

Study of Seismic Behavior of RC Flat Slab with and without Shear Wall Technique

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Abstract— Earthquake resistant structures are structures designed to withstand earthquakes. According to building codes, earthquake resistant structures are intended to withstand the largest earthquake of a certain probability that is likely to occur at their location. This means the loss of life should be minimized by preventing collapse of the buildings for rare earthquakes while the loss of functionality should be limited for more frequent ones. In this paper, the dynamic response of RC flat slab with bare frame and flat slab with shear wall at different location is compared with static response of the structure. Five models are considered for the analysis which includes Equivalent Static Force Method and Modal Analysis. From Equivalent static force method base shear, maximum storey drift, displacement results are obtained. The modal analysis is used for the extraction of modal parameters such as mode period and modes shapes. For all the cases zone-5, soil type-2 as per IS 1893-2002(part-1) is considered and analysed using ETABS, a commercially available finite element analysis software package.

Keywords : *earthquake, equivalent static force method, modal analysis, displacement, acceleration.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Earthquake resistant design of RC buildings is a continuing area of research since the earthquake engineering has started not only in India but in other developed countries also. The buildings still damage due to one or the other reason during earthquakes. In spite of all the weaknesses in the structure, either code imperfections or error in analysis and design, the structural configuration system has played a vital role in disaster. Reinforced Concrete Flat Slabs are one of the most popular floor systems used in residential buildings, car parking and many other structures. They represent elegant and easy-to-construct floor systems. Flat slabs are favoured by both architects and clients because of their aesthetic appeal and economic advantage. A flat slab floor system is often the choice when it comes to heavier loads such as multi-storey

car parking, libraries and multi-storey buildings where larger spans are also required. Flat slab building structures are significantly more flexible than traditional concrete frame/wall or frame structures, thus becoming more vulnerable to second order p-effects under seismic excitations. Therefore, the characteristics of the seismic behaviour of flat slab buildings suggest that additional measures for guiding the conception and design of these structures in seismic regions are needed. Reinforced Concrete (RC) buildings often have vertical Slab-like RC walls called Shear Walls or structural walls in addition to slabs, beams and columns. These RC walls are referred as shear walls because they resist a high proportion of the shear due to the lateral loads. However, failures of RC walls are not necessarily dominated by shear deformations. Shear walls define as vertically oriented wide beams that carry earthquake loads to the foundation. It can also be defined as a slender vertical cantilever resisting the lateral load with or without frames.

In this paper, the dynamic response of RC flat slab with bare frame and flat slab with shear wall at different location is compared with static response of the structure is studied. Five models are considered for the analysis which includes Equivalent Static Force Method and Modal Analysis. From Equivalent static force method base shear, maximum storey drift, displacement results are obtained. The modal analysis is used for the extraction of modal parameters such as mode period and modes shapes. For all the cases zone-5, soil type-2 as per IS 1893-2002(part-1) is considered and analysed using ETABS, a commercially available finite element analysis software package.

II. EQUIVALENT STATIC FORCE METHOD

The seismic force effect on the structure can be translated to equivalent lateral force at the base of the structure and then this force will be distributed to the different stories and then to the vertical structural elements (frames and/ or shear walls)

The static lateral force procedure may be used for the following structures:

- a. All structures, regular or irregular, in Seismic Zone 1 and in Seismic Zone 2.
- b. Regular structures under 240 feet (73,152 mm) in height.
- c. Irregular structures not more than five stories or 65 feet (19,812 mm) in height.
- d. Structures having a flexible upper portion supported on a rigid lower portion where both portions of the structure considered separately can be classified as being regular, the average story stiffness of the lower portion is at least 10 times the average story stiffness of the upper portion and the period of the entire structure is not greater than 1.1 times the period of the upper portion considered as a separate structure fixed at the base.

However, for simple regular structures, analysis by equivalent linear static methods is often sufficient. This is permitted in most codes of practice for regular, low- to medium-rise buildings. It begins with an estimation of base shear load and its distribution on each story calculated by using formulas given in the code. Equivalent static analysis can therefore work well for low to medium-rise buildings without significant coupled lateral-torsional modes, in which only the first mode in each direction is considered. Tall buildings (over, say, 75 m), where second and higher modes can be important, or buildings with torsional effects, are much less suitable for the method, and require more complex methods to be used in these circumstances (Earthquake Design Practice For Buildings, E. Booth).

