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Population Forecasting

S. No.	Year	Population
1.	1971	12,999
2.	1981	43,642
3.	1991	68,764
4.	2001	112,484
5.	2011	135,904

Table: - Previous census data of Birgunj as per [Final Report Urbanization of Birgunj Metropolitan City](#)

Observing the above data appropriate forecasting method would be Logistic Curve method.

Justification

Birgunj is a well-established city. The population growth rate is increasing at the normal rate with conditions of birth, death, and migration. Also, the population of the city is not much affected by any epidemics such as the COVID pandemic neither it's affected by disasters. Therefore, the logistics curve method is appropriate for population forecasting.

CALCULATION

Design Period = 3 decades, P2041 =?

$$P_0 = 12,999 \quad t_0 = 0$$

$$P_1 = 68,764 \quad t_1 = 20$$

$$P_2 = 135,904 \quad t_2 = 40 \text{ (Population of last census)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_s \text{ (Saturated Population)} &= (2 \cdot P_0 \cdot P_1 \cdot P_2 - P_1^2 \cdot (P_0 + P_2)) / (P_0 \cdot P_2 - P_1^2) \\
 &= (2 \cdot 12999 \cdot 68764 \cdot 135904 - 68764^2 \cdot (12999 + 135904)) / (12999 \cdot 135904 - 68764^2) \\
 &= 1,55,688
 \end{aligned}$$

For calculating the expected population in next 30 years:

$$m = (P_s - P_0) / P_0 = (155688 - 12999) / 12999 = 10.977$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 n &= (2 \cdot 3) / t_1 \cdot \log_{10} ((P_0(P_s - P_1)) / P_1(P_s - P_0)) \\
 &= (2 \cdot 3) / 20 \cdot \log_{10} ((12999 \cdot (155688 - 68764)) / 68764 \cdot (155688 - 12999)) \\
 &= -0.2816
 \end{aligned}$$

