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Behavior of concrete by partial replacement of coarse recycled aggregate with recycled plastic

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Abstract - This study investigates and reports on the usage of low density poly ethylene (LDPE) granules in place of coarse aggregate while constructing concrete cubes and cylinders. Concrete cubes and cylinders made of LDPE were hand cast, and test concrete's strength was then empirically assessed in terms of split tension and compression. It has been discovered that the compression and split tension strengths of plastic-replaced concrete can be on par with those of ordinary concrete.

The current study focuses on concrete mixes containing LDPE granules (0%, 10%, 20%, and 30%) used in place of some of the coarse aggregate to reduce the dead weight of the building. To determine the strength parameter, this mixture was compressed and divided tensioned into cubes and cylinders.

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INTRODUCTION

One of the most significant environmental, economic, and social problems worldwide is how to dispose of and manage solid waste. To address the growing issues with garbage disposal, a comprehensive waste management system that incorporates source reduction, reuse, recycling, land-filling, and incineration must be put into place. Products created from recycled plastic are frequently not recyclable since a plastic is typically not recycled into the same type of plastic. Biodegradable polymers are being used more often. Because of the differences in characteristics and melt temperatures, recovered plastic cannot be recycled if any of it is combined with other polymers for recycling.

On this subject, extensive research and studies have been conducted in certain nations, including the UK and the USA. On the other hand, there are hardly any investigations on plastics in concrete in India. In order to partially replace coarse aggregate, an attempt has been made to use waste Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE) granules, and its mechanical behaviour is studied.

Significance: Resource management can be difficult since building projects are resource-intensive. The planning of the resources is done before the task is begun. A resource in a construction project might be labour, supplies, cash, tools, time, or space. Each construction assignment is assigned a certain set of resources. The cost and time are directly impacted by the resources' availability. The volume of work required to perform an activity and the efficiency of the available resources are used to determine how long it will take to finish. It is essentially the contractor's responsibility to decide how various resources must cooperate to finish an operation.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The past researchers research in all aspects is covered in this literature review

Pravin Mathew (2013) Despite efforts to restrict its usage, the use of plastic is growing every day. This produces a large amount of unhealthy rubbish each day. There are several benefits to recycling plastics in a healthy and sustainable way. Here, the advantages of using recycled plastics as coarse aggregate in concrete are explored. The early issues with plastic aggregate's binding strength and heat of hydration were resolved. Testing was done to find out the density, specific gravity, and aggregate crushing value of plastic aggregate. Natural coarse aggregate (NCA) cannot be completely replaced with plastic coarse aggregate (PCA), hence partial replacement at various percentages was investigated.

Lakshmi R (2010) A partial answer to environmental and ecological issues is to use waste materials and byproducts. In addition to ensuring that these materials are used in cement, concrete, and other building materials and lowering the cost of cement and concrete production, using these materials also has a number of indirect advantages, including lower costs for landfill space, energy

savings, and environmental protection from potential pollution effects. Electronic garbage, often known as e-waste, is made up of obsolete computers, TVs, radios, refrigerators, and other electrical and electronic devices that have reached the end of their useful lives.In the concrete industry, efforts have been made to partially substitute coarse or fine aggregates with non-biodegradable E waste components. The effectiveness of using E-waste particles as coarse aggregates in concrete with a percentage substitution ranging from 0% to 30% is experimentally investigated. Concrete with and without e-waste as aggregates was tested for compressive strength, tensile strength, and flexibility.

Ankit Arora et.al. (2013) The process for using plastic and electronic trash in concrete is discussed in the paper that follows. E-waste from outdated or potentially unusable electrical and electronic equipment as well as plastic garbage from plastic mineral and cold drink bottles were gathered and ground to a size of 2 mm using a pulverising machine. Using a friction roller machine that the authors created and built, the ground pieces were rubbed against one another. It is done to increase roughness and provide ground bits uneven shapes so they would mix effectively with cement. The IS approach was used to create a mix design for concrete of the M20 grade. The standard 43-grade Portland cement was chosen. Grinded E-waste and plastic waste were replaced by 0%, 2%, and 4% of the fine aggregates. Compressive strength and flexural strength were tested and compared with control concrete.

MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

A) Plastic : A variety of synthetic or semi-synthetic organic compounds that are flexible and can be moulded into solid objects of many different forms make up plastic, a material. Although they generally incorporate additional materials, plastics are high molecular mass organic polymers. Most of the time, they are synthetic and generated from petrochemicals, while many are also partially natural. The capacity to deform irreversibly without breaking is known as plasticity, but with this class of mouldable polymers, it happens to such an extent that it is highlighted in the name of the material.

B) Low-density polyethylene Low-density polyethylene (LDPE) is a thermoplastic created from the ethylene monomer. In 1933, Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) created the first grade of polyethylene utilising a high pressure technique and free radical polymerization. The same process is being used to make it today. According to the EPA, recycling rates for LDPE (recycling number 4) are 3.3.7%. Although it faces competition from more contemporary polymers, LDPE is still a significant plastic grade. The global LDPE market size was around US$33 billion in 2013.

C) Cement : A cement is a binder—a substance that binds other materials together by setting and hardening. The Romans used the phrase opus caementicium to describe masonry that was constructed from crushed rock and burnt lime as a binder and resembled contemporary concrete. This is where the word "cement" first appeared. Cementum, cimentum, cäment, and cement are all names for the additives—volcanic ash and crushed brick—that were added to burnt lime to create a hydraulic binder. Depending on the cement's capacity to be employed in the presence of water, cements used in construction can be classified as hydraulic or non-hydraulic. made

D) Recycled Aggregates: Steel and blast furnace slag make up the majority of recycled materials used as building aggregate. Slag from a blast furnace is either air-cooled (slowly cooling outdoors) or granulated (created by cooling molten slag in water until it solidifies into sand-sized glass-like particles). Granulated blast furnace slag can partially replace Portland cement in concrete if it has access to free lime during hydration and has strong hydraulic cementitious characteristics.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

a) Compressive strength test Testing hardened concrete is crucial for regulating and maintaining the standard of cement concrete work. Concrete's compressive strength is the key benefit for using it in construction. The hardened concrete's strength, or its capacity to withstand forces, is one of its key characteristics. The concrete's compressive strength is regarded as being the most crucial and is frequently used as a gauge of the material's general excellence. **Results** Comparing plastic-replaced concrete's compressive strength to regular concrete. According to the graph, a combination of waste plastic up to 30% (as a replacement for coarse aggregate) in concrete results in a compressive strength of up to 80%.Concrete that has been replaced with plastic has less compressive strength

because the plastic granules' adhesion to the matrix is inadequate.

b) Spilt Tensile Test Concrete's poor tensile strength and brittleness make it less likely than other materials to withstand the direct tension. To calculate the load at which the concrete members may crack, however, the tensile strength must be determined. Tensile failure is shown in the cracking.

Results For a mix of waste plastic up to 90% (as a replacement for coarse aggregate) in concrete, split tensile strength is attained up to 70%.Due to poor plastic granule bonding in the matrix, concrete that has been replaced with plastic has less strength.

CONCLUSION

According to the experimental findings, using waste plastic in concrete or mortar can be a different way to reduce the environmental effect of improperly disposing of waste plastic. The next conclusions were reached:

Physical characteristics and compressive strength of concrete with varying percentages of plastic (0%, 10%, 20%, and 30%) were evaluated.

- The LDPE (Low Density Poly Ethylene) waste plastic employed in the research is 5-7 mm in size, and its specific gravity is found to be 0.92.
- When test concrete's compressive strength is compared to normal concrete, it is discovered that the compressive strength up to 80% is accomplished for concrete using up to 30% of a waste plastic mixture (in lieu of coarse material). In light of this, it is advised for concrete constructions with light weight.
- There were no discernible variations in the mechanical characteristics of the test concrete according to the colour of the plastic trash.
- The development of lightweight concrete, a reduction in the quantity of polymer waste dumped in landfills, and the fabrication of aesthetically pleasing landscape goods are further possible applications of this study.

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