

UTILISATION OF RECYCLED MATERIALS IN ROAD DEVELOPMENT

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ABSTRACT

With the evolution of the road industry and growing traffic on roads, construction materials have also been evolved and more unconventional ingredients have been incorporated. The rationale was the scarcity of conventional natural materials and the jeopardized environment which have underpinned the tendency towards evaluation other materials resources to be incorporated in the road industry. The inclusion of such materials entails several secondary and tertiary materials. Several waste by-products and materials have been investigated, assessed, evaluated for utilizations and practiced in the field. Depending on the attributes of the characteristics of the recycled material, the inclusion varies. Some recycled material have been proven to possess preferable properties over the other and have performed satisfactorily in the field. However, there are numerous concerns regarding such incorporation based on both laboratory experimental, and field observations which have turned out to be of the essence for further in depth studies. In the present study experimental investigation of sub grade soil determined soil characteristics by using recycled materials like fly ash and plastic waste. The percentage of fly ash and plastic waste used is 0%FA+0%PW, 5%FA+1%PW, 10%FA+2%PW, 15%FA+3%PW and 20%FA+4%PW. The comparison of soil characteristics like liquid limit, plastic limit, standard compaction, un confined compressive strength and CBR test values are determined for various percentages of recycled materials

KEYWORDS: recycled material, sub grade soil, fly ash, plastic waste

INTRODUCTION

Industrial waste is the waste produced by industrial activity which includes any material that is rendered useless during a manufacturing process such as that of factories, industries, mills, and mining operations. It has existed since the start of the Industrial Revolution.[1] Some examples of industrial wastes are chemical solvents, pigments, sludge, metals, ash, paints, sandpaper, paper products, industrial by-products, metals, and radioactive wastes. Toxic waste, chemical waste, industrial solid waste and municipal solid waste are designations of industrial wastes. Sewage treatment plants can treat some industrial wastes, i.e. those

consisting of conventional pollutants such as biochemical oxygen demand (BOD). The building or construction industry involves different processes and utilizes huge quantities of resources. These processes have severe impacts on the environment which according to Horsley (2003), occur over a variety of timescales from the extraction and processing of raw materials used in construction, through the duration of the construction process, the operation of the building, up to the eventual demolition of the structure at the end of its operative life. Construction activities have been known to generate large and diverse quantities of waste. According to the US Green Building Council, (2001), it accounts for up to 30% of total waste output in the United States alone, put at about 136 million tons per annum. As a result, construction and demolition waste management has become one of the major environmental problems in many municipalities (Faniran and Caban, 1988; Kibert, 1994; Ferguson et al., 1995; Graham and Smithers, 1996; Guthrie et al., 1999; Symonds, 1999; Lawson and Douglas, 2001, cited in Poon et al, 2004)..

MATERIALS

A. Expansive Soils

As a piece of this examination, the sweeping dark cotton soil was obtained from the site. The dark cotton soil subsequently got was conveyed to the research center in sacks. A limited quantity of soil was taken, sieved through 4.75 mm strainer, gauged, and air-dried before gauging again to decide the common dampness substance of the equivalent. The different geotechnical properties of the secured soil are as per the following:

Sl. No.	Properties	Code referred	Value
1	Specific Gravity	IS 2720 (Part 3/Sec 1) - 1980	2.44
2	Maximum Dry Density (MDD)	IS 2720 (Part 7) - 1980	1.52 gm/cc
3	Optimum Moisture Content (OMC)	IS 2720 (Part 7) - 1980	22.65%
4	Natural Moisture Content	IS 2720 (Part 2) - 1973	7.28%

5	Free Swell Index	IS 2720 (Part 40) - 1977	105%
6	Liquid Limit	IS 2720 (Part 5) - 1985	65%
7	Plastic Limit	IS 2720 (Part 5) - 1985	37.08%
8	Shrinkage Limit	IS 2720 (Part 6) -: 1972	17.37%

B. Fly ash

A waste material extricated from the gases exuding from coal terminated heaters, by and large of a warm power plant, is called fly fiery debris. The mineral buildup that is abandoned after the consuming of coal is the fly cinder. The Electro Static Precipitator (ESP) of the power plants gather these fly cinders. Basically comprising of alumina, silica and iron, fly fiery remains are small scale measured particles. Fly powder particles are commonly circular in size, and this property makes it simple for them to mix and stream, to make an appropriate mixture. Both undefined and crystalline nature of minerals are the substance of fly fiery remains produced. Its substance differs with the adjustment in nature of the coal utilized for the consuming procedure, however it essentially is a non-plastic sediment. With the end goal of examinations in this investigation, fly fiery debris was gotten from Sesa Sterlite, Jharsuguda, Odisha. To separate out the vegetation and outside material, this fly powder was screen through a 2 mm sifter. The examples were dried in the broiler for around 24 hours before further utilization.

