than Hardness. The dummy variable X9 for nitrate also does not offer any additional information. Therefore, simple descriptive statistical analysis of Chloride concentration is considered necessary to throw more light on this aspect. The raw data subjected to seasonalization in the year 1983 (latest year for which data is available) could be classified into GOOD, FAIR, POOR, VERY POOR, and BAD quality drinking water according to the Chloride conentrations. The classification by code numbers of the wells is given in the following table :

Chloride Concent-		Wells by Loo	cation (Code)	A State
ration range. (ppm)	March -April (S1)	May -September (S2)	October -November (S3)	December -February (S4)
0 -< 150 (GOOD)	05,11,18,20, 25,27,33,35, 38,41,51,53, 58,59.	25,27,33,35,	05,18,20,25, 27,33,35,38, 43,50,53,58.	11,18,20,25, 27,33,35,51, 53,58,59.
150 -< 500 (FAIR)	02,06,07,08, 09,10,12,13, 14,19,22,23, 24,26,29,31, 34,39,40,42, 43,45,47,49, 50,54,56,66, 67,68.	02,06,07,08, 09,10,12,13, 14,19,22,23, 24,26,31,34, 39,40,42,44, 45,47,49,50, 51,54,55.	02,06,07,08, 09,10,11,12, 13,14,19,22, 23,24,26,31, 34,39,40,41, 42,45,47,49, 51,54,55,59, 68.	02,05,06,07, 08,09,19,22, 23,24,26,31, 38,39,40,41, 42,43,45,46, 47,49,50,54, 56,63,68.
500-<2000 (POOR)	01,03,04,15, 17,21,30,32, 37,44,46,48, 52,55,57,60, 61,62,63,65.	03,04,15,17, 21,29,30,32, 37,46,48,52, 56,57,60,61, 65,66,67,68.	01,03,04,15, 17,29,30,32, 37,44,46,48, 52,56,57,60, 61,65,66,67.	01,03,04,10, 12,13,14,15, 16,17,21,29, 30,32,34,37, 44,52,55,57, 60,61,62,64, 65,66,67.
2000-<5000 (VERY POOR)		01,28,62,63, 64.	21,28.	
Above 5000 (BAD)	36.	16,36.	16,36,62,63, 64.	28,36,48.

Table 8 : The classification of sample points by Chlorideconcentration for 1983.

6.2 : Principal Components Analysis

Varimax rotation of the original data gives orthogonal components together with their eigen values or the Principal components together with their variances. With the aid of 'MINITAB' statistical package the eigen values and their associated eigen vectors were extracted from the respective Variance-Covariance matrices. The variances of the principal components and the percentage variability in relation to the total variation are given in the following table:

and the	19	79	19	81	1983		
Principal Component		Percent. Variabi.	Eigen Value	Percent. Variabi.	Eigen Value	Percent. Variabi.	
1	5787530	82.91	7673553	92.60	15793090	88.62	
2	1047961	15.01	345783	4.17	1622043	9.10	
3	78467	1.12	174216	2.10	294451	1.65	
4	34356	0.49	56498	0.69	55052	0.32	
5	23036	0.33	14883	0.18	41741	0.23	
6	3990	0.06	11878	0.14	7805	0.04	
7	3339	0.05	7556	0.09	5550	0.03	
8	2068	0.03	2101	0.03	2370	0.01	
9	1	0.00	1	0.00	1	0.00	
Total	6980748	100.00	8286469	100.00	17822103	100.00	

Table 9 : Eigen values (Variances of the Principal components) and percentage of variation in three yeras.

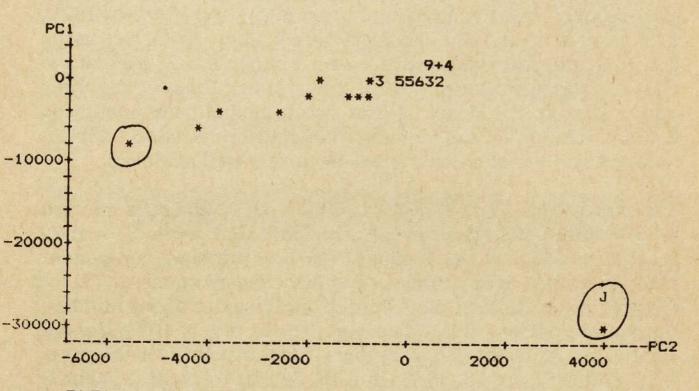
It is necessary to decide on the number of components which have any practical significance. A simpler but arbitary rule of thumb, which has proved to be useful, in practice, is to consider only those components which have percentages 1.000 or greater as having any practical significance (13). The above table reveals that only the first three principal components are suitable for further analysis. Hence the reducced meaningful dimension is three. From the above table, we can observe that the total variation has increased from 1979 to 1983 with maximum variation in 1983. Hence we may conclude that the total variability of the hydrochemical data increases. Further, the percentages of the first two eigen values in relation to their total are 82.91 and 15.01 for 1979, 92.60 and 4.17 for 1981 and 88.62 and 9.10 for 1983. Hence the first two principal components alone describe the 97.92% of the total variations of almost 97% of the total variation for the three years. That is, the usage of first two principal components by varimax rotation for the identification of discrimination boundaries and number of clusters have been very well achieved.

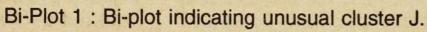
The expressions Y1 = e1' (X-M) and Y2 = e2' (X-M) could be used for calculating the values of the principal components Y1 and Y2 (ie, PC1 and PC2 in the bi-plots). The first principal component (Y1) was plotted against the second principal component (Y2) for all three years. These bi-plots were checked for identifying outliers, but are not presented in this report. The bi-plot of 1979 showed sample points 16 and 36 as outliers. Similar points for the years 1981 and 1983 are 16, 36, 63 and 16, 36 respect ively. (Appendix 1). Hence it is found that the areas surrounding Anaikoddai west (16) and Idaikkadu (36) are entirely different clusters of the ground water in this area. The area surrounding Moolaai (63) is also different one, but this is not strongly emphasised because it occurred only in 1981.

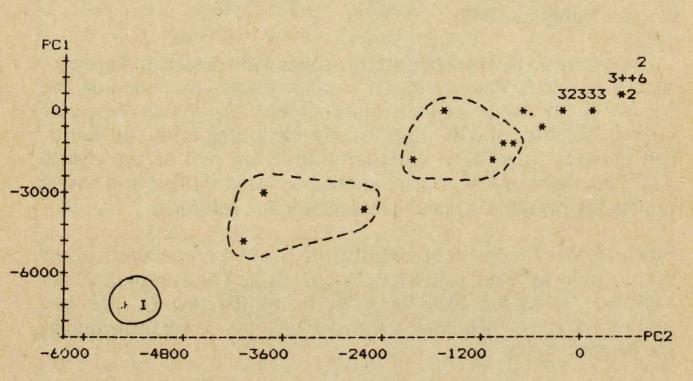
The bi-plots of 1983 at different Y2 ranges were drawn and are presented as 1 to 9. The number of bi-plots drawn depended on the nature of the initial bi-plot. In consideration of the computer software facilites and in order to draw clear diagrams, the identified clusters have been eliminated and the rest of the points replotted. Although several clusters may be identified in a single bi-plot the principal cluster is enclosed in a fullline.

