

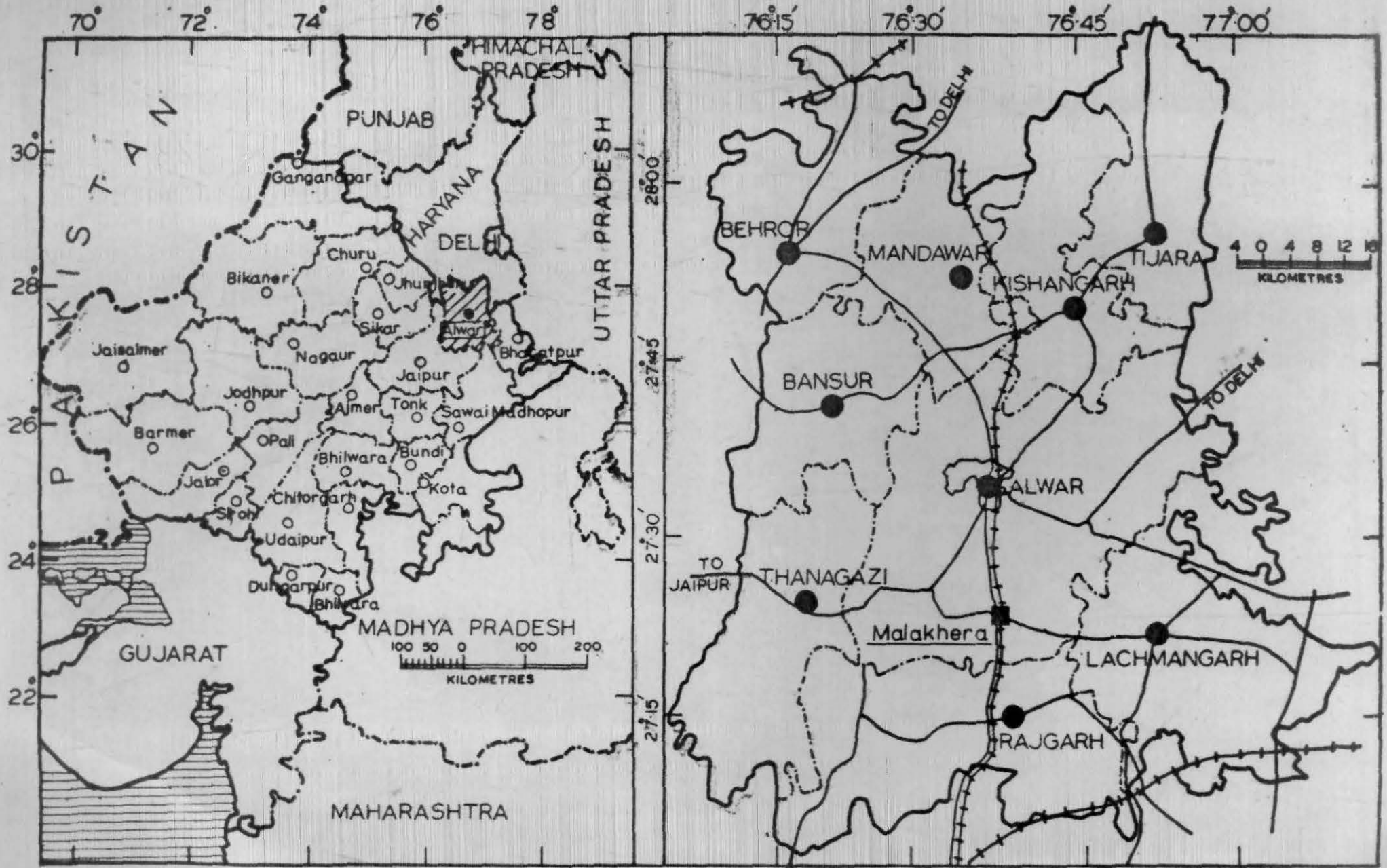
Considering the above criteria and keeping in view the objectives of the study, Malakhera village which is situated to the south of Alwar, Rajasthan was selected. Considering also that not adequate information is available on the intestinal parasitic infections in the Rajasthan state and taking into view that the area proposed would be relevant for the study, this rural area was chosen.

THE SELECTED VILLAGE AND ITS POPULATION

The village Malakhera is situated on the southern part of the district Alwar in Rajasthan. It is about 22 kilometers away from the town of Alwar and is connected with the city by road and rail. Alwar is about 165 km. south-west of Delhi. Map No.1, page-6 shows the location of the village.

The village, divided into ten wards, has a total of 723 households with 4739 individuals. Distribution of population in different wards is as follows:-

Ward No.	Household	P o p u l a t i o n			
		Male	Female	Total	
1	90	272	254	526	
2	66	218	185	403	
3	75	262	250	512	
4	84	259	244	503	
5	84	267	233	500	
6	74	263	258	521	
7	56	229	209	438	
8	45	200	180	380	
9	69	235	222	457	
10	80	264	235	499	
Total	10	723	2469	2270	4739



Rajasthan and Surrounding States

Map No. 1

Alwar District