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**PATHWAY OF FLUORIDE HAZARDS AMONG COMMUNITY****Manish Upadhyay<sup>1</sup> and J.K. Chawla<sup>2</sup>**<sup>1</sup>Head, Department of Chemistry, Dr. C.V. Raman University, Kota, Bilaspur (C.G.).<sup>2</sup>Head, Department of Chemistry, Govt. Engineering College, Koni, Bilaspur (C.G.).**ABSTRACT**

High concentrations of fluoride (F<sup>-</sup>) in drinking water are harmful to human health. This communication reports F<sup>-</sup> incidence in groundwater and its relation with the prevalence of dental and skeletal fluorosis in Ambikapur Block, Sarguja District, Chhattisgarh, India. In 1994 a World Health Organization expert committee on fluoride use stated that 1.0 mg/L should be an absolute upper bound, even in cold climates, and that 0.5 mg/L may be an appropriate lower limit. A 2007 Australian systematic review recommended a range from 0.6 to 1.1 mg/L. Assay of fluoride concentration in ground water samples around Ambikapur district in Sarguja revealed that fluoride content is beyond the permissible limit in some residential areas. The extent of fluoride present in different samples was obtained by spectrophotometer. The extent of fluoride was found in village Badadamali to be from minimum 2.0 to 3.0 mg/l. village Khirbar to be from minimum 2.1 to 3.0 mg/l. but in village Mudesha and Nandamali to be from minimum 2.1 to 3.50 mg/l. It is further added that the extent of fluoride content in water depends on the climatic conditions and increases in summer.

**Keywords:** Climate, Dosage, Fluorosis, Permissible limit, Consumption.**INTRODUCTION**

Safe drinking water is essential to humans and other life forms. Access to safe drinking water has improved over the last decades in almost every part of the world, but approximately one billion people still lack access to safe water and over 2.5 billion lack access to adequate sanitation. There is a clear correlation between access to safe water and GDP per capita. However, some observers have estimated that by 2025 more than half of the world population will be facing water-based vulnerability [1]. A recent report (November 2009) suggests that by 2030, in some developing regions of the world, water demand will exceed supply by 50%. Water plays an important role in the world economy, as it functions as a solvent for a wide variety of chemical substances and facilitates industrial cooling and transportation. Approximately 70% of the fresh water used by humans goes to agriculture [2]. Water is the chemical substance

with chemical formula H<sub>2</sub>O [3]. One molecule of water has two hydrogen atoms covalently bonded to a single oxygen atom. Water appears in nature in all three common states of matter and may take many different forms on Earth [4] water vapor and clouds in the sky; seawater and icebergs in the polar oceans; glaciers and rivers in the mountains; and the liquid in aquifers in the ground [5]. At high temperatures and pressures, such as in the interior of giant planets, it is argued that water exists as ionic water in which the molecules break down into a soup of hydrogen and oxygen ions, and at even higher pressures as super ionic water in which the oxygen crystallizes but the hydrogen ions float around freely within the oxygen lattice [6]. Fluoride's effects depend on the total daily intake of fluoride from all sources. About 70–90% of ingested fluoride is absorbed into the blood, where it distributes throughout the body. In infants 80–90% of absorbed fluoride is retained [6], with the rest excreted, mostly via urine; in adults about 60% is retained. About 99% of retained fluoride is stored in bone, teeth, and other calcium-rich areas, where excess quantities can cause fluorosis. Drinking water is typically the largest source of fluoride

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[7]. In many industrialized countries swallowed toothpaste is the main source of fluoride exposure in unfluoridated communities.

## OBJECTIVES

The quality of water is of vital concern for mankind since it is directly linked with human welfare. It is matter of history that faecal pollution of drinking water caused water bourn diseases which wiped out entire population of cities. The aim of this study was to determine the amount of fluoride in drinking water of five villages of Ambikapur dist. Polluted water is the culprit in all such cases. The major sources of water pollution are domestic waste from urban and rural areas, and industrial wastes which are discharged in to natural water bodies. For this Physico-chemical analysis of drinking water samples will be taken from different five villages and aware to avoid all problems which come from more fluoride.

