

## **Suvidhapath 2025-2026**

**Name of work : Chichwada Atul Road.Ta. & Dist. Valsad.**

### **ITEM WISE SPECIFICATION**

***Item No.1 Clearing and grubbing road land including uprooting trunk vegetation, grass bushes, shrubs, saplings and tree girth up to 300 mm, removal of stumps of trees cut earlier and disposal of unserviceable materials (C) by mechanical means in area of light jungle.***

#### **201.1. Scope**

This work shall consist of cutting, removing and disposing of all materials such as trees, bushes, shrubs, stumps, roots, grass, weeds, top organic soil not exceeding 150 mm in thickness, rubbish etc., which in the opinion of the Engineer are unsuitable for incorporation in the works, from, the area of road land containing road embankment, drains, cross-drainage structures and such other areas as may be specified on the drawings or by the Engineer. It shall include necessary excavation, backfilling of pits resulting from uprooting of trees and stumps to required compaction, handling, salvaging, and disposal of cleared materials. Clearing and grubbing shall be performed in advance of earthwork operations and in accordance with the requirements of these Specifications.

#### **201.2. Preservation of Property/Amenities**

Roadside trees, shrubs, any other plants, pole lines, fences, signs, monuments, buildings, pipelines, sewers and all highway facilities within or adjacent to the highway which are not to be disturbed shall be protected from injury or damage. The Contractor shall, provide and install at his own expense, suitable safeguards approved by the Engineer for this purpose.

During clearing and grubbing, the Contractor shall take all adequate precautions against soil erosion, water pollution, etc., and where required, undertake additional works to that effect vide Clause 306. Before start of operations, the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer for approval, his work plan including the procedure to be followed for disposal of waste materials, etc., and the schedules for carrying out temporary and permanent erosion control works as stipulated in Clause 306.3.

#### **201.3. Methods, Tools and Equipments**

Only such methods, tools and equipment as are approved by the Engineer and which will not affect the property to be preserved shall be adopted for the Work. If the area has thick vegetation/roots/trees, a crawler or pneumatic tyred dozer of adequate capacity may be used for clearance purposes. The dozer shall have ripper attachments for removal of tree stumps. All trees, stumps, etc., falling within excavation and fill lines shall be cut to such depth below ground level that in no case foil within 500 mm of the subgrade. Also, all vegetation such as roots, under-growth, grass and other deleterious matter unsuitable for incorporation in the embankment/subgrade shall be removed between fill lines to the satisfaction of the Engineer. On areas beyond these limits, trees and stumps required to be removed as directed by the Engineer shall be cut down to 1 m below ground level so that these do not present an unsightly appearance.

All branches of trees extending above the trimmed as directed by the Engineer.

All excavations below the general ground level arising out of the removal of trees, stumps, etc., shall be filled with suitable material and compacted thoroughly so as to make the surface at these points conform to the surrounding area. Ant-hills both above and below the ground, as are liable to collapse and obstruct free subsoil water flow shall be removed and their workings, which may extend to several metres, shall be suitably treated.

#### **201.4. Disposal of Materials**

All materials arising from clearing and grubbing operations shall be the property of Government and shall be disposed of by the Contractor as hereinafter provided or directed by the Engineer.

Trunks, branches and stumps of trees shall be cleaned of limbs and roots and stacked. Also boulders, stones and other materials usable in road construction shall be neatly stacked as directed by the Engineer. Stacking of stumps, boulders, stones etc., shall be done at specified spots with all lead and lift.

All products of clearing and grubbing which, in the opinion of the Engineer, cannot be used or auctioned shall be cleared away from the roadside in a manner as directed by the Engineer. Care shall be taken to see that unsuitable

waste materials are disposed of in such a manner that there is no likelihood of these getting mixed up with the materials meant for embankment, subgrade and road construction.

#### **201.5. Measurements for Payment**

Clearing and grubbing for road embankment, drains and cross-drainage structures shall be measured on area basis in terms of hectares. Clearing and grubbing of borrow areas shall be deemed to be a part of works preparatory to embankment construction and shall be deemed to have been included in the rates quoted for the embankment construction item and no separate payment shall be made for the same. Cutting of trees upto 900 mm in girth including removal of stumps and roots, and trimming of branches of trees extending above the roadway shall be considered incidental to the cleaning and grubbing operations. Removal of stumps left over after trees have been cut by any other agency shall also be considered incidental to the clearing and grubbing operations.

#### **201.6. Rates**

**201.6.1.** The Contract unit rates for the various items of clearing and grubbing shall be payment in full-for carrying out, the required operations including full compensation for all labour, materials, tools, equipment and incidentals necessary to complete the work. These will also include removal of stumps of trees less than 900 mm in girth as well as stumps left over after cutting of trees carried out by another agency, excavation and back-filling to required density, where necessary, and handling, salvaging, piling and disposing of the cleared materials with all lead and lifts.

***Item No.2 Earth work in cutting in all sorts of soil and soft murrum including conveying and spreading the stuff, embankment as and where directed within 200 meters from the end of the cutting with all required lead and lift.***

This work shall consist of Earth work in cutting in all sorts of soil and soft murrum etc. which may be necessary for road side gutter or road formation in accordance with requirements of these specifications and the lines, grades and cross sections shown in the drawings or as indicated by the Engineer.

1. The land width .0.required for the roadway, gutter side slopes and catch water gutters shall be cleared of all trees having a girth of 30 cms. and less, loose, stones, vegetation, bushes, stumps and all other objectionable materials. The roots of trees and stumps shall be removed to a depth of 30 cms below the grade formation and slopes and excavation filled up with excavated materials and compacted. All the materials cleared will be the property of Government. Useful materials shall be arranged in convenient stacks along the road boundary or as directed at places within 50 mts. lead, and handed over to the department in convenient sections. Unsuitable material shall be burnt or otherwise disposed off by the contractor at his own cost without causing any nuisance, inconvenience or damage to the work, property or people in the neighborhood. If the materials are to be disposed off outside the road land, necessary permission from the private land owners shall be taken by the contractor and royalty etc. if any paid by him without claiming compensations. In all cases, the materials shall be disposed off in a neat manner.

2. After clearing the site, the land width required for the roadway, gutter side slopes and catch water gutters shall be cleared of all trees having a girth of 30 cms. and less, loose, stones, vegetation, bushes, stumps and all other objectionable materials. The roots of trees and stumps shall be removed to a depth of 30 cms below the grade formation and slopes and excavation filled up with excavated materials and compacted. All the materials cleared shall be properly set out true to lines, curves slopes, grades and sections as shown on the plans or directed by the Engineer-in-charge. The contractor shall provide all labour and materials such as lime, strings, pegs, nails, bamboos, stones mortar, concrete etc. required for setting out alignment establishing bench marks and giving profiles. The contractor shall be responsible for maintaining the B. Ms, profiles alignments and other stakes and marks as long as they are required for the work in the opinion of the Engineer. If the contractor defaults in this respect even after the direction by the Engineer within the specified time, they may be restored by the Engineer at the levels etc. If there is any disagreement the contractor shall inform of it in writing to the officer concerned with the specific reference to the sections before starting further work. Once the work has started, no cognizance of any complaint shall be taken. Merely not signing of the book shall not be deemed as disagreement.

