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To,

The Chief Engineer

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Sub : Use of Design Mix Concrete for P.C.C. and R.C.C. Works as per IS Code 456:2000.

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Different Grade of Cement Concrete mix is being provided for P.C.C. and R.C.C. works in the Department. As per the stipulation made in the IS-456:2000 (code of practice for plain and reinforced concrete) clause 6.1.2, 8.2.2 and Table–5, minimum grade of concrete mix for P.C.C. works is M-15 and for R.C.C. works for mild exposure condition is M-20. The different grade of concrete mix to be adopted for P.C.C. and R.C.C. works are shown in Table-5 of IS Code 456:2000. Which is enclosed for ready reference.

Hence the concrete mix grade below M-15 for P.C.C. works and below M-20 for R.C.C. works should not be adopted for concrete works.

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Table 1 Permissible Limit for Solids
(*Clause* 5.4)

Sl No.		Tested as per	Permissible Limit, *Max*
i)	Organic	IS 3025 (Part 18)	200 mg/l
ii)	Inorganic	IS 3025 (Part 18)	3 000 mg/l
iii)	Sulphates (as SO_4)	IS 3025 (Part 24)	400 mg/l
iv)	Chlorides (as Cl)	IS 3025 (Part 32)	2 000 mg/l for concrete not containing embedded steel and 500 mg/l for reinforced concrete work
v)	Suspended matter	IS 3025 (Part 17)	2 000 mg/l

5.4.4 Water found satisfactory for mixing is also suitable for curing concrete. However, water used for curing should not produce any objectionable stain or unsightly deposit on the concrete surface. The presence of tannic acid or iron compounds is objectionable.

5.5 Admixtures

5.5.1 Admixture, if used shall comply with IS 9103. Previous experience with and data on such materials should be considered in relation to the likely standards of supervision and workmanship to the work being specified.

5.5.2 Admixtures should not impair durability of concrete nor combine with the constituent to form harmful compounds nor increase the risk of corrosion of reinforcement.

5.5.3 The workability, compressive strength and the slump loss of concrete with and without the use of admixtures shall be established during the trial mixes before use of admixtures

5.5.4 The relative density of liquid admixtures shall be checked for each drum containing admixtures and compared with the specified value before acceptance.

5.5.5 The chloride content of admixtures shall be independently tested for each batch before acceptance.

5.5.6 If two or more admixtures are used simultaneously in the same concrete mix, data should be obtained to assess their interaction and to ensure their compatibility.

5.6 Reinforcement

The reinforcement shall be any of the following:

a) Mild steel and medium tensile steel bars conforming to IS 432 (Part 1).

b) High strength deformed steel bars conforming to IS 1786.

c) Hard-drawn steel wire fabric conforming to IS 1566.

d) Structural steel conforming to Grade A of IS 2062.

5.6.1 All reinforcement shall be free from loose mill scales, loose rust and coats of paints, oil, mud or any other substances which may destroy or reduce bond. Sand blasting or other treatment is recommended to clean reinforcement.

5.6.2 Special precautions like coating of reinforcement may be required for reinforced concrete elements in exceptional cases and for rehabilitation of structures. Specialist literature may be referred to in such cases.

5.6.3 The modulus of elasticity of steel shall be taken as 200 kN/mm^2. The characteristic yield strength of different steel shall be assumed as the minimum yield stress/0.2 percent proof stress specified in the relevant Indian Standard.

5.7 Storage of Materials

Storage of materials shall be as described in IS 4082.

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6.1 Grades

The concrete shall be in grades designated as per Table 2

6.1.1 The characteristic strength is defined as the strength of material below which not more than 5 percent of the test results are expected to fall.

6.1.2 The minimum grade of concrete for plain and reinforced concrete shall be as per Table 5.

6.1.3 Concrete of grades lower than those given in Table 5 may be used for plain concrete constructions, lean concrete, simple foundations, foundation for masonry walls and other simple or temporary reinforced concrete construction.

