

Purification of Water

Large Scale

The purpose of purification is to provide safe and wholesome water which is free from pollution.

i) Chemical substance, ii) colour, odour, taste of domestication.

* It usually depends upon nature of source water.

Eg: Ground water - no treatment (Boring wells)

Surface water - extensive treatment (River).

* The steps involved are.

i) Storage

ii) Filtration

iii) Disinfection.

i) Storage:

- Water is drawn from the source and stored.

- Further pollution of water is excluded.

Three aspect of purification

a) Physical $\rightarrow$ By mere storage, impurities settle down 90% and water becomes clearer.

b) Chemical $\rightarrow$ Aerobic bacteria break down the organic matter. Ammonia is converted to nitrate.

c) Biological $\rightarrow$ Drop in the bacterial count takes place by 90%. If the water is stored for longer period of time then algae and bad smell may occur.

ii) Filtration:

- In this purification 98-99% of bacteria and other impurities removed.

Two types of filters.

i) Biological or Slow Sand filter

ii) Mechanical or Rapid Sand filter

D Slow Sand Filter on Biological filter

- It is the standard method of water purification.

Elements of slow sand filter:

a) Supernatant water

b) a Bed of graded sand

c) An under-drainage system

d) A system of filter control valves

a) Supernatant water:

- Depth from 1 to 1.5 metres

- Two important purposes

i) Constant head of water and organisms overcome the resistance offered by the sand and promotes downward flow of water.

ii) Waiting period of 3-12 hrs. which allows the sedimentation to settle down.

b) Sand bed:

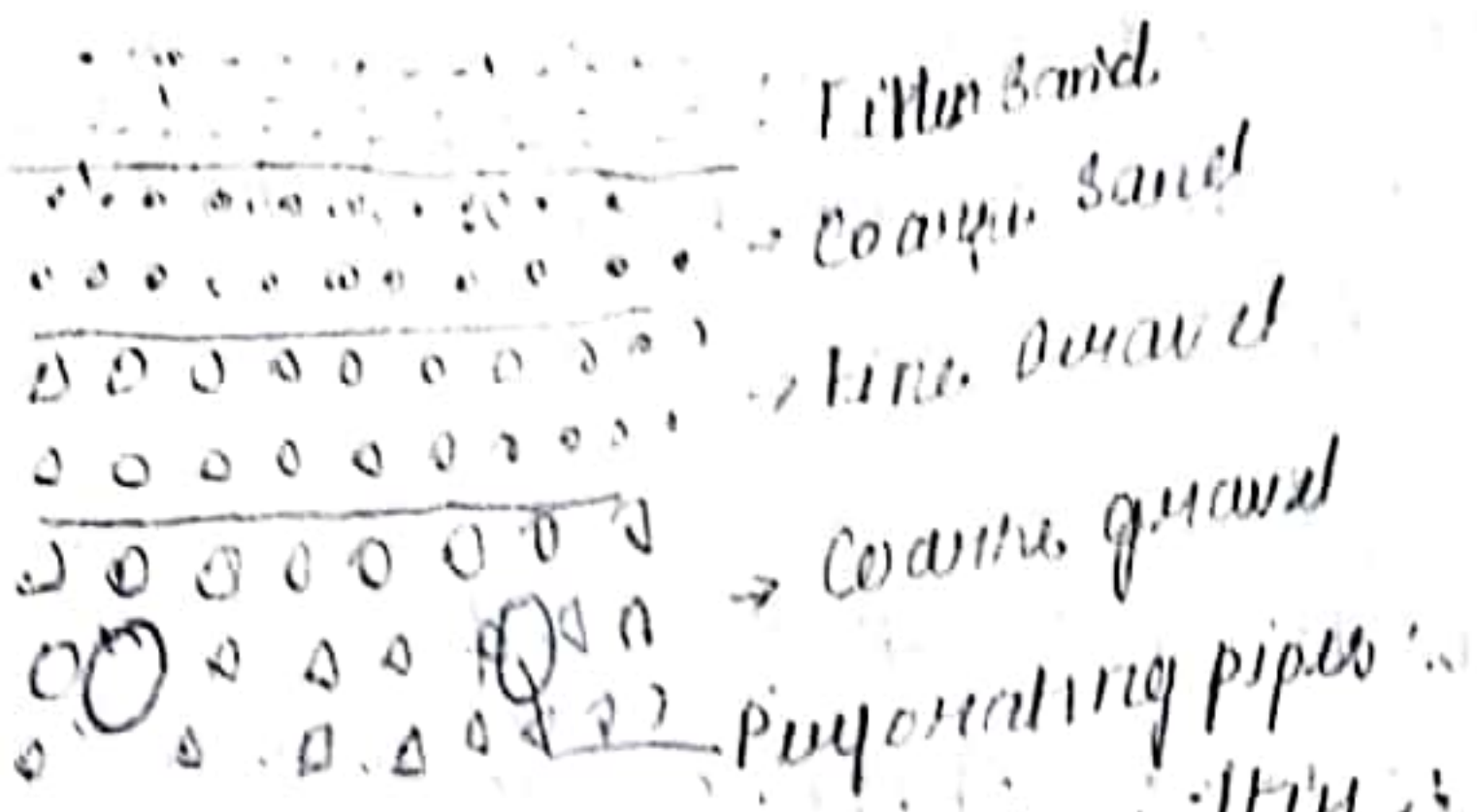
- Important part of the filter.

- Depth of 1 metre.

- The sand grains are carefully chosen with round shape and free from clay.

- The sand bed is supported by layer of graded gravel which prevents the fine sand from being washed through pipes.

- Sand bed helps in providing vast area, water flows slowly, during this mechanical straining, sedimentation, oxidation and bacterial action all takes place.



Vital layer of slow sand filter:

- When the filter is laid it is called mainly as mechanical strainer, it is not biological, but soon, a slimy growth known as "Schmutzdecke" forms. It is called Biological or zoological layer.
- It is a slimy and gelatinous layer which consists of algae, diatoms, bacteria. It is called "Ripening" of the filter. It is the heart of the filter.
- It removes organic matter, Bacteria free water, Ammonical nitrogen to nitrate.
- Until the Vital layer is formed it is run to waste.

i) Under-drainage system:

- At the bottom of the filter bed it contains the perforated and porous pipes used for outlet of the filtered water and to support the filter above.
- Filter box contains the first 3 elements of the filter bed: made of stone, brick or cement.

ii) Filter control:

- Air valve in the outlet pipe system which helps in constant rate of filtration.
- Venturi Meter.
- Filter can be left without cleaning for weeks.

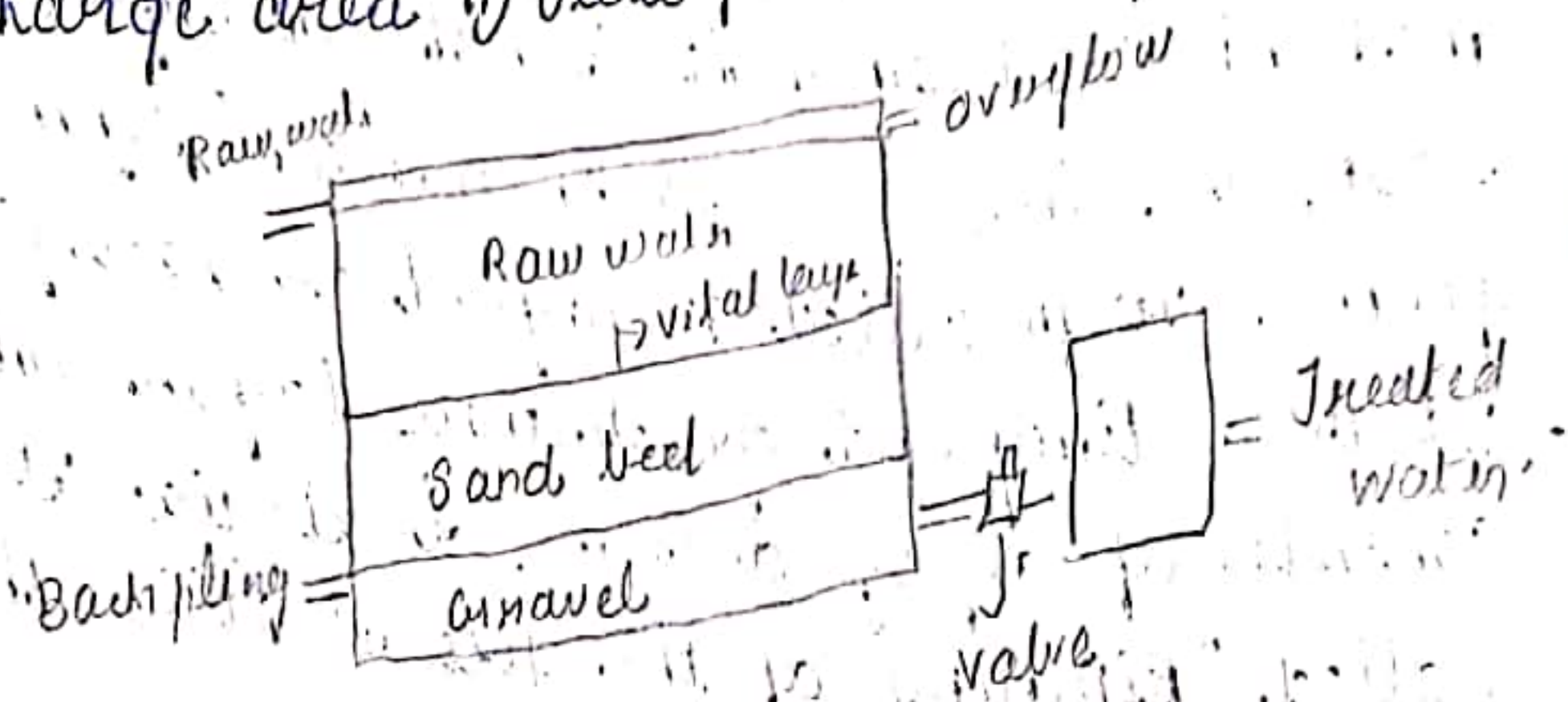
and the sand bed is cleared by scraping. It can be done by unskilled laborers using hand tools.

Advantages:

- i) Simple to construct ii) cheap cost iii) No high skill is needed iv) Reduces bacteria by 99.90%.

Disadvantage:

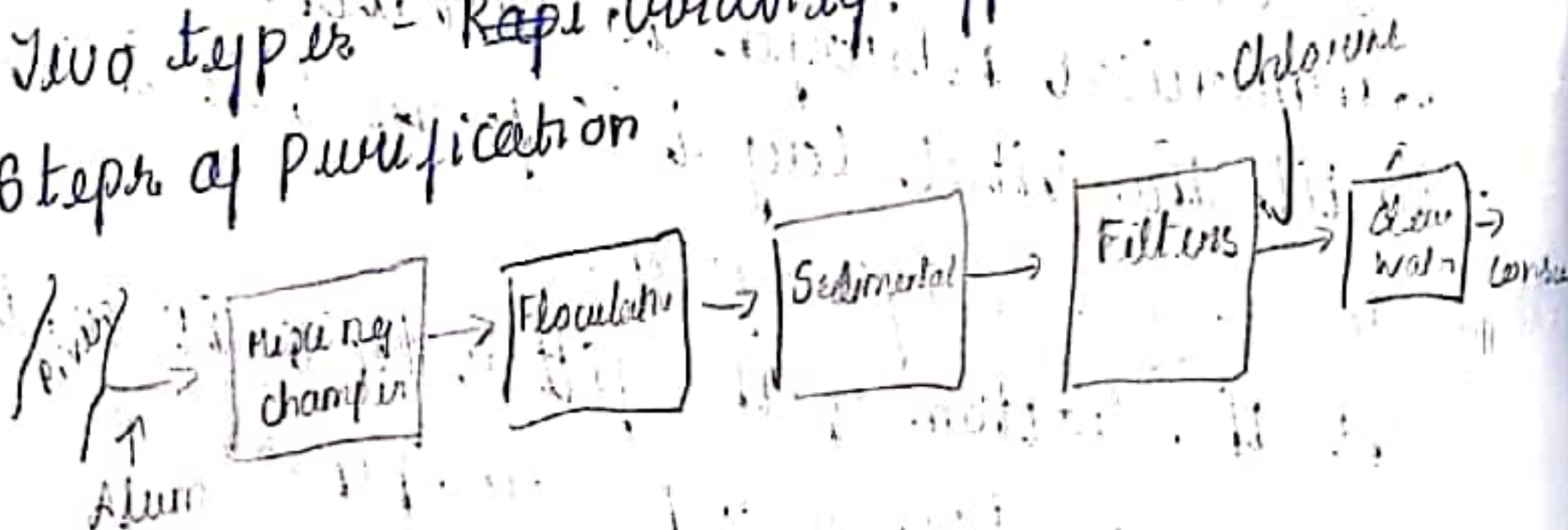
- i) Large area ii) Slow process iii) Regular scraping.



