GEO-INFORMATION STRATEGY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT:

A case study of Aurangabad District, Bihar.

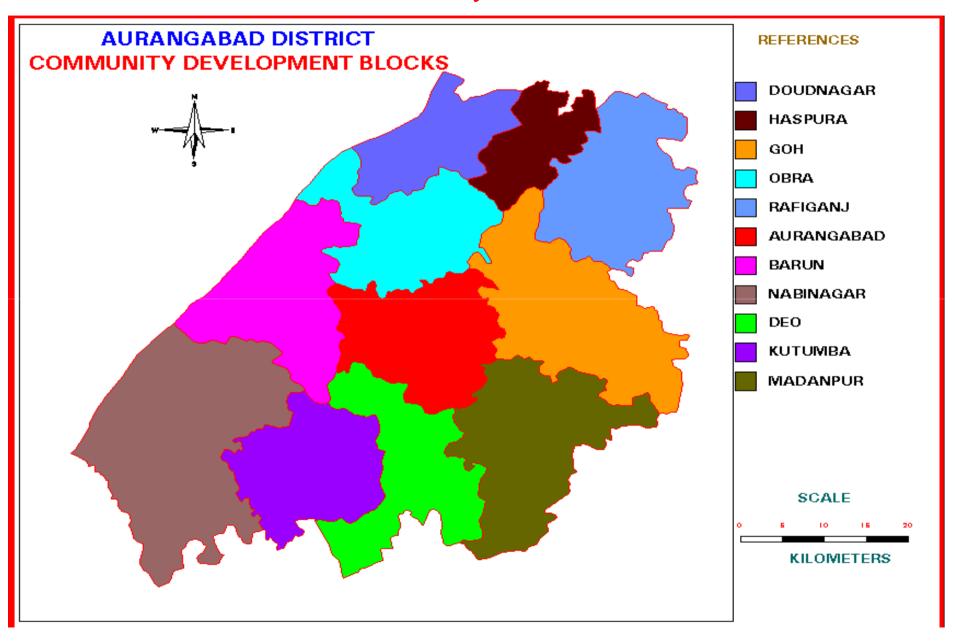
Geo-information provides a scientific base as an active database for the planning in general and rural development in particular as there is lack of rural resource database in general and the study area in particular.

In the present paper an attempt has been made to synchronize the future development & planning with geo-information and central places existing in the District of Aurangabad (Bihar) for decision making and planning for rural development through service centres

Micro-level planning and integrated development strategies have attracted attention of the authorities and planners, as this is also a technological solution to develop any region at the grass root level and provide benefit to the poorest of the poor. All planners across the world has realized that there is no planning without giving due importance to central places in hierarchical perspective. The pioneering work that needs our attention is Growth Pole Model.

A micro-level study of Aurangabad district(Bihar) India, has been taken as the study area. The author has taken up the analysis work, both at district and at the block level so that the spatial pattern of the central places, it's natural and socioeconomic phenomenon can emerge in a more effective and sustainable manner.

