# AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY ON WASTE GLASS AS PARTIAL REPLACEMENT FOR FINE AGGREGATE IN CONCRETE

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**Abstract** - Glass has been indispensible to man's life to such property as pliability to take any shape with ease, bright surface resistance to abrasion, safety and durability. United nation estimates the volume of early solids to be 200 million tonnes, 7% of which is made up of waste glass. Furthermore unlike other waste product glass is impermissible and thus detrimental to the environment. Using waste glass in concrete has gained far more importance in parallel to environmental consciousness. In this project an attempt has been made to use the waste glass as partial replacement for both fine aggregate and coarse aggregate separately. For this  $M_{20}$  grade of concrete was used with a mix proportion of 1:1.5:3 and with water cement ratio as 0.5 concrete specimens were moulded with 0%,10%,20%,30%,40% of waste glass replacing fine aggregate. The tests for hardened concrete such as axial compressive strength, split tensile and flexural were conducted for 7, 14, 28 days respectively and comparisons were made. The obtained results confirm the viability of replacing waste glass for fine aggregate.

*Keywords:* Compressive strength, Durability, split tensile strength, Waste Glass Concrete, Workability.

# **1. INTRODUCTION**

The concrete constitutes cement, coarse aggregate and fine aggregate. About 90% of the volume of concrete is aggregate. Hence quality of aggregate is one of the factors which decide the quality of concrete. Its physical and chemical properties influence the performance of concrete. The aggregate used in concrete shall be hard, strong, dense, durable, clean and free from other deleterious substance. With increased construction activities, especially in developing countries, the natural resources such as crushed stone and sand are rapidly depleting. The concepts for alternative material such as recycled aggregate are popular in developed countries like USA, UK, Japan, Germany and Denmark etc, but in India, it is vet to find wide use due to its limited availability, practical difficulties in breaking the concrete. Civil construction is responsible for 15% to 20% consumption of natural resources. In developed countries like U.K., this consumption is 6 tonnes per year per inhabitant. For sustainable development of concrete technology we need, the conservations of primary materials, enhancement of the durability of concrete structure and a holistic approach to the technology. While considering a waste material as concrete ingredient, the following three major considerations are relevant. Economy Compatibility with other constituent's materials Concrete properties.

#### 1.1 Waste Glasses

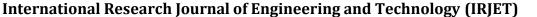
Quantities of waste glass have been on the rise in recent years due to an increase in industrialization and the rapid improvement in the standard of living. Over the next few years the targets for waste glass recovery will significantly Increases in line with the packaging waste, End-of life vehicle (ELV) and waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directives. Whilst this recovered waste glass could theoretically be reused as 100%Feedstock for new glass manufacture, due to contamination tolerances and the Imbalance between production and arising of specific waste glass streams in the World, there is a practical limit. Unfortunately, the majority of waste glass is not being recycled but rather abandoned, and is therefore the cause of certain serious Problems such as the waste of natural resources and environmental pollution. The use of waste glass as an aggregate and pozzolana in concrete Manufacture has a huge potential that is not being currently exploited due to a Lack of standards and 3rd - party certification as well as uncertainly about Consistency of supply and price of these emerging new materials. For these reasons, this project has been conducted through basic experimental research in order to analyze the possibilities of recycling waste glasses as fine aggregates for concrete. Utilization of glass wastes in concrete production will preserve the clean environment and natural resources.

# 1.2 Bottom ash

Bottom ash is the residue or non-combustible substance formed after the combustion of lignite or coal in the furnace at a temperature of 1300 degree Celsius. It is removed as slag from the bottom of the furnace. The total amount of bottom ash produced in Neyveli Lignite Corporation is 2.75 lakhs per annum .Nevertheless the bottom ash is being merely deposited in piles which is becoming hazardous to the environment. Sand is one of the major constituent of concrete is diminishing in its quality around the world. This creates a need for finding an alternative. Bottom ash has particle size similar to sand. Bottom ash was used as additive agent to fine aggregate replacement.

# 1.3 Objectives of the project

• The main objective of the project is to 'Experimentally test the strength properties of the conglasscrete'



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• To attain more strength while comparing to the normal concrete.

