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Efficacy Appraisal of Polypropylene Fibers in Pavement Quality Concrete

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Abstract

Road transportation is without a doubt the life line of the country and its advancement is a pivotal worry to accomplish fast and supported monetary development in the changing technological development. The conventional bituminous pavement and their requirements for constant support and restoration operations focuses towards the extension for an incessant method, with concrete road strengthening to be a genuine activity for quite a while to come. At the point when rigid pavement are built, the blend configuration of cement concrete is engaged around the compressive quality, which is used to ensure that the objective flexural quality as envisioned in framework is achieved before long, however extravagant in starting theory, is modest in long keep running in light of low upkeep costs. Present paper manages exploratory examination on mechanical properties of M40 evaluation concrete by concreting polypropylene fibers in measurements of 0.5%, 0.75% and 1.0% by weight of cement with the general mix. The paper concentrates how the compressive and flexural quality of the Pavement increments utilizing polypropylene fibers.

Keywords: *Polypropylene fiber, Concrete Mix Design, Compressive Strength, Flexural Strength.*

1. Preamble

Road infrastructures ventures include gigantic speculation and are relied upon to give durable services keeping in perspective future improvement in the vehicle of products and individuals must be surveyed and arranged well ahead of time so as to settle on the right decisions throughout today as well as for tomorrow. In India, attributable to brisk engines of improvement in structure and tremendous move in significantly loaded vehicles on limited road space needs roads to withstand high weights with minimum upkeep. Plain concrete pavements have low rigidity and strain limit, however these basic qualities are improved by fiber development, allowing diminishment of the road black-top layer thickness. Fiber strengthened cement was produced to overcome the issues connected with concrete based materials, for example, low tensile strength, poor fracture toughness and brittleness of cementations composites. This change can be important and depends on upon fiber qualities and estimation.

At to begin with, physical properties of cement, aggregate and sand are finished in the examination office which should satisfy the need as indicated by essential IS codes. Connection between the test on ordinary concrete mix and concrete mix with fibers included estimations of 0.5%, 0.75% and 1.0% substance by weight of cement, to center the compressive quality and flexural quality to emphasize the desperation to secure advancements, which is of most amazing basic to the avenue engineers, road builders and designers too.

2. Ambition of present research

The target of the present study is to build the flexural also, compressive quality of the Pavement Quality Concrete utilized as a part of R.C.C. pavement development. The point of this study is additionally to accomplish environmentally friendly pavement development for pavement construction.

3. Literature study

Gopi J. Sutaria (2015) – Diagnosing performance of polypropylene fiber in concrete mix design for rigid pavement carried out *exploratory examination on mechanical properties of M35 grade concrete by adding polypropylene fibers in the blend at measurements of 0.6 %, 0.8% and 1.0% by weight of cement added to the mix. A comparative analysis has been carried out for conventional concrete to that of the fiber reinforced in relation to compressive and flexural strengths. The study revealed* that up to 0.6% including of concrete with polypropylene fiber 12 mm length there is ideal rate to increment in the improved compressive strength and

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flexural strength which will allow lessening of slab thickness in wearing surface of cement concrete pavements and because of higher flexural strength prompts less material use.

S.A Kanalli [2014] – Comparative study of polymer Fiber reinforced concrete with conventional concrete pavement coordinated a preliminary study on compressive quality, rigidity nature and flexural using assorted degrees of polypropylene fibers achieved a varying extent of fiber estimations of 0.25 percent by volume of M20 assessment concrete. Test ponders exhibit that most compelling estimations of compressive split ductile and flexural quality of cement are procured at 0.75% fiber estimations.

Rakesh Kumar [2013] – Suitability of concrete reinforced with Synthetic fibers for the construction of pavement investigated suitability of cement strengthened with designed fiber for the improvement of pavements. Creator immediately discussed the effects of development of polypropylene discrete and fibrillated fiber on the properties of a clearing assessment concrete blend of 48 Mpa compressive quality at 28-days. Six concrete mixes were mixed with fiber estimations 0.05%, 0.10% and 0.15%. The properties, for instance, settlement, compressive quality, drying shrinkage, and scratched spot resistance of the concrete were evaluated.