The study Area

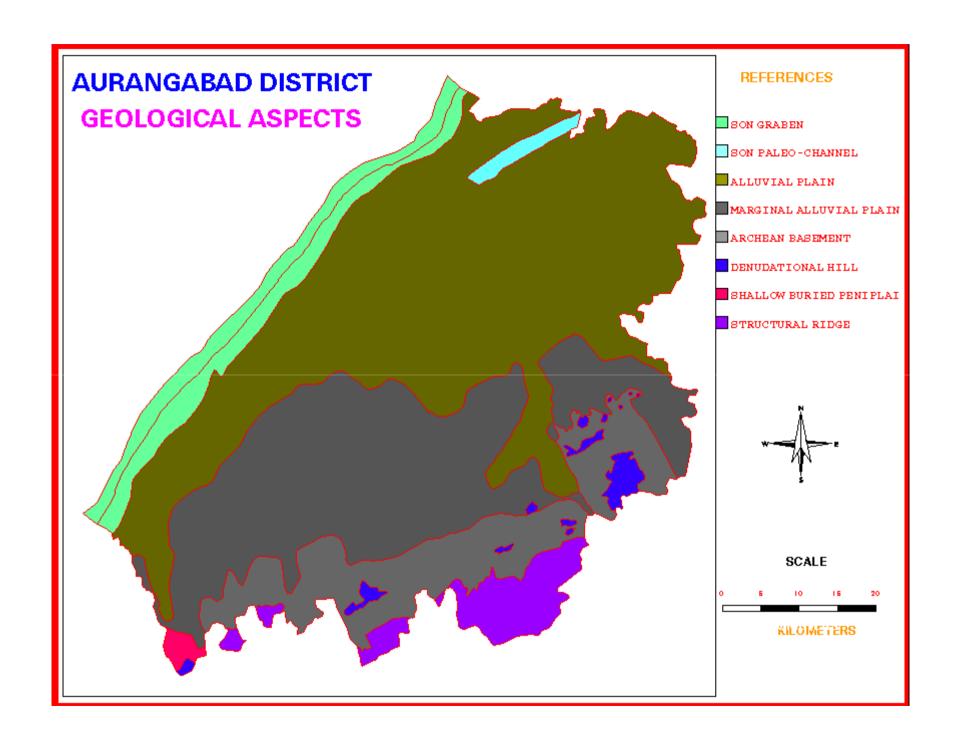


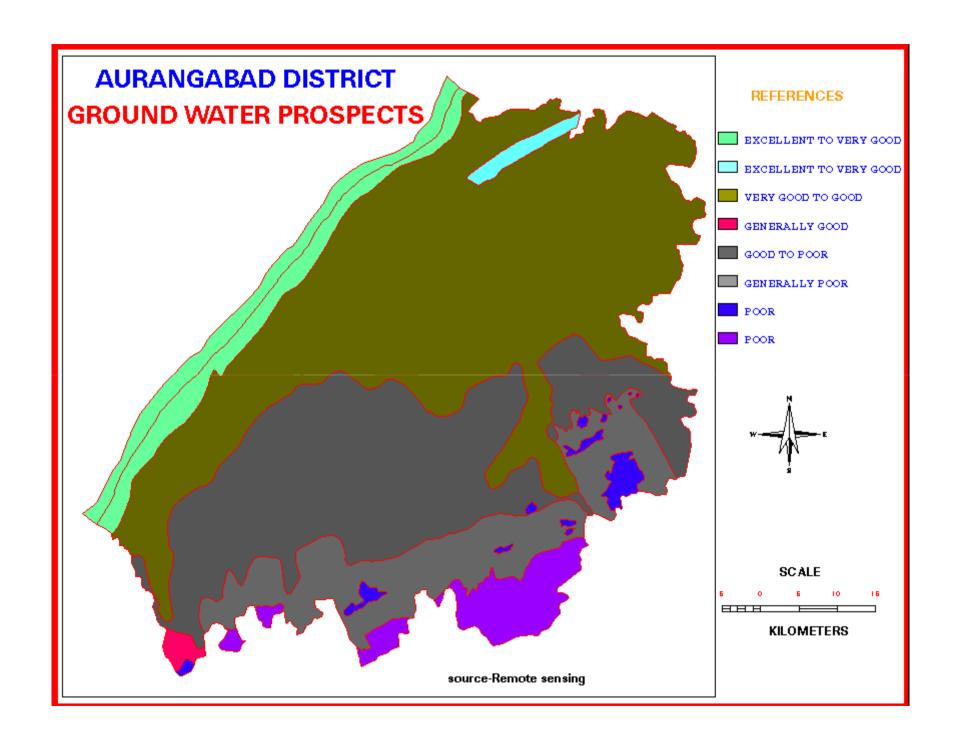
In the present study author has identified central places of the different orders, on the basis of 39 variables of socio-economic importance, as the vehicle of development. Some more rural service centres have been proposed with the help of Remote sensing and GIS based on geo-information related with the study area.

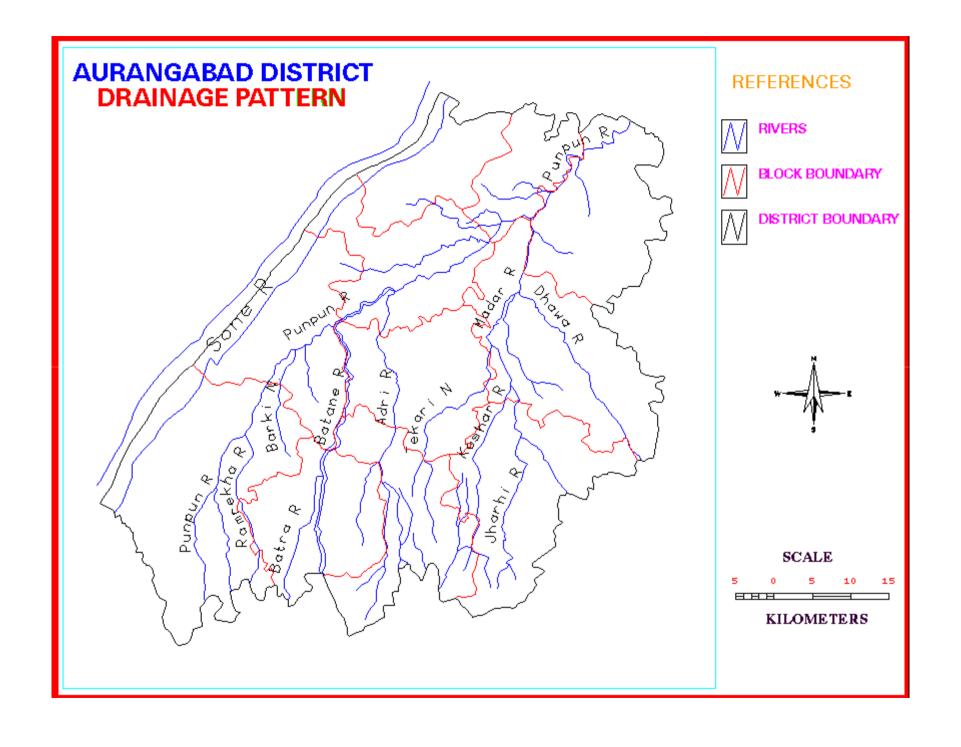
Based on physical-socio-economic resources an attempt has been made to highlight the basic strategy for Area based planning. Alternative plans have been provided in certain proposed service centres to develop the study area as a whole, with the help of geo-information.

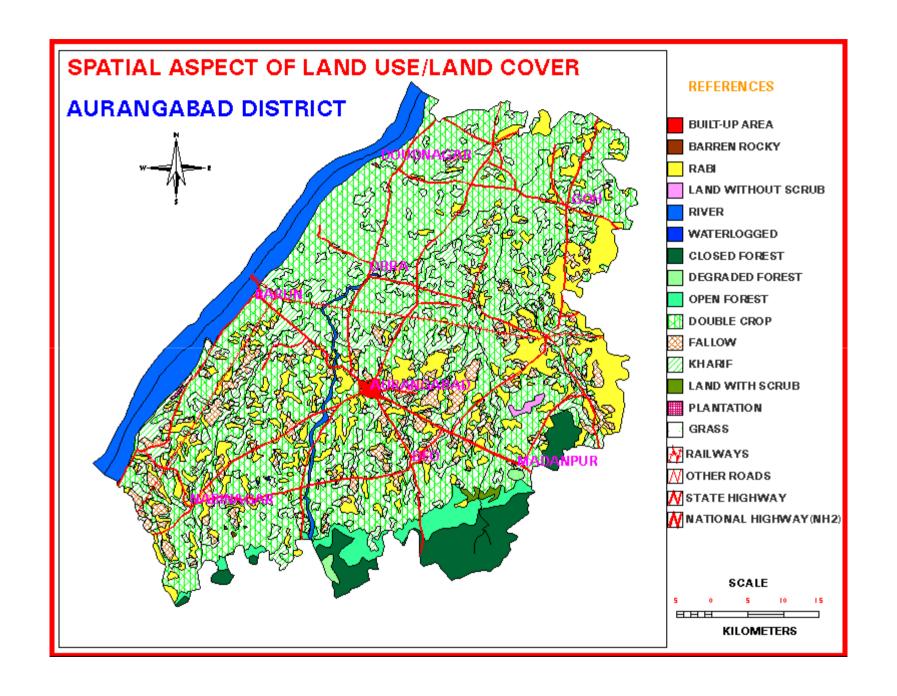
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• Physical–Geo-information like geology, relief, groundwater potentiality, drainage, soil, land use /cover etc.layers have been prepared with the help of remote sensing technique in which digital analysis have been done using LISS-III, 104 – 54 PATH & ROW scene of two seasons digital data with the help of GEOMATICA software of image processing.