## Selected area

Ambikapur district with an area of 16034.4 Sq.kms with 54 percent of tribal population is one of the under developed districts in Chhattisgarh. About 36% of area encompasses reserved and protected forest land. The net irrigated area is 31968 ha. Out of which 6077ha. (19 percent only) is irrigated by ground water. District is a great table land of numerous hills and plateau. The two important Physiographic features of the district are the Mainpat plateau and the Jamirpat plateau. The former is 28.8 km long and 12.8 km wide and rises to a maximum height of 1152.45 metres. It forms the southern boundary with Raigarh district. The Jamirpat is about 3km wide. It forms the eastern boundary of Sarguja with Jharkhand State. The principal rivers of the district are the Kanhar, the Rihand, the Morna, the Mahan, the Geur, the Geger, the Neur, and the Gej. There are two distinct drainage system in the district. One is northernly and the other is southernly.

## METHOD

Samples were collected and analysed as per procedure laid down in the standard methods for examination of water and waste water of American public Health Association (APHA) [8] compsite sampling method was adopted for collection of samples of water from five location of village Sample for chemical analysis were collected in polyethylene container's. Samples collected for metal contents were acidified (1.0 ml HNO<sub>3</sub> per liter samples) [9] Some of the parameter like pH, Temperature, conductivity, dissolves oxygen T.D.S. were analysed on site using portable water analysis kit. The other parameter were analysed at laboratory [10].

## PROCEDURE

**Method:** SPADNS SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC

## RESULT

### Village I –Khairbar

A Total number of six samples were collected and tested for their fluoride concentration. Three samples represent surface water collected from river/nallah and represented as s1-sw<sub>1</sub>, s2-sw<sub>2</sub>, s3-sw<sub>3</sub> while the remaining samples were collected from under-ground water / tube wells s4-sw<sub>4</sub>, s5-sw<sub>5</sub>, s6-sw<sub>6</sub>. All the six samples were colourless. Odourless, and free from solid suspension. The result of absorbance has been compiled below for the s-1 samples:-

### Village II Badadamali

A Total number of six samples were collected and tested for their fluoride concentration. Three samples represent surface water collected from river/nallah and represented as s1-sw<sub>1</sub>, s2-sw<sub>2</sub>, s3-sw<sub>3</sub> while the remaining samples were collected from under-ground water / tube wells s4-sw<sub>4</sub>, s5-sw<sub>5</sub>, s6-sw<sub>6</sub>. All the six samples were colourless . Odourless, and free from solid suspension. The result of absorbance has been compiled below for these samples:-

### Village III- Mudesha

A Total number of six samples were collected and tested for their fluoride concentration. Three samples represent surface water collected from river/nallah and represented as s3-sw<sub>1</sub>, s3-sw<sub>2</sub>, s3-sw<sub>3</sub> while the remaining samples were collected from under-ground water / tube wells s3-sw<sub>4</sub>, s3-sw<sub>5</sub>, s3-sw<sub>6</sub>. All the six samples were colourless. Odourless, and free from solid suspension. The result of absorbance has been compiled below for these samples:-

### Village IV- Nandamali

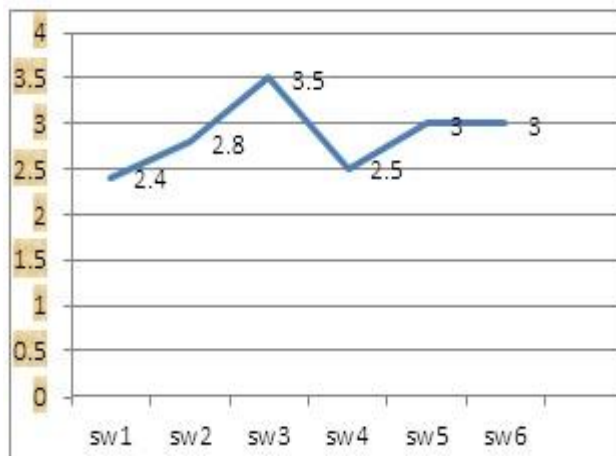
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### Village V- Rajpurikhurd

A Total number of six samples were collected and tested for their fluoride concentration. Three samples represent surface water collected from river/nallah and represented as s1-sw<sub>1</sub>, s2-sw<sub>2</sub>, s3-sw<sub>3</sub> while the remaining samples were collected from under-ground water / tube wells s4-sw<sub>4</sub>, s5-sw<sub>5</sub>, s6-sw<sub>6</sub>. All the six samples were colourless. Odourless, and free from solid suspension. The result of absorbance has been compiled below for these samples:-