Kolli.Ramujee [2013]- Strength properties of polypropylene fiber reinforced concrete, investigated suitability of concrete fortified with designed fiber for the improvement of passed on that mix of high quality, firmness and warm resistance positively portrays the strands. In this study, the aftereffects of the Strength properties of Polypropylene fiber fortified cement have been exhibited. The compressive quality, part rigidity of concrete specimens made with various filaments sums fluctuates from 0%,0.5%,1% 1.5% and 2.0% were contemplated. The samples with included Polypropylene filaments of 1.5 % indicated better results in correlation with the others.

Zeiml *et al*. [2006]- How do Polypropylene fibers improve the spalling behavior of in situ concrete said that utilizing polypropylene strands can enhance spalling conduct of cement. The glue breaks are shaped when the quickening of water dissipation is more than the development of concrete emulsion to the surface. Here, the negative weight is produced in the vessels through which the concrete glue streams and proportionately the pressure anxiety is shaped. Such stretch is created amid the concrete fortifying and the concrete is split where the anxiety is more than the concrete quality. The breaks brought on by glue contracting in the concrete are shaped in the first hours in the wake of pouring the concrete in the casings and before the concrete achieves its introductory quality. Such breaks make basic focuses in the concrete affectability for appending hurtful materials to inside parts of concrete that at long last can prompt consumption and harming the material in the concrete. Thus, the execution, adjusting or benefitting ability, term, aestheticism and quality of the concrete structures are decreased. Controlling the glue contract tracks in the concrete is of incredible significance in more length of time and resistibility of cement in the briefest time of basic usage.

Komal Bedi [2014] Experimental study for flexure strength on polypropylene fiber Reinforced concrete considered the effects of polypropylene fiber on the flexure quality of bond. The trial redid was under taken to test standard concrete bar (150 X 150) mm with a compass 700 mm for looking at quality in flexure. The samples were diverged from no fiber and polypropylenes fiber of power 0.89 kg for every cum of bond. To give a reason to flexure, reference cases were tossed without polypropylene fiber. The test results exhibited that the mechanical properties of flexural quality coming to fruition in light of included of polypropylene fiber was generally high.

4. Material Used

4.1 Cement

Ordinary Portland cement of 53 grades was used in this experimentation. Compounds like C3S and C2S present in cement react in presence of moisture and fully hydrated reaction can be expressed as

$$2C3S + 6H \rightarrow C3S2H3 + 3Ca(OH)2$$

$$2C2S + 4H \rightarrow C3S2H3 + Ca(OH)2$$

C2S influences gain of strength generally after 2 weeks. The hydration of C3S produces higher heat compared to the hydration of C2S. Fineness of cement also affects the rate of heat development. The basic properties of cement are evaluated in the laboratory to ascertain the strength of cement satisfying relevant codal practice.

4.2 Fine aggregate

The fine aggregate utilized for the exploratory customized was privately obtained and confirmed to Indian standard detail IS: 383 – 1970 is meant for the important function to assist in producing workability and uniformity in mixture.

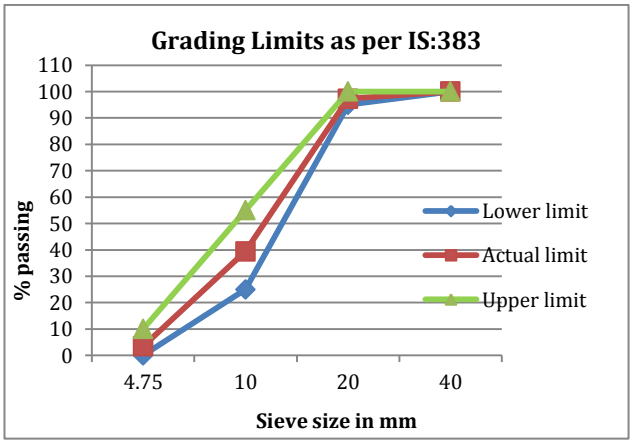

Fig.1 Sieve analysis of fine aggregate

The fine aggregate also assists the cement paste to hold the coarse aggregate particles in suspension. The sieve analysis is conducted to determine the particle size

distribution in a sample of aggregate, which we call gradation. Fine aggregate was natural river sand confirming to Zone II of IS 383:1970 with maximum size of less than 4.75 having specific gravity 2.57, water absorption 1.40% and fineness modulus 2.71. Fig.1 shows sieve analysis of fine aggregate.