Rapid Sand or Mechanical filter

Two types - Rapid Gravity type & Pressure type.

Steps of purification:



i) Coagulation:

- Raw water treated with alum depending upon colour, turbidity, pH of raw water.

ii) Rapid Mixing:

→ Mixing chamber → Thorough mixing of alum with water rapidly.

iii) Flocculation chamber:

- Slow stirring of the water leading to thick, copious, flocculent precipitate.

iv) Sedimentation:

The bacteria settle down and the bottom

has to be cleaned frequently. otherwise molluscs and sponges may form.

V) Filtration:

Here the water is subjected to purification.

Filter bed

- Sand is the filtering medium
- Depth of 1 meter
- Below the sand bed there is gravel which supports the sand bed and helps the water to move freely
- Filtration

- As filtration proceeds, some alum floc not removed forms the zoological layer and some like slow sand filter.

- Then the impurities and bacteria clog the filter and lose their efficiency - so there subjected to backwashing

Backwashing

- Required daily or weekly depending on loss of head
- By reversing the flow of water, it dislodges the impurities.
- The washing is stopped when the filter water is sufficiently clear.
- It required 15 minutes.

Advantages:

- i) Can deal with raw water ii) less space iii) Rapid iv) washing easier v) Easy operation.

3) Disinfection

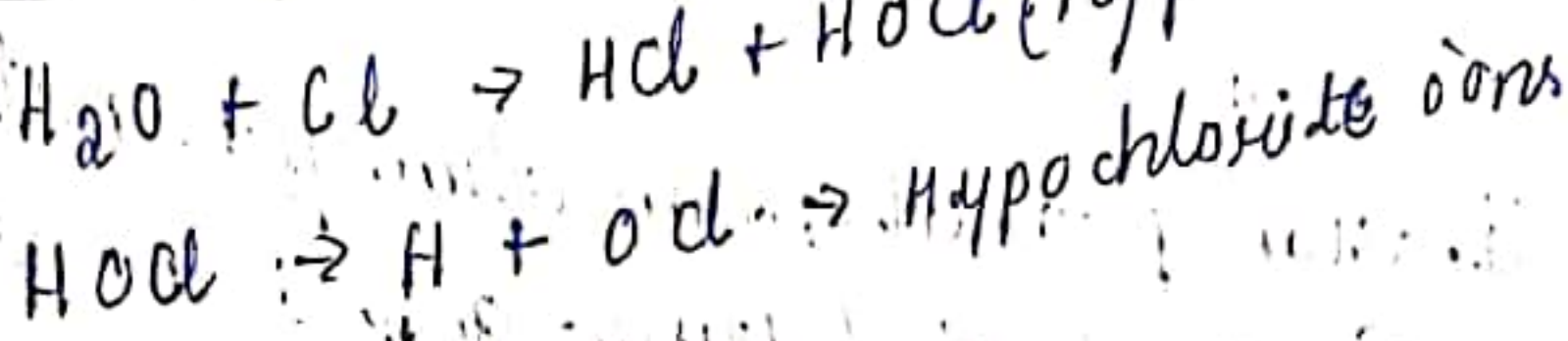
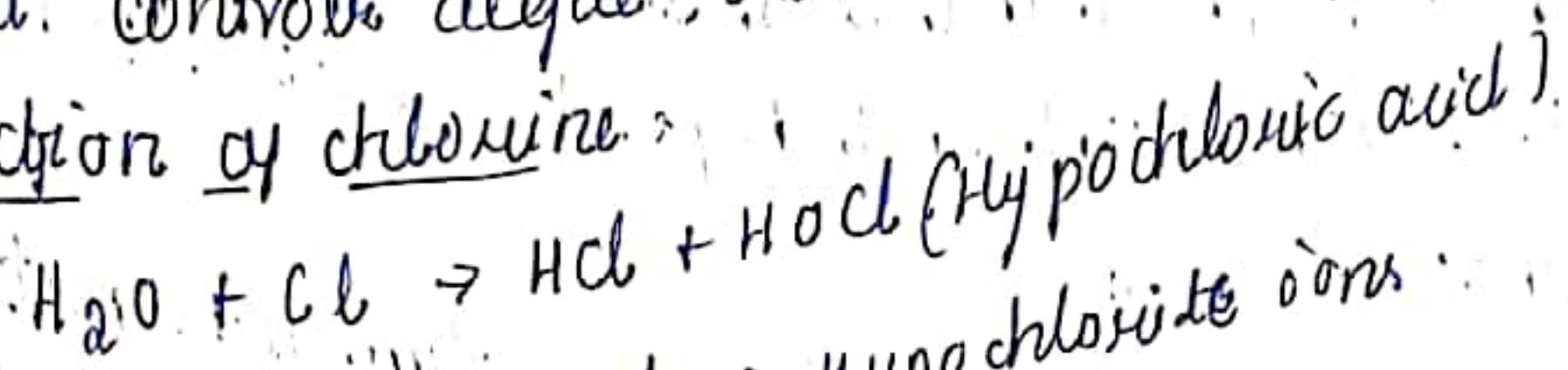
For a chemical to be a disinfectant.

- i) Destroy organism ii) Should not make the water dirty iii) Easy available + cost iv) Easy to use.

D) Chlorination

- It is a supplement not a substitute to sand filtration.
- It kills pathogenic bacteria but no effect on spores and viruses.
- It oxidizes Iron, Manganese, hydrogen sulphide.
- It destroys some taste & odour.
- It controls algae and organic matter.

Action of chlorine



Hydrogen ion

Principles of chlorination

- Water should be free from turbidity.
- Chlorine demand should be estimated before.
- The point at which the chlorine demand of water is met is called "break point".
- Contact period should be known.
- Extra chlorine present in water.

Methods of chlorination

i) Chlorine gas ii) Chloramine iii) Pucklon.

Orthotolidine test

- It enables to find free and combined chlorine in water. When the reagent is added to water it turns to yellow colour.
- 0.1 ml of reagent + 1 ml of water - yellow colour compared with the colour disc.

Orthotolidine azurite test (OTA)

- It is used to find free and combined chlorine separately.

i) Ozonation ii) Membrane process and others

Nitrogen 78%, O_2 21%, CO_2 0.03%
Composition $\Rightarrow$ Air
Discomfort $\rightarrow$

The air of occupied room $\rightarrow$
Index of thermal comfort $\rightarrow$

Comfort zone

- $\rightarrow$ Effective temperature.
- $\rightarrow$ Defined as Range of ETs over which majority of adults feel comfortable.
- $\rightarrow$ There is no single zone of comfort because it is subjective depends upon physical, physiological and psychological factors.
- $\rightarrow$ Considering only environmental factors, it is thermal condition under which a person can maintain normal balance between production and loss of heat, at normal body temperature and without sweating.

Effective temperature at $^{\circ}C$.

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|-------------------------|---|----------------|
| ① Pleasant and cool. | - | 20 $^{\circ}C$ |
| ② Comfortable and cool. | - | 20-25 |
| ③ Comfortable | - | 25-27 |
| ④ Hot and uncomfortable | - | 27-29 |
| ⑤ Extremely hot | - | 29+ |
| ⑥ Intolerably hot | - | 30+. |

Predicted four hour sweat rate.

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| ① Comfort zone | - | 1-3 litres. |
| ② Just tolerable | - | 3-4.5 litres. |
| ③ Intolerable | - | 4.5+ litres. |

Air Pollution

→ Presence in the surrounding atmosphere, of substance generated by the activities of man, in concentration that interfere with human health or safety or comfort or injurious to vegetation and animals, or chemicals entering food chain or water.

Basic definitions

Primary air pollutants → Emitted directly into the atmosphere, from the source through chimneys or exhaust pipe, and can be measured easily.

Secondary air pollutants → Formed within atmosphere itself, arise by chemical reaction of primary pollutants, using components of air like O_2 .
Eg. Ozone is formed in atmosphere from reaction that differs in altitude.

- So they cannot be measured easily.

Physical state: — Gasous → Taken by Respiratory,
 \ Particulate — solid
 liquid

Scale of Distribution of Pollutants

① Local scale → Short atmospheric life, usually concentrate at close to source eg. Burning of coal in house.

② Urban scale → Not long, ↑ in city, ↓ rural.
Eg. Nitrogen oxide & Carbon Monoxide in traffic

③ Regional scale → Long atmospheric life, travel 1000's of km, crossing national boundaries.
Eg. Ozone, sulphates.

④ Hemispheric and global state → life time of years throughout globally. Eg. - Green house gases like CO_2 , Nitrous oxide, methane.

Sources of air pollution

- Automobiles → Motor vehicles emit Hydrocarbons, Carbon monoxide, lead, NO_x , particulate matter.
Diesel engine → Black smoke.
→ Strong sunlight converts Hydrocarbons + NO_x to photochemical which are oxidizing pollutants.
- Industries → Smoke, sulphur dioxide, CO, etc.
Discharge from chimneys at high temperature.
- Domestic sources → Burning of coal, wood → smoke.
- Tobacco smoking → Passive smoking.
- Miscellaneous → Burning refuse, pesticides spraying, Incinerators, nuclear energy etc.

Air Pollutants

→ More than 100 substances which pollute air have been identified which diffuse in contained form. place to place.

→ It may be solid, liquid or gas. The combination of smoke and fog is "smog".

Carbon Monoxide

- Most common and widely distributed.
- Due to incomplete combustion of fuel.
- Carbon containing materials like automobiles, industries, heating facilities, incinerators.
- Concentration depends upon weather and traffic density (morning and evening rush hours).
- Expressed as 8-hour average concentration.
- Slowly reflected in concentration of carboxyhemoglobin level in human (4-12 hrs).
- Headache, Fatigue.

2) Sulphur dioxide

- Colourless gas, with sharp odour. Due to combustion of sulphur containing fossil fuel, industries, etc.
- It is the reason for acid rain when deposition when mixed with water.
- Affects respiratory system, cough, mucus, secretion, eyes, < asthma, & Cardiac mortality.

3) Lead → Exposure through:

- a) Inhalation → Burning materials of lead.
- b) Ingestion → Lead contaminated dust, water, pipes.
- c) Use of some traditional cosmetics.
- Children < 6 yrs are at ↑ risk, due to more outdoor activity, Immature BBB, Haematological & Neurological effects at lower level.
- Placenta is not effective barrier, no high risk.

4) Ground level ozone (D/O upper atmosphere)

- Major constituent of "Photochemical smog".
- Formed by photochemical reaction of sunlight with pollutants like Nitrogen oxides (NO) from vehicle.
- Highest level in sunny weather.
- Triggers asthma, ↓ lung function, ↑ Heart mortality.

5) Nitrogen oxides

- Coal most important source, other sources are road traffic and electricity generation.
- ↑ Bronchitis, asthma ↓ Reduced lung function.

6) Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH)

- Main component is Benzo-pyrene (BaP).
- Incomplete burning of carbon like wood, garbage, coal, oil.
- Sources → Automobiles, industries, Tobacco.

- Capable of travelling long distances
- Carcinogenic → Irritated Lung (a), ↑ in smokers
- High exposure group are smokers, housewives, Road builders.

⑦ Particulate matter

- ① Coarse particles $> 2.5 \mu\text{m}$
→ Dust from roads and industries
- ② Fine particles $< 2.5 \mu\text{m}$
→ more dangerous reach bronchioles and interfere gas exchange, ↑ lung EA, ↑ cardiovascular disease
→ No level is safe hence no threshold level.
→ PM_{10} is less than $10 \mu\text{m}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ is less than $2.5 \mu\text{m}$.
Both are human respirable particles but between PM_{10} - $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ → Thomson's Coarse matter

⑧ Carbon dioxide → Not commonly regarded.

