

# PLANNING AND DESIGNING OF FILLER SLAB IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

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**Abstract** - This paper mainly aims on reduction of concrete volumes in buildings, without affecting the design criteria and enable us to make an economical construction. Extra reinforcement which is added in conventional concrete construction can be replaced by filler materials which replicates in reducing cost of slab up to 25%. Good thermal insulation is developed between gaps in tiles and gives aesthetic look too.

**Key Words:** planning, designing, filler slabs, economical.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Increase of population in urban cities results in increase of need for land for accommodation. Multi storied buildings are constructed in small area of land to compensate the population. In multi storied building large amount of concrete are used in making slab elements. This slab also contains many layers of reinforcement. The tension zone in concrete does not need any concrete except holding one. To reduce the dead weight of slab filler materials are introduced in tension zone of concrete slab as showed in fig.1

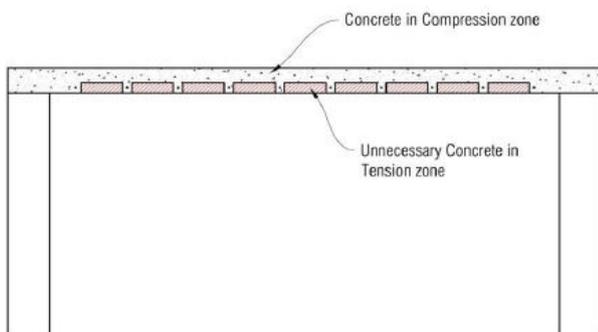


Fig. 1

## 2. FILLER SLAB

Filler slab constructing technology is an alternative method of slab construction which helps in reduction of concrete which is used in construction. Though filler slab technology is used more in various parts of India it has successful projection in south India.

These filler materials are added not to promote any strength in structure or durability in structure, replacement of unwanted concrete in tension zone of concrete slab. Filler materials which are mostly added in concrete slab are brick, mangalore tiles, terracotta pot and non degradable waste materials. These filler materials not only results in reduction of dead load in structure but also in development of good thermal

insulation in Structural system. Fig. 2 shows alignment of filler materials.

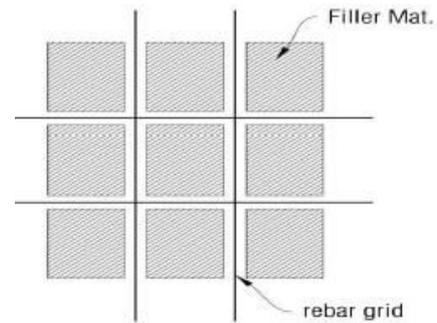


Fig. 2

Brick is considered to be a most effective filler material especially because of its proper shape and dimension. Fig. 3 shows filler slab constructing technology using standard bricks



Fig. 3

## 3. LITERATURE REVIEW

Balasubramani et.al (2017), in their journal, "Application of RCC Filler slab Floors and Roofs" explains about various application of filler slab in open land preservation and extension of vertical roofs. Also explains about eco-friendly nature of filler slabs used in construction.

Ayush Srivastava (2015), In his journal "Filler-Slab as a Continuous T-Beam Slab" indicated about the percentages of reduction in cost of construction using filler slab and also stated the various uses of filler material in slabs.

Amit D Chougule et.al (2015), in their review paper "To Study the Filler Slab as Alternative Construction Technology-A Review" explains about economic point view of using filler slab and aesthetic performance.

S.Sundari et.al (2016), in their journal “study on filler slab using self compacting concrete with terracotta pots as filler” explained about removal of concrete in tension zone using terracotta as a filler material reduces steel and concrete and creates an economic situation.

#### 4. SLAB DESIGN

Slab is designed using limit state method, with codal provisions from I.S 456-2000 & SP 16.

##### DATA:

Size = 9.75 X 10.52  
 $F_{ck} = 20\text{KN/m}^2$   
 $F_y = 415\text{KN/m}^2$   
 Live Load = 2KN/m<sup>2</sup>

##### TYPES OF SLAB:

$L_y/L_x = 9.75/10.52$   
 $= 2.66 < 2$

Therefore, this is one-way slabs.

##### DIMENSION CALCULATION:

###### (a) Depth

$d = \text{span}/28$   
 $= 4000/28$   
 $d = 145\text{mm}$   
 Provide clear cover as 30mm  
 Therefore,  
 $D = 145 + 30$   
 $D = 175\text{mm}$

###### (b) Length

$L = \text{Clear span} + \text{effective depth}$   
 $= 4 + 0.145$   
 $= 4.145\text{m}$

##### LOAD CALCULATION:

Self-weight =  $D \times \text{unit weight of concrete}$   
 $= 0.175 \times 25$   
 $= 4.375 \text{ KN/m}^2$   
 Live load = 2 KN/m<sup>2</sup>  
 Dead load = 3 KN/m<sup>2</sup>  
 Floor finish = 1.5 KN/m<sup>2</sup>  
 Total load = 6.5 KN/m<sup>2</sup>  
 Design load ( $W_u$ ) = 1.5 × 6.5  
 $W_u = 9.75 \text{ KN/m}$

##### REINFORCEMENT DETAILS: (Both direction)

$M_u = 0.87 \times f_y \times A_{st} \times d (1 - ((f_y \times A_{st}) / (f_{ck} \times b \times d)))$   
 $= 12.83 \times 106 = 0.87 \times A_{st} (1 - ((415 \times A_{st}) / (20 \times 1000 \times 145)))$   
 $A_{st} = 168\text{mm}^2$   
 No of Bars =  $A_{st} / a_{st}$

$= 168 / (\pi/4) \times 102$   
 $= 2.13 \text{ nos.} \approx 3\text{nos}$

##### Spacing,

$S = (a_{st} / A_{st}) \times 1000$   
 $= (\pi/4) \times 122 / 168 \times 1000$   
 $S = 294.44\text{mm} \approx 300\text{mm c/c}$   
 Provide 10mm  $\phi$  @ 300mm c/c distance.

