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## CONCENTRATE THE EFFECT OF PARTIAL REPLACEMENT OF NATURAL SAND WITH ROBO SAND

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### ABSTRACT

Nowadays the construction industry within the India is going through one of the essential problem that is herbal satisfactory mixture. And courtroom presented overall ban on excavation of first-class aggregate from river due to the fact to be able to have an effect on environment and alternate the river course. Cement, sand and combination are primary needs for any construction industry. Sand is a high material used for coaching of mortar and concrete and which plays a chief role in mix design. Now a day's erosion of rivers and thinking about environmental problems, there's an absence of river sand. The nonavailability or scarcity of river sand will have an effect on the development industry; therefore there may be a need to discover the brand new alternative material to replace the river sand, such that excess river erosion and damage to environment is avoided. Many researchers are finding exclusive substances to update sand and one of the primary substances is quarry stone dirt (synthetic/Robo/M -SAND). using distinctive percentage of this robo sand along side sand the desired concrete mix maybe received. substitute of natural first-class mixture is completed with synthetic fine mixture by way of 20%, 40% 60% and additionally the compressive strength of that concrete dice is discovered. This paper gives a review of the specific alternatives to herbal sand in guidance of concrete and the physical and mechanical homes and power component on concrete.

**Keywords:** Robo, Natural sand, cement, concrete, course aggregate, Physical Properties, Mechanical Properties.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Concrete, sand and total are fundamental requirements for any development industry. Sand is a noteworthy material utilized for planning of mortar and concrete and assumes a most essential part in blend outline. By and large utilization of characteristic sand is high, because of the huge utilization of cement and mortar. Henceforth the request of normal sand is high in creating nations to fulfill the quick foundation development. The creating nation like India confronting lack of good quality normal sand and especially in India, regular sand stores are being spent and making genuine risk condition and also the general public. Quick extraction of sand from stream bed causing such a large number of issues like losing water holding soil strata, developing of the waterway quaint little inns

bank slides, loss of vegetation on the bank of streams, irritates the oceanic life and also bothers horticulture because of bringing down the water table in the well and so on are a portion of the illustrations. The overwhelming abuse of stream sand for development purposes in Sri Lanka has prompted different hurtful issues. Choices for different stream sand choices, for example, seaward sand, quarry clean and sifted sand, Physical and compound properties of fine total influence the toughness, workability and furthermore quality of solid, so fine total is a most vital constituent of cement and bond mortar. By and large stream sand or pit sand is utilized as fine total in mortar and cement. Together fine and coarse total make around 75-80 % of aggregate volume of cement and subsequently it is critical to fine appropriate

compose and great quality total close-by site. Recently common sand is turning into an expensive material due to its request in the development business because of this condition investigate started for shoddy and effectively accessible elective material to normal sand. A few choices materials have just been utilized as a substitution of common sand, for example, fly-cinder, quarry tidy or limestone and siliceous stone powder, separated sand, copper slag are utilized as a part of cement and mortar blends as an incomplete or full substitution of normal sand. Even however seaward sand is really utilized as a part of numerous nations, for example, the UK, Sri Lanka, Continental Europe, But in India and Singapore the majority of the records in regards to utilization of this elective discovered mostly as a lesser degree of training in the development field. Because of deficiency of waterway sand and additionally its high the Madras High Court confinements on sand mining in streams Cauvery and Tamirabharani And Andhra Pradesh government has limited mining of characteristic sand in stream Godavari, The administration of Telangana quit utilizing normal sand government developments the announcement had given by legislature of Telangana bureau for utilizing ROBO SAND/M-SAND and began a mindfulness program among individuals for utilization of simulated sand set up of common sand (T. Harish Rao Minister for Irrigation, Marketing and Legislative Affairs ). The actualities like in India is relatively same in others nations too. So hence he have to locate an elective cement and mortar total material to waterway sand in development works has accepted more noteworthy significance now a days. Analyst and Engineers have turned out with their own plans to diminish or completely supplant the utilization of waterway sand and utilize late developments, for example, M-Sand (fabricated sand), robot silica or sand, stone crusher tidy, sifted sand, treated and sieved sediment expelled from supplies and in addition dams other than sand from other water bodies. Then again, need in required