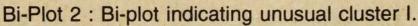
Since 1983 is the latest among the other years considered, other year bi-plots were not taken for classification. The bi-plot of all the sampled points for 1983 is given below (Bi-plot 1). The two unusual clusters 36 (Cluster J) and 16 (Cluster I) are indicated in the bi-plots 1 and 2.

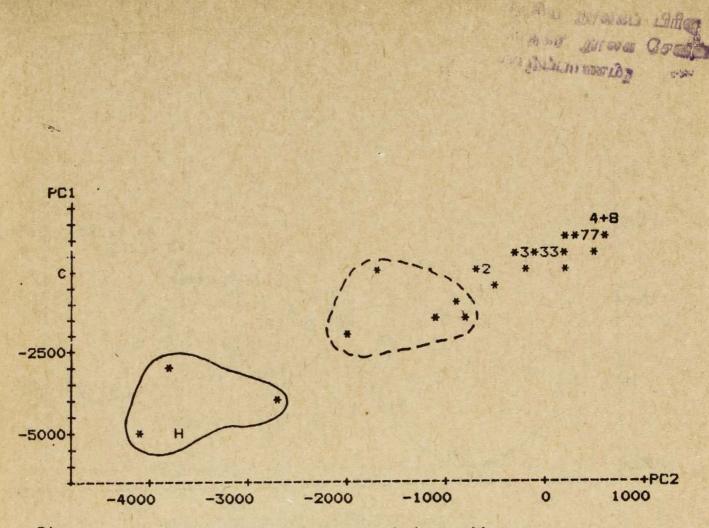
From the bi-plot 2, the sample points 62, 63 and 64 were indentified to form a single cluster (Cluster H) and consequently 1, 3, 21, 28 and 48 were separated as another cluster (Cluster G). The clusters are indicated in the bi-plots 3 and 4.

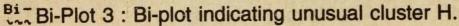


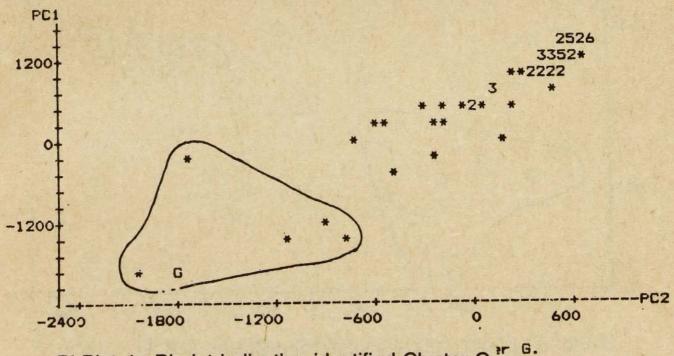


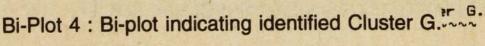


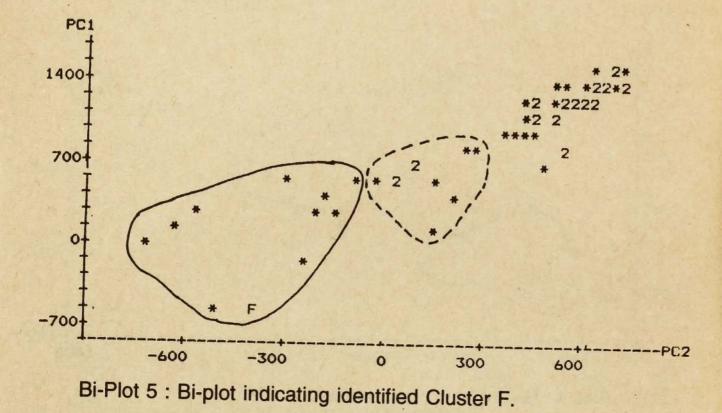


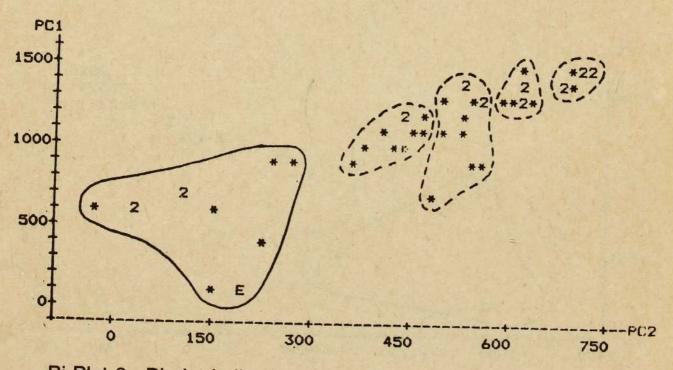




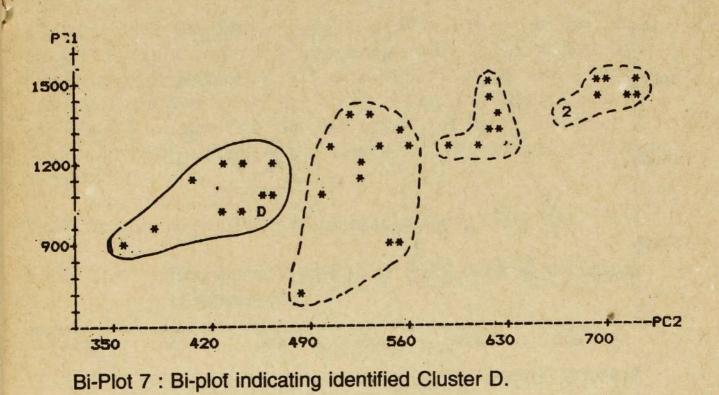


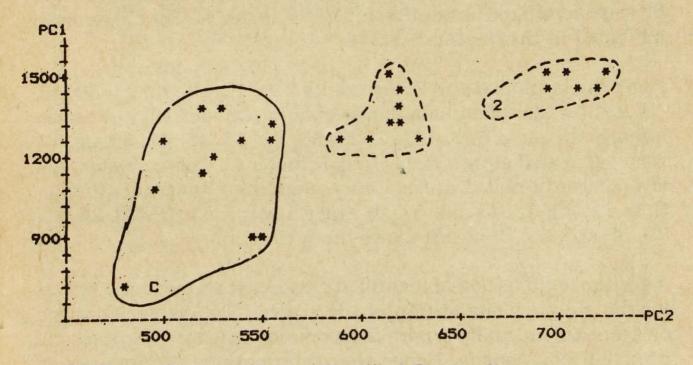


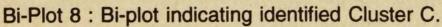


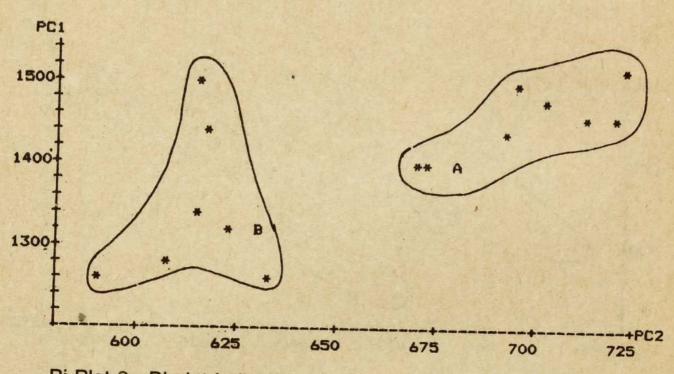


Bi-Plot 6 : Bi-plot indicating identified Cluster E.









