Fly Ash Utilization in Structural Concrete for Sustained Construction

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Pulverized fuel ash to be used as Pozzolana in cement, cement mortar and concrete in accordance with this standard shall be fly ash only which may be either in as collected condition or beneficiated, segregated or processed.

This standard was first published in 1966 in three parts to cater to the requirements of fly ash for three specific uses: Part 1 covering use of fly ash as a Pozzolana, Part 2 covering use of fly ash as an admixture for concrete, and Part 3 covering use of fly ash as fine aggregate for mortar and concrete

Slump loss of concrete increases with increase in water cement ratio of concrete. For water cement ratio 0.35 without any admixtures, initial slump cannot be measured by slump cone test as it is very less. Ultimate compressive strength of concrete decreasing with increase in ratio of concrete. Slump loss of concrete goes on increasing with increase of quantity of fly ash. The 10% and 20% replacement of cement with fly ash shows good compressive strength for 28 days. The 30% replacement of cement with fly ash ultimate compressive strength of concrete decreases.

Key Words: Fly Ash, Concrete, Workability, Strength, Curing.

1. INTRODUCTION

Fly ash or pulverized fuel ash is the residue from the combustion of pulverized coal collected by mechanical or electrostatic separators from the fuel gases or power plant. It is constitutes about 75% of the total ash produced. The properties and composition of fly ash vary widely, not only between different plants but from hour to hour in the same plant. Its depends on type of fuel burnt and on the variation of load on the boiler. Fly ash obtained from cyclone separator is comparatively coarse and contain and large proportion of unbent fuel, whereas that obtained from electrostatic precipitators is relatively fine having a specific surface of about 3500 cm2/g and may be as high as 500 cm2/g .Normally it is rather finer than Portland cement.fly ash consist generally of spherical particles, some of which

may be like glass and hollow and of irregularly shaped particles of unbent fuel carbon. It may vary in colors from light grey to dark grey or even brown.

Carbon content in fly ash is important consideration for use with cement; it should be as low as possible. The fineness of fly ash should be as high as possible. The silica contained in fly ash should be present in finely divided state since it combines slowly over a very long period with the lime liberated during the hydration of the cement. Curing the temperature of 38 degree has been found to greatly accelerate its contribution to the strength of concrete. Curing at high pressure and temperature in autoclave promotes the reaction between the lime liberated during the hydration of cement and the silica in the fly ash. However, this reaction should tend to prevent the release of free lime to reduced efflorescence.

Fly ash is supplied in two grades; grade I grade II. There general use is incorporating it in cement mortar and concrete and in lime Pozzolana mixture. However, only grade I is recommended for manufacture of Pozzolana cement.

Pulverized fuel ash is available in large quantities in the country as a waste product from a number of thermal power stations and industrial plants using pulverized or crushed or ground coal or lignite as fuel for boilers. The effective use of pulverized fuel ash as a Pozzolana in the manufacture of and for part replacement of cement, as an admixture in cement, cement mortar and concrete, lime Pozzolana mixture and products such as fly ash lime bricks, concrete blocks, asbestos cement products, etc, have been established in the country. Investigations of Indian pulverized fuel ashes have indicated greater scope for their utilization as a construction material. Greater utilization of pulverized fuel ash will lead to not only saving of scarce construction materials but also assist in solving the problem of disposal of this waste product. The investigations have also indicated the necessity to provide proper collection methods for fly ash so as to yield fly ash of quality and uniformity which are prime requirements of fly ash for use as a construction mate.

II. OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY:

The objectives of the study are as follows.

1.To provide the durability and strength from using the flyash.

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2. To improves the strength and segregation of the concrete and makes it easier to pump from flyash utilization.

III. METHODOLOGY

The research paper done on the basis of the methodology. Steps was followed from methodology till analysis of the results.