quality is the real restriction in a portion of the above materials. Presently a day's reasonable infrastructural development requires the elective material that ought to fulfill specialized necessities of fine total and also it ought to be accessible locally with expansive sum. Today Indian Standards are extensively utilized for guaranteeing nature of development of structures and different structures, which are currently a-days to a great extent subject to solid developments. Department of Indian Standards, the National Standards Body of the nation, thinking about the shortage of sand and coarse totals from normal sources, has developed number of options which are eventually gone for preservation of regular assets separated from advancing utilization of different waste materials without trading off in quality. These measures incorporate allowing in the Concrete Code (IS 456) as additionally in the National Building Code of India, the utilization of slag - a loss from steel industry, fly powder - a loss from warm power plants, pounded over-consumed blocks and tiles - squander from dirt block and tile industry, in plain bond concrete as an other option to sand/common total, subject to satisfying the prerequisites of the Code. This Code, further, empowers utilization of fly fiery remains and ground granulated impact heater slag as part substitution of customary Portland bond in plain and in addition strengthened bond concrete. This part substitution could be of the request of 35% and 70% for fly fiery remains and slag separately along these lines bearing a huge scale sparing of common limestone holds which would have generally drained if there should arise an occurrence of the utilization of standard Portland bond without such substitution. Not just this, the Code features how toughness of cement can be enhanced with the utilization of these supplementary cementations materials. The Indian Standard on solid blend configuration (IS10262) has been moved up to incorporate direction and cases of planning concrete blends utilizing fly fiery debris and slag. Arrangements for consistence for essential

nature of cement influenced utilizing fly fiery remains and slag to have been properly secured for the makers of prepared blended cement in the Indian Standard Code of training for RMC (IS 4926).

## 2. Alternative Materials to River Sand

The world is resting over a landfill of waste hazardous materials which may substitutes for natural sand. Irrespective of position, location, scale, type of any structure, concrete is the base for the construction activity. Some of the researchers did the work to find the alternatives for natural sand and they concluded about different industrial waste and their ability to replace the much sought after natural river bed sand.

### A. Copper Slag

At present about 33 million tons of copper slag is generating annually worldwide among that India contributing 6 to 6.5 million tones. 50 % copper slag can be used as replacement of natural sand in to obtain mortar and concrete with required performance, strength and durability. (Khalifa S. Al-Jabri et al 2011). In India a study has been carried out by the Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) shown that copper slag may be used as a partial replacement for river sand as fine aggregate in concrete up to 50 % in pavement concrete without any loss of compressive and flexural strength and such concretes shown about 20 % higher strength than that of conventional cement concrete of the same grade.

### B. Washed Bottom Ash (WBA)

Currently India is producing in over 100 million tons of coal ash. From which total ash produced in any thermal power plant is approx 15 –20 per cent of bottom ash and the rest is fly ash. Fly ash has found many users but bottom ash still continues to pollute the environment with unsafe disposal mechanism on offer. The mechanical properties of special concrete made with 30 per cent replacement of natural sand with washed bottom ash by weight has an optimum usage in concrete in

order to get a required strength and good strength development pattern over the increment ages.

### C. Quarry Dust

About 20 to 25 per cent of the total production in each crusher unit is left out as the waste material-quarry dust. The ideal percentage of the replacement of sand with the quarry dust is 55 per cent to 75 per cent in case of compressive strength. He further says that if combined with fly ash (another industrial waste), 100 per cent replacement of sand can be achieved. The use of fly ash in concrete is desirable because of benefits such as useful disposal of a byproduct, increased workability, reduction of cement consumption, increased sulfate resistance increased resistance to alkalisilica reaction and decreased permeability. However, the use of fly ash leads to a reduction in early strength of concrete. Therefore, the concurrent use of quarry dust and fly ash in concrete will lead to the benefits of using such materials being added and some of the undesirable effects being negated.