Bi-Plot 9 : Bi-plot indicating identified Clusters A and B.

From the bi-plot 4, the sample points 4, 15, 17, 30, 32, 44, 57, 61, 65 and 67 were identified to form a single cluster (Cluster F) and consequently the sample points 10, 29, 34, 46, 52, 55, 56, 60 and 66 were separated as another cluster (Cluster E). The clusters are indicated in the bi-plots 5 and 6.

From the bi-plots 6 and 7, the points 2, 9, 12, 13, 19, 24, 39, 40, 49 and 54 identified as a single cluster (Cluster D) and consequently the pints 6, 7, 14, 22, 23, 26, 31, 41, 45, 47, 59 and 68 were separated as another cluster (Cluster C). These clusters are given in the bi-plots 7 and 8, Consequent new clusters are Cluster B: 8, 11, 38, 42, 43, 50, 51, 58 and Cluster A : 5, 18, 20, 25, 27, 33, 35 and 53, Bi-plot 9 shows these clusters.

A gradual elimination of identified clusters results in nine biplots for the simple visualization of the scatter. The above identified clusters are mutually separable in relation to the values of second principal component. Hence the discrimination boundaries in terms of Y2 (PC2) are defined and given below:

1	Н	G	F		E	D	C	E	A	-> PC2
20	-4800 -230	0 -75	0	-50	3	15	470			-102

All the nine bi-plots given above suggest that there are ten major groups of ground water patterns recognizable in this region. Nine of them were determined by PC2 and one by PC1, the initial cluster J being discriminated by the first principal component and the consequent cluster I to the last cluster A being identified or discriminated by cosidering the range of the second principal component.

The summary of the above bi-plots is given in table 10.

Cluster					San	nple	point	ts			
A	05,	18,	-20,	25,	27,	33,	35,	53.			
В	08,	11,	38,	42,	43,	50,	51,	58.			
С	06,	07,	14,	22,	23,	26,	31,	41,	45,	47,	59, 68.
D	02,	09,	12,	13,	19,	24,	39,	40,	49,	54.	·
E	10,	29,	34,	37,	46,	52,	55,	56,	60,	66.	
F	04,	15,	17,	30,	32,	44,	57,	61,	65,	67.	
G	01,	03,	21,	28,	48.						
Н	62,	63,	64.								

Table 10 :Recognized groups of 1983 data by principal
components

The summary of these bi-plots incorporated on the spatial distribution of the sample points are clearly shown in Figure 4 below. In this figure, it is observed that the cluster C obtained by eliminating the other identified clusters clearly indicates that the cluster C reflects the major portion of the ground water available in this study region, Further, the clusters G, H, I and J showing unusual or entirely different clusters, may be the poor standard water clusters. The other clusters A, B, D, E and F are inferred as intermediate water standard clusters. The principal components are calculated by obtaining their corresponding eigen vectors. Eventhough only the first two principal components show practical significance, the first five eigen vectors are listed in the following tables to understand the nature of weights or loadings in the components. The values of a principal component in an year can be calculated using the original nine hydro-chemical data and the appropriate eigen vector given in the tables.

	A Star	The market of the	Components	S	
Variable	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5
X1	-0.27440	-0.41080	0. 03217	-0.47731	-0.50921
X2	-0.83679	0.40534	-0.03996	0.14344	-0.10309
X3	-0.26088	-0.58334	-0.58622	0.27754	0.11926
X4	-0.18858	-0.42264	0.56418	0.41119	-0.13500
X5	-0.09766	-0.17089	0.15410	-0.65247	0.10616
X6	-0.31462	0.17512	0.10584	-0.22582	0.41648
X7	-0.09268	-0.24150	-0.10962	-0.12300	0.64382
X8	-0.06141	-0.17275	0.53707	0.11686	0.31369
X9	0.00011	0.00013	0.00035	0.00014	-0.00106

Table 11 : Eigen vectors describing first fiveprincipal components in 1979.

Tabel 12 : Eigen vectors describing first fiveprincipal components in 1981.

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Care and	a training a		Component	S	
Variable	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5
X1	-0.44959	0.26187	-0.27482	-0.27433	-0.49258
X2	-0.69065	0.20287	0.49893	-0.04483	-0.05653
X3	-0.37261	-0.81684	0.08258	0.01864	0.21499
X4	-0.22570	-0.20619	-0,58430	-0.43378	0.12712
X5	-0.17964	0.29275	-0.28347	0.16675	0.54387
X6	-0.25764	0.22707	0.02702	0.30541	0.46116
X7	-0.14669	-0.18737	-0.19175	-0.73062	-0.42770
X8	-0.10451	0.09036	-0.45767	0.28167	-0.01980
X9	0.00011	0.00011	0.00038	-0.00032	-0.00060

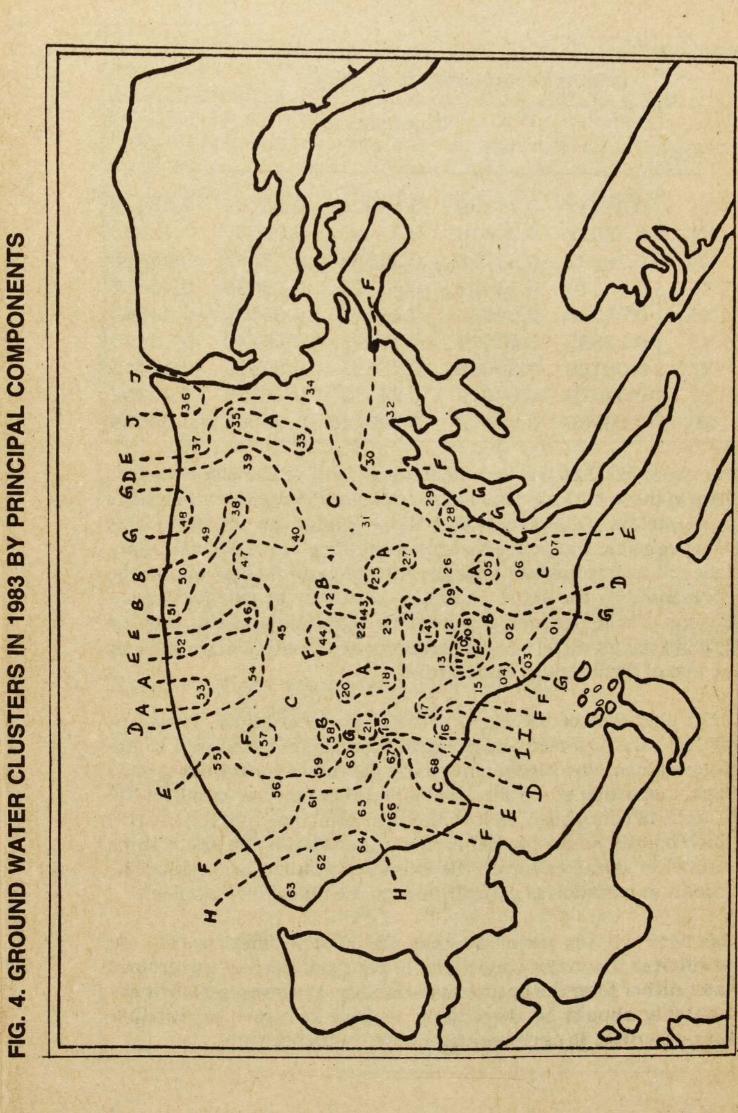
			Components	5	
Variable	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5
XI	-0.26417	-0.16439	-0.58324	-0.53768	-0.38579
X2	-0.88027	0.30418	0.17489	-0.02535	0.12830
X3	-0.20992	-0.84796	0.21388	-0.17589	0.28808
X4	-0.13240	-0.14931	-0,63391	-0.46538	0.46886
X5	-0.09396	-0.04074	-0.18442	0.05189	-0.44660
X6	-0.27595	0.03309	0.17648	0.29240	-0.14405
X7	-0.08108	-0.36639	0.23751	0.39994	-0.51415
X8	-0.04679	-0.04612	-0.24513	0.46325	-0.21757
X9	0.00006	0.00018	0.00014	-0.00062	-0.00016

