

ABSTRACT

WATER POTENTIALITY IN KARNATAKA STATE

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Karnataka state is the eighth largest state in India which located in the Deccan plateau. Agriculture is the predominant occupation of the state. Water is an essential resource for all life on the planet. Of the water resources on earth only 3percent of it is fresh and 2/3 of the fresh water is locked up in ice caps and glaciers. Of the remaining 1%, a fifth is in remote. Surface of water is available in Karnataka in the form of rivers, lakes, waterfalls ,reservoirs etc. Karnataka has estimated river basin is an around 3475 TMC. Karnataka possesses about 6% of the country's total surface water resources about 17 lakh million cubic meters The state has ground water resources estimated to around 485 TMC and the state receives mean annual rainfall of around 1335 millimetres. The present study is based secondary sources of information.

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