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I. INTRODUCTION

The word Noise is conveniently and concisely defined as unwanted sound that creates annoyance and interferes in conversation disturbs sleep and teaching-learning process; reduce work efficiency, causing stress and challenge to public health and it is silent killer problem growing day-by-day. Almost all the educational institutes are located near the busy places such as bus-stand, market area, busy roads etc. of the Nagaon town of Assam. Therefore these educational institutes suffer from noises and hence disturbing in school activities like teaching, learning and discussion session. But in other countries the educational institutes are fully equipped with modern technology to minimize noise from surroundings. Educational institutes are built with sound insulation buildings. The main sources of noise pollution are Traffic noise, Community noise, Industrial noise (Nigam, 2008).

The major source of noise pollution in the educational institutes of Nagaon town is traffic noise because all the institutes are located near the busy roads of the town. Transport sector is major source of traffic noise pollution in the town. With the rapid increase

of number of private and public vehicles in the town, the noise pollution also increases gradually because the road characteristics remain same but rate of traffic flow increases rapidly. In connection with this problem we can assessed that the major source of this situation are population growth, rapid urbanization and motorization.

Noise become an unjustifiable interferences and imposition upon human health, comfort and qualitative of human life (Gopalkrishana, 1978; Lakshimipathi, 1978; Gorai and Pal, 2006). Noise may define as unwanted sound, consequently it can be considered as the wrong sound in the wrong place at the wrong time (Kiely, 1997). Noise receives by human depends on some factors related to the man and these are age, sex, and mood of person.

Many studies addressing the problem of noise pollution in educational institutes throughout the world have been conducted. Ikenberry (1974) has analyzed some effects of noise pollution to school students, such as students found difficult to hear the teacher, lectures, classroom discussions, and other activities. Slater (1968) in his research work showed that students can perform better under quite condition than under noisy condition.

II. STUDY SITES

Nagaon district is one of the largest districts of the state Assam, India. It is located at a distance of 123 kilometer by road from Guwahati. Nagaon district is located between 25° 45' to 26° 45' north latitudes and 92° 33' east and 93° 20' east longitude. Average altitude of Nagaon district is 60.6 meters above the sea level. Almost all the educational institutes (Nowgong College, A.D.P. College, Girls College, Govt. Boys H.S.School, Govt. Girls H.S.School, I.T.I. Nagaon, Bengali Boys H.S.School, Bengali Girls H.S.School) are located near the busy places such as bus-stand, market area, busy roads etc. has a high rate of noise pollution of the Nagaon town of Assam. Noise pollution at educational institutes depends on where the institutes are located. All of these institutes are located in high voltage noise pollution zones i.e. near NH-37, busy PWD roads, people by-pass and commercial areas and suffering disturb in all types of institutional activities. Noise pollution in educational environment disturbs during study session. Students cannot concentrate in classroom teaching and they lose interest to study.

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Noise pollution also affects the teachers. They cannot teach effectively during teaching session because of uncomfortable classroom conditions. The main source of noise pollution in these institutes is traffic noise from motorcycles, trucks, buses, autoes, tempos, mini-trucks and all types of vehicles.

III. MATERIALS AND METHOD

Since the objective of the study was very difficult, a complete and comprehensive analysis was only possible if the views and apprehensions of all the parties i.e. students, teachers as well as the Head of the institution were surveyed and studied. For analysis data was collected in two ways- by measuring noise level and with the help of questionnaire. The noise levels are measured with the standard procedure using calibrated sound pressure level meter in decibel unit. The instrument consists of microphone, amplifier, network weighting (A, B, and C) and a digital display to read the noise level. Different sets of questionnaire were prepared for students, teachers & HOD of the institutions to identify the right need. The key findings are presented in the form of tables, graphs, charts. All the findings are then compared with the standard and guidelines that has been used.

A social survey was also conducted by us in different institutions in Nagaon town by supplying a Questionnaire to the students, teachers and Head of the institutions to achieve right goal of the study.....

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

From the measurement of noise level meter in different institutions in Nagaon town shows that noise pollution does exist in all of the institution and it is found that Nowgong College and A.D.P. College are highly noise polluted institutions although all institutions exceeds the tolerance level of noise pollution which clearly indicate that the environment is not suitable for teaching-learning process. The study showed conclusively that road traffic is the predominant source of this problem because all these institutions are located in the heart of the town and surrounded by busy roads like NH-37 and other PWD roads. To meet the demand of urbanization and modernization, noise and traffic have become busy and hence there are always incidence of noise population in urban areas and the increasing of industrialization with transportation also increase the pollution problem again.

In the present work, an attempt was made for comprehensive study of noise problem at ten Educational Institutes at and around Nagaon town. The maximum noise level observed was maximum 80 dB (A) in Nowgong College (Table 1). The major sources of noise pollution were motor vehicular traffic 46% followed by students themselves 40%. The permissible limit of traffic noise is 50dB (A) (Rules & Regulations of the

National Pollution Control Commission (1978), Section 78). However, all the institutes cross the noise level permissible limits. From the analysis of data from questionnaire it is clear that all the educational institutes does have noise problem. Noise problem in educational institutes mainly depends on where the institute is located. All the surveyed educational institutes in Nagaon town are located in the heart of town i.e. in the busiest roads and places of town. And thereby educational institutes are suffering from noisy environment creating disturbance in daily work. The findings from the Questionnaire shows about the adverse effect of noise pollution on educational Institutions and the findings is summarized as there is a lot of disturbance in teaching-learning process as 62% agrees with it.

From the study it is also observed that the people strongly supported the action from authorized body, Govt., or committee to reduce noise pollution. Most of them focused on the ban of hydraulic horn, old vehicles. The local administration should take some steps and regulatory measures to be abate such noise pollution (Kumar et al, 2004; Das, 2006; Datta et al, 2006; Garg et al, 2007). In rapid industrialization and urbanization the transport sector is growing rapidly and vehicular number on road also increases which leads to overcrowding and noise pollution (Anonymous, 2000; Krishna Murthy, 2007).

After analyzing the questionnaire it is observed that 89% respondents agree with noise pollution in the institutions and disturbed in teaching-learning process, 6% disagree with this and 5% does feel noise which is shown in fig.1.

With the help of the Questionnaire we want to know the adverse effect of noise pollution on educational Institutions and the result on these questions are summarized as follows and result is shown in fig.3.

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| a) Disturbance in teaching-learning process | - 62% |
| b) Difficulties in classroom discussion | - 18% |
| c) Health problem and mental stress | - 20% |

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| a) Among themselves (students) | - 40% |
| b) From vehicles | - 46% |
| c) People moving on road | - 9% |
| d) Construction work and others | - 5% |

V. CONCLUTIONS AND RECOMANDATIONS

In rapidly urbanizing Nagaon town, the transportation sector and students themselves lead to overcrowded roads and noise pollution in educational institutes in the town. The following range of measures

may be taken to reduce vehicular noise pollution in educational institutes —

- a) The educational institutes have criteria of a good planning for an institutes and it should be located far from main road, busy PWD roads and other noise sources.
- b) Educational institutes should have buildings that have sound insulation system and high fence using concrete walls which protect noise from outside.
- c) Educational institutes should be aware of plantation of trees and vegetation buffer zone because trees and vegetation can absorb 4dB-6 dB noise intensity depending on their characteristics.
- d) Students, Teachers and Public awareness would also helpful in reduction in noise level in educational institutes.
- e) A strict law concerning noise pollution in educational institutes should be implemented.
- f) Restricting vehicular movement within or nearby the educational institutes.
- g) Applying Speed limits for vehicles near the educational institutes.

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Noise Standards in educational institutes (maximum allowable noise) such as an area within 100 meters from educational institute's sites.

Day time(9am-6pm)	Morning time(5am-9am)	Evening time(6pm-10pm)	Night time(10pm-5am)
50 dB(A)	45 dB(A)	45 dB(A)	40 dB(A)

Source : Rules & Regulations of the National Pollution Control Commission (1978), Section 78.



Table 1 : Measured maximum and minimum readings given by slm in different institutions.

Sl.No.	Name of Institutions of the town	Noise Level Range in dB(A)	Maximum noise in dB(A)
1	Nowgong College	61-80	80
2	A.D.P. College	57-78	78
3	Khagarijan College	55-72	72
4	Nowgong Girl's College	54-68	68
5	I.T.I. Nagaon	58-67	67
6	G.N.D.G. Commerce College	60-74	74
7	Govt. Boy's H.S.School	54-66	66
8	Govt. Girl's H.S.School	58-68	68
9	Bengali Boy's H.S.School	57-67	67
10	Bengali Girl's H.S.School	58-66	66

(Permissible noise level: Outdoor-Below 55 dB (A) & Classroom-35-45 dB (A))

Fig 1 : Noise pollution in Educational Institute



Fig 2 : Shows the sources of noise pollution In the Educational Institutes.