3. Profiles of the section including the road side gutters to be excavated shall be laid at suitable intervals of 10m. to 50 m. or other intervals as directed by Engineer to conform to the curved or straight alignment, sections, grades and side slopes. The line out shall be clearly marked and profiles of embankments where excavated materials are to be used shall be set up with the toe line marked on each side. The road way section shall first be excavated with vertical side for each lift and the sides slopes for that lift shall be excavated in steps. These steps shall be smoothened to the

required slope when the excavation reaches the road formation. The contractor shall on no account excavate beyond the slopes or below the specified grade unless so directed by the Engineer in writing. If excavation is done below the specified level or outside the section, it shall not be paid for and the contractor shall be required to fill up at his own cost such extra excavation in the road portion, with approved materials of the embankment grade in layers, watered and fully compacted to attain maximum density laid down for the embankment in its relevant item. The Engineer may require measurement ridges and dead man to be left at specified intervals or places and kept intact till ordered to be removed for the purpose of check measurements. The excavation shall be finished neatly, smoothly, and evenly to the correct lines, curves, grades, if loose shall be scarified, watered and compacted to the same density as the embankment. The section, side slopes and catch water gutter shall be maintained by the contractor at his own cost in such a way that the formation and gutters will be drained by providing for necessary diversions etc, and not damaged due to obstruction of any drainage. Necessary passages shall be provided for leading away seepage, springs, surface flow or rainwater safely without damaging the work. If any damage occurs due to default of the contractor in this respect, he shall make good the damage at his own cost. If it is necessary in the execution of the work to interrupt existing surface drainage, irrigation channels, sewers or under drainage, temporary arrangements shall be provided till such time as is necessary. The contractor at his own cost shall make the existing works or work in hand caused as a result of his operations or negligence shall be made good by the contractor at his own cost. Road side gutters shall be excavated to the specified sections and shall be measured along with the main cutting in cubic meters.

4. If slides occur in the cutting they shall be removed as ordered by the Engineer. If finished slopes slide into the roadways before the final acceptance of the work, such slides shall be removed by the contractor and shall be paid for at the contract rate for the class of excavation involved provided the slides are not due to any negligence of the contractor. The classification of the material in slides shall conform to its conditions at the time of removal and payment made accordingly regardless of its prior condition. Care shall be taken to see that excavation is arranged in a safe way so that there will be no risk to the workmen by slides, falling materials, boulders and collapsing sides etc.

5. If there is traffic nearby or if there are towns and villages in the neighborhood, barricades and or traffic signals shall be provided day and night for the duration of the work in such a way as to prevent accidents. Warning signals shall be displayed at 7mt. from the danger point on both sides giving sufficient warning. If necessary, signalers shall be stationed at each end to regulate traffic where it is heavy. Measures shall be taken to see that the excavation does not affect or damage adjoining structures or property. If there is damage to property, injury to workers, the members of the public, animals etc., due to the negligence of the contractor, he will be responsible and liable to all the consequences including compensation.

6. All the excavated materials shall be property of Government. The useful excavated material shall be used in embankment with all lead and lift and it shall be directly deposited at the required location in specified layers. No handling or conveyance charges shall be paid if the material is temporarily deposited elsewhere and subsequently conveyed to site of deposition. The sequence of operations at convenient places shall be, without interfering with the drainage in any way. If no Government land is available but the excavated useful stuff is to be stacked temporarily before use under the same agreement, the contractor shall make his own arrangements for the stacking of this material not required for use on embankment or unsuitable materials may be used on his own to uniformly widen embankment to flatten slopes and to fill low places in the road land, if so permitted by the Engineer. Material not required for any use whatsoever may be disposed off by the contractor at his own cost in a manner approved by the Engineer. The excavated material shall not be deposited within 3 m. from the top edge of slope or toe of the bank.

7. If the contractor does not wish to utilize the quantity of cutting within the specified lead for any reason, then he may do the embankment work with the earth from other sources (except borrow pits in the length of the road where cutting stuff is to be utilised) but in that case the full or part quantity on acceptable quality stuff for which payment is made or to be made will be deducted from the net quantity of the earth work in the embankment arrived at as above.

8. The Contract rate shall be a unit of one cubic meter for the strata mentioned in the item of excavation acceptably completed, limited to the dimensions shown on the plans or as directed by the Engineer. The measurements shall be paid on Tape measurements and computing the volumes of earth work in cubic meters by average area method. When the classification of the strata changes, the contractor shall bring this to the notice of the Engineer, who will then verify and if necessary take levels for the changed strata for purpose of measurement.

**Item No. 3 Box cutting the road surface to proper slope and camber for making a base for road work including removing the excavated stuff and despositing on the road side slope as directed upto 50mt lead.**

The work shall consist of excavation, removal and satisfactory disposal of all materials necessary for the construction of widening carriageway in accordance with requirements of these specifications and the lines, grades and cross sections shown in the drawings or as indicated by the engineer.

1. After the site has been cleared the limits of excavation / box cutting the road surface shall be set out true to lines, curves, slopes, grades and sections as shown on the drawings or as directed by the Engineer.
2. Box cutting shall be carried out in conformity with the directions laid here in under and in a manner approved by the Engineer. The work shall be so done that the suitable materials available from box cutting / excavation are satisfactorily utilized as directed.
3. The contractor shall not excavate outside the limits of box cutting, subject to the permitted tolerances, any excess depth/width excavated beyond the specified levels/ dimensions on the drawings shall be made good at the cost of the contractor with suitable material of characteristics similar to that removed and completed as directed.
4. Cutting shall be done in proper grade & chamber as peer measurements given. Care must be taken that all slopes are evenly and truly dressed. Cutting shall be done to the exact depth required and shall be as per formation level in proper grade and the camber. If extra depth of cutting is done due to negligence of contractor the same shall be refilled with approved quality of materials duly consolidated to the satisfaction of the Engineer-in-charge (without extra cost).
5. The bottom level of box cutting i.e. sub grade shall be watered and well compacted with vibratory roller at OMC to the desired as directed by the Engineer in charge. Rolling and compaction shall be deemed to be incidental to the work and no extra cost be paid for compaction of box cutting base surface.
6. The stuff received from the cutting shall be used for filling and correcting side slopes of bank and earthwork for embankment as directed by the Engineer in charge with all lead and lift.
7. The measurement of box cutting shall be taken on level basis & level shall be taken at 30 mt. interval. Volume shall be computed in cubic meters by average area method.
8. The payment shall be made on Cmt. basis.

The rate includes cost of all labour, machineries required, cost of carting and spreading the cutting stuff with all lead and lift and leveling the dumping ground / embankment, rolling and consolidation of sub grade level etc. complete.

**Item No. 4 Rolling and Consolidation of soling incuding filling the depressions which occur during the process with vibratory roller 80 to 100 KN static weight**

**Compaction :** Only the compaction equipment approved by the Engineer shall be employed to compact the sub grade level after box cutting. Smooth wheeled & vibratory rollers of suitable size and capacity as approved by the Engineer shall be used.

The Contractor shall demonstrate the efficacy of the equipment he intends to use by carrying out compaction trials. The procedure to be adopted for these site trials shall first be submitted to the Engineer for approval.

Earthmoving plant shall not be accepted as compaction equipment nor shall the use of a lighter category of plant to provide any preliminary compaction to assist the use of heavier plant be taken into account.

The sub grade shall be thoroughly compacted to the required densities specified in Table 300-2.

<b>Type of work/ material</b>	<b>Relative compaction as percentage of max. laboratory dry density as per IS: 2720 (Part 8)</b>
1. Subgnde and earthen shoulders	Not less than 97
2. Embankment	Not less than 95
3. Expansive Clays	
a) Subgrade and 500 mm portion just below the subgrade	Not allowed
b) Remaining portion of embankment	Not less than 90

The Contractor shall at least 7 working days before commencement of compaction submit the following to the Engineer for approval:

- (i) The value of maximum dry density and optimum moisture content obtained in accordance with IS: 2720 (Part 7) or (Part 8)

Once the above information has been approved by the Engineer, it shall form the basis for compaction.

Subsequent layers shall be placed only after the sub grade has been tested according to Clause 903.2.2 and accepted by the Engineer. The Engineer may permit measurement of field dry density by a nuclear moisture/density gauge used in accordance with agreed procedure and the gauge is calibrated to provide results identical to that obtained from tests in accordance with IS: 2720 (Part 28). A record of the same shall be maintained by the Contractor.

