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Comparison of Flat Slab with Conventional Slab using STAAD Pro

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ABSTRACT: India at instant is rapid developing country in economy which brings stipulation in growing in construction amenities along with the evolution of population. The dictate of property in urban areas is upraises gradually, In order to counteract this demand in these urban areas upright development is the only choice. This type of circumstance brings challenges to counteract additional lateral loads due to wind and seismic. The multi storeyed structures is fetching an obligatory part of our living glossy and tasteful from with enlargement seek for space The delicate amount of space is forcing us to lift the high level of structure which give space to greatest point and number of persons in general, and also in consistency with the to do with buildings design things essential. The adventure of design and structure is to hold the bits of material using extensive supports and hold using columns. This type of structures are called as beam- slab structures. The main group as per arrangement of slab is beams and girders, and columns are framed structures and flat slab structures. The flat slab structure is structure in which slab is held up by column. Flat slab provides cleat height more and structure becomes cost effective.

KEYWORDS: Flat Slab, Conventional slab, Bending moment, stress, displacement, Sher force.

I. INTRODUCTION

1.1: General

Flat slab are found by Eddy and Turner in 1914. The flat slab is directly held up columns and walls. Which gives better lightning, cheap cost, and higher efficiency of appearance, faster construction and developing safety. Flat slabs have been accessible to structural engineers from the time when the start of reinforced concrete design. In flat slab arrangement slab is directly supported by column as well as the load coming on slab slabs is directly conveyed to the columns and column transferred to the footing. This type of slab is generally provided by column heads or capitals. Flat slabs are more commonly using in commercial structures due to reduced formwork cost, faster excavation, and easy construction. These slabs which are directly rest on columns are called Flat slabs. These slabs are known as beamless slabs. The parts of slab surrounded on each of the four sides by centre line of column is called panel. Panel are categorised into column stripe and middle stripe. Guidelines for design of flat slab are mention in Indian standard codes. Standard experiments carry on layouts and different configuration of slab which indicates that Design procedure is limited to scope and application. Currently, irregular layouts are more come therefore standard code procedures seem inadequate for design. Flat slab is analysed by following methods.

- 1. Direct design method
- 2. Equivalent Frame method

1.2 TYEPS OF FLAT SLAB

Types of flat slab construction are the following.

- 1. Simple flat slab.
- 2. Flat slab with drop panels.
- 3. Flat slab with column heads.
- 4. Flat slab with both drop panels and column heads.





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1.3 ADVANTAGES OF FLAT SLAB

- 1) The ease construction of formwork easy.
- 2) The positioning of flexural reinforcement is easy.
- 3) The casting of concrete work is easy.
- 4) In ground plan arrangement of wall is easy.
- 5) Reduce building height which is more helpful in multi-storey construction work.
- 6) Flexibility.
- 7) Construction is quick.

1.4 DISADVANTAGES OF FLAT SLAB

- 1) Construction cost is more.
- 2) Suitable for medium span length.
- 3) Not suitable brittle masonry supporting structures.
- 4) Mechanical ducting is large by the use of drop panel.
- 5) Slab thickness is more.
- 6) Deflection is critical in middle strip.

1.5 SEISMIC ANALYSIS

Seismic analysis is essential part for any structural analysis and it will provide the performance of the structure due to the underground vibrations or accelerations. It is considered as process of structural design where seismic work is relevant. Structural analysis categorised in following groups.

- 1. Linear static analysis or Equivalent static analysis
- 2. Nonlinear static analysis or Pushover analysis
- 3. Linear dynamic analysis or Response spectrum analysis
- 4. Nonlinear dynamic analysis or Time history analysis

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Amit A. Sathwane (2016)[1] This studies about flat slab, this flat slab provided with drop with grid slab which is economical to the nexus point near the vidhan bhavan beside MNC office. The analysis is carried out by both manually and stadd pro software. From this studies stated that the flat slab with drop is more economical. The quantity of concrete for flat slab is less and quantity of steel required for flat slab with drop and grid slab is more as compared to flat slab without drop.

Navjot Kaur Bhatia (2016)[2] This studies shows comparison of dynamic performance of grid and flat slab with the conventional slab. This research work conducted dynamic analysis for wind and seismic forces for high rise RC structures with different shape of flat slab, grid slab and conventional slab. This analysis carried for 10, 20 and 30 story structures with various earthquake zones as per IS 1893:2002. It gives the relationship between earthquake response and intensity. From this analysis results observe that flat slab and grid slab structural performance is better than conventional slab. This represents with respect to the cost of ingredients and deflections.