Table 13 : Eigen vectors describing first fiveprincipal components in 1983.

It is observed that the last element of each of the eigen vectors given in these tables is very small compared to the other elements in the vectors. This reveals that the weight of the coded variable X9 is negligible and hence X9 contributed least for discrimination. Hence, it is emphasised that the nitrate variable (X9) should be represented by the actual statistics, and may be categorised for seasons. These seasons need not be climatological but may be agricultural as nitrate concentrations are mostly determined by the use of fertilizers in agriculture.

Other elements of the eigen vectors are meaningful. However, smaller values present little extra information compared to the bigger values. The bigger values are definitely contributing variables. Inspection of the above vectors reveal that the variables X5, X7 and X8 contribute least to the first principal component (Y1) which possesses the maximum variation. That is the above three hardneess variables have little extra information and hence the maximum variation is contributed by the chloride variables.

Therefore we can conclude that the widely differing chloride variation is the major cause for the poor standard of the ground water rather than the hardness variability. However the hardness variability should be thoroughly studied in future for furtther discrimination. It might contribute in a different way.



The practical objectives of the use of principal components analysis such as recognition of misidentified individuals, the examination of the grouping of individuals in n-dimensional space and the elimination of variables which contribute relatively little extra information have been very well applied in this study.

6.3 : Hierachical Clustering

The application of Hierachical Clustering in this study is made the data obtained from the samples of water obtained at the specified sample points. In this context, a cluster represents a set of wells with water homogeneous in quality in the Statistical sense.

The data matrices of the said three years 1979, 1981 and 1983 were adjusted after principal components analysis. That is the odd elements disturbing the calculations by large variation were eliminated. The sample points 16 and 36 from 1979, 16, 36 and 63 from 1981 and 36 from 1983 were eliminated due to the above reason.

All three data matrices were subjected to the calculation of dissimilarity measures. The Mahalanobi's distances among them were calculated and three dissimilarity matrices were constructed. These dissimilarity matrices were used for forming clusters at different distance levels (dissimilarity levels) by average linkage methods. The three dendrograms drawn were inspected clearly for the formation of clusters at different dissimilarity levels.

From the dendrogram of 1979 data, the following cluster formations were observed at 9.897 dissimilarity level. The largest cluster formed at the distance 9.897 is ;

A1: [01,02,04,05,06,07,08,09,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,22,23, 25,26,27,29,30,31,33,34,35,37,39,40,41,42,43,44,45, 46,47,49,51,52,53,54,58,59,61,66].

This cluster formed by 45 of the total of 68 sample points should have been the ideal cluster of the Jaffna-Valikamam region in the year 1979. Further, this cluster would have contained good ground water resource. The second and third largest clusters of sizes 6 and 3 observed were;

B1:	[03,15,17,56,57,60]	and
C1:	[38,63,68]	respectively.

The remaining 14 sample points;

10, 16, 21, 24, 28, 32, 36, 48, 50, 55, 62, 64, 65, 67;

did not join in any definite clauster formation. Figure 5 shows clearly these patterns. In this figure it is observed that the ground water source area given in the figure 1 is agreeable by this analysis. The cluster A1 indicated is the ideal cluster suitable to this study region on the basis of 1979 data.

Smilar inspection of the dendrogram of 1981 data reveals the following results. The observed dissimilarity level is 7.765. The largest cluster formed at distance 7.589 had 35 sample points which is given by,

A2 : [01,02,03,05,06,07,08,09,11,12,13,15,17,18,29,30,32,33, 34,35,37,38,39,40,45,46,49,50,53,54,55,58,59,66,68].

The second largest cluster of size 12 observed is ;

B2 : [14,19,20,22,23,24,25,26,27,31,41,42].

The small clusters with two sample points are;

	C2:	(04,52),	D2:	(10,47),
	E2:	(21,48),	F2:	(44,60)
and	G2:	(57,67).		

The remaining 11 sample points;

16, 28, 36, 43, 51, 56, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65;

had no evidence of forming any definite clusters. The nature of this pattern could be observed in figure 6. It may be noticed from figures 5 and 6 that the ideal cluster A1 of 1979 has segregated in 1981. The two portions of cluster A2 and cluster B2 of 1981 in figure 6 show this nature.

A further comparison of the figures 5 and 6 with the figure 3 of the spatial distribution given on page 10 explains that the sample points 58 and 59 of the Valikamam West AGA division have been clustered into Valikamam South-West AGA division and the points 56 and 57 of the Valikamam South-West AGA division into Valikamam West AGA division. (See also table 1). It is a noteworthy point for the administraters planning water resource management. Similar comparison for the other AGA divisions could be made.

The important dendrogram of the 1983 data, 1983 being the latest year of study, given in figure 7, was inspected very carefully. The appropriate dissimilarity level is 5.810. The largest cluster formed at distance 4.919 with 19 sample points is given by,

A3: [09,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,24, 25,26,27,31,33,39,41,45,58,59].

The second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth largest clusters of respective sizes 11, 7, 6, 5 are as follows ;

B3: (02, 05, 06, 07, 29, 38, 49, 51, 53, 54, 66),
C3: (08, 10, 40, 46, 47, 50, 55),
D3: (01, 15, 35, 37, 52, 68),
E3: (30, 44, 60, 61, 67),
F3: (22, 23, 42, 43).

The two small clusters of sizes two each formed are as follows ;

G3: (17, 34), and H3: (32, 56).