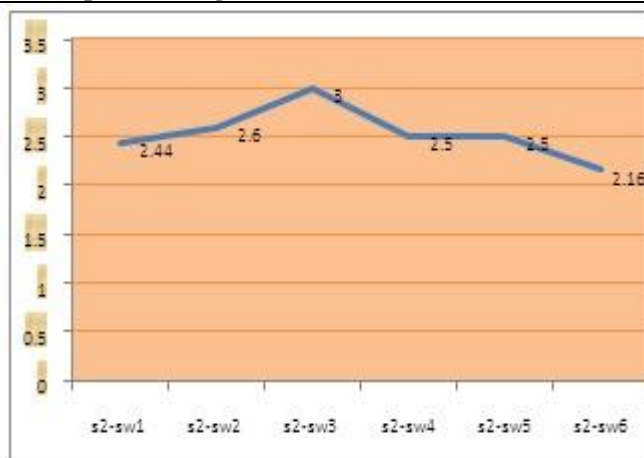
**Table I- Fluoride Concentration of water samples in village Khairbar**

samples	Fluoride in mg/l
s1-sw <sub>1</sub>	2.40
s1-sw <sub>2</sub>	2.80
s1-sw <sub>3</sub>	3.50
s1-sw <sub>4</sub>	2.50
s1-sw <sub>5</sub>	3.0
s1-sw <sub>6</sub>	3.0



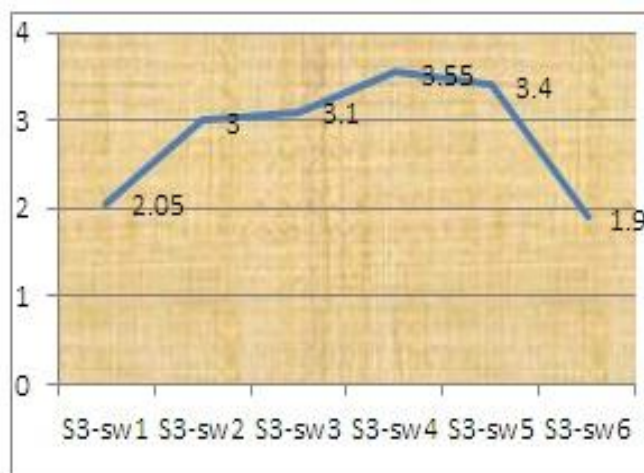
**Table II- Fluoride Concentration of water samples in village Badadamali**

samples	Fluoride in mg/l
S2-sw <sub>1</sub>	2.44
S2-sw <sub>2</sub>	2.60
S2-sw <sub>3</sub>	3.0
S2-sw <sub>4</sub>	2.50
S2-sw <sub>5</sub>	2.50
S2-sw <sub>6</sub>	2.16



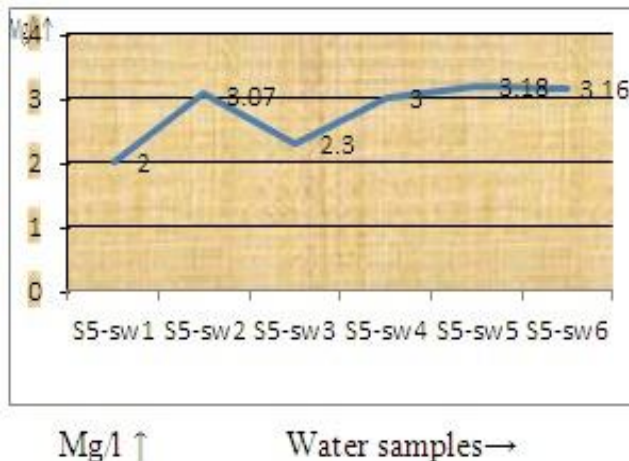
**Table III- Fluoride Concentration of water samples in village Mudessa**

samples	Fluoride in mg/l
S3-sw <sub>1</sub>	2.05
S3-sw <sub>2</sub>	3.00
S3-sw <sub>3</sub>	3.10
S3-sw <sub>4</sub>	3.55
S3-sw <sub>5</sub>	3.40
S3-sw <sub>6</sub>	1.90