# **2. PREVIOUS STUDY**

Caijun shi and Keren zheng in their paper titled "A review on the use of waste glasses in the production of cement and concrete" has reviewed the three possible uses of waste glasses in production of cement and concrete. The use of waste glasses as concrete aggregates has a slight negative effect on the workability, strength and freezingthawing resistance of cement concrete. However, the main concern is expansion and cracking of the concrete containing glass aggregates. It needs to control the pH of the system below 12 in order to prevent potential corrosion of glass aggregates and expansion of the concrete, which may be achieved by the replacement of Portland cement with pozzolanic Materials such as fly ash, silica fume and metakaolin. Ground glass powders Exhibit very good pozzolanic reactivity and can be used as cement replacement. As expected, its pozzolanic reactivity increases as its finesses increases. Alkalis in The glass powder can cause alkaliaggregate reaction and expansion if aggregates Are alkalireaction. Results from ASTM C 1260 testing indicate that the alkali- Aggregate reaction expansion decreases as glass replacement increases, and will be under the deleterious limit if the glass replacement is 50% or more. The Combined use of other supplementary cementing materials such as coal fly ash, Ground blast furnace slag and metakaolin can also decrease the expansion from Alkali-aggregate reaction. Lithium salt can be a very effective additive to prevent the alkali-aggregate reaction expansion of concrete containing glass powders.

Mukesh C. Limbachiya in this paper titled "bulk engineering and Durability Properties of washed glass sand concrete" reports the results of an Experimental programme aimed at examining the performance of Portland- Cement concrete produced with washed glass sand (WGS), as natural sand Substitute- by mass. The effects of up to 50% WGS on fresh, engineering and Durability related properties have been established and its suitability for use in a Range of normal-grade concrete production assessed. WGS characteristics results showed that the post-container glass waste can be crushed to provide WGS of Physical properties that satisfy the current requirements set in appropriate Standards for natural sand for concrete. The density and waste absorption of WGS Was found to be lower than natural sand. The results for fresh concrete showed a Reduction in workability of concrete with increases WGS proportion beyond 20% in the mix, although slump measurements remained within the allowable margin of +25 mm. the mixes with high proportions of WGS were found to be less cohesive. Studies of hardened concrete properties, comprising bulk engineering properties ( compressive cube and cylinder strength, flexural, modulus of elasticity, Drying shrinkage) and durability ( near surface absorption, alkali silica reaction) Showed similar performance for concrete produced with natural aggregates and Up to 15% WGS.

Iker bekir topc and mehmet canbaz in the paper titled " properties of Concrete containing waste glass " studied that the waste glass (WG) can be Considered as coarse aggregates in the concretes, WG was used reduced to 4-16mm in proportions of 0-60% in the production of PKC/B 32.5/R type cement. The effects of WG on workability and strength of the concrete with fresh and hardened concrete tests were analyzed. As a result of study conducted, WG Was determined not to have a significant effect upon the workability of the Concrete and only slightly in the reduction of its strength. Waste glass cannot be used as aggregate without taking into account its alkali silica reaction (ASR) Properties. As for cost analysis, it was determined to lower the cost of concrete Productions. Their study was an environmental one in consideration to the fact That WG could be used in the concrete as coarse aggregates without the need for a high cost or rigorous energy.

Seung Bum park, bong Chun Lee and Jeong Hwan Kim in their paper titled "studies on mechanical properties of concrete containing waste glass aggregate" Suggest that the quantities of waste glass have been on the rice in recent years due To an increase in industrialization and the rapid improvement in the standard of living. Unfortunately, the majority of waste glass is not being recycled but rather abandoned, and is therefore the cause of certain serious problems such as the Waste of natural resources and environmental pollution. For these reasons, this Study has been conducted through basic experimental research in order to analyze the possibilities of recycling waste glasses (crushed waste glasses from Korea Such as amber, emerald green, flint, and mixed glass) as fine aggregates for concrete. Test results of fresh concrete show that both slump and compacting Factors are decreased due to angular grain shape and that air content is increased Due to the involvement of numerous small-sized particles that are found in waste Glasses. In addition the compressive, tensile and flexural strengths of concrete have been show to decrease when the content of waste glass is increased. In conclusion, the results of this study indicate that emerald green waste glass when used below 30% in mixing concrete is practical along with usage of 10% SBR latex. In addition, the content of waste glasses below 30% is practical along with usage of a pertinent admixture that is necessary to obtain work ability and Air content.