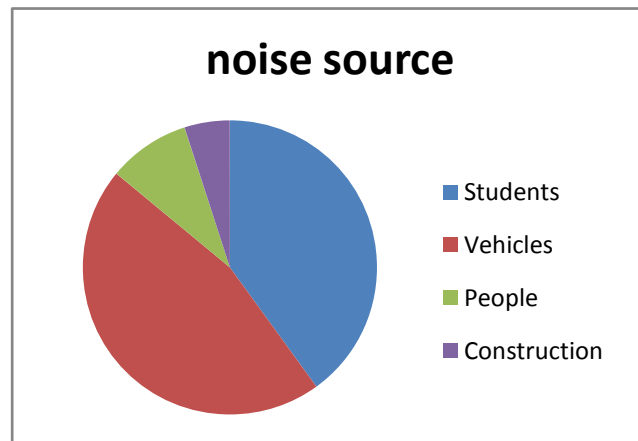
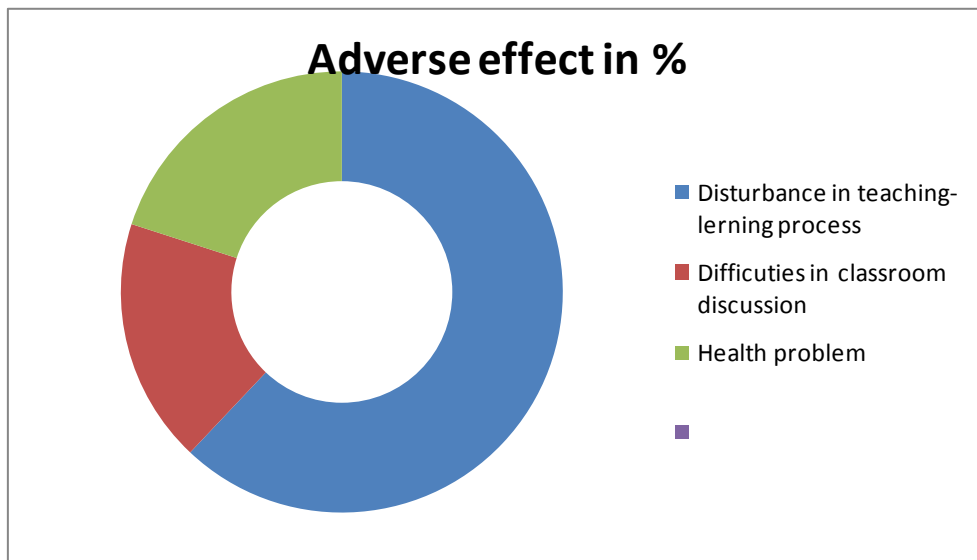


Fig 3 : Adverse effect of noise pollution



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Abstract - Most of the coal production in India comes from open cast mines contributing over 81% of the total production. A large number of open cast mines of over 10 million tons per annum capacity are in operation. Mining activities particularly opencast mining in huge forest areas results into loss of biodiversity, loss of nutrient qualities and microbial activities of the soil system. Opencast mining releases huge amount of mining wastes to the upper part of the land surface as overburden dump materials. In this study, the site selected for the experiment was overburden dump at different mining areas under Raniganj coalfields (RCF). The overburden (OB) samples were collected during the months of February and May 2010. Physico chemical characteristics such as Bulk density, Grain size distribution, pH, Electrical conductivity, Organic carbon, Organic matter, Nitrogen and Available phosphorus were determined in the Geoenvironment Division Lab, CIMFR Dhanbad.

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A Study of Physico-Chemical Characteristics of Overburden Dump Materials from Selected Coal Mining Areas of Raniganj Coal Fields, Jharkhand, India

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Abstract - Most of the coal production in India comes from open cast mines contributing over 81% of the total production. A large number of open cast mines of over 10 million tons per annum capacity are in operation. Mining activities particularly opencast mining in huge forest areas results into loss of biodiversity, loss of nutrient qualities and microbial activities of the soil system. Opencast mining releases huge amount of mining wastes to the upper part of the land surface as overburden dump materials. In this study, the site selected for the experiment was overburden dump at different mining areas under Raniganj coalfields (RCF). The overburden (OB) samples were collected during the months of February and May 2010. Physico chemical characteristics such as Bulk density, Grain size distribution, pH, Electrical conductivity, Organic carbon, Organic matter, Nitrogen and Available phosphorus were determined in the Geoenvironment Division Lab, CIMFR Dhanbad. The objective of the present investigation was to characterization of overburden materials for revegetation or plantation purposes on the top surface of the overburden dump materials. This base line data can be used for reclamation of degraded opencast mines in Raniganj coalfield, in Dhanbad Jharkhand and Raniganj Coal field West Bengal. The positive co-relation coefficient was observed between particle density and bulk density, particle density and total porosity, Particle density and maximum water holding capacity, total porosity and bulk density, bulk density and maximum water holding capacity, total porosity and maximum water holding capacity, pH and conductivity, organic matter and pH, organic carbon and pH, organic carbon and conductivity, organic matter and electric conductivity, and organic carbon and organic matter. The one way analysis of variance confirms that spatial variation has less significant effect on concentration of chemical factors.

Keywords : Coal, Opencast mines, Overburden materials, Bulk density, Organic carbon.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Coal is the most abundant fossil fuel resource present in India. Coal mining in India dates back to the 18th century. Coal has a relatively high importance for the economical growth of a country. An estimated 55% of India installed capacity of 124,287 MW of power generation is through coal based thermal power plants. India is the 3rd largest producer of coal in the world and India has the 4th largest reserves of coal in the world (approx. 197 billion tonnes). There are 44 major coalfields located in the Indian peninsular, in addition to 17 in the north-eastern region. The geological reserves of coal have been estimated at 24 123 Mt of coking coal and 162 914 Mt of noncoking coal, up to a depth of 600 m. The average stripping ratio (overburden to coal) during the last three decades was 1.97m:3 /t (Chaulya *et al.*, 2009). These overburden dumps change the natural land topography, affect the drainage system and prevent natural succession of plant growth (Bradshaw and Chadwick 1980; Wali, 1987) resulting in acute problems of soil erosion and environmental pollution (Singh *et al.*, 1994; Singh *et al.*, 1996). Selection of plant species for revegetation of overburden (OB) dumps depends on various parameters such as physical and chemical properties of dump materials (Singh and Jha, 1992).

In India two types of mining operated as opencast and underground mining. Opencast mining is a developmental activity, which is bound to damage the natural ecosystem by several mining activities. During opencast mining, the overlying soil is removed and the fragmented rock is heaped in the form of overburden dumps (Ghosh, 2002). Dump materials are left over the land in the form of overburden dumps. These occupy large amount of land, which loses its original use and generally gets soil qualities degraded (Barpanda *et al.*, 2001). As the dump materials are generally loose, fine particles from it become highly prone to blowing by wind. These get spread over the surrounding fertile land, plant, disturb their natural quality, and growth of fresh

leaves. It has been found that overburden dump top materials are usually deficient in major nutrients. Hence, most of the overburden dumps do not support plantation. The physico chemical properties of overburden dump materials are site specific and differ from one dump to another dump due to different geological deposit of rocks (Lovesan *et al.*, 1998). The side view of overburden dump materials is shown in figure 1

II. STUDY AREA

The Raniganj Coalfield lies in West Bengal and partly in Jharkhand states at the Eastern most part of the Damodar valley coalfield. Raniganj Coalfield is situated about 185 Km North-West of Kolkata. Asansol is the most important town located in the central part of the Coalfield. Asansol and Raniganj are the major railway station in this region. It is located at 23°37'N-87°08' E / 23.62°N- 87.13°E. The Raniganj Coalfield is the birth place of coal mining in the India. In the 1850's this coalfield were the major coal producer, constituting over 90% of the total country's coal production. Presently, in this area coal are produce by underground as opencast mining methods by the Eastern Coalfield Ltd. (E.C.L), a subsidiary of Coal India Ltd. In addition, a small part of the coalfield area cover about 1530 Km , spreading over Burdwan, Birbhum and Purulia districts in West Bengal and Dhanbad district in Jharkand. The major part of Raniganj coalfield is in Burdwan district and smaller portion in Birbhum, Purulia, Bankura and Dhanbad district. The Kolkata-Delhi National Highway (NH-2) as Howrah –Delhi railway line of Eastern Railway passes through this coalfield area. A network of roads and railway branch link the surrounding areas.