The remaiining 12 sample points;

03, 04, 16, 21, 28, 36, 48, 57, 62, 63, 64, 65;

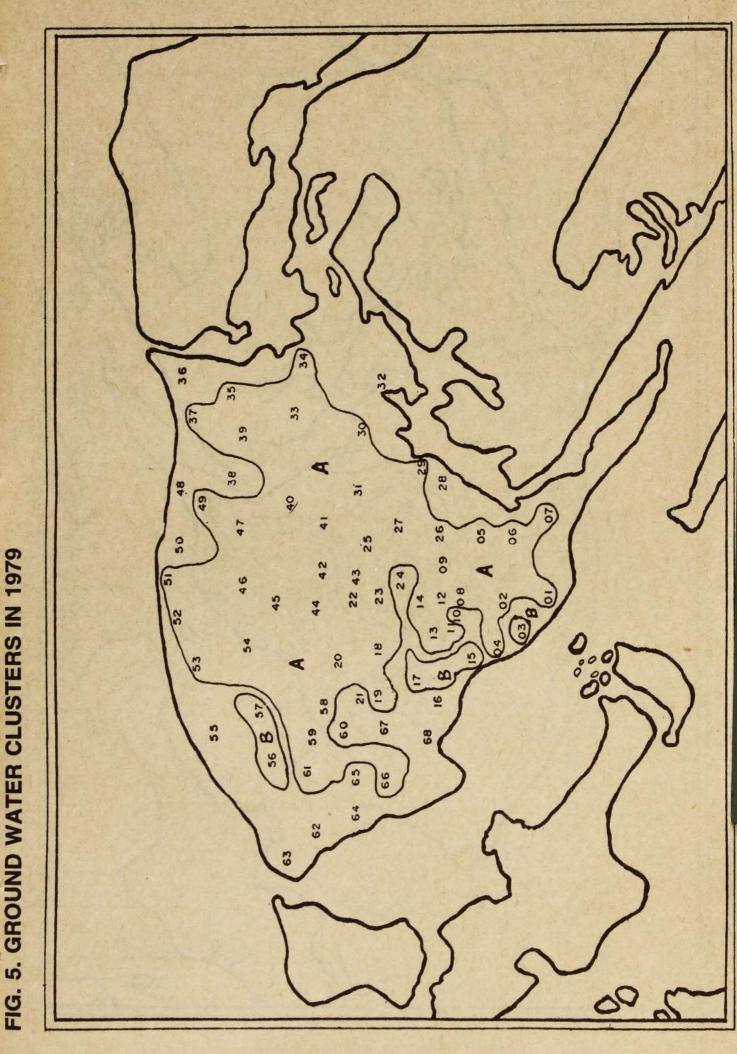
were not involved in cluster formation. Figure 8 clearly indicates the cluster patterns. This figure explores the fact that six ground water clusters occured during 1983. Comparison of the figure 8 with those of the earlier years given in figures 5 and 6 reveals that the segregation of ground water clusters continues and hence we may conclude that the different segaregated clusters will have diffeerent drinking water standard. On the whole, comparing the cluster formations of the three years, it is observed that the ground water cluster patterns differ from year to year. It is also important to notice that some of the sample points behave arbitarily and they may be classified into unusual patterns or cluster of poor standard water. The number of clusters formed increased from 1979 to 1983 and would have increased by now.

Therefore it may be concluded that the major cluster or source water area of this region is being partitioned or segregated by nature into different standards of ground water clusters as time moves on. Hence the largest cluster, considered to be the ideal cluster of this region, decreases in size and loses its sample points to the other poor standard clusters. The distance at the formation of the ideal cluster also decreases and it is a bad signal to the nature of the ideal cluster.

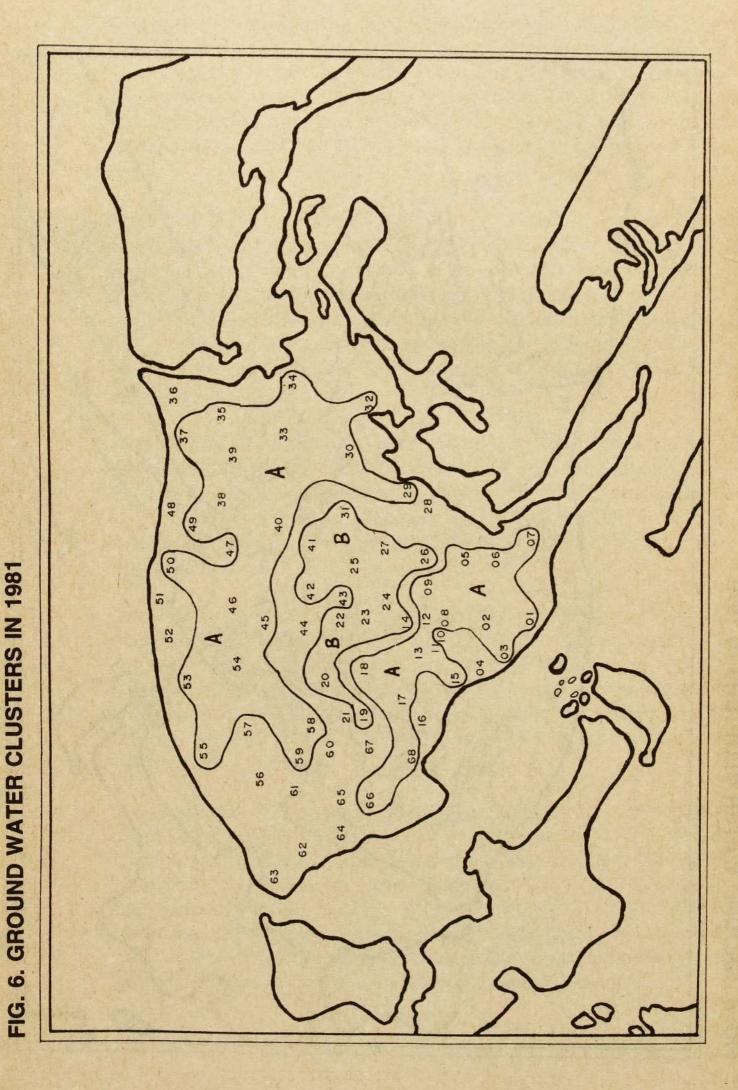
A comparison of the effectiveness of the three statistical tools employed in the methodology of this study is essential at this stage to understand te nature of this applied statistical research. The tools employed could be ranked in the following order: Descriptive Statistical Analysis; Principal Components Analysis; Cluster Analysis.