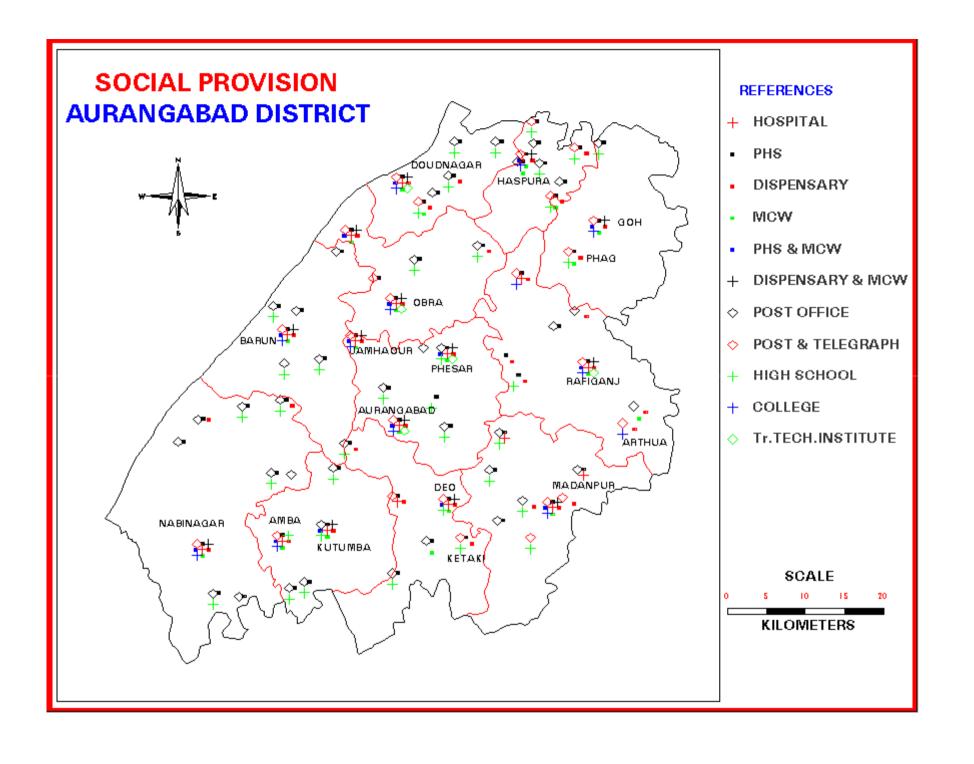






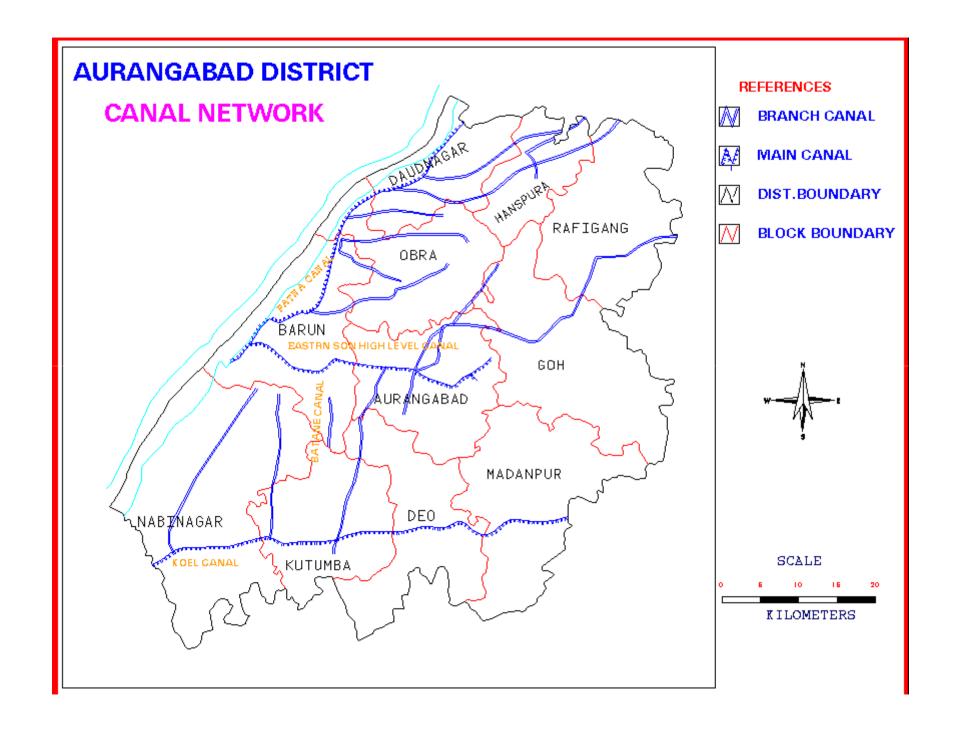
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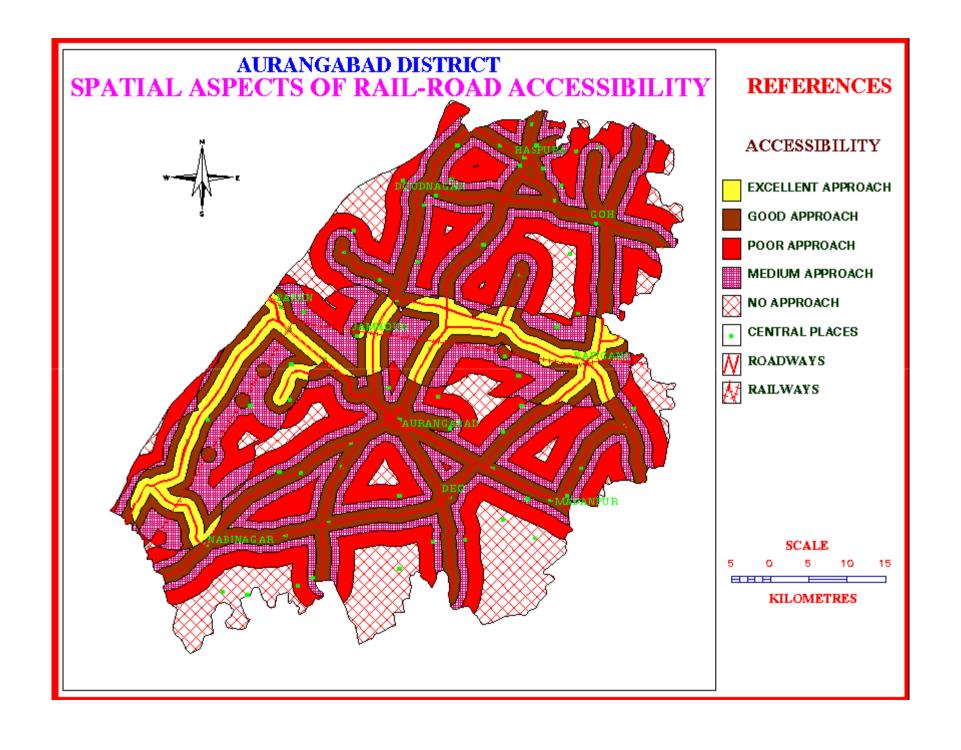
Information of social provisions like, hospital, primary health centres, dispensary, maternity child welfare centres, post offices, post and telegraph offices, high schools, colleges, training & technical institute their location have been digitized as information received by district centres. SOI- toposheets and District Census handbook have also been used to incorporate information in different layers.