C. Plastic waste

The plastic waste were produced mainly from waste PET bottles. The plastic bottles were crushed and cut into small pieces using a crushing machine. The plastic aggregates were washed properly to make them clean and to ensure that no other dust particles were present there. Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) is thermoplastic polyester with tensile and flexural modulus of elasticity of about 2.9 and 2.4GPa, respectively, tensile strength up to 60 MPa and excellent chemical resistance. It is a semi-crystalline polymer, with a melting point of about 260°C and a glass transition temperature ranging from 70 to 80°C, in relation to the amount of crystalline region enclosed in the amorphous phase.

METHODOLOGY

To assess the impact of fly ash and plastic fiber as a balancing out added substance in far reaching soils, arrangement of tests, where the substance of fly powder in the sweeping soil was differed in estimations of 5% to 200% (products of 5) and 1% to 4% plastic fiber by weight of the all out amount taken. The Indian Standard codes were pursued during the conduction of the accompanying analyses:

- Standard proctor test – IS : 2720 (Part 7) – 1980
- Unconfined compressive strength (UCS) test – IS : 2720 (Part 10) – 1991
- California bearing ratio (CBR) test – IS : 2720 (Part 16) – 1987
- Liquid & Plastic limit test – IS 2720 (Part 5) - 1985.

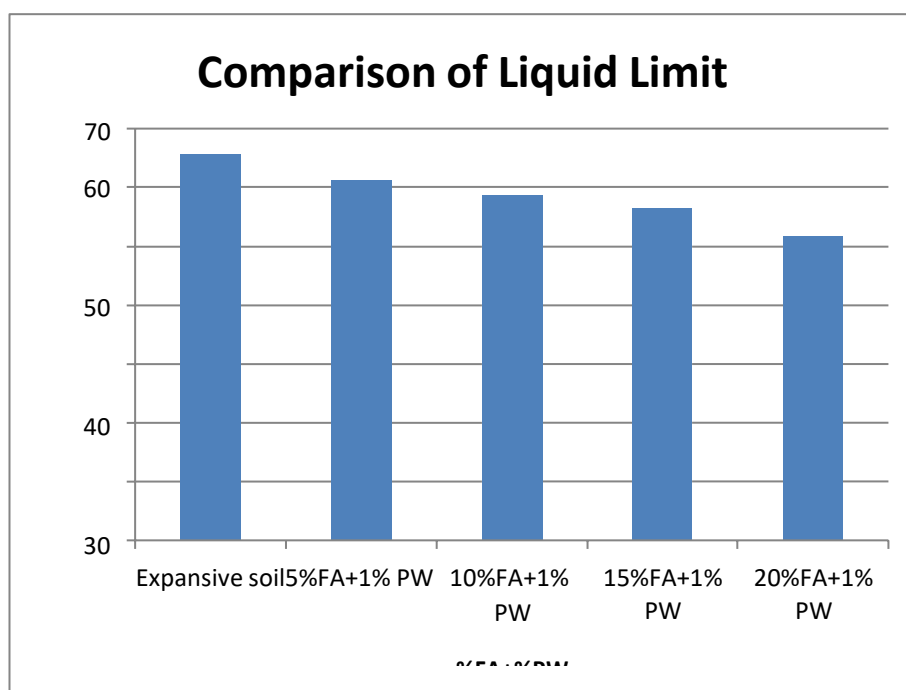
EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION

D. Atterberg's limit (Liquid limit & Plastic limit)

As a hard, unbending strong in the dry state, soil turns into a brittle (friable) semisolid when certain dampness content, named as far as possible, is come to. In the event that it is a far reaching soil, this dirt will likewise start to swell in volume as this dampness substance is surpassed. Expanding the water content past the dirt's plastic point of confinement will change it into a flexible, plastic mass, which causes extra swelling. The dirt will stay in this plastic state until its fluid farthest point is surpassed, which makes it change into a gooey fluid that streams when jostled.