Regular buildings up to around 15 storeys in height can usually be designed using equivalent static analysis; tall buildings or those with significant irregularities in elevation (sudden changes in mass or stiffness with height) or plan (separation between the centres of stiffness and mass at any level) require modal response spectrum analysis. Non-linear static or dynamic analysis (time history analysis) is becoming more common in design practice, and has for many years been mandatory in Japan for buildings taller than 60m.

III. MODAL ANALYSIS

As a civil engineer, the understanding of dynamic characteristic of the structure by knowing how they affect our design is important. Modal analysis is therefore made necessary as such measurement generates dynamic response of structures which can be used as indicator of structural safety and Structural Health Monitoring (SHM).

A Modal Analysis determines the vibration characteristics (natural frequencies and mode shapes) of the structure or a machine component. It can also serve as a starting point for another, more detailed, dynamic analysis, such as a transient dynamic analysis, a harmonic response analysis, or a spectrum analysis. The natural frequencies and mode shapes are important parameters in the design of a structure for dynamic loading conditions.

- Only linear behaviour is valid in a modal analysis.
- Damping is ignored in a modal analysis.
- Any applied loads are ignored in a modal analysis.

Modal analysis is primarily a tool for modelling dynamic characteristics of structures usually represented by modal frequencies, damping ratio, mode shapes, mode periods and their derivatives.

IV. DESCRIPTION AND MODELLING OF BUILDING

A 3D RC frames with 5 bay by 4 bay and 7(G+6) storey of dimension 25mx16mx23.5m, has been taken for seismic analysis. Five building models are considered for comparison:

Model-1: Bare Frame with Flat Slab (BFFS)

Model-2: Exterior Shear Wall with Flat Slab (E-SWFS)

Model-3: L-Shaped Shear Wall with Flat Slab (L-SWFS)

Model-4: Rectangular Shear Wall with Flat Slab (R-SWFS)

Model-5: Lift core Shear Wall with Flat Slab (LC-SWFS)

V. LOAD CONSIDERATION

The following loading standards are considered on the models during analysis

A. Gravity and Lateral loads

The RC frames comprises of columns, beams and flat slabs. Analysis of the frames is done using ETABS 9.7.1 software. The structural systems are subjected to 3 types of Primary Load Cases as per provisions of Indian Standard Code of Practice for Structural safety of Buildings, loading standards IS 875-1987 (Part I and II) and IS 1893 2002(Part I) they are:

- i. Dead Load case (Vertical or Gravity load), denoted as "DL"

- ii. Live Load case (Vertical or Gravity load), denoted as “LL”
- iii. Floor Finish case (Vertical or Gravity load), denoted as “FF”
- iv. Seismic Load in X-direction (Lateral or Earthquake load), denoted as “Ex”
- v. Seismic Load in Y-direction (Lateral or Earthquake load), denoted as “Ey”

B. Gravity Loads

Gravity loads on the structure include the self-weight of beams, columns, flat slabs. The self-weight of beams and columns (frame members) and flat slabs (area sections) is automatically considered by the program itself.

a. Dead Load (DL)

The dead load is considered as per IS 875-1987 (Part I-Dead loads), “Code of Practice for Design Loads (Other than Earthquake) for Buildings and Structures”.

- Unit weight of Reinforced Concrete = 25 kN/m^3
- Floor finishes = 2 kN/m^2

b. Imposed/Live Load (LL)

The imposed load is considered as per IS 875-1987 (Part II-Imposed loads), “Code of Practice for Design Loads (Other than Earthquake) for Buildings and Structures”.

