

CHAPTER - 3

The Economy of Saharsa District

3.0 Introduction

Saharsa is one of the thirty-eight districts of Bihar. The area of Saharsa district is 1702 km²/657 sq miles and its population, according to 2001 census was 11, 32,413 as against 18,97,102 according to 2011 census. The density of population was 11, 25 per sq. km. according to the 2011 census.- Saharsa town is the administrative headquarters of this district. Saharsa district is a part of a larger territory, the Kosi Division and it became a district on 1 April 1954 and subsequently has become smaller with other districts being carved form it, most notably Madhepura in 1981.

Saharsa was created on first of april 1954. Formerly it had no independent status and parts of Saharsa were included in the old district of mongyr and Bhagalpur. A large parts of the district in the past was subjected to annual floods and inundation by a host of rivers origination from the Himalayas. The sub tarai was noted for rice cultivation before it was subjected to the vagaries of the unpredictable koshi. The district has been largely influenced

by its geography. Whatever humans of historically important sites that may have been virtually started by the repeated flooding at the koshi during the last half-century or so. With the efforts of some early Europeans however, some important historical objects or landmarks have been preserved in a few places and it is on the basis of these that some kind of a connected account of the early history of the district can be constructed.

Table 3.1: Showing Key Statistics of Saharsa District

Country	India
State	Bihar
Administrative Division	Kosi
Headquarters	Saharsa
Lok Sabha Constituencies	Madhepura
Assembly Constituencies	Sonbarsa, Saharsa, Simri Bakhtiarpur, Mahishi.
Geographical Area	1702 km ² /657 sq miles
Total Population (2011)	1,897,102
Density	1,100/km ² (2,900/sq miles)
Literacy	54.57 %
Sex Ratio	906
Major Highway	NH 107

Table 3.2: Showing Physical Features Of Bihar

Latitude	24°-20'-10" to 27°-31'-15" North
Longitude	83°-19'-50" to 88°-17'-40" East
Rural Area	92358.40 sq. kms
Urban Area	1804.60 sq. kms
Total Area	94,163.00 sq. kms
Height above Sea-Level	173 Feet
Normal Rainfall	1176.4 mm
Temperature Varies	from a maximum of 44°C in Summer to a minimum of around 5°C in the Winters

3.1 Geography

Saharsa district occupies an area of 1702 km²/657 sq miles comparatively equivalent to Russia's Bering Island. Saharsa district is surrounded on the west by the river Kosi, Koshi boasts an abundance of fish and makhana. Saharsa is famous for its varieties of Mango's and Summer Berry known as Litchi.

3.2. Economy

In 2006 the Ministry of Panchayati Raj named Saharsa one of the country's 250 most backward districts (out of a total of 640). It is one of the 36 districts in Bihar currently receiving funds from the Backward Regions Grant Fund Programme (BRGF).

3.3. Demographical Profile

Saharsa district comprises the two Sub-Divisions: Saharsa Sadar and Simri Bakhtiarpur. According to the 2011 census, Saharsa district has a population of 1,897,102, roughly equal to the nation of Lesotho or the US state of West Virginia. This gives it a ranking of 247th in India (out of 640). The district has a population density of 1,125 inhabitants per square kilometer (2,910/sq mi). Its population growth rate over the decade 2001–2011 was 25.79%. Saharsa has a sex ratio of 906 females for every 1000 males, and a literacy rate of 54.57%.

Table 3.3: Showing Population Profile of Saharsa District

Total Urban Population	124015
Total Rural Population	1382403
Total Male	788585

Total Female	788585
Total Population	1,897,102

Source: Census of India, 2011

Table 3.4: Showing Saharsa District Profile as administrative setup

No. of Subdivision	02
No. of Blocks	10
No. of Circles	10
No. of Blocks of Saharsa Subdivision	07
No. of Blocks of Simri Bakhtiyarpur Subdivision	03
No. of Circles under Simri Bakhtiyarpur Subdivision	03
No. of Circles under Saharsa Subdivision	07

Table 3.5: Showing Saharsa District Profile as CD Block-wise

Blocks under Saharsa Sadar Subdivision	Blocks under Simri Bakhtiyarpur Subdivision
Kahra Block	Simribakhtiyarpur
Sattar Kattaiya	Salkhua
Sour Bazar	Banma Etahari
Patarghat	
Mahishi	
Sonbarsa	
Nauhatta	

Table 3.6: Showing CD Blockwise Area, No. of Households and Total Population

S. No.	Name of CD Blocks	Area (in Hactares)	No. of Households	Total Population
01	Nauhatta	16988.66	33453	161784
02	Sattar Kataiya	14019.37	28710	151060
03	Mahishi	22296.44	40046	206774
04	Kahara	12391.00	28391	141805
05	Saur Bazar	18851.67	40272	214166

06	Patarghat	11865.54	26842	128322
07	Sonbarsa	21050.06	46386	235841
08	Simri Bakhtiyarpur	21384.46	53367	280582
09	Salkhua	17663.38	24785	132844
10	Banma Itahari	7519.48	17865	90943

Source: Based on Census of India 2011

Table 3.7: Village-wise Total Urban Rural Population of Saharsa

S. No.	Block/Vil l. Level	Name of Block/Vill.	Total Rural/Urban	Total House hold	Total Population	Total Male	Total Female
01	District	Saharsa	Total	368979	1900661	997174	903487
02	District	Saharsa	Rural	340117	1744121	913883	830238
03	District	Saharsa	Urban	28862	156540	83291	73249
04	Block	Nauhatta	Total	33453	161784	84347	77437
05	Block	Nauhatta	Rural	33453	161784	84347	77437
06	Block	Nauhatta	Urban	0	0	0	0
07	Village	Deoka	Rural	430	2225	1119	1106
08	Village	Kaithwar	Rural	301	1258	667	591
09	Village	Murlipur	Rural	448	2440	1308	1132
10	Village	Kaliali	Rural	109	448	241	207
11	Village	Hati	Rural	301	1263	687	576
12	Village	Kathwar Arazi	Rural	273	1344	718	626
13	Village	Barahi	Rural	445	2097	1062	1035
14	Village	Kasimpur	Rural	497	2494	1309	1185
15	Village	Panduba	Rural	262	1245	636	609
16	Village	Dumra	Rural	468	2382	1237	1145
17	Village	Parkhotimpur	Rural	260	1572	815	757
18	Village	Kadli Patti	Rural	922	4272	2211	2061
19	Village	Tikpuli Chak Khuti Badh	Rural	205	1037	530	507
20	Village	Balugaon Urf Chhatra	Rural	41	189	94	95

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21	Village	Dharampur	Rural	236	1164	634	530
22	Village	Hempur	Rural	361	1780	932	848
23	Village	Bargaon	Rural	278	1429	748	681
24	Village	Bargaon Arazi	Rural	145	610	336	274
25	Village	Nauhatta	Rural	5043	25347	13124	12223
26	Village	Asnahi Patti	Rural	382	1929	1002	927
27	Village	Rampur	Rural	349	1703	869	834
28	Village	Bariari	Rural	268	1362	722	640
29	Village	Partaha	Rural	419	2373	1213	1160
30	Village	Bakaunia	Rural	1665	8555	4419	4136
31	Village	Barhara	Rural	834	4009	2064	1945
32	Village	Mahua	Rural	104	523	273	250
33	Village	Chhataun	Rural	287	1393	730	663
34	Village	Paliarpur	Rural	425	1984	1038	946
35	Village	Mojuaul	Rural	706	3698	1919	1779
36	Village	Shahpur	Rural	961	4906	2615	2291
37	Village	Gobindpur	Rural	191	964	496	468
38	Village	Darhar	Rural	1637	7484	3860	3624
39	Village	Bhelahi	Rural	341	1563	799	764
40	Village	Garhia Lohir	Rural	274	1419	754	665
41	Village	Bhakua	Rural	255	1076	569	507
42	Village	Mohammadpur	Rural	150	697	376	321
43	Village	Garhia	Rural	392	1855	964	891
44	Village	Kumhrauli	Rural	348	1552	787	765
45	Village	Mohanpur	Rural	644	2923	1490	1433
46	Village	Kharhatelwa	Rural	1452	6720	3455	3265
47	Village	Aunira Ramauli	Rural	1215	5523	2848	2675
48	Village	Enaetpur	Rural	366	1452	769	683
49	Village	Dharhara	Rural	408	2064	1058	1006
50	Village	Baksuar	Rural	137	625	338	287
51	Village	Murajpur	Rural	1704	7961	4122	3839
52	Village	Chandrain	Rural	1297	6754	3550	3204
53	Village	Ekarh	Rural	864	3505	1852	1653
54	Village	Rasulpur	Rural	547	2649	1452	1197
55	Village	Naula	Rural	939	3958	2098	1860

56	Village	Birjain	Rural	230	1136	590	546
57	Village	Narga	Rural	77	345	189	156
58	Village	Narainpur	Rural	641	3335	1758	1577
59	Village	Lalpur	Rural	671	2763	1472	1291
60	Village	Sataur	Rural	1248	6430	3429	3001
61	Block	Satar Kataiya	Total	28710	151060	79332	71728
62	Block	Satar Kataiya	Rural	28710	151060	79332	71728
63	Block	Satar Kataiya	Urban	0	0	0	0
64	Village	Dahaha Badh	Rural	103	635	346	289
65	Village	Kharik Badh	Rural	13	107	53	54
66	Village	Bara	Rural	2037	10157	5384	4773
67	Village	Rohua Arazi	Rural	64	324	177	147
68	Village	Sadhua Badh	Rural	12	56	30	26
69	Village	Sihaul	Rural	2197	11143	5857	5286
70	Village	Gangaura Behra	Rural	1824	9295	4839	4456
71	Village	Laukahi	Rural	550	2680	1398	1282
72	Village	Lachhminia	Rural	407	2435	1265	1170
73	Village	Bishunpur	Rural	828	4628	2428	2200
74	Village	Patori	Rural	2336	11586	6015	5571
75	Village	Pachgachhia	Rural	1529	8240	4396	3844
76	Village	Gandaul	Rural	476	2425	1273	1152
77	Village	Chinwari	Rural	14	54	28	26
78	Village	Barahser	Rural	757	3724	1935	1789
79	Village	Matiari Badh	Rural	38	207	100	107
80	Village	Bela	Rural	730	3615	1895	1720
81	Village	Tuniahi	Rural	236	1058	553	505
82	Village	Purikh	Rural	1485	6999	3686	3313
83	Village	Pipra	Rural	126	694	361	333
84	Village	Panidaha	Rural	110	815	449	366
85	Village	Makuna	Rural	650	3684	1922	1762
86	Village	Rakeapatti	Rural	1066	5690	2991	2699
87	Village	Bijalpur	Rural	963	5059	2621	2438
88	Village	Padumpur	Rural	1199	6610	3511	3099
89	Village	Sattar	Rural	2367	12995	6849	6146
90	Village	Ukahi	Rural	969	5011	2649	2362

