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Isolines of location specific constants of rainfall intensity- duration- frequency for Vidarbha region

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ABSTRACT : Rainfall intensity-duration-frequency (IDF) relationship is required for design of soil and water conservation structures. Rainfall intensity-duration-frequency relation depends on the physical characteristics of rainfall occurring at a particular place. The rainfall intensity-duration-frequency relationship can be expressed as $I = (KT^a)/(t + b)^d$ in which, I is rainfall intensity (cm/h), T is return period (years), t is duration (h) and K, a, b and d are location specific constants. The location specific constants in above relationship are calculated by analyzing the rainfall data of recording type rain gauge. The values of K, a, b and d are estimated for all stations of Vidarbha region. Then isolines maps of each constant K, a, b and d for Vidarbha region have been developed. Isoline for 'a' show steeper increase in western Vidarbha with minimum in Nagpur district. The values of constant 'a' vary from 0.1544 to 0.2074 in all nine stations except Buldhana (0.2524). As far as constant 'b' is concerned the isolines show valley portion from Amravati towards Akola i.e. in western direction. The common range of the values of constant 'b' varies from 0.20 to 0.30. The isolinesfor'd' showed concentric circles in western Vidarbha near Akola and similar type is observed near Nagpur. The common range of constant 'd' is in between 0.6618 to 0.7668. There was no general slope for isolines of 'd'. The isoline for 'K' showed two concentric circles around Nagpur and Akola denoting two peaks and in general has slopes in North-East direction from Akola and Nagpur. The 'K' value for Vidarbha range from 3.148 to 6.680. Isolines maps developed for different parameters of intensity-duration-frequency equation of Vidarbha region are useful to designers and planners for prediction of rainfall intensity at any location of Vidarbha region for any duration up to 24 hour and return period from 10 to 100 years to design flood control, rainwater harvesting and runoff disposal structures.

Key Words : Isolines, Rainfall intensity-duration-frequency (IDF) relationship, Location specific constants

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