

An Experimental study of high volume flyash concrete with Recron fibers-3 S

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Abstract—Fly Ash Concrete applies to engineered concrete systems which have fly ash as a partial replacement of cement. Concrete which has fly ash content more than 35% by mass of the cementitious materials content is termed as High Volume Fly Ash Concrete. It is recommended over the ordinary concrete as it considerably saves cement and also prevents environmental pollution. The use of fibers improves specific material properties of the concrete, impact resistance, flexural strength, toughness, fatigue resistance, and ductility. In this paper an attempt is made to study the mechanical properties of High Volume Fly-Ash Concrete with addition of fibers at 0.1, 0.2, and 0.3% of cement and with 50% fly ash replacement with the cement. It is found that fiber additions have increased its strength characteristics considerably over the ordinary cement concrete.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Concrete is the most extensively used material in civil engineering construction so that considerable attention is taken for improving the properties of concrete with respect to strength and durability. India's total installed capacity of cement stood at 380 million tons per annum (mtpa). High volume fly ash concrete is one of the major developments since last decade leading to utilization of fly ash in a bulk quantity and thereby reducing cement consumption and ultimately reducing CO₂ in order of one ton per a ton of cement. The past research has been given due weight age for application of HVFA in different sectors like mass concrete, foundation, transportation etc. but the limitations of HVFA like ductility, poor performance towards expansion and contraction, flexural property, impact resistance have made its use limited. Use of industry waste like fly ash to partly replace cementing material in concrete system addresses the sustainability issues and its adoption will enable the concrete construction industry to become more sustainable. Fiber reinforced concrete is considered as a material of improved

Reinforcement is provided for local strengthening of concrete in tension region. Since in Fiber Reinforced concrete, fibers are distributed uniformly in concrete, it has better properties to resist internal stresses due to shrinkage. Fibers improve specific material properties of the concrete, impact resistance, flexural strength, toughness, fatigue resistance, and ductility. Fibers generally used in cement concrete pavements are steel fibers and organic polymer fibers such as polypropylene and polyester.

II. METHODOLOGY

A. Experimental investigation:

Materials used

The following materials were used in the study.

Cement

Ordinary Portland cement, 53 Grade conforming to IS 12269-1987 was used in work.

Fine aggregate

Locally available river sand conforming to Grad in zone II of IS 383-1970 was used in work.

Coarse aggregate

Locally available crushed blue granite stones conforming to graded aggregate of nominal size 12.5 mm as per IS 383-1970 was used in work.

Fly Ash

Fly ash class F obtained from Vana kb ori Thermal Power Plant which confirms as per IS 3812-2000 was used in this work

Fibers

Polypropylene Recron 3S fiber was used with properties shown in Table I.

Superplasticizer

A commercially available sulphonated naphthalene formaldehyde based superplasticizer (CONPLAST SP430) was used as chemical admixture to enhance the workability of the concrete. The properties are given in Table II.

Water

Fresh potable water free from acid and organic substances was used for mixing and curing the concrete.

TABLE I. PROPERTIES OF RECRON-3S

Property	Values
Cut length	6mm, 12mm
Aspect ratio (L/d)	300
Specific gravity	0.91
Tensile Strength	6000 kg/cm ²
Melting point	>250°C
Dispersion	Excellent
Acid resistance	Excellent
Alkali resistance	Good

TABLE II. PROPERTIES OF SUPER PLASTICIZER

Colour	Brown
Specific Gravity	1.22 to 1.225
Chloride Content	Nil
Solid Contents	40%

B. Casting and Curing of Specimens

Mixing of ingredients was done according to specifications given in Indian Standard by machine mixing. The concrete was filled into the moulds in layers approximately 5cm deep and compacted by vibrator. The specimens were removed from mould after 24 hours and were kept submerged in curing tank. After curing for a period of 7, 28, and 56 days specimens were taken out and dried before testing.

C. Testing

Compression Test

Compression Test on cubes of size 150mm × 150mm × 150mm was conducted on the compression testing machine. The load on cube was applied upto the failure of specimen. Average compressive strength of three cubes was taken after 7, 28, and 56 days curing.

Flexural Test

Flexural test was performed on beams of size 100mm × 100mm × 500mm by placing them in flexural testing

machine. The load was increased until beam fails and maximum load applied was recorded to find flexural strength.

D. Results and Discussions

Slump cone

For pavements lab workability required is in the range of 20 to 25mm. In this experiment water binder ratio has been kept constant. From the Table III, it is clear that slump is more mix A1. On fiber additions (A2, A3, A4) a nominal decrease in workability is observed as slump is reduced.

TABLE III. SLUMP TEST RESULTS

Mix	Fly Ash (%)	Fiber %	Slump Value (mm)
A0	0	0	28
A1	50	0	29
A2	50	0.1	27
A3	50	0.2	25
A4	50	0.3	26

Compressive and Flexural Strength

The results of the compressive tests of various mixes at the age of 28 and 56 days. The influences of fly ash replacement of cement at 50% and varying percentages of fiber additions at 0.1, 0.2 and 0.3% and the control mix are shown. Though the 28 day compressive strength is more for control mix, i.e. A0 the 56 day compressive strength is more for A3. In the long time period fly ash based fiber added concrete gains more strength than fiberless fly ash based concrete. A1 mix values are higher than M0 by 6.3%. With the use of fibers, compressive strength shows further increase, the maximum being for (A3) 0.2% fiber added fly ash concrete. The increase over control mix is 11.4%.

The influence of fly ash replacement of cement at 50% (A1) and varying percentages of fiber additions at 0.1% (A2), 0.2% (A3) and 0.3% (A4) along with control mix A0 are shown in Table III. Comparatively higher strength compared to mix A0 and A1. On average fiber added mixes (A2, A3, and A4) has 2% and 5.3% increase over the control mix A0 and fiberless fly ash based concrete A1 respectively.

E. Conclusions

- Slump value decrease with Fiber addition.
- The strength gained at 28 days is found to be less for fly based (A1) and fiber added (A2, A3 and A4) concrete by 12.5% and 9.2% respectively on comparing to OPC based concrete (A0).
- The strength gained at 56 days is higher for fiber added fly ash based concrete than OPC based concrete.
- Fly ash based concrete performs well at later stage than early days.

5. Fiber addition to the fly ash based mix A2, A3 and A4 has higher increase in strength over 50% fly ash added concrete A1. Fiber addition of 0.2% (A4) has the maximum compressive and flexural strength compared to fiberless A1 mix.
6. Comparison of predicted and experimental values on average shows a variation of 2.65%, 4.65% and respectively for compressive strength and flexural strength.

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TABLE IV. COMPRESSION AND FLEXURAL TEST RESULTS

Mix	Fly ash in % of cement	Fiber %	Compressive strength in MPa			Flexural strength in MPa		
			7 days	28 days	56 days	7 days	28 days	56 days
M0	0	0	30	36	40	3.54	4.26	4.12
M1	60	0	16	31	43	3.01	3.55	4.01
M2	60	0.1	20	32	45	3.1	3.94	4.48
M3	60	0.2	21	32	46	2.95	3.45	4.18
M4	60	0.3	21	33	43	3.24	3.56	4.14

