



INFLUENCE OF CERAMIC SLUDGE WASTE AS PARTIAL REPLACEMENT OF CEMENT ON STRENGTH AND DURABILITY PROPERTIES OF CONCRETE

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ABSTRACT

Concrete is very commonly used construction material. It is second largest material after water that is consumed on the planet. This popularity is due to the fact that it can be made by common materials and that are easily available. As consumption of concrete is very high, consumption of cement is also very high. Production of cement produces high amount of CO₂. To save environment we have to find alternate solution for making concrete and partial replacement is one of the solution to reduce production of CO₂. In this study, effects of waste material as partial replacement of cement on the Chloride permeability and compressive strength of concretes were experimentally investigated. The main parameter investigated in this study was M20 grade concrete with partial replacement of cement by waste material (CSW-Ceramic Sludge Waste). The percentage of replacement at the levels of 0%, 10%, 20%, 30% and 40% was examined. In this research a detailed experimental study on compressive strength and chloride permeability were carried out at an age of 7, 14 and 28 days. This investigation shows that ceramic sludge waste can be utilized as partial replacement of cement up to 20% without any loss of strength and durability of concrete.

Keywords: ceramic sludge waste, durability and compressive strength of concrete.

INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW OF PAST WORK

For human beings creating durable Structures is very important. Be it for residential purpose or other purposes. Structures are must be strong and durable for healthy environment for its desire service. There are many different materials available for construction like concrete, brick, stone, and glass, steel etc. They must have some properties like strength, workability, durability and they need to be molded to any shape. Concrete is one of the materials which fulfills all the requirement for easy construction of any structure.

Concrete is a family of different material like fine aggregate, coarse aggregate, binding material (cement), water and different admixture. Concrete is second largest material after water used by human beings. Cement is the main ingredient used as binding material in concrete. From the statistic portal, India is second largest country after China in production of cement. India reached 290 million metric tons in cement production in the year of 2018[1]. Production of cement creates hazard for earth by large emission of green house gases viz. CO₂ to the atmosphere. One ton of cement is estimated to release 0.9 tons of CO₂ [2, 3] and that pollutes atmosphere. To reduce carbon footprint it is inevitable to find replacement of cement. Ample research has been carried out for replacement of cement with different waste materials like GGBFS, fly ash, rice husk ash, silica fume, sludge waste etc...related literature for above mentioned supplementary cementitious material(SCM) are listed in references.

In review of other research paper it is established that large quantity of cement kiln dust (CKD) which is produced during the manufacture of cement clinker by the dry process, contains a mixture of raw feed as well as

calcined materials with some volatile salts. The ultimate compressive as well as tensile strengths will decrease for OPC concrete samples a slight increase in strength were observed for BFSC. The maximum limit for substitution is not more than 30% for SRC, and 20% for BFSC, and 10% for OPC [4]. They have observed higher amount of hydration due to lowest mean distribution radius for OPC with silica fume [4]. Dispersion coefficient is high so better packing characteristics observed due secondary pozzolanic reaction between silica fume and OPC [4]. effect of glass powder (GP) and ground granulated blast furnace slag (GGBS) as a partial replacement in cement on the properties of concrete was carried out and the combined mix (cement + GP + GGBS) as 50:15:35 and 50:20:30 increased the compressive strength by 44.20% and 43.08% respectively. Addition of GP and GGBS reduced the sorptivity rate and water absorption rate. GP and GGBS can be successfully utilized as an effective mineral admixture in cement concrete with 15% and 35% respectively as a optimal replacement of cement in [5].