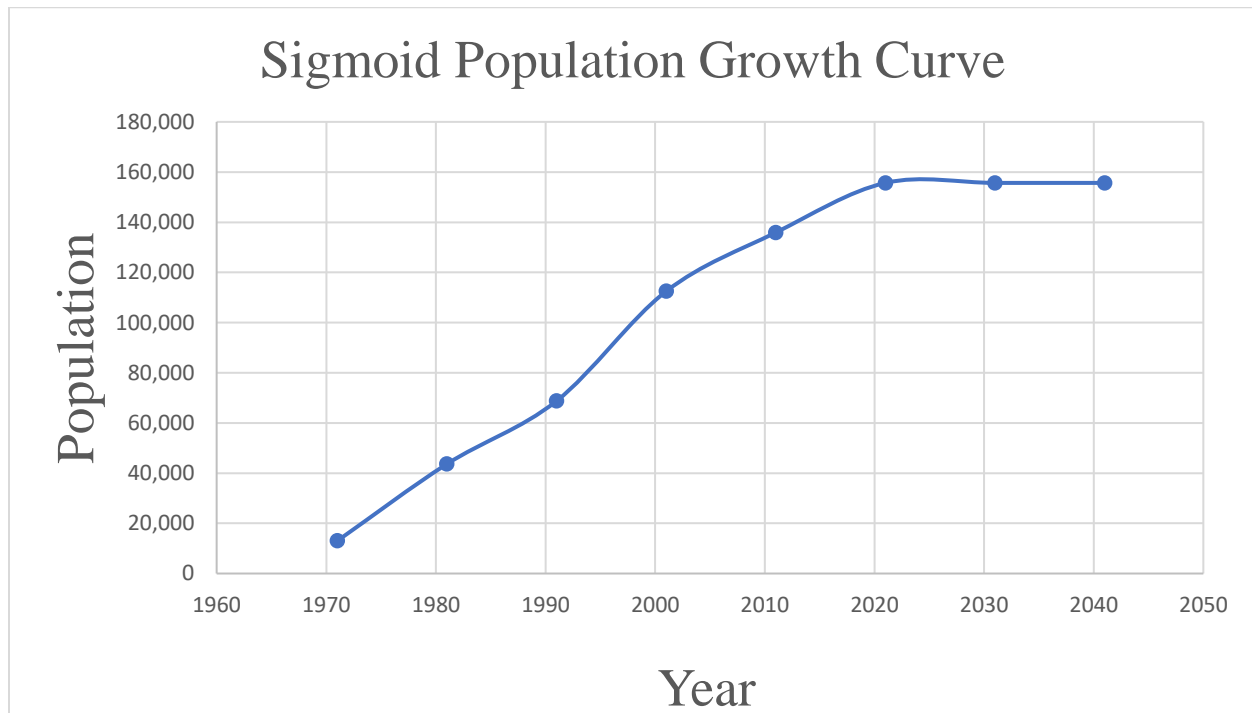
Now,

Calculating population for a design period of 30 years,

$$t = 2041 - 1971 = 70 \text{ years}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{2041} &= P_s / (1 + m \cdot \log_e^{-1}(n \cdot t)) \\
 &= 155688 / (1 + 10.977 \cdot \log_e^{-1}(-0.2816 \cdot 70)) \\
 &= 155687.9953 \\
 &= 1,55,688
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the future population of Birgunj in year 2041 is forecasted to be 1,55,688 according to given data using logistic curve method.



Quantification of Water Supply

Water demand = 135 lpcd (For urban population)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Average daily demand} &= 135 * (\text{population in 2041}) \\ &= 135 * 155688 \\ &= 21,017,880 \text{ liters}\end{aligned}$$

We know,

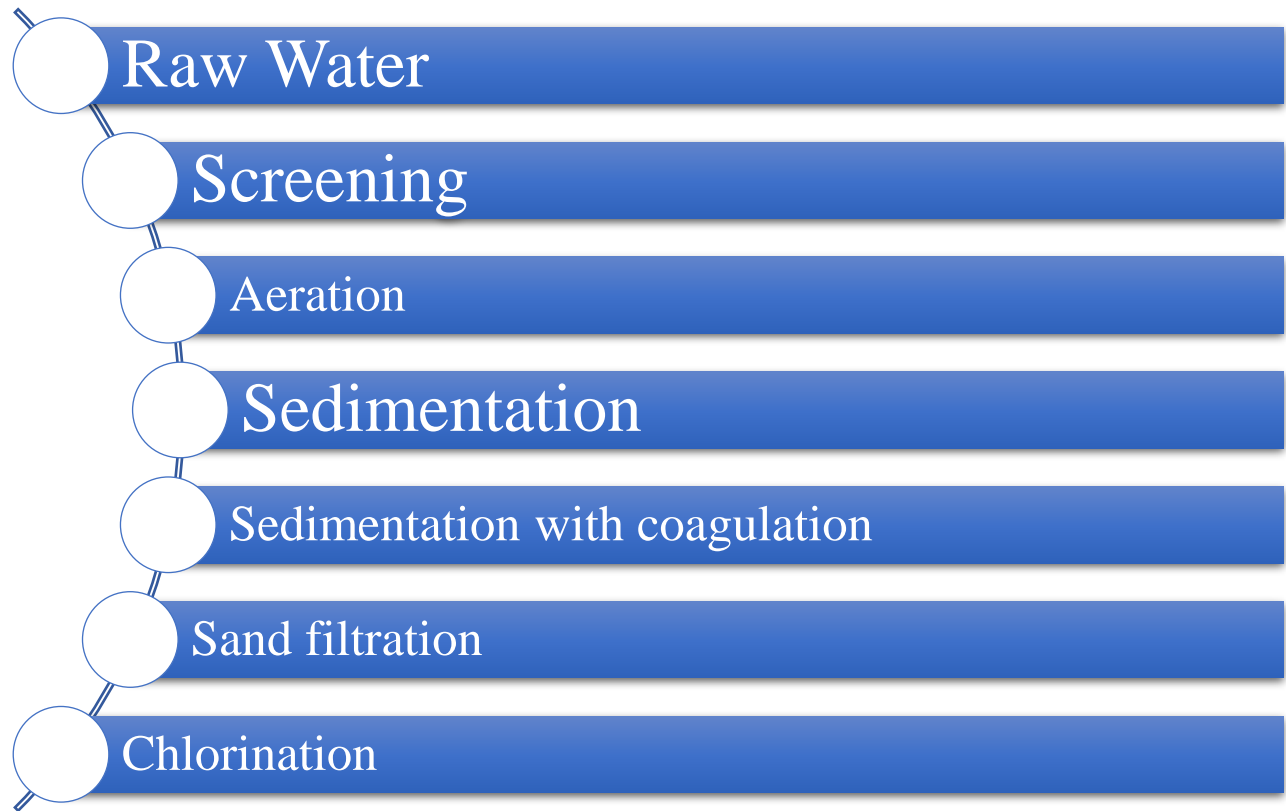
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Maximum daily demand}(Q) &= 1.8 * \text{Average daily demand} \\ &= 1.8 * 21,017,880 \text{ liters} \\ &= 37,832,184 \text{ liters}\end{aligned}$$