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91	Village	Nandlali	Rural	799	4382	2300	2082
92	Village	Aran	Rural	637	3769	1918	1851
93	Village	Baghi Urf Bhaluasukhasan	Rural	767	4160	2197	1963
94	Village	Gobargarha Urf Jarsain	Rural	717	3917	2036	1881
95	Village	Sisai	Rural	548	2732	1493	1239
96	Village	Itahri	Rural	10	72	38	34
97	Village	Agwanpur	Rural	411	2457	1280	1177
98	Village	Shahpur	Rural	778	4284	2258	2026
99	Village	Hasa Hakpur	Rural	476	2720	1417	1303
100	Village	Baijnathpur	Rural	481	2641	1384	1257
101	Block	Mahishi	Total	40046	206774	108437	98337
102	Block	Mahishi	Rural	40046	206774	108437	98337
103	Block	Mahishi	Urban	0	0	0	0
104	Village	Pokharbhinda	Rural	179	787	409	378
105	Village	Dhor	Rural	47	227	117	110
106	Village	Telhar	Rural	941	4880	2533	2347
107	Village	Telbadha	Rural	66	305	163	142
108	Village	Sarauni	Rural	669	3341	1770	1571
109	Village	Kundali	Rural	426	2659	1384	1275
110	Village	Balia	Rural	198	1272	682	590
111	Village	Kargaon	Rural	47	252	128	124
112	Village	Bhelahi Kalan Khurd	Rural	1810	9463	4874	4589
113	Village	Birgaon	Rural	1333	5726	2994	2732
114	Village	Chatania	Rural	228	1094	569	525
115	Village	Tarhi	Rural	199	804	441	363
116	Village	Amahi	Rural	237	1298	685	613
117	Village	Bahrampur	Rural	180	798	452	346
118	Village	Garaul	Rural	1001	4950	2603	2347
119	Village	Jalai	Rural	1299	6722	3479	3243
120	Village	Manaur	Rural	1268	6494	3421	3073

121	Village	Sonkurthua	Rural	229	1276	688	588
122	Village	Sahorwa	Rural	133	620	317	303
123	Village	Panchbhinda	Rural	342	1685	904	781
124	Village	Samani	Rural	572	2824	1464	1360
125	Village	Bhanthi	Rural	245	1220	638	582
126	Village	Nawada	Rural	608	3220	1695	1525
127	Village	Dumri	Rural	58	318	171	147
128	Village	Supaul	Rural	60	271	148	123
129	Village	Baghwa Hat Abad	Rural	663	3299	1765	1534
130	Village	Dhapari	Rural	176	1073	583	490
131	Village	Telwa	Rural	3037	15251	7885	7366
132	Village	Ara	Rural	1510	8025	4132	3893
133	Village	Thanwar	Rural	758	3993	2057	1936
134	Village	Paranpur	Rural	191	894	461	433
135	Village	Semar	Rural	444	2349	1259	1090
136	Village	Nonia	Rural	109	592	313	279
137	Village	Mahesraho	Rural	708	3941	2030	1911
138	Village	Parewa	Rural	42	202	106	96
139	Village	Lohaur	Rural	518	2680	1413	1267
140	Village	Pastwar	Rural	606	3032	1591	1441
141	Village	Sapaita	Rural	247	1487	801	686
142	Village	Dhor	Rural	163	861	454	407
143	Village	Bharwar	Rural	256	1532	817	715
144	Village	Kandaha	Rural	275	1633	880	753
145	Village	Jhitki	Rural	436	2754	1416	1338
146	Village	Kodwa	Rural	46	198	99	99
147	Village	Nagar	Rural	46	203	105	98
148	Village	Khairaha	Rural	753	3954	2040	1914
149	Village	Teghra	Rural	295	1717	909	808
150	Village	Mahisi	Rural	3842	19073	10038	9035
151	Village	Jalkaur	Rural	36	187	94	93
152	Village	Aksaur	Rural	89	392	195	197
153	Village	Baghwa	Rural	240	1151	613	538
154	Village	Naharwa	Rural	839	4056	2153	1903
155	Village	Maina	Rural	342	1771	983	788

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156	Village	Maina Arazi	Rural	26	100	57	43
157	Village	Baghaud	Rural	258	1336	688	648
158	Village	Baghaud	Rural	322	1692	938	754
159	Village	Aina Sohagpur	Rural	203	1088	567	521
160	Village	Aina	Rural	1143	6008	3154	2854
161	Village	Mangrauni	Rural	320	1713	882	831
162	Village	Karhara	Rural	401	2151	1128	1023
163	Village	Ghoghpur	Rural	1618	8377	4375	4002
164	Village	Jhara	Rural	1117	5682	3010	2672
165	Village	Sisauna	Rural	306	1694	895	799
166	Village	Bihna	Rural	510	2553	1362	1191
167	Village	Rakhti	Rural	276	1318	703	615
168	Village	Dharampur	Rural	603	3083	1621	1462
169	Village	Dhanauj	Rural	116	636	355	281
170	Village	Rajhanpur	Rural	1591	8261	4320	3941
171	Village	Birwar	Rural	295	1634	856	778
172	Village	Sirwar	Rural	680	3788	1997	1791
173	Village	Gamrahu	Rural	349	1979	1039	940
174	Village	Nakauch	Rural	180	1030	546	484
175	Village	Gangauni	Rural	228	1219	656	563
176	Village	Bijwar	Rural	462	2626	1367	1259
177	Block	Kahara	Total	57253	298345	157515	140830
178	Block	Kahara	Rural	28391	141805	74224	67581
179	Block	Kahara	Urban	28862	156540	83291	73249
180	Village	Balhapatti Arazi	Rural	245	1524	784	740
181	Village	Kandaha	Rural	39	214	119	95
182	Village	Murli	Rural	1029	4750	2524	2226
183	Village	Bhuswarh Dih	Rural	423	2228	1178	1050
184	Village	Rohua	Rural	518	2722	1480	1242
185	Village	Tulsiahipatti	Rural	477	2166	1108	1058
186	Village	Chainpur Uttar Khand	Rural	1712	8144	4236	3908
187	Village	Parari	Rural	965	4591	2412	2179
188	Village	Bangaon	Rural	6244	30061	15676	14385

189	Village	Garahiapatti	Rural	529	2472	1292	1180
190	Village	Balhapatti	Rural	821	4039	2109	1930
191	Village	Deona Gopal	Rural	128	632	339	293
192	Village	Patuwaha	Rural	1062	5493	2878	2615
193	Village	Nariar	Rural	1873	9650	5031	4619
194	Village	Rohuamon	Rural	597	3192	1707	1485
195	Village	Bariahi	Rural	807	4177	2166	2011
196	Village	Dighia	Rural	692	3676	1897	1779
197	Village	Siradipatti	Rural	570	3369	1755	1614
198	Village	Kahra	Rural	807	4093	2121	1972
199	Village	Solindabad	Rural	2115	10459	5469	4990
200	Village	Deojaji	Rural	93	502	250	252
201	Village	Parwania	Rural	364	1715	878	837
202	Village	Parwania	Rural	118	546	272	274
203	Village	Dewari	Rural	493	2551	1356	1195
204	Village	Basauna	Rural	657	3269	1698	1571
205	Village	Dholi	Rural	425	2212	1130	1082
206	Village	Dhagjari	Rural	591	3016	1613	1403
207	Village	Bharauli	Rural	427	1905	1044	861
208	Village	Bishunpur	Rural	206	1041	563	478
209	Village	Mohanpur	Rural	506	2850	1515	1335
210	Village	Baluaha	Rural	268	1506	785	721
211	Village	Amarpur	Rural	606	2973	1539	1434
212	Village	Amarpur	Rural	621	3150	1667	1483
213	Village	Bishunpur	Rural	380	1750	900	850
214	Village	Kharagpur	Rural	447	2430	1283	1147
215	Village	Kharagpur	Rural	304	1536	809	727
216	Village	Harpur	Rural	232	1201	641	560
217	Town	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad)	Urban	28862	156540	83291	73249
218	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO. 1	Urban	431	2644	1697	947

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219	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO. 2	Urban	902	4789	2579	2210
220	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO. 3	Urban	1059	5646	2963	2683
221	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.-4	Urban	651	3500	1848	1652
222	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.-5	Urban	764	3969	2149	1820
223	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.-6	Urban	827	4396	2337	2059
223	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.-7	Urban	644	3658	1928	1730
224	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.-8	Urban	885	4828	2536	2292
225	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.-9	Urban	747	3765	1984	1781
226	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.10	Urban	588	3039	1613	1426
227	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.11	Urban	739	3783	2009	1774
228	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.12	Urban	496	2462	1361	1101
229	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD No.13	Urban	792	3940	2112	1828