S. No	% Fly ash +%Plastic waste	Liquid Limit
1	Expansive soil	65.6
2	5%FA+1% PW	61.2
3	10%FA+1% PW	58.8

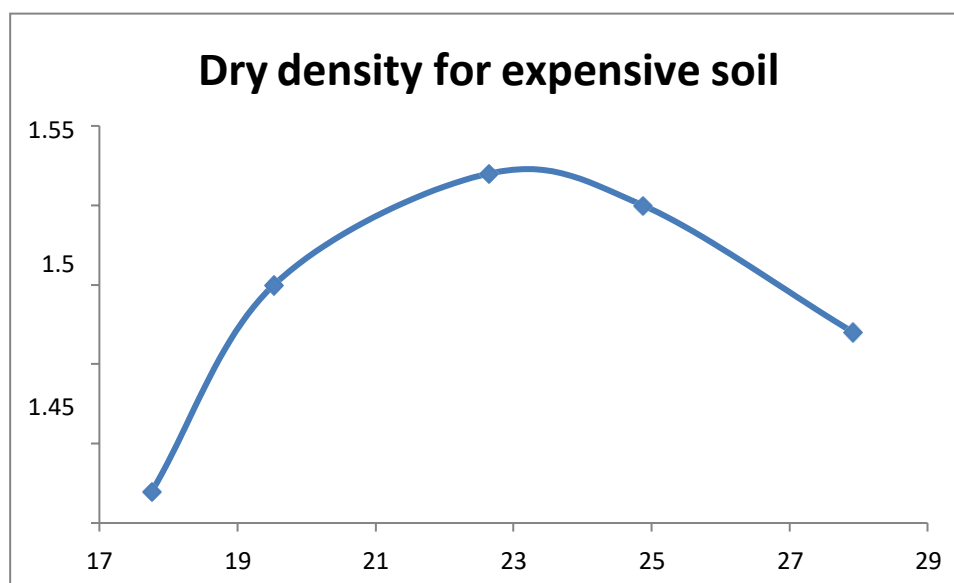
4	15%FA+1% PW	56.4
5	20%FA+1% PW	51.8



E. Standard proctor test

Table 6.3 Expensive soil

Volume of mould (m ³)	Weight of soil in mould (kg)	Bulk density (g/cm ³)	Moisture content (%)	Dry density (g/cm ³)
0.001	1.56	1.56	17.76	1.32
0.001	1.73	1.73	19.53	1.45
0.001	1.86	1.86	22.65	1.52
0.001	1.87	1.87	24.87	1.5
0.001	1.82	1.82	27.92	1.42

