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## **DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING**

### **19CEE304 – CONCRETE TECHNOLOGY**

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UNIT 2 – MIX DESIGN

TOPIC – IS MIX DESIGN

# IS Method of Mix Design

- IS Recommended method of Concrete Mix Design (IS 10262-1982) was introduced in 1982.
- IS 456-2000 necessitated the revision of IS 10262-1982.
- New guidelines were then framed & given in IS 10262-2009
- After that after revision New guidelines were then framed & given in IS 10262-2019

# Data Required

The following basic data are required to be specified for design a concrete mix:

- Grade of concrete
- Max. size of aggregate
- Minimum cement content
- Max. w/c ratio
- Workability in terms of slump
- Exposure conditions
- Max. temperature at the pouring point
- Early age strength (if required)
- Grading zone of fine aggregate
- Type of aggregate
- Maximum cement content
- Type of admixture used – Brand name
- Specific gravity of all materials used & dosage etc.,

## Step – I :

### Target Mean Strength

- The target average compressive strength ( $F_{ck}$ ) of concrete at 28 days is given by

$$F_{ck} = f_{ck} + t \cdot s$$

Where,

$F_{ck}$  = target mean compressive strength at 28 days

$f_{ck}$  = characteristics compressive strength at 28 days

$s$  = Standard deviation

$t$  = Tolerance factor

- Assumed Standard Deviation

Grade of Concrete	Assumed Std. Deviation (s) N/mm <sup>2</sup>
M10 M15	3.5
M20 M25	4.0
M30 M35 M40 M45 M50 M55 M60	5.0

- Tolerance factor
  - Assumed to be 1.65 generally.
  - $F_{ck} = f_{ck} + 1.65 s$

No. of samples	Tolerance Level				
	1 in 10	1 in 15	1 in 20	1 in 40	1 in 100
10	1.37	1.65	1.81	2.23	1.76
20	1.32	1.58	1.72	2.09	2.53
30	1.31	1.54	1.70	2.04	2.46
Infinite	1.28	1.50	1.64	1.96	2.33

## **Step-II**

### **Selection of Water –Cement Ratio**

- Selected based on experience.
- Selected from durability criteria table.
- Minimum of 0.4 is chosen.

Table 5 (IS 456-2000)

## Durability Criteria as per IS 456- 2000

Exposure	Plain Concrete			Reinforced Concrete		
	Min. Cement	Max w/c	Min grade	Min. Cement	Max w/c	Min grade
<b>Mild</b>	<b>220</b> kg/m <sup>3</sup>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>300</b> kg/m <sup>3</sup>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>M 20</b>
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>240</b> kg/m <sup>3</sup>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>M 15</b>	<b>300</b> kg/m <sup>3</sup>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>M 25</b>
<b>Severe</b>	<b>250</b> kg/m <sup>3</sup>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>M 20</b>	<b>320</b> kg/m <sup>3</sup>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>M 30</b>
<b>V. Severe</b>	<b>260</b> kg/m <sup>3</sup>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>M 20</b>	<b>340</b> kg/m <sup>3</sup>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>M 35</b>
<b>Extreme</b>	<b>280</b> kg/m <sup>3</sup>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>M 25</b>	<b>360</b> kg/m <sup>3</sup>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>M 40</b>



## **Step – III :**

### **Selection of water Content:**

- **Water content decreases when there is,**
  - Increase in aggregate size
  - Reduction in W/C ratio
  - Reduction in slump
  - Use of rounded aggregate
  - Use of natural sand
  - Use of plasticizer
- **Water content increases when there is,**
  - Increased temperature
  - Increase in cement content
  - Increase in slump
  - Increase in W/C ratio
  - Use of Angular aggregate
  - Use of manufactured sand &
  - Large percentage of FA then CA

- The table value is for angular CA & 25-50mm slump.
- For sub-angular CA, reduce 10kg.
- For gravel with same crushed particle, reduce 20kg.
- For rounded gravel, reduce 25kg.
- Workability (slump):for every 25mm increased slump – increase water content by 3% of water.
- Use of
  - Plasticizer : reduce water content by 10%
  - Super plasticizer : reduce water content by 30%
  - PC based admixtures : reduce water content by 40%

Table 2 (IS 456-2000)

Nominal Maximum size of aggregate (mm)	Water Content per cubic metre of concrete (kg)
10	208
20	186
40	165

## Step – IV:

### Calculation of Cementitious material content:

- Cement material content = Water content / W- C Ratio
- Minimum cement content from durability requirement also checked.
- Greater value is adopted.