Fig.1. Copper slag

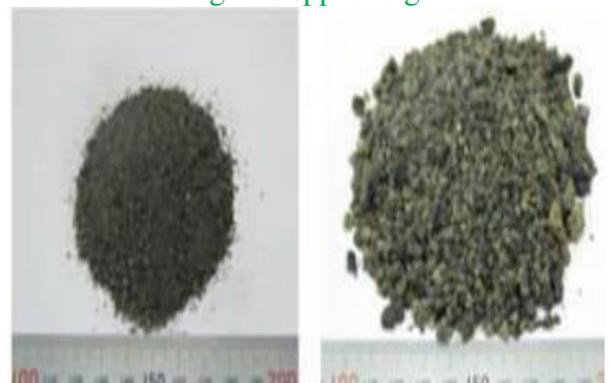


Fig.2. Washed Bottom Ash



Fig.3. Quarry Dust



Fig.4. Construction and Demolition waste

#### D. Construction and Demolition waste

There is no documented quantification of amount of construction and demolition (C&D) waste being generated in India. Municipal Corporation of Delhi says it is collecting 4,000 tones of C&D waste daily from the city which amounts to almost 1.5 million tons of waste annually in the city of Delhi alone. Even if we discount all the waste which is illegally dump around the city, 1.5 million of C&D waste if recycled can significantly substitute demand for natural sand by Delhi. Recycled sand and aggregate from C&D waste is said to have 10-15 per cent lesser strength then normal concrete and can be safely used in non-structural applications like flooring and filling. Delhi already has a recycling unit in place and plans to open more to handle its disposal problem. Construction and demolition waste generated by the construction industry and which posed an environmental challenge can only be minimized by the reuse and recycling of the waste it generates

### 3. Materials Used

The properties of various materials used in making the concrete (M25) are discussed in the following sections.

#### A. Cement

Ordinary Portland cement of 43 grades satisfying all the requirements of IS 8112-1989 was used in making the concrete slab panels and cubes in the experimental work. See Table I.

#### B. Natural (River) Sand

The natural sand having fineness modulus of 2.78 and conforming to zone II as per IS: 383-1970 was used for the experimentation after washing it with clean water. The specific gravity of this natural sand was found to be 2.55. The water absorption and moisture content values obtained for the sand used was found to be 6% and 1.0% respectively.

#### C. Artificial sand (Robo sand)

The crushed sand having fineness modulus of 2.81 and conforming to zone II as per IS: 383-1970 was used for the experimentation after washing it with clean water. The specific gravity of this artificial sand was found to be 2.66. The water absorption and moisture content values obtained for the sand used was found to be 6.5% and 1.0% respectively. See Table II.

#### D. Coarse Aggregate

Crushed stone aggregates of 20mm size obtained from local quarry site were used for the experimentation. The fineness modulus of coarse aggregates was found to be 6.3 with a specific gravity of 2.76 the water absorption and moisture content values obtained for the sand used was found to be 2.5% and 0.5% respectively.

**Table I. Typical properties of Cement 43 grade IS 8112-1989**

Physical properties	Values of OPC used
Standard consistency	32.5%
Sp gravity	3.15
Initial setting time	>30 min's
Final setting time	<600 min's

**Table II. Properties of Fine aggregate**

Properties	Natural sand	Robo sand
Specific gravity	2.55	2.66
Fineness module	2.78	2.81

### E. Robo sand and properties

The artificial/robo sand produced by proper machines can be a better substitute to river sand. The sand must be of proper gradation (it should have particles from 150 microns to 4.75 mm in proper proportion). Robo sand is a purified form of quarry dust with is extracted from manufacturing of coarse aggregate which mostly in the form of chips. These baby chips are crushed to the specified size of 0-4.75mm as required. In fact both natural sand and robo sand look similar. They don't differ in many properties like water absorption. But now there they started manufacturing separate for sand.

