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## Mechanical Properties of Concrete with Partial Replacement of Fine Aggregate by Clay Brick Masonry Wastes

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**ABSTRACT:** In construction industry ,concrete is most essential in terms of strength and durability. Concrete is made of construction materials such as fine aggregate, coarse aggregate and cement. In other hand, the performance of such aggregates directly impact on strength. To overcome the demand and cost of fine aggregate, clay brick masonry waste can be a best partial replacement. Hence, the demolished construction wastescan be recycled and used , which may also lead to the use of wastes without dumping it. The replacement by 0%, 20% and 40% of fine aggregate by clay brick masonry waste in concrete were examined in this study.

KEY WORDS: Clay brick masonry waste , demolished waste, recycled aggregate ,concrete.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The construction industry keeps developing day by day. Due to rapid urbanization, and infrastructure development, the need of concrete is also competing. The construction materials sources are renewable and cost is also high. In order to overcome this, we need to opt for any alternative sources for aggregates. The replacement of aggregate partially or fully in concrete may reduce the demand of aggregate. There is a also possibility, aggregates replacement may show good strength and durability compared to conventional concrete. As we all know, the cost of fine aggregate is increasing day by day. It is necessary to find an alternative toface this financially and also to save mother earth from devasting it . Mostly ,we need to transport aggregates from distance, so demolished wastes could be easier in case of transportation due to local availability .Also, scarcity of fine aggregates is also a major problem. In this study, the fine aggregates replaced by clay brick masonry waste percentages such as 20% and 40% were discussed.

#### **II. LMATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY**

The raw materials used throughout the project were fine aggregate-Msand, angular coarse aggregate of size 20mm and OPC cement of grade 43,locally available tap water from Anna university Regional Campus was used. The mechanical properties of all the raw materials were examined completely and the results are tabulated below.

| TEST             | MATERIALS |                     |                |                       |
|------------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
|                  | Cement    | Coarse<br>Aggregate | Fine Aggregate | Recycled<br>Aggregate |
| Specific Gravity | 3.16      | 2.73                | 2.46           | 2.32                  |
| Water absorption | -         | 1.5                 | 2.5            | 5.15                  |

#### **Table.1 TEST ON MATERIALS**

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| Fineness modulus   | - | 4.46                    | 3.25                     | 2.82 |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Dry rodded density | - | 1574.3Kg/m <sup>3</sup> | 1731.69Kg/m <sup>3</sup> |      |

#### MIX DESIGN AND PROPORTIONING

The grade used in their study was M 25. The water cement ratio is 0.5 and the cement content was  $348.32 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . The batches of concrete were in two different percentages . The quantity of cement , Fine aggregate and Coarse Aggregate and recycled aggregate is tabulated below

| MATERIAL                  | PER CUBE (kg) | PER CYLINDER<br>(kg) |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Cement                    | 1.87          | 2.93                 |
| Coarse aggregate          | 4.02          | 6.32                 |
| Fine aggregate            | 1.66          | 3.15                 |
| 20% of recycled aggregate | 0.4158        | 0.106                |
| 40% of recycled aggregate | 1.24          | 1.304                |

#### **Table.2 MIX PROPORTIONING**

#### CASTING OF SPECIMENS

#### (i) MIXING

The mixing of concrete is done in a controlled environment. The raw materials are poured in and mixed well with a trowel without leaving it to set.



Fig.1 Mixing of concrete

#### (i) CASTING

Cube moulds of size 150mm x 150mm x 150mm and cylinder moulds of size 150mm x 300mm were cleaned thoroughly, all the sides of the mould were oiled. Next, the ready mixed concrete is damped frequently with a damping rod to get a even size and shapeof the specimens. After filling with hand made ready mix concrete, the moulds were kept under room temperature for 24 hours to dry.

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Fig.2 Cube and cylinder casting

#### (ii) CURING

After 24 hours of drying , the cubes and cylinders were demoulded and immersed in clean water for 7,14 and 28 days . It is must to take out the specimen from curing tank and air dry day it before testing.



Fig.3 Curing

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The strength & durability of nominal concrete is compared with conventional concrete. The tests were done after 7,14 & 28 days of curing. The strength of different percentage with water binder ratio 0.5 is discussed below

#### (i) COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH

The compressive strength test was conducted in CTM (compression testing machine). The procedure was done as per the guidelines, the required specimen was placed horizontally and the load is applied. The load at failure is also noted and compared.