III. MATERIAL AND METHODS

a) Overburden (OB) sampling

In general, coal is a sedimentary formation, so the overburden materials are include shale, sandstone and other impurities is generally heaped at the mining site, during the time of opencast mining. The overburden samples were collected by a manually operated split tube coring tool (depth 20 cm). The samples were properly packed and brought carefully to Laboratory, CIMFR, Dhanbad for physical and chemical analysis. The overburden samples were air dried, cleaned, crushed in mortar and pestle and passed through 2 mm mesh sieves and then analyzed.

b) Overburden Analysis

Bulk density was determined by gravimetric method. The Grain size distribution was determined by gravimetric method by taking the weight of the fraction passed through the following sieve, 4.75 mm, 2.00 mm, 1mm, 0.425 micron, 0.212 micron, 150 micron, and 75 micron, divided by the total weight of the sample (Ranjan & Rao, 2000). pH and Electrical conductivity

was determined in (soil/water1:2.5) suspension with a pH meter and Conductivity meter respectively. Organic Matter of the overburden dump materials was determined by using the Walkley and Blake Method (Nelson and Summers, 1982) after first determining the organic carbon by using a conversion factor of 1.724. Available Nitrogen was determined by the alkaline potassium permagnate Method (Keeney and Bremer, 1966). Available phosphorus content was determined by Olsen's Method (Bray and Kurtz, 1966). The brief details of the sampling sites of overburden samples are given in Table 1.

c) Statistical Analysis

The data collected were subjected to Pearson's correlation matrix to study the significant level at 0.05 and 0.01 (2 tailed) to note the positive and negative correlation among the physico-chemical factors. Similarly, one way analysis of variance was applied to chemical factors to measure the distance or similarity in relation to spatial variations. The SPSS Ver. 16.0 Statistical Program was used for all statistical analysis throughout this research.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The results of physico chemical analysis of overburden samples are presented in Table1-3. Bulk density of overburden materials is the mass of the overburden materials per unit volume. Bulk density in all the samples varied from 1.15 gm/cc to1.3 gm/cc. The minimum value (1.15gm/cc) of bulk density was observed at site IV Mandaman Colliery. This may be due to high organic matter content present in the dump samples (Leelavathi *et al.*, 2009). The maximum value (1.3 gm/cc) of bulk density was found in Site II site Gopinathpur Colliery (OCP). The high bulk density values in site are due to the presence of movements of heavy earth moving machineries (HEMMs), big dumpers, water tankers and less amount of grass cover on dump materials. The OB sample having high bulk density value cannot be used as vegetation as well as plantation growth.

Grain size distribution plays an important role in plant establishment of the overburden dump materials. It plays an important role for the maintenance of bulk density of the overburden dump materials. In all the sampling sites percentage of sand fraction was found to be higher. The sand content was found 96% at site I, 73.16 % at SITE II 80.32% at SITE III 84.48 % at, SITE IV, 86.48 % at SITE V indicating poor quality for plant growth. In dump materials sand fraction comes from breakdown of sandstone. Due to higher amount of sand particles in the overburden samples allowing water to move into the dump materials by infiltration process (Ghosh, 2002). Silt is intermediate in size between sand and clay, but silt is easily detached and easily transported. Clay minerals are hydrous aluminosilicates

with other metallic ions. Their particles are very small in size, very flaky in shape and considerable surface area (Ranjan and Rao, 2000). Percentage of silt and clay fraction was found to be in low range. The silt and clay content of overburden samples ranges from 1.56 % at Site V to 5.08 % at Site IV and 6.44 % at Site I to 24.92 % at Site II respectively. The low content of clay and silt was found due to presence of rock forming minerals at the sampling sites. Several researchers are of opinion that lesser amount of clay materials has many microspores through which water passes very slowly into the dump materials. Hu *et al.*, (1992) are of opinion that soil with more than 50% stoniness should be rated to be poor quality. The results of grain size distribution of overburden samples are given in Table 2. The pH of soil or more precisely the pH of the soil solution is very important because soil solution carries in it nutrients such as nitrogen, potassium, and phosphorus that plants need in specific amounts to grow, thrive, and fight off diseases. The samples having pH less than 7 were found to be weakly acidic in nature in nature (Brady, 2002). pH of these overburden samples was found to be low, ranging from 6.25 to 6.85 (Figure 5). The slightly acidic natures of all dump materials are due to the geology of the rock composition which will be a problem for plant growth. Brady, 2002, found that a pH range of 6.5 to 7.5 is optimal for plant nutrient availability. If the soil solution is too acidic plants cannot utilize N, P, K and other nutrients they need. In acidic soils, plants are more likely to take up toxic metals and some plants eventually die of toxicity. The results of pH are shown in Figure 5.

Electrical conductivity (EC) is the common measure of dump materials salinity and is indicative of the ability of an aqueous solution to carry an electric current. The rock composition determines the chemistry of the dump materials and ultimately affects electrical conductivity. For example, limestone leads to higher EC because of the dissolution of carbonate minerals in the dump particles. For mine soil, Saxena (1989), proposed that while $EC < 4$ dS/m may be considered to be good for plant growth. EC values within the range of 7 to 8 dS/m may be accepted as fair and soil/spoil with an EC value 8dS/m should be considered to be of poor quality. During study period, EC was found to be ranged $3.715dSm^{-1}$ to $4.075 dSm^{-1}$ in selected areas of Raniganj coalfield. The higher valued were due to upward migration of different salts with partially combustion of coal particles at Site II. The lower valued were due to lower amount of salts present in the dump samples at Site V and Organic carbon is an index of dump materials productivity and the amount of carbon broken down from plants and animals that stored in soil (Dekka *et al.*, 2008). Organic carbon levels greater than 0.8% is rated as good quality of soil or dump and less than 0.4% is rated as low quality of dump (Ghosh *et al.*, 1983).The present study showed percentage of organic carbon

ranging from 1.42 % to 8.53% indicating presence of high organic carbon hence medium productive value of the dump samples. Similar observation was made by (Rai *et al.*, 2009) in soils of Jharia Coal Field. The increase in organic carbon at site IV was due to the accumulation of leaf litter and their decomposition to form humus and vice versa.

Organic matter (SOM) is the organic matter component of dump materials. It can be divided into three general pools: living biomass of microorganisms, fresh and partially decomposed residues, and humus, the well decomposed organic matter and highly stable organic material. Surface litter is generally not included as part of soil organic matter (Juma, 1999). As the amount of organic matter present in a soil increase, the number of stable aggregates also increases. These results in increased permeability, increased infiltration, and consequently, decreased runoff and erosion. In brief the present study showed percentage of organic matter ranging from 2.4 % to 14.75 % in all the samples, indicating good accumulation of humus matter in the dump samples.

Nitrogen is a major soil limiting nutrient elements and influence plant productivity. The nitrogen used by plants on dump materials comes from organic matter, fertilizer application and legumes plants (Maiti *et al.*, 2002). Soils fertility exhibits the status of different soils with regard to the amount and availability of nutrients essential for plant growth. It has been observed that nitrogen content was found to be maximum in surface horizons and decreased regularly with depth which is due to decreasing trend of organic carbon with depth and because cultivation of crops is mainly confined to the surface horizon only at regular intervals the depleted nitrogen content is supplemented by the external addition of fertilizers during crop cultivation (Prasuna rani *et al.*, 1992). In the present study, available nitrogen was found to be ranged from 64.44 kg/ha to 89.24 kg/ha in selected areas of Raniganj coalfield. However, available nitrogen content was found to be maximum (89.24 kg/ha), at the Site IV due to higher amount of mineralizable matter present in the samples, and lower values (64.44 kg/ha) was recorded at Site I due to lower rates of mineralization in the dump samples.

Phosphorus of overburden samples was determined in the form of phosphorus pentoxide. In the present investigation available phosphorus content of the dump materials was recorded in low amount in the range of 0.765 kg/ha to 9.405kg/ha. The present observation was also agreed with (Tripathy *et al.*, 1998) in soils of Jharia coalfield. The available phosphorus of the overburden samples were recorded in low amount at Site IV. This might be due to slightly acidic nature of samples which restricted the microbial action activities resulting in very poor mineralization and organic decomposition process in the overburden samples. The

available phosphorus of the overburden samples were recorded in high amount at Site III due to higher organic decomposition process in the samples.

V. CONCLUSIONS

From the above study, it can be concluded that the overburden samples collected from the coal mining areas are poor in organic carbon, available nitrogen and available phosphorus due to lower amount of microbial activities in the overburden samples. In addition to bulk densities of all the overburden samples are in medium range, which is not suitable for plantation purposes without addition of fertilizers. pH of all the sampling sites is slightly acidic in nature, under these (acidic) conditions of dump materials growth of plants severely affected in various ways. The data reveals that dump materials are deficient in N, P, & K which requires addition of extra fertilizer and manures to make the dump suitable for any purpose. The dump material at all the sampling sites was not found suitable for plant growth.