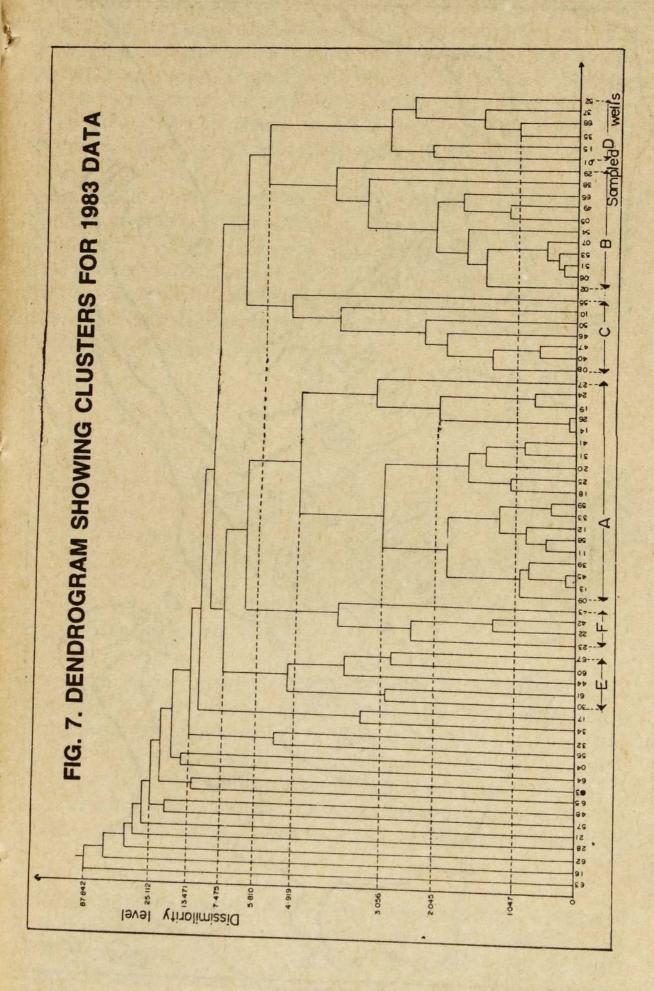
Descriptive Statistical Analysis has been utilised to extract the estimation of parameters and interpretation of the nature of the available data. Apart from this, point estimation, interval estimation and the consequent testing for significance of the parametric values have not been studied, because the aim of this study is mainly concerned with Clustering the Ground water resource of the Valikamam region.

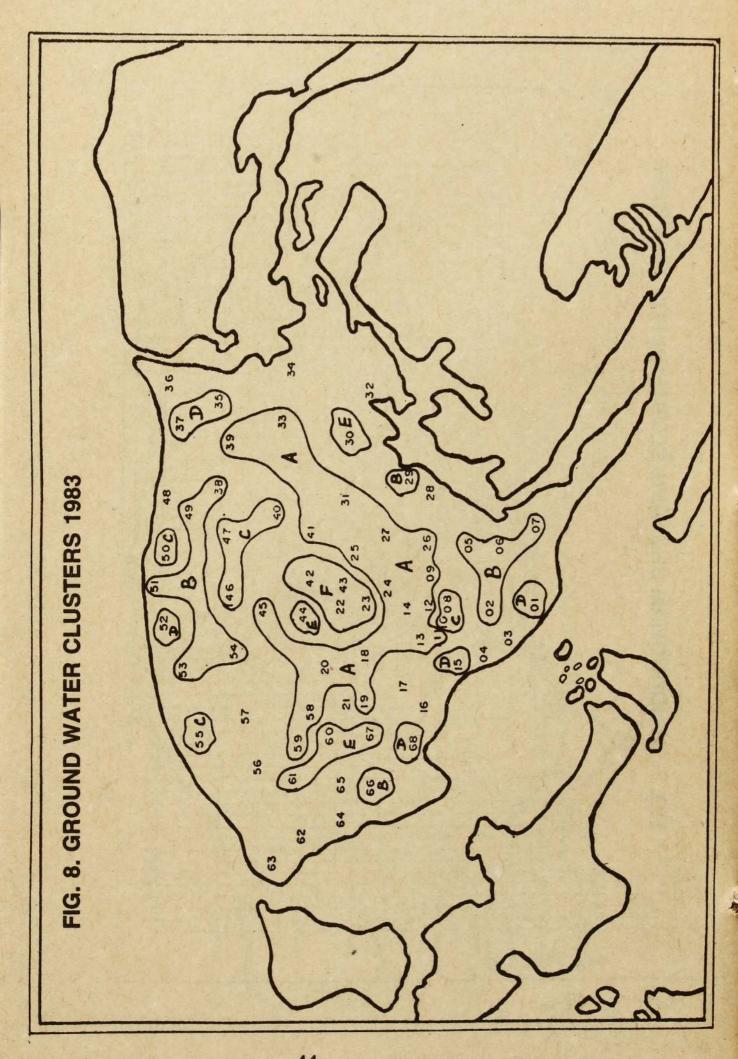
The Principal Components Analysis (PCA) in this study is an intermediate work performed because this is necessary to verify the relevance of the Hierarchical clustering results. The results obtained by PCA have been based on the first two principal components which explain only 97.72 per cent of the total variation of the entire hydrochemical data in 1983. This is applied as a criterian tool in discriminating the individual observation vectors. Figure 4 explains the nature of discrimination.



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The ultimate results explained here is due to Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering procedure. The results obtained from the data of 1983 and presented in figure 8 give a complete picture. It is satisfying that the results presentes in this figure when compared with the results from figure 4 (from PCA) indicate that after the discrimination of the unusual clusters in the Ground Water Source area, both of them compare favourably; i.e the ideal clusters identified as A3 and F3 from figure 8 are confirmed.

It is not possible to compare each and every point available owing to the limitations and drawbacks in this study mentioned in the begining of this report. These are also indicated in the next section. The superiority of this tool compared to the second tool PCA is the utlization of all nine variables by nine dimesional real space. The Statistical Distance Measure "Mahalanobis Distance" has been successfully utlised in this real space.



6.4 : Analysis on Clusters

The average concentrations of Chloride in the wells for each of the clusters A, B, C, etc. as shown in the figures 5, 6 and 8 would indicate how the concentrations have changed over the three years. This behaviour would prompt to analyse the data as a time series. However, the data available is not adequate enough to apply this statistical method. A brief presentation of the Cluster Analytic Approach of this work was clearly discussed elsewhere (17).

The following table (Table 14) lists the grouped places of each of the six clusters identified from the 1983 hydro-chemical data. The means of the eight chloride and hardness variables for different clusters are also given in the subsequent table (Table 15).

Table 14: Place in the identified six clusters for 1983.

Cluster	Some Places (Some parts only)
A	Kondavil, Manipay, Chankanai, Urumpiray, Avarankal.
В	Jaffna East, Nallur, Koppay, Vasavilan, Alaveddy, Vaddukoddai.
C	Kokkuvil, Punnalaikadduvan, Tellippalai,
D	Jaffna South, Anaikoddai, Arali, Keerimalai, Atchuveli.
E	Neerveli, Chunnakam West, Siththenkerny.
F	Maruthanarmadam, Chunnakam South and East.

Table 15: The average concentrations of the identified Six clusters at different periods (Mean vectors).

		Chlo	ride			Hard	lness	1.1
Cluster (Size)	1 - 1 - 1 - 1	S2	S3	S4	S1	S2	S3	S4
A (19) B (11) C (07) D (06) E (05) F (04)	225.5 373.6 645.0 632.5	251.6 347.9 793.0 822.0	322.3 365.0 756.0 952.0	254.1 403.5 513.0 685.0	300.0 372.1 397.5 543.0	295.7 379.6 571.3 619.2	337.7 432.9 560.0 749.0	347.7 564.3 395.0 527.0

It is observed from table 15 that the clusters A and F have the least average Chloride and Hardness concentrations. Hence, it may be concluded that the ground water from the clusters A and F has the best drinking water standard compared with the other clusters. The clusters A and F constitute the ground water source area already identified as having the best quality drinking water.