Supplementary cementitious materials like fly ash etc. in concrete, researchers proved that the damage caused by ASR can be effectively prevented [9-13]. 40% is defined as the upper limit in many state standards or regulations. Therefore, above 40% FA in concrete defined as HVFA concrete is suitable [7, 8]. Use of SCM reduces heat of hydration in some of the research shows a reduction in the heat of hydration by partially replacing cement with 45% FA. [14]. HVFA increases workability of concrete. The increment in the slump highest was 21.43%, 7.14% and 0% with the inclusion of 50%, 60% and 70% FA [15]. Concrete mixes containing 30% red



granite dust (RGD) showed good fresh properties. Better early age strength was encountered for concrete with 30% RGD than similar PFA-based concrete. Up to 50% replacement of cement with RGD mechanical properties of concrete remained acceptable [16]. Up to 30 % advantageously cement replaced with rice husk ash consists of 87% of silica and has an average specific surface area of 36.47 m²/g[17]. The concrete specimens containing 10% diatomite, 5% WPM and 5% WPM +10% diatomite replacement by weight for cement had the best compressive and flexural strength [18]. From above past research partial replacement of cement with different supplementary cementitious material gives good properties to the concrete without its side effect and we can also reduce the dumping of waste material so we can reduce pollution to the land and air by utilizing the waste in construction industries. The present research is for utilization of ceramic sludge waste generated from ceramic industries.

EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMME

Materials

(A) Cement: Cement used for our research work was ordinary Portland cement (OPC) 53 grade conforming to IS12269 [19] the physical properties like specific gravity, surface area, initial setting time and final setting time was carried out and results were tabulated in Table-1.

Table-1. Properties of OPC 53 grade cement.

Parameters	Result Obtained	Limits as per IS: 12269 [19].
Fineness-Specific Surface (m ² /Kg.)	285	Minimum -225.0 (m ² /Kg.)
Standard consistency in (%)	30	---
Initial setting time (Min.)	47	Minimum - 30 Minute
Final setting time (Min.)	260	Maximum- 600 Minute
By Le-chat Expansion in (mm)	2.12	Maximum-10.00 mm
Compressive Strength in (Mpa)		
3 Days	30.56	Minimum- 27.00 Mpa
7 Days	39.81	Minimum- 37.00 Mpa
28 Days	56.14	Minimum- 53.00 Mpa

(B) Fine aggregate: River sand was used for our research work having specific gravity 2.67. Rounded aggregate provided good packing characteristics so we have used natural river sand. Grading of fine aggregate conforming IS 383-1970 [20]. Other properties are tabulated in Table-2.

Table-2. Properties of fine aggregate.

Parameters	Observation	Limits
Sand Falls in Zone	II	--
Finess Modulus of sand	3.0	---
Water Absorption (%)	1.1	Max - 2 %
Sp. Gravity of Sand	2.67	2.6 - 2.7
Silt Content (finer than 75 mic. (%))	2.2	max.- 3 %

(C) Coarse aggregate Maximum size of aggregate was 20 mm used for this research work. Grading of coarse aggregate conforming IS 383-1970 specific gravity found out for coarse aggregate was 2.81 [20]. Other properties of coarse aggregates tabulated in Table-3

Table 3. Properties of coarse aggregate.

Parameters	Observation	Limits
Water Absorption in (%)	0.97	Max. - 2.0 %
Sp.Gravity	2.81	2.6 - 2.9
Elongation Index in (%)	12.34	--
Flakiness Index in (%)	10.70	--
Aggregate Impact value (%)	14.35	Max.-45.0 %
Aggregate Crushing Value (%)	17.37	Max.-45.0 %
Aggregate Abrasion Value (%)	17.40	Max.-45.0 %

(D) Ceramic sludge Waste (CSW): Ceramic sludge waste was collected from locally available dumping site of ceramic sludge waste and specific surface area 728 m²/kg. Specific gravity of ceramic sludge waste was 2.47 ceramic sludge waste was used as partial replacement of cement up to 40 % in variation of 10%. Other chemical properties are tabulated in Table-4.