### F. General Requirements of Manufactured Sand

All the sand particles should have higher crushing strength. The surface texture of the particles should be smooth. The edges of the particles should be grounded. The ratio of fines below 600 microns in sand should not be less than 30%. There should not be any organic impurities. Silt in sand should not be more than 2%, for crushed sand. In manufactured sand the permissible limit of fines below 75 microns shall not exceed 15%.

### G. Properties of Robo sand

Table III. Average properties from all manufacturing units (Robo silica Pvt. Ltd.)

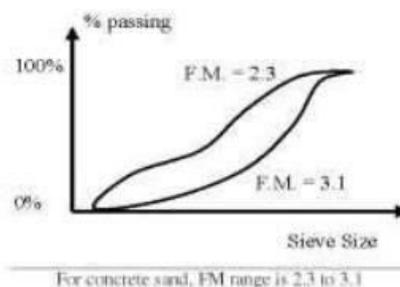
IS sieve designation	Percentage passing for			
	Gradin g Zone I	Gradin g Zone II	Gradin g Zone III	Gradin g Zone IV
10mm	100	100	100	100
4.75 mm	90-100	90-100	90-100	95-100
2.36 mm	60-95	75-100	85-100	95-100
1.18 mm	30-70	55-90	75-100	90-100
600 micron	15-34	35-59	60-79	80-100
300 micron	5-20	8-30	12-40	15-50
150 micron	0-10	0-10	0-10	0-15

### H. Fineness Modulus and Zone classification

The results of aggregate sieve analysis are expressed by a number called Fineness Modulu that is obtained by adding the sum of the cumulative percentages by mass of a sample aggregate retained on each of a specified series of sieves and dividing the sum by 100. The specified sieves are: 150µm (No. 100), 300µm (No. 50), 60µm (No. 30), 1.18 mm (No. 16), 2.36 mm (No. 8), 4.75 mm (No. 4), 9.5 mm , 19.0 mm , 37.5 mm , 75 mm , and 150 mm. Fineness modulus of Natural sand =  $278 \div 100 = 2.78$  Fineness modulus of Robo =  $281 \div 100 = 2.81$

As per the above results the Natural sand(NS) and Robo Sand (RS)both are of Zone -II. And fineness module of Natural sand is 2.78 and Robo sand is 2.81.

Table IV. IS classification of zones (IS 383-1970)



**Fig.5. Graph showing fineness modulus range for Concrete**



Fig.6. Sieve Analysis of Fine aggregate and Coarse Aggregate

Table V. Fineness modulus and Zone classification

Sieve no	Percentage of individual fraction retained by mass		Percentage passing by mass		Cumulative percentage retained ,by mass	
	NS	RS	NS	RS	NS	RS
10mm	0	0	100	100	0	0
4.75mm	0	0	100	100	0	0
2.36mm	12	0	88	100	12	0
1.18mm	13	43	75	57	25	43
600micron	39	28	36	29	64	71
300micron	20	9	16	20	84	80
150micron	9	7	7	13	93	87

#### 4. Types of mixes:

##### A. Standard mixes

The nominal mixes of fixed cement-aggregate ratio (by volume) vary widely in strength and may result in under- or over-rich mixes. For this reason, the minimum compressive strength has been included in many specifications. These mixes are termed standard mixes. IS 456-2000 has designated the concrete mixes into a number of grades as

M10, M15, M20 M25, M30, M35 and M40. In this designation the letter M refers to the mix and the number to the specified 28 day cube strength of mix in N/mm<sup>2</sup>. The mixes of grades M10, M15, M20 and M25 correspond approximately to the mix proportions (1:3:6), (1:2:4), (1:1.5:3) and (1:1:2) respectively.

