ALTERNATE BUILDING MATERIALS

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New Materials & Technology

🗣 Aluminum **Bitumen Materials Soil Conditioning Agents Tempered Glass** Crumb Rubber Fibre Reinforced Polymer **Glass Fibre Reinforced Plastics** Bamboo reinforced plastics Ferro-cement **Polyester Fibres**

ALUMINIUM

- More that 3000 commercialized applications.
- 35 percent aluminum produced is used in construction.
- Non Corrosive.
- High durability and low maintenance.
- Can be alloyed.
- Ductile and malleable.
- Aesthetically attractive.

APPLICATIONS IN CONSTRUCTION

WINDOWS, DOORS, FACADES ROOFS, WALLS, BUILDING SUPERSTRUCTURE DOOR HANDLES, CATCHES, STAIRCASES HVAC AND WATERPROOFING AS A SUPPORT STRUCTURE FOR SOLAR PANELS, SOLAR COLLECTORS AND LIGHT SHELVES. WALL CLADDING.

BITUMEN MATERIALS

SUPER PAVE SYSTEM

Superior Performing Asphalt Pavements Systems

Advantages

➢ Reduces

PERMANENT DEFORMATION

FATIGUE CRACKING

LOW TEMPERATURE CRACKING IN HOT ASPHALT MIXTURES

SOIL CONDITIONING AGENTS

 Bentonite Slurry Polymer Liquids Foams **Applications** Tunneling Pipe Jacking

Tempered Glass

- THERMALLY TEMPERED GLAZING – AUTOMOBILE WINDOWS
- POLYCARBONATE GLAZING BULLET PROOF GLAZING

CRUMB RUBBER

- CRUMB SCRAP TYRES ARE SHREDED
- CRUMB RUBBER IS ADDED TO ASPHALT IS CALLED CRMA (CRUMB RUBBER MODIFIED ASPHALT.
- ADVANTAGE

- HELPS IN NOISE REDUCTION - REDUCES SKID

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Fibre Reinforced Polymer
Glass Fibre Reinforced Plastics
Bamboo reinforced plastics
Polyester Fibres

FERROCEMENT



ALTERNATIVE BUILDING MATERIALS FOUNDATION

In most parts of the country, the soil bearing capacity is very low or the soil of expansive nature like black cotton soil. Under such conditions, use under-reamed or pedestal pile foundation with plinth beams.

a. UNDER REAMED PILE FOUNDATION

Such type of foundations is ideally suitable in the areas where the black cotton soil or expansive soil is beyond 2.50 meter. The basic principle of under reamed pile is to anchor the structure at a depth where ground movement are negligible due to moisture variation or other reasons. Simple tools are required for construction of under-reamed piles like spiral auger, under reaming tool, and boring guide. This is a well proven and established technology for construction of foundation in expansive soils. For speeding up the construction bore and under ream for large diameter and deeper pile a mechanical rig can be used. The construction and design of such foundation can be done in accordance with Indian Standard Code of Practice IS 2911-Part III. *(Developed by CBRI)*

b. BRICK ARCH FOUNDATION

Construction of arches is an old technology. Such type of foundation is of much use where the bearing capacity of soil is good and their exist some loose/filled up soil pockets in between. The arches can be built by avoiding the pressure on such loose pockets and transfer the load to the isolated footings built to support the arches. For construction of such foundation the use of available material like brick or concrete blocks can be made. In order to resist the lateral forces buttresses at the corner or at the end are built. With the use of such foundation there is a considerable saving in the masonry and concrete between the two footings.

(Conventional)

WALLING

a. **STABILISED, COMPRESSED EARTH BLOCKS:** are made of mud stablised with 5% cement/lime etc. and compacted in block making machine with no burning. A good walling material as burnt bricks and is economical, stronger, energy saving and simple to manufacture. The soil to be used for the blocks should have the requisite component of clay and silt and sand etc. Soil stablised hollow and interlocking blocks can provide better thermal insulation.

Developed by CBRI/ASTRA/Aurovil/e Building Centre

b. **STABILISED ADOBE:** is an improvement over traditional adobe or hand moulded and sun dried mud block in which mud is mixed with a small proportion of cement or lime or broken or cut dry grass as reinforcing media to impart added strength and lower the permeability. It is appropriate in dry climates.