The places Kondavil and Urumpiray located in the above said cluster, supply the drinking water to the Jaffna city and the Jaffna Provincial Hospital. Hence, a Careful inspection of Chloride concentrations at different periods of the year is useful. A comparison of the average chloride concentrations during December-February and May-September is meaningful at this stage. The results obtained and discussed in section 6.1 based on (Table 4) agree with the results obtained with the clusters D and E given in the above table, while the results obtained for clusters A, B and F at first glance may seem to be contrary to the usual pattern. Hence 'Statistical Inference' was applied to study this behaviour and to demonstrate the true pattern. However only the results for the cluster A is presented. The corresponding null hypothesis that the "Average Chloride concentration during December-February (S4) is not significantly different from that of during May-September (S2)" was tested against the one sided alternative "During S4 is lower than during S2".

The results of the Hotteling's T test is as follows: The test value is -2.08077 and the table value t (36,5%) is -1.697 and therefore the null hypothesis is rejected. Hence we have to accept the alternative hypothesis which is the anticipated result. Hence, the sample information given in table 15 does not contradict the pattern. Similar testings have been done for the other clusters. The entire work on Statistical inference is not presented due to the reason already mentioned.

The clusters B and C may be accepted as having better drinking water stadard. All the above said clusters belong to the (150-500) ppm chloride range and hence they are classified as "Fairquality drinking water clusters". Further, no clusters belong to (0-150) ppm chloride range which relates to the Good quality water cluster". Inspection of the individuals which did not join in the cluster formation also confirmed these results.

Table 15 also indicates the poor quality standard clusters. The clusters D and E belong to (500-2000) ppm chloride range i.e, "Poor quality drinking water" and hence the water from this area is not drinkable. Some of the sample points which did not join in the cluster formation have indication of this type of clusters. The related places may be seen from table 14. The two small clusters G: (17,34) and H: (32,56) not described above are discussed below under unusual groups.

Excluding the above described six clusters, the remaining sample points were grouped or given as singletons on the basis of

comparison with the results from principal components analysis (PCA). The identified groups are $G,H,G^*:(03, 21, 28, 48), H^*:(62, 63, 64), I^*:(16)$ and $J^*:(36)$. The singletons left are 04, 57 and 65. It is to be noted that G* has been obtained from the cluster G of PCA after losing 01 to the cluster D in hierarchical clustering. H*, I* and J* are the same as from PCA. The following tables 16 and 17 give the details.

Cluster	Some places (Some parts only)
G	Navali, Atchuvely South.
Н	Puttur, Pandattarippu west.
G*	Jaffna west, Manipay west
S. S. Station in the	Koppay south, Myliddy.
H*	Chulipuram, Moolai, Tholpuram.
I*	Anaikkoddai west
J*	Idaikadu.
(04)	Jaffna north.
(57)	Pandattarippu east
(65)	Vaddukkoddai north

Table 16:	Places in	the unusual	groups an	d singletons
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Table 17: Average concentrations of the unusal clusers and single sample points at different seasons.

Clus	Chloride				Hardness			
ter	S1	S2	S3	S4	S1	S2	S3	S4
G	248.7	528.0	638.0	854.0	315.0	449.0	565.0	547.5
Η	535.0	625.5	758.8	547.0	660.0	635.0	820.0	
G*	1165.0	1544.0	2222.0	1911.0	757.5	755.0	815.0	873.0
H*	1583.0	3731.0	4942.0	1105.0	780.0	1763.0	2525.0	620.0
· I*	4392.5	5547.0	7000.0	1990.0	1460.0	2094.0	2980.0	970.0
J*	7812.5	28492.0	3820.0	3908.3	3070.0	8946.0	1570.0	1675.0
(04)	807.5	802.0	1422.5	855.0	250.0	256.0	500.0	415.0
(57)	770.0	631.0	1065.0	818.3	760.0	692.0	1330.0	935.0
(65)	1662.5	1254.0	1315.0	691.7	870.0	776.0	650.0	325.0

Table 17 reveals that all the groups and individuals give chloride concentration above 500 ppm. Hence, it may be concluded that these groups have very poor drinking water quality. It is further observed from the table, that the groups I* and J* are the places having the worst quality of water.

The values of the hardness variables given in tables 15 and 17 could be interpreted as follows. No clusters belong to the (0-100) ppm hardness concentration range. Therefore, no "Soft drinking water» is available in the study region. The clusters A and F belong to the (100-300) ppm range. Therefore, it is concluded that these two clusters are ideal to the region as similar lower range results were obtained for the chloride concentration. The clusters B, C, D, E, G and singleton (04) belong to (300-700) ppm hardness range. Hence we accept that the ground water of these clusters is "hard water".

Inspection of the remaining clusters in the above table reveals that the groups H, H*, G*, (57) aad (65) belong to (700 and above) ppm harness and hence they may be classified as having "Very hard Water". The values of the clusters I* and J* do not belong to the range of smaller values but belong to the very high value range. Hence, these are classified as unusual clusters. The related locations could be seen in table 16.

At this stage it is possible to rank the clusters in an order depending on the quality of water. This ranking is called "Multidimensional scaling" in the discipline of Multivariate Analysis. It has not been possible to carry out the analysis as the software BMDP (Bio-Medical Data Processing Package) is not available at this University.

However, an overall comparison of the results shown in tables 15 and 17 for the clusters of 1983 data allow ranking of the clusters from Good to Bad in the following order ;

It would have been useful to study how the concentration of Chloride varied in the identified clusters over the three years. Unfortunately, this has not been possible, since as could be seen the cluster identified, for example Cluster A1 in 1979 split subsequently into other clusters in years 1981 and 1983.

7: CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

From the descriptive statistical analysis of the nine-dimensional observation vectors, it is concluded that the average chloride concentration in the study area steadily increases and is expected to increase the salinity problems in all the pockets of the region within the next ten year period.

When the 'Maximum allowable level' of Chloride in drining water recommended by the world health Organization (WHO) standard is exceeded by the increasing chloride contamination, the people of this region will face the scarcity of drinking water of acceptable quality. Such a situations would be a disaster, to the people and the region. Therefore serious action should be taken by the authorities to arrest the situation. Heavy Chloride concentration may also cause serious chronic diseases like hypertrnsion, cancer etc. (14).

The correlation co-efficients of the variables in this study support the conclusion that the Chloride concentration and Hardness concentration in the region in different seasons are associated to each other positively and one influences the other. Further, the seasons March-April and May-September have similar characteristics in the variation of hydro-chemical data and hence both seasons need not be considered separately for the continuous study. The summer season, March-September, has no identified variation in hydro-chemical data. The analysis further leads to the conclusion that the salinity problems during the summer season May-September are highly influenced by hardness substances.

The principal components analysis helped to identify and discard three clusters or grouped places which have entirely different standard of ground water. These places are (1) Anaikoddai west area, (2) Idaikadu area and (3) Chulipuram, Tholpuram and Moolai area. The remaining palces were formed into seven suitable groups of ground water standard in this region. The ground water source area explained in this study has been re-identified by a cluster (Cluster C) in this analysis. Step by step elimination of suitable groups led to the retention of this cluster. Two neighbouring clusters (Clusters B and D) were also identified to have similar standard ground water. The total variation of the Chloride and Hardness concentrations (Table 9) heavily increased from 6980748 (in 1979) to 8286469 (in 1981) and then to 17822103 (in 1983). The increased variation in 1983 is 100% on the basis of 1979 variation. The high level variation is also a major cause which led to segregate the ideal cluster into different standard ground water clusters.