#### **3. MATERIALS USED**

- Cement
- Fine aggregate
- Coarse aggregate
- Waste glass
- Water
- Bottom ash

#### 3.1 Cement

Cement is the important binding material in concrete. Portland cement is the common form of cement. It is the basic ingredient of concrete, mortar, and Plaster. It consists of mixture of oxides of calcium, silicon and aluminum. Cements of various strengths are available. Depends on the requirement concrete it is to be chosen.

#### 3.2 Fine aggregate

Aggregate characteristics such as specific gravity, bulk density, and particle Size distribution and moisture content is essential prior to proportioning of mixtures. Shape and surface texture have a major role in affecting the rheological Properties of concrete, these characteristic may also be considered while proportioning. The particle shape should ideally be equi-dimensional i.e. not Elongated or flaky. Aggregates should be relatively free of flat and elongated Particles. Compared to rough textured angular and elongated particles smooth and rounded aggregates require less of cement paste to produce flowing Concretes.

Fine aggregate shall consist of natural sand or manufactured sand or a Combination. Fine aggregates should be selected so as to reduced the water demand hence rounded particles are thus preferred to crushed rock fines where Possible. The finest fractions of fine aggregate are helpful to prevent segregation.

The river sand conforming to III zone as per IS 383-1987 was used. For the Fine aggregate river sand conforming to IS 383-1987 was used. It passes through 2.36mm IS sieve with a specific gravity of 2.701 and this was come under III zone.

# 3.3 Coarse aggregate

A maximum size of 20mm is usually selected as coarse aggregates up to 20mm may be used in concrete. Aggregates should be strong and free of internal flaws or fracture. Aggregates should be strong and free of internal flaws or fractures. Aggregates of high intrinsic strength are generally preferred. Granites, Basalt, lime stones and sandstones are being successfully used in concrete.

# 3.4 Waste Glass

Glass forms as a result of solutions containing alkali and soil alkali metal Oxides in addition to some other metal oxides. It's essential material is (sio<sub>2</sub>) silica. WG used in the experiments was that of windscreen glass. Following the gathering Process, these bottles were kept in water so that the labels on them would be Removed, and were then reduced to as fine as 4-20mm. unit weight and specific Gravity of the WG used in place of natural aggregates as fine as 4-20mm were 1493kg/m<sup>3</sup> and 2400kg/m<sup>3</sup> according to ISO 6782:1982 and ISO 6783:1982,respectively.

 Table - 1: Chemical combination of the glass

Sio <sub>2</sub>	69.50%
Na <sub>2</sub> o	14.58%
K <sub>2</sub> o	0.41%

Cao	8.75%
Al <sub>2</sub> o <sub>3</sub>	1.10%
Fe <sub>2</sub> o <sub>3</sub>	0.22%
Mgo	3.97%.

#### 3.5 Water

Water is an important ingredient of concrete as it actively participates in chemical reaction with cement. Clean potable water conforming to IS 456-2000 was used, the water used in the preparation of mortar should not necessary be distilled water, but must be free of all acids, based and others dissolved salts.

# 4. METHODOLOGY

- Collection of Materials
- Properties of Materials
- Casting of specimens with replacement of 0%,10,20%,30% & 40%
- Curing of specimens
- Testing of specimens
- Analysis of result.

#### 5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

#### 5.1 WORKABILITY

Workability value for concrete is obtained by carrying out slump cone test. The variation in the slump value arises due to the replacements of waste glass. The table 2 shows the slump value with respect to the replacement of waste glass. For conventional concrete, the slump value is higher workability value gets reduced when the percentage of replacement of waste glass content with coarse aggregate.

