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## A STUDY ON EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION USING CEMENT CONCRETE WITH VARIYING PERCENTAGE OF RICE HUSK ASH

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### ABSTRACT

The concrete industries introduce various related techniques to integrate and utilize a waste material, which are easily acceptable, easily available, and economically within the buying powers of an ordinary people. Presence of such materials in cement concrete not only reduces the carbon dioxide emission, but also impact significant improvement in workability and durability. For control of concrete strength, IS method of mix proportion is used and considering this as basis, mix design for replacement method has been made. In the present study five different replacement levels namely 10%, 20%, and 30% of RHA are chosen. Large range of curing periods starting from 7days, 14days, and 28days are considered in the present study.

**KEY WORDS:** Rice Husk ash, Concrete, Quarry Dust

### 1.INTRODUCTION

To improve the properties of concrete there are various experimental study available, whether it is a natural materials or recycled materials or blend of two synthetic materials in the concrete mix. If the waste cannot be disposed properly it will lead to social and environmental problem. The high cost of conventional building materials is a major factor affecting building construction. This has necessitated research into alternative materials of construction. Rice husk ash are generally used as landfills. To avoid this many reuse methods for rice husk ash are carried according to the need. With global economic recession coupled with market inflationary trends, constituent materials used for building structures have led to a very high

cost of construction. Hence materials & engineering scientists are committed to use local materials to replace costly conventional materials partially or fully. Numerous researchers have been carried out in this regard to sustainability reduce in the cost and ability to produce high density concrete are added advantage of such materials.

The new concrete aggregates typically account about 75% of the concrete volume and play a substantial role in different concrete properties such as workability, strength, dimension stability and durability. There is a growing interest in using waste materials as alternative aggregate materials and significant research is made on the use of many different materials as cement replacement such as fly ash, bagasse ash and

timber ash. This kind of waste material can solve problems of lack of concrete in many construction sites and reduce environmental problems related to aggregate mining and waste disposal.

## 2. SCOPE

- Use of rice husk ash as an environment friendly alternative than to dumping it as waste.
- Reduce the composition of natural resources used in concrete.
- Reduce environmental pollution.
- Economical.

## 3. OBJECTIVES

- To improve the strength of the concrete
- To evaluate the utility of rice husk ash as a replacement in cement concrete with varying percentage.
- To investigate the physical and chemical properties of rice husk ash used concrete.
- To compare the properties of rice husk with cement.
- To compare the rice husk ash concrete mix with conventional concrete mix.
- To determine the compressive strength, split tensile strength and workability of concrete with cement replaced by rice husk ash.
- To evaluate the increase strength of Rice husk ash replaced concrete in comparison with the conventional concrete.

## 4. NEED FOR PRESENT SYUDY

- To find a better alternative way to the supplementary cementitious material.
- From the supplementary replacement, reduce the usage of cement content.
- Cement industries emits more amount of toxic co<sub>2</sub>, which leads to environmental issues. Through this supplementary replacement we intend reduce cement production and pollution.
- To provide a high-performance concrete than the conventional concrete.
- Making concrete using waste material saves energy and converse primary resources. The more material reused; the fewer resource was consumed which leads to safe sustainable environment.

## 5. METHODOLOGY

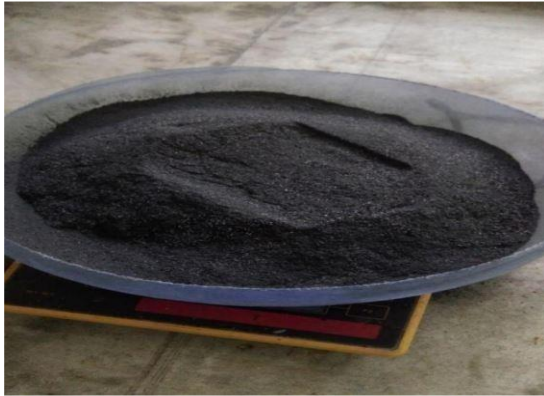
- Material collection
- Preliminary test of materials
- Mix design
- Sample preparation
- Testing
- Result and discussion

## 6. MATERIALS

- Cement.
- Rice husk ash (RHA).
- Fine aggregate.
- Coarse aggregate.
- Water.

## 7. RICE HUSK ASH (RHA)

Rice Husk Ash is the ash that is obtained by burning the rice husk until it gets reduced by 25%. The rice husk ash contain more amount of silica , and it is highly pozzolonic material. The ash is 90 – 95 % of silica (SiO<sub>2</sub>), light weight , with very high external surface area.