The maximum daily demand for Birgunj metropolitan city is 37,832,184 liters.

Characteristics Of Water in Sirsiya River

- Presence of clothes, logs, plastics, etc.
- Presence of organic wastes
- Foul smell, dissolved gases like Carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulphide
- Traces of volatile compounds of petroleum
- Presence of gravel, sand, dirt
- Muddy in colour
- Presence of pathogens like bacteria, microbes
- Presence of colloidal and suspended particles

Layout of Treatment Plant



Design of Sedimentation Tank

Reference from S.K Garg (Water supply engineering)

Specifications

Detention Time = 4 hours to 8 hours

Depth of sedimentation tank = 3m to 6m

Assumptions

Detention time = 6 hours

Horizontal Velocity of Sedimentation Tank = 0.005 m/s

Depth of sedimentation tank = 5 m

From the above data, (population forecasting), the maximum daily demand for the forecasted population in the year 2041 was calculated.

Maximum Daily demand = $37832.184 \text{ m}^3/\text{day} = (37832.184 / 24) \text{ m}^3 / \text{hour} = 1576.341 \text{ m}^3 / \text{hour}$

Calculating the volume of the sedimentation tank (required according to the forecasted population)

$$T = V/Q$$

$$V = T * Q$$

$$V = (6 * 1576.341) \text{ m}^3$$

$$\text{Volume of the sedimentation tank} = 9458 \text{ m}^3$$

We know that, detention time = Length of sedimentation tank(L) / Velocity(v)