- Imposed load on slab = 4 kN/m^2
- Imposed load on roof = 4 kN/m^2

C. Lateral Loads

a. Equivalent static lateral force method

The earthquake load is considered as per the IS 1893-2002(Part 1). The factors considered are

Zone factor (z) = 0.36
 Soil type = medium (Type-2)
 Importance factor (I) = 1.0
 Response reduction factor (R) = 3.0
 Time period,

For bare frame $T_a = 0.075 \cdot h^{0.75}$

$$T_a = 0.075 \cdot (22)^{0.75} = 0.76 \text{ sec}$$

For shear wall $T_a = (0.09 \cdot h) / (\text{sqrt of } D)$

Where D = base dimension in ‘m’

h = height of the building above the ground level in ‘m’

For D=25m in X-direction

$$T_a = (0.09 \cdot 22) / (\text{sqrt of } 25) = 0.396 \text{ sec}$$

For D=16m in Y-direction

$$T_a = (0.09 \cdot 22) / (\text{sqrt of } 16) = 0.495 \text{ sec}$$

VI. DETAILS OF RC FRAME

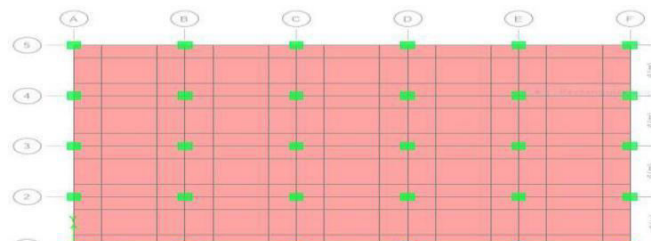


Fig. 1. Building plan-bare frame

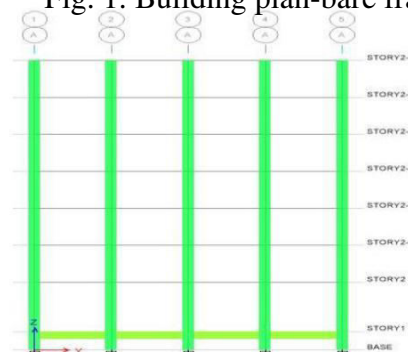


Fig. 2. Elevation- Flat slab with bare frame

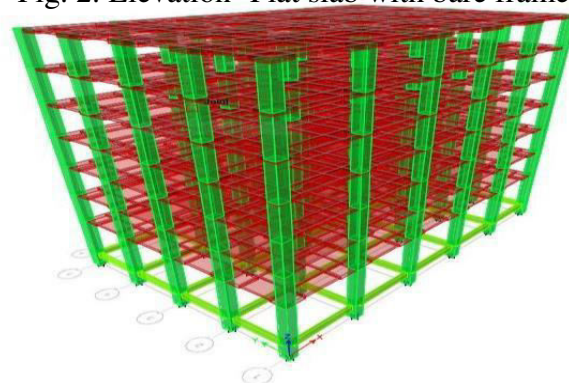


Fig. 3. 3D View- Flat slab with bare

A. Building Data

a. Grid System-Grid Dimensions (Plan)

Number of bays = 5 bay by 4 bay
 Number of bays in X-direction = 5 bay
 Number of bays in Y-direction = 4 bay

b. Story Height

Number of Storeys = 7 Storey (G +6)
 Depth of foundation = 1.5 m
 Bottom storey = 4.0 m
 Other storeys = 3.0 m

c. Structural Elements Dimension

Beam size = 0.2 m x 0.6 m

Column size = 0.6 m x 0.6 m

Flat Slab thickness = 0.20 m

Drop thickness = 0.350 m

B. Material properties

a. Concrete (IS456:2000)

Grade of Concrete: M25 and M30

M25 for beams and Flat slabs

M30 for columns

Compressive strength of concrete, $f_{ck}=25000 \text{ kN/m}^2$ and 30000 kN/m^2

Density of Concrete (weight per unit volume) = 25 kN/m^3

Modulus of Elasticity of concrete, $E_c = (5000\sqrt{f_{ck}}) = 22.36 \times 10^6 \text{ kN/m}^2$ and $27.38 \times 10^6 \text{ kN/m}^2$

Poisson's ratio of concrete = 0.2

b. Steel (IS456:2000)

Grade of Steel: Fe 415

Yield Strength of Steel, $F_y = 415000 \text{ kN/m}^2$

C. ETABS Models of Structural Systems

Different types of frames considered for this analysis are as follows:

Model-1: Bare Frame with Flat Slab (BFFS)