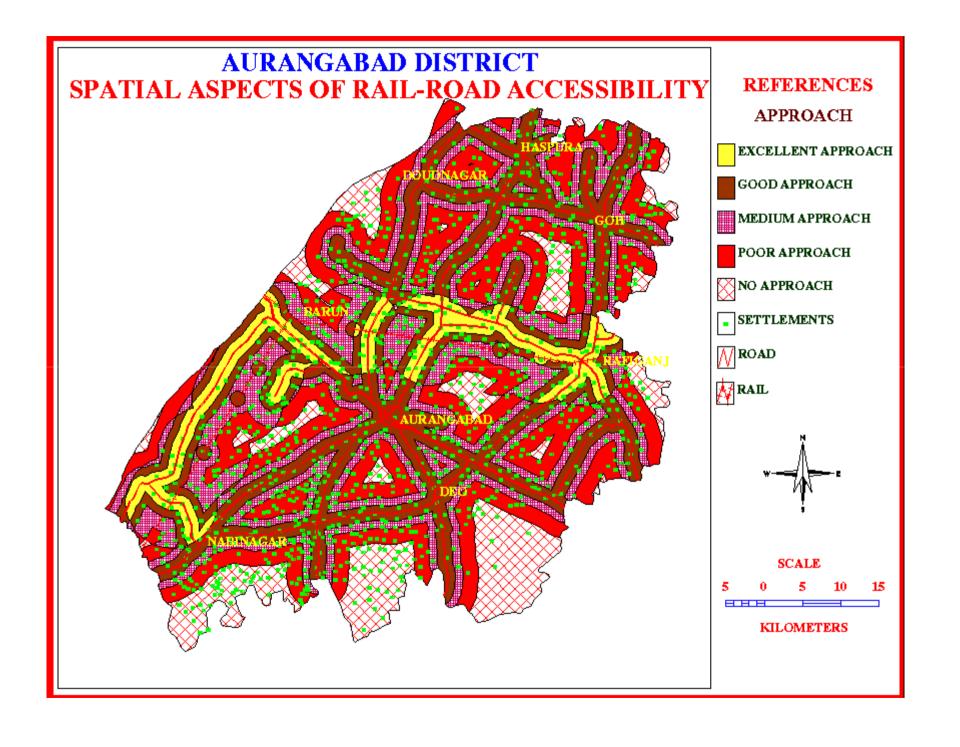


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Economic provisions like canal networks, transport networks, etc. have also been digitized and were placed in GIS environment







Identification of central places.- Those settlements which are predominately concerned with serving the needs of their surrounding areas are called Central Places.

Central places play a very crucial role in the regional development. Their role in the regional development is not only because central places function as economic service centres to it's surrounding region, they also spread ideas of modern technology and modern values towards their hinterland, which also helps in better development and prosperity.

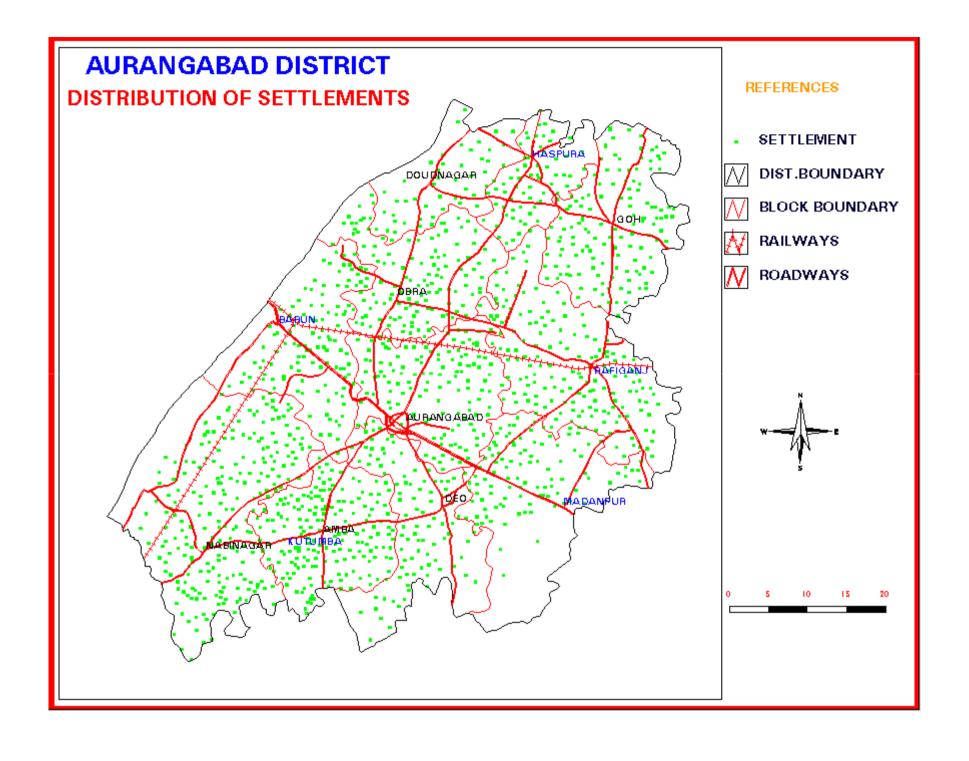
Importance of Central places in Decentralized Planning processes of India

The planning processes for decentralized planning has also identified the role of central places. After IV five years plan it was felt that sectoral priorities and planning from top level is little helpful in providing better result as far as socio-economic development to the people is concerned. Since then the sectoral approach has been changed into integrated area development in which central places either urban or rural service centres are being considered as focal point for the decentralized planning. This is really a basic approach towards assessing the regional or local resources and evaluating their role in the regional development.