$$6*60*60 = L / 0.005$$

$$L = 0.005 * 21600$$

$$L = 108 \text{ m}$$

Now,

$$V = L * B * H$$

$$9458 = 108 * B * 5$$

$$B = 9458 / (108 * 5)$$

$$B = 17.515 \text{ m}$$

Thus, the dimensions of the sedimentation tank should be **108 m * 18 m * 5 m.**

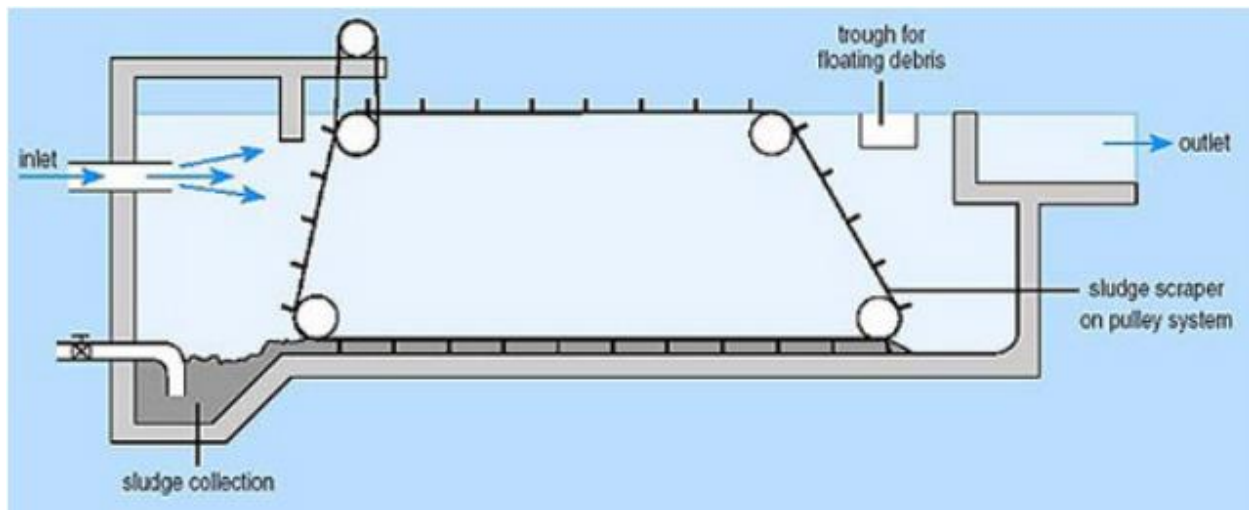


Fig.: Cross section of a Rectangular Sedimentation Tank

Source: [Portable Water treatment:4.4 Sedimentation - OpenLearn - Open University - T210_1](#)

Design of Sand Filter

The sand filter is used to remove suspended matter, floating particles, and sinkable particles. The permeable bed of fine sand or gravel directs the flow of water vertically.

We have a Maximum Daily Demand of **37,832,184 Liters**.

Let us take Slow Sand Filter.

Specifications of Chosen Sand Filter

Filtration rate: 0.1 – 0.2 m/hour

Head Space: 0.5 m

Sand Depth: 0.9 m

System underdrain + Gravel depth: 0.5m

Supernatant water: 1 m

Source: Recommended level(UK experience)

Let us assume the following:

Filtration Rate = 0.20m/hr

Out of 5, one is **Kept as Standby(4 for 20)**

L= 2B

Height of the Tank = 2.9 m

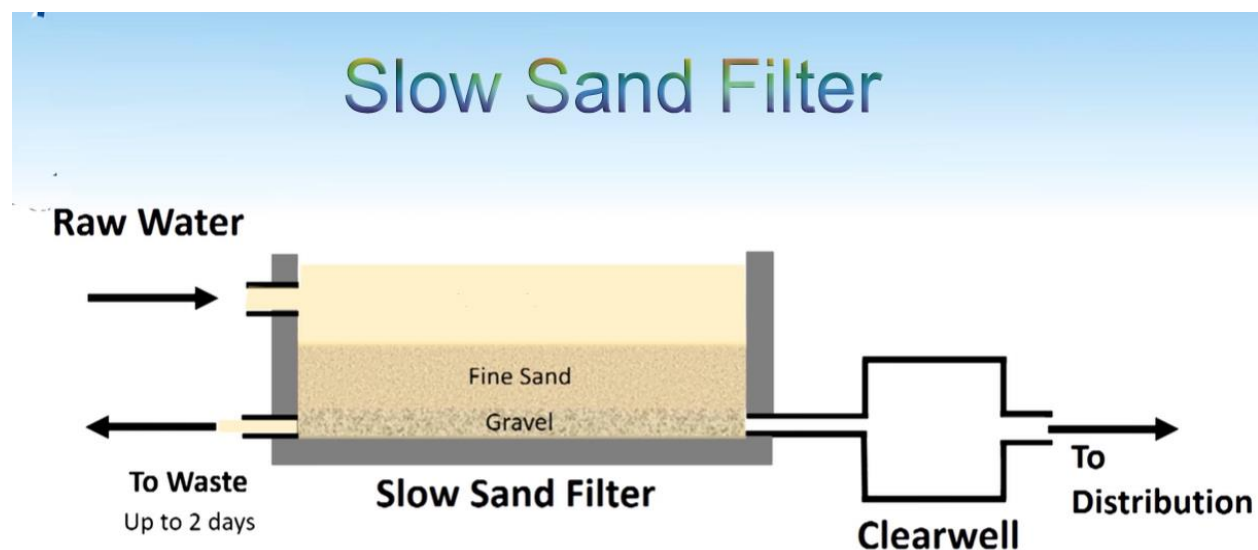


Fig.: *Slow Sand Filter*

Maximum Daily Demand = 37,832,184 Liters/Day = 37832.184 m³/Day **nearly equal to 37,833 m³/Day**

Here,

Q is big and numerous Sand filter is required for such volume of Water. Let us take 20 **Tanks** in total.