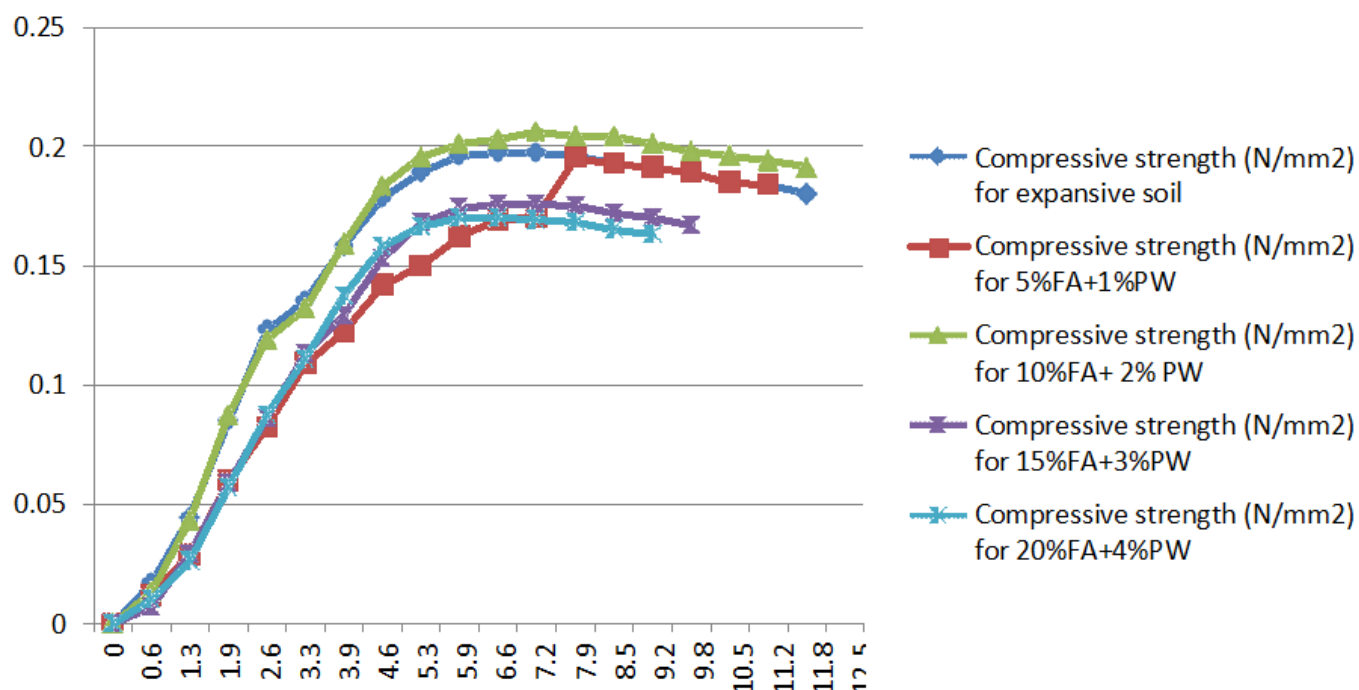


F. Compressive Strength

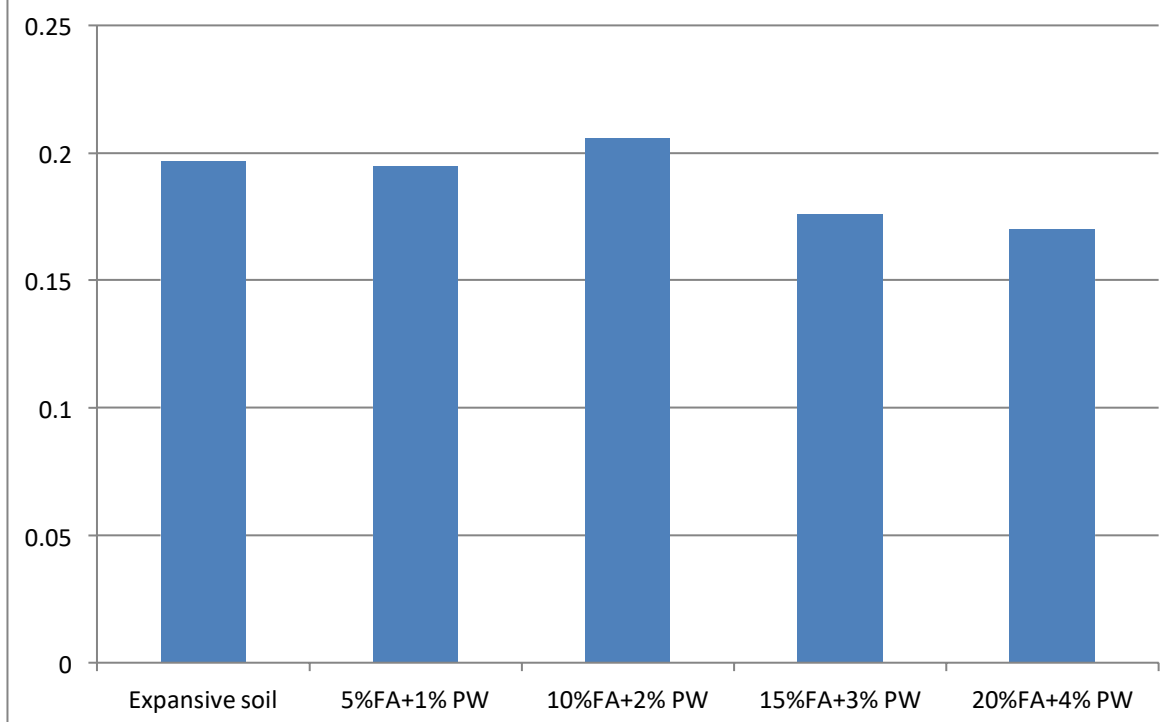
SL. No	Strain (%)	Compressive strength (N/mm ²) for expansive soil	Compressive strength (N/mm ²) for 5%FA+1%PW	Compressive strength (N/mm ²) for 10%FA+ 2%PW	Compressive strength (N/mm ²) for 15%FA+3 %PW	Compressive strength (N/mm ²) for 20%FA+4%PW
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0.6	0.017	0.012	0.013	0.007	0.01
3	1.3	0.044	0.029	0.043	0.029	0.026
4	1.9	0.085	0.06	0.087	0.059	0.057
5	2.6	0.123	0.082	0.119	0.086	0.087
6	3.3	0.135	0.109	0.132	0.113	0.111
7	3.9	0.158	0.122	0.159	0.129	0.137
8	4.6	0.178	0.142	0.183	0.153	0.158
9	5.3	0.189	0.15	0.195	0.168	0.166
10	5.9	0.196	0.162	0.201	0.174	0.17
11	6.6	0.197	0.169	0.203	0.176	0.17
12	7.2	0.197	0.17	0.206	0.17	0.169