**Table-4.** Chemical composition of selected material.

Types of test	Result obtained
Sio ₂	72.41
Al ₂ O ₃	20.6
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.10
CaO	3.97
SO ₃	0.11
Loss of ignition	1.44
Fineness-Specific surface(m ² /kg)	728
Particle retained on 45μ sieve	9.20
Specific Gravity	2.47
Lime reactivity avg compressive strength(N/mm ²)	9.20
Compressive strength at 28 days(%)	85.19%

Water used for this work for mixing and curing was good quality and having Ph value within permissible limits (IS 456: 2007) [21].

Mix design and methodology of work

M20 grade of concrete was used in this investigation and the detailed quantity of each material is mentioned in Table-5. Ceramic sludge waste was used as partial replacement of cement in varying percentage of 0% (CM-control mix), 10% (CW10 mix), 20 (CW20 mix), 30% (CW30 mix) and 40% (CW40 mix).

The main parameter for this investigation was effect of CW on mechanical properties of concrete. Specimen of size 150mm *150mm*150mm cube were casted for compressive strength identification for different mix. For split tensile strength, 150 mm diameter and 300 mm height cylindrical specimens were casted for specified mix proportion. For durability test, 100 mm diameter and 50 mm height cylinder specimens were cast for RCPT test. Water cement ratio was 0.5 and slump value was varying from 50 to 70 mm.

Table-5. Mix design of M20 Concrete.

Mix design	Replacement %	Cement (Kg)	Water (lit.)	CA (Kg)	FA (Kg)	W/C	CW (Kg)
M20	0	18.17	9.09	60.6	36.00	0.5	0
	10	16.36	9.09	60.6	36.00	0.5	1.82
	20	14.54	9.09	60.6	36.00	0.5	3.63
	30	12.72	9.09	60.6	36.00	0.5	5.45
	40	10.90	9.09	60.6	36.00	0.5	7.27

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Compressive strength: Compressive strength of concrete using ceramic waste as partial replacement of cement was carried out as per IS 516:1956[22] and results were tabulated in Table 6. The test set up for compressive strength test was as per Figure-1. Final strength was average of three numbers of specimen were prepared for each day strength. The test was carried out after 7, 14, 28, days of curing. The average value of compressive strength of CM mix at 7 days was found higher compare to other mix. It has also been recorded that the average compressive strength of mix with 30% (CW30) and 40% (CW40) replacement of cement was found to be less by 22.95% and 45.92% respectively. The compressive strength of (10 % replacement) CW10 mix and (20% replacement) CW20 mix at 7 days curing was not much affected by partial replacement of cement with ceramic sludge waste. The percentage reduction in compressive strength of CW30 and CW40 was found 22.96% and 38.06% respectively after 14 days curing. At 14 days curing the strength of mix CW10 and mix CW20 was not affected by replacement of cement with ceramic sludge waste. Similarly the reduction of compressive strength CW30 mix and CW40 mix was 28.26% and 42.95%. with this research it has been found that the upper limit for

replacement of cement partially by ceramic sludge waste was 20%. Compressive strength of

Table-6. Compressive strength.

MIX DESIGN	COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH AT DIFFERENT AGE		
	7 DAYS	14 DAYS	28 DAYS
CM	14.81	22.96	25.19
CW10	13.19	23.85	25.48
CW20	14.81	23.85	25.33
CW30	11.41	17.63	18.07
CW40	8.00	14.22	14.37



Figure-1. Compressive strength test setup.

Concrete at any age with partial replacement of cement with ceramic sludge waste was very nearer to design strength of controlled concrete mix. Hydration process is depends on the amount of cement. As percentage of cement replacement is increase the required amount of cement available for hydration is less and the extra waste material is left as inert material so it will reduce the strength of concrete.

Split tensile strength of concrete

This test for measuring tensile strength of concrete was carried out on the cylindrical specimen of size 150 mm diameter and 300 mm length. This test was carried out for 7 and 28 days curing. IS 5816-1999[23] Indian standard was followed to calculate split tensile strength of concrete. Compression testing machine of 1000 kN capacity was used to apply load gradually on the cylinder till the specimen split. Arrangement of split tensile strength test was as per Figure-2.