(Developed by CBRI)

Fal-G STABILISED MUD BLOCKS: are much stronger with less water absorption and cheaper than cement stablised blocks. With 5 to 10 per cent Fal-G, 30 percent saving in cement could be acheived in addition to utilisation of the waste product like flyash. These blocks could be manufactured at village level. Most suitable where good burnt clay bricks are not available.

(Developed by INSWAREB Building Centre)

d. **CLAY FLYASH BURNT BRICKS:** produced from flyash and clay, are stronger than conventional burnt clay bricks, consume less energy, provide better thermal insulation and solve the environmental problem through utilisation of the flyash, an industrial waste. *(Developed by CBRI)*

e. **FLYASH/SAND-LIME BRICKS:** produced from flyash or sand with lime as binder, are strong, superior in water absorption and crushing strength. However this needs autoclaving. *(Developed by CBRI/CFRI)*



f. FLYASH-LIME-GYPSUM (Fal-G) PRODUCTS:

manufactured by blending flyash, lime and calcined gypsum (from by product of phosphogypsum or natural gypsum) for making a useful product, named Fal-G, and can be used as a cementeous material for mortar/plasters and for masonry blocks of any desired strength. It can also be used for road pavements and plain concrete in the form of Fal-G concrete.

(Developed by INSWAREB Building Centre) !i,

g. **CLAY RED MUD BURNT BRICKS:** produced from alumina red mud or bauxite an industrial waste of aluminium producing plants in combination with clay. Possess all the physical properties of normal clay bricks and solves the problem of disposal of the waste product and environmental pollution. In addition, they have good architectural value as facing bricks due to their pleasing hues of colour. Red mud in addition improves the quality of bricks made from inferior soil deficient in clay content. *(Developed by CBRI)*

h. **LATO BLOCKS:** are improved bricks made from lateritic soil and cement or lime. Available in South-West India as large soft rock masses. The blocks are moulded under pressure to produce strong and good quality blocks which consume lesser energy than conventional bricks and hence cheaper. They are available in pleasing hues of colours ranging from cream to light crimson. (Developed by CBRI) i. **PRECAST STONE BLOCKS:** of larger size than normal bricks are manufactured by using waste stone pieces of various sizes with lean cement concrete and enable a rationalised use of natural locally available materials. Shaping stones in this manner, enables speedy construction saves on cement, reduces thickness of stone walls and effects overall saving by eliminating plasters on internal/external wall surface. Appropriate architectural rendering on exterior surfaces can also be given. *(Developed by CBRI)*

j. **PRECAST CONCRETE BLOCKS:** made to similar dimension of stone blocks without large size stone pieces, but using coarse and fine graded aggregate with cement. They have excellent properties comparable to other masonry block, are cheaper and facilitate speedy construction and especially suitable where good quality clay for brick making is not available.

(Developed by CBRI)

k. **PRECAST HOLLOW CONCRETE BLOCKS:** are manufactured using lean cement concrete mixes and extruded through block making machines of egg laying or static type need lesser cement mortar and enable speedy construction as compared to brick masonry. the cavity in the blocks provide better 1herma! protection and also do not need external or internal plastering. These can be used for walling block or as roofing blocks alongwith inverted precast tee beams. *(Developed by CBRI)*

I. FLYASH BASED LIGHT WEIGHT AERATED CONCRETE WALLING AND ROOFING BLOCKS: are manufactured by a process involving mixing of flyash, quick lime or cement and gypsum, foaming agents such as aluminium powder. These are considered excellent products for walling blocks and prefab floor slabs. (Developed by CBRI/CFRI)

m. **PRECAST AERATED/CELLULAR CONCRETE WALLING BLOCKS AND ROOFING SLABS:** are manufactured through aerated cellular concrete manufacturing process. When used in multistoreyed structures reduce weight, resulting more in economic design of structure. These components can also be worked and handled easily, have high fire resistance rating and provide better insulation. (Developed by CBRI)

n. **RAT -TRAP BOND:** is an alternate brick bonding system for English and Flemish bond. This is economical, strong and aesthetic. 25% of the total number of bricks and 40% of motor the cost of the wall can be saved by using RAT -TRAP BOND. It is simple to build and has better insulation properties.