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Table 1 : Brief details of sampling sites in RCF

S. No.	Site Description	Sample Code	Mining Area
01.	SITE I	RS3	Chapapur Colliery U/G
02.	SITE II	RS4	Gopinathpur Colliery (OCP)
03.	SITE III	RS8	Lakhimata Colliery GT Road
04.	SITE IV	RS9	Mandman Colliery
05.	SITE V	RS16	Gourandih OCP Abundant Mine

Table 2 : Texture distribution of overburden samples

Site Description	Sample Code	Sand%	Silt%	Clay %	Soil classification
SITE I	RS3	96.08	1.96	6.44	Sand
SITE II	RS4	73.16	1.92	24.92	Sandy Clay Loam
SITE III	RS8	80.32	3.36	16.32	Loamy Sand
SITE IV	RS9	84.48	5.08	10.44	Loamy Sand
SITE V	RS16	86.84	1.56	11.6	Loamy Sand

Table 3 : Variation in Chemical Properties of the Soil Samples of Study Area during the study period.

Sites	pH	EC	Sulphide	Chloride	OC	OM	AVBP	Ca	Mg	Na	K
		$\mu\text{S/cm}$	ppm	ppm	%	%	kg/hect	mg/g	mg/g	mg/g	mg/g
RS3	6.3	126.5	20	71	8.03	13.84	0.99	0.038	0.048	0.058	0.036
RS4	6.3	517.0	28	71	2.23	3.84	1.52	0.109	0.102	0.114	0.027
RS8	6.2	263.0	28	36	1.89	3.26	10.30	0.078	0.048	0.079	0.050
RS9	6.3	512.0	16	36	6.11	10.53	0.90	0.047	0.096	0.055	0.041
RS16	6.2	169.4	24	71	8.04	13.86	5.20	0.029	0.043	0.079	0.040

Table 4 : Pearson's correlation coefficients of physical factors of Raniganj coalfields (February and May 2010)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
A	+1						
B	+ .759	+1					
C	+ .837	+ .992**	+1				
D	+ .790	+ .999**	+ .997**	1			
E	+ .810	+ .997**	.999**	.999**	1		
F	+ .104	- .515	- .413	- .478	- .451	1	
G	- .582	- .523	- .555	- .536	- .545	.272	1

** Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

A = Moisture content (%), B = Bulk density, C = Particle density (gm/cm^3), D = Total porosity (%), E = Max. Water holding capacity (%), F = Water in air dry soil (%), G = Volume Expansion

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A = pH, B = Conductivity, C = Organic carbon, D = Organic matter, E = Available phosphorus, F = Available nitrogen

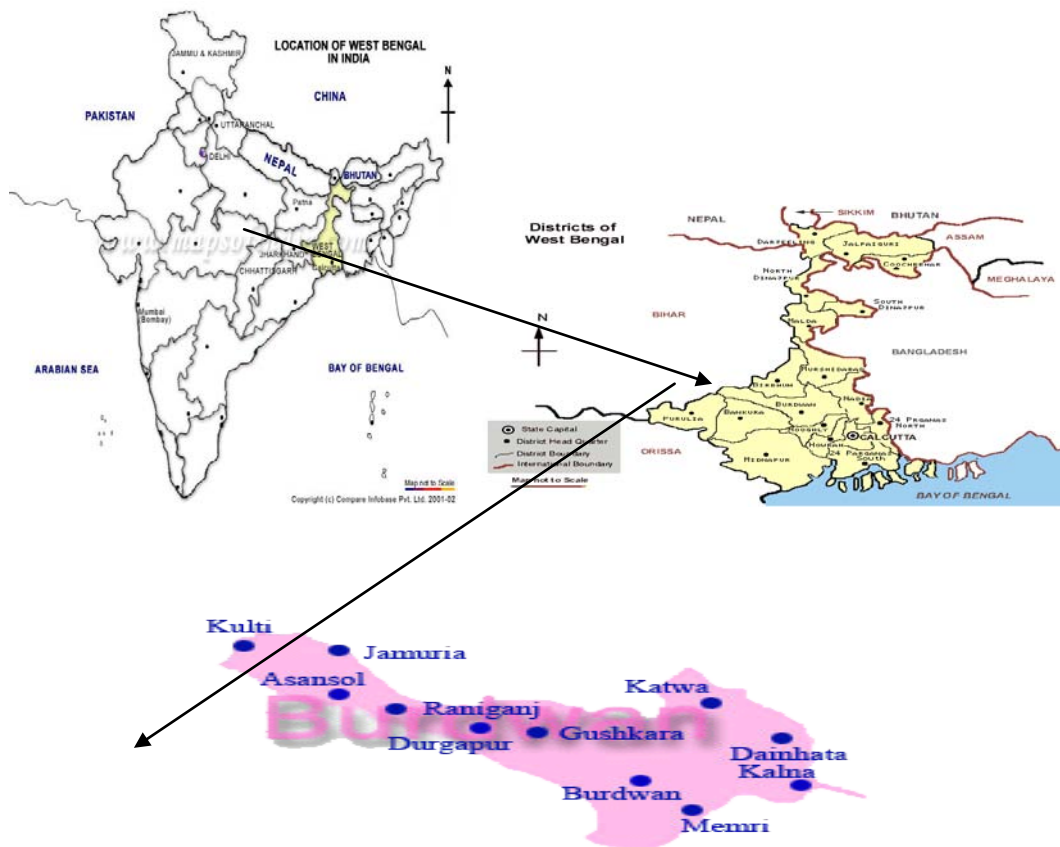


Figure 1 : Map of study area, (not to scale)

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I. INTRODUCTION

Dhaka-Narayanganj-Demra (DND) Project area is located between the cities of Dhaka and Narayanganj in Bangladesh and bounded by the Buriganga and the Shitalakshya River. It was started in 1964 and completed in 1968 at a cost of Tk 22.9 million. The area is about 56.79 sq. km and about 800,000 people are living here. The project provides flood control for 4,860 ha, irrigation for 6,070 ha, pumped drainage for 4,860 ha and gravity drainage for 2,470 ha of land^[1, 3]. But, as the project is located close to Dhaka city, urbanization is taking place rapidly. So the initial

objective of boosting agricultural production has been frustrated. A snap of Google map of the DND project area (mentioned as our study area) is shown in Fig 1.

Most of the DND Project area has now become part of the suburban areas of Dhaka City due to land use transformation in its periphery in the last three decades. With the increase in residential houses, commercial enterprises and industrial concerns, there has emerged a necessity of additional roads, water bodies etc^[2]. But adequate drainage facilities is yet to be developed to cope with the changing situation of additional surface runoff caused as a result of urbanization with the increasing trend of population within the project area. In recent years the DND project area is facing acute problems of drainage congestion during resulting in severe sufferings to the inhabitants living within the area^[2, 3, 8].

Recently, one study conducted by Islam and Haque (2005)^[2] revealed that the inadequacy of drainage canals, filling up of drainage canals by solid waste, land use transformation through unplanned and rapid urbanization are the main causes of drainage congestion in the DND area. Besides that, water logging, water pollution (mainly from discharge of untreated industrial waste water particularly from dying industries), decrease in agricultural lands, decrease in pasture lands and fodder were identified major threatening to the environment of the DND area. Whereas the problem identified in health sector were: deficiency in pure drinking water, malnutrition and health hazards of the people especially the children; increase of water borne diseases, mosquitoes and venomous animals and insects for the DND area.

From our recent field visit experience in the DND project area, we observed that the housing companies have acquired cheap land in flood plains and developed residential colonies there, which are very vulnerable to flooding. Due to global warming, intensity and magnitude of different disasters are also increasing.

Here, the environmental degradation of the of DND area is a great concern because of (i) this area is very important as it is very near to the central Dhaka city (ii) Urbanization is progressing rapidly in this area with the increasing population and (iii) Vulnerability of the residents is also increasing rapidly. With considering the

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above concern, we feel that there is a need to have a decision support system for the planners and developers and political decision makers to take initiative for the reversal of the environmental degradation trends of DND area. In this study, we aim to assess and quantify the environmental degradation of the DND project area due to the unplanned urbanization. We hope that our quantification effort might be helpful for the concern decision making personnel for understanding the depth of degradation.