⑨ Hydrocarbon
→ main source of hydrocarbons include incineration, wood, processing & use of petroleum.

⑩ Cadmium
→ Steel industry, Tobacco, Cigarettes

⑪ Hydrogen sulphide
- Coke production, waste water treatment, live stock etc.
- Bad odour, conjunctival irritation, Neurological symptoms.

Monitoring of air pollution → National air quality monitoring programme

- ① Sulphur dioxide
 - ② Smoke (soiling index)
 - ③ Mist and dust measurement
 - ④ Air pollution index
- started 1990
sponsored by Central Pollution Control Board

Effects of Air Pollution

→ Air quality in the developed countries has generally improved and many developed countries air quality has deteriorated because of ↑ power generation, congestion in streets and poorly maintained motor vehicles.

a) Health Effects:

1) Immediate:

→ Acute Bronchitis

→ Immediate death due to suffocation (Eq. London 1952)

2) Delay:

→ Chronic Bronchitis, lung CA, BA, Emphysema, Respiratory allergies.

→ Lead poisoning → children developing Brain lower IQ, poor school performance, Behavioural difficulty.

→ Oxides of Nitrogen, ozone, H_2S , Hydrocarbon from air pollutants.

→ Air pollution damage RS, CVS. If it is reduced it can prevent 5% of all infection & chronic respiratory diseases.

b) Social and economic aspects:

→ Destruction of plant and animal life.

→ Corrosion of metals.

→ Damage to buildings.

→ Cost of cleaning, maintaining.

→ Aesthetic nuisance.

→ Smog ~~de~~ reduces visibility.

→ Soils damage clothes.

Indoor air pollution

- People are exposed more to indoor air pollution, hence more critical.
- Main source are combustion of solid fuel indoors, tobacco, etc.
- Female and children are more vulnerable and suffer with many diseases.

Prevention and control of air pollution

- ① Containment - Preventing ^{pollutant} escape.
 - Enclosure, Ventilation, Air cleaning.
 - Curtains.

- ② Replacement - of pollution causing technology.
 - E.g. electricity instead of coal & gas.
 - unleaded petrol.

- ③ Dilution
 - "Green Belts" between industry and residential area.

- ④ Regulation
 - Regarding height of chimney, creating smokeless zones.
 - Power to local bodies for investigation & enforcement.
 - HE.
 - Creating smokeless zones.
 - "AIR (Prevention & Control) Act" - 1986.

- ⑤ International action
 - WHO has lab for monitoring air pollution.

Ventilation

→ Not only replacement of vitiated air by fresh outdoor air, but also control the quality of air incoming with temperature, humidity & purity and free from infection.

Standards of Ventilation

- ① Cubic Space: CO_2 during respiration not exceeds more than 10,000 parts of air.
- ② Air change: More important than cubic space. Calculated by total hourly air supply by the cubic capacity of the house.
- ③ Floor space: Height excess of 10 to 12 meters is ineffective as the products of exhalation accumulate at lower levels.

Importance of Ventilation

Stagnant air becomes warmer and humid.

↓
Surface, bedding, floor, wet.

↓
Concentration of dust, particulate matter, ammonia, microorganisms, gases.

↓
Diseases of Respiratory, enteric etc.

Types of Ventilation

① Natural Ventilation:

- Relied upon certain forces which operate in nature usually small dwelling, schools & offices.

① The wind → It is an active force.

→ When it blows through a room it is called Percolation. When there is obstruction, it bypasses and exerts a suction action at tail end called suction.

→ Doors and windows facing each other produce "Cross ventilation". Back to back housing does not permit it.

(2) Diffusion :: Through small opening, slow process is not relied upon.

(3) Inequality of temperature

→ Air flows from higher density to low, it rises when heated and escapes from opening up in the room.

→ Outside air which is cooler and more dense will enter through inlets placed low.

→ $\propto$ the temperature difference, $\propto$ the incoming velocity of air.

→ In tropics the outside air is more hot & humid happens.

→ Drawback of natural ventilation is not possible to regulate the velocity of incoming air or adjust the temperature or humidity.

(2) Mechanical Ventilation: (Artificial)

(1) Exhaust Ventilation

→ Air is extracted outside by an exhaust fan by electricity.

↳ Vacuum created → Draw fresh air through doors or inlets.

→ Usually fitted high up the room to remove the heated air.

→ Provided in large halls, auditorium etc.

(2) Plenum Ventilation

→ Fresh air by centrifugal fans.

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Positive pressure created → Displace ventilated

③ Balanced Ventilation

→ Combined of exhaust and plenum ventilation

④ Air conditioning

→ It provides simultaneous control of all the physical and chemical constituents like temperature, humidity, air movement, dust, distribution, bacteria, odours, toxic gases etc.

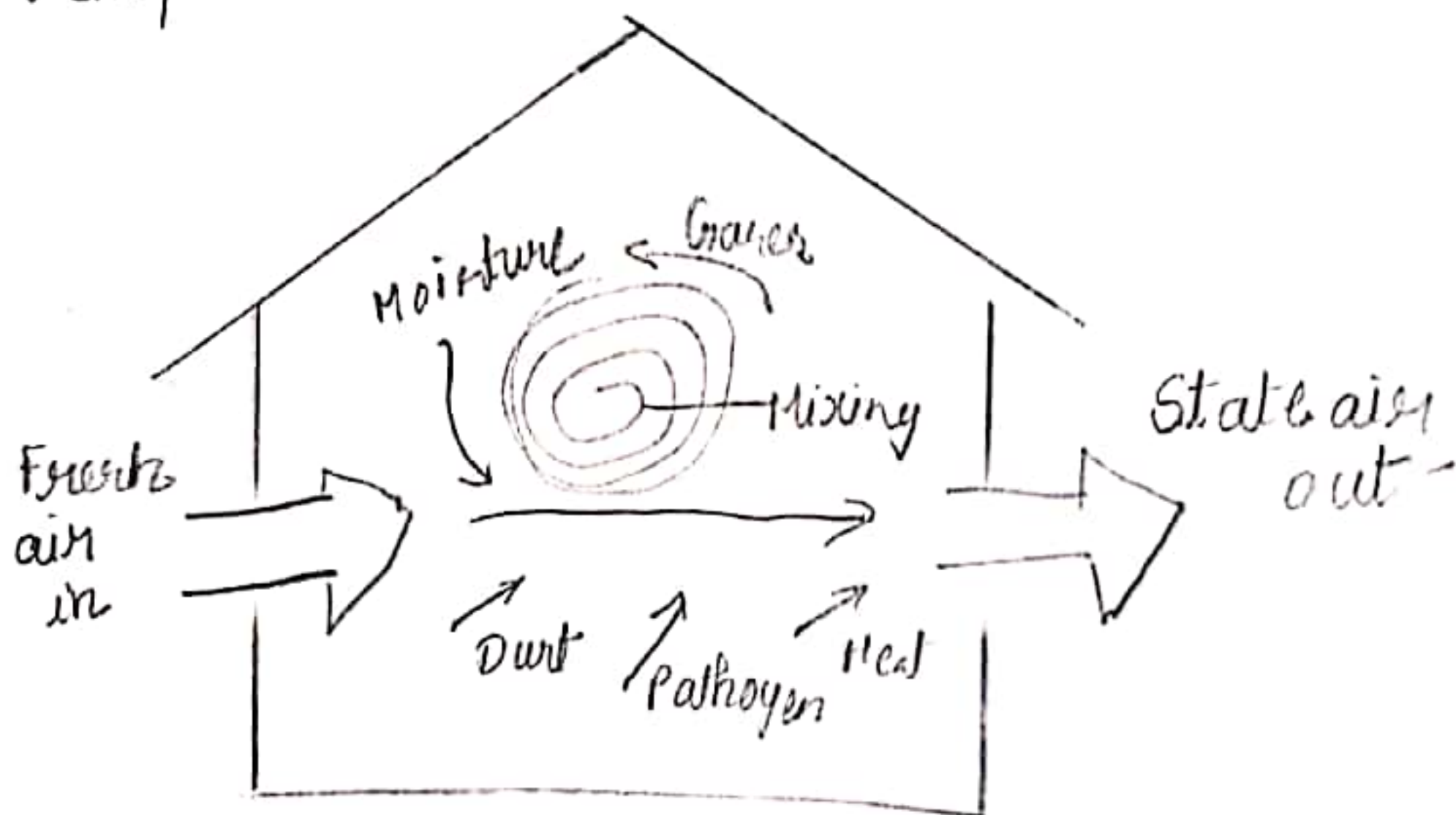
→ Air is filtered when drawn into air conditioner from the room.

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Excess humidity is removed and circulated back after heating or cooling according to comfort.

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Some fresh air is added with recirculated air.

→ Useful in large institutions, hospitals, and operation theater in control of microorganisms.

→ When the temperature difference is higher between outside atmosphere and AC room then "transition room" is sometimes provided to prevent sudden exposure to high or low temperatures.

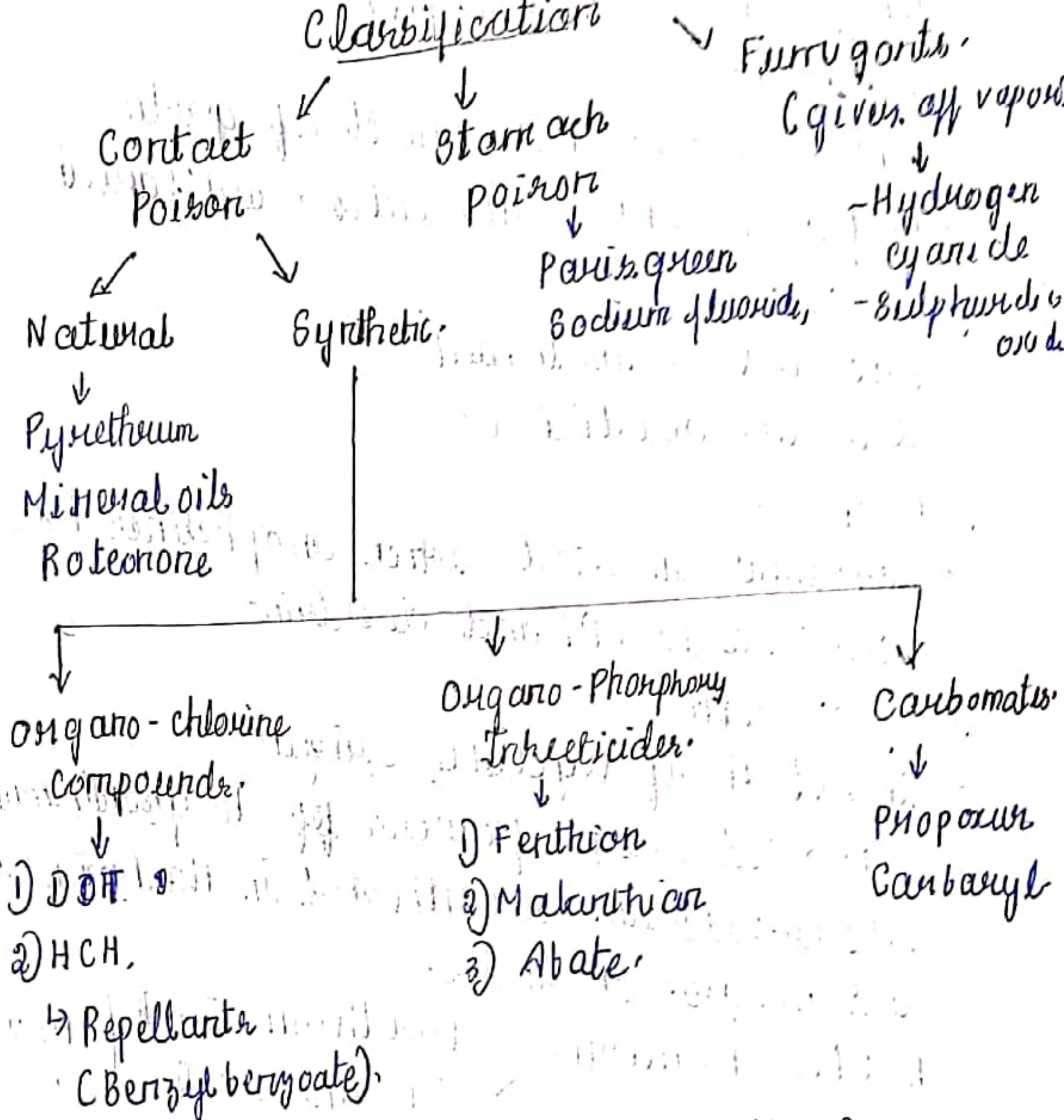


Air distribution & Air exchange

Insecticides

- Insecticides are substances used to kill insects.
- Pesticides → General term including insecticides, fungicides, Rodenticides, Herbicides, other chemical used for control of pests.
- Insecticides have controlled many infectious disease like plague, malaria typhus etc.