When density measurements reveal any soft areas in the embankment/subgrade/earthen shoulders, further compaction shall be carried out as directed by the Engineer. If inspite of that the specified compaction is not achieved, the material in the soft areas shall be removed and replaced by approved material, compacted to the density requirements upto the satisfaction of the Engineer.

Compaction of subgrade surface shall be measured in square metres.

The Contract unit rates for the item shall be payment in full for carrying out all the operations including full compensation for:

- (i) Compacting subgrade;
- (ii) Cost of watering or drying subgrade during construction as required;
- (iii) All labour, materials, tools, equipment and incidentals necessary to complete the work to the Specifications;

**Item No.5 Providing and laying wet mix macadam base course as per MORTH specification using machine crushed B.T. chips as per required gradation, mixing with required optimum quantity of water, conveying the mix to site of work, spreading in to grade and camber with paver/mechanical means and consolidation each layer with vibratory roller to achieve the desired density including cost of material labour plant and equipment etc. complete.**

#### 406.1 SCOPE

This work shall consist of laying and compacting clean, crushed, graded aggregate and granular material, premixed with water, to a dense mass on a prepared sub grade sub base/ base or existing pavement as the case may be in accordance with the requirements of these specifications. The material shall be laid in one or more layers as necessary to lines, grades and cross-sections shown on the approved drawings or as directed by the Engineer.

The thickness of a single compacted Wet Mix Macadam layer shall not be less than 75mm. When vibrating or other approved types of compacting equipment are used, the compacted depth of a single layer of the sub-base course may be increased to 20cm upon approval of the Engineer.

#### 406.2 MATERIALS

##### 406.2.1 AGGREGATES

##### 406.2.1.1 PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS :

Course aggregates shall be crushed stone. If crushed gravel / shingle is used, not less than 90 percent by weight of the gravel / shingle pieces retained on 4.75 mm sieve shall have at least two fractured faces. The aggregates shall conform to the physical requirements set forth in Table 400-10 below.

**TABLE 40-10 PHYSICAL REQUIREMENT OF COARSE  
AGGREGATES FOR WET MIX MACADAM FOR SUBBASE  
/ BASE COURSES**

Test	Test Method	Requirements
1.*Los Angeles Abrasion value	IS : 2386 (Part-4)	40 percent (Max)
Aggregate impact value	IS : 2386 (Part-4) or IS : 5640	30 percent (Max)
2. Combined Flakiness and Elongation indices ( Total )**	IS : 2386(PART-1)	30 percent (Max)

\* Aggregates may satisfy requirements of either of the two tests.

\*\* To determine this combined proportion, the flaky stone from a representative sample should first be separated out. Flakiness index is weight of flaky stone metal divided by weight of stone sample only the elongated particles be separated out from the remaining (non flaky stone metal. Elongation index is weight of elongated particles divided by total non flaky particles. The value of flakiness index and elongation index so found are added up.

If the water absorption value of the coarse aggregate greater than 2 percent, the soundness test shall carried out on the material delivered to site as per 2386 (Part – 5).

#### **406.2.1.2 Grading requirements :**

The aggregates shall conform to the grading given in Table 400-11

**TABLE 400-11. GRADING REQUIREMENTS OF  
AGGREGATES FOR WET MIX MACADAM.**

<b>IS sieve Designation</b>	<b>Percent by weight passing the IS sieve.</b>
<b>53.0 mm</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>45.0 mm</b>	<b>95 – 100</b>
<b>26.5 mm</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>22.4 mm</b>	<b>60 – 80</b>
<b>11.20 mm</b>	<b>40 – 60</b>
<b>4.75 mm</b>	<b>25 – 40</b>
<b>2.36 mm</b>	<b>15 – 30</b>
<b>600 micron</b>	<b>8 – 12</b>
<b>700 micron</b>	<b>0 - 8</b>

Materials finer than 425 micron shall have plasticity index (P.I ) not exceeding 6.

The final gradation approved within these limits shall be well graded from coarse to fine and shall not vary from the low limit on one sieve to the high limit on the adjacent sieve or vice- versa.

#### **406.3 Construction Operation :**

##### **406.3.1 Preparation of base : Clause 404.3.1 as below shall apply.**

**404.3.1** Preparation of base: The surface of the subgrade/sub-base/base to receive the water bound macadam course shall be prepared to the specification lines and cross fall(camber) and made free of dust and other extraneous material. Any ruts or soft yielding places shall be corrected in an approved manner and rolled unit firm surface is obtained if necessary by sprinkling water. Any sub- base/base/surface irregularities, where predominant, shall be made good by proving appropriate type of profile corrective course(levelling course) to clause 501 of these specification.

As far as possible, laying water bound macadam course over an existing thick bituminous layer may be avoided since it will cause problems of internal drainage of the pavement at the interface of two course. It is desirable to completely pick out the existing thin bituminous wearing course where water bound macadam is proposed to be laid over it. However, where the intensity of rain is low and the interface drainage facility is efficient, water bound macadam can be laid over the existing thin bituminous surface by cutting 50 mm x 50 mm furrows at an angle of 45 degrees to the centre line of the pavement at one metre intervals in the existing road. The directions and depth of furrows shall be such that they provide adequate bondage and also serve to drain water to the existing granular base course beneath the existing thin bituminous surface.

##### **406.3.2 Provision of lateral confinement of aggregates :**

While constructing wet mix macadam arrangement shall be made for the lateral confinement of wet mix. This shall be done by laying materials in adjoining shoulders along with that of wet mix macadam layer and following the sequence of operations described in Clause 407.4.1 as below.

#### **407.4 Construction Operations:**

**407.4.1** Shoulder: The sequence of operations shall be such that the construction of paved shoulder is done in layers each matching the thickness of adjoining pavement layer . Only after a layer of pavement and corresponding layers in paved and earth shoulder portion have been laid and compacted, the construction of next layer of pavement and shoulder shall be taken up.

Where the materials in adjacent layers are different ,these shall be laid together and the pavement layer shall be compacted first. The corresponding layer in paved shoulder portion shall be compacted thereafter, which shall be followed by compaction of earth shoulder layer.

The adjacent layers having same material shall be laid and compacted together.

In all cases where paved shoulders have to be provided along side of existing carriageway, the existing shoulders shall be excavated in full width and to the required depth as per clause 301.3.7 under no circumstances, box cutting shall be done for construction of shoulders.

Compaction requirement of earthen shoulder shall be as per table 300-2 in the case of bituminous courses, work on shoulder (earthen/hard/paved), shall start only after the pavement course has been laid and compacted.

During all stages of shoulder (earth/hard/paved) construction, the required cross fall shall be maintained to drain off surface water

Regardless of the method of laying, all shoulder construction material shall be placed directly on the shoulder. Any spilled material dragged on to the pavement surface shall be immediately removed, without damage to the pavement, and the area so affected thoroughly cleaned.

#### **406.3.4 Preparation of mix :**

Wet Mix Macadam shall be prepared in an approved mixing plant of suitable capacity having provision for controlled addition of water and forced / positive mixing arrangement like pug-mil or pan type mixer of concrete batching plant.

Optimum moisture for mixing shall be determined in accordance with IS : 2720 (Part – 8) after replacing the aggregate fraction retained on 22.4 mm sieve with material of 4.75 micron to 22.4 mm size. While adding water, due allowance should be made for evaporation losses. However, at the time of compaction, water in the wet mix should not vary from the optimum value by more than agreed limits. The mixed material should be uniformly wet and so segregation should be permitted.

#### **406.3.4 Spreading of mix :**

Immediately after mixing, the aggregates shall be spread uniformly and evenly upon the prepared sub grade / sub-base / base in required quantities. In no case should these be dumped in heaps directly on the area where these are to be laid nor shall their hauling over a partly completed stretch be permitted.