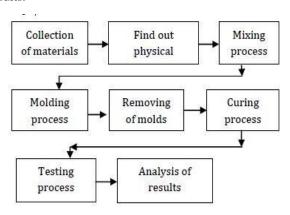


Fig-1.Block Diagram of Working Process

IV. LABORATORY EVALUATION

Table No.-1. Compressive Strength of Concrete with Different W/C Ratio

Sr. No.	w/c ratio	Compressive Strength (N/mm²)	Avg. Compressive Strength (N/mm)
1	0.35	21.3	22.4
2		23.7	
3		22.2	
4	0.45	20.6	20.83
5		20.8	
6		21.1	
7	0.55	8.97	11.08
8		12.28	
9		12.0	

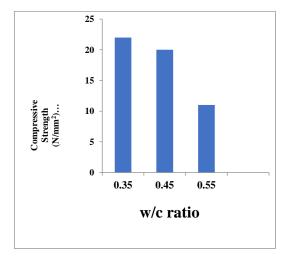


Fig-2. Variation in Compressive Strength for Different Water Cement Ratio

Table No-2. Slump of Concrete with Different W/C Ratio

w/c ratio	.35	.45	.55
Slump in mm	0	30	160

Table No-3. Compressive strength for different proportion of fly ash after 7 days curing

Sr.No.	% of fly ash	Compressive strength (N/mm²)	Avg. Compressive strength (N/mm²)
1		27.5	
2	0%	23.6	23.5
3		19.4	
4		22.5	
5		28.62	26.20
6	10%	27.5	
7		27.2	
8	20%	22.8	25.3
9		25.9	
10		23.08	
	30%		20.91
11		20.12	
12		19.54	

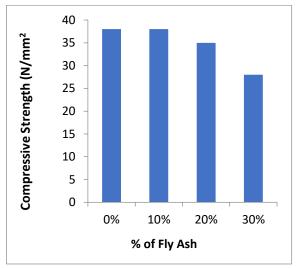


Fig-3. Compressive Strength for Different Proportion Of Fly Ash After 7 Days Curing



Fig-4. Mould of concrete cube



Fig-5. Sample of Concrete Cube

Table No-4 Compressive strength for different proportion of fly ash after 28 days curing

Sr. No.	% Of Fly Ash	Compressive Strength (N/mm²)	Avg. compressive strength (N/mm²)
1		38.17	
2	0%	38.48	38.96
3		40.25	
4		41.87	
5	10%	44.59	43.24
6		43.28	
7		38.95	
8	20%	34.5	37.78
9		39.89	
10		33.88	
11	30%	28.92	31.46
12		31.58]

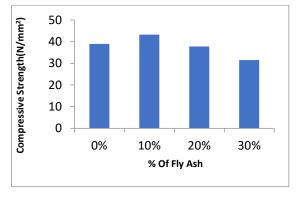


Fig-6. Compressive strength for different proportion of fly ash after 28 days curing

V. RESULTS

The various chemical plants treating wastewater through adsorption, activated carbon is frequently used as an adsorbent. However, in view of the higher cost of activated carbons and difficulties associated with regeneration, attempts have been made by various workers to use fly ash as low-cost materials and it remains a potential low-cost adsorbent for the future.

Thus, by results we can see as amount of fly ash is increased, consistency decreased. And as amount of fly ash is increased in mix, it requires less water as compare to cement.

- Thus by result it can also be seen that as amount of fly ash increased in cement, initial setting time also increased and it take more time to settle.
- It can also be seen that as amount of fly ash increased compressive strength decreased, up to 30-40% is safe to use in concrete mix and 50% fly ash cement concrete has not enough compressive strength to use for construction.

VI. CONCLUSION

This research concludes the study of the effect of fly ash on the properties of concrete for nominal mix of M25 grade of concrete are as follows.

- 1. Slump loss of concrete increases with increase in water cement ratio of concrete.
- 2. For water cement ratio 0.35 without any admixtures, initial slump cannot be measured by slump cone test as it is very less.
- 3. Ultimate compressive strength of concrete decreasing with increase in ratio of concrete.
- 4. Slump loss of concrete goes on increasing with increase of quantity of fly ash.
- 5. The 10% and 20% replacement of cement with fly ash shows good compressive strength for 28 days.
- 6. The 30% replacement of cement with fly ash ultimate compressive strength of concrete decreases.

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