6.2 Properties of Concrete

6.2.1 *Increase of Strength with Age*

There is normally a gain of strength beyond 28 days. The quantum of increase depends upon the grade and type of cement, curing and environmental conditions, etc. The design should be based on 28 days characteristic strength of concrete unless there is a evidence to

8.2 Requirements for Durability

8.2.1 *Shape and Size of Member*

The shape or design details of exposed structures should be such as to promote good drainage of water and to avoid standing pools and rundown of water. Care should also be taken to minimize any cracks that may collect or transmit water. Adequate curing is essential to avoid the harmful effects of early loss of moisture (*see* **13.5**).Member profiles and their intersections with other members shall be designed and detailed in a way to ensure easy flow of concrete and proper compaction during concreting.

Concrete is more vulnerable to deterioration due to chemical or climatic attack when it is in thin sections, in sections under hydrostatic pressure from one side only, in partially immersed sections and at corners and edges of elements. The life of the structure can be lengthened by providing extra cover to steel, by chamfering the corners or by using circular cross-sections or by using surface coatings which prevent or reduce the ingress of water, carbon dioxide or aggressive chemicals.

8.2.2 *Exposure Conditions*

8.2.2.1 *General environment*

The general environment to which the concrete will be exposed during its working life is classified into five levels of severity, that is, mild, moderate, severe, very severe and extreme as described in Table 3.

Table 3 Environmental Exposure Conditions

(*Clauses* 8.2.2.1 *and* 35.3.2)

Sl No.	Environment	Exposure Conditions
(1)	(2)	(3)
i)	Mild	Concrete surfaces protected against weather or aggressive conditions, except those situated in coastal area.
ii)	Moderate	Concrete surfaces sheltered from severe rain or freezing whilst wet
		Concrete exposed to condensation and rain
		Concrete continuously under water
		Concrete in contact or buried under non-aggressive soil/ground water
		Concrete surfaces sheltered from saturated salt air in coastal area
iii)	Severe	Concrete surfaces exposed to severe rain, alternate wetting and drying or occasional freezing whilst wet or severe condensation.
		Concrete completely immersed in sea water
		Concrete exposed to coastal environment
iv)	Very severe	Concrete surfaces exposed to sea water spray, corrosive fumes or severe freezing conditions whilst wet
		Concrete in contact with or buried under aggressive sub-soil/ground water
v)	Extreme	Surface of members in tidal zone
		Members in direct contact with liquid/ solid aggressive chemicals

8.2.2.2 *Abrasive*

Specialist literatures may be referred to for durability requirements of concrete surfaces exposed to abrasive action, for example, in case of machinery and metal tyres.

8.2.2.3 *Freezing and thawing*

Where freezing and thawing actions under wet conditions exist, enhanced durability can be obtained by the use of suitable air entraining admixtures. When concrete lower than grade M 50 is used under these conditions, the mean total air content by volume of the fresh concrete at the time of delivery into the construction should be:

Nominal Maximum Size Aggregate (mm)	*Entrained Air Percentage*
20	5 ± 1
40	4 ± 1

Since air entrainment reduces the strength, suitable adjustments may be made in the mix design for achieving required strength.

8.2.2.4 *Exposure to sulphate attack*

Table 4 gives recommendations for the type of cement, maximum free water/cement ratio and minimum cement content, which are required at different sulphate concentrations in near-neutral ground water having *p*H of 6 to 9.

For the very high sulphate concentrations in Class 5 conditions, some form of lining such as polyethylene or polychloroprene sheet; or surface coating based on asphalt, chlorinated rubber, epoxy; or polyurethane materials should also be used to prevent access by the sulphate solution.

8.2.3 *Requirement of Concrete Cover*

8.2.3.1 The protection of the steel in concrete against corrosion depends upon an adequate thickness of good quality concrete.