##### DISTRIBUTION REINFORCEMENT:

$A_{st} = 0.12 \% \text{ of } b \times D$   
 $= (0.12/100) \times 1000 \times 175$   
 $A_{st} = 210 \approx 250\text{mm}^2$

##### Spacing,

$S = (a_{st} / A_{st}) \times 1000$   
 $= ((\pi/4) \times 8^2 / 250) \times 1000$   
 $S = 201.06\text{mm} \approx 300\text{mm}$   
 Provide 8mm @ 300mm c/c distance.

##### CHECK FOR SHEAR FORCE:

$\tau_v = V_u / b \times d$   
 $= 30 \times 103$   
 $= 0.21 \text{ N/mm}^2$   
 $P_t = 100 a_{st} / b \times d$   
 $= (100 \times 297) / (1000 \times 145)$   
 $= 0.20 \text{ N/mm}^2$   
 $\tau_c = 0.22$  (assume  $K_s = 1.25$ )  
 Therefore  $\tau_c \times K_s = 0.22 \times 1.25 = 0.28 \text{ N/mm}^2$   
 $\tau_v < \tau_c \times K_s$  Hence Safe.

##### CHECK FOR DEFLECTION CONTROL:

$(L/d)_{\text{max}} = (L/d)_{\text{basic}} \times K_c \times K_f$  ( $K_C = K_F = 1$ )  
 $= 25 \times 1.4$   
 $= 35$   
 $(L/d)_{\text{actual}} = \text{Length/depth}$   
 $= 4.145 / 0.145$   
 $= 28$

$(L/d)_{\text{max}} > (L/d)_{\text{actual}}$   
 Hence, the condition is satisfied.

The sectional details of filler slab is shown in fig.4

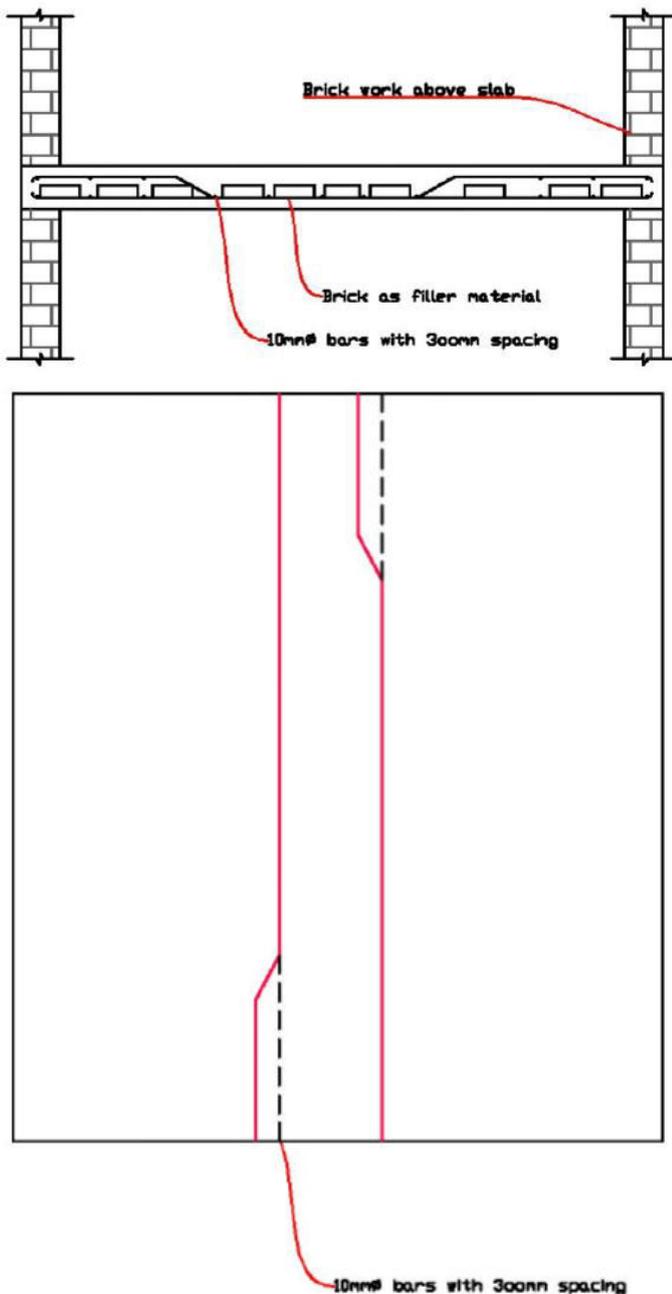


Fig.4 sectional details of filler slab

## 5. CONCLUSION

The following things are concluded in this paper,

- ❖ If slabs are constructed using filler slab technology 35% to 40% of total cost can be saved
- ❖ It is possible to save 5% to 15% of concrete cost excluding cost of filler material. If filler material is added 20% of total cost is saved.
- ❖ In case if filler material is found to be a waste material, it saves nearly about 20% of cost of casting a roof slab.

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