Model-2: Exterior Shear Wall with Flat Slab (E-SWFS)

Model-3: L-Shaped Shear Wall with Flat Slab (L-SWFS)

Model-4: Rectangular Shear Wall with Flat Slab (R-SWFS)

Model-5: Lift core Shear Wall with Flat Slab (LC-SWFS)



Fig. 5. Elevation- Flat slab with L-shaped Shear wall



Fig. 6. 3D View- Flat slab with L-shaped Shear wall



Fig. 7. Plan - Flat slab with Exterior - Shear wall



Fig. 8. Plan - Flat slab with Rectangular- Shear wall



Fig. 4. Plan- Flat slab with L- Shaped Shear wall

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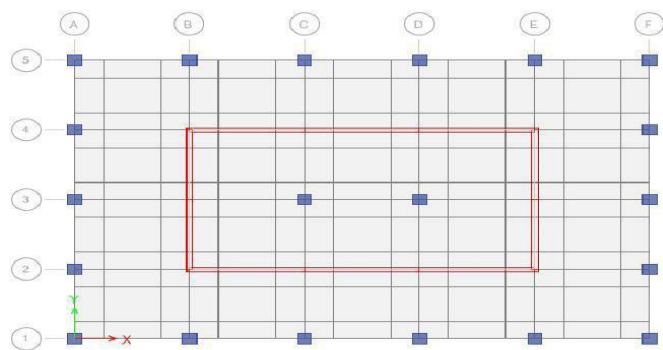


Fig. 9. Plan- Flat slab with Lift core- Shear wall

VII. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The analysis is carried out to compare the response of RC flat slab with bare frame and flat slab with shear wall with different location. Total five models are considered for the linear static and dynamic analysis which includes Equivalent Static Force Method and Modal Analysis. From Equivalent Static Force Method base shear, maximum storey drift and displacement results are obtained for zone-5, soil type- 2 as per IS 1893-2002(part-1). From Modal Analysis, mode period and modes shapes are obtained.

A. Storey and base shear

Storey and Base Shear (kN) in X Direction					
No. of Storeys	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4	Model 5
Storey 6	826.49	1516.11	1515.46	1511.57	1792.21
Storey 5	1513.58	3203.75	2948.86	2994.38	3248.64
Storey 4	2014.29	4448.27	3999.87	4083.17	4309.66
Storey 3	2358.04	5317.30	4727.82	4838.84	5038.63
Storey 2	2574.27	5878.46	5192.07	5322.30	5496.96
Storey 1	2692.39	6199.37	5451.97	5594.44	5747.35
Ground Floor	2743.25	6348.70	5583.76	5737.12	5859.55

TABLE I. COMPARISON OF STOREY AND BASE SHEAR ALONG X DIRECTION FOR DIFFERENT MODELS

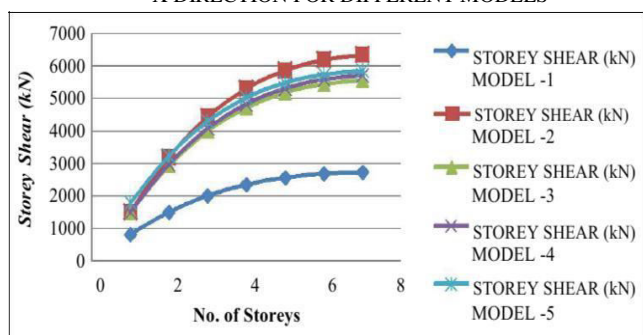


Fig. 10. Comparison of Storey and Base Shear along X direction for different models

From Fig. 10, it is observed that, the decrease in storey shear in bare frame (model- 1) is nearly 57%,

51%, 53% and 54% at ground floor (base level) compared to model-2, model-3, model-4 and model-5 in equivalent static lateral force method for zone-5, medium soil in X-X direction. It is observed that, there is a decrease in storey shear which is nearly 69% to 78% in storey-6 compared to ground floor for all models (i.e. model-1 to model-5) and the storey shear goes on increases from storey-6 to ground floor in X-X direction in Equivalent static force method for all models (i.e. model-1 to model-5).