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## Step – V :

### Estimation of CA Proportion:

- Approximate aggregate volume for W/C ratio of 0.5 is given in the table.
- For every decrease in W/C ratio by 0.05, CA volume is increased by 1% to reduce sand content.
- For every increase in W/C ratio by 0.05, CA volume is reduced by 1% to increase sand content.
- For more workable mixes for pumping or tremie concreting, CA reduced by 10%.

Table 3 (IS 456-2000)

Sl. No.	Nominal Maximum Size of Aggregate (mm)	Volume of coarse aggregate per unit volume of total aggregate for different zones of fine aggregate			
		Zone IV	Zone III	Zone II	Zone I
1	10	0.50	0.48	0.46	0.44
2	20	0.66	0.64	0.62	0.60
3	40	0.75	0.73	0.71	0.69

## **Step – VI :**

### **Estimation of FA Proportion :**

- Find out the absolute volume of all the so far known ingredients.
- Deduct the sum of all known absolute volume from unit volume.
- Result will be volume of CA + FA.
- We know the vol. of CA. Hence, FA volume can be calculated.

## **Step – VII :**

### **Trial mixes :**

- Weight of all ingredients in  $\text{kg/m}^3$  can be found out.

# Example - Design

## A1)STIPULATIONS FOR PROPORTIONING

a) Grade designation	:M40
b) Type of cement	:OPC 43 grade conforming to IS 8112
c) Maximum nominal size of aggregate	:20mm
d) Minimum cement content	:320 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
e) Maximum water-cement ratio	:0.45
f) Workability	:100 mm (slump)
g) Exposure condition	:Severe (for reinforced concrete)
h) Method of concrete placing	:Pumping
j) Degree of supervision	:Good
k) Type of aggregate	:Crushed angular aggregate
m) Maximum cement content	:450 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
n) Chemical admixture type	:Super plasticizer

## **A-2 TEST DATA FOR MATERIALS**

- a) Cement used :OPC 43 grade conforming to IS 8112**
- b) Specific gravity of cement :3.15**
- c) Chemical admixture :Superplasticizer conforming to IS 9103**
- d) Specific gravity of:**
  - 1) Coarse aggregate :2.74**
  - 2) Fine aggregate :2.74**
- e) Water absorption:**
  - 1) Coarse aggregate :0.5 percent**
  - 2) Fine aggregate :1.0 percent**
- f) Free (surface) moisture:**
  - 1) Coarse aggregate :Nil (absorbed moisture also nil)**
  - 2) Fine aggregate :Nil**



**g) Sieve analysis:**  
**1) Coarse aggregate**

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IS Sieve Sizes mm	Analysis of Coarse Aggregate Fraction		Percentage of Different Fractions			Remarks
	I	II	I 60 percent	II 40 percent	Combined 100 percent	
20	100	100	60	40	100	Conforming to Table 2 of IS 383
10	0	71.20	0	28.5	28.5	
4.75		9.40		3.7	3.7	
2.36		0				

**2) Fine Aggregate**

**: Conforming to grading Zone I of Table 4 of IS 383**

# Design

- Target Strength:

$$f'_{ck} = f_{ck} + 1.65 s$$

Where,

$f'_{ck}$  = target average compressive strength at 28 days,

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

$s$  = *standard deviation*.

From Table I, standard deviation,  $s = 5 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Therefore, target strength =  $40 + 1.65 \times 5 = 48.25 \text{ N/mm}^2$

- Selection of W/C ratio:

From Table 5 of IS 456,

Maximum water-cement ratio = 0.45 Based on  
experience,

Adopt water-cement ratio as 0.40.