230	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.14	Urban	791	4192	2248	1944
231	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.15	Urban	1038	5727	3058	2669
232	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.16	Urban	987	5025	2695	2330
233	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.17	Urban	921	4698	2525	2173
234	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.18	Urban	454	2344	1248	1096
235	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.19	Urban	890	4491	2389	2102
236	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.20	Urban	404	2301	1196	1105
237	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.21	Urban	567	3317	1735	1582
238	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.22	Urban	777	4351	2303	2048
239	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.23	Urban	491	2362	1296	1066
240	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.24	Urban	598	3174	1704	1470
241	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.25	Urban	687	3717	1975	1742

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242	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.26	Urban	887	5255	2779	2476
243	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.27	Urban	473	2352	1232	1120
244	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.28	Urban	510	2682	1476	1206
245	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.29	Urban	496	2527	1343	1184
246	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.30	Urban	617	3176	1691	1485
247	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.31	Urban	1042	5577	2966	2611
248	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.32	Urban	656	3497	1834	1663
249	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.33	Urban	754	4299	2245	2054
250	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.34	Urban	409	2122	1127	995
251	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.35	Urban	724	4600	2437	2163
252	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.36	Urban	264	1281	679	602
253	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.37	Urban	637	3686	1924	1762

254	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.38	Urban	876	6175	3174	3001
255	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.39	Urban	974	5040	2679	2361
256	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.40	Urban	576	3448	1747	1701
257	Ward	Saharsa (Nagar Parishad) WARD NO.41	Urban	837	4705	2470	2235
258	Block	Saur Bazar	Total	40272	214166	111963	102203
259	Block	Saur Bazar	Rural	40272	214166	111963	102203
260	Block	Saur Bazar	Urban	0	0	0	0
261	Village	Bhagwanpur	Rural	90	562	304	258
262	Village	Bancholha	Rural	317	1549	828	721
263	Village	Bhagwanpur	Rural	90	477	245	232
264	Village	Khajuri	Rural	2127	11177	5864	5313
265	Village	Gamharia	Rural	2126	11609	6037	5572
266	Village	Baijnathpur	Rural	991	5148	2686	2462
267	Village	Baijnathpur	Rural	793	4138	2147	1991
268	Village	Tiri	Rural	1790	9395	4990	4405
269	Village	Lachhminia	Rural	748	3987	2081	1906
270	Village	Barahi	Rural	579	2982	1584	1398
271	Village	Sahuria	Rural	2015	10934	5673	5261
272	Village	Silet	Rural	1264	6940	3625	3315
273	Village	Raghunathpur	Rural	257	1162	618	544
274	Village	Raghunathpur	Rural	261	1322	704	618
275	Village	Kachradaun	Rural	123	619	318	301
276	Village	Bhulia	Rural	101	489	237	252
277	Village	Bhulia	Rural	57	245	125	120
278	Village	Hanuman Nagar Chakla	Rural	291	1415	738	677

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279	Village	Kachradaun	Rural	237	1270	675	595
280	Village	Jiwachhpur Purwari	Rural	132	674	358	316
281	Village	Jiwachhpur Pachhiari Patti	Rural	97	482	260	222
282	Village	Garhia	Rural	269	1487	764	723
283	Village	Ajgaiba	Rural	342	1885	949	936
284	Village	Bhawanipur	Rural	263	1441	763	678
285	Village	Saur	Rural	759	4220	2149	2071
286	Village	Saur Bazar	Rural	832	4577	2406	2171
287	Village	Chanaur	Rural	4047	22436	11792	10644
288	Village	Dham Sena	Rural	435	2085	1099	986
289	Village	Dham Sena	Rural	456	2592	1326	1266
290	Village	Sahuria	Rural	526	2932	1486	1446
291	Village	Bakhri	Rural	1010	5590	2954	2636
292	Village	Madhura	Rural	1117	6012	3126	2886
293	Village	Nado	Rural	1550	8084	4258	3826
294	Village	Barsamkhopatti	Rural	276	1520	837	683
295	Village	Bhada	Rural	340	1725	904	821
296	Village	Barsam	Rural	529	2524	1322	1202
297	Village	Chikni Uttarwari	Rural	201	949	471	478
298	Village	Chikni Darmeani	Rural	226	1302	695	607
299	Village	Chikni Dakhinwari	Rural	138	804	423	381
300	Village	Kabela	Rural	310	1666	915	751
301	Village	Kabela Chak	Rural	303	1594	808	786
302	Village	Rohua	Rural	195	908	478	430
303	Village	Rohua	Rural	24	116	63	53
304	Village	Rampur	Rural	832	4168	2210	1958
305	Village	Indarwa	Rural	436	2338	1242	1096
306	Village	Bansi Rauta	Rural	426	2281	1172	1109
307	Village	Rauta Khem	Rural	818	3975	2073	1902
308	Village	Bhabtia	Rural	1072	5893	3115	2778
309	Village	Suhath	Rural	1437	7965	4165	3800
310	Village	Phursaha	Rural	648	3317	1690	1627

311	Village	Kachra	Rural	604	2928	1545	1383
312	Village	Kachra	Rural	626	3575	1858	1717
313	Village	Chakla	Rural	116	606	322	284
314	Village	Karahia	Rural	896	4664	2477	2187
315	Village	Kanp	Rural	3727	19431	10009	9422
316	Block	Patarghat	Total	26842	128322	67197	61125
317	Block	Patarghat	Rural	26842	128322	67197	61125
318	Block	Patarghat	Urban	0	0	0	0
319	Village	Gulam	Rural	5380	24969	13110	11859
320	Village	Bishunpur	Rural	1417	6590	3472	3118
321	Village	Dhabauli	Rural	5605	25782	13451	12331
322	Village	Kapasia	Rural	1073	4758	2492	2266
323	Village	Patarghat	Rural	1770	8297	4340	3957
324	Village	Lachhmipur	Rural	538	2474	1281	1193
325	Village	Jamhra	Rural	1959	9421	4959	4462
326	Village	Bhaddi	Rural	1013	5099	2745	2354
327	Village	Kishunpur	Rural	1992	10362	5432	4930
328	Village	Pama	Rural	2296	11131	5785	5346
329	Village	Paharpur	Rural	660	3205	1705	1500
330	Village	Bara Singhia	Rural	206	954	493	461
331	Village	Jirwa	Rural	576	2972	1542	1430
332	Village	Sahgaura	Rural	29	158	83	75
333	Village	Pastpar	Rural	2328	12150	6307	5843
334	Block	Sonbarsa	Total	46386	235841	123078	112763
335	Block	Sonbarsa	Rural	46386	235841	123078	112763
336	Block	Sonbarsa	Urban	0	0	0	0
337	Village	Lagma	Rural	628	2700	1433	1267
338	Village	Lagma Patti	Rural	227	1024	539	485
339	Village	Shahpur	Rural	1609	7579	3909	3670
340	Village	Dumra	Rural	485	2705	1439	1266
341	Village	Sirrahi	Rural	405	2171	1135	1036
342	Village	Goalpura	Rural	443	2175	1143	1032
343	Village	Harpur	Rural	413	2193	1152	1041

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344	Village	Sahmaura	Rural	470	2578	1386	1192
345	Village	Soha	Rural	1683	7731	4046	3685
346	Village	Manori	Rural	812	3824	2013	1811
347	Village	Sonbarsa	Rural	2317	12297	6422	5875
348	Village	Dahad	Rural	1002	4996	2494	2502
349	Village	Padumpur	Rural	202	1069	545	524
350	Village	Maina	Rural	755	4167	2170	1997
351	Village	Fatehpur	Rural	465	2608	1372	1236
352	Village	Pararia	Rural	1456	7705	4039	3666
353	Village	Behta	Rural	865	4852	2425	2427
354	Village	Sahsaul	Rural	2374	11415	5860	5555
355	Village	Agma	Rural	388	2058	1045	1013
356	Village	Nanauti	Rural	1403	6983	3616	3367
357	Village	Jamhra	Rural	452	2001	1054	947
358	Village	Gazi Paita	Rural	410	1768	950	818
359	Village	Baisa	Rural	71	317	158	159
360	Village	Bhada	Rural	682	3323	1715	1608
361	Village	Jalsiman	Rural	248	1064	573	491
362	Village	Paita	Rural	890	3908	2057	1851
363	Village	Rakhauta	Rural	530	2599	1363	1236
364	Village	Khasurha	Rural	1690	8291	4358	3933
365	Village	Bhaura	Rural	552	3111	1647	1464
366	Village	Amirta	Rural	820	4722	2498	2224
367	Village	Baraith	Rural	1104	6067	3233	2834
368	Village	Atlakha	Rural	1031	5056	2663	2393
369	Village	Manguar	Rural	854	4606	2458	2148
370	Village	Durgapur	Rural	670	3315	1722	1593
371	Village	Mokma	Rural	1101	5959	3084	2875
372	Village	Pachlakh	Rural	674	3365	1783	1582
373	Village	Kolhait	Rural	150	830	440	390
374	Village	Barsam	Rural	1023	5089	2684	2405
375	Village	Bargaon	Rural	1647	7857	4151	3706
376	Village	Goari	Rural	312	1485	776	709
377	Village	Balia Ekduari	Rural	470	2585	1302	1283
378	Village	Baitha Masahri	Rural	771	4452	2334	2118

