"COMPARATIVE STUDY OF LIGHTWEIGHT CONCRETE WITH NORMAL CONCRETE"



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ABSRACT

Light weight concrete plays a major role in construction Industry due to its unique properties when compared to ordinary concrete. Compared with normal weight concrete, light weight concrete can significantly reduce the dead load of structural elements, which makes it especially attractive in multi-storey buildings. Lightweight concretes are widely accepted in the construction industry mainly due to its low density. Pumice lightweight aggregate is a volcanic-origin natural aggregate of very low specific gravity. It is possible to develop light weight concrete of density up to 1450 kg/m³ using pumice having a dry density of 1200 kg/m³ and sound insulation properties, higher strength/weight ratio, better fire resistance and durability properties.

Light weight concrete plays a major role in construction Industry due to its unique properties when compared to ordinary concrete. This research explains the development of light weight concrete by replacing coarse aggregates with pumice which is a light weight material in different proportions. In present study, a comparison has been made between conventional concrete and concrete made with replacement of coarse aggregates with 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, and 50% of pumice respectively. The physical and mechanical properties of this concrete were investigated and compared with normal concrete. Properties such as water compressive strength, tensile strength, flexural strength and dry density were measured. It is found that increase in the percentage of pumice stone reduces the mechanical strength and dry density of the concrete mix.