Classification



1) DDT (Dichloro - Diphenyl - Trichloroethane).

Property → White amorphous powder with mild but not unpleasant smell; Insoluble in water.

Action → Contact poison → causing neuromuscular paralysis and death, taking several hours to kill.

Application → As a residual spray, 100-200 mg per sqm.

→ It has become environmental pollutant causing effects on wild animals.

- 2) HCH (BHC) $\rightarrow$ Hexachlorocyclohexane
 Property $\rightarrow$ Chocolate colour with musty smell.
 Action $\rightarrow$ Direct contact poison.
 Application $\rightarrow$ Same like DDT.
- 3) Malathion:
 - Heart toxicity. Yellow or clear brown liquid.
 $\rightarrow$ Used in killing adult mosquitoes, to prevent dengue hemorrhagic fever.
- 4) Fenitrothion:
 $\rightarrow$ Brown colour with smell of garlic.
 $\rightarrow$ Useful in controlling Culex & Anopheles.
- 5) Abate:
 $\rightarrow$ Brown viscous liquid.
 $\rightarrow$ Used as adulticide.
- 6) Propoxur:
 $\rightarrow$ Carbamate insecticide, when Anopheles has resistance to DDT and Dieldrin.
- 7) Pyrethrum:
 $\rightarrow$ Insecticide of vegetable origin.
 $\rightarrow$ Extracted from flowers of Chrysanthemum cinerariifolium, a cultivated in Karur, Simla and Nilgiris in India.
 $\rightarrow$ 4 active principles $\rightarrow$ $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Pyrethrin I \& II} \\ \text{Cinerin I \& II} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow$ Nerve poisons.
 $\rightarrow$ Prepared by soaking them in kerosene for 24 hours.
 $\rightarrow$ Used as space spray killing adult mosquitoes and insects.
 $\rightarrow$ Disadvantage $\rightarrow$ Not a residual spray.
- 8) Mineral oils:
 $\rightarrow$ Oils like kerosene, crude oil, malaniab have been used to kill mosquito larvae & pupae.

→ Oil suffocate and poison the aquatic stages of the mosquito.

→ When improperly used injury to fish & vegetation on

→ Less killing power when added to DDT & HCH

(a) Paris green (Copper aceto-arsenite).

→ It is a emerald green microcrystalline powder insoluble in water and soluble in ammonia and concentrated acids.

→ It is a stomach poison.

→ Used to control anopheline larvae.

Hardness of Water

→ Soap destroying capacity of water. i.e. less amount of soap required to produce lather.

→ Due to 4 main components:

- 1) Calcium Bicarbonate
- 2) Magnesium Bicarbonate
- 3) Calcium Sulphate
- 4) Magnesium Sulphate

→ Chlorides & nitrates of Ca & Mg can also cause

Classification

i) Carbonate → Temporary → Ca, Mg Bicarbonate.

ii) Non-Carbonate → Permanent → Ca & Mg Sulphates.

Expressed in mg/L .

a) Soft water → less than 1 mg/L b) Moderately hard - 1-3

c) Hard water → 3-6 d) Very hard - > 6

→ Drinking water should be moderately hard.

Disadvantages

① Needs more soap & detergents.

② Furring, scaling, explosion of Boilers.

③ Affects cooking, ④ Fabric less life.

⑤ ↓ life of pipes ⑥ Unsuit for Industries.

Special treatment

1) Removal of Hardness. 2) Fluoridation

Temporary

a) Boiling

b) Addition of lime

c) Addition of Sodium carbonate

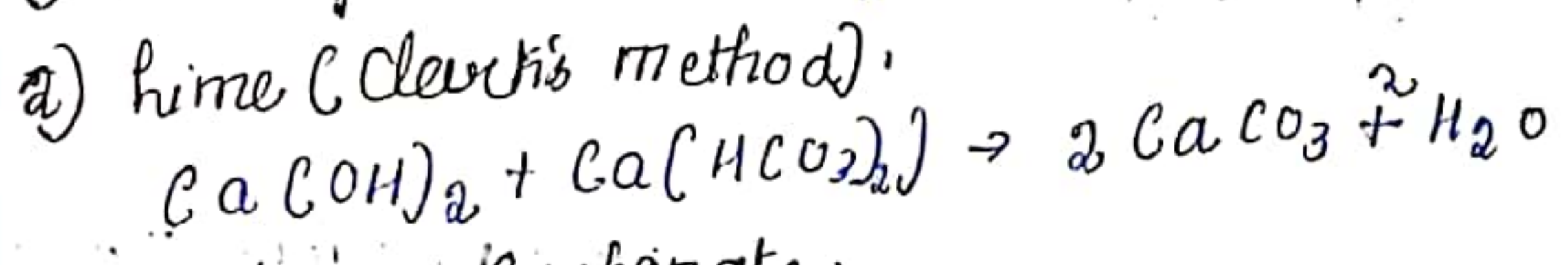
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Permanent — a) Addition of Sodium carbonate

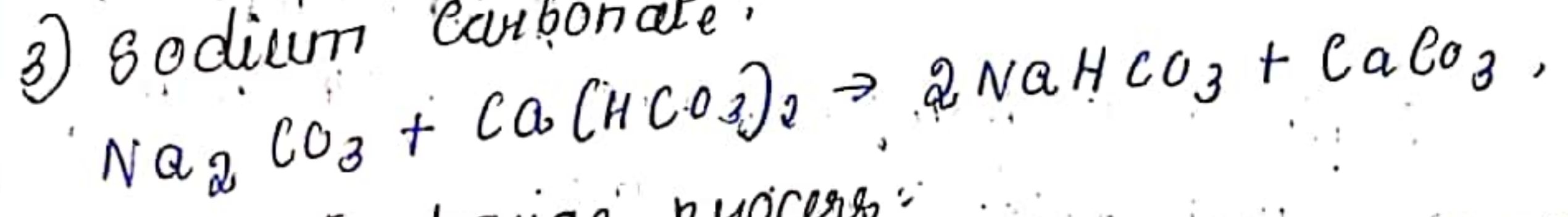
b) Ion exchange process

1) Boiling $\Rightarrow \text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2 \rightarrow \text{CaCO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2$.

2) Lime (Clark's method).



3) Sodium carbonate.



4) Base Exchange process.

$\Rightarrow$ Sodium permits is complex compound of sodium, aluminium, silica.

$\Rightarrow$ When passed through it it reduced the water to zero hardness.

- Reports showed soft water for the cardiac diseases.

b) Fluoridation of water.

$\Rightarrow$ Water is main source of fluorine and its deficiency causes dental, skeletal fluorosis etc.

$\Rightarrow$ It is making the water to the optimum concentration of fluoride.

c) Defluoridation.

$\Rightarrow$ Reducing the optimum levels.

Disposal of Litter

Solid waste

- It includes garbage (Food waste), rubbish (Paper, plastic, wood, metal, throw away, glass), demolition product (Bricks, masonry, pipe).
- Sewage treatment residue.
- It should not contain Nightsoil. But in India it is common.
- If allowed to accumulate, → Favours fly breeding, attracts rodents and vermin, water & soil pollution, Bad to man by dust or fly. Unright appearance and odour of nuisance.

Source of refuse

- ① Street
- ② Market (Vegetables & animal matter)
- ③ Stable litter (animal droppings)
- ④ Industrial
- ⑤ Domestic (Ash, rubbish & garbage).

Storage

- Galvanized steel bin with proper fitting cover.
- Paper sack which removed everytime
- Public bins with no cover as they don't like to touch.

Collection

- ① House to house collection
- ② Dumping in Public bins
 - ↳ Causes the refuse to thrown out & sweepers are needed.

→ Environmental Hygiene Committee (1949) recommended House to house collection.

- Latest "Dustless Refuse Collection" has totally enclosed body.

Methods of disposal

→ No single method, depend upon situation, cost, land and labourers.

① Dumping

→ Disposal of dry refuse, which is ↓ed in volume by the bacterial action & used for cultivation.

→ Drawbacks → Flies, Rodents, Nuisances, Pollution.

② Controlled Tipping or Sanitary Landfill

→ Differ from dumping by placing it in trench or prepared area.

a) Trench method → When level ground available, a long trench of 2-3m deep & 4 to 12m wide depending upon need. Refuse is compacted and covered with excavated earth.

b) Ramp method: When terrain is sloping. Excavation is made to cover the material.

c) Area method → In depression, disturbed areas, quarries and clay pits. Refuse is packed and consolidated in uniform layers up to 2-2.5m with each layer by mud cover of 30cm thick.

→ After 4-6 months complete decomposition occurs and organic matter is got.

→ This control tipping is revoluted by bulldozers for spreading trimming top soil.

③ Incineration

→ Burning or incineration hygienically where suitable land not present.

→ Hospital wastes are best.

→ Developed countries use this due to ↓ of land.

→ It produces ash, and not manure.

India don't use it well.

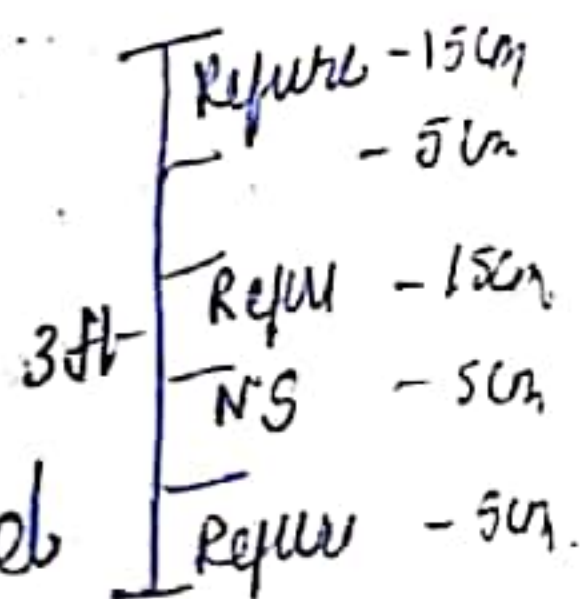
④ Composting

- Combined disposal of refuse, nightsoil on site
- where it is broken down by bacterial action and produces humus like material called compost.
- The heat produces detritous eggs & larvae of flies and organisms makes it good soil builder.

i) Bangalore method (Anaerobic method)

Hot fermentation process

- Trench of 3ft deep, 5-8 ft broad, 15-30ft long depending upon refuse & nightsoil.
- First layer of Refuse of 15cm & then nightsoil of 5cm alternatively and above layer to be refuse and then covered with excavated earth.
- If properly done man's leg will not sink
- Within 7 days heat over 60°C and then at 4-6 months decomposed, odourless, innocuous material of manure comes



⑤ Mechanical Composting

- Raw materials are pulverized and to reduce size less than 2 inches.
- It is mixed with sewage, sludge or nightsoil in rotating machine & incubated.
- It is completed in 4 to 6 weeks.

⑤ Manure pits

- In rural areas no collection & disposal of waste thrown around houses causing soil pollution.