The mix may be spread either by a paver finisher or motor grader. For portions where mechanical means cannot be used, manual means as approved by the Engineer shall be used. The motor grader shall be capable of spreading the material uniformly all over the surface. Its blade shall have hydraulic control suitable for initial adjustments and maintaining the same so as to achieve the specified slope and grade.

The paver finisher shall be self – propelled, having the following features :

- (i) Loading hoppers and suitable distribution mechanism
- (ii) The screed shall have tamping and vibrating arrangement for initial compaction to the layer as it is spread without rutting or otherwise marring the surface profile.
- (iii) The paver shall be equipped with necessary control mechanism so as to ensure that the finished surface is free from surface blemishes. The surface of the aggregate shall be carefully checked with templates and all high or low spots remedied by removing or adding aggregate as may be tested by depth blocks during construction.

No segregation of larger and fine particles should be allowed. The aggregates as spread should be allowed. The aggregates as spread should be of uniform gradation with pockets of fine materials.

#### **406.3.5 Compaction :-**

After the mix has been laid to the required thickness, grade and camber the same shall be uniformly compacted, to the full depth with suitable roller. If the thickness of single compacted layer does not exceed 100mm, a smooth wheel roller of 80 to 100 KN weight may be used. For a compacted single layer up to 200mm, the compaction shall be done with the help of vibratory roller of minimum static weight of 80 to 100 KN or equivalent capacity roller. The speed of the roller shall not exceed 5 km/h. In portions having unidirectional cross fall / super elevation rolling shall commence from the lower edge and progress gradually towards the upper edge. Thereafter, roller should progress parallel to the center line of the road. Uniformly over-lapping each preceding track by at least one fourth width until the entire surface has been rolled. Alternate trips of the roller shall be terminated in stops at least 1 m away from any preceding stop. In portions in camber, rolling should be at the edge with the roller running forward and backward until the edges have been firmly compacted. The roller shall progress gradually towards the center parallel to the center line of the road uniformly overlapping each of the preceding track by at least one – Fourth width until the entire surface has been rolled.

Any displacement occurring as a result of reversing of the direction of a roller or from any other cause shall be corrected at once as specified and / or removed and made good.

Along forms, Kerbs, walls or other places not accessible to the roller, the mixture shall be thoroughly compacted with mechanical tampers or a plate compactor. Skin patching of an area without scarifying the surface to permit proper bonding of the added material shall not be permitted.

Rolling should not be done when the sub grade is soft or yielding or when it caused a wave-like motion in the sub – base/ base course or sub grade. If irregularities develop during rolling which exceed 12mm when tested with a 3 meter straight edge, the surface should be loosened and premixed material added or removed as required before rolling again so as to achieve a conforming to the desired grade and cross fall. In no case should the use of unmixed material be permitted to make up the depressions.

Rolling shall be continued till the density achieved is at least 98 per cent of the maximum dry the material as determined by the method outlined in IS : 2720 ( Part-8 )

After completion, the surface of any finished layer shall be wellclose, free from movement under compaction equipment or any compaction planes, ridges, cracks and loose material. All loose, segregated or otherwise defective areas shall be made good to the full thickness of the layer and recompacted.

#### **406.3.6 Setting and drying :**

After final compaction of wet mix macadam course, the road shall be allowed to dry for 24 hours.

#### **406.4 Opening to Traffic :**

Preferably no vehicular traffic of any kind should be allowed on the finished wet mix macadam surface till it has dried and the wearing course laid.

#### **406.5 Surface Finish and Quality control of work**

##### **406.5.1 Surface evenness :**

The surface finish of construction shall conform to the requirements of Clause 902 of MORT & H specifications.

##### **406.5.2 Quality Control :**

Control on the quality of materials and works shall be exercised by the Engineer in accordance with section 901 of MORT & H specifications

##### **406.6 Rectification of Surface Irregularity :**

Where the surface irregularity of the wet mix macadam course exceeds the permissible tolerances or where the course is otherwise defective due to subgrade soil getting mixed with the aggregates, the full thickness of the layer shall scarified over the affected area. Reshaped with added premixed material or removed and replaced with fresh premixed material as applicable and recomputed in accordance with Clause 406.3 of this item . The area treated in the aforesaid manner shall not be less than 5m long and 2m wide. In no case shall depressions be filled up with unmixed and ungraded material or fines.

##### **406.6.7 Arrangement for Traffic :**

During the period of construction, arrangement of traffic shall be done as per Claus 112 of MORT & H specifications

##### **406.8 Measurements for Payment :**

Wet mix macadam shall be paid as finished work in position on cross sectional measurements and computing the volume of WMM work in cubic meters by average area method.

**406.9 Rate :** The Contract unit rate for wet mix macadam shall be payment in full for carrying out the required operations including full compensation for all components listed below.

- i) Making arrangement for traffic to Clause 112 as above Except for initial treatment to verges, shoulders and Construction of diversions
- ii) Furnishing wet materials o be incorporated in the work including all royalties, fees, rents where necessary and all leads and lifts ;
- iii) All labour, tools, equipment and incidentals to complete the work to the specifications ;
- iv) Carrying out the work in part widths of road where directed ; and
- v) Carrying out the required tests for quality control.

**Item No. 6 Construction of dry lean cement concrete Sub- base over a prepared sub-grade with coarse and fine aggregate conforming to IS: 383, the size of coarse aggregate not exceeding 25 mm, aggregate cement ratio not to exceed 15:1, aggregate gradation after blending to be as per table 600-1, cement content not to be less than 220 kg/ cum, optimum moisture content to be determined during trial length construction, concrete strength not to be less than 10 Mpa at 7 days, mixed in a batching plant, transported to site, laid with a fixed form paver or conventional method, compacting with 80-100 KN static Weight vibratory roller, finishing and curing etc. complete.**



## 601 DRY LEAN CEMENT CONCRETE SUB-BASE

### 601.1 Scope

601.1.1 The work shall consist of construction of (zero slump) dry lean concrete sub-base for cement concrete pavement in accordance with the requirements of these Specifications and in conformity with the lines, grades and cross-sections shown on the drawings or as directed by the Engineer. The work shall include furnishing of all plant and equipment, materials and labour and performing all operations, in connection with the work, as approved by the Engineer.

601.1.2 The design parameters of dry lean concrete sub-base, viz., width, thickness, grade of concrete, details of joints, if any, etc. shall be as stipulated in the drawings.

### 601.2 Materials

#### 601.2.1 Sources of Materials

The Contractor shall indicate to the Engineer the source of all materials with relevant test data to be used in the dry lean concrete work sufficiently in advance and the approval of the Engineer for the same shall be obtained at least 45 days before the scheduled commencement of the work in trial length. If the Contractor later proposes to obtain the materials from a different source during the execution of main work, he shall notify the Engineer with relevant test data for his approval at least 45 days before such materials are to be used.

#### 601.2.2 Cement

Any of the following types of cement may be used with prior approval of the Engineer:

S. No.	Type	Conforming to
i)	Ordinary Portland Cement 43 Grade	IS:8112
ii)	Portland Slag Cement	IS:455
iii)	Portland Pozzolana Cement	IS:1489-Part I

If the subgrade soil contains soluble sulphates in a concentration more than 0.5 percent, sulphate resistant cement conforming to IS:6909 shall be used.

Cement to be used may preferably be obtained in bulk form. It shall be stored in accordance with stipulations contained in Clause 1014 and shall be subjected to acceptance test prior to its immediate use.

#### 601.2.3 Fly-ash

Fly-ash upto 20 percent by weight of cementitious material (cement+flyash) may be used along with 43/53 grade cement may be used to replace OPC cement grade 43 upto 30 percent by weight of cement. Fly-ash shall conform to IS:3812 (Part 1) and its use shall be permitted only after ensuring that facilities exist for uniform blending through a proper mechanical facility with automated process control like batch mix plant conforming to IS:4925 and IS:4926.