Figure 1 : Map showing the study area

II. METHODOLOGIES

a) Site visits

DND project area is located in the southeast suburb of Dhaka Metropolitan city and is stretched over Demra and Shampur Thana of Dhaka district and Shiddirganj and Fatullah Thanass of Narayanganj district. In the beginning of this study, we made frequent site assessment visits in between January to March, 2009 at different locations of DND project area as a part of reconnaissance study. From our site assessment visit, we tried to get an overall idea about the different important physical and environmental aspects of this area and we identified the important activities related to environmental degradation, selected point of water-air and noise quality sampling point. Regarding the sampling point selection, we tried to select a point which can give a quasi representative data to depict the overall

scenario of this area. We also collected some secondary data from various organization regarding the population, topography, climate, administrative division and public utilities (water supply, gas supply, electricity, sewerage coverage) in this area.

b) Socioeconomic survey

To assess the impact due to urbanization in DND project area, a socioeconomic survey was carried out in the DND area. It was a questionnaire survey, where about 2250 people of DND area were participated. The survey cohort included approximately 65 % male and 35% female, population from different professions and different ages. Survey area included Matuial union, Fatulla, Demra, Pagla, Kutubpur union, Jatrabari and Konapara. The questionnaire had four main parts including (i) general information regarding respondent and survey area, (ii) asking opinion about some ecological impact of urbanization (iii) asking opinion about some physio-chemical aspects of urbanization and (iv) human interest related impact of urbanization. Responses of questionnaire survey regarding some important environmental parameters are presented in Fig 3 by bar graph or pie chart. Represented value in first four bar graphs or pie chart indicates the percent (%) of people responded in each option.

c) Water, air and noise quality analysis

Surface and ground water samples collected from various places in between Sept. to Oct.'2009 and subsequently laboratory test program was undertaken to check the important water quality parameters. Water samples were analyzed for pH (USEPA 150.1; SM 4500-H+ B), color (USEPA 110.2; SM 2120 C), turbidity USEPA 180.1 Rev 2; SM 2130 B), Iron (USEPA 200.9 ; SM 3111 B), DO (USEPA 360.3, 360.2; SM 4500- O B,G), BOD₅ (USEPA 405.1; SM 5210 B; SM 5210 D) and COD (USEPA 410.4; SM 5220 D) in the Environmental Engineering Laboratory of the Dept. of Civil Engineering, BUET. Here, method of analysis is mentioned in the parenthesis beside the parameters mentioned above. Standard water quality analysis protocol as per as "Standard method (SM) or USEPA methods" were followed. Water quality analysis results are shown in the Table 1. Air quality parameters and ambient noise level were also measured at the different location of DND area and measured data pertaining to air quality and noise level are presented in Table 2 to 4. Noise levels were measured at different location using a calibrated TES 1350A sound level meter. The high volume sampler, Envirotech APM 460NL has been used to collect particulate matters in the air. In order to capture the gaseous matters in air Wolfpack Area Monitor has been used.

d) *Quantification of environmental degradation*

Considering urban point of view the environmental parameters are consider. List of environmental parameters are shown in the Fig. 2. Impacts due to each parameter are evaluated based on response of questionnaire survey; water, air and noise level monitoring data and from observation during site visits. To quantify the environmental degradation due to the urbanization, Environmental Evaluation System (EES) guided by Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Bangladesh was followed [6]. The details calculations of quantifying assessment are shown in the Table 5.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

a) *Environmental factors considered for assessing environmental degradation of DND Area*

i. *Physico-chemical Parameters*

In the last few decades, DND area has been greatly changed with rapid urbanization and industrialization, especially through manufacturing industries, establishment of small and large-scale business enterprises, increase of multinational business and trade firms etc. Unfortunately, this rapid urbanization process has not taken place in a formal and planned manner. This unplanned approach of development has made this area “a land of unhealthy lifestyle”.

Surface water pollution: The Rivers Buriganga, Balu, and Shitalakshya together receive huge amount of untreated sewage and industrial liquid waste as well as municipal waste regularly through the three major canal systems and direct disposal. Water of the surrounding rivers and stagnant surface water body has already exceeded the standard limits of many water quality parameters, for example, DO, BOD₅, COD, color,

turbidity and so on. The input of high strength organic waste and inorganic solutions of metals in a reduced state of oxidation into a water course depleted the oxygen content of the water and ultimately will result in extinction of all oxygen dependent life.

Air, noise and odor pollution: Air quality data around the project site is not available, as there is no provision for monitoring air quality in the area. But during site visit it was observed that the ambient air quality in regards to SPM of the area is very dusty near the industrial and road side locations. We measured the level of different particulate and gaseous air quality parameters at different locations of DND area, which are presented in Table 2. Noise pollution is not very serious problem in DND zone but this problem is increasing day by day due to the rapid urbanization. Our measured ambient noise data at different location of DND area is presented in Table 3. Odor pollution is very serious problem in the DND area. Objectionable odors are coming out from the Matuail dumping site (a sanitary land fill site to dump the solid waste and the places where garbage are damped in open space.

Ground water depletion: In the DND area ground water table has become lower day by day in a very high rate. It is mainly due to extraction of huge amount of water for industrial use like dyeing factory.

Regional hydrology and flooding: The project area is affected by internal and external flood. External floods are caused in the low area by over flow of surrounding river and canal, while internal floods are caused by storm water due to rainfall and insufficient drainage facilities. Normally the low area of the project is submerged by over flowing of Balu River during August-September. Excessive local rainfall sometimes causes flood. The natural drainage system of the project area is being obstructed due to land filling activities for housing development project.

Table 1 : Water quality analysis result at different locations of DND Area

Sampling Location	Source Type	pH	Color	Turbidity	EC	DO	COD	BOD ₅	Iron
			Pt-Co unit	NTU	µs/cm	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l
Jatrabari WASA pump station	^a GW	7.1	16	3.3	360	4.55	0.3	0.2	0.6
Mirdhabari WASA pump station	GW	7.12	13	0.5	217	4.6	0.8	0.3	0.02
DND canal water, Mirdhabari	^b SW	7.12	28	17	228	2.76	13	5.4	< 0.02
Pond water, Mirdhabari	SW	7.4	198	23	502	1.32	25	17	< 0.02
Pond water, Shanir Akhra	SW	7.12	252	30	833	1.21	20	12	< 0.02
Sitalakha River water	SW	6.7	170	67	462	2.2	17	10	< 0.02
Buriganga River water, Pagla	SW	6.9	210	18	504	1.8	12.5	10	< 0.02

^aGW: Ground Water, ^bSW: Surface water

ii. *Ecological parameters*

Fisheries: DND is the predominant spawning grounds of open water capture fishery. There exist four major fishery systems in the area. They are: River/Khal fishery, Flood plain fishery, Beel and reservoir fishery,

Culture fishery or aquaculture. Of the four (4) fishery systems, both the flood plain and beel and reservoir open water fishery are directly affected by the DND project, with embankment and the subsequent dry-up of flood plain due to the urbanization.

Aquatic biology: The main aquatic flora in this area is Kalmiiata, Shapla, Helencha, Kachuripana. The main aquatic faunas in this are arc different types of fishes. The fresh water fishes are carp (Rui, Katla, Mrigal, Kalibaus etc.), Catfish (Boal, Bacha etc.) and live fish (Koi, Singh, Magur etc.). The other fauna are Tortoise, Frogs, and Water snake etc. The aquatic live in the DND area reduced due to dumping of untreated chemicals of dying industries. Reduction of aquatic biology makes a higher negative impact on the environment of the project area.

Terrestrial flora and fauna: No complete list of terrestrial fauna is available in this region but a number of avian species were observed during field visit in this area including crow, eagle, shalik, sparrow etc. In addition to the avian species, the habitats are likely to contain reptile, mammals. The project area is similar to the character to many areas of alluvial delta in Bangladesh with mixed crop vegetation. Rice, other grains and seasonal vegetables are the main crops in the area. But in present days this area has become less suitable for the terrestrial flora and fauna due to rapid urbanization.

Wetlands: Few years ago there were many low land areas including ponds and reservoir in the DND zone which were actually wetlands. These low land areas serve as breeding ground of fish. At present significant portion of these low land areas are filled by rapid and unplanned urban growth. Industries and building are constructed by filling the wetland area; consequently destruction of aqueous ecology has become obvious for this area.