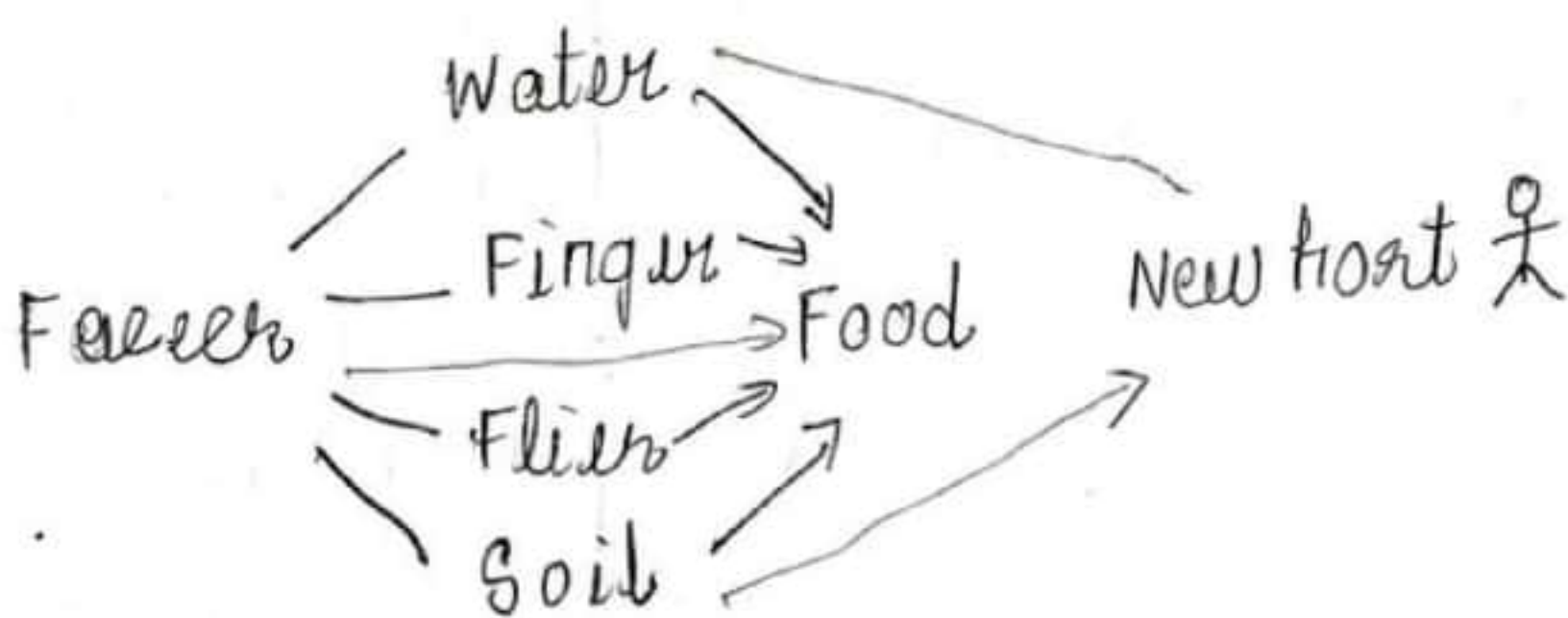
- In this "Manual pits" by individual house, the dump them and cover with earth.
- 2 Pits are needed when one is not in use.
- 5-6 months the manure will be ready.

⑥ Burial

- Suitable in small camps.
- Trench of 1.5m wide & 2m deep and at end of every day refuse covered with 20 to 30 cm of earth.
- When 40cm from ground level it is closed and new one used.
- 4-6 months → Manure.
- Trench of 1m ^{length} for 200 persons filled by 1 week.

Excreta Disposal

- Human excreta is a source of infection. Causes environmental pollution. It causes health hazards by i) Soil pollution ii) Water pollution, iii) Food contamination iv) Propagation of flies.
 - ↳ Causing typhoid, paratyphoid, dysentery, diarrhoea, cholera, hookworm, anurias, other parasitic & intestinal infections.
- How disease is caused from excreta:
 - Let us consider fecal borne disease transmission to a new host.
- Excreta of sick person or carrier is the focus of infection.
- It gets transmitted through 5 channels:



Sanitation Barrier

- Community medicine aims at breaking disease cycle at vulnerable points.
- Disease cycle may be broken at various levels by segregation of faeces, protection of water, food, personal hygiene, control of flies.
- Most important is segregation of faeces. No disease agent is destroyed. By imposing a barrier called "Sanitation Barrier".
- In simple, By providing 'sanitary' latrine and a 'disposal pit'.



Water

Finger

Fly

Food

Soot

Host



Sanitation Barrier

Methods of Excreta disposal.

I) Unsewered area

- ① Service type latrines (concreteness system)
- ② Non-Service type (sanitary latrine)
 - a) Bore hole latrine
 - b) Dug well or pit latrine
 - c) Water seal type latrine
 - i) P-RAT Type
 - ii) RCA type
 - iii) Bulabh Shachalaya
 - d) i) Septic tank
 - e) Aqua privy
- ③ Latrines suitable for camps and temporary use
 - a) Shallow trench latrine
 - b) Deep trench latrine
 - c) Pit latrine
 - d) Bore hole latrine

II) Sewered area

- ① Water carriage system and sewage treatment
 - a) Primary treatment
 - Screening
 - Removal of grit
 - Plain sedimentation
 - b) Secondary treatment
 - Trickling filters
 - Activated sludge process
 - c) other methods
 - i) Sea outfall
 - ii) River outfall
 - iii) Sewage farming
 - iv) Oxidation ponds

① Unimproved areas

① Sewer type (Conveyance system)

- Collection and removal of night soil from bucket or pail latrine by human agency.
- and disposed by composting or burial.
- It makes the sanitation barrier break.
- Needs large members, if sweepers go strike, then entire machinery collapses.
- Environment or Hygiene committee (1949) has recommended to sanitary latrines.

② Non Sewer type of latrines (Sanitary latrine)

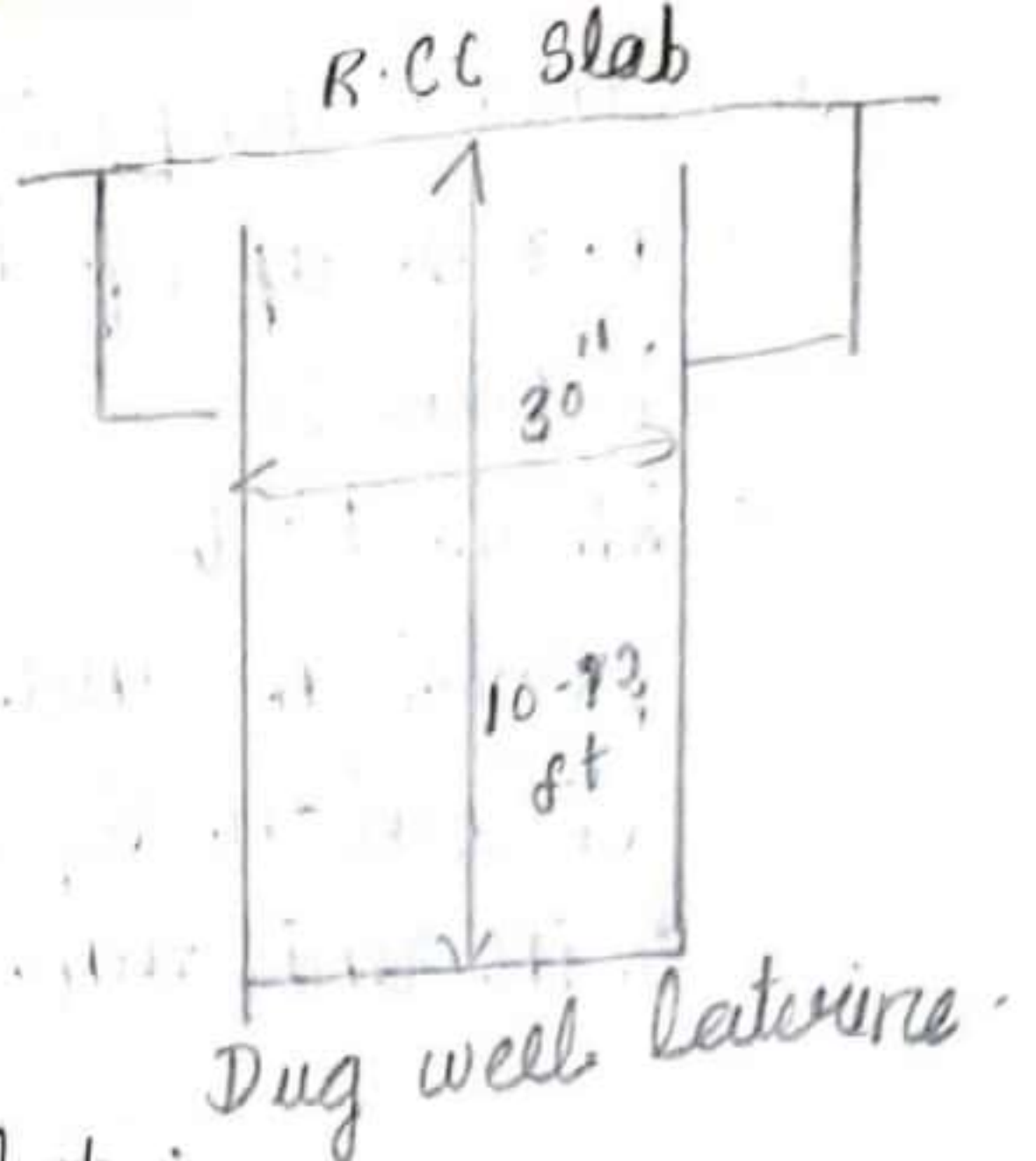
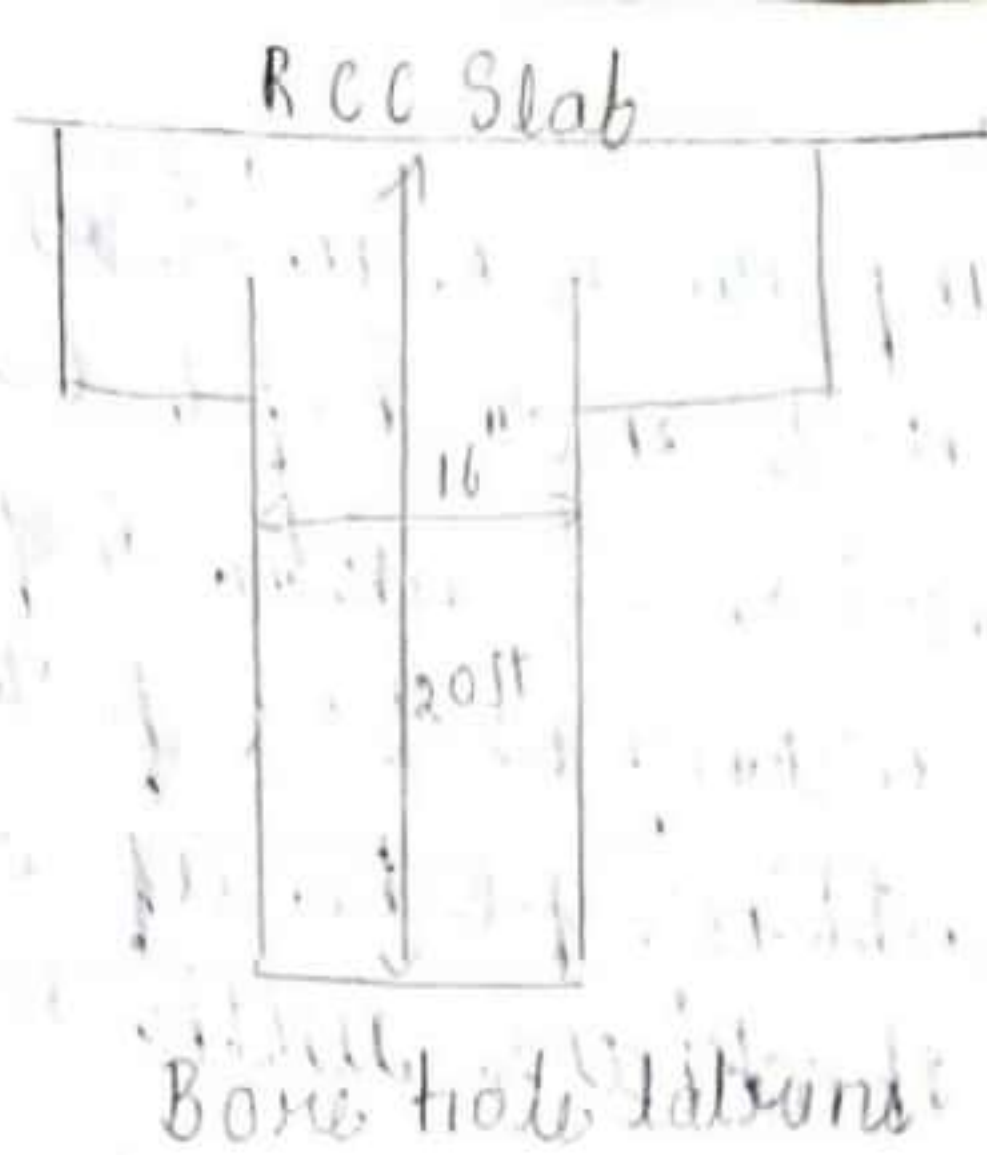
- Sanitary latrine should fulfil the criteria of not contaminating ground or surface water, pollute soil, attract flies, rodents, animal, or odour.

a) Bore hole latrine

- Circular hole of 12-16 inch in diameter and depth of 20 ft.
- Equipment of auger is used to dig a hole.
- In loose and sandy soils, hole lined by bamboo matting or earthenware rings to prevent caving of the soil.
- Concrete squatting plate, with foot rests, and central opening is placed, and enclosure for privacy.
- For family & it useful for 5-6 years.
- Nightsoil undergoes anaerobic digestion and converted to harmless mass.