Storey and Base Shear (kN) in Y Direction					
No. of Storeys	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4	Model 5
Storey 6	782.47	1516.11	1432.93	1511.57	1792.21
Storey 5	1432.96	3203.75	2788.27	2994.38	3248.64
Storey 4	1907.00	4448.27	3782.03	4083.17	4309.66
Storey 3	2232.44	5317.30	4470.34	4838.84	5038.63
Storey 2	2437.15	5878.46	4909.31	5322.30	5496.96
Storey 1	2548.99	6199.37	5155.06	5594.44	5747.35
Ground Floor	2597.13	6348.70	5265.20	5717.57	5859.55

TABLE II. COMPARISON OF STOREY AND BASE SHEAR ALONG Y DIRECTION FOR DIFFERENT MODELS

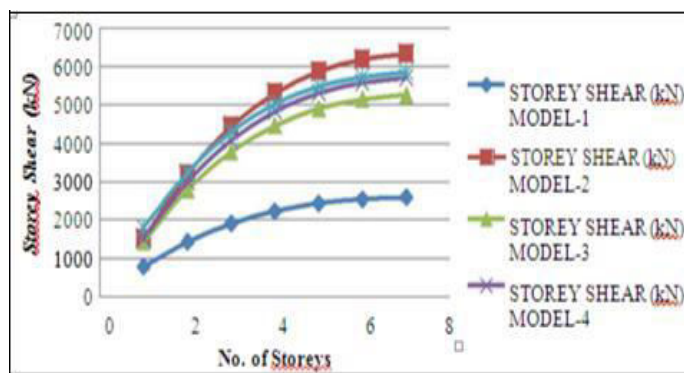


Fig. 11. Comparison of Storey and Base Shear along Y direction for different models

From Fig. 11, it is observed that, the decrease in storey shear in bare frame (model-1) is nearly 59%, 51%, 55% and 56% at ground floor (base level) compared to model-2, model-3, model-4 and model-5 in equivalent static lateral force method for zone-5, medium soil in Y-Y direction. It is observed that, there was a decrease in storey shear which is nearly 70% to 80% in storey-6 compared to ground floor for all models (i.e. model-1 to model-5) and the storey shear goes on increases from storey-6 to ground floor in Y-Y direction in Equivalent static force method for all models (i.e. model-1 to model-5).

B. Storey and Base Displacements

Storey and Base Displacement (mm) in X Direction					
No. of Storeys	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4	Model 5
Storey-6	35.89	1.19	17.76	4.95	2.78
Storey-5	33.52	1.09	15.05	4.26	2.45
Storey-4	29.96	0.95	12.21	3.51	2.07
Storey-3	25.31	0.79	9.37	2.74	1.67
Storey-2	19.87	0.62	6.62	1.99	1.26
Storey-1	13.94	0.44	4.13	1.30	0.86
Ground Floor	7.83	0.27	2.06	0.70	0.50

TABLE III. COMPARISON OF STOREY AND BASE DISPLACEMENT ALONG X DIRECTION FOR DIFFERENT MODELS

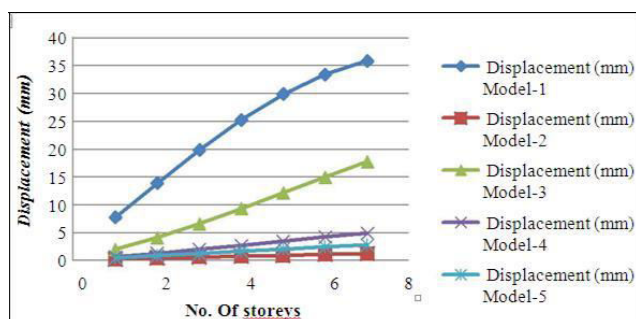


Fig. 12. Comparison of Storey and Base Displacement along X direction for different models

From Fig. 12, it is observed that, there is an increase in displacement which is nearly 78% in storey-6 compared to ground floor and the displacement goes on decreases from storey-6 to ground floor in X-X direction in Equivalent static force method. This shows the displacement value is more in top floor compared to bottom floor because stiffness participation factor is more in ground floor compared to top floor in X-X direction.