K.N.Mate (2015)[3] Flat slab is analysed. The flat slab consist of simple RC structure with clear span, clear good height, form work without delaying in construction time. This analysis gives why flat slab is more flexible than other type of slabs. This studies gives complete analysis and design of flat slab by using IS 456:2000. From this analysis is shows that flat slab is more flexible and economical compares to conventional slab. This analysis provides information to decide drop size, panel size, depth of slab and reinforcement details.

R.K.Makode et.al (2014)[4] This research work shows discussion about flat slab structure analysis which is directly supported by columns. This type of slab presently using in structures because of advantage of reduction in floor to floor height. It is economical and give better architectural benefits.

K. S. Patil et.al (2013[5]The studies gives optimum design of RC structures by providing drop as per IS 456: 2000. The objection is overall cost of structures includes cost of slab as well as cost of column. The cost involves ingredient cost, workmanship, formwork, reinforcement and concrete. The design is carried by direct design method. The





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optimization is done for various grade of steel and concrete. The optimization of flat slab compare with conventional design. The modelling, and analysis done by software.

III. METHODOLOGY

3.10BJECTIVES OF THE WORK

Keeping in view the above literature works following objectives are fixed.

- 1. To study the plan and analyze the conventional and flat slab as per given data.
- 2. To determine the maximum bending moment and shear force.
- 3. To review the lateral displacement, rotation and maximum stress for different earthquake zones.
- 4. To study the quantity of concrete and steel and cost of structure.

3.2 METHODOLOGY OF WORK

The process of analysis and design of structure performed on STAAD-Pro V8i.

3.2.1 Model details

Table 3.1: Specification for Model-1

Specification	Conventional Slab	Flat Slab
Dimension	25×25 m	25×25 m
Size of Grid in x Direction	5m	5m
Size of Grid in y Direction	5m	5m
Floor Height	3.5m	3.5m
Number of Stories	8	8
Thickness of slab	150mm	150mm
Thickness of drop	-	150mm
Beam size	0.3×0.3 m	-
Column Size	0.4×0.4 m	0.4×0.4 m

Table 3.2: Specification for Model-2

Specification	Conventional Slab	Flat Slab
Dimension	30×30 m	30×30 m
Size of Grid in x Direction	6m	6m
Size of Grid in y Direction	6m	6m
Floor Height	3.5m	3.5m
Number of Stories	8	8
Thickness of slab	150mm	150mm
Thickness of drop	-	150mm
Beam size	0.3×0.3 m	-
Column Size	0.4×0.4 m	0.4×0.4 m





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Table 4.3.2: Specification for Model-3

Specification	Conventional Slab	Flat Slab
Dimension	35×35m	35×35m
Size of Grid in x Direction	7m	7m
Size of Grid in y Direction	7m	7m
Floor Height	3.5m	3.5m
Number of Stories	8	8
Thickness of slab	150mm	150mm
Thickness of drop	-	150mm
Beam size	0.3×0.3 m	-
Column Size	0.4×0.4 m	0.4×0.4 m

Table 3.4: Specification for Model-4

Specification	Conventional Slab	Flat Slab
Dimension	40×40m	40×40m
Size of Grid in x Direction	8m	8m
Size of Grid in y Direction	8m	8m
Floor Height	3.5m	3.5m
Number of Stories	8	8
Thickness of slab	150mm	150mm
Thickness of drop	-	150mm
Beam size	0.3×0.3 m	-
Column Size	0.4×0.4 m	0.4×0.4 m

3.2.2 Material details

¬ Grade of concrete: M25 ¬ Grade of steel: Fe 250
 ¬ Density of concrete: 25 Kn/m3 4.3 Load calculation
 ¬ Self-weight of slab: 5.5 Kn/m3 ¬ Live load: 2.0 Kn/m3





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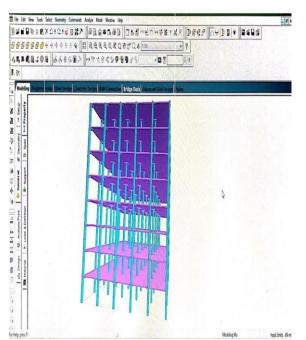
¬ Primary load cases and load combinations 4.4 Seismic parameters Seismic analysis is done as per IS: 1893:2002