Merits → 1) No sweepers 2) No fly breeding 3) No water contamination.

Demerits → 1) Fills rapidly 2) Special equipment of auger needed 3) Difficult to dig deep



b) Dug well latrine or Pit latrine

- Improvement over bore hole latrine -
- Circular pit of 30 inch diameter, 10-12 ft depth.
- Pit lined by pottery rings prevent caving.
- Concrete squatting plate, enclosure are provided.
- Merits → 1) No special equipment 2) Last for 5 years.

c) Water Seal Latrine

- Further improvement of latrine, where the squatting plate is fitted with water seal which has 2 functions:
 - i) Prevents odor to flies.
 - ii) Prevents escape of odours.

→ Once the latrine is flushed it is no longer visible.

- 1) PRAI → Planning and research action Institute Lucknow (UP), 2) RCA type → Research cum action in Environmental sanitation of ministry of health.

→ PRAI and RCA are essentially the same with minor matter of engineering details.

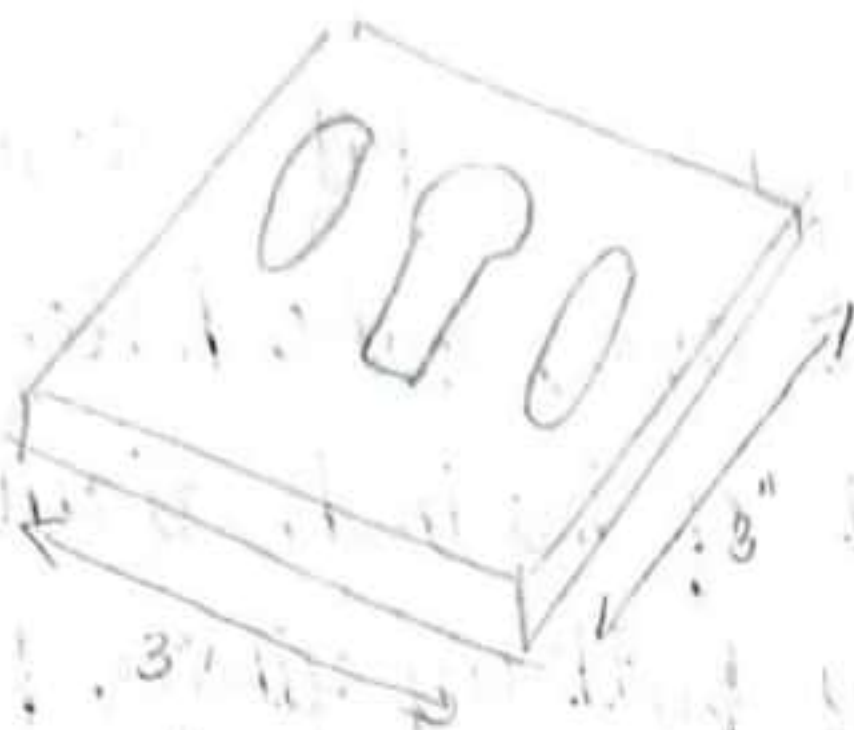
→ RCA Latrine

① Location →

- 15 m away from water supply.
- Lower elevation to prevent bacterial contamination.

② Squatting plate

- Made up of impervious material so that it can be washed and kept clean & dry.
- It is to be considered with squatting position and using water for anal washing.
- Circular squatting plate of 3ft and 2 in uniform thickness with raised footrest.



③ Pan

- It receives the night soil, urine, wash water.
- length of 17 inch; and uniform slope from front to back of pan with smooth finish.



④ Trap

- It is a bent pipe, about 3 inch in diameter, and connected with pan.
- Holds the water necessary for 'water seal'.
- Water seal is the distance between level of water in trap and lowest point of the upper concave surface of trap ($3\frac{1}{4}$ inch).
- Prevents flies & nuisance.

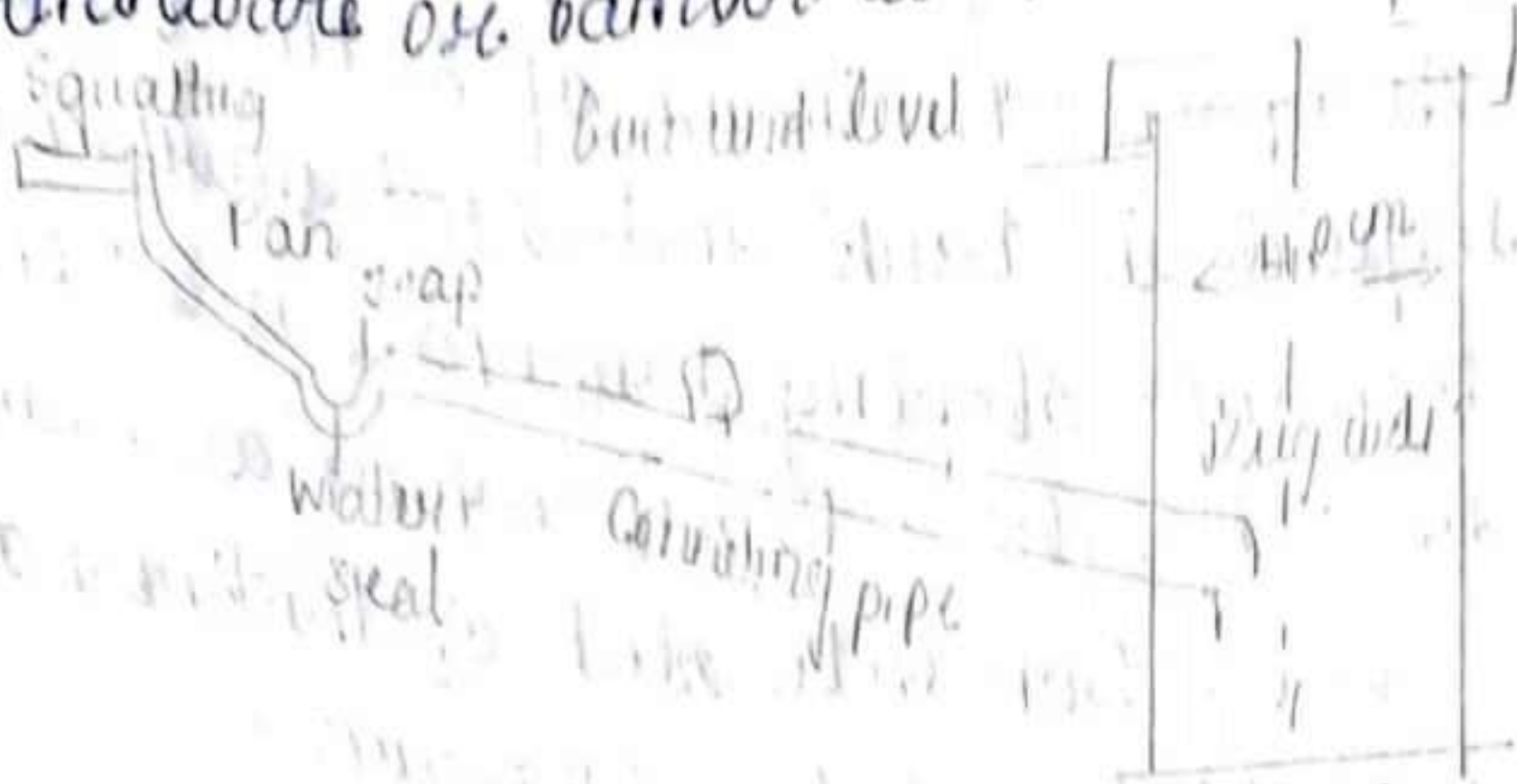


(c) Connecting Pipe

- when pit is dug away from squatting plate, the trap is connected by connecting pipe.
- It is called as Indirect type.
- Merits → If pit fill up, then new can be dug & connected.

(c) Dug well

- 30 inch in diameter & 10-15 feet deep, lining of earthenware or bamboo is used.



(d) Superstructure

- Privacy & shelter.
- Neat finish is desirable to be maintained.

(e) Maintenance

- Squatting plate should be washed & Clean^{dry}.
- Flushing with adequate water.
- One to 2 litres needed for RCA latrine.
- Health education is needed for this.

(f) Septic Tank

- It is water-tight masonry tank into which household sewage is admitted for treatment.
- It is satisfactory means of disposing excreta and liquid wastes from individual dwellings, small group of houses, and institutions, and do not have access to Public sewerage system.

⇒ Design features

- ⇒ They are single chambered or multiple chambered.
- 1) Capacity → Capacity depends upon the number of users. Minimum capacity of 500 gallons and 20-30 gallons per person.
- 2) Length → Twice than that of depth.
- 3) Depth → 5-7 ft. 4) Liquid depth → 4 ft.
- 5) Airspace → Minimum of 30 cm between the liquid in tank and underside of cover.
- 6) Bottom → Sloping towards inlet end.
- 7) Inlet & outlet → Pipes which are submerged.
- 8) Cover → Concrete slab of thickness and marked.
- 9) Retention period → 24 hours.

⇒ Working of Septic tank

⇒ Solids settle down, lighter solids rise

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Called "Sludge"

↓
Called "Scum"

Anaerobic
digestion

In Septic tank

↓
Attacked by anaerobic bacteria & fungi

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Broken down into simple compounds

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↓ volume, Inoffensive, stable

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Portion of solid converted to liquid and gas (Methane) and forms bubble

⇒ Liquid comes out let pipe called as "effluent"
Contains Bacteria, Ova, Cysts etc; Organic matter