Table no-1

Sr.No	Population size	No of settlements
1	1001-1500	138
2	1501- 2000	70
3	2001- 2500	33
4	2500-3000	15
5	3001- 3500	8
6	> 3500	23

- •All 287 settlement were digitized and were kept in GIS environment.
- Based on their central functions later on 71 settlements selected through GIS query system based on the reasoning "that those centres which are performing more than 7 service ranging from VII group of services".
- Services considered have been listed



List of Service group and central services

Service Groups		Services	
(1(1) Administrative Provisions	1.	District	neadquarter
	2.	Sub division	office
	3.	Police	stations
	4.	C.D.	Block
	5.	Gram Panchaya	at office
	6.	Municipal	office
(ii) Educational provision:-	7.	primary	School
	8.	Middle	School
	9.	High	School
	10.	Intermediate	School
	11.I	Degree	College
	12.7	Franing&Technical	Institute

(iii) Medical Provision :-	13.			Hospital
	14.	He	alth	centre
	15.	State	2	dispensary
	16.	Nu	rsing	home
	17.	Veter	inary	centres
	18.	Veterinary	sub	centres
((iv) Communication :-				
	20.		telegraph	
	21.	Telep	hone	services
	22.	В	us	Stand
(v) Commercial provisions	24.	Perma	inent	market
	25.	peri	odical	hats
	26.	Com	nercial	Bank
	27.		Elec	trification
	28.	Large	Industrial	Unit
	29.	Small	Industrial	Unit
	30. Ti	ny Industrial V	Unit	

(vi)Agricultural Provisions :- 31. Biscouman Depot.