4.3 Coarse aggregate

Coarse aggregate can be expanded on account of two primary reasons. The principal reason is that bond is more costly than aggregate and, accordingly, utilizing more aggregate decreases the expense of delivering cement. The second reason is found in the way that a hefty portion of the strength issues, for example, shrinkage and defrosting, are brought on by concretes. Asphalt execution differs in connection to the sort of aggregate utilized. Coarse aggregates of size 20mm and 10mm with specific gravity 2.94 and 2.83 and water absorption 0.85% and 1.30% independently.

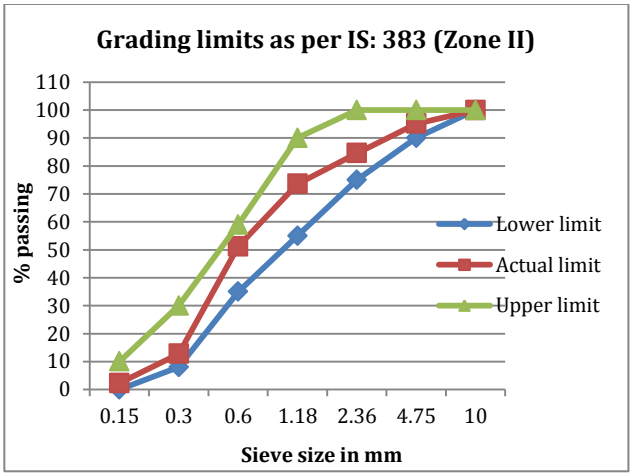

Fig.2 Combined Sieve analysis of coarse aggregate

The aggregate have a basic volume of cement and subsequently their effect on various properties of cement is broad. Properties of sums hugely impact the properties of cement, for instance, workability, quality, strength and economy. The evaluating or measure dispersion of aggregate is an imperative trademark since it decides the glue necessity for workable cement. Fig.2 shows sieve analysis of coarse aggregate.

4.4 Polypropylene Fibers

Polypropylene fibers are hydrophobic, that is they do not absorb water. Therefore, when placed in a concrete matrix they need only be mixed long enough to insure dispersion in the concrete mixture. Monofilament fibers are fine, cylindrical fibers that separate during mixing. The monofilament fibers are smooth and have a small surface area; hence they don't anchor into the cement matrix. The mixing time of fibers should be kept to a minimum to avoid possible shredding of the fibers. Monofilament fibers, according to fiber manufacturers, only provide control of cracking caused by shrinkage and thermal stresses occurring at early ages. The physical properties of fibers are that appearance is white, specific gravity: 0.91, melting point: 165°C, length: 12mm and absorbency: <0.1%. The chemical properties are that it resistance to acids and alkalis is excellent, resistance to oxidizing and reducing agents are good, biological resistance: High/Non-biodegradable and compatibility with cements is excellent.

4.5 Admixture

Master Rheo build 1126 is the admixture used in this study which is made out of synthetic polymers uniquely intended to permit impressive decrease of blending water while keeping up control on reach out of set hindrance. It is containing small scale silica or metakaolin and is chloride free. Admixture 1126 delivers high quality cement with longer workability maintenance, resistance to isolation even at high workability, diminished penetrability and expanded straightforwardness in completing cement. It was incorporated 1.0% by weight of cement in concrete. In this experimentation fibers were utilized of 12mm length. Fibers are having pervasive high temperature execution and better scattering giving more straight forward dealing with and tremendously extending the life of asphalt. Versatile water satisfactory for the concrete was used as a part of the study.

5. Concrete Mix Design M-35grade (IS: 10262-2009)

Table 1 Concrete Mix Design M-40 Grade

Index	Cement kg/m³	C. A. 20mm kg/m³	C. A. 10mm kg/m³	River Sand kg/m³	Additive (% by weight of cement)	Water
PC	410	764	490	742	1%	148 litres

6. Experimental results

6.1 Slump test

It helps us to know the consistency of concrete mix by measuring it after deformed as a frustum cone in the site or lab to guarantee that the concrete mix segments proportions are exact. It is time respected custom in concrete innovation and is reliant on aggregate dampness content, concrete temperature and blending. One can decide the blend's powerlessness to segregation when placed. Slump test satisfies the criteria's set down in MoRTH cl. 602.3.4.2. It is seen that fibers causes hindrance to the free flow of concrete.