### 8. QUARRY DUST

Quarry dust is a waste which was obtained as a by-product during the production of aggregates through the crushing process of rocks in rubble crushing units. It is used as a replacement of sand quarry dust which is passing through IS 4.75mm sieve and retained on 150micron sieve is considered for the experimental investigation.



Property	
Colour	Grey with slight black
Bulk density	104.9 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Specific gravity	1.96
fineness	2775 cm <sup>2</sup> /gm
Avg particle size	150.47µm

Component	%
Silica	92.1
Alumina	0.51
Iron oxide	0.40
Calcium oxide	0.55
Potassium oxide	1.53
Titanium di oxide	0.02
Manganese oxide	0.08
Phosphorous penta oxide	0.08
Sulphur tri oxide	0.12

<b>Physical properties of quarry dust</b>	
Specific gravity	2.96
Fineness modulus	2.48
Water absorption	1%
<b>Physical properties of cement</b>	
Specific gravity	3.13
Initial setting time	29 mins
Final setting time	600 mins
<b>Physical properties of C.A</b>	
Specific gravity	3.15
Water absorption	0.5%
Impact value	13.7%
Crushing value	25.4

### 9. MIX PROPORTION OF CONCRETE

% Of Replacement	Cement	Water (W/C=0.42)	Fine Aggregate	Coarse Aggregate	Rice husk Ash
	Kg/m <sup>3</sup>				
10	398.58	186	725.11	1429.61	44.28
20	354.3	186	725.11	1429.61	88.56
30	310.02	186	725.11	1429.61	132.84

### 10. COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH TEST

Compression test according to IS: 516(1959) is carried out on the cubes. The specimens are loaded at a constant strain rate until failure. The results of compressive strength of cubes for 7 days, 14 days and 28 days are as follows

**Table 10.1** Compression strength test result (7 days)

S.No	Description	Trial-1 (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Trial-2 (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Trial-3 (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Average Result (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )
1	'10% Replacement of RHA	17.77	22.22	19.33	19.84
2	'20% Replacement of RHA	13.33	15.11	16.88	15.11
3	'30% Replacement of RHA	10.66	12.88	8.88	10.81

**Table 10.2** Compressive strength for conventional concrete

Compressive strength for Conventional concrete	7 Days	14 Days	28 Days
	22.1	30.6	33.66

**Table 10.3** Compression strength test result (14 days)

S.No	Description	Trial1 (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Trial2 (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Trial3 (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Average Result (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )
1	'10% Replacement of RHA	28	23.11	25.33	25.48
2	'20% Replacement of RHA	21.79	16.44	19.11	19.11
3	'30% Replacement of RHA	16.33	15.11	13.33	14.92

**Table 10.4 Compression strength test result (28 days)**

S.No	Description	Trial 1 (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Trial 2 (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Trial 3 (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Average Result (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )
1	10% Replacement of RHA	33.21	32.93	32.73	32.87
2	20% Replacement of RHA	29.21	28.26	29.71	27.48
3	30% Replacement of RHA	22.13	19.35	19.43	19.35

### 11. SPLIT TENSILE STRENGTH

After 7 days, 14 days and 28 days curing of concrete cylinder, split tensile strength test carried on each concrete cylinder of each blend. Average of three split cylinder of each blend is calculated out and graph is plot.

**Table 8.6 Split tensile strength result**

DAYS	Split tensile strength aft 7 DAYS	Split tensile strength aft 14 DAYS	Split tensile strength aft 28 DAYS
	(N/mm <sup>2</sup> )		
RHA CONTENT (%)			
0	1.45	2.50	5.50
10	1.32	2.40	5.21
20	0.71	1.55	3.21
30	0.25	0.56	1.82

### 12. CONCLUSION

- It is found that the RHA concrete had significantly near compressive strength and split tensile strength compared to that of the conventional concrete.
- From the Experimental work it is found that the cement could be replaced with RHA upto maximum limit of 10%. The optimum level of RHA content was achieved with 10% replacement.
- It is found that 10% replacement of cement by rice husk ash gives a maximum strength and high-quality factors than the conventional concrete.
- Thus, the environmental effects from the industrial waste can be significantly reduced and the cost of cement can be reduced by this RHA replacement.
- The use of rice husk ash as a replacement of cement in concrete is beneficial for better workability and strength as it imparts upto 30% of replacement level.
- Compared to the conventional concrete, replacement of rice husk ash in concrete decreases the use of cement from 20 to 30 %.

- The technical and economic advantages of incorporating Rice husk ash in concrete should be exploited by the construction and rice industries particularly rice growing nations like Asia countries.

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