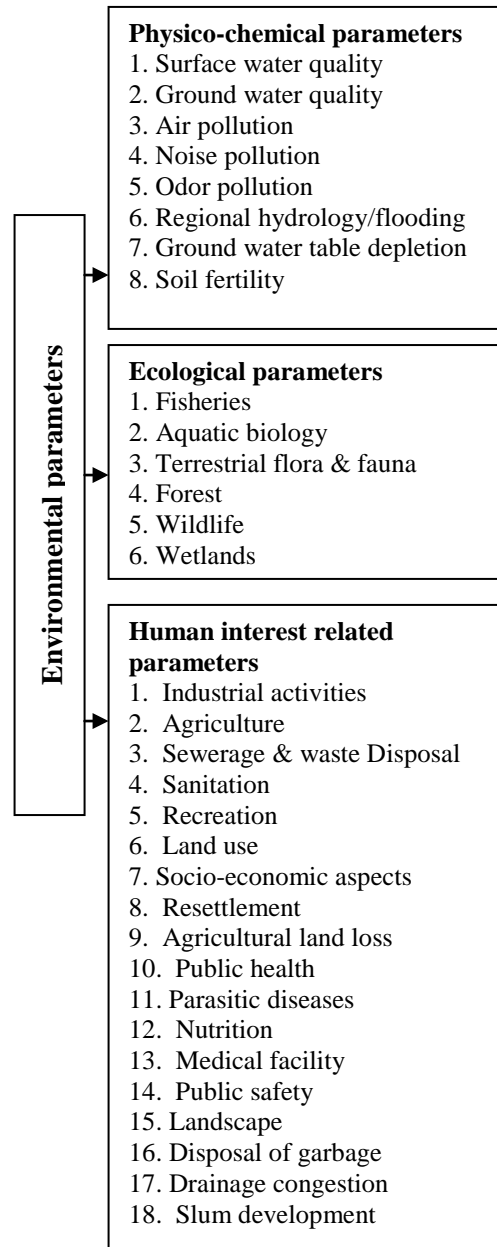


Figure 2 : List of the environmental parameters for assessing environmental degradation in the DND area

iii. *Human Interest Related Parameters*

Industrials activities: In the DND zone, most of the industries are developed in an unplanned manner and these are polluting the environment seriously. Our observation at the time of field visit revealed that most of the industries have no effluent treatment system and emission control system.

Sewerage and waste disposal: In the DND area sewerage system and Waste disposal system is not well organized. Some of the project areas have moderate access of sewerage and waste disposal system while most of the project areas have poor access of sewerage

and waste disposal system. The water borne sewerage system covered around 50% percent of the sampled households of the DND (N) project area. About 20% of the sampled households used septic tanks, of which most are imported type. Brahmanchiron had the highest percentage of households with sewerage facilities (65.2%) while Rajarbagh had the least (0.7%). There is no systematic waste disposal system in this zone.

Sanitation: The populations of the project area are presently using various alternative methods or ways of human waste disposal such as septic tank, pit latrine, leaching pit, katcha latrines and public toilet and open defecation. From the Questionnaire it is came out that almost 92% households have an access of pakha latrine. But this picture is totally different in the slum area, where poor sanitation (open latrine) and water supply system is a major threat to the environment.

Agricultural and recreational land loss: Actually DND project was for the promotion for agricultural activities in this zone but, urbanization trends destroyed the main aim of the project. Rapid urbanization in this area creates a negative impact on agricultural practice. The agricultural area in DND area in 1990 was 3173 ha. It is forecasted that in 2010 agricultural area will be reduced to 532 ha due to urbanization [6]. Large majority of younger of this zone are deprived from outdoor games/sports activities because of the reduction of the open space (playgrounds, parks, lakes).

Landscape: In the DND area, the flood free comparatively low value urban fringe land is going to be under tremendous pressure of development. The general characteristics of the area are conducive to additional development and there are sign of new

industries set up in this area. Due to the unplanned development of industries, distortion of natural landscape and natural beauty is highly noticeable in this area.

Drainage congestion: Since this area has no proper drainage system, excessive water logging is one of the most of the common problem in the rainy season. Due to rapid urbanization low lands are filled thus the problem of water logging is going to be more severe problem day by day.

Slum development: Due to rapid urbanization in the DND zone, many people are coming from the outside for work and consequently, for these very low income groups slums are developing in this zone.

Positive aspects of urbanization trends in DND area: Because of its proximity to the Dhaka city and also being relatively flood free, the DND area has been developed quite rapidly during the last decade, particularly in the Northwest corner. There are many industries are developed in the DND zone and these industries create employment opportunities. The newly constructed Dhaka-Narayanganj Spine Road has resulted in land speculation. In regarding land use pattern huge change has been seen in the DND area due to the rapid trends of urbanization. Currently RAJUK is preparing a housing development program for the area [3]. Land value in this area has been increased too high within a decade. Socio-economic aspects including educational status, occupational status, average monthly income, and monthly expenditure and housing condition have been slightly improved some parts of DND area.

Table 2: Measured air quality data at different locations of the DND area

Parameters	Measured Concentration			Bangladesh Standard (ECR, 2005) ^[10]
	Mirdhabari Bazar ^a	Fatullah ^b	Shiddirganj ^c	
PM ₁₀ (µg/m ³)	74	166	133	50 (annual average) 150 (24-hr average)
SPM (µg/m ³)	312	499	405	200 (8-hr average)
NO (ppm)	0	0	0	0.053 (annual)
NO ₂ (ppm)	0	0	0	
SO ₂ (ppm)	26.6	23.8	26.1	0.14 (24-hour)
CO (ppm)	2.6	4.2	3.9	35 (1-hour)
CO ₂ (ppm)	530	657	589	--
H ₂ S (ppm)	5.23	3.42	1.21	--
O ₃ (ppm)	0	0	0	--
TVOC (ppb)	1544	1245	1187	--

Note: Weather condition at the measuring time: Ambient Temperature (°C) 32.7^a, 33.2^b, 32.9^c; Relative Humidity (%RH) 71.7^a, 81.3^b, 74.6^c; Measuring date: 12 Sept 2009^{a,b} 13 Sept 2009^c; Measuring equipment: for SPM and PM₁₀ - Envirotech APM 460NL, for rest of the gaseous pollutant- Wolfpack Area Monitor; Measuring location: beside Mirdhabari school^a; beside main road^{b,c}

Table 3 : Ambient noise level at different locations of the DND area

Location	Time	Equivalent Noise Level, L_{eq}	Max	Min
		dBA	dBA	dBA
Jatrabari More ^a	Day	78.7	97.3	56.0
	Night	74.8	87.6	44.3
Mirdhabari Bazar ^b	Day	68.7	87.2	50.7
	Night	61.9	75.7	46.1
Fatullah ^c	Day	76.5	90.2	58.3
	Night	- ^e	-	-
Shiddirganj ^d	Day	73.6	86.4	66.6
	Night	-	-	-

Note: Measuring date: 12 Sept 2009^{a,b,c} 13 Sept 2009^d; Measuring equipment: TES 1350A sound level meter; Measuring location: Jatrabari bazaar to demra road^a, beside Mirdhabari school^b, beside main road^{c,d}; -^enot measured; noise level monitoring time at each location was about 20 minutes and equivalent noise level (L_{eq}) was calculated from about 100 observation recorded data

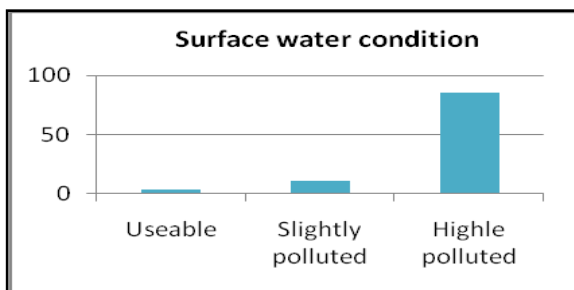
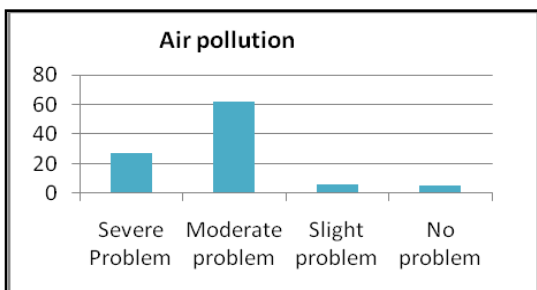
Table 4 : Bangladesh Standard for Noise Level at different types of areas (as per Noise Pollution (Control) Rules, 2006)^[11, 12]

Area type	Noise level (dBA)	
	Day	Night
Silent zone	50	40
Residential area	55	45
Mixed area	60	50
Commercial area	70	60
Industrial area	75	70

b) Assessment and quantification of environmental degradation

From the various literature surveys we found there are many approaches for evaluating the overall value of environmental quality considering some environmental factors [2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9]. In our analysis, first we did a qualitative assessment ^a (see table 5) on each environmental factor based on our field investigation and public opinion survey. Next qualitative assessment was translated into quantitative approach. Both positive and negative environmental factors are considered to

assess the net environmental value of environmental quality. According to the LGED guideline for EIA^[5], the degree of environmental impacts due to urbanization of DND project consider within the range of -5 to +5 where -5 represent an severe negative impact and +5 represents the very high positive impact and higher the number, higher the degree of impact. We estimate the overall value of environmental quality following method of Environmental Evaluation System (EES)^[5]. Details assessment and quantification results are shown in Table 5.