(Developed by Laurie Baker)

o. **BAMBOO/TIMBER MAT BASED WALLS (EKRA WALLING):** plastered on either side by mud or cement mortar over bamboo mat placed between horizontar and vertical timber/bamboos as a frame. Are easy to construct, cost less and are popular in hilly areas due to self help. However, these are non-load bearing and need supporting structure. This upgraded traditional tecgnology is a relevant for earthquake view point walling option. *(Conventional)*

p. **COMPOSITE FERROCEMENT SYSTEM:** simple to construct and made of ferrocement i.e rich mortar reinforced with chicken and welded wire mesh. These reduce the wall thickness and allow larger carpet area. Precast ferrocement units in trough shape are integrated with R.C.C. columns. Ferrocement units serve as a permanent skin unit and as a diagonal strut between columns. Inside cladding can be done with mud blocks or any locally available material. Ideally suitable for seismic areas. *(Developed by HUDCO)*

ROOFS

a. **LIFE EXTENDED THATCH ROOFING:** is a self-help, locally available and environmentally sound option. By treating it with copper sulphate solution, its life can be lengthened to reduce biodegradability effect.

By using thatch in the form of compact panels instead of bunches, its combustibility is also reduced. Additional coating of treatment on the roof surface using phosphorilated spray or CNSL oil also achieves water proofing, fire resistance, termite proofing and weathering resistance.

(Developed by CBRI/RRL- TVM)

b. **COCNUT FIBRE AND WOODEN CHIPS ROOFING SHEETS:** coconut fibre and wooden chips or fibre are soaked in water for two hours and water drained off .Later these are mixed with cement and laid over a corrugated mould and kept under pressure for 8 to 10 hours. After demoulding, these are cured and dried before use. *(Developed by RRL-TVM)*

c. **CORRUGATED BAMBOO ROOFING SHEET:** an innovative roofing material with an upgradation of traditional material from Bamboo Board. It is eco-friendly, light in weight, strong and durable and minimal fire hazard compared to thatch and other materials. These sheets can be used for roofing, walling, door and window shutters and other components in building construction.

Sheets are bonded with phenol formaldehyde resin to which anti-termite chemical is added at the time of mat impregnation. These are termite resistant and fire retardant also.

d. **COUNTRY TILE ROOFING:** can be less expensive than Mangalore tiles on wood when laid on balli understructure, when moulded tiles are made longer and distance between supporting members is increased. *(Conventional)*

e. **GUNA TILE ROOF:** such type of roof is very useful for villages. Its construction is possible only with use of Terra-cotta cones made by village potter and village artisans with nominal cost. Appropriate water resistant treatment can be given on top. It is cheaper by 30 percent than normal roof. *(Developed by CSV)*

f. **PYRAMIDAL BRICK ROOF:** in coastal areas where corossion of reinforcement is possible construction of such roof is useful. There is no reinforcement in such roof. It is cast with ordinary bricks used with cement mortar/concrete in the form of pyramid. A ring beam is used along the periphery over walls. Such roofs are useful in cyclone prone areas.

(Developed by CBRI)

g. **CEMENT BONDED FIBRE ROOFING SHEETS:** are made by profitably utilising coir waste, coconut pith, wood wool or sisal fibre, in combination with cement as binder for production of corrugated or plain roofing sheets. These sheets use lesser cement than AC sheets, are 50% cheaper than AC/CGI sheets, light weight, fire resistant, water proof and can be used for sloping roof option. *(Developed by CBRI)*

h. **MICRO CONCRETE ROOFING TILE:** are made of graded cement mortar layer vibrated and formed over sloping mould and cured, used in pitched roofing system and is less expensive than ACC/CGI sheets ad burnt country tile roofing at all spans. It is appropriate where fired clay tiles are not available and timber supporting skeletal system is costlier. The rafter and purlin system cost lesser by using micro concrete roofing tiles. Further reduction can be made by using ferrocement rafters and purlins. *(Developed by ITDG Development Alternatives/Tara Nirman Kendra)*

i. **STONE PATTI ROOFING:** is a flat roofing system with sand stone slab (patties) resting over steel or slender RCC section beams. The slabs are laid over with terracing for insulation. It is appropriate where (sand) stone slabs are available and is more economical than RCC slabs.