Fig.4 Compressive strength test

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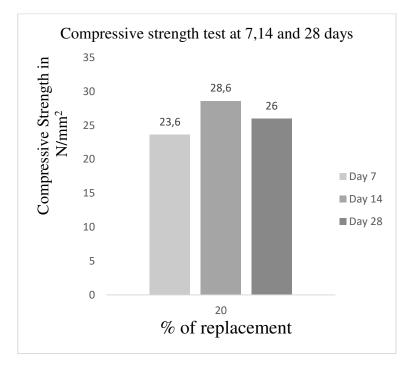


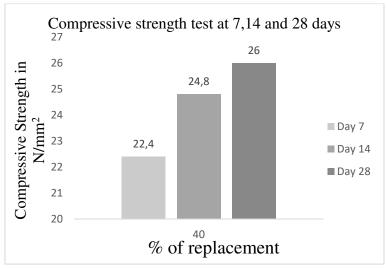
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#### Table .3 COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH TEST RESULTS

| % of replacement | 7 days                 | 14 days                | 28 days                |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 0%               | 16 N/mm <sup>2</sup>   | 19.2 N/mm <sup>2</sup> | 26 N/mm <sup>2</sup>   |
| 20%              | 23.6 N/mm <sup>2</sup> | 28.6 N/mm <sup>2</sup> | 34 N/mm <sup>2</sup>   |
| 40%              | 22.4 N/mm <sup>2</sup> | 24.8 N/mm <sup>2</sup> | 33.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup> |
| 40%              | $22.4 \text{ N/mm}^2$  | $24.8 \text{ N/mm}^2$  | 33.5 N/mm              |







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#### (ii) SPLIT TENSILE STRENGTH TEST

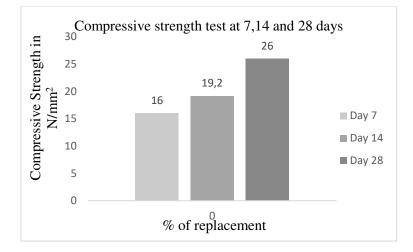
This test was conducted in UTM (universal testing machine). The test was conducted as per the guidelines. The specimens were placed horizontally and the load was applied from both the direction and the failure load is noted. The strength of specimens were discussed.



Fig.5 Split tensile strength test

#### Table.4 Split tensile strength test results

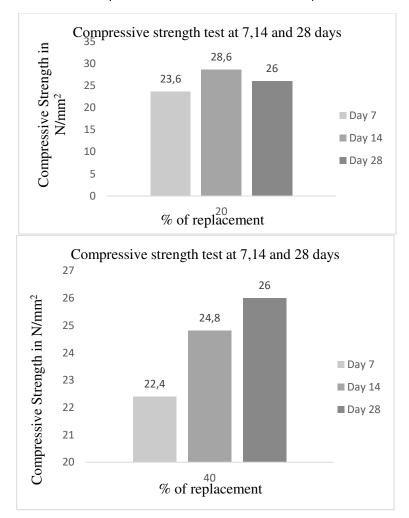
| % of replacement | 7 days                 | 14 days                | 28 days                |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 0%               | 2.04 N/mm <sup>2</sup> | 2.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup>  | 2.6 N/mm <sup>2</sup>  |
| 20%              | 2.38 N/mm <sup>2</sup> | 2.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup>  | 2.78 N/mm <sup>2</sup> |
| 40%              | 2.6 N/mm <sup>2</sup>  | 2.36 N/mm <sup>2</sup> | 2.61 N/mm <sup>2</sup> |



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#### **III. CONCLUSION**

- 1. From the above test results it is true that , clay brick masonry waste can be a best replacement for fine aggregate.
- 2. Its concluded that 20% of clay brick masonry waste ensure high compressive and split tensile strength compared to nominal concrete.
- 3. It is recommended to use 15% 35% of clay brick waste in concrete as substitute for fine aggregate.
- 4. Moreover, the disposal of wastes will be reduced and it will be properly reused.
- 5. Also, the scarcity of fine aggregate wont be a problem, brick wastes are easily available.

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