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DOMESTIC WATER AVAILABILITY IN SEMI-ARID ZONE OF HARYANA

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ABSTRACT

This part of the study area requires an efficient and integrated water resources management strategy for rural areas. This will give better understanding of the existing pattern of water use and socio-demographic and cultural factors that are responsible for such patterns. An understanding of domestic water use pattern in rainy and dry seasons, where water respectively abundant and scarce may reveal how households and social groups will interact with an improved water supply. With a view to contribute to such knowledge, this paper presents results of a survey of domestic water use pattern in Mahendragarh district in semi-arid zone of Haryana. For the purpose of this paper, domestic water use refers to cooking, drinking, washing dishes, bathing household, livestock etc. Similarly, water is available from groundwater and rainfall. If good amount of rainfall is available that leads to surface runoff in the form of seasonal channels and bondage. This paper is based on primary data collected from the villages of Mahendragarh district. Hence, with the help of this analysis, it is tried to highlight the strategies that households have employed in adopting different levels of water availability during rainy and dry seasons.