379	Village	Malandh Pattiuttarwari	Rural	434	2363	1208	1155
380	Village	Belhat	Rural	593	3194	1667	1527
381	Village	Jhitkia Bhela	Rural	352	1765	888	877
382	Village	Sarauni Madhepura	Rural	678	3386	1779	1607
383	Village	Mahua Patti Uttarwari	Rural	803	4219	2242	1977
384	Village	Malaud Patti	Rural	82	504	253	251
385	Village	Mahua Patti Dakhin Wari	Rural	840	4649	2408	2241
386	Village	Raghunathpur	Rural	1367	7000	3632	3368
387	Village	Paman	Rural	556	2839	1422	1417
388	Village	Gonram	Rural	987	4783	2549	2234
389	Village	Pacharhi	Rural	394	2058	1051	1007
390	Village	Bhasti	Rural	865	4504	2335	2169
391	Village	Kasnagar	Rural	1420	6953	3684	3269
392	Village	Barahi	Rural	912	4768	2549	2219
393	Village	Kopa	Rural	832	4421	2250	2171
394	Village	Maura	Rural	364	2017	1050	967
395	Village	Basnahi	Rural	353	1818	925	893
396	Cdblock	Simri Bakhtiarpur	Total	53367	280582	147626	132956
397	Cdblock	Simri Bakhtiarpur	Rural	53367	280582	147626	132956
398	Cdblock	Simri Bakhtiarpur	Urban	0	0	0	0
399	Village	Balhi	Rural	221	1244	663	581
400	Village	Barsam	Rural	523	2533	1332	1201
401	Village	Bhagwanpur	Rural	180	926	457	469
402	Village	Khajuri	Rural	881	4566	2388	2178
403	Village	Motihani	Rural	299	1589	857	732
404	Village	Sisauni	Rural	226	1415	733	682
405	Village	Madanpur	Rural	442	2454	1287	1167
406	Village	Teghra	Rural	279	1314	693	621
407	Village	Mohanpur	Rural	1343	6910	3611	3299

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408	Village	Sarauja Thana Sitanabad	Rural	4509	23984	12635	11349
409	Village	Saraunja	Rural	1874	9289	4937	4352
410	Village	Hario	Rural	419	2491	1289	1202
411	Village	Shankarpur	Rural	551	2772	1431	1341
412	Village	Kantho	Rural	817	4031	2069	1962
413	Village	Chapram	Rural	588	3036	1590	1446
414	Village	Baghwa	Rural	1258	4960	2698	2262
415	Village	Manjhwa	Rural	410	2293	1205	1088
416	Village	Gopalpur	Rural	232	1058	537	521
417	Village	Paharpur	Rural	1613	8873	4745	4128
418	Village	Tilanthi	Rural	507	3045	1620	1425
419	Village	Ghoghsan	Rural	857	4365	2320	2045
420	Village	Sukhasan	Rural	287	1706	934	772
421	Village	Katholumar	Rural	1112	6621	3589	3032
422	Village	Agar	Rural	1110	6182	3235	2947
423	Village	Belwara	Rural	2592	13581	7254	6327
424	Village	Bhagdewa	Rural	550	2718	1461	1257
425	Village	Baidi	Rural	229	1102	591	511
426	Village	Aini	Rural	325	1543	824	719
427	Village	Mahammad Pur	Rural	630	3806	2037	1769
428	Village	Bhotia	Rural	402	2316	1213	1103
429	Village	Rampur	Rural	1154	5675	2929	2746
430	Village	Dhanupra	Rural	2433	12993	6858	6135
431	Village	Khamauti	Rural	1172	6427	3240	3187
432	Village	Bakhtiarapur	Rural	4995	27282	14284	12998
433	Village	Madhuban	Rural	467	2383	1213	1170
434	Village	Bhauara	Rural	728	3916	2063	1853
435	Village	Ashraf Chak	Rural	358	1968	998	970
436	Village	Raipura	Rural	849	4743	2504	2239
437	Village	Sardiha	Rural	797	3569	1946	1623
438	Village	Kusmi	Rural	314	1564	861	703
439	Village	Sonpura	Rural	632	3630	1924	1706
440	Village	Basatpur	Rural	655	3416	1772	1644
441	Village	Khoju Chak	Rural	455	2354	1239	1115

442	Village	Naltigarh	Rural	148	648	357	291
443	Village	Balhampur	Rural	722	3803	1992	1811
444	Village	Bindpur	Rural	260	1223	598	625
445	Village	Balthi	Rural	712	3554	1882	1672
446	Village	Bhorha	Rural	366	1884	1021	863
447	Village	Mahkhar	Rural	1859	9270	4787	4483
448	Village	Simri	Rural	2260	12704	6645	6059
449	Village	Chak Bharo	Rural	1092	5274	2763	2511
450	Village	Lagma	Rural	530	2985	1570	1415
451	Village	Turki	Rural	482	2359	1225	1134
452	Village	Tariawan	Rural	1641	8217	4286	3931
453	Village	Hamidpur	Rural	873	4620	2452	2168
454	Village	Nainpur	Rural	172	907	464	443
455	Village	Paharpur	Rural	833	4273	2285	1988
456	Village	Bhatauni	Rural	1142	6218	3233	2985
457	Cd Block	Salkhua	Total	24785	132844	69953	62891
458	Cd Block	Salkhua	Rural	24785	132844	69953	62891
459	Cd Block	Salkhua	Urban	0	0	0	0
460	Village	Kathghara	Rural	394	2160	1128	1032
461	Village	Khochardewa	Rural	524	2872	1500	1372
462	Village	Chanan	Rural	744	3958	2094	1864
463	Village	Kabira	Rural	2106	12790	6762	6028
464	Village	Sahoria	Rural	124	641	341	300
465	Village	Chiraia	Rural	954	5254	2790	2464
466	Village	Bhirkhi	Rural	252	1444	775	669
467	Village	Khajur Bana	Rural	102	590	315	275
468	Village	Sauthi	Rural	184	1248	671	577
469	Village	Kabirpur	Rural	343	1784	912	872
470	Village	Baldehi	Rural	52	170	108	62
471	Village	Tajpur	Rural	81	408	228	180
472	Village	Banganwan	Rural	188	1033	524	509
473	Village	Raingnian	Rural	257	1634	837	797
474	Village	Alani	Rural	1111	6485	3437	3048
475	Village	Sahuria	Rural	715	4003	2110	1893
476	Village	Basahi	Rural	207	1351	702	649

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477	Village	Shahganwan	Rural	386	2019	1074	945
478	Village	Gaurdah	Rural	1768	9117	4819	4298
479	Village	Kamra	Rural	267	1564	844	720
480	Village	Gauri	Rural	386	1919	1044	875
481	Village	Bhelwa	Rural	473	2235	1155	1080
482	Village	Harewa	Rural	1649	7941	4076	3865
483	Village	Gauspur	Rural	829	4501	2368	2133
484	Village	Gurganwan	Rural	747	3867	2023	1844
485	Village	Puraini	Rural	378	1921	1018	903
486	Village	Mamarkha(Mobarakpur)	Rural	859	4150	2243	1907
487	Village	Salkhua	Rural	1600	8987	4724	4263
488	Village	Situahi	Rural	932	4554	2379	2175
489	Village	Utesra	Rural	1508	8251	4297	3954
490	Village	Kotwalia	Rural	790	4435	2357	2078
491	Village	Chhachhua	Rural	294	1703	885	818
492	Village	Samhar Khurd	Rural	424	2172	1176	996
493	Village	Samhar Kalan	Rural	177	874	468	406
494	Village	Kuchaut	Rural	275	1331	692	639
495	Village	Sahsaili Thuthi	Rural	1	8	4	4
496	Village	Koparia	Rural	1191	6056	3218	2838
497	Village	Haransari	Rural	1039	4939	2566	2373
498	Village	Bankatti	Rural	474	2475	1289	1186
499	Cdblock	Banma Itahri	Total	17865	90943	47726	43217
500	Cdblock	Banma Itahri	Rural	17865	90943	47726	43217
501	Cdblock	Banma Itahri	Urban	0	0	0	0
502	Village	Ghordaur	Rural	2576	12550	6610	5940
503	Village	Kasimpur	Rural	718	3633	1854	1779
504	Village	Sarbela	Rural	1347	6702	3500	3202
505	Village	Kusmhi	Rural	615	3413	1772	1641
506	Village	Maharas	Rural	864	4469	2307	2162
507	Village	Murli	Rural	830	4585	2382	2203
508	Village	Shamsuddinpur	Rural	187	894	478	416
509	Village	Khorasan	Rural	926	4847	2530	2317

510	Village	Deokal	Rural	8	41	21	20
511	Village	Rasalpur	Rural	1086	5775	3058	2717
512	Village	Lalpur	Rural	874	4458	2354	2104
513	Village	Badshah Nagar	Rural	357	1767	919	848
514	Village	Jamal Nagar	Rural	1480	6915	3667	3248
515	Village	Itahri	Rural	1343	6659	3474	3185
516	Village	Afzalpur	Rural	867	4533	2419	2114
517	Village	Hath Mandal	Rural	883	4655	2482	2173
518	Village	Sahuria	Rural	1374	7339	3863	3476
519	Village	Sugma	Rural	1530	7708	4036	3672

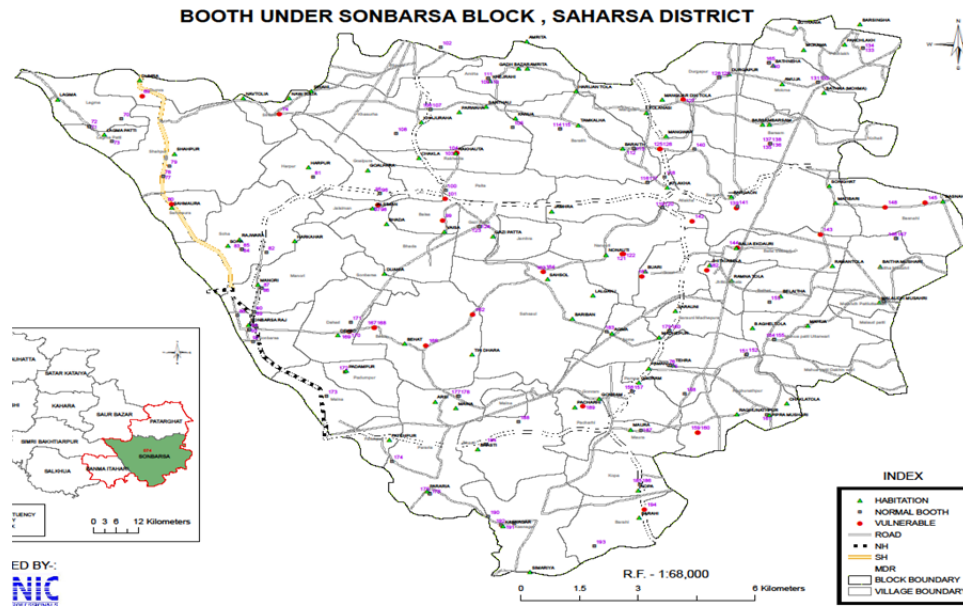
Source: Based on Census of India 2011

3.4. About Sonbarsa Block

Sonbarsa is a Block in Saharsa District of Bihar State, India. Sonbarsa Block Head Quarters is Sonbarsa town. It belongs to Kosi Division. It is located 26 KM towards South from District headquarters Saharsa. Banma Itahari Block bound Sonbarsa Block towards west, Salkhua Block towards west, Simri Bakhtiarapur Block towards west, Patarghat Block towards North. Sonbarsa consist of 119 Villages and 21 Panchayats. Kolhait is the smallest Village and Sonbarsa is the biggest Village. It is in the 42 m elevation (altitude). This Place is in the border of the Saharsa District and Khagaria District. Khagaria District Beldaur is South towards this place. Also it is in the Border of other district.