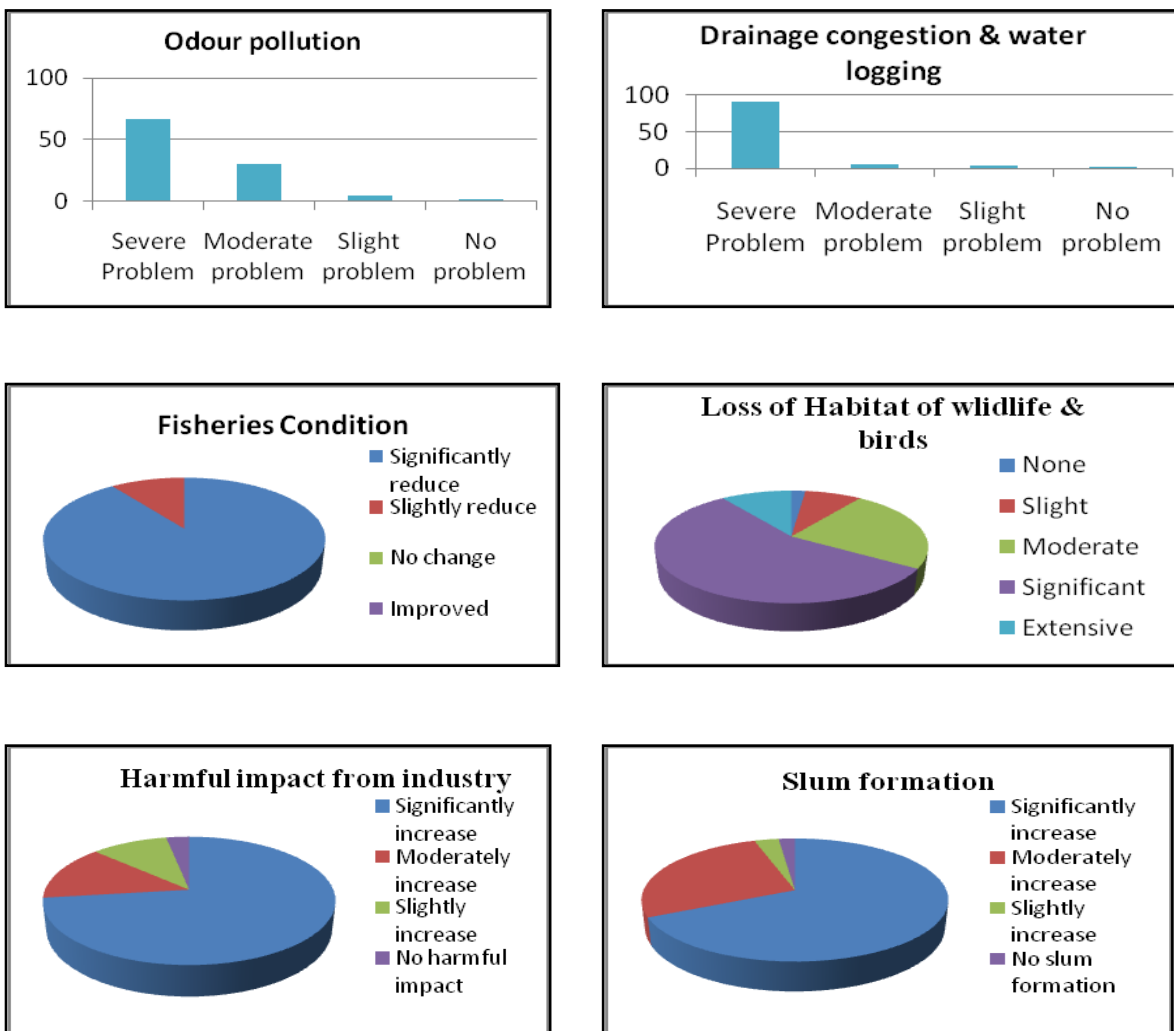


Figure 3 : Responses of questionnaire survey regarding some important environmental parameters. (Represented value in first four bar graphs indicates the percent (%) of people responded in each option. About 2250 people of DND area were participated in this questionnaire survey including around 65 % male and 35% female)

Table 5 : Quantification of environmental impact on various selected environmental parameters

Environmental Parameter	QEI ^a	(Wi)	Degree of Impact		Wi*(Vi) ₁	Wi*(Vi) ₂	NEQV
			(Vi) ₁	(Vi) ₂			
Physio-chemical parameters		250					
Surface water quality	S	60	-1	-4	-60	-240	-180
Ground water quality	VL	20	0	-1	0	-20	-20
Air pollution	M	40	0	-3	0	-120	-120
Noise pollution	VL	10	0	-1	0	-10	-10
Odour Pollution	M	50	0	-3	0	-150	-150
Climate Change	VL	10	0	-1	0	-10	-10
Regional hydrology & flooding	VL	10	0	-1	0	-10	-10
Ground water table	M	30	0	-3	0	-90	-90
Soil fertility	M	20	0	-3	0	-60	-60
Ecological parameters		200					

Fisheries	H	60	2	-4	120	-240	-360
Aquatic Biology	H	50	1	-4	50	-200	-250
Terrestrial flora & fauna	M	40	1	-3	40	-120	-160
Forest	M	20	2	-3	40	-60	-100
Wildlife	M	10	0	-3	0	-30	-30
Wetlands	M	20	0	-3	0	-60	-60
Human interested related parameters		550					
Employment opportunities	P	70	-1	4	-70	280	350
Commercial & service facilities	P	40	0	3	0	120	120
Industrial activities	H	10	0	-3	0	-30	-30
Agriculture	M	15	2	-3	30	-45	-75
Water Supply	P	25	0	3	0	75	75
Electricity and gas supply	P	25	0	3	0	75	75
Sewage and waste disposal	M	20	-1	-2	-20	-40	-20
Sanitation	M	10	-1	1	-10	10	20
Recreation	L	10	1	-2	10	-20	-30
Road & railway	P	10	0	3	0	30	30
Land use & land value	P	60	0	5	0	300	300
Socio-economis aspects	P	30	-2	3	-60	90	150
Resettlement	M	10	0	-2	0	-20	-20
Agriculture land loss	S	30	0	-5	0	-150	-150
Public Helth	L	10	0	-2	0	-20	-20
Parasitis Diseases	L	10	0	-2	0	-20	-20
Nutrition	L	10	1	-2	10	-20	-30
Public Safety	L	10	1	-1	10	-10	-20
Landscape	L	15	1	-1	15	-15	-30
Disposal of garbage	M	20	0	-4	0	-80	-80
Drainage congestion	S	40	0	-5	0	-200	-200
Slum Development	M	10	0	-3	0	-30	-30
Flood control	P	60	-4	3	-240	180	420
Total		1000			-135	-960	-825

Here, P=Positive impact; S=Severe negative impact; H=Higher negative impact; M=Moderate negative impact; L=Low negative impact; VL=Very low negative impact; QEI=Qualitative Environmental Impact. Wi =Relative importance value, $(Vi)_1$ =Degree of impact without urbanization, $(Vi)_2$ =Degree of impact with urbanization, Net environmental quality value (NEQV) = $Wi * (Vi)_2 - Wi * (Vi)_1$

IV. CONCLUSIONS

The DND area was originally a flood control, drainage and irrigation project but the development trend goes towards urbanization, i.e. the original objective has been totally changed. As urbanization is inevitable, immediate measures should be taken to create the area into a planned town as because the present trend is going on in an unplanned manner. From this study it is reveal that surface water pollution, air and noise pollution, odor pollution, soil fertility, fisheries, aquatic biology, terrestrial flora and fauna, drainage congestion, sewerage and waste disposal, poor sanitation, resettlement, agricultural land loss, public health, parasitic disease, public safety, and improper disposal of garbage etc. are most important environmental concerning factors for environmental degradation. However, there are some positive impacts due to urbanization which can be listed as: employment opportunities, land value, water supply, power/gas supply facilities, development of new industry, development of new road, and slight improvement of socio-economic condition. Our quantification efforts of

environmental quality value [see table 5] indicate that overall environmental quality in DND zone is highly degraded due to rapid unplanned urbanization.