¬ Soil profile type : Medium Soil

¬ Seismic zone factor : Zone-III, Zone-III,

¬ Response reduction factor: 5
 ¬ Importance factor: 1.5
 ¬ Reduction factors: 2.0

3.2.3 3D view of modelling



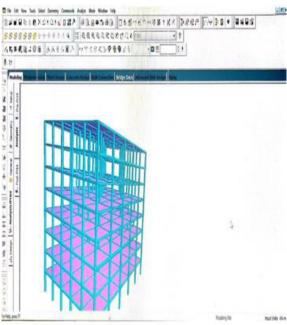


Fig 3.1: 3D View of Flat Slab

Fig3.2: 3D View of Conventional Slab

IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

4.1 DISPLACEMENT

Table 4.1: Maximum Displacement in X direction

Conventiona Flat Earthquake l Slab **Models** Slab zone mm $\mathbf{m}\mathbf{m}$ Zone-II 26.12 37.18 Model-1 Zone-III 59.48 45.96 Zone-II 49.65 31.65 Model-2 Zone-III 79.437 61.35 Zone-II 64.09 43.28 Model-3 Zone-III 102.698 83.12 80.312 Zone-II 63.16 Zone-III 128.81 92.73 Model-4

Table 4.2: Maximum Displacement in Y direction

Models	Earthquak e zone	ai Siad	Flat Slab mm
	Zone-II	37.18	26.12
Model-1	Zone-III	59.48	45.96
	Zone-II	49.65	31.65
Model-2	Zone-III	79.437	61.35
	Zone-II	64.09	43.28
Model-3	Zone-III	102.698	83.12
	Zone-II	80.312	63.16
Model-4	Zone-III	128.81	92.73





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4.2 SHEAR FORCE

Table 4.3: Maximum Shear force in X direction

Models	Earthquak e zone	Convention al Slab Kn	Flat Slab Kn
	Zone-II	985.27	856.23
Model-1	Zone-III	985.27	796.115
	Zone-II	1332.05	1520.91
Model-2	Zone-III	1332.05	1025.11
	Zone-II	1734.66	1456.02
Model-3	Zone-III	1734.66	1566.230
	Zone-II	2193.34	1965.70
Model-4	Zone-III	2193.34	1832.140

Table 4.4: Maximum Shear force in Y direction

Models	Earthquake	Conventional	Flat Slab
	zone	Slab	Kn
		Kn	
	Zone-II	47.841	25.365
Model-1	Zone-III	62.313	44.936
	Zone-II	71.400	38.400
Model-2	Zone-III	82.945	59.125
	Zone-II	99.519	65.835
Model-3	Zone-III	106.848	78.133
	Zone-II	132.147	89.761
Model-4	Zone-III	134.750	96.230

4.3 BENDING MOMENT

Models	Earthquak e zone	Conventiona I Slab Kn-m	Flat Slab Kn- m
	Zone-II	0.958	0.450
Model-1	Zone-III	1.294	0.755
	Zone-II	1.229	0.993
Model-2	Zone-III	1.620	1.110
	Zone-II	1.602	1.438
Model-3	Zone-III	1.981	1.436
	Zone-II	2.064	1.744
Model-4	Zone-III	2.375	1.898

 Table 4.5: Maximum Bending Moment in X direction
 Table 4.6: Maximum Bending Moment in Y Direction

Models	Earthquak	Conventiona 1 Slab	Flat Slab
	e zone	- 10 - 10 10	Siau Kn-
		Kn-m	KII-
			m
	Zone-II	70.585	46.925
Model-1	Zone-III	112.851	80.569
	Zone-II	97.376	65.237
Model-2	Zone-III	149.234	110.136
	Zone-II	139.113	89.433
Model-3	Zone-III	191.876	140.002
	Zone-II	191.260	102.419
Model-4			•
	Zone-III	244.457	171.50

4.4 ROTATIONAL

Table 4.7: Maximum Rotational in X direction

	Earthquake	Conventional	Flat
	zone	Slab	Slab
		rad	rad
	Zone-II	0.002	0.002
Model-1	Zone-III	0.001	0.001
	Zone-II	0.002	0.002
Model-2	Zone-III	0.001	0.001
	Zone-II	0.003	0.003
Model-3	Zone-III	0.001	0.001
	Zone-II	0.004	0.004
Model-4	Zone-III	0.001	0.001