Maithili is the Local Language here. Also People Speaks Hindi, Urdu, Angika, English. Total population of Sonbarsa Block is 176,546 living in 31,894 Houses, Spread across total 119 villages and 21 panchayats. Males

are 91,952 and Females are 84,594. It is Hot in summer. Sonbarsa summer highest day temperature is in between 29 ° C to 44° C. Average temperatures of January is 15 ° C, February is 20 ° C, March is 27 ° C, April is 32 ° C, May is 34 ° C. There is no railway station near to Sonbarsa Block in less than 10 km. Saharsa, Madhepura are the nearby by towns to Sonbarsa having road connectivity to Sonbarsa.

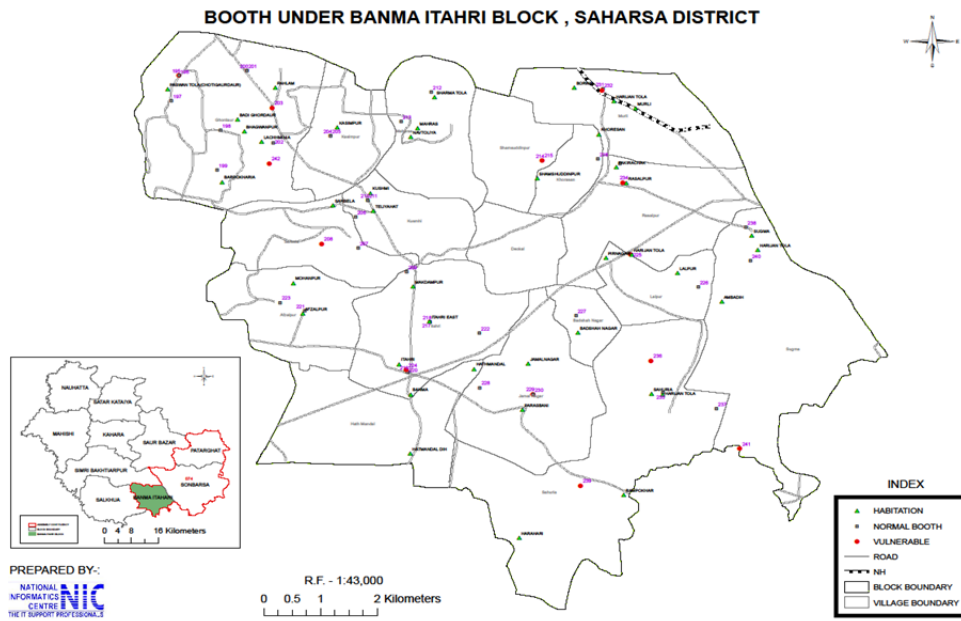


Map: 3.3: Sonbarsa Block Map of Saharsa District

3.5. About Banma Itahari

Banma Itahari is a Block in Saharsa District of Bihar State, India. Banma Itahari Block Head Quarters is Itahari town. It belongs to Kosi Division. It is located 25 KM towards South from District headquarters Saharsa. Banma Itahari Block is bounded by Salkhua Block towards west, Sonbarsa Block towards East, Simri Bakhtiarpur Block towards west, Beldaur Block

towards South. Banma Itahari consist of 49 Villages and 7 Panchayats. Deokal is the smallest Village and Ghordaur is the biggest Village. It is in the 42 m elevation (altitude). Maithili, Hindi, English and Urdu are the Local Language here. Total population of Banma Itahari Block is 70,569 living in 12,654 Houses, Spread across total 49 villages and 7 panchayats. Males are 36,894 and Females are 33,675. Average temperatures of January is 16 ° C, February is 20 ° C, March is 27 ° C, April is 32 ° C, May is 35 ° C. Saharsa are the nearby by towns to Banma Itahari having road connectivity to Banma Itahari. Koparia Rail Way Station is the nearby railway stations to Banma Itahari Block.

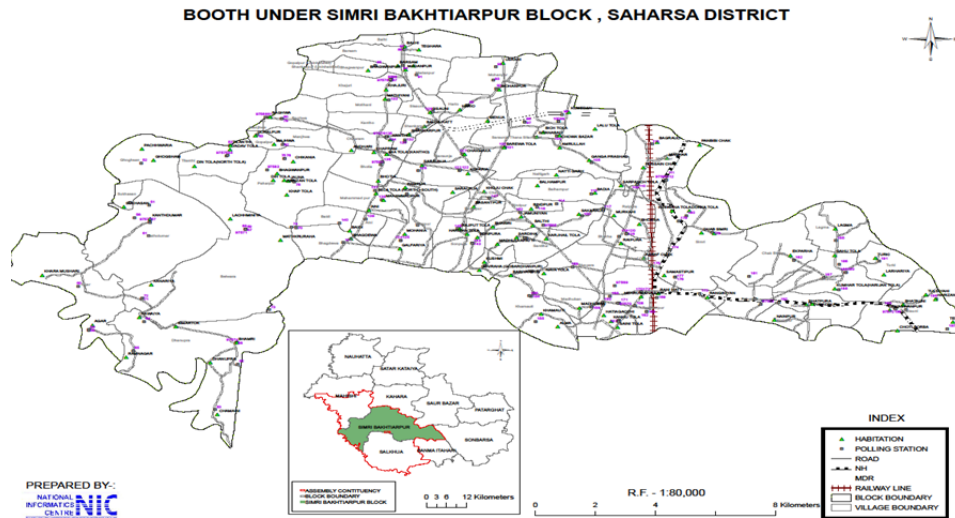


Map: 3.4. / Banma Itahari Block of Saharsa District

3.6. About Simri Bakhtiarapur Block

Simri Bakhtiarapur is a Block in Saharsa District of Bihar State, India. Simri Bakhtiarapur Block Head Quarters is Simri town. It belongs to Kosi Division. It is located 19 KM towards South from District headquarters Saharsa. 172 KM from State capital Patna towards west. Simri Bakhtiarapur Block is bounded by Salkhua Block towards South, Banma Itahari Block towards East, Sonbarsa Block towards East, Sour Bazar Block towards North. Saharsa City, Khagaria City, Madhepura City, Gogri Jamalpur City are the nearby Cities to Simri Bakhtiarapur. Simri Bakhtiarapur consist of 140 Villages and 24 Panchayats. Naltigarh is the smallest Village and Bakhtiarapur is the biggest Village. It is in the 40 m elevation(altitude). Maithili is the Local Language here. Also People Speaks Hindi, Urdu, Angika, English. Total population of Simri Bakhtiarapur Block is 218,425 living in 39,693 Houses, Spread across total 140 villages and 24 panchayats. Males are 114,363 and Females are 104,062. Average temperatures of January is 16 ° C, February is 20 ° C, March is 27 ° C, April is 31 ° C, May is 33 ° C

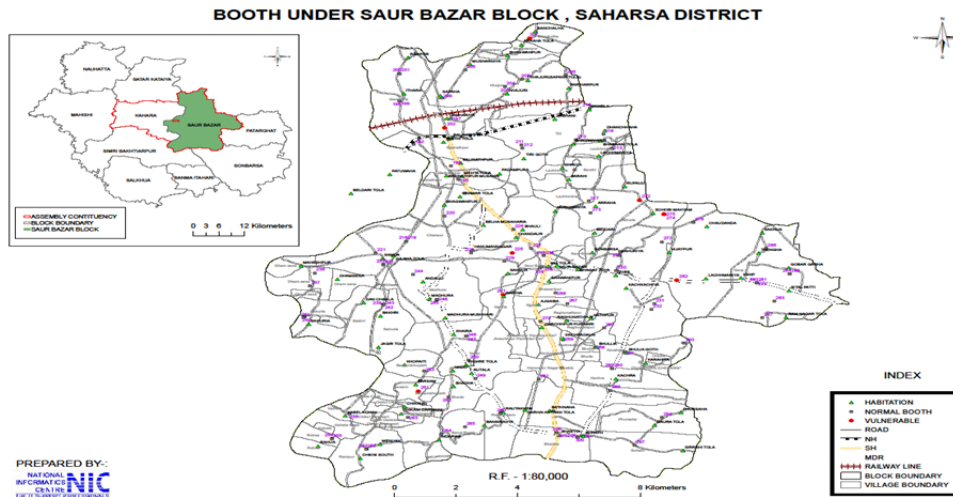
Sonbarsa Kacheri Rail Way Station, Simri Bhakhtiyarpur Rail Way Station are the very nearby railway stations to Simri Bakhtiarapur Block.



