

3. A pump on the ground floor of a building can pump up water to fill a tank of volume  $30 \text{ m}^3$  in 15 min. If the tank is 40 m above the ground, and the efficiency of the pump is 30%, how much electric power is consumed by the pump?

**Sol.** According to the question, Given

Volume of the tank,  $V = 30 \text{ m}^3$

Time required to fill the tank is,  $t = 15 \text{ min} = 15 \times 60 \text{ s} = 900 \text{ s}$

Height at which the tank is situated above the ground,  $h = 40 \text{ m}$

The efficiency of the pump,  $\eta = 30\%$

Density of water,  $\rho = 10^3 \text{ kg / m}^3$

Mass of water,  $m = \rho V = 30 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}$

So, rise in potential energy of the water ( Work done)

$$= (30000 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(40 \text{ m}) = 1.17 \times 10^7 \text{ J}$$

The electric power consumed by the pump is:

$$P_0 = \frac{\text{Workdone}}{\text{Time}} = \frac{mgh}{t}$$

$$= 1.17 \times 10^7 \text{ J} / 900 = 13.067 \times 10^3 \text{ W}$$

For input power  $P_i$ , efficiency  $\eta$  is given by the relation:

$$\eta = \frac{P_0}{P_i} = 30\%$$

$$P_i = \frac{13.067}{30} \times 100 \times 10^3$$

$$= 0.436 \times 10^5 \text{ W}$$

$$P_i = 43.6 \text{ kW}$$

Hence, the power consumed by the pump is 43.6 kW.