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13	7.9	0.196	0.195	0.204	0.17 5	0.168
14	8.5	0.193	0.193	0.204	0.17 2	0.165
15	9.2	0.191	0.191	0.201	0.17	0.163
16	9.8	0.189	0.189	0.198	0.16 7	
17	10. 5	0.185	0.185	0.196		
18	11. 2	0.184	0.184	0.194		
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20	12. 5	1.78				

Comparison of unconfined compressive

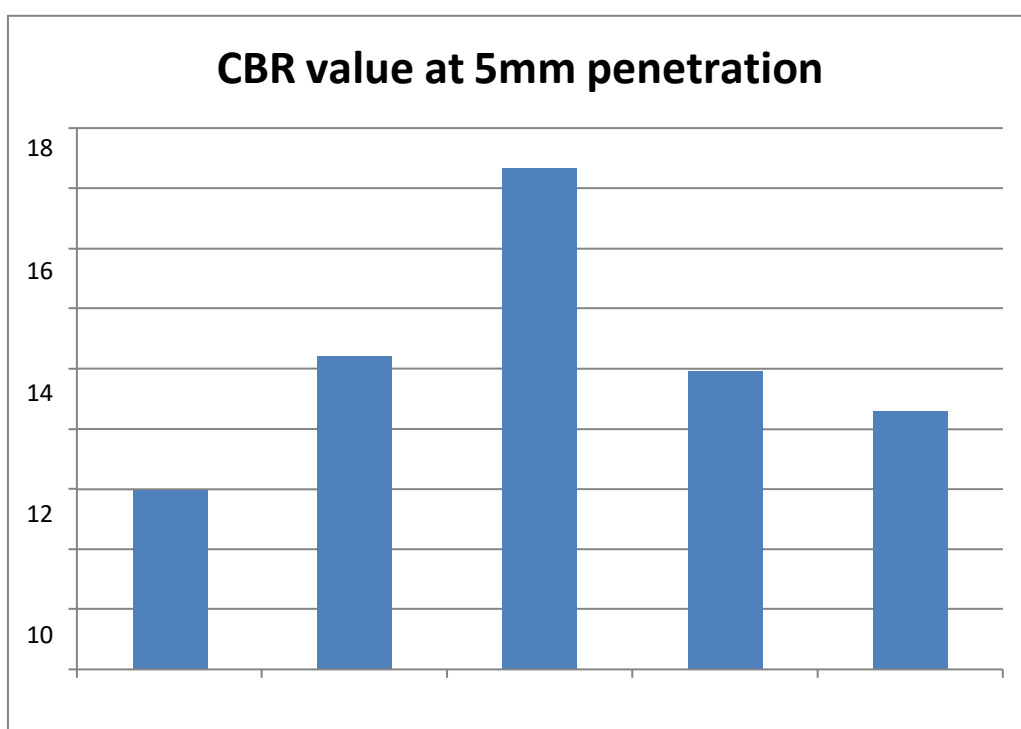


Compressive strength



G. California Bearing Ratio

S. No	% Fly ash +%Plastic waste	CBR value at 5mm penetration
1	Expansive soil	5.99
2	5%FA+1% PW	10.4
3	10%FA+2% PW	16.67
4	15%FA+3% PW	9.95
5	20%FA+4% PW	8.61



CONCLUSIONS

This project is focused on the review of performance of fly ash and plastic waste as a recycle material in road material. The study suggests that if fly ash and plastic waste if properly mixed and applied, can be used as a great soil stabilization technique .On the basis of this project the following results were obtained.

- Fly ash is used as an excellent soil materials for highly active soils which undergo through frequent expansion and shrinkage.
- The Fly ash as an additive decreases the swelling, and increases the strength of the expansive soils.
- The higher value of maximum dry density was observed at 15% fly ash and 1% plastic fiber and the maximum value of Optimum moisture content was observed at 20% fly ash and 1% plastic fiber.
- The optimal value of unconfined compressive strength was observed at 10 % fly ash and 1%plastic fiber.
- The optimal value of CBR value was observed at 10% fly ash and 1%plastic fiber.
- The values of liquid limit and plastic limits decreases with increasing the percentages of fly ash from 0% to 20% with 1% plastic fiber.

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