WORKABILITY						
Slump	Replacement of glass in	0 %	10 %	20 %	30 %	40 %
concrete as fine aggregate	52 mm	38 mm	43 mm	48 mm	51 mm	

# **5.2 Compressive Strength**

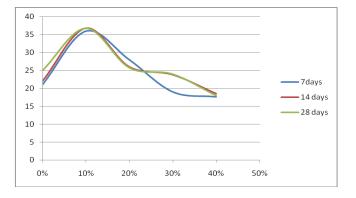
The mean compressive strength of 100mm concrete cubes, using waste glass as replacements for fine aggregate were determined at the age of 7days, 14 days, and 28 days in the mix proportion of 1:1.5:3.33 were reported in the table 3.The compressive strength of concrete with waste glass is considerably higher than that of the conventional concrete. The compressive strength increases greatly with 10% replacement of waste glass as fine aggregate gradually decreases as the glass quantity increases in 7days and 14 days. In 28 days, 10% replacement gives an increased compressive strength and for more replacement show ups and downs.

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 Table - 3 : Compressive strength of cubes replacement

 of fine aggregate

S.No Percentage of		Compressive strength of cubes in N/mm <sup>2</sup>			
	waste glass	7days	14days	28days	
1	0	21	22	25	
2	10	36	36.8	36.8	
3	20	28	26	25.8	
4	30	19	23.8	24	
5	40	17.6	18.5	18	



**Chart – 1:** Comparison graph for compressive strength

# 5.3 Split Tensile Strength

The mean split tensile strength of concrete cylinder, using waste glass as replacement for fine aggregate were determined at the age of 28days in the mix proportion of 1:1.5:3 were reported in the table 4.4, 4.5 and fig 4.3. The split tensile strength of concrete with waste glass is considerable higher than the conversional concrete. The tensile strength increases greatly with 10% replacement of waste glass as fine aggregate and gradually decreases as the glass quantity increases in 7days and 14 days. In 28days, 10% replacement of both fine aggregate and coarse aggregate gives an increased split tensile strength and more replacement shows ups and downs.

**Table - 4 :** Split Tensile strength of cylinders(fine aggregate)

S.No	Percentage of waste	Tensile strength of cubes in N/mm <sup>2</sup>			
	glass	7days	14days	28days	
1	0	2.8	2.9	2.9	
2	10	3.6	3.7	3.83	
3	20	3.59	3.7	3.8	
4	30	3.05	3.24	3.24	
5	40	2.82	2.9	3.05	

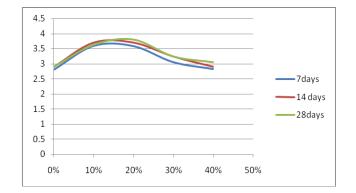


Chart - 2: Comparison graph for split Tensile strength

# 5.4 FLEXURAL STRENGTH

The mean flexural strength of concrete beams, using waste glass as replacements for coarse aggregate and fine aggregate were determined at the age of 28days in the mix proportion of 1:1.5:3 were reported. The flexural strength of concrete with waste glass in considerable higher than the conventional concrete. In 28days, the optimum percentage i.e.10% replacement, gives an increased flexural strength.

Table - 4 :	4: Flexural strength of beams by replacement o			
fine aggregate				

S.No	Percentage of waste glass	Flexural strength of beams at 28 days in N/mm <sup>2</sup>
1	0 %	10.73
2	10 %	14.4

# 6. CONCLUSION

Waste glass can be transformed into useful of fine aggregate separately. The compressive strength of conglasscrete is more than the twice of the compressive strength of the conventional concrete. Conglasscrete possesses higher tensile strength than the conventional concrete. The 10% replacement of fine aggregate by waste glass was found to be optimum for cement concrete. In  $M_{20}$  grade of concrete with 10% replacement gives 80% more in compressive strength. In  $M_{20}$  grade of concrete with 10% replacement 32% gives more in tensile strength. In  $M_{20}$  grade of concrete with 10% replacement gives 34% more in flexural strength. So, we can use these concrete in massive structure like bridges, dams and also used in foundation.

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