##### B. Design Mixes

In these mixes the performance of the concrete is specified by the designer but the mix proportions are determined by the producer of concrete, except that the minimum cement content can be laid down. This is most rational approach to the selection of mix proportions with specific materials in mind possessing more or less unique characteristics. The approach results in the production of concrete with the appropriate properties most economically. However, the designed mix does not serve as a guide since this does not guarantee the correct mix proportions for the prescribed performance.

##### C. Factors affecting the choice of mix proportions

- Compressive strength (CS)
- Workability-The workability of concrete for satisfactory placing and compaction is related to the size and shape of section, quantity and spacing of reinforcement and technique used for transportation, placing and compaction.
- Durability
- Nominal size of aggregate- Maximum nominal size of aggregates to be used in concrete may be as large as possible within the limits prescribed by IS 456:2000.
- Quality control-The cement content is to be limited from shrinkage, cracking and creep.

##### 5. Design Mix(Based on BIS method)

Table VI. Test data for Materials

Table Head	Table Column Head
Cement used	OPC 43 grade conforming to IS 8112
Specific gravity of cement	3.15
Specific gravity of Coarse aggregate(CA)	2.74
Specific gravity of Fine aggregate(FA)	2.77
Water absorption Coarse aggregate	0.5 percent
Water absorption Fine aggregate	1.0 percent
Sieve analysis Coarse aggregate	Conforming to Table 2 of IS: 383
Sieve analysis Fine aggregate	Conforming to Zone I of IS: 383

A. Target Mean Strength for Mix

Proportioning  $f_t = f_{ck} + 1.65 s$

Where

$f_{ck}$  = Target average compressive strength at 28 days,

$f_{ck}$  = Characteristic compressive strength at 28 days,

$s$  = Standard deviation

From Table 1 standard deviation,  $s = 4 \text{ N/mm}^2$  (IS 4562000)

Therefore, target strength =  $25 + 1.65 \times 4 = 31.6 \text{ N/mm}^2$

A. Calculation of  
Cement Content Water  
cement ratio  
= 0.44

Cement content =  $182 / 0.44 = 413.63 \text{ kg/m}^3$   
=  $414 \text{ kg/m}^3$

From Table 5 of IS: 456, minimum cement content for severe exposure condition =  $414 \text{ kg/m}^3 > 300 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , hence OK.

B. Calculation for CA  
and FA Volume of  
concrete =  $1 \text{ m}^3$

Volume of cement =  $414 / (3.15 \times 1000) = 0.1301 \text{ m}^3$

Volume of water =  $182 / (1 \times 1000) = 0.1820 \text{ m}^3$

Total weight of other materials except coarse aggregate =  $0.1301 + 0.1820 = 0.3121 \text{ m}^3$

Volume of coarse and fine aggregate =  $1 - 0.3121 = 0.6879 \text{ m}^3$

Volume of F.A. =  $0.6879 \times 0.33 = 0.2283 \text{ m}^3$  (Assuming 33% by volume of total aggregate)

Volume of C.A. =  $0.6879 - 0.2283 = 0.4596 \text{ m}^3$

Therefore weight of FA =  $0.2283 \times 2.55 \times 1000 = 582.17 \text{ kg/m}^3$

Say weight of F.A. =  $595 \text{ kg/m}^3$

Therefore weight of C.A. =  $0.4596 \times 2.76 \times 1000 = 1268.66 \text{ kg/m}^3$

Say weight of C.A. =  
 $1196 \text{ kg/m}^3$  Weight of  
water =  $178.542 \text{ kg}$

Water: cement: F.A.: C.A. =  $0.44 : 1 : 1.43 : 2.88$

C. The compressive strength for 7 days and change in strength with reference mix  
After curing of cubes for 7 days, the concrete moulds of  $150 \times 150 \times 150 \text{ mm}$  is tested with a compressive testing machine or universal testing machine. Apply the load gradually without shock and continuously at the rate of  $140 \text{ kg/cm}^2/\text{minute}$  till the specimen fails. The results are shown in Table VIII.