Map: 3.5/Map of Simri Bakhtiarpur of Saharsa District

3.7. About Sour Bazar Block

Sour Bazar is a Block in Saharsa District of Bihar State, India. Sour Bazar Block Head Quarters is Saur Bazar town. It belongs to Kosi Division. It is located 10 KM towards East from District headquarters Saharsa. Sour Bazar Block is bounded by Saharsa Block towards west, Kahara Block towards East, Patarghat Block towards East, Gamhariya Block towards North. Sour Bazar consist of 130 Villages and 17 Panchayats. Jiwachhpur Pachhiari Patti is the smallest Village and Chanaur is the biggest Village. It is in the 50 m elevation (altitude). This Place is in the border of the Saharsa District and Madhepura District. Maithili is the Local Language here. Also People Speaks Hindi, Urdu, Angika, English. Total population of Sour Bazar Block is 161,013 living in 27,449 Houses, Spread across total 130 villages and 17 panchayats. Males are 84,106 and Females are 76,907.

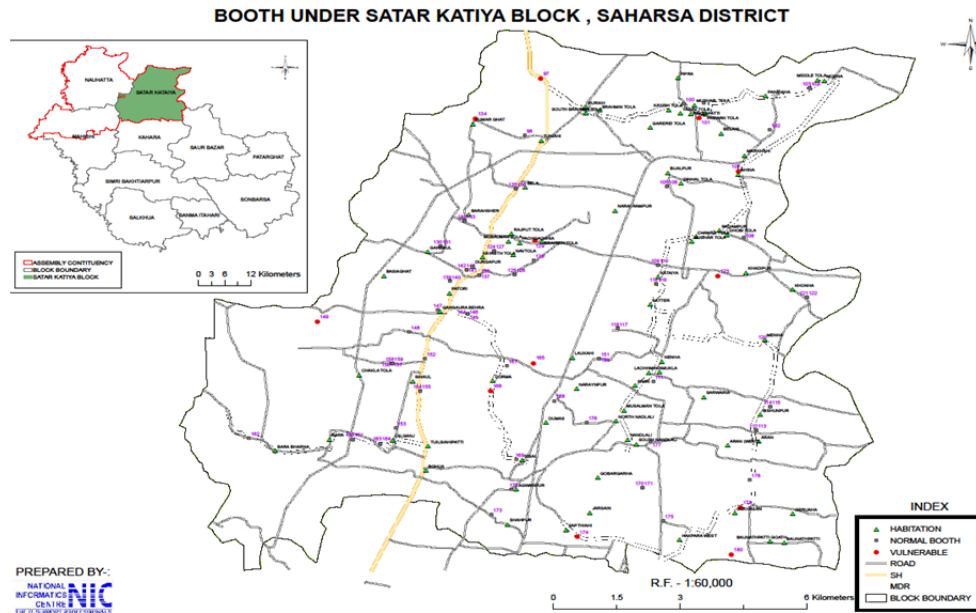


Map: 3.6/Map of Saur Bazar Block

3.8 About Sattar Kataiya

Kataiya is a small Village/hamlet in Sattar Kattaiya Block in Saharsa District of Bihar State, India. It comes under Kataiya Panchayath. It belongs to Kosi Division. It is located 10 KM towards North from District headquarters Saharsa. Kataiya is surrounded by Saharsa Block towards South, Nauhatta Block towards west, Gamhariya Block towards East, Ghelarh Block towards East Saharsa, Supaul, Madhepura, Murliganj are the nearby Cities to Kataiya.

Maithili is the Local Language here. Nandlalee Halt Rail Way Station, Panchgachia Rail Way Station are the nearby railway stations to Kataiya. Saharsa PS the nearby by towns to Kataiya having road connectivity to Kataiya.



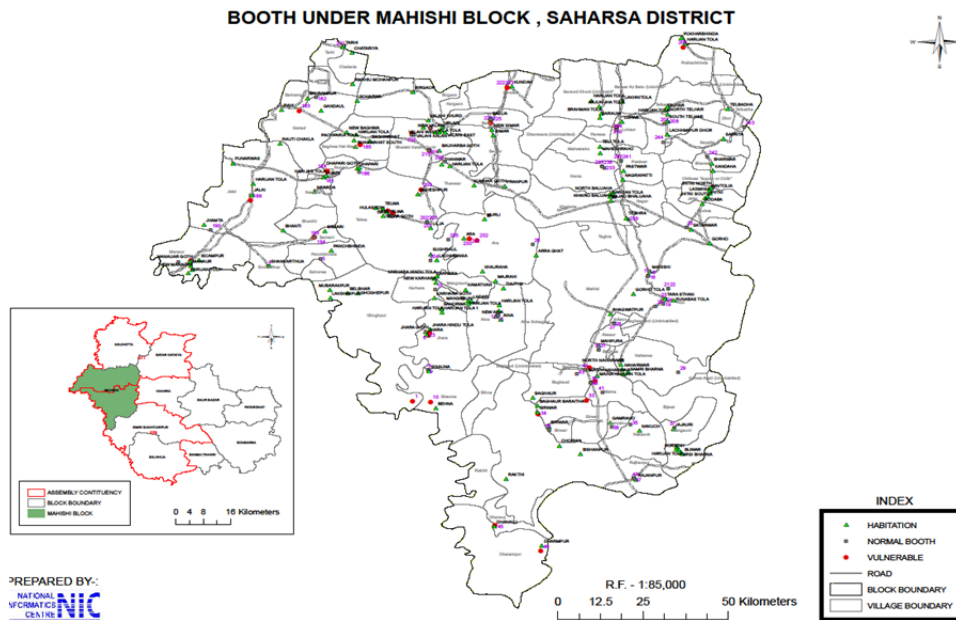
Map: 3.7 /Showing Map of Sattar Katiya Block

3.9 About Mahishi Block

Mahishi is a Block in Saharsa District of Bihar State, India. Mahishi Block Head Quarters is Mahishi town. It belongs to Kosi Division. It is located 15 KM towards west from District headquarters Saharsa. 160 KM from State capital Patna towards west .Mahishi Block is bounded by by Saharsa Block towards East, Sattar Kattaiya Block towards East, Nauhatta Block towards North, Kusheshwar Asthan Block towards west. Saharsa City, Supaul City, Madhepura City, Khagaria City are the nearby Cities to Mahishi.

Mahishi consist of 83 Villages and 20 Panchayats. Kodwa is the smallest Village and Telwa is the biggest Village. It is in the 46 m elevation (altitude). This Place is in the border of the Saharsa District and Darbhanga

District. Darbhanga District Kusheshwar Asthan is west towards this place. Maithili is the Local Language here Total population of Mahishi Block is 184,252 living in 32,624 Houses, Spread across total 83 villages and 20 panchayats. Males are 95,956 and Females are 88,296 Average temperatures of January is 16 ° C, February is 20 ° C, March is 27 ° C, April is 31 ° C, May is 33 ° C. There is no railway station near to Mahishi Block in less than 10 km. Saharsa are the nearby by towns to Mahishi having road connectivity.

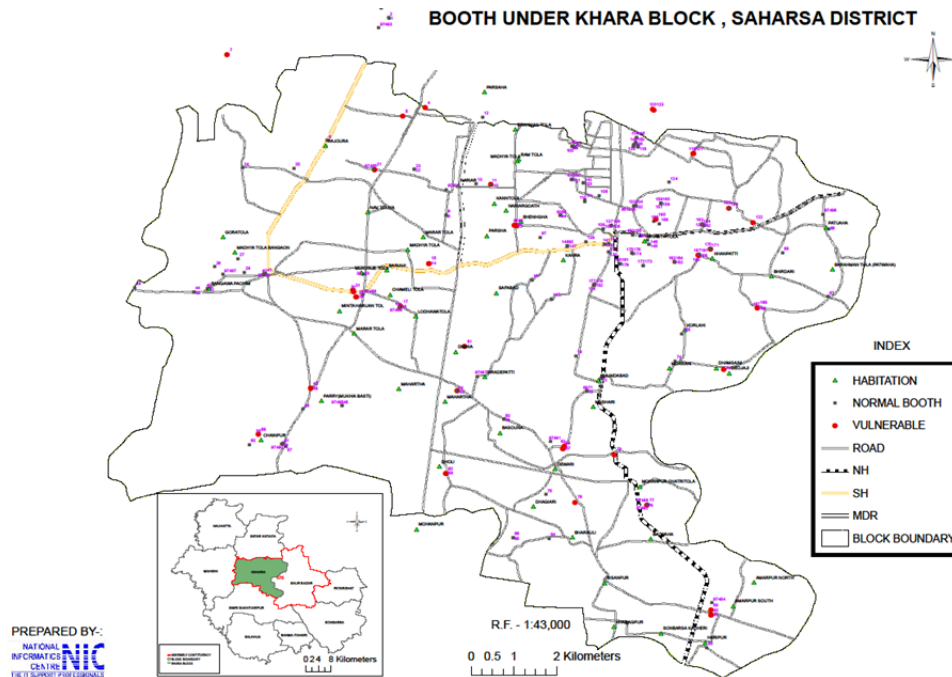


Map:3.8 (Map of Mahishi Block)

3.10. About Kahra

Kahra is a City in Kahra Block in Saharsa District of Bihar State, India. It belongs to Kosi Division. It is located 21 KM towards East from District headquarters Saharsa. It is a Block head quarter. Kahra is surrounded by

Patarghat Block towards South, Madhepura Block towards North, Sour Bazar Block towards west, Gamhariya Block towards North. This Place is in the border of the Saharsa District and Madhepura District. Madhepura District Madhepura is North towards this place. Saharsa Jn Rail Way Station, Karukhirharnagar Halt Rail Way Station are the Rail way stations reachable from nearby towns. Saharsa are the nearby by towns to Kahara having road connectivity to Kahara.