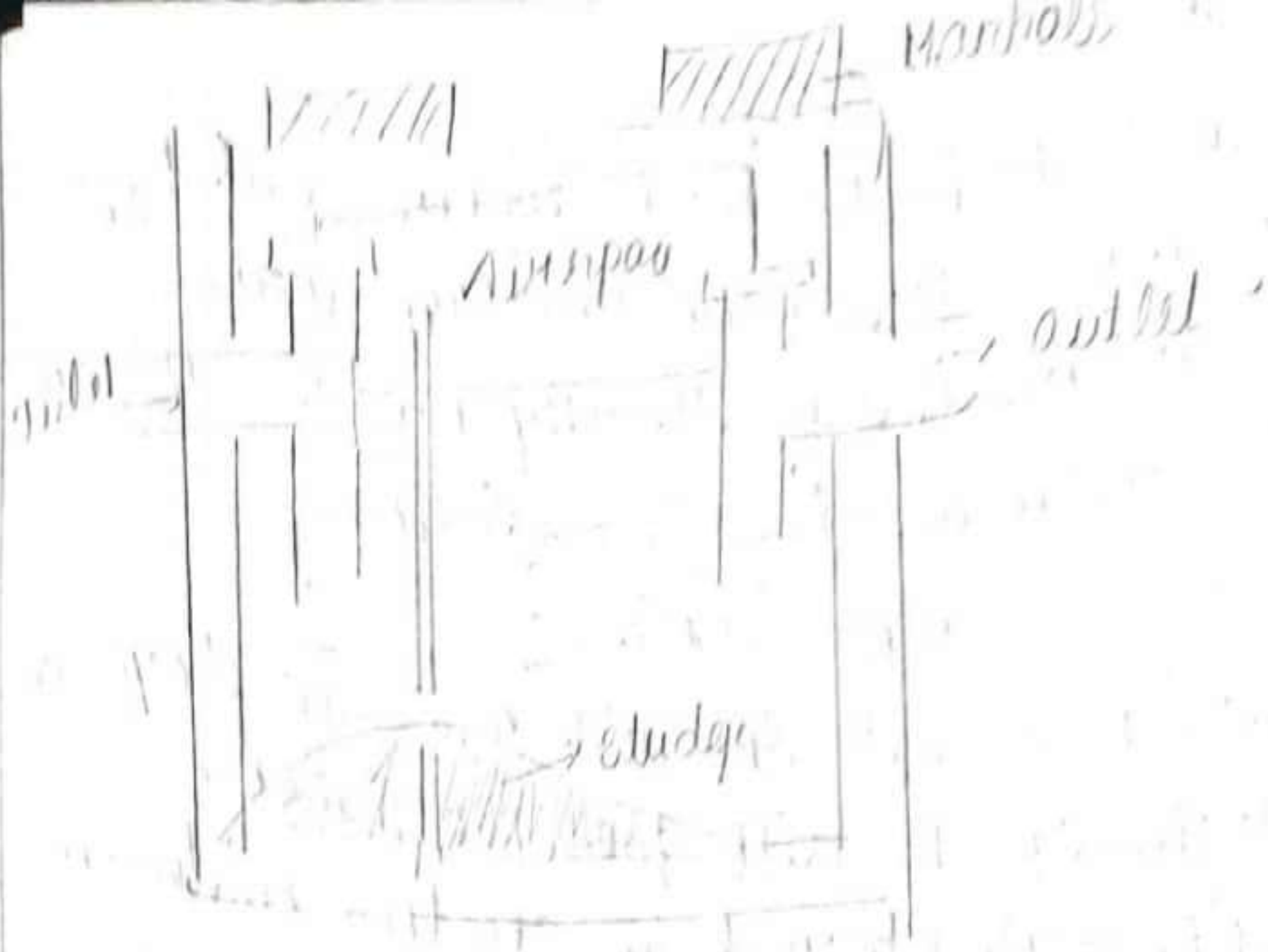
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Percolated to subsoil → Covered with soil

Aerobic
oxidation

In
Subsoil

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Attacked By Bacteria in soil

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Nitrate, CO_2 & H_2 formed

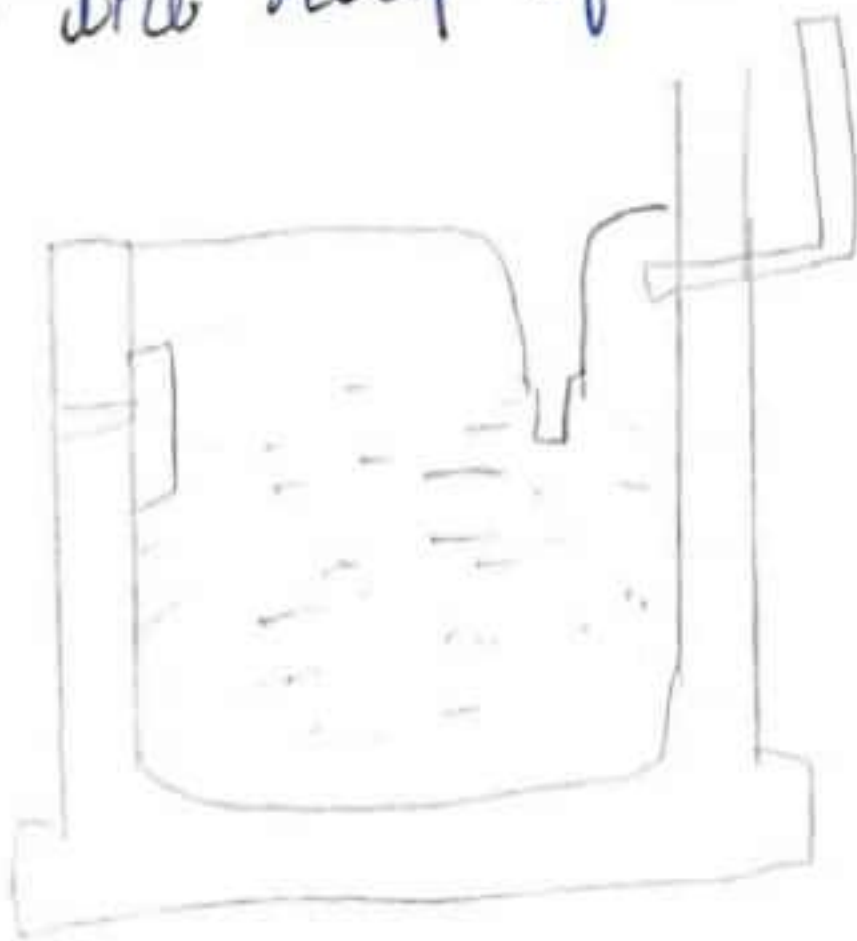


Operation and Maintenance

- Use of soap water, disinfectants & phenols are avoided as they kill bacteria in septic tank.
- Sludge should be removed at least once a year.
- Newly built septic tanks are filled with the sludge from other septic tanks to provide right type of bacteria.

e) Aqua Privy

- Functions like septic tank. It consists of water tight chamber filled with water.
- Short pipe from the latrine floor dips into water.
- Nightsoil undergoes purification by anaerobic digestion. And vent should be present above the roof of dwellings.



Shallow Shallow latrine

- Low cost - pour flush, water seal type latrine
- It uses less amount of water.
- It is basically an improved version of standard handflush latrine.

(3)①

Shallow trench latrine

- Trench of 1 ft ~~and~~ wid & 3-5 ft deep, and length of 10-12 ft for 100 users.
- Earth soil should be on the side and should cover feces everytime they use.
- May need sweepers to cover them up.
- Ablution water is provided.
- When below 30 cm closed and new trench is dug.

② Deep trench latrine

- Camps of long duration.
- 6-8 ft deep, & 30-35 in wide.
- Superstructure is provided and seat or squatting plate according to the local customs -

Water Carriage System.

Human excreta and wastewater are carried away by a network of underground sewers to the sewage disposal plant.

Components:

Household Sanitary fittings $\rightarrow$ Soil pipes $\rightarrow$ House drain

Sewage treatment plant.

$\leftarrow$ Public sewer

Sewage accessories.

i) Manhole:- where they are used for repair and cleanings, placed in the change of direction and 100 m from other sewers.

- Person entering there may get gas poisoning and asphyxiation.

ii) Traps:- From preventing foul gases from entering the house.

Sewage:

- It is the waste water from the community containing solid and liquid excreta from house, street, factories.

Sewage Treatment

The aim of this is to convert an offensive and infectious hazard to inoffensive effluent and sludge which can be safely disposed to sea, land or river.

i) Aerobic: Whole sewage.

- Needs continuous supply of oxygen.

- Aerobic bacteria breaks the organic matter into CO_2 , NH_4 , water, nitrate.

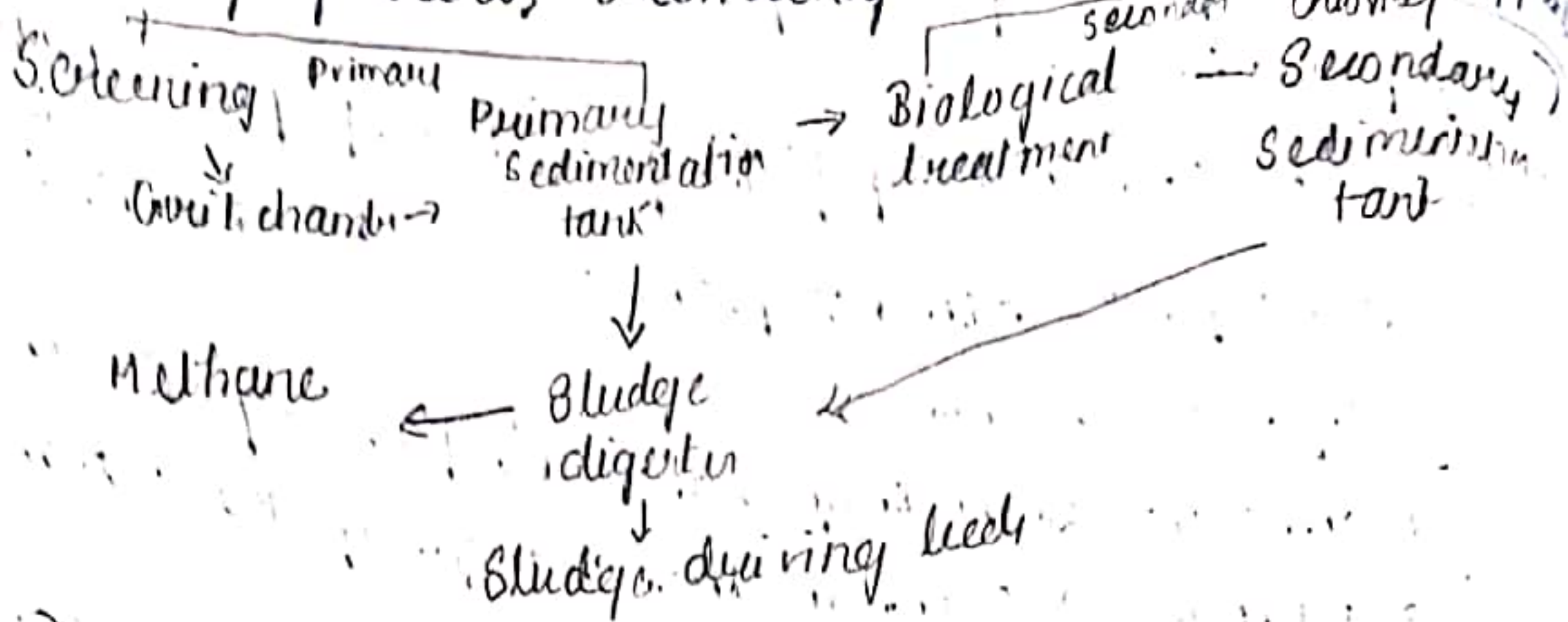
ii) Anaerobic:- Only sludge.

- End product is methane, ammonia, CO_2 .

- The methane can be used for heating and lighting purpose.

Two stages: (Modern sewage Treatment)

- i) Primary treatment → Screening, Grit removal, Primary sedimentation
- ii) Secondary treatment → Trickling filter, activation sludge process, secondary sedimentation



i) Primary treatment

1) Screening:

- Sewage is flowed through metal bars screen.
- Screen retains large floating objects like woods, dead animals.
- Screening are removed manually and disposed.

ii) Grit chambers: (Detritus chamber)

- A long narrow chamber.
- Principal of this is make heavier solids sand and gravel to settle down and then organic matter to flow through.
- The grit is removed manually and disposed.

iii) Primary sedimentation tank:

- High rectangular tank.
- Sewage moves slowly and solids settle down called as sludge.
- Sludge is removed mechanically and directed to sludge digester.
- Fat and grease rise to surface to form scum and removed mechanically.

2) Secondary Treatment:

- Involves oxidation of organic matter by aerobic bacteria of the effluent of primary sedimentation tank.

1) Trickling or Percolating filter

- It is a bed of curved stones.
- There is a revolving device which uniformly sprinkles the effluent from the primary tank to stone.
- The effluent trickles down the filter.
- With time a slimy "Zoogical layer" forms which contains aerobic bacteria, fungi and algae and it oxidizes the effluent as it trickles down.
- The zoogical layer sloughs off collect as humus.
- The oxidized sewage is lead to Secondary tank.

ii) Activated Sludge Process

- Aeration tank is the modern method and is the heart of the process.
- The effluent from the primary sedimentation tank is mixed with the sludge (Aerobic bacteria),
70% effluent + 30% sludge.
- Aeration is produced from the bottom.
- It kills ^{secondary} organisms into nitrate, O_2 & H_2O .
- There led to redimeration.
- It is less space, costly, require skill operator.

2) Secondary Sedimentation

- Oxidized sewage from the trickling filter or aeration chamber is led to secondary sedimentation.
- Sludge formed from the secondary is called Activated or aerated sludge.
- It is inoffensive and are rich in nitrate and phosphorus. Bacteria. It can be used as valuable Manure.