Table VII. Properties of concrete

Properties	Sample -1 <sup>a</sup>	Sample -2 <sup>b</sup>	Sample 3 <sup>c</sup>	Sample 4 <sup>d</sup>
NS (kg)	10	11	8.58	5.72
Specific gravity NS	2.55	2.55	2.55	2.55
RS (kg)	0	2.6	5.72	8.58

Specific gravity RS	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75
CS in N/mm <sup>2</sup>	23.11	30	32	33.7

Properties	Sample -1 <sup>a</sup>	Sample -2 <sup>b</sup>	Sample 3 <sup>c</sup>	Sample 4 <sup>d</sup>
after 28 days				

0% robo sand  
 20% replacement with robo sand  
 40% replacement with robo sand  
 60% replacement with robo sand  
 Table VIII. The compressive strength for 7 days.(N/mm<sup>2</sup>)

Robo sand	Compressive strength N/mm <sup>2</sup>	Change in Strength with reference mix
0%	19.99	-
20%	23.11	+3.12
40%	20	+0.01
60%	26.66	+6.67

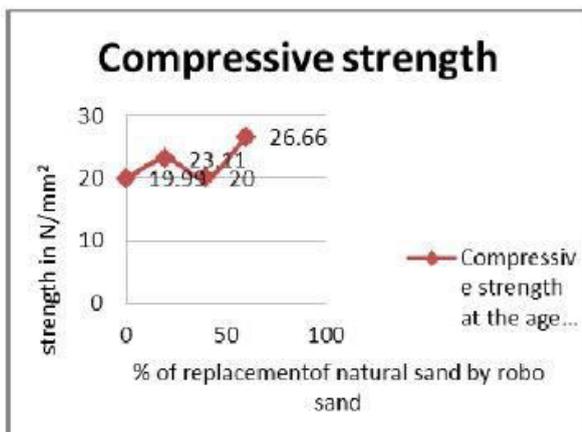


Fig. 7. Graph showing the compressive strength of concrete cured for 7 days

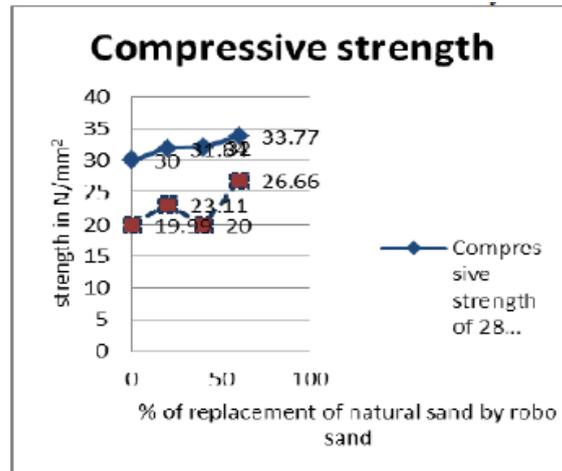


Fig. 8. Graph showing the compressive strength of concrete cured for 7 days and 28 days

## 6. Conclusion

The effect of partial replacement of Natural sand by Robo sand on the compressive strength of cement concrete of grade M25 (1:1.4:2.88 –Design mix) with water cement ratio as 0.44 are studied. Results are compared with reference mix of 0% replacement of Natural sand by Robo sand. The compressive strength of cement concrete with 20%, 40%, 60% replacement of Natural sand by Robo sand reveals higher strength as compared to reference mix. The overall strength of concrete linearly increases for 0%,20%, 40%, 60% replacement of Natural sand by Robo sand as compared with reference mix. Robo sand has a potential to provide alternative to Natural sand and helps in maintaining the environment as well as economical balance. Non-availability of natural sand at reasonable cost, forces to search for alternative material. Robo sand qualifies itself as suitable substitute for river sand at reasonable cost. The Robo sand found to have good gradation and better bonding which is comparatively less in natural sand. According to price – service ratio the use of robo sand gives effective results, as far as we concern the cost of Robo sand is 30-50% less in market which is good for production of economical concrete. The service of robo

sand is also as good enough for as Natural sand concrete.

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