Table 4.8: Maximum Rotational in Y direction

Models	Earthquake zone	Conventional Slab	Flat Slab
		rad	rad
	Zone-II	0.000	0.819
Model-1	Zone-III	0.000	0.569
	Zone-II	0.000	0.963
Model-2	Zone-III	0.000	0.869
	Zone-II	0.000	1.101
Model-3	Zone-III	0.000	1.021
	Zone-II	0.000	1.245
Model-4	Zone-III	0.000	1.225





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4.5ABSOLUTE PREASURE

Table 4.9: Maximum Principal Stress at Top

Models	Earthquak	Conventiona	Flat
	e zone	l Slab	Slab
		kn/m2	kn/m2
	Zone-II	0.369	0.563
Model-1	Zone-III	0.457	0.125
	Zone-II	0.445	0.611
Model-2	Zone-III	0.541	0.319
	Zone-II	0.533	0.763
Model-3	Zone-III	0.639	0.416
	Zone-II	0.664	0.951
Model-4	Zone-III	0.905	0.694

Table 4.10: Maximum Principal Stress at Bottom

Models	Earthquake zone	Conventiona 1 Slab kn/m2	Flat Slab kn/m2
	Zone-II	0.032	0.012
Model-1	Zone-III	0.032	0.029
	Zone-II	0.040	0.014
Model-2	Zone-III	0.0.40	0.076
	Zone-II	0.046	0.026
Model-3	Zone-III	0.046	0.098
	Zone-II	0.063	0.033
Model-4	Zone-III	0.063	0.123

4.6 QUANTITY OF CONCRETE

Table 4.11: Quantity Of Concrete

Models	Earthquake	Conventional Slab	Flat Slab
	zone	m3	m3
	Zone-II	377.28	145.28
Model-1	Zone-III	391.20	153.23
	Zone-II	421.00	225.36
Model-2	Zone-III	386.88	193.56
	Zone-II	444.08	298.11
Model-3	Zone-III	389.20	236.19
	Zone-II	504.18	361.55
Model-4	Zone-III	223.76	310.56

4.7 QUANTITY OF STEEL

Table 4.12: Quantity of Steel

Models	Earthquake zone	Conventional Slab kg	Flat Slab kg
Model-1	Zone-II	404292.91	201536.99
	Zone-III	516819.12	332156.22
Model-2	Zone-II	571773.00	320469.43
	Zone-III	604172.62	445691.29
	Zone-II	831934.38	552693.55
Model-3	Zone-III	894658.19	595236.94
Model-4	Zone-II	853107.62	572364.12
	Zone-III	871296.33	623149.76





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4.8 COST OF STRUCTURE

Table 4.13: Cost Of Structure

Models	Earthquake	Conventional Slab	Flat Slab
	zone	Rs	Rs
	Zone-II	25200074	12455419
Model-1	Zone-III	31986647	22031248
	Zone-II	35358880	19791540
Model-2	Zone-III	37172557	27225377
_	Zone-II	51026262	33889355
Model-3	Zone-III	54652491	36304691
	Zone-II	52446907	35245722
Model-4	Zone-III	52837179	31653855

V. CONCLUSION

The analysis of conventional slab and flat slab is carried out for different grid size using staad pro software. By keeping above results in view some conclusions are obtained which listed below.

- 1. The maximum displacement in all the direction is increases with increase in size of the grid for both zone-II and zone-III. Whereas displacement is more in conventional slab compared to flat slab.
- 2. The maximum shear force in all the direction is increases with increase in size of the grid for both zone-II and zone-III. Whereas shear force is more in conventional slab compared to flat slab.
- 3. The maximum bending moment in all the direction is increases with increase in size of the grid for both zone-II and zone-III. Whereas bending moment is more in conventional slab compared to flat slab. It also observed that bending moment in y and z direction is same.
- 4. The rotation in x direction is increases with increases in grid size and same for both conventional and flat slab in zone-II and zone-III. The rotation in y direction is negligible for conventional and it increases for flat slab with increases in dimension of slab. The rotation in z direction is constant in case of conventional slab for both zones.
- 5. The maximum absolute pressure increases with increases in size of grid for both conventional slab and flat slab for both zone-II and Zone-III.
- 6. The quantity of concrete increases with increases in grid size in zone-II and zone III. Quantity of concrete is more in case of conventional slab then flat slab.
- 7. The quantity of steel increases with increases in grid size in zone-II and zone-III. Quantity of steel is more in case of conventional slab then flat slab.
- 8. The cost of structure is more for conventional slab.

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