#### 601.2.4 Aggregates

601.2.4.1 Aggregates for lean concrete shall be natural material complying with IS:383. The aggregates shall not be alkali reactive. The limits of deleterious materials shall not exceed the requirements set forth in Table 600-2. In case the Engineer considers that the aggregates are not free from dirt, the same may be washed and drained for at least 72 hours before batching, or as directed by the Engineer.

#### 601.2.4.2 Coarse Aggregates

Coarse aggregates shall comply with Clause 602.2.6.2, except that the maximum size of the coarse aggregate shall be 26.5 mm, and aggregate gradation shall comply with Table 600-1.

#### 601.2.4.3 Fine Aggregates

The fine aggregate shall comply with Clause 602.2.6.3.

601.2.4.4 The material after blending shall conform to the grading as indicated in Table 600-1.

Table 600-1 : Aggregate Gradation for Dry Lean Concrete

Sieve Designation	Percentage by- Weight Passing the Sieve
26.50 mm	100
19.0 mm	75-95
9.50 mm	50-70
4.75 mm	30-55
2.36 mm	17-42
600 micron	8-22
300 micron	7-17

150 micron	2-12
75 micron	0-10

#### 601.2.5 Water

Water used for mixing and curing of concrete shall comply with Clause 602.2.7.

#### 601.2.6 Storage of Materials

All materials shall be stored in accordance with the provisions of Clauses 602.2.12 of these Specifications and other relevant IS Specifications.

#### 601.3 Proportioning of Materials for the Mix

601.3.1 The mix shall be proportioned with a maximum aggregate cementitious material ratio of 15:1. The water content shall be adjusted to the optimum as per Clause 601.3.2 for facilitating compaction by rolling. The strength and density requirements of concrete shall be determined in accordance with Clauses 601.7 and 601.8 by making trial mixes. Care should be taken to prevent one size of aggregate falling into the other-size of the hopper of the feeding bin while loading the individual size of aggregates into the bins.

#### 601.3.2 Moisture Content

The optimum water content shall be determined and demonstrated by rolling during trial length construction and the optimum moisture content and degree of compaction shall be got approved from Engineer. While laying in the main work, the lean concrete shall have a moisture content between the optimum and optimum +2 percent, keeping in view the effectiveness of compaction achieved and to compensate for evaporation losses.

#### 601.3.3 Cement Content

The cement content in the dry lean concrete shall be such that the strength specified in Clause 601.3.4 is achieved. The minimum cement content shall be **220 kg/cu.m** of concrete. In case flyash is blended at site as part replacement of cement, the quantity of flyash shall not be more than 20 percent by weight of cementitious material and the content of OPC shall not be less than 120 kg/cu.m. If this minimum is not sufficient to produce dry lean concrete of the specified strength, it shall be increased as necessary by the Contractor at his own cost.

#### 601.3.4 Concrete Strength

The average compressive strength of each consecutive group of 5 cubes made in accordance with Clause 903.5.1.1 shall not be less than 10 MPa at 7 days. In addition, the minimum compressive strength of any individual cube shall not be less than 7.5 MPa at 7 days. The design mix complying with the above Clauses shall be got approved from the Engineer and demonstrated in the trial length construction.

#### 601.4 Sub-grade

The sub-grade shall conform to the grades and cross-sections shown on the drawings and shall be laid and compacted in accordance with Clause 305. The subgrade strength shall correspond to the design strength specified in the Contract. As far as possible, the construction traffic shall be avoided on the prepared sub-grade.

#### 601.5 Drainage Layer

A drainage layer conforming to Clause 401 shall be laid above the subgrade before laying the Dry Lean Concrete sub-base, as specified in the drawings and the Contract.

#### 601.6 Construction

##### 601.6.1 General

The Dry Lean Concrete shall be laid on the prepared granular drainage layer. The pace and programme of the Dry Lean Concrete sub-base construction shall be matching suitably with the programme of construction of the cement concrete pavement over it. The Dry Lean Concrete sub-base shall be overlaid with concrete pavement only after 7 days of sub-base construction.

##### 601.6.2 Batching and Mixing

The batching plant shall be capable of proportioning the materials by weight, each type of material being weighed separately in accordance with Clauses 602.9.2, 602.9.3.1 and 602.9.3.2.

The design features of Batching Plant should be such that the plant can be shifted quickly.

##### 601.6.3 Transporting

Plant mix lean concrete shall be discharged immediately from the mixer, transported directly to the point where it is to be laid and protected from the weather by covering the tipping trucks with tarpaulin during transit. The concrete shall be transported by tipping trucks, sufficient in number to ensure a continuous supply of material to feed the laying equipment to work at a uniform speed and in an uninterrupted manner. The lead of the batching plant to paving site shall be such that the travel time available from mixing to paving as specified in Clause 601.6.5.2 will be adhered to.

Tipping truck shall not have old concrete sticking to it. Each tipping truck shall be washed with water jet before next loading as and when required after inspection.

#### 601.6.4 Placing

Lean concrete shall be placed by a paver with electronic sensor on the drainage layer or as specified in the Contract. The equipment shall be capable of laying the material in one layer in an even manner without segregation, so that after compaction the total thickness is as specified. The paving machine shall have high amplitude tamping bars to give good initial compaction to the sub-base. One day before placing of the dry lean cement concrete subbase, the surface of the granular sub-base/drainage layer shall be given a fine spray of water and rolled with a smooth wheeled roller.

Preferably the lean concrete shall be placed and compacted across the full width of the two lane carriageway, by constructing it in one go. In roads with carriageway more than 2 lanes a longitudinal joint shall be provided. Transverse butt type joint shall be provided at the end of the construction in a day. Transverse joints in the concrete pavement shall not be coterminous with the transverse construction joint of the Dry Lean Concrete.

The Dry Lean Concrete shall be laid in such a way that it is atleast 750 mm wider on each side than the proposed width including paved shoulders of the concrete pavement. The actual widening shall be decided based on the specifications of the paver, such that the crawler moves on the Dry Lean Concrete, and the cost of extra width shall be borne by the Contractor.

#### 601.6.5 Compaction

601.6.5.1 The compaction shall be carried out immediately after the material is laid and levelled. In order to ensure thorough compaction, rolling shall be continued on the full width till there is no further visible movement under the roller and the surface is well closed.

The minimum dry density obtained shall not be less than 98 percent of that achieved during the trial length construction in accordance with Clause 601.7. The densities achieved at the edges i.e. 0.5 m from the edge shall not be less than 96 percent of that achieved during the trial construction.

601.6.5.2 The spreading, compacting and finishing of the lean concrete shall be carried out as rapidly as possible and the operation shall be so arranged as to ensure that the time between the mixing of the first batch of concrete in any transverse section of the layer and the final finishing of the same shall not exceed 90 minutes when the temperature of concrete is between 25°C and 30°C, and 120 minutes if less than 25°C. This period may be reviewed by the Engineer in the light of the results of the trial run but in no case shall it exceed 120 minutes.

Work shall not proceed when the temperature of the concrete exceeds 30°C. If necessary, chilled water or addition of ice may be resorted to for bringing down the temperature. It is desirable to stop concreting when the ambient temperature is above 35°C. After compaction has been completed, roller shall not stand on the compacted surface for the duration of the curing period except during commencement of next day's work near the location where work was terminated the previous day.

601.6.5.3 Double drum smooth-wheeled vibratory rollers of minimum 80 to 100 kN static weight are suitable for rolling dry lean concrete. In case any other roller is proposed, the same shall be got approved from the Engineer, after demonstrating its performance. The number of passes required to obtain maximum compaction depends on the thickness of the dry lean concrete, the compactibility of the mix and the weight and type of the roller and the same as well as the total requirement of rollers for the jobs shall be determined during trial run by measuring in-situ density and the scale of the work to be undertaken.