Figure-2. Split tensile strength test setup.

The splitting tensile strength was found out by relationship given in IS 5816-1999[23]. The results are tabulated in Table-7 as per result tensile strength of concrete is poor.

Table-7. Split tensile strength.

MIX DESIGN	SPLIT TENSILE STRENGTH AT DIFFERENT AGE	
	7 DAYS	28 DAYS
CM	2.46	3.84
CW10	2.41	3.40
CW20	2.41	3.10
CW30	1.69	2.09
CW40	1.30	1.94

The split tensile strength of concrete with 30% ceramic sludge waste (CW30 mix) and 40% ceramic sludge waste (CW40 mix) was found very poor compare to other mix. The reduction in the split tensile strength of CW10 mix and CW20 mix at 7 days were not much affected it was only 1 to 2% reduction in split tensile strength of concrete but as amount of % of replacement of cement increased the split tensile strength of concrete is reduced. The reduction in split tensile strength of mix CW30 and CW40 were 31.03%, 47.85%, 45.52% and 49.32 at 7days and 28 days respectively. The reduction of split tensile strength of concrete is due to excess amount of ceramic sludge waste which becomes an inert material and reduced the quantities of cement for hydration process.

Rapid chloride permeability test

Chloride permeability of concrete with ceramic sludge waste as partial replacement of cement was carried out as per ASTM C1202. According to ASTM C1202 cylindrical sample for various concrete mixes CM, CW10, CW20, CW30 and CW40 of diameter 100 mm and 50 mm thickness were prepared for measuring chloride permeability. According to ASTM C1202 test, specimen is subjected to a 60 v DC voltage for 6 hours. Arrangement of RCPT test was as per Figure-3.



Figure-3. RCPT test setup.

In this test amount of charge passed through samples of various mix was recorded at different interval of time as per ASTM C1202 was measured. average current passed was recorded and tabulated in Table-8. Criteria to rate the chloride permeability of various mix



tabulated in Table 9[24]. It was observed that as % of ceramic sludge waste increases chloride permeability of mix decreases. According to ASTM C1202 control mix CM concrete chloride penetration is at moderate level.

It was recorded that chloride permeability of mix CW10 and CW20 is also at moderate level. Chloride permeability of CW30 and CW40 mix was found at low level. With addition of ceramic sludge waste chloride permeability of mix CW30 and CW40 reduced by 39.9% and 56.04 % of control mix (CM) for 28 days.

Table-8. RCPT test results.

MIX DESIGN	RCPT (CHARGE PASSED IN COULOMBS)
	28 DAYS
CM	3399
CW10	2740
CW20	2332
CW30	2042
CW40	1494

Table-9. RCPT Ratings as per ASTM C1202 [24].

CHARGE PASSED IN COULOMBS	CHLORIDE ION PERMEABILITY
>4000	High
2000-4000	Moderate
1000-2000	Low
100-1000	Very low
<100	Negligible

CONCLUSIONS

The effect of ceramic sludge waste on the different properties of concrete was carried out by performing of various test and with the help of different tests detailed conclusion were presented as follows.

As partial replacement of cement with ceramic sludge waste increase compressive strength, split tensile strength is decreased. Up to 20 % replacement of cement with ceramic sludge waste gives good compressive strength and split tensile strength. Higher amount of replacement of cement with ceramic sludge waste reduces the compressive strength and split tensile strength of concrete because of extra amount of ceramic sludge waste is work as inert material and reduces the amount of cement for hydration process. In this research we found optimum percentage of replacement of cement with ceramic sludge waste was 20%.

The concrete mix with ceramic sludge waste shows less chloride permeability of concrete compare to controlled mix. This phenomenon was attributed to the alkali binding and low interconnecting voids due to higher amount of ceramic sludge waste. With addition of ceramic sludge waste chloride permeability of mix CW10, CW20,

CW30 and CW40 reduced by 19.39%, 31.37%, 39.9% and 56.04 % of control mix (CM) for 28 days.

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