32. Co-oprative Bank

33. Land development Bank

34. Fertilizer Depot

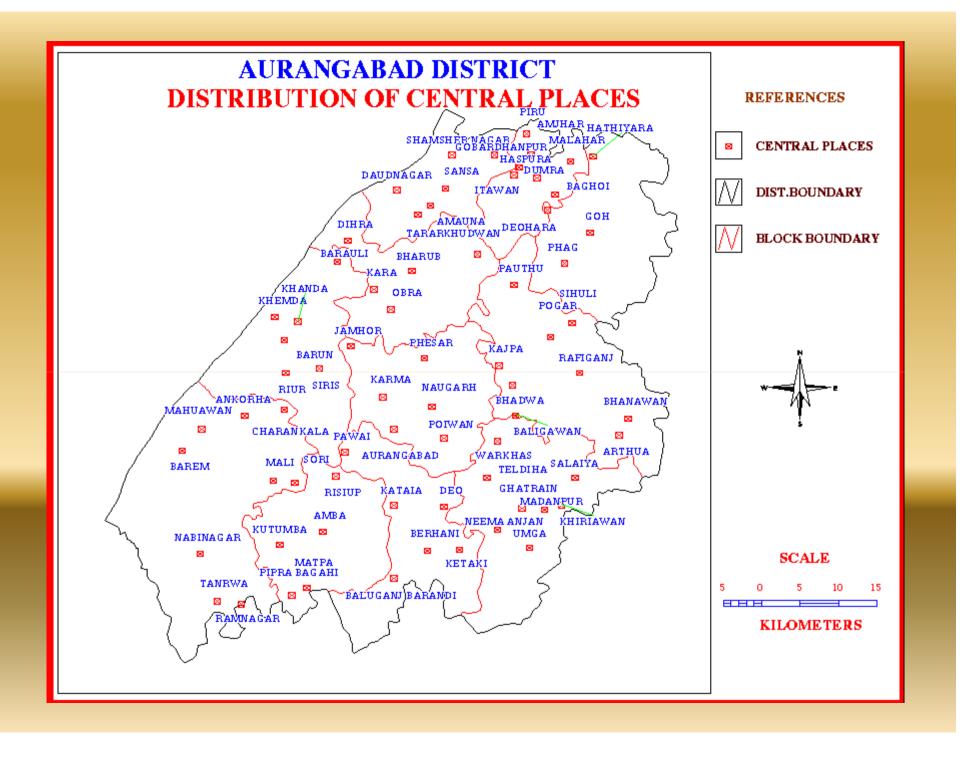
35. H.Y.V. seed depot

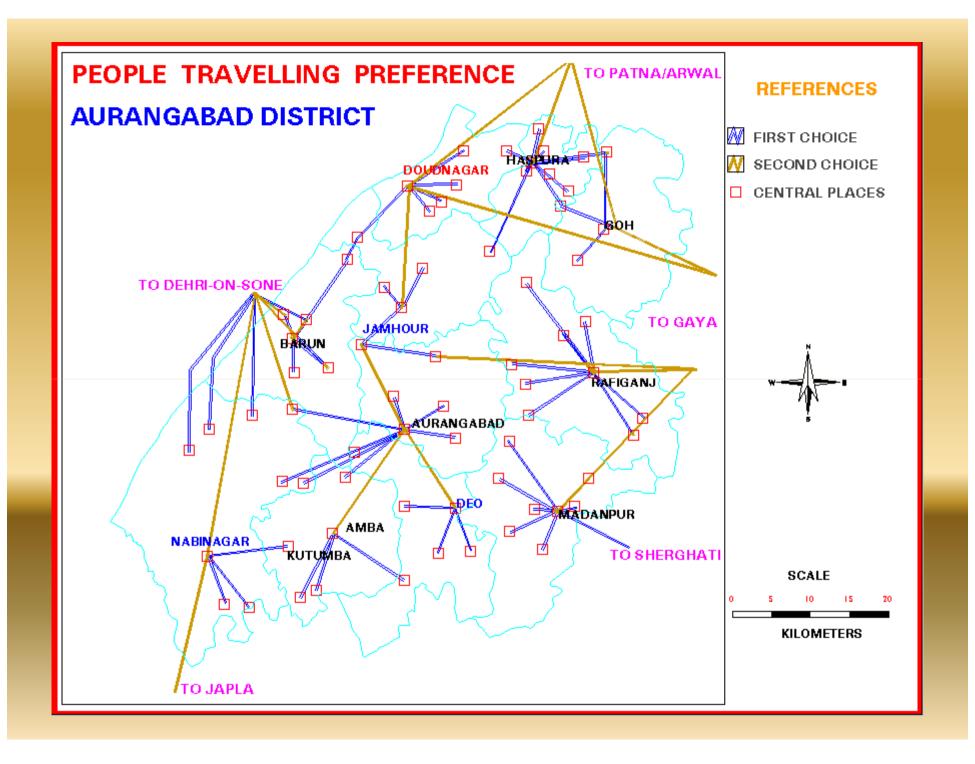
36. Vaypar mandal

37. Agricultural implements

(vii) Other Services: 38. Tap water

39. Urban centres (NAC)





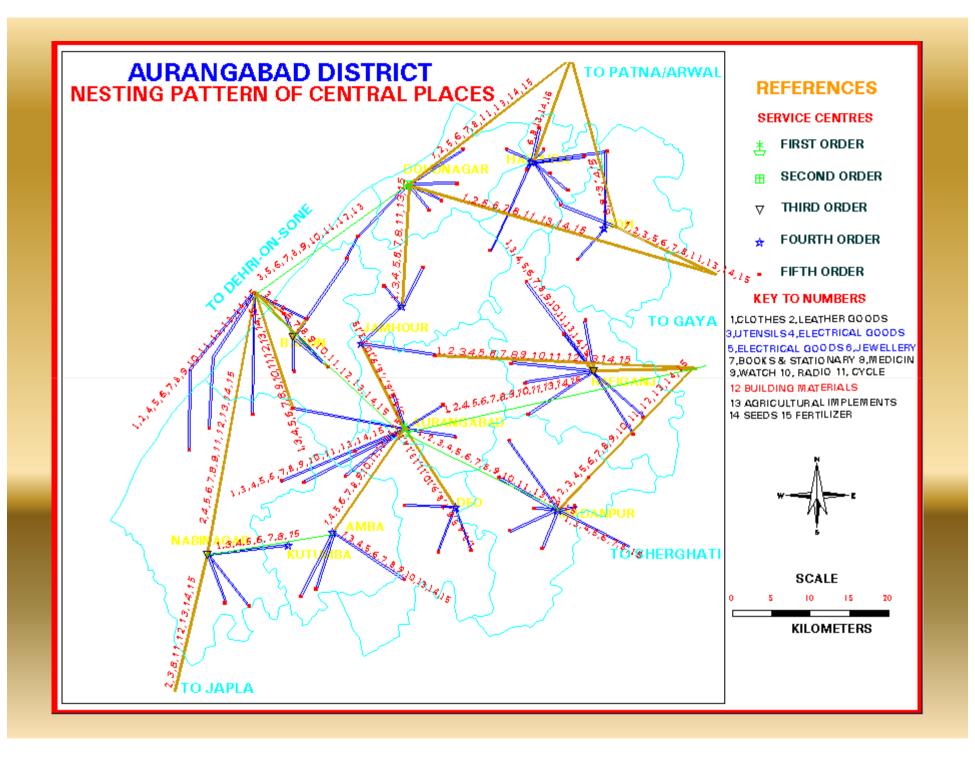
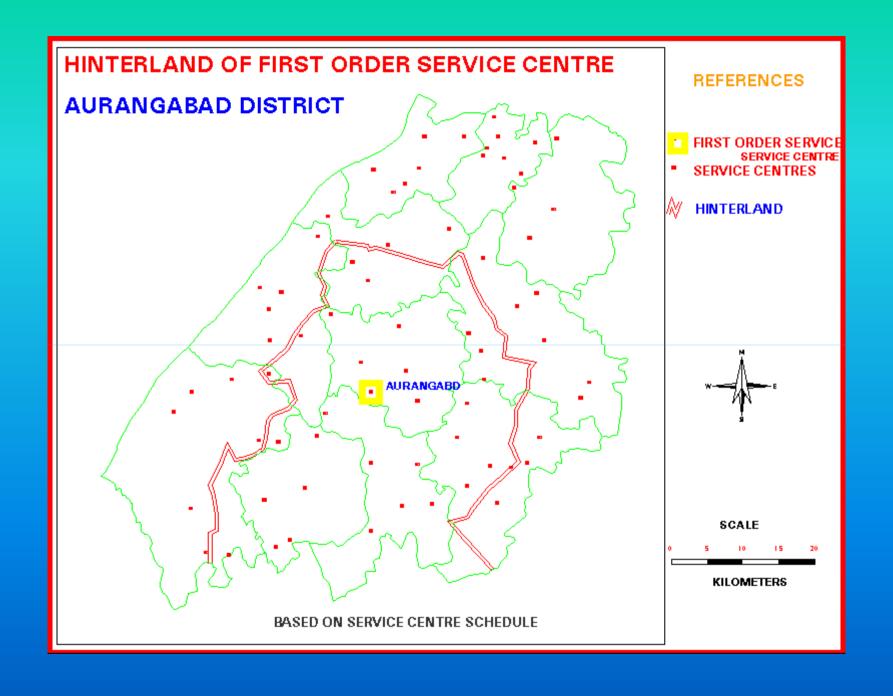
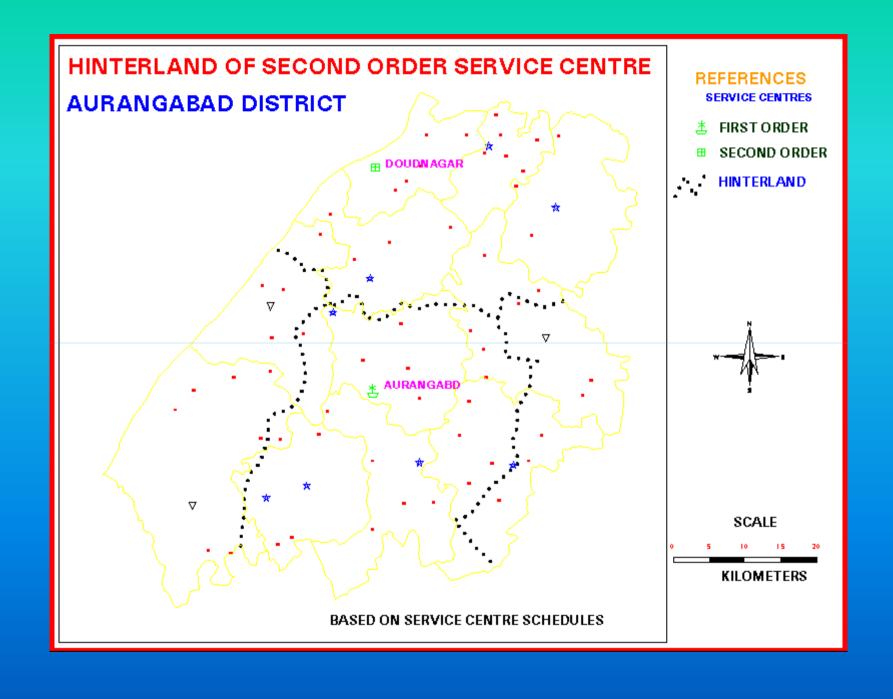
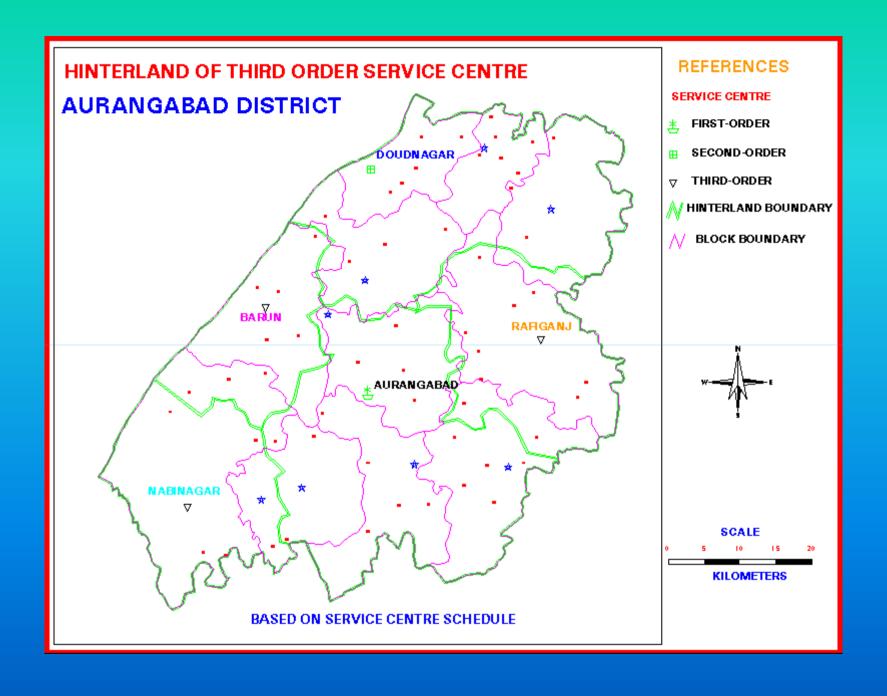