Except on super elevated portions where rolling shall proceed from the inner edge to the outer, rolling shall begin from the edges gradually progressing towards the centre. First, the edge/edges shall be compacted with a roller running forward and backward. The roller shall then move inward parallel to the centerline of the road, in successive passes uniformly lapping preceding tracks by at least one half width.

601.6.5.4 A preliminary pass without vibration to bed the Dry Lean Concrete down shall be given followed by the required number of passes to achieve the desired density and, a final pass without vibration to remove roller with vibration marks and to smoothen the surface.

Special care and attention shall be exercised during compaction near joints, kerbs, channels, side forms and around gullies and manholes. In case adequate compaction is not achieved by the roller at these locations, use of plate vibrators shall be made, if so directed by the Engineer.

601.6.5.5 The final lean concrete surface on completion of compaction shall be well closed, free from movement under roller and free from ridges, low spots, cracks, loose material, pot holes, ruts or other defects. The final surface shall be inspected immediately on completion and all loose, segregated or defective areas shall be corrected by using fresh lean concrete material, laid and compacted. For repairing honeycombed/hungry surface, concrete with aggregates

of size 10 mm and below shall be spread and compacted as per Specifications. It is necessary to check the level of the rolled surface for compliance. Any level/thickness deficiency shall be corrected after applying concrete with aggregates of size 10 mm and below after roughening the surface. Surface regularity also shall be checked with 3 m straight edge. Strength tests shall be carried out, and if deficiency in strength is noticed, at least three (evenly spread) cores of minimum 100 mm dia per km shall be cut to check deficiency in strength. The holes resulting from cores shall be restored by filling with concrete of the specified strength and compacted by adequate rodding.

601.6.5.6 Segregation of concrete in the tipping trucks shall be controlled by moving the dumper back and forth while discharging the mix into the same or by any appropriate means. Paving operation shall be such that the mix does not segregate.

#### 601.6.6 Joints

Construction and longitudinal joints shall be provided as per the drawings.

Transverse butt type joint shall be provided at the end of the construction in a day. Longitudinal construction joint shall be provided only when full width paving is not possible. Transverse joints in Dry Lean concrete shall be staggered from the construction butt type joint in Concrete pavement by 800-1000 mm.

Longitudinal joint in Dry Lean Concrete shall be staggered by 300-400 mm from the longitudinal joint of concrete pavement.

At longitudinal or transverse construction joints, unless vertical forms are used, the edge of compacted material shall be cut back to a vertical plane where the correct thickness of the properly compacted material has been obtained.

#### 601.6.7 Curing

As soon as the lean concrete surface is compacted, curing shall commence. One of the following methods shall be adopted:

- a) Curing may be done by covering the surface by gunny bags/hessian, which shall be kept wet continuously for 7 days by sprinkling water.
- b) The curing shall be done by spraying with approved resin based aluminized reflective curing compound conforming to ASTM-C 309-81 in accordance with Clause 602.9.12. As soon as the curing compound has lost its tackiness, the surface shall be covered with wet hessian for three days. The rate of application shall be as recommended by the supplier.
- c) Wax-based white pigmented curing compound with water retention index of not less than 90 percent shall be used to cure the dry lean concrete. The curing compound shall conform to BS:7542. The compound shall be applied uniformly with a mechanical sprayer and with a hood to protect the spray from the wind. The curing compound shall be applied over the entire exposed surface of the Dry Lean Concrete, including sides and edges, at the rate of 0.2 litres/sq.m, or as recommended by the supplier.

The first application, referred to as curing application shall be applied immediately after the final rolling of Dry Lean Concrete is completed.

As soon as the curing compound loses tackiness, the surface shall be covered with wet hessian for three days. The second application of curing compound also referred to as the debonding application, shall be applied 24 to 48 hours prior to the placement of the concrete pavement. Any damaged Dry Lean Concrete shall be corrected prior to the second application. Normally, the manufacturer's instructions shall be followed for its application.

#### 601.7 Trial Mixes

The Contractor shall make trial mixes of dry lean concrete with moisture contents like 5.0, 5.5, 6.0, 6.5 and 7.0 percent using specified cement content, specified aggregate grading and aggregate-cement ratio specified in Clause 601.3.1. Optimum moisture and density shall be established by preparing cubes with varying moisture contents. Compaction of the mix shall be done in three layers with vibratory hammer fitted with a square or rectangular foot as described in Clause 903.5.1.1. After establishing the optimum moisture, a set of six cubes shall be cast at optimum moisture for the determination of compressive strength on the third and the seventh day. Trial mixes shall be repeated if the strength is not satisfactory by increasing cement content. After the mix design is approved, the Contractor shall construct a trial section in accordance with Clause 601.8.

If during the construction of the trial length, the optimum moisture content determined as above is found to be unsatisfactory, the Contractor may make suitable changes in the moisture content to achieve the satisfactory mix. The cube specimens prepared with the changed mix content should satisfy the strength requirement. Before production of the mix, natural moisture content of the aggregate should be determined on a day-to-day basis so that the moisture content could be adjusted. The mix finally designed should neither stick to the rollers nor become too dry resulting in ravelling of surface.

#### 601.8 Trial Length

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601.8.1 The trial length shall be constructed at least 14 days in advance of the proposed date of commencement of work. At least 30 days prior to the construction of the trial length, the Contractor shall submit for the Engineer's approval a "Method Statement" giving detailed description of the proposed materials, plant, equipment, mix proportions, and procedure for, batching, mixing, laying, compaction and other construction procedures. The Engineer shall also approve the location and length of trial construction which shall be a minimum of 100 m length laid in two days and for full width of the pavement. The trial length shall be outside the main works. The trial length shall contain the construction of at least one transverse construction joint involving hardened concrete and freshly laid Dry Lean Concrete sub-base. The construction of trial length shall be repeated till the Contractor proves his ability to satisfactorily construct the Dry Lean Concrete sub-base.

601.8.2 After the construction of the trial length, the in-situ density of the freshly laid material shall be determined by sand replacement method. Three density holes shall be made at locations equally spaced along a diagonal that bisects the trial length and average of these densities shall be determined. The density holes shall not be made in the strip 500 mm from the edges. The average density obtained from the three samples collected shall be the reference density and is considered as 100 percent. The field density of regular work will be compared with this reference density in accordance with Clauses 601.6.5.1 and 903.5.1.2.

601.8.3 The hardened concrete shall be cut over 3 m width and reversed to inspect the bottom surface for any segregation taking place. The trial length shall be constructed after making necessary changes in the gradation of the mix to eliminate segregation of the mix. The lower surface shall not have honey-combing and the aggregates shall not be held loosely at the edges.

601.8.4 The main work shall not start until the trial length has been approved by the Engineer. After approval has been given, the materials, mix proportions, moisture content, mixing, laying, compaction plant and construction procedures shall not be changed without the approval of the Engineer.

#### 601.9 Tolerances for Surface Regularity, Level, Thickness, Density and Strength

Control of quality of materials and works shall be exercised by the Engineer in accordance with Section 900 as stated below

#### 903.5 Quality Control Tests for Concrete Road Construction

##### 903.5.1 Dry Lean Concrete Sub-base

903.5.1.1 Sampling and Testing of Cubes Samples of dry lean concrete for making cubes shall be taken from the uncompacted material from different locations immediately before compaction at the rate of 3 samples for each 1000 sq.m or part thereof laid each day. The sampling of mix shall be done from the paving site.

Test cubes of 150 mm size shall be made immediately from each mix sample.

Cubes shall be made in accordance with the methods described in IS:516 except that the cubes shall be compacted by means of a vibratory hammer with the moulds placed on a level and rigid base. The vibrating hammer shall be electric or pneumatic type fitted with a square or rectangular foot having an area of between 7500 to 14000 sq.mm. The compaction shall be uniformly applied for 60± 5 seconds with a downward force of between 300 N and 400 N on to each of the three layers of the lean concrete material placed into the mould. The surface of each compacted layer shall be scarified before the next layer is added to give key for the next layer. The final layer shall be finished flush with the top of the cube mould.