There should be make a plan for the recycling and reclamation of waste is to be promoted for conservation of resources. The green belt and landscaping should be prepared as per master plan. There should be sufficient provision for both capital and O&M facility especially for road, sewerage system, treatment plant, solid waste management and for other utility services. To facilitate the development activities there should be a management organization responsible for getting approval for development plan and budget from higher authority, implementation of primary level of development work and monitoring private level development work. The environmental-monitoring program is necessary for monitoring of ambient environmental quality. Monitoring data should be compiled, analyzed and evaluation report is to be prepared for future reference and management decision.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The demand of soil for diverse purpose such as construction, industrial, agriculture urbanization is increasing continuously thereby decreasing soil quality drastically. Soil quality is the capacity of soil to function within natural or managed ecosystem boundaries to sustain plant and animal productivity maintain or enhance water and air quality and support human health and habitation. (D. L Karlen).

Aeration is important in promoting plant growth chemical interaction taking place between aeration condition & chemical composition of the soil (M. M. Rai 2008) The main reason of soil quality degradation in irrigated areas are the inadequate & unbalanced application of agrochemicals fertilizer pesticides to soil (B. Mujumdar & M. P. Sharma) The knowledge of the fertility status of soil is essential for judicious application for higher crop production. ph ,Organic matter ,N, P & exchangeable K, concentration of macronutrients & micro nutrients are appropriate describing soil quality and agricultural productivity.(R.A. Bowman) Bulky organic manures increase organic matter content &

hence improve the physical properties and improve in soil aeration and water holding capacity.

II. EXPERIMENTAL

Twenty representative sites from the study area were selected for the characterization of the soil sample. representative sample sites study area that free from waste water soil sampling was done seasonally for wet & dry seasons during 2010-2011

Soil samples were air dried, crushed & screened through 2 mm sieve. Soil Ph determined by Ph meter. Organic matter, N, P, *exchangeable* K analyzed with soil testing kits.

III. RESULT

Ph of the soil samples were found acidic and alkaline in both the seasons, The study revealed that ph 6.9-9.1 during dry & wet season. larger amount of ionic matter was present in oil sample during dry & wet season.Organic matter of all the sample was found to be higher in wet season compared with the dry season except site S8,S9,S20 The average N concentration in organic material range of 1 to 13% Gibbsite Al(OH)₃ adsorb the greatest amount of Phosphorous at Ph 4To5. P availability in most soil is of maximum near ph 6.5 (John L. Halvin2010) The range of available P was 7.3 to38.7 in dry & wet season Soil exchangeable potassium as K₂O in both seasons was within medium category (<400Kg/ha) in majority of sample in soil . P availability in most soil is negligible at site rajwadi and saradewadi, which is maximum at a site S1, S5, S9, S11, S13 at site of study area of indapur district pune.

Pre - Monsoon 2010
Physicochemical Parameters of Soil

Sr. No.	Sample Site	PH	N	P	K	C
1	Nimgaon	8.5	142	36.0	303	0.71
2	Kati	8.9	212	7.4	362	0.84
3	Bijawadi	8.4	137	7.3	354	0.81
4	Bhandgaon	7.6	139	21.4	349	0.92
5	Sardewadi	9.1	152	37.0	406	0.93
6	Rajwadi	7.5	283	--	287	1.20

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7	Zagadewadi	7.6	144	21.1	381	0.89
8	Sardewadi	8.0	212	--	125	0.65
9	Zagadewadi	7.5	376	36.2	383	0.61
10	Malwadi	7.6	421	21.3	331	0.79
11	Varkute	9.1	138	38.7	359	0.72
12	Galandwadi	7.1	110	28.6	341	0.88
13	Varkute	7.5	127	41.0	382	0.93
14	Kalthan 1	8.4	256	21.4	352	0.71
15	Kalthan 2	8.6	197	19.1	297	0.90
16	Pondkulwadi	6.9	403	31.9	171	1.01
17	Bhadalwadi	7.2	396	27.2	187	0.91
18	Karewadi	8.1	317	17.4	156	0.94
19	Walchand Nagar	8.3	258	19.6	298	0.76
20	Bankarwadi	8.6	310	24.1	323	0.61

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Physicochemical Parameters of Soil

Sr. No.	Sample Site	pH	N	P	K	C
1	Nimgaon	8.7	167	26.0	341	0.79
2	Kati	9.1	241	13.4	379	0.91
3	Bijawadi	8.5	156	14.3	368	0.86
4	Bhandgaon	7.8	183	27.4	387	0.95
5	Sardewadi	9.0	174	39.2	438	0.98
6	Rajwadi	7.8	294	9.3	314	1.10
7	Zagadewadi	7.6	179	12.1	391	0.90
8	Sardewadi	8.3	272	7.2	215	0.67
9	Zagadewadi	7.8	396	31.2	417	0.72
10	Malwadi	7.6	483	22.3	351	0.84
11	Varkute	9.0	196	28.6	386	0.86
12	Galandwadi	7.4	173	21.6	370	0.90
13	Varkute	7.8	149	35.0	431	1.06
14	Kalthan 1	8.6	279	12.4	383	0.75
15	Kalthan 2	8.5	237	9.6	347	0.96
16	Pondkulwadi	7.2	441	28.9	267	1.01
17	Bhadalwadi	7.4	423	23.7	234	0.97
18	Karewadi	8.3	361	14.4	215	0.97
19	Walchand Nagar	8.6	278	17.6	318	0.86
20	Bankarwadi	8.6	351	21.1	384	0.69

Table 1 : Standard Specification for soil - ISO

Sr. No	Parameters	Std. permissible limit
1	pHtr	6.5 to 9
2	Organic carbon	1 to 3 %
3	Phosphorous pent oxide	55 Kg/acre
4	Potassium oxide(potash)	300 Kg/acre

IV. DISCUSSIONS

Soil PH data showed that it was slightly declined in the wet season in all the locations due to runoff of nutrients in the rainy season. continuous expose of soil to highly alkaline irrigation effluents leads to salinity in soil making it unsuitable for irrigation purpose (P. K. Bauru) soil sample were found more acidic in wet season than the dry seasons by the leaching effect of rain water during summer which replace basic cations (Ca^+ , Mg^+ , Na^+ , and K^+) with H^+ ions .Applicable of long term inorganic fertilizers instead of green manure farmyard manure and crop straw residues had also enhanced in decreasing soil Ph (K.N. Tiwari) Thus Micro nutrient Fe ,Cu ,Zn in soil were more available to plant . The availability of N, P, K& organic carbon decreases with the decrease in ph. The increase in EC due to agricultural runoff from farmland and domestic waste water disposal. Low soil ph in wet seasons is due to higher leaching induced by heavy rainfall in the absence of adequate amount of soil organic matter.

Agriculture soils of the study area promote soil aggregation prevent losses of nutrient and enhance the mineralization of organic N;P making a suitable environment for plant growth [C.Palm.et.al] organic matter content thus may serve as a reservoir of plant nutrients promoting water storage as well as microbial activity .Organic carbon content of surface soil increased significantly in wet seasons in all sampling sites with incorporation of waste organic substances .application of domestic waste products, green manure, farm yard manure and crop straw residue with fertilizer in fields by the rural people of the study area might also increased Organic Matter in wet season available N content in wet season was found to be higher in majority of soil sample which might be due to the extensive application of nitrogenous fertilizers and also the decomposition of domestic waste product in aqueous environment. Which is increase in available N in surface of soil might be attributed to the direct addition nitrogen through farmyard manure and green manure to the soil. Available P in soil samples show medium to high category and it was found to be decreased from dry season to wet higher amount of organic matter in wet season enhanced the mineralization of organic P to available P. due to higher rainfall and higher rate of decomposition of organic matter increase the leaching of available P from surface soils [Jayswal et .al] due to smaller size of k^+ ion it can be easily leached from the surface soil during the rainy season , continuous use of fertilizers and intensive cropping had resulting in lowering of potassium status of soil indicating need to apply the potassium to the crop macro-nutrient (N , P, K, Ca, Mg, Na are needed in plant relatively higher amount than micro nutrients (Fe,Mn,Cu,Zn etc.) [Dilip kumar Das 2004]

V. CONCLUSION

The study was the understanding of complex nature of soil using an integrated approach which can be applied to monitor, soil quality of fields and support management decisions .Socioeconomic issues also have a strong effect on soil .quality. hence the soil quality assessments were successful in reconciling farmers and scientific knowledge the results indicate that without both local and scientific knowledge a satisfactory level of crop production and maintenance of soil quality cannot be achieve at the same time ,therefore researchers must continue to face the challenge to provide base for bridge building between farmers and scientist knowledge reconciling local and scientific knowledge is one of the most important steps towards evaluating the feasibility of alternative production systems and sustainability of land use in terms of long term soil quality.

Now it is the demand of the time to developed an integrated inorganic, organic soil fertilization program me for higher crop yield and improved soil health to achieve the goal of increase and sustained soil productivity without inclusion of integrated inorganic, organic fertilization, programmed with special attention.

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