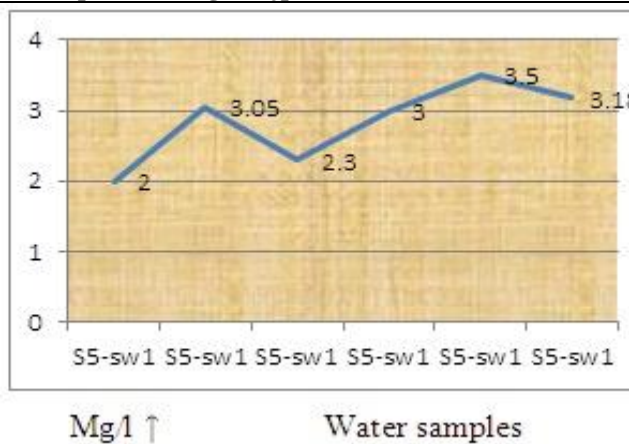
**Table IV- Fluoride Concentration of water samples in village Nandamali**

samples	Fluoride in mg/l
S5-sw <sub>1</sub>	3.16
S5-sw <sub>2</sub>	3.18
S5-sw <sub>3</sub>	2.50
S5-sw <sub>4</sub>	3.0
S5-sw <sub>5</sub>	3.50
S5-sw <sub>6</sub>	3.20



**Table VI- Fluoride Concentration of water samples in village Rajpurikhurd**

samples	Fluoride in mg/l
S6-sw <sub>1</sub>	2.0
S6-sw <sub>2</sub>	3.05
S6-sw <sub>3</sub>	2.30
S6-sw <sub>4</sub>	3.0
S6-sw <sub>5</sub>	3.50
S6-sw <sub>6</sub>	3.18



**DISCUSSION**

Result of analyses of Water from Five villages of dist. Are recorded in table 1,2,3,4 and 5. In all the five villages each have six sampling station (three were collected from the surface and three samples were collected from the tube well) of village- Khairbar fluoride was recorded in the range of 2.40, 2.80, 3.50, 2.50, 3.0 and 3.0 mg/l. maximum permissible limit for fluoride as world Health organization [11] is 1.5 mg/l. [12] all six samples fluoride found excess of their permissible limit.

Water samples analyses of villages of district are recorded in table 1,2,3,4 and 5. In all the five villages each have six sampling station (three were collected from the surface and three samples were collected from the tube well) of village- Badadamali fluoride was recorded in the range of 2.44, 2.44, 3.0, 2.50, 2.50, and 2.16 mg/l [13]. Maximum permissible limit for fluoride as Indian standard (IS) is 0.6 to 1.2 mg/l. all six samples fluoride found excess of their permissible limit.

Maximum permissible limit for fluoride as NEERI manual (1991) is 1.0 mg/l. Water from villages is recorded in table 1,2,3,4 and 5. In all the five villages each have six

sampling station (three were collected from the surface and three samples were collected from the tube well) of village- Mudesha fluoride was recorded in the range of 2.05, 3.00, 3.10, 3.55, 3.40 and 1.90 mg/l. all six samples fluoride found excess of their permissible limit.

The concentration of fluoride from villages is recorded in table. In all the villages each have six sampling station (three were collected from the surface and three samples were collected from the tube well) of village- Rajpurikhurd fluoride was recorded in the range of 3.16, 3.18, 2.50, 3.0, 3.50 and 3.20 mg/l. all six samples fluoride found excess of their permissible limit [14]. Maximum permissible limit for fluoride as NEERI manual (1991) is 1.0 mg/l and maximum permissible limit for fluoride as world Health organization (WHO) is 1.5 mg/l [15].

The concentration of fluoride from villages is recorded in table. Three were collected from the surface and three samples were collected from the tube well of village- FATEHPUR fluoride was recorded in the range of 2.0, 3.07, 2.30, 3.0, 3.50 and 3.18 mg/l. all six samples fluoride found excess of their permissible limit. Maximum permissible limit for fluoride as BIS [16] is 1.0 mg/l and

maximum permissible limit for fluoride as world Health organization (WHO) is 1.5 mg/l.

## CONCLUSION

The preset study has been made to evaluate the Fluoride concentration of water samples collected from the villages of Ambikapur Dist, Chhattisgarh. Each village has made six sampling station. These samples were analysed for study of fluoride and their effect in surrounding area

[17]. Fluoride in naturally occurring in water can be above or below from recommended levels. Both the excess and deficiency of fluoride in water produces adverse effects on the health. Maximum acceptable limit for fluoride as world Health organization [15] is 1.5 mg/l. In present study the fluoride concentration of water samples of all five villages were found over the permissible limit. Therefore, there was harmful effect of fluoride were found in all villages.

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