Where larger granite stone patties are available like in Rajasthan, MP, AP the beams are not needed and can rest on walls. Further the impact load distribution and thermal insulation is obtained by kharanjha distributors and lime terracing on top of it. *(Conventional)*

j. **EXTRUDED STRUCTURAL CLAY UNIT FLOOR/ROOF** is made from extruded strucutural clay units (HOURDIS), placed between tee-sections containing rectangular hollows. These are used along with precast joist and filler between the precast joint. Results in savings in cost and time over conventional RCC cast-in-situ slabs and also provide better thermal insulation. *(Developed by CBRI/SERC)*

k. **PRECAST BRICK PANELS:** used in combination with partially precast joists (beams) save in economic use of steel and cement and provide an alternative to reinforcecement concrete roofing/flooring where good quality bricks are available. *(Developed by CBRI)*

I. **PRECAST L-PANEL ELEMENTS:** provide a better alternative to RCC sloping roofs. Water seepage can be eliminated in precast L shaped panels where better quality control is possible. Precasting also result in saving on expensive shuttering. (Developed by CBRI)

m. JACK ARCH ROOF/FLOOR: are easy to construct, save on cement and steel, are more appropriate in hot climates. These can be constructed using compressed earth blocks also as alternative to bricks for further economy. *(Conventional)*

n. **PRECAST BRICK ARCH PANEL SYSTEM:** in this technique, the precast brick arch 50cm x 50cm in size are cast on a platform. These precast arches are placed side by side over the partially precast joist. The hauches between the arches are filled with cement concrete to have a level surface on top. Such roof/floor are 30 percent economical, when compared with conventional RCC also. *(Developed by CBRI)*

o. **FERROCEMENT CHANNEUSHELL UNITS:** provide an economic solution to RCC slab by providing 30 to 40% cost reduction on floor/roof units over RCC slabs without compromising the strength. These being precast, construction is speedy, economical due to avoidance of shuttering and facilitate quality control. *(Developed by SERC/Auroville Building Centre)*

p. **PRECAST PLANK AND JOIST FLOORING/ROOFING:** consisting of precast RC planks supported over partially precast RCC joists with in-situ concrete, suitable upto a span of 4.0 m and ensure 12% overall saving in cost and 20% reduction in construction time.

(Developed by CBRI)

q. **FUNICULAR SHELLS OVER EDGE BEAMS:** provide a simple and attractive alternative to RCC construction for small to medium spans. These can be used to span square, rectangular or even triangular and non-orthgonal spaces and consist of thin shen of concrete, brick, stones, tiles supported on edge beams. These are cost effective as the required quantity of steel and cement is much less and can be precast avoiding costly shuttering. (*Developed by SERC*)

r. **PRECAST WAFFLE UNITS:** provide speedy construction with overall saving upto 10% besides avoiding shuttering work. These consist of precast concrete waffle floors/roofs units with nominal reinforcement. The shape is like an inverted trough with square or rectangular in plan having lateral dimension upto 1.2m. Suitable for large spans beyond 6m in either direction, on laying in grid pattern with reinforcement and cast insitu concrete joints between them.

(Developed by CBRI)

s. **PRECAST CHANNEL UNITS:** easy to construct a roofing/flooring with an effective saving in cost and time. These units are reinforced cement concrete elements channel shaped in section and 2.5 to 4.2m long providing for ceiling that looks like one way rib beams.

(Developed by CBRI)

t. **PRECAST CORED UNITS:** are simple to manufacture and provide a speedy and economical flush ceiling. Consist of extruded concrete sections units with circular hollows and can be used upto 4.2 m span. Used for floors or roof in load bearing walls and framed structures.

(Developed by CBRI)

u. **PRECAST IN-SITU THIN RIBBED SLAB:** made from precast/in-situ ribs provided at a spacing of 1.2 m with cast-in-situ RC flange. These can be used for floor/roof slab. As the ribbed slab is thin, roof treatment should be provided over the slab for better thermal insulation. It is cheaper and easy to construct in comparison to conventional cast in-situ RCC slab.

(Developed by CBRI)

v. **FILLER SLABS:** are normal RCC slabs where bottom half (tension) concrete portions are replaced by filler materials such as bricks, tiles, cellular concrete blocks, etc. These filler materials are so placed as not to compromise structural strength, result in replacing unwanted and nonfunctional tension concrete, thus resulting in economy. These are safe, sound and provide aesthetically pleasing pattern ceilings and also need no plaster.

(Developed by Laurie Baker)

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