Map: 3. 9: Showing Map of Kahara Block

3.11 About Nauhatta Block

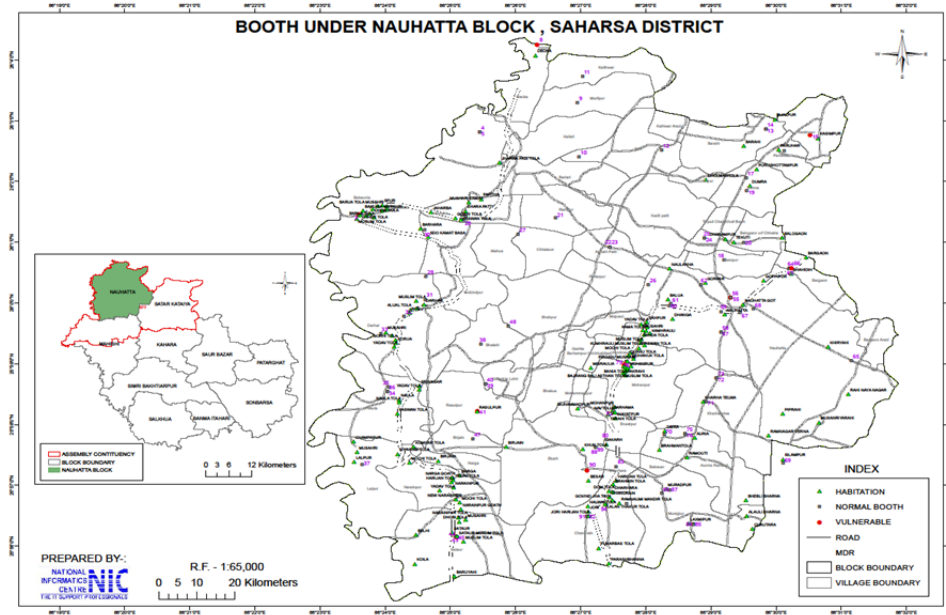
Nauhatta is a Block in Saharsa District of Bihar State, India. Nauhatta Block Head Quarters is Nauhatta town. It belongs to Kosi Division. It is located 21 KM towards North from District headquarters Saharsa. 167 KM

from State capital Patna towards west. Nauhatta Block is bounded by Sattar Kattaiya Block towards East, Mahishi Block towards South, Saharsa Block towards South, Supaul Block towards North. Supaul City, Saharsa City, Madhepura City, Jhanjharpur City are the nearby Cities to Nauhatta.

Nauhatta consist of 110 Villages and 15 Panchayats. Baksuar is the smallest Village and Nauhatta is the biggest Village. It is in the 53 m elevation(altitude). This Place is in the border of the Saharsa District and Supaul District. Supaul District Supaul is north towards this place Madhubani, Darbhanga, Munger, Samastipur, Bhagalpur (Bhagdattpuram) are the nearby Important tourist destinations to see.

Maithili is the Local Language here. Total population of Nauhatta Block is 137,891 living in 27,172 Houses, Spread across total 110 villages and 15 panchayats. Males are 71,522 and Females are 66,369.

Average temperatures of January is 16 ° C, February is 20 ° C, March is 27 ° C, April is 31 ° C, May is 33 ° C. There is no railway station near to Nauhatta Block in less than 10 km. Saharsa Jn. Rail Way Station (near to Saharsa), Karukhirharnagar Halt Rail Way Station (near to Saharsa) are the Rail way stations reachable from nearby towns. Saharsa are the nearby by towns to Nauhatta having road connectivity to Nauhatta.



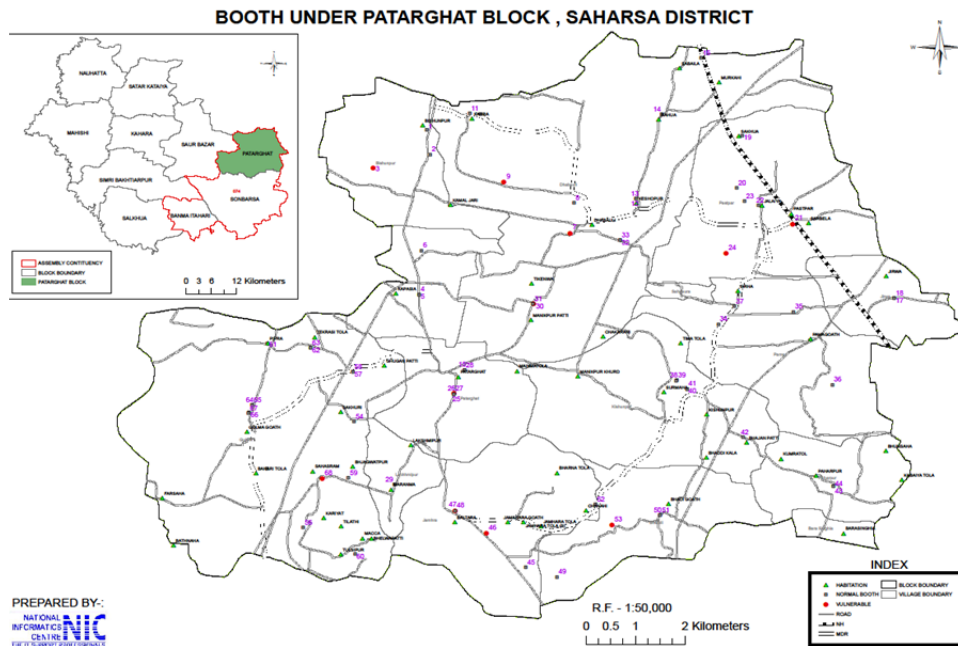
MAP: 3.10 / Map of Nauhatta Block

3.12 About Patarghat Block

Patarghat is a Block in Saharsa District of Bihar State, India. Patarghat Block Head Quarters is Patarghat town. It belongs to Kosi Division. It is located 22 KM towards East from District headquarters Saharsa. 195 KM from State capital Patna towards west. Patarghat Block is bounded by Kahara Block towards North, Sour Bazar Block towards west, Gwalpara Block towards East, Madhepura Block towards North. Patarghat consist of 61 Villages and 11 Panchayats. Sahgaura is the smallest Village and Dhabauli is the biggest Village. It is in the 49 m elevation(altitude). This Place is in the border of the Saharsa District and Madhepura District. Madhepura District Gwalpara is East towards this place. Maithili is the

Local Language here. Also People Speaks Hindi, Urdu, Angika, English. Total population of Patarghat Block is 97,296 living in 16,992 Houses, Spread across total 61 villages and 11 panchayats. Males are 50,757 and Females are 46,539. Average temperatures of January is 16 ° C, February is 20 ° C, March is 27 ° C, April is 31 ° C, May is 33 ° C.

There is no railway station near to Patarghat Block in less than 10 km. Saharsa Jn Rail Way Station, Dauram Madhpura Rail Way Station, Methai Rail Way Station, Karukhirharnagar Halt Rail Way Station are the Rail way stations reachable from nearby towns. However, Madhepura, Saharsa are the nearby by towns to Patarghat having road connectivity to Patarghat.



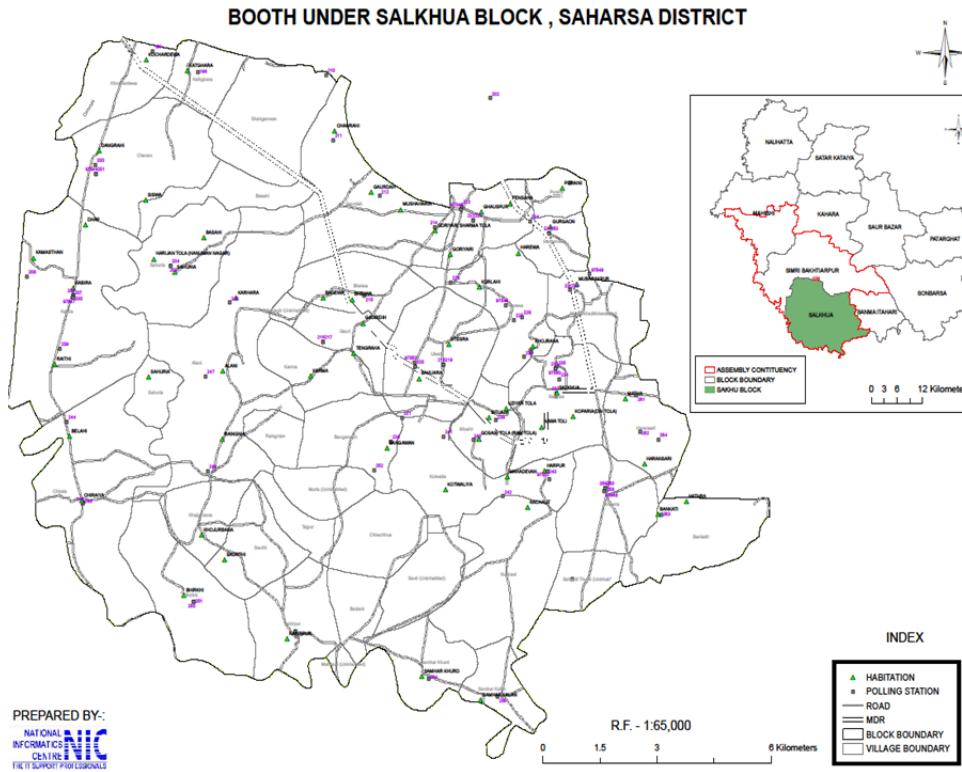
Map: 3.11: Showing Map of Patarghat Block

Patarghat Block - Saharsa

3.13. About Salkhua Block

Salkhua is a Block in Saharsa District of Bihar State, India. Salkhua Block Head Quarters is Salkhua town. It belongs to Kosi Division. It is located 26 KM towards South from District headquarters Saharsa. 172 KM from State capital Patna towards west. Salkhua Block is bounded by Banma Itahari Block towards East, Simri Bakhtiarpur Block towards North, Sonbarsa Block towards East, Chautham Block towards South. Saharsa City, Khagaria City, Gogri Jamalpur City, Madhepura City are the nearby Cities to Salkhua.