Discrimination boundaries in relation to principal components were also proposed. The hardness variables are observed to have little extra information and the maximum variation is contributed by the variation due to chloride variables. That is, the widely varying chloride variables influence the drinking water standard rather than the hardness variation. Therefore, it is recommended that the studies on Chlorie variables should be given first preference to those related to other substances. In this context, the need for taking actual nitrate statistics and collecting data for population density distribution is emphasised.

The hierarchical clustering procedure highlighted the following conclusions. In 1979, the ground water source area of the study region was a singleton cluster and it would have been an ideal or good cluster of this region. It would be recalled at this stage that 55 to 65 per cent of the area was free from salinity in 1972 (2). The 1981 data analyzed in the present study showed that the source area had two main clusters of which one of them had two separate big portions separated by the other cluster.

The latest 1983 data analyzed clearly showed that there were six major clusters that occured in the region with different standard of hydro-chemical data. None of the clusters satisfied the international drinking water standard recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) in relation to chloride concentration or salinity. However, the center portion of the study area consisting of four out of six identified clusters had fair quality drinking water. The remaining two clusters and five other small identified groups showed that they possess poor standard drinking water. The remaining odd sample points postulated the occurrence of very bad standard drinking water.

In respect of hardness concentration, the following conculation is apporpriate. None of the clusters had soft drinking water. However, four of them had hard drinking water and other small groups and odd sample points had very hard drinking water. It has been pointed out that cancer disease may be caused by very hard drinking water (16). The hardness in this region is attributed to the presence of Ca ions from the carbonate rocks.

Therefore, an up-to-date data collection all over the peninsula should be made for furture research. The landless people should be evacuated from this region and may be colonised in the Wanni area. Agricultural fertilizer usage should be controlled or limited. The crops which do not consume chemical fertilizers may be recommended to the farmers.

In this respect, it is suggested that the old, broken, abandoned bunds found in the Valikamam West and Valikamam South-West AGA divisions be reconstructed to prevent the saline water from flowing into the land during the rainy season. The inland lagoons dividing the peninsula into Vadamaradchy, Thenmaradchy and Jaffna-Valikmam region too should be prevented from flowing into land by bunds so that the purity of the rain water collecting in the land will be maintained.

Specifically, the places indicated by the clusters G, H, G^{*}, H^{*}, I^{*}, J^{*}, (04), (57), and (65) having very poor quality driniking water should be taken into consideration for the development of this region for drinking water by Water Resources Board or Water Supply and Drainage Board or any other authority. Further, plants like palmyrah, Casuarina, etc. which can absorb the salinity from the soil could be planted in areas spoken of in the above paragraph by the Department of Forest or the Department of Lands and Lands Development or any other authority.

8: FUTURE RESEARCH

Based on the results obtained and conclusions drawn above, the important tools or parameters of this research are updated and given for future research. That is, statistically tested and verified Mean vector, Covariance matrix, Correlation matrix, first five eigen values and corresponding eigen vectors are given below.

Researchers in the related disciplines, may utilize these statistical parameters for their consequent research. These parameters have been updated only for the Chloride and Hardness variables.

Further, these tools are given on the basis of the latest available data of 1983 after discarding the clusters H, I and J given in the analysis of principal components. The Mean Vector, Variance-Covariance matrix, and Correlation matrix (n=63) are as follows;

Mean Vector :

(465.4 473.7 567.1 483.6 382.1 406.9 457.8 440.6)

Varianc-Covariance Matrix :

209549.4196944.8235763.8205567.372247.074035.379616.068982.0196944.8211786.6237475.6189478.968954.782416.886630.862620.1235763.8237475.6354236.4242873.781223.889198.7108320.576211.8205567.3189478.9242873.7245881.366840.967369.076924.586593.872247.068954.781223.866840.935913.433396.039674.032827.374035.382416.889198.767369.033396.039671.843928.929195.379616.086630.8108320.576924.539674.043928.963965.139155.568982.062620.176211.886593.832827.329195.339155.548138.3

Correlation matrix :

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	0.935	1.000					1.0	18	1
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It is observed that the first five principal components describe 99.2% of the total variation. Other values are comparatively very small and the meaningful dimension is five.

The adjusted mean values given in the above mean vector are different compared to the mean values given in table 4 because the total number of observations 68 has become 63 after eliminating five outliers or unusual clusters which are not suitable to the commom ground water source area.

The drawbacks in the quality of data available and the method of data collection are considered seriously. Hence a modified research approach is suggested as follows, for future research.

1. A detail research plan consisting of at least five sample wells in every GS (Grama Sevakar) divisional level shold be drawn to explore the actual cluster patterns of this region.

2. Separate studies should be performed in the Jaffna metropolitan area with its suburbs and in the rest of Valikamam area. Vadamarachi and Thenmarachi area also should be considered separately.

3. Population density data giving ground water use in every place together with the agricultural water use and fertilizer usage should be taken into consideration in Agricultural research.

4. Mortality studies on Cancer, Chronic Heart Diseases (CHD), etc. related to drinking water standard should be done in relation to HEALTH of the people. The clusters of very hard drinking water should be taken into consideration in these studies.

5. Specifically, Nitrate data should be collected and studied separately as previous studies (6) indicate that nitrate pollution affects Agriculture and Health mostly in this region.

6. The Hydro-chemical data, Climatological data and other Geological data should be pooled to carry out a major Multivariate statistical analysis.

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APPENDIX 1

Location names of each of the sample point are given below;

- 01. Jaffna town south
- 02. Jaffna town east
- 03. Jaffna town west
- ⁺04. Jaffna town north
- 05. Nallur north
- 06. Nallur north
- 07. Ariyalai
- 08. Thirunelvely south
- 09. Thirunelvely north
- 10. Kokkuvil east
- 11. Kokkuvil west
- 12. Kondavil east
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- 14. Kondavil north
- 15. Anaikoddai east
- *16. Anaikoddai west
- 17. Navali

- 35. Atchevely north
- *36. Idaikkadu
- 37. Palaly
- 38. Vasavilan west
- 39. Vasavilan east
- 40. Punnalaikadduvan
- 41. Urelu
- 42. Chunnakam east
- 43. Chunnakam south
- 44. Chunnakam west
- 45. Mallakam
- 46. Thellippalai west
- 47. Thellippalai east
- 48. Myliddy
- 49. Kankesanthurai east
- 50. Kankesanthurai south
- 51. Kankesanthurai west

- 18. Uduvil
- 19. Manipay south
- 20. Manipay north
- 21. Manipay west
- 22. Maruthanarmadam north
- 23. Maruthanarmadam south
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- 25. Urumpiray north
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- 32. Puttur
- 33. Avarankal
- 34. Atchuvely south

- 52. Keerimalai
- 53. Ampanai
- 54. Alaveddy
- 55. Mathagal
- 56. Pandattarippu west
- ⁺57. Pandattarippu west
- 58. Chankanai east
- 59. Chankanai north
- 60. Chandanai south
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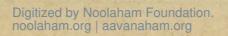
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