8.2.3.2 The nominal cover to the reinforcement shall be provided as per **26.4.**

8.2.4 *Concrete Mix Proportions*

8.2.4.1 *General*

The free water-cement ratio is an important factor in governing the durability of concrete and should always be the lowest value. Appropriate values for minimum cement content and the maximum free water-cement ratio are given in Table 5 for different exposure conditions. The minimum cement content and maximum water-cement ratio apply to 20 mm nominal maximum size aggregate. For other sizes of aggregate they should be changed as given in Table 6.

8.2.5 *Mix Constituents*

8.2.5.1 *General*

For concrete to be durable, careful selection of the mix and materials is necessary, so that deleterious constituents do not exceed the limits.

8.2.5.2 *Chlorides in concrete*

Whenever there is chloride in concrete there is an increased risk of corrosion of embedded metal. The higher the chloride content, or if subsequently exposed to warm moist conditions, the greater the risk of corrosion. All constituents may contain chlorides and concrete may be contaminated by chlorides from the external environment. To minimize the chances of deterioration of concrete from harmful chemical salts, the levels of such harmful salts in concrete coming from concrete materials, that is, cement, aggregates water and admixtures, as well as by diffusion from the environment should be limited. The total amount of chloride content (as Cl) in the concrete at the time of placing shall be as given in Table 7.

The total acid soluble chloride content should be calculated from the mix proportions and the measured chloride contents of each of the constituents. Wherever possible, the total chloride content of the concrete should be determined.

8.2.5.3 *Sulphates in concrete*

Sulphates are present in most cements and in some aggregates; excessive amounts of water-soluble sulphate from these or other mix constituents can cause expansion and disruption of concrete. To prevent this, the total water-soluble sulphate content of the concrete mix, expressed as SO_3, should not exceed 4 percent by mass of the cement in the mix. The sulphate content should be calculated as the total from the various constituents of the mix.

The 4 percent limit does not apply to concrete made with supersulphated cement complying with IS 6909.

8.2.5.4 *Alkali-aggregate reaction*

Some aggregates containing particular varieties of silica may be susceptible to attack by alkalis (Na_2O and K_2O) originating from cement or other sources, producing an expansive reaction which can cause cracking and disruption of concrete. Damage to concrete from this reaction will normally only occur when all the following are present together:

a) A high moisture level, within the concrete;

b) A cement with high alkali content, or another source of alkali;

c) Aggregate containing an alkali reactive constituent.

Where the service records of particular cement/aggregate combination are well established, and do not include any instances of cracking due to alkali-aggregate reaction, no further precautions should be necessary. When the materials are unfamiliar, precautions should take one or more of the following forms:

a) Use of non-reactive aggregate from alternate sources.

Table 5 Minimum Cement Content, Maximum Water-Cement Ratio and Minimum Grade of Concrete for Different Exposures with Normal Weight Aggregates of 20 mm Nominal Maximum Size

(Clauses 6.1.2, 8.2.4.1 *and* 9.1.2*)*

Sl No.	Exposure	Plain Concrete			Reinforced Concrete		
		Minimum Cement Content kg/m³	Maximum Free Water-Cement Ratio	Minimum Grade of Concrete	Minimum Cement Content kg/m³	Maximum Free Water-Cement Ratio	Minimum Grade of Concrete
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
i)	Mild	220	0.60	-	300	0.55	M 20
ii)	Moderate	240	0.60	M 15	300	0.50	M 25
iii)	Severe	250	0.50	M 20	320	0.45	M 30
iv)	Very severe	260	0.45	M 20	340	0.45	M 35
v)	Extreme	280	0.40	M 25	360	0.40	M 40

NOTES

1 Cement content prescribed in this table is irrespective of the grades of cement and it is inclusive of additions mentioned in 5.2. The additions such as fly ash or ground granulated blast furnace slag may be taken into account in the concrete composition with respect to the cement content and water-cement ratio if the suitability is established and as long as the maximum amounts taken into account do not exceed the limit of pozzolona and slag specified in IS 1489 (Part 1) and IS 455 respectively.

2 Minimum grade for plain concrete under mild exposure condition is not specified.