The dry lean concrete shall be cured in accordance with IS:516.

##### 903.5.1.2 In-situ Density

The dry density of the laid material shall be determined from three density holes at locations equally spaced along a diagonal that bisects each 2000 sq.m or part thereof laid each day and shall comply with the requirements as per Clause 601.6.5.1. This rate of testing may be increased at the discretion of the Engineer in case of doubt or to determine the extent of defective area in the event of non-compliance. Density holes at random may be made to check the density at edges.

##### 903.5.1.3 Thickness

The average thickness of the subbase layer as computed by the level data of sub-base and subgrade or lower sub-base shall be as per the thickness specified in the contract drawings. The thickness at any single location shall not be 8 mm less than the specified thickness. Such areas shall be corrected as stated in Clause 601.6.5.5. Areas which cannot be repaired should be replaced over full width. The extent of deficient area should be decided based on cores.

#### 903.5.1.4 Frequency of Quality Control Tests

The frequency of quality control tests for levels, alignment and materials shall be as given in Table 900-6

#### 601.10 Traffic

No heavy commercial vehicles like trucks and buses shall be permitted on the dry lean concrete sub-base. Construction vehicles at slow speed may be permitted after 7 days of its construction with the prior approval of the Engineer.

#### 601.11 Measurement for Payment

The unit of measurement for dry lean concrete pavement shall be in cubic metre of concrete placed, based on the net plan area for the accepted thickness shown on the drawings or as directed by the Engineer.

#### 601.12 Rate

The Contract unit rate payable for dry lean concrete sub-base shall be for carrying out the required operations including full compensation for all labour, materials and equipment, mixing, transport, placing, compacting, finishing, curing, rectification of defective surface testing and incidentals such as trial length to complete the work as per Specifications, all royalties, fees, storage and rents where necessary and all leads and lifts.

**Item No. 7 Construction of un-reinforced, dowel jointed, plain cement concrete pavement over a prepared sub base with concrete grade M30, coarse and fine aggregate conforming to IS 383, maximum size of coarse aggregate not exceeding 25 mm, mixed in a batching and mixing plant as per approved mix design, transported to site, laid with a fixed form or slip form para, spreading, compacting and finishing in a continuous operation including provision and cost of contraction, expansion, construction and longitudinal joints, joint filler, separation membrane, sealant primer, joint sealant, debonding strip, dowel bar, tie rod, admixtures recron fiber etc as approved, curing compound, finishing to lines and grades as per drawing and as directed by the engineer in charge.**

### 602 CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENT

#### 602.1 Scope

602.1.1 The work shall consist of construction of un-reinforced, dowel jointed, plain cement concrete pavement in accordance with the requirements of these Specifications and in conformity with the lines, grades and cross sections shown on the drawings. The work shall include furnishing of all plant and equipment, materials and labour and performing all operations in connection with the work, as approved by the Engineer.

602.1.2 The design parameters, viz., thickness of pavement slab, grade of concrete, joint details etc. shall be as stipulated in the drawings.

#### 602.2 Materials

##### 602.2.1 Source of Materials

The Contractor shall indicate to the Engineer the source of all materials to be used in the concrete work with relevant test data sufficiently in advance, and the approval of the Engineer for the same shall be obtained at least 45 days before the scheduled commencement of the work in trial length. If the Contractor subsequently proposes to obtain materials from a different source during the execution of main work, he shall notify the Engineer, with relevant test data, for his approval, at least 45 days before such materials are to be used.

##### 602.2.2 Cement

Any of the following types of cement capable of achieving the design strength may be used with prior approval of the Engineer, but preference shall be to use at least the 43 grade or higher.

S.No.	Type	Conforming to
i)	Ordinary Portland Cement 43 Grade.	IS:8112
ii)	Ordinary Portland Cement 53 Grade	IS:12269
iii)	Portlant slag cement	IS:455
iv)	Portland Pozzolana Cement	IS:1489-Part I

If the soil around concrete pavement has soluble salts like sulphates in excess of 0.5 percent, the cement used shall be sulphate resistant and shall conform to IS:12330.

Cement to be used may preferably be obtained in bulk form. If cement in paper bags is proposed to be used, there shall be bag-splitters with the facility to separate pieces of paper bags and dispose them off suitably. No paper pieces shall enter the concrete mix. Bulk cement shall be stored in accordance with Clause 1014. The cement shall be subjected to acceptance test.

Fly-ash upto 20 percent by weight of cementitious material may be used in Ordinary Portland- Cement 43 and 53 Grade as part replacement of cement provided uniform blending with cement is ensured. The fly ash shall conform to IS:3812 (Part I).

Site mixing of fly ash shall be permitted only after ensuring availability of the equipments at site for uniform blending through a specific mechanised facility with automated process control like batch mix plants conforming to IS:4925 and IS-4926. Site mixing will not be allowed otherwise.

The Portland Pozzolana Cement produced in factory as per IS:1489-Part I shall not have fly-ash content more than 20 percent by weight of cementitious material. Certificate from the manufacturer to this effect shall be produced before use.

#### 602.2.3 Chemical Admixtures

Admixtures conforming to IS:9103 and IS:6925 shall be permitted to improve workability of the concrete and/or extension of setting time, on satisfactory evidence that they will not have any adverse effect on the properties of concrete with respect to strength, volume change, durability and have no deleterious effect on steel bars. The particulars of the admixture and the quantity to be used, must be furnished to the Engineer in advance to obtain his approval before use. Satisfactory performance of the admixtures should be proved both on the laboratory concrete trial mixes and in the trial length paving. If air entraining admixture is used, the total quantity of air shall be  $5 \pm 1.5$  percent for 31.5 mm maximum nominal size aggregate (in air-entrained concrete as a percentage of the volume of the mix).

#### 602.2.4 Silica Fumes

Silica fume conforming to a standard approved by the Engineer may be used as an admixture in the proportion of 3 to 10 percent of cement. Silica fume shall comply with the requirements given in IS:15388-2003, IS:456-2000, IRC:SP:76 and IRC:44-2008.

#### 602.2.5 Fibres

Fibres may be used subject to the provision in the design/approval by the Engineer to reduce the shrinkage cracking and post-cracking. The fibres may be steel fibre as per IRC:SP:46 or polymeric Synthetic fibres within the following range of specifications:

Effective Diameter	10 micron - 100 micron
Length	6-48 mm
Specific gravity	more than 1.0
Suggested dosage	0.6-2.0 kg/cu.m (0.2 - 0.6% by weight of cement in mix) .Usage will be regulated as stipulated in IRC:44/IS:456
Water absorption	less than 0.45 percent
Melting point of this fibre shall not be less than 160°C.	
The aspect ratio generally varies from 200 to 2000	
These synthetic fibres will have good alkali and UV light resistance	

When fibres are used, the mix shall be so designed that the slump of concrete at paving site is  $25 \pm 15$  mm.

#### 602.2.6 Aggregates

602.2.6.1 Aggregates for pavement concrete shall be natural material complying with IS:383 but with a Los Angeles Abrasion Test value not exceeding 35 percent. The limits of deleterious materials shall not exceed the requirements set out in Table 600-2.

**Table 600-2 : Permissible Limits of Deleterious Substances in Fine and Coarse Aggregates**

S No	Deleterious substances	Method of tests	Fine aggregate percentage by Weight (Max.)		Coarse Aggregate Percentage by Weight (Max)	
			Uncrushed	Crushed	Uncrushed	Crushed
1	Coal and lignite	IS :2386 (Part II)-1963	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
2	Clay Lumps	Do	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
3	Material finer than 75 IS Sieve	IS :2386 (Part II)	3.0	8.0	3.0	3.0
4	Soft fragments	IS :2386 (Part II)	-	-	3.0	-
5	Shale	IS :2386 (Part II)	1.0	-	-	-
6	Total percentages of all deleterious materials (except mica) including SI No. (i) to (V) for col 4,6 and 7 SI No (i) and (II) for Col 5 Only		5.0	2.0	5.0	5.0

\* Crushed aggregate at least one face fractured

Note: The presence of mica in the fine aggregate has been found to reduce considerably the durability and compressive strength of concrete and further investigations are underway to determine the extent of the deleterious effect of mica. It is advisable, therefore, to investigate the mica content of fine aggregate and make suitable allowances for the possible reduction in the strength of concrete or mortar; in cases where the stretch of the project road passes through micaceous belt.