Table 2 Slump Test Values

	Normal Concrete	0.5% polypropylene fiber	0.75% polypropylene fiber	1.0% polypropylene fiber
Required	30±15	30±15	30±15	30±15
Initial	65	55	57	59
After 30 min	45	45	46	46
After 60 min	36	39	40	41
After 90 min	29	34	35	37

Table 3 Variation of Compressive Strength with respect to % of fibers

Sr no.	Description	7 days Average Compressive Strength of concrete(N/mm^2)	28 days Average Compressive Strength of concrete(N/mm^2)
1	Normal Concrete Mix Design	41.50	51.37
2	Concrete Mix Design with 0.5 % polypropylene fiber	44.30	54.07
3	Concrete Mix Design with 0.75 % polypropylene fiber	44.59	57.48
4	Concrete Mix Design with 1.0% polypropylene fiber	43.78	56.00

Table 4 Variation of Flexural Strength with respect to % of fibers

Sr no.	Description	7 days Average Flexural Strength (N/mm2)	28 days Average Flexural Strength (N/mm2)
1	Normal Concrete Mix Design	4.4	5.56
2	Concrete Mix Design with 0.5% polypropylene fiber	4.63	5.85
3	Concrete Mix Design with 0.75% polypropylene fiber	4.75	6.10
4	Concrete Mix Design with 1.0% polypropylene fiber	4.50	5.42

6.2 Compressive Strength Test

For compressive quality test, strong shape cases of measurement 150 x 150 x 150 mm were thrown for M-40 assessment of cement. Super plasticizer (1.0% by weight of cement) was added to this. Therefore the concrete blends can be proposed to meet the mechanical and strong properties for the road by the expansion of polypropylene filaments in measurements of 0.5%, 0.75% and 1.0 % by weight of cement. Specimens are attempted at the ages of 7 and 28 days. To express the compressive quality make ordinary of characteristics of three specimens. The individual assortment should not to be more than ± 15 percent of the normal as per codal procurement. The chart shows the assortment of compressive quality to % of fibers and it is watched that the compressive nature of concrete is growing with the addition in fiber substance stood out from standard strong at 7 and 28 days.

6.3 Flexural Strength Test

The flexural quality is dictated by the essential issue system. Standard metallic beam molds (100 mm * 100 mm * 500 mm) were casted for the planning of concrete samples for flexural quality. A table vibrator was utilized for compaction of hand filled concrete beams. The specimens were demoulded taking after 24 hours of casting and were traded to curing tank wherein they were allowed to cure for 28 days.

For every age three samples were attempted under two point stacking as indicated by I.S. 516-1959, over a convincing span of 400 mm on flexural testing machine utilized for the determination of average flexural quality. The test was performed on Universal Testing Machine (UTM) having limit of 50 BT. Load and contrasting comparing deflections were noted up to failure. In each class three beams were tried and their average worth is represented as appeared in the chart

Conclusions

The connection between the flexure quality and compressive quality relies on upon the sort of coarse aggregate utilized, with the exception of in high quality cement, in light of the fact that the properties of aggregate, particularly its shape and surface composition, influence a definitive quality in compression all that much not exactly the quality in strain or cracking load in compression. This study has been made to center the effect of polypropylene fibers in suitable estimations on nature of cement. The conclusions that rose up out of the exploratory examinations are engaged as underneath:

New concrete is being a transit stage. The significance of this stage originates from the way that the concrete strength is genuinely influenced by the level of its compaction. Slump test is utilized to decide the workability of fresh concrete. It is clear that as the rate of polypropylene fibers are expanded, the slump qualities are diminishing. The lessening in the hang with the expansion in the fiber will be credited to locale of fibers which makes deterrent the free stream of concrete. Super plasticizer utilized as a part of concrete keeps the blend in workability condition even with expanding time inside allowable points of confinement of codal procurement.

It is watched that compressive quality and flexural quality are on higher side for 0.75% incorporating of cement with polypropylene fiber 12 mm length there is perfect rate to augment in the enhanced compressive quality and flexural quality which will permit reducing of slab thickness in wearing surface of cement concrete pavements and on account of higher flexural quality prompts less material use. This will assist brief store reserves in material and work cost by taking out customary support.

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