Salkhua consist of 81 Villages and 11 Panchayats. Baldehi is the smallest Village and Kabira is the biggest Village. It is in the 42 m elevation (altitude). This Place is in the border of the Saharsa District and Khagaria District. Khagaria District Chautham is South towards this place. Maithili is the Local Language here. Also People Speaks Hindi, Urdu, Angika, English. Total population of Salkhua Block is 103,107 living in 18,883 Houses, Spread across total 81 villages and 11 panchayats. Males are 54,118 and Females are 48,989. Average temperatures of January is 16 ° C, February is 20 ° C, March is 27 ° C, April is 31 ° C, May is 33 ° C. Koparia Rail Way Station, Fungo Halt Rail Way Station are the very nearby railway stations to Salkhua Block. Saharsa are the nearby by towns to Salkhua having road connectivity to Salkhua.



Map. 3.12: Showing Map of Salkhua Block

Salkhua Block – Saharsa

3.14. Land Utilization Pattern

About 61.18 % of the newly organized State is under cultivation as per the figures available for the year 2002-03. The percentage of fallow land in the same year is 6.75 %. The corresponding figure for undivided Bihar prior to bifurcation was 42.77 and 16.02 % respectively. Consequent upon bifurcation of the State, forest area has dwindled to a meager 6.65 % from 17.01 %. The forest coverage, thus compares very unfavorably with the national average which stands at around 26 %. The Gross and net sown area

in the State is 80.26 lakh ha and 56.38 lakh ha. respectively. The intensity of cropping is 142%

Table 3.8/Showing Land Utilization Pattern

Particular	Area (lakh ha)
Total geographical area	93.60
Total cropped area	79.57
Net area sown	57.25
Current fallow	4.99
Forest	6.22
Barren and non-cultivable Land	4.36
Land put to non-agricultural uses	16.43
Cultivable waste land	0.46
Permanent Pasture (Grazing land)	0.18
Miscellaneous crops/groves	2.37
Area sown more than once	22.32

3.15. Distribution of Operational Holdings

As 77 percent of the states' main workforce is employed in the agricultural sector, the average size of operational holdings in Bihar is only 0.75 hectare as against the national average of 1.41 hectare (Govt. of India, 2005). The share of marginal holdings having less than 1 hectare each are as much as 82.9 percent (Annexure II). In addition, marginal and smallholdings account for about 59.8 percent of the total operated area.

3.16. Floods and Droughts

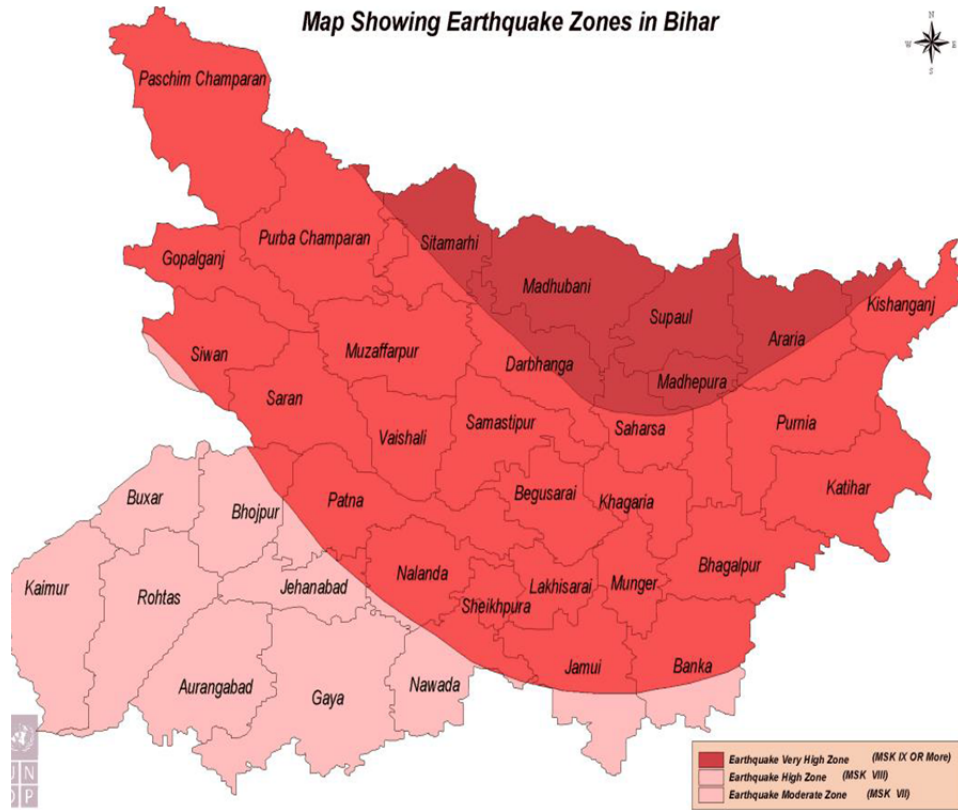
Every year, Bihar faces the vagaries of flood and water logging. Total flood prone area of the State is 68.80 lakh hectares which is 73.06 percent of its total geographical area and 17.2 per cent of the total flood prone area in the country. A substantial proportion of the total cropped area (nearly 41 per cent) gets frequently affected by floods. Flood situation is most severe in

the northern plains of Bihar. This is because almost all the major rivers in the State enter into Bihar from Nepal in this region. Bed slope of these rivers is very sharp in Nepal and they usually enter the State on plain lands. Because of sudden drop in bed slope, silt brought by the flow of these rivers gets deposited at their base and causes recurring floods.



3.17 Earthquake

According to Global Seismic Hazard Assessment Program (GSHAP) data, the state of Bihar lies in a region with moderate to low to high seismic hazard. As per the 2002 Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) map, this state also falls in Zones III, IV & V. Historically, this region has experienced earthquake in the M 5.0-7.0 range.



Map: 3.14 / Showing Earthquake Zones in Bihar

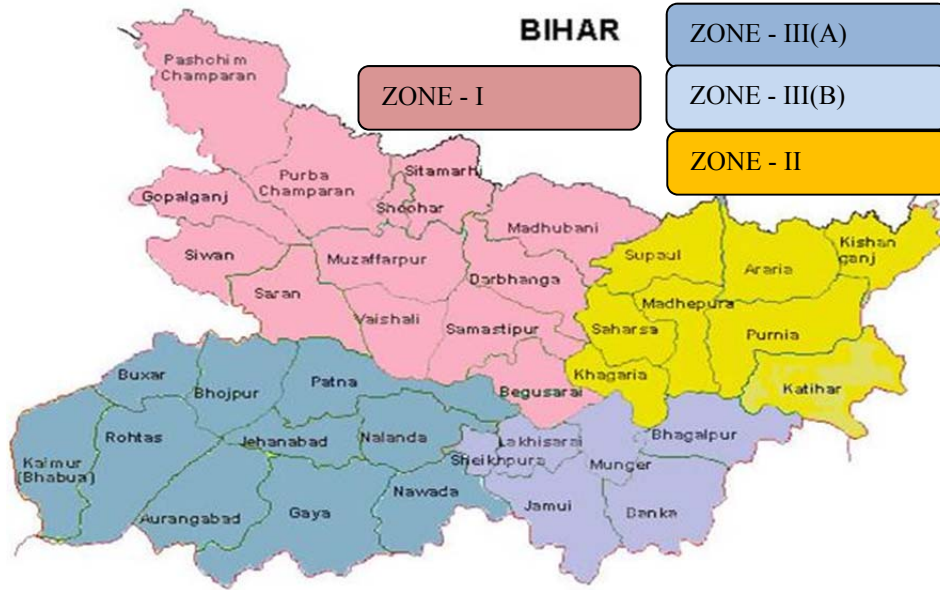
Zone-II, North East Alluvial Plains

This zone comprises the districts of Purnea, Katihar, Saharsa, Supaul, Arariya, Kishanganj, Madhepura and Khagaria covers 11.96% (20797.4 km²) of the total geographical area of Bihar. The average annual rainfall in Zone II is 1382.2 mm.

3.18. Soils and Physiography

TABLE 3.9: Showing Agro-climatic Zone

Sl.	Agro-climatic zone	Districts	Total Rainfall (mm)
1.	Agro- climatic zone I (Northern West)	West Champaran, East Champaran, Siwan, Saran, Sitamarhi, Sheohar, Muzaffarpur, Vaishali, Madhubani, Darbhanga, Samastipur, Gopalganj & Begusarai	1040 – 1450 (1245.00)
2.	Agro-climatic Zone II (Northern East)	Purnea, Katihar, Saharsa, Supaul, Madhepura, Khagaria, Araria & Kishanganj.	1200 – 1700 (1450.00)
3.	Agro-climatic zone IIIA (Southern East)	Sheikhpura, Munger, Jamui, Lakhisarai, Bhagalpur & Banka.	990 – 1240 (1115.00)
4.	Agro-climatic zone IIIB (Southern West)	Rohtas, Bhojpur, Buxar, Bhabhua, Arwal, Patna, Nalanda, Nawada, Jehanabad, Aurangabad & Gaya.	990–1240 (1115.00)



Map: 3.15 / Showing Agro-Climatic Zone In Map

This zone, the alluvial plains of Kosi, Mahananda and its tributaries and Ganga (narrow strip in the South) is slightly undulating to rolling landscape mixed with long stretches of nearly flat landscape with pockets of area having sub-normal relief. The area is full of streams with abandoned or dead channels of river Kosi. Its frequent and sudden change of course has left small lakes and shallow marshes. In the south, in between the natural levees of Ganga on the one hand, Koshi, and Mahananda on the other, there are vast areas, which remain waterlogged over a considerable part of the year.