Now,

Rate of Filtration (v) = 0.20m/hour = 0.20 * 24 = 4.8 m/day

We Know,

Total surface area requirement to filter (A) = Maximum daily demand/ Rate of filtration

$$A = 37833/4.8 = 7881.875 \text{ m}^2$$

As Assumed,

Four is kept as stand by for 20 tanks. So,

Surface Area of each unit = 7881.875/16 = **492.62 m²**

Also, L=2B (ASSUMED)

So,

$$A = L * B = 2B * B = 2B^2,$$

$$\text{Or, } 492.62 = 2B^2,$$

$$\text{Or } B^2 = 246.31$$

So,

$$B = 15.69 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{So, } L = 2 * B = 2 * 15.69 = 31.38 \text{ m}$$

Hence, Required Dimensions of single unit is **32m * 16m * 2.9m**.

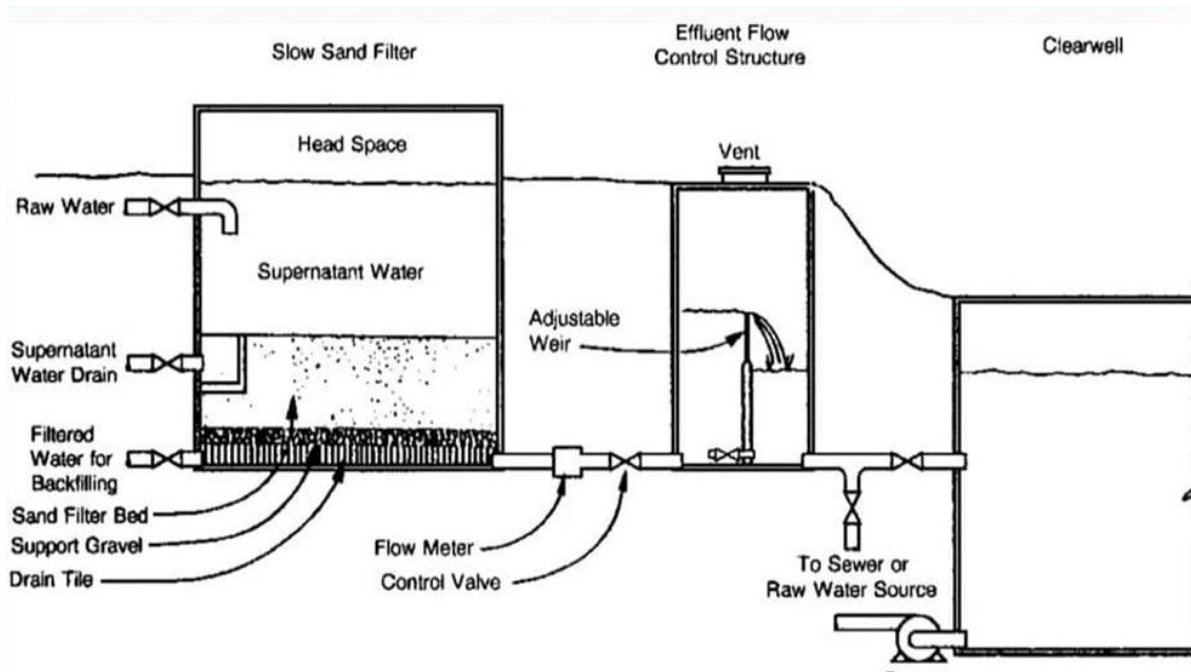


Fig.: Cross section of a Filtration Tank

Source: [Slow Sand Filter - Wikipedia](#)

Major Water Quality issue in Sirsiya River

Discharge of untreated water from Tanneries Industries

Major contributor:

- Narayani Leather And Manufacturing
- Everest Leather Industries

Contaminant:

- Chromium Salt

Health Effects due to this contaminant:

- ~ Blindness
- ~ Coughing and/or shortness of breath
- ~ Destructive to the skin, eyes, teeth, and lungs
- ~ Inhalation of concentrated vapor can be extremely irritating to the upper respiratory tract

Reference Paper

Citation:

Shah, B. P., & Pant, B. R. (2012). Water quality assessment of sirsiya river. Nepal Journal of Science and Technology, 13(2), 141-146.