It is observed that, there is a increase in displacement which is nearly 75% to 85% in storey-6 compared to ground floor for all models (i.e. model-1 to model-5) and the displacement goes on decreases from storey-6 to ground floor in X-X direction in Equivalent static force method for all models (i.e. model-1 to model-5).

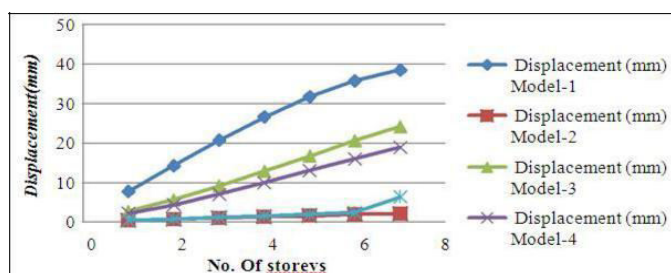


Fig. 13. Comparison of Storey and Base Displacement along Y direction for different models

Storey and Base Displacement (mm) in Y Direction					
No. of Storeys	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4	Model 5
Storey-6	38.49	2.18	24.26	18.93	6.41
Storey-5	35.76	1.97	20.63	16.09	2.45
Storey-4	31.79	1.71	16.82	13.11	2.07
Storey-3	26.68	1.41	12.95	10.09	1.67
Storey-2	20.73	1.09	9.18	7.17	1.26
Storey-1	14.30	0.77	5.73	4.49	0.86
Ground Floor	7.79	0.46	2.84	2.26	0.50

TABLE IV. COMPARISON OF STOREY AND BASE DISPLACEMENT ALONG Y DIRECTION FOR DIFFERENT MODELS

From Fig. 13, it is observed that, there is an increase in displacement which is nearly 80% in storey-6 compared to ground floor and the displacement goes on decreases from storey-6 to ground floor in Y-Y direction in Equivalent static force method. This shows the displacement value is more in top floor compared to bottom floor because stiffness participation factor is more in ground floor compared to top floor in Y-Y direction.

It is observed that, there is an increase in displacement which is nearly 79% to 92% in storey-6 compared to ground floor for all models (i.e. model-1 to model-5) and the displacement goes on decreases from storey-6 to ground floor in Y-Y direction in Equivalent static force method for all models (i.e. model-1 to model-5).

C. Mode Period

Models	Mode Periods (sec)		
	Mode-1	Mode-2	Mode-3
Model-1	1.0849	1.0271	1.0007
Model-2	0.1777	0.1330	0.0836
Model-3	0.5753	0.4773	0.3110
Model-4	0.4934	0.2554	0.2277
Model-5	0.2964	0.1962	0.1815

TABLE V: COMPARISON OF MODE PERIOD FOR DIFFERENT MODELS

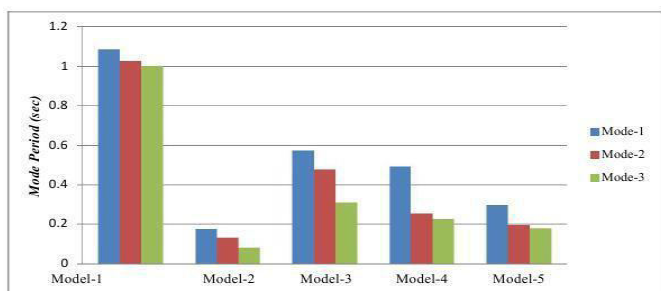


Fig.14. Comparison of mode period for different models

In the modal analysis carried out: the mode period of the structure is found to be 1.0849 sec in Y-direction and the mode period as 1.0271 sec in X-direction for flat slab with bare frame

Mode period of the structure is found to be 0.1777 sec in the Y-direction and the mode period as 0.1330 sec in the X- direction for flat slab with Exterior-shear wall.

Mode period of the structure is found to be 0.5753 sec in the Y-direction and the mode period as 0.4773 sec in the X- direction for flat slab with L-shaped shear wall.

Mode period of the structure is found to be 0.4934 sec in the Y-direction and the mode period as 0.2554 sec in the X- direction for flat slab with Rectangular-shaped shear wall.