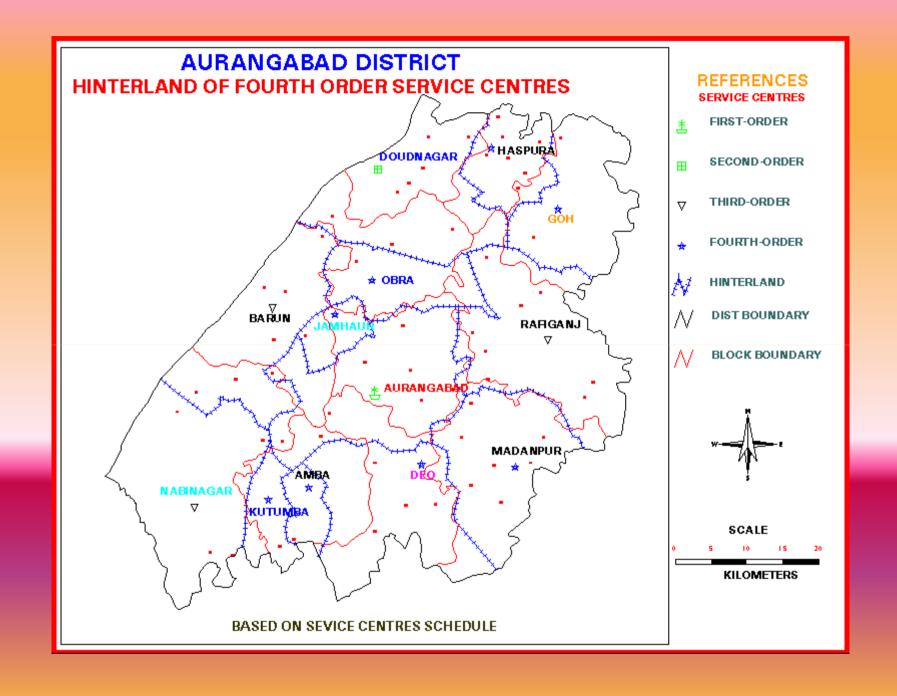
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		Hierarchy Level			
Order of hierarch		Centrality index value	Number of centre places	Name of central places	
1st order	Growth centre	>7	1	Aurangabad	
2nd order	Growth point	,5-7	1	Daudnagar	
3rd order	Service centre	,3-5	3	Barun, Nabinagar,Rafiga nj	
4th order	Rural service centre	,3-1	8	Madanpur, Goh, Haspura, Obra, Jamhaur, Kutumba, Amba	

Village < 1 58 Ketaki, Pauthu, Pawai, Khemda, Siris, Risiap, 5th order service Tanrwa, Kataia, Dihra, Tarar, Ankora, Kara, Baghoi, Kiriawan, Kajpa, Khudwan, centre Deohara, Baligaon, Phag, Charankala, Bhadwa, Poiwan, Riur, Salayia, Ghatrain, Mahuwan, Matpa, Phesar, Samser nagar, Mali, Naugarh, Malhara, Pipra, Bghoi, Sansa, Bharuli, Piru, Sihuli, Gobardhanpur, Kampi, Baluganjbrandi, Khanda, Arathua, Anjhar, Warkhas, Dhanwan, Karma, Barem, Sori, Umga, Nimaajan, Dumra, Teldiha, Baruli, Itwan, Hathiyara, Beshani, Amauna, Ranngar and Pogar.









