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An analysis study on the mineralogical characteristics and microstructural

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Abstract

Sand is also mined from beaches and inland dunes and dredged from large scale removal of riverbed materials and dredging below the streambed alters the channel form and shape, that, in turn, has several consequences such as erosion of the riverbed and banks, increase in channel bed slope and changes in channel morphology. Removed sand is a direct loss to the river system. It causes deepening of rivers and estuaries and it also enlarges river mouths and coastal inlets, which may also lead to the saline-water intrusion from the nearby sea. It is also a threat to bridges, river banks and other nearby structures. River sand and gravel, concrete's main ingredients, are also straining to meet global demand. River sand and gravel supplies are dwindling quickly. According to a March 2014 UNEP study, "Sand-rarer than one believes," sand and gravel are currently the most commonly exploited natural resource after water. These are retrieved faster than they regenerate. Sand and gravel account for 68% to 85% of the 47 to 59 billion tonnes extracted annually globally. The globe uses 25.9 billion tonnes of aggregates for concrete. This paper analysis on the mineralogical characteristics of different structure.

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Introduction

These basic ingredients of concrete, i.e., river sand and gravel, are also failing to meet with the fast expanding demand in many locations throughout the world. The supplies of excellent grade river sand and gravel are decreasing extremely quickly. According to United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) research, “Sand-rarer than one thinks”, issued in March-2014, sand and gravel has now become the most frequently exploited natural resource on the globe after water. These are presently being harvested at a pace substantially larger than their renewal. Globally, from 47 and 59 billion tonnes of material mined every year, of which sand and gravel make for the biggest portion from 68 percent to 85 percent. The utilisation of aggregates for concrete all over the globe may be calculated at 25.9 billion to 29.6 billion tonnes a year for 2012 alone. Including the aggregate used in asphalt as well as concrete pavements and other industrial applications, this estimate may reach up to 40 billion tonnes a year. This vast amount of material cannot be collected and utilised without a major effect on the environment. Sand mining is an activity referring to the process of removal of sand from the shoreline including rivers, streams and lakes. Sand is also mined from beaches and inland dunes and dredged from large scale removal of riverbed materials and dredging below the streambed alters the channel form and shape, that, in turn, has several consequences such as erosion of the riverbed and banks, increase in channel bed slope and changes in channel morphology. Removed sand represents a direct loss to the river system. It promotes deepening of rivers and estuaries and it also enlarges river mouths and coastal inlets, which may also contribute to the saline-water intrusion from the adjacent sea. It is also a hazard to bridges, river banks and other neighbouring infrastructure.

Crushed Sand

Crushed sands, which are a fine aggregate that is created as a byproduct of stone crushing, have gained a lot of popularity in regions that either lack an abundant supply of natural sand or are experiencing a shortage in the supply of natural sand. It was a challenge to get natural sand for the construction of the Mumbai-Pune express route, which was one of the projects involved. The building business was forced as a result of this to employ crushed sand in the production of the roughly 20 lakhs cum of concrete that was required for the construction. However, this particular kind of sand has a high quantity of micro-fines, which are defined as particles that are smaller than 75 microns and have the potential to negatively impact the qualities of concrete. Therefore, when crushed sand is used in concrete, it is extremely vital that the proportioning of the various raw materials be done properly when the mix is designed.

An excessive quantity of CH in concrete, as it aged, migrated out of the interior of the concrete by capillary action, which results in a gap being left behind and renders the concrete porous. After some time, these gaps

allow the intrusion of water that may include chlorides, sulphates, and other chemicals that are harmful. Damage caused by the cycle of freezing and thawing may also be done to concrete in regions with colder weather.
The ratio of aggregate in concrete was determined by using the "All-In" aggregate grading for aggregate with a nominal size of 20 millimetres, in accordance with the specifications outlined in BIS 383:1970. It was determined via a process of trial and error what percentage of concrete should be composed of aggregate with a 20mm nominal size, aggregate with a 10mm nominal size, and natural sand, taking into account the gradations of each component separately. On the basis of this all-in aggregate grading, a fixed percentage of 20mm nominal size aggregate, 10mm nominal size aggregate, and natural sand was determined. This percentage was to be used in the calculation of quantities of coarse aggregate and fine aggregate when the mix design was being developed.

Specifications for Crushed Sand
If we want to get a sense of what quarry dust or stone dust is like, we may compare its qualities to the standard requirements for crushed sand that are specified in various standards. This is because there are no standard specifications for quarry dust or stone dust. Because crushed sand is different from river sand in a variety of ways, several standards have made certain adjustments to the criteria for crushed sands to be used in concrete as fine aggregate. These adjustments are intended to account for the differences between the two types of sand. The crushed sand grading standards, which are specified by the British Standard BS 882:1992, are somewhat distinct from those of the natural sand grading requirements. The discrepancy may be attributed to the amount of micro-fines. In conventional concreting, BS 882:1992 permits a micro-fine content of up to 16 percent by mass of crushed sand. For high duty floors, the micro-fine content may be up to 9 percent by mass. On the other hand, the micro-fine content for natural sand can only be up to 4 percent by mass. In addition, the maximum for the material percent that passes the 150-micron sieve has been raised up to 20 percent for crushed sand, but the same restriction is only up to 15 percent for natural sand.

Mineralogical Characteristics and Microstructural Analysis:
X-ray Diffraction Analysis
Analysis using X-ray diffraction was carried out in order to determine the different cement phases present in concrete and also to determine whether or not any qualitative changes had taken place in the cement phases as a result of the partial substitution of natural sand with sandstone quarry dust. This was done in order to determine the impact that the addition of sandstone quarry dust as a partial substitute for natural sand had on the hydration process of cement.