Sludge digestion

- A thick, black mass with bad odour. They are disposed by

i) Digestion $\rightarrow$ Sludge digestion tank tank.

Sludge Digestion:

→ It is one of the main problem, because it produces the sludge which is a thick black mass containing 95% water and odour.

a) Digestion

→ Undergoes anaerobic auto digestion in which complex solids are broken into H_2O , CO_2 , methane and ammonia. The volume is reduced.

→ Resulting non-offensive, sticky, tawny mud is the great manure.

→ Methane which is a by product can be used for heating and lighting purposes.

b) Sea disposal → Sea coast towns pump them into sea.

c) Land → Disposing by transporting them with town refuse.

Disposal Effluent

a) Disposal by dilution:-

→ By disposal into water courses like rivers and streams.

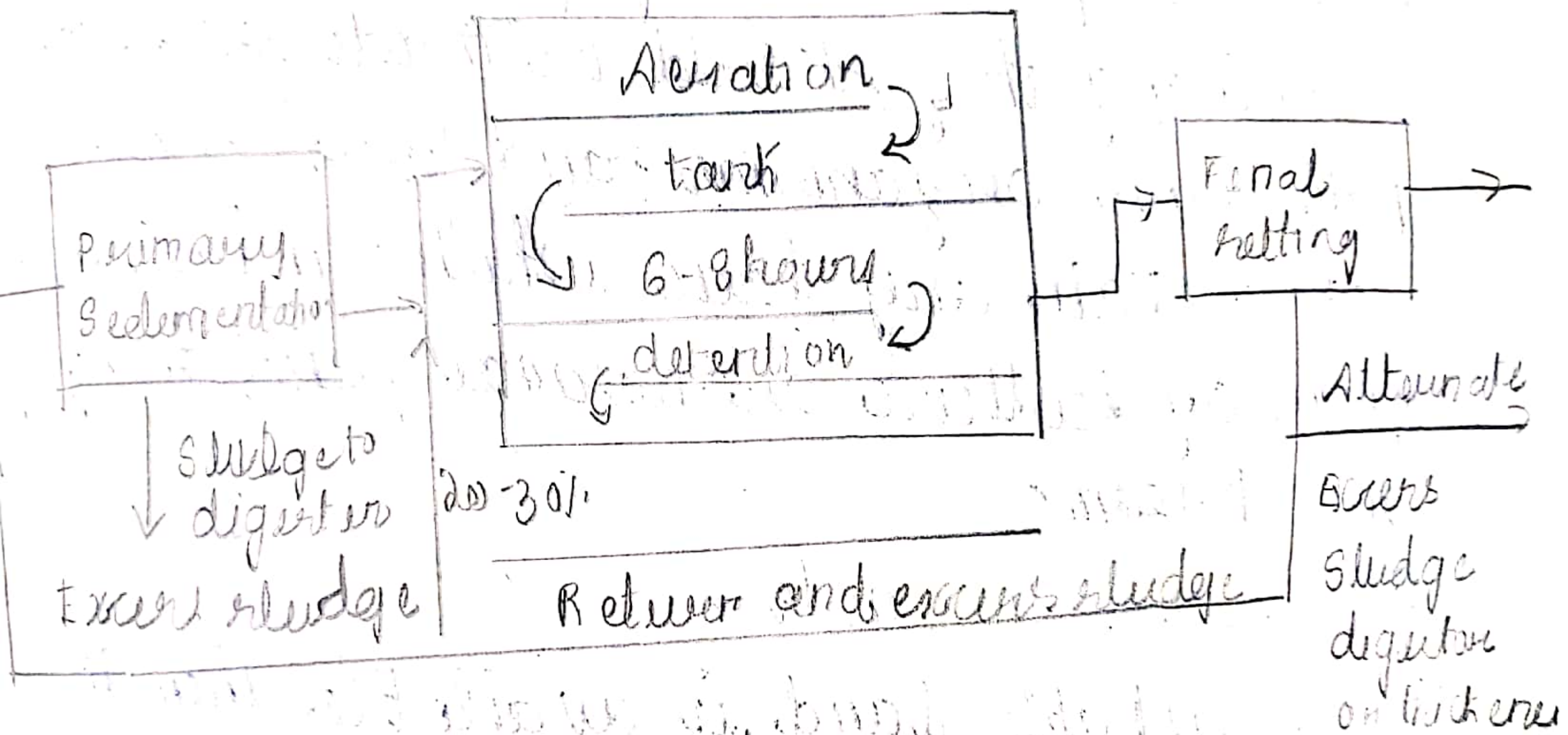
→ Since people are using river water for drinking they should be made free from pathogenic organisms - and also should not contain any toxic which can kill man, fish, agriculture or normal functioning of the stream.

b) Disposal on lands:-

→ If suitable land is available then it can be used for irrigation purposes.

Squaline

pan.



Activated sludge process

other methods of Sewage Disposal.

a) Sea outfall

- Sea coast towns and cities may dispose of their sewage directly into the sea.
- Purification takes place by the large body of sea water, and solids get oxidized.
- Drawback is offensive solid matter washed off to shore causing public nuisance.

B) River outfall

- Raw sewage is never discharge it is pumped before. Purification on flow for it carry on aeration and self purification.

C) Land treatment (Sewage farming)

- If suitable and sufficient land is available then sewage is applied to land after grit removal.
- It is called Sewage Farming or Broad Irrigation.
- Crops are grown in that but they are not had direct contact. Mainly Fodder grass and potatoes, Fruit trees high above ground.
- During rainy season it is difficult and might cause sewage sickness.

a) Oxidation ditches:

- other methods recommended are -

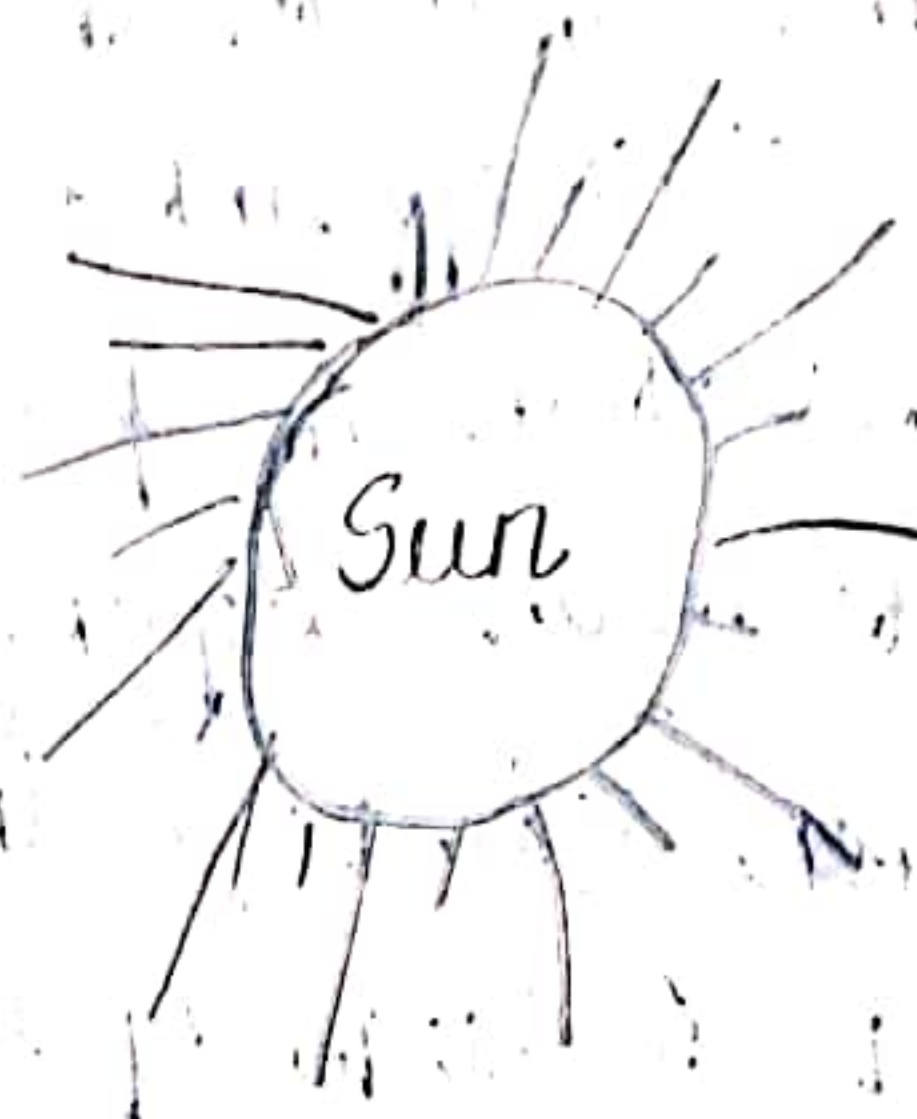
① Oxidation ditches and ② aerated lagoons.

- It uses mechanical motors for extended aeration.

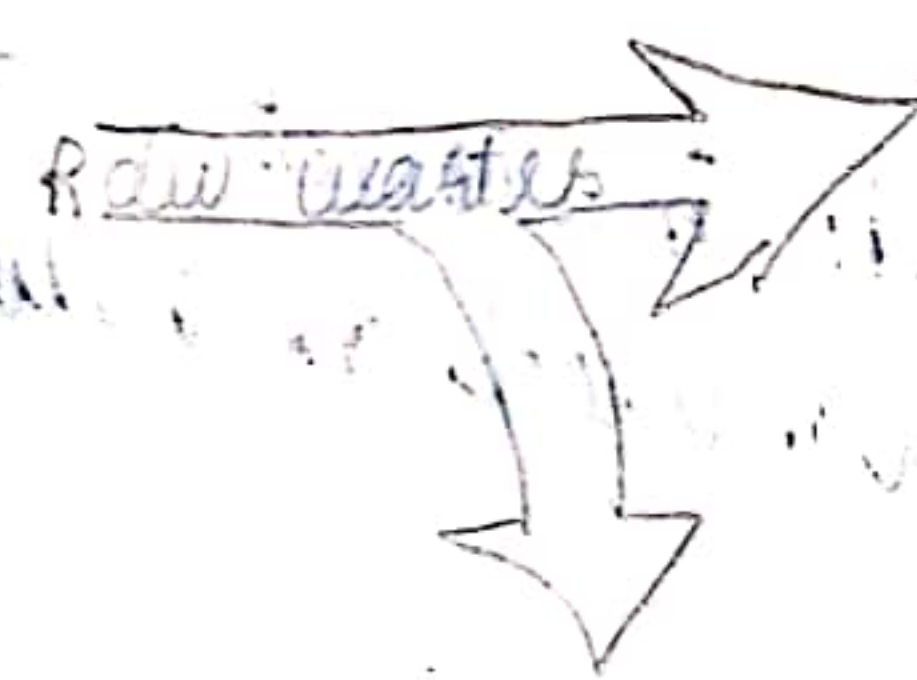
- They are low cost treatment methods for purification of sewage.

Oxidation Pond

- A cheap method of sewage treatment in the oxidation pond. It is also called as water stabilizing pond, seeder pond, sewage lagoon etc.
- The term 'waste stabilization pond' is more appropriate.
- The term waste includes both sewage and industrial waste.
- Although it is an old method it has attracted the attention of public health now only.
- Over 50 ponds are working at present in India.
- The oxidation pond is an open shallow pool 1 to 1.5 m deep with an inlet and outlet. To qualify as an oxidation pond there must be presence of 1) algae 2) Certain type of bacteria which feed on decaying organic matter. 3) Sunlight.
- The organic matter contained in the sewage is oxidized by bacteria (here oxidation pond) to simple compounds like CO_2 , Ammonia and water.
- The algae with the help of sunlight utilize CO_2 and other compounds for their growth.
- Thus they are mutually beneficial biologically.
- Oxygen that is needed for oxidation is derived to small extent from atmosphere and mostly from the algae which liberate O_2 under sunlight.
- So sunlight is important, cloudy weather delays the process.
- It is aerobic in sunshine and part of night and anaerobic in night so it is done by both aerobic and anaerobic bacteria.
- The effluent may be used for growing crops and may be discharged into river.
- Mosquito nuisance is avoided by keeping weed growth.
- There is no odour nuisance if it is properly maintained.
- It is an established method for small communities.



O_2



Settleable Solids