**0.40** < 0.45 , hence O.K.

- Selection of water content:

From Table 2,

Maximum water content = 186 kg (for 25 to 50 mm slump range)

For 20 mm aggregate,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Estimated water content for 100 mm slump} &= 186 + \frac{6 \times 186}{100} \\ &= 197 \text{ kg} \end{aligned}$$

As superplasticizer is used, the water content can be reduced 20 % to 30 %.

Assume 29% to be reduced.

Therefore, Arrived water content =  $197 \times 0.71 = 140 \text{ kg}$

- Calculation of cement content:

Water-cement ratio = 0.40

$$\text{Cement content} = \frac{140}{0.40} = 350 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

From Table 5 of IS 456,

Min. cement content for 'severe'

exposure condition

kg/m<sup>3</sup>

} =

320

**350 kg/m<sup>3</sup>** > 320 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, hence, O.K.

- Proportion of volume of CA and FA:

From Table 3,

Volume of CA corresponding to 20 mm size aggregate and fine aggregate (Zone I) for water-cement ratio of  $0.50 = 0.60$ .

In the present case water-cement ratio is 0.40.

Therefore, volume of CA is required to be increased to decrease the fine aggregate content.

As the water-cement ratio is lower by 0.10. the proportion of volume of CA is increased by 0.02 (at the rate of  $-/+ 0.01$  for every  $\pm 0.05$  change in water-cement ratio).

Therefore, corrected proportion of volume of coarse aggregate for the water-cement ratio of  $0.40 = 0.62$ .

For pumpable concrete these values should be reduced by 10 percent.

Therefore, volume of coarse aggregate =  $0.62 \times 0.9 = 0.56$ .

Volume of fine aggregate content =  $1 - 0.56 = 0.44$ .

- Mix Calculations :

The mix calculations per unit volume of concrete shall be as follows:

a) Volume of concrete = 1 m<sup>3</sup>

b) Volume of cement =  $\frac{\text{Mass of cement}}{\text{Sp. Gr. of cement}} \times \frac{1}{1000}$   
 $= \frac{350}{3.15} \times \frac{1}{1000}$   
 $= 0.111 \text{ m}^3$

c) Volume of water =  $\frac{\text{Mass of water}}{\text{Sp. Gr. of water}} \times \frac{1}{1000}$   
 $= \frac{140}{1} \times \frac{1}{1000}$   
 $= 0.140 \text{ m}^3$



d) Volume of chemical admixture

(superplasticizer) (@ 2.0 percent  
by mass of cementitious material)

$$= \frac{\text{Mass of chemical admixture}}{\text{Specific gravity of admixture}} \times \frac{1}{1000}$$
$$= \frac{7}{1.145} \times \frac{1}{1000}$$

$$= 0.006 \text{ m}^3$$

e) Volume of all in aggregate

$$= [a - (b + c + d)]$$

$$= 1 - (0.111 + 0.140 + 0.006)$$

$$= 0.743 \text{ m}^3$$

f) Mass of coarse aggregate

$$= e \times \text{Volume of coarse aggregate} \times \text{Specific gravity of coarse aggregate} \times 1000$$

$$= 0.743 \times 0.56 \times 2.74 \times 1000$$

$$= 1140 \text{ kg}$$

g) Mass of fine aggregate

$$\begin{aligned} &= e \times \text{volume of fine aggregate} \times \text{Specific gravity of fine aggregate} \\ &\quad \times 1\,000 \\ &= 0.743 \times 0.44 \times 2.74 \times 1\,000 \\ &= 896 \text{ kg} \end{aligned}$$

## MIX PROPORTIONS

Cement	=	350 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Water	=	140 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Fine aggregate	=	896 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Coarse aggregate	=	1 140 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Chemical admixture	=	7 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Water-cement ratio	=	0.4

- To express in proportion,

Cement : FA : CA : Water

350 : 896 : 1140 : 140 (in kg/m<sup>3</sup>)

1 : 2.56 : 3.26 : 0.4

For 1 bag of cement, multiply by 50,

50 : 128 : 163 : 20 (in kg)

thank you!