Mode period of the structure is found to be 0.2964 sec in the Y-direction and the mode period as 0.1962 sec in the X- direction for flat slab with Lift core-shear wall.

Mode period of the structure is decreases by 83%, 47%, 54.5% and 72.6% in model-2, model-3, model-4 and model-5 compared with that of model-1 (i.e. bare frame) because stiffness is less in bare frame compared with other models

D. Mode Shapes

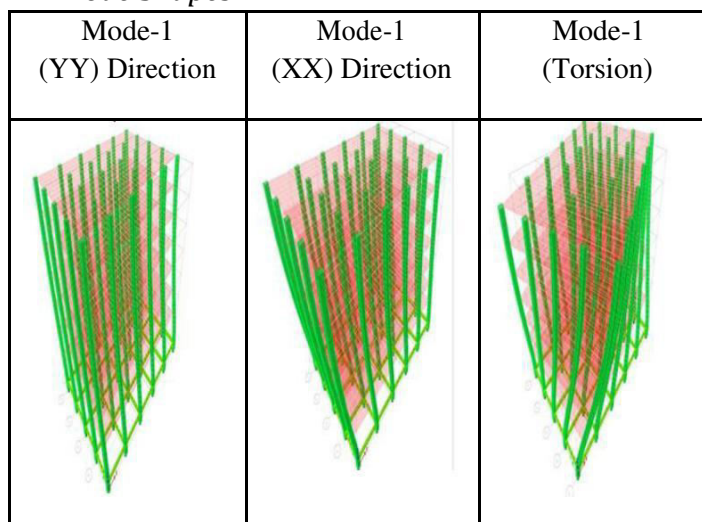


Fig.15.Flat slab with bare frame

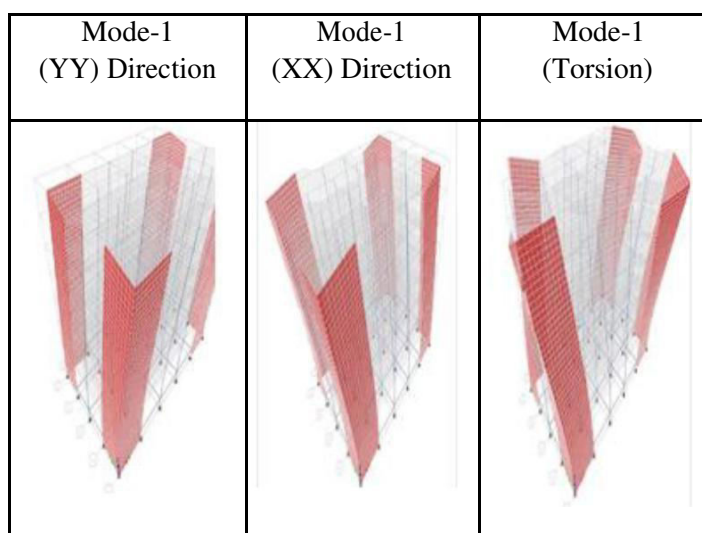


Fig.16. Flat slab with L-shaped Shear wall

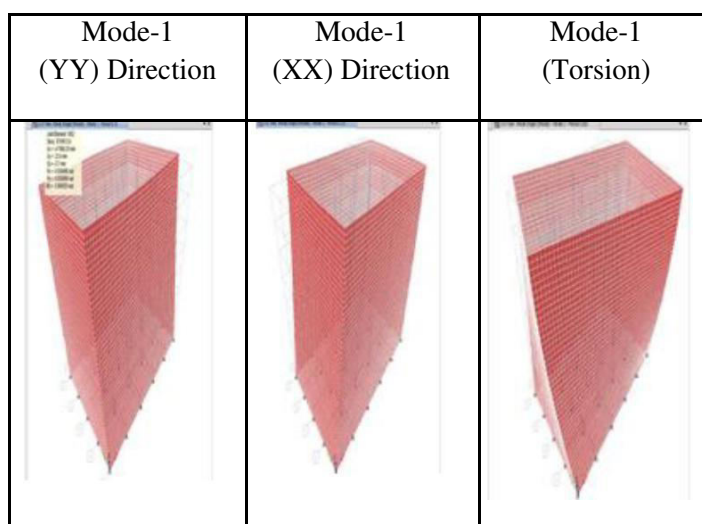


Fig.17. Flat slab with Exterior- Shear wall

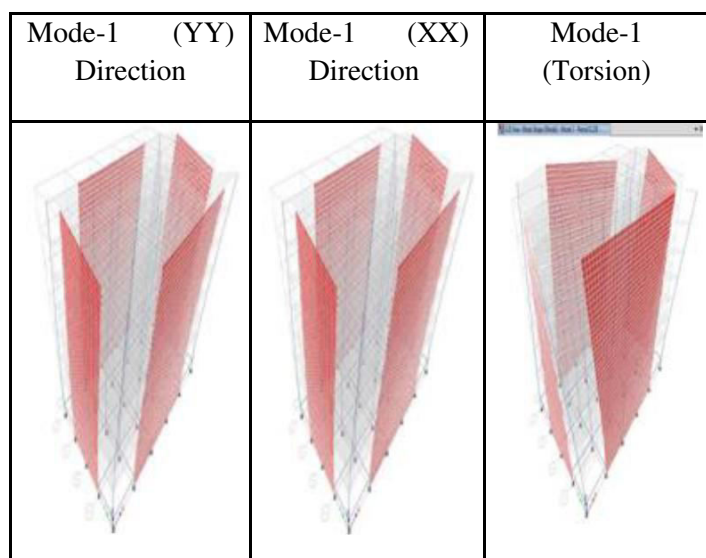


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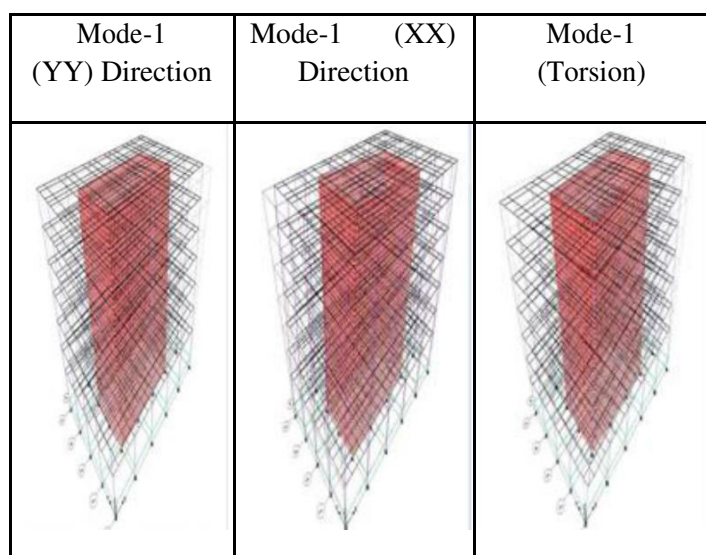


Fig.19. Flat slab with Lift Core- Shear wall

VIII.CONCLUSIONS

This paper presents the summary of the study, for RC Flat slab building for bare and shear wall with different location. The effect of seismic load has been studied for the five types of building with bare and shear wall with different location. On the basis of the results following conclusions have been drawn.

1. The natural mode (time) period increases as the height of building (No. of storeys) increases, irrespective of type of building flat slab structure (bare) and flat slab with shear wall. However, the time period is more for flat slab with bare frame compared with that of flat slab with shear wall for different models (i.e. model-2 to model-5) because of stiffness participation factor is less in bare frame.

2. For all the structure, base shear is maximum at the base level (ground floor). Base shear of flat slab R.C.C building with bare frame is less than the flat

slab building with shear wall for different models or location because of mass participation factor are more in shear wall building compared with that of flat slab with bare frame.

3. For all the structure, displacement increases as the height increases. Displacement of flat slab R.C.C building with bare frame is more than the flat slab building with shear wall for different models or location because of stiffness participation factor is more in shear wall building compared with that of flat slab with bare frame. Displacement value for model-2 (Exterior shear wall) is less compared with those other models (i.e. model-1, model-3, model-4 and model-5). Exterior shear wall structure gives better performance and resists lateral displacement for seismic loads.

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