V. PRIORITY FIXATION

As shown in table 2, the subwatersheds have been graded in order of priority using "silt load index " Higher values of silt load index" suggest higher priority and vice-versa. Subwatersheds have been grouped into four categories to indicate their priorities as given below:

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Sr. No.	Priority category & range	Number of subwatersheds	Area (ha)	Percentage
1.	Very high (225 and above)	2	912	2.3
2.	High (201 to 225)	2	4508	11.3
3.	Medium (180-200)	1	2525	6.4
4.	Low (180)	12	31770	80.0
	Total :	17	39715	100.00

From the above table it seems that the whole of the surveyed area of 39,329 ha falling in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh State has been divided into 17 subwatersheds. Out of these only 2 subwatershed of 912 ha. (2.3%) fall under very high priority and the area covered by them is mostly hilly and undulating whereas two subwatershed of 4508 ha (11.3%) are under High priority and one subwatershed of 2525 ha (6.4%) under medium and twelve subwatershed of 31770 ha (80.0)%) fall under low priority.