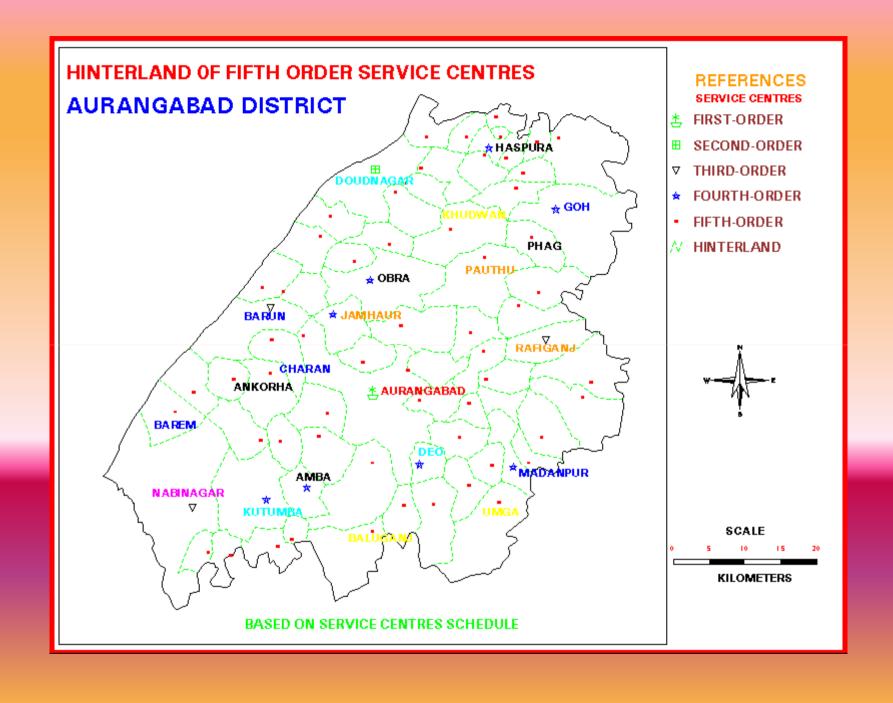


Table no-5

Sr.no	Name of Growth Centres.	Percentage of working population in Secondary & tertiary activities.	Existing Important industrial works	Proposed industrial works.
1.	Doudnagar	64.67	Brass & pottery works, carpet weaving, blanket weaving, lac works, brick klin, stone crushing, cloth weaving, handloom, oil and flour mills, rice mills.	Glass industry, sugar industry, food processing industry, dairy industry, woolen clothes industry e.t.c.
2.	Barun	21.14	Vanaspati ghee ,glass,smokeless fuel,stone crushing,rice clin,oil & flour mills e.t.c.	Iron and steel works,food processing,hush based paper industry,sugar industry e.t.c.
3.	Nabinagar	48.75	Cloth weaving,handloom works,biri making,stone crushing,rice mills,pottery making,basket making,lac works.	Agro-based industries like sugar.food processing,dairy e.t.c. Forest based industries like paper, brick klin,glass industry e.t.c.
4.	Rafiganj	79.33	Cloth weaving,handloom,biri ,stone crushing,pottery making,basket making,lac works.	Food processing,stone chips,dairy industry,cloth industry,readymade garments industry e.t.c.
5.	Madanpur	55.03	Rice & flour mills,brick clean,cloth weaving,blanket weaving,stone crushing,lac works e.t.c.	Food processing,paper industry,lac industry,ready made garments,mat weaving e.t.c.

6.	Goh	41.53	Rice,flour and oil	Food
			mills,stone crushing,biri	processing,packagin
			making,handloom &	g,sugar,glass
			pottery works.	industries e.t.c.
7.	Haspura	73.65	Cloth	Readymade
			weaving,handloom,pottery	garments,dairy,food
			works,brick clin,rice &	processing, hush-
			flour mills e.t.c.	based paper and
				power industries
8.	Obra	71.68	Carpet	Carpet weaving
			weaving,dyeing,cloth	,readymade
			making,blanket	garments,blanket
			weaving,carpet	weaving,dairy &
			weaving,handloom and	food
			powerloom industries e.t.c.	processing, dyeing
				industries, sugar
				industry e.t.c.

9.	Deo	54.01	Blanket	Food processing &dairy industries, cement, carpet
			weaving,handloom &	weaving,textile,readymade
	No.		power loom,brass	garments, fertilizer, tourism industries e.t.c.
			works,earthen	
	Sell A	.T-	tile,pottery making,rice	
100			& flour mills.	
10.	Jamhaur	46.23	Rice and flour mills,	Cement,dairy,carpet weaving,readymade
ar i			handloom &	garments,textile,fertilizer,cardboardindustries e.t.c.
			powerlooms, blanket	
			industry,brick	
			klin,pottery	
			&earthenware.	
11	Kutumba	13.38	Stone	Rice & flour mills,paper & hardboard
1			crushing, cloth, handloom	industries,packing,cork,glass,cement,plywood &
			blanket weaving, rice &	building industries, e.t.c.
		Z Kollis	flour mills.	
12.	Amba	52.57	Carpet & blanket	Furniture, sugar, food
188			weaving,rice,flour,lac	processing.dairy.glass,hardboard,paper,plywood,lac
	0.00		works,wooden	works,glass industries e.t.c.
		76	works, earthen pottery &	
			tile industries e.t.c.	
13.	Pauthu	14.34	Rice & flour	Hush based paper.power,dairy,iron & steel
			mills,sugar,rope	works.food processing,ready made garments
			weaving, earthen tile &	industries e.t.c.
	Seller III		pottery making e.t.c.	

The above study shows that Geoinformatic can play a decisive role in the rural development as it provide better visual shares and query system to reach on certain decision making for the decentralized planning.