Link:

[Water Quality Assessment of Sirsiya River | Nepal Journal of Science and Technology \(nepjol.info\)](http://nepjol.info)

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Abstract

- The physic-chemical parameters(temperature, PH, TSS, TDS, ammonia, phenol, cyanide, sulfide, oil and grease, chloride, DO, COD and BOD) were taken to assess the water quality of Sirsiya river.
- All the parameters except oil and grease were found within the generic standard.

- The physio-chemical characteristic of the river water was changing as a result of the discharge of untreated effluents from different industries.

Introduction

- Due to the pollution by the effluents from the Industries and other sources, people are compelled to use wastewater for their daily use like irrigation and drinking purpose which pose human health hazards.
- To control these pollutants, cost effective methods like wastewater stabilization ponds can be used.
- Study and observations was done to estimate the water quality of Sirsiya river due to the industrial effluents.

Methodology

Study area:

- Located at approximate latitude of $27^{\circ}18'$ N and longitude $84^{\circ}E$ at about 130 m above mean sea level.
- Birgunj and surrounding area of Parsa district that have direct connection with Sirsiya river.

Sampling:

- Water samples were collected from upstream, midstream and downstream from the point where effluent is discharged into Sirsiya river.
- Bottles were rinsed three times with river water and then the samples were collected.

- Dipped each sample bottle at approximately 10-20 cm below the water surface, projecting the mouth of the container against the flow direction.
- Transported within 24 hr to the Water Engineering and Training Center (WETC) at Kathmandu for analysis.

Physicochemical analysis

- Analyzed for total suspended solids, total dissolved solids, ammonia, phenol, cyanide, sulfide, oil and grease, chloride, dissolved oxygen, chemical oxygen demand and biological oxygen demand using standard methods for analysis of water and wastewater (APHA 2008)
- Temperature and pH were measured onsite using a multiparameter ion specific meter
- TSS was estimated using gravimetric method
- Chemical parameters estimated for the determination of ammonia, phenol and cyanide were measured by UV spectrophotometer
- Sulfide was determined iodometrically.

Results and Discussion

- Total three samples were collected from upstream, midstream, and downstream to the effluent discharged point at Sirsiya river in order to estimate the pollution level before and after the mixing of effluent in the Sirsiya river.
- The result of this work shows that physical parameters estimated for PH, temperature, TSS, TDS were measured within the generic standard.

The parameters determining the chemical quality of water such as chromium, cyanide, chloride, sulphate etc were examined with consequent effects.

Table 1. Physical quality of water

Parameters	Generic Standard	Sampling Sites		
		Upstream	Midstream	Downstream
PH	5.5-9.0	6.6	6.8	6.9
Temperature(°C)	40.0	18.6	22.4	17.6
TSS(mg/l)	30-200	<1.0	28.0	54.0
TDS(mg/l)	NA	218.0	348.0	488.0

NA - Not available

Table 2. Chemical quality of water

Parameters	Generic Standard	Sampling Sites		
		Upstream	Midstream	Downstream
Ammonia	50.0	2.84	0.68	6.6
Phenol (mg/l)	1.0	<0.01	0.05	0.64
Cyanide (mg/l)	0.2	<0.05	0.06	0.08
Sulfide(mg/l)	2.0	0.4	1.6	1.6
Oil & grease (mg/l)	10.0	<1.0	19.0	16.0
Chloride (mg/l)	600.0	25.7	25.7	50.5
Chromium(mg/l)	0.1	<0.01	0.04	0.02
DO(mg/l)	NA	3.8	2.9	0.0
BOD(mg/l)	30-100	1.2	30.8	32.0

NA- Not available

- The study revealed that the continuous discharge of effluent negatively impacts the receiving water bodies and also affects aquatic lives.
- Carrying out the present study it was found that except for oil and grease all the parameters were within the generic standard.
- BOD increases from upstream to downstream due to increase in organic load
- However, from the study, it is concluded that due to the dilution of water by tributaries of the Sirsiya river we observed a lower concentration of pollutants.
- The physical appearance itself is proof of heavy contamination of river water and therefore the effluent could pose significant health and environmental risk to rural communities.

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Bikalpa Gautam	Population Forecasting Calculation	Design of Sedimentation Tank	Abstract and Introduction
Anil Khadka	Quantification of Water Supply	Design of Sedimentation Tank	Methodology