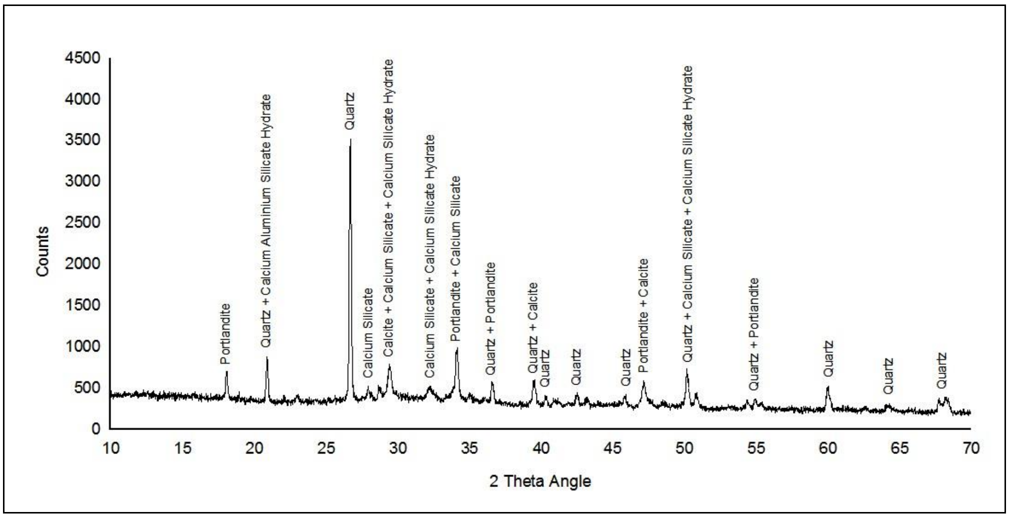

Fig 1: X-ray Diffractogram of Concrete Mix Containing 50% Sandstone Quarry Dust at 90 Days

In Fig. 1, it is possible to see that at the age of ninety days, the different phases that were present in concrete mixes that included sandstone dust were calcite, calcium silicate, portlandite, calcium silicate hydrate, and calcium aluminium silicate hydrate. Additionally, quartz was also present. When the X-ray diffraction pattern of control concrete is compared to that of all the concrete mixes containing sandstone quarry dust, it is clear that no new hydration products have formed in the concrete mixes that contain sandstone quarry dust as a partial substitute for natural sand. This conclusion can be reached by comparing the control concrete to all of the concrete mixes that contain sandstone quarry dust. Therefore, the inclusion of sandstone quarry dust as a partial substitute for natural sand in concrete does not result in any qualitative changes to the different phases of the material.
We may conclude that no additional hydration products have developed at later ages by comparing the X-ray diffraction patterns of similar quarry dust concrete mixes after 28 days and after 90 days. Therefore, the use of sandstone quarry dust in concrete as a partial replacement for natural sand does not result in a change in the quality of the product in its different stages as it ages.

It is possible to draw the conclusion that sandstone dust is an inert substance since it does not play a direct role in the hydration process that the cement goes through. As was previously mentioned, the incorporation of sandstone quarry dust into concrete as a partial replacement for natural sand produces circumstances that are more suitable for the hydration of cement. This is due to the greater specific surface area of the sandstone quarry dust. CRUSHED dust, on the other hand, does not contribute to the hydration process in and of itself.

4 Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) Analysis:

The different changes in the microstructure of concrete with addition of sandstone quarry dust as a partial replacement of natural sand, scanning electron microscopy (SEM) study was done. Concrete samples obtained from all concrete mixes at age of 28 days and 90 days were studied at various magnifications to evaluate the microstructure of each concrete mix.

The SEM morphology of several concrete mixtures at age 28 days at magnification factor of 1000 and 5000, respectively.

It may be noted that inclusion of sandstone crushed sand has a very dramatic influence on microstructure of concrete. Control concrete contains greatest voids among all concrete compositions. As the replacement rate of natural sand with sandstone is growing, voids goes on lowering. The SEM morphology of several concrete mixtures at age 90 days with magnification factor of 1000 and 5000, respectively. Here likewise, Control concrete has largest voids among all concrete mixes and when the replacement rate of natural sand with sandstone quarry dust is rising, voids continues on diminishing. There is no change in microstructure of concrete after 90 days, as compared to 28 days.

Conclusion

The filling impact of sandstone dust micro-fines may be ascribed to the improvement in the microstructure of concrete. This effect has the tendency to fill up spaces that are already present in the concrete, which results in the microstructure being denser. The microstructure of concrete has a considerable impact on both the hardened state as well as the durability of the material. When compared to the control mix, the concrete mixes that included sand that had been crushed had higher hardness and durability qualities. This was mostly due to the fact that the crushed sand reduced the number of voids in the concrete. The use of sandstone quarry dust as a partial substitute for natural sand was validated by the SEM examination as the cause of the increase in density seen in concrete made with this mixture. SEM photos demonstrate that a concrete mix that has 40% sand replacement level has the fewest possible voids after 28 days and also after 90 days, indicating that it has the highest possible density. X-ray diffraction analysis shows that sandstone crushed sand is an inert material and does not take part in the hydration of cement. Therefore, it is possible to draw the conclusion that the improvement in strength and durability properties of concrete with the addition of sandstone quarry dust as a partial substitute of natural sand can be mainly attributed to the denser microstructure of concrete mixes containing sandstone quarry dust. This conclusion can be reached because it is possible to conclude.

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