The aggregates shall be free from chert, flint, chalcedony or other silica in a form that can react with the alkalis in the cement. In addition, the total chlorides content expressed as chloride ion content shall not exceed 0.06 percent by weight and the total sulphate content expressed as sulphuric anhydride (SO<sub>3</sub>) shall not exceed 0.25 percent by weight. In case the Engineer considers that the aggregates are not free from dirt, the same may be washed and drained for at least 72 hours before batching, as directed by the Engineer.

#### 602.2.6.2 Coarse Aggregates

Coarse aggregates shall consist of clean, hard, strong, dense, non-porous and durable pieces of crushed stone or crushed gravel and shall be devoid of pieces of disintegrated stone, soft, flaky, elongated, very angular or splintery pieces. The maximum size of coarse aggregate shall not exceed 31.5 mm for pavement concrete. No aggregate which has water absorption more than 2 percent shall be used in the concrete mix. The aggregates shall be tested for soundness in accordance with IS:2386 (Part-5). After 5 cycles of testing, the loss shall not be more than 12 percent if sodium sulphate solution is used or 18 percent if magnesium sulphate solution is used. The Los Angeles Abrasion value shall not exceed 35. The combined flakiness and elongation index of aggregate shall not be more than 35 percent.

#### 602.2.6.3 Fine Aggregates

The fine aggregates shall consist of clean natural sand or crushed stone sand or a combination of the two and shall conform to IS:383. Fine aggregate shall be free from soft particles, clay, shale, loam, cemented particles, mica and organic and other foreign matter. The fine aggregates shall have a sand equivalent value of not less than 50 when tested in accordance with the requirement of IS:2720 (Part 37).

#### 602.2.6.4 Combined Gradation of Fine and Coarse Aggregates

The combined gradation of fine and coarse aggregates shall be as per Table 600-3.

**Table 600-3 : Aggregate Gradation for Pavement Quality Concrete**

Sieve Designation	Percentage by Weight Passing the Sieve
31.5 mm	100



26.5 mm	85-95
19.0 mm	68-88
9.5 mm	45-65
4.75 mm	30-55
600 micron	8-30
150 micron	5-15
75 micron	0-5

#### 602.2.7 Water

Water used for mixing and curing of concrete shall be clean and free from injurious amount of oil, salt, acid, vegetable matter or other substances harmful to the finished concrete. It shall meet the requirements stipulated in IS:456.

#### 602.2.8 Steel for Dowels and Tie Bars

Steel shall conform to the requirements of IS:432 and IS:1786 as relevant. The dowel bars shall conform to IS:432 of Grade I. Tie bars shall be either High yield Strength Deformed bars conforming to IS-1786 and grade of Fe 500 or plain bars conforming to IS-432 of Grade I. The steel shall be coated with epoxy paint for protection against corrosion.

#### 602.2.9 Joint Filler Board

Synthetic Joint filler board for expansion joints shall be used only at abutting structures like bridges and shall be of 20-25 mm thickness within a tolerance of  $\pm 1.5$  mm and of a firm compressible material and complying with the requirements of IS: 1838, with a compressibility more than 25 percent. It shall be 25 mm less in depth than the thickness of the slab within a tolerance of  $\pm 3$  mm and provided to the full width between the side forms. It shall be in suitable lengths which shall not be less than one lane width. If two pieces are joined to make up full width, the joint shall be taped such that no slurry escapes through the joint. Holes to accommodate dowel bars shall be accurately bored or punched out to give a sliding fit on the dowel bars.

#### 602.2.10 Joint Sealing Compound

The joint sealing compound shall be of hot poured, elastomeric type or cold polysulphide/ polyurethane/silicone type having flexibility, resistance to age hardening and durability as per IRC:57. Manufacturer's certificate shall be produced by the Contractor for establishing that the sealant is not more than six months old and stating that the sealant complies with the relevant standard mentioned below. The samples shall meet the requirements as mentioned in IRC:57.

If sealant is of hot poured type, it shall conform to

Hot applied sealant : IS:1834 or ASTM : 3406-95, as applicable Cold poured sealants shall be one of the following :

- |      |              |                                      |
|------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| i)   | polysulphide | IS:11433 (Part I), BS:5212 (Part II) |
| ii)  | polyurethane | BS:5212                              |
| iii) | silicone     | ASTM 5893-04                         |

#### 602.2.11 Preformed Seals

The pre-formed joint sealing material shall be a vulcanized elastomeric compound using polychloroprene (Neoprene) as the base polymer.

The joint seal shall conform to requirements of ASTM D 2628 as given in Table 600-4.

**Table 600-4 : Requirement of Preformed Seals as per ASTM D 2628**

Sr No	Description	Requirements	ASTM Test methods
1	Tensile strength, min	13.8 MPa	D 412
2	Elongation at break	Min.250 %	D 412
3	Hardness, Type A durometer	55+/- points	D 2240
4	Oven aging, 70 h at 100°C Tensile strength loss	20 % max	D 573
5	Elongation loss	20 % max	
6	Hardness Change Type A durometer	0 to +10 points	D 471
7	Oil Swell, ASTM Oil 3,70 h at 100°C Weight Change	45% max	D 1149
8	Ozone resistance 20 percent strain, 300 pphm in air,70 h at 40°C	No cracks	D 2240
9	Low temperature stiffening, 7 days at -10°C	0 to +15 points	

	Hardness Change type A durometer		
10	Low temperature recovery, 22h at -10°C deflection	88 % min	D 2628
11	Low temperature recovery, 22h at -29°C deflection	83 % min	D 2628
12	Low temperature recovery, 70h at -100°C, 50% deflection	85 % min	D 2628
13	Compression, deflection, at 80% of normal width min	613 N/m	D 2628

#### 602.2.12 Storage of Materials

All materials shall be stored in accordance with the provisions of Clause 1014 of the Specifications. All efforts shall be made to store the materials in proper places so as to prevent their deterioration or contamination by foreign matter and to ensure their satisfactory quality and fitness for the work. The platform where aggregates are stock piled shall be paved and elevated from the ground atleast by 150 mm. The area shall have slope to drain off rain water. The storage space must also permit easy inspection, removal and storage of the materials. Aggregates of different sizes shall be stored in partitioned stack-yards. All such materials even though stored in approved godowns must be subjected to acceptance test as per Clause 903 of these Specifications prior to their use.

#### 602.3 Proportioning of Concrete

602.3.1 After approval by the Engineer of all the materials to be used in the concrete, the Contractor shall submit the mix design based on weighed proportions of all ingredients for the approval of the Engineer vide Clause 602.3.4. The mix design shall be submitted at least 30 days prior to the paving of trial length and the design shall be based on laboratory trial mixes using the approved materials and methods as per IRC:44 or IS:10262. The target mean strength for the design mix shall be determined as indicated in Clause 602.3.3.1. The mix design shall be based on the flexural strength of concrete.

##### 602.3.2 Cement Content

When Ordinary Portland Cement (OPC) is used the quantity of cement shall not be less than **450 kg/cu.m**. In case fly ash grade I (as per IS:3812) is blended at site as part replacement of cement, the quantity of fly ash shall be upto 20 percent by weight of cementitious material and the quantity of OPC in such a blend shall not be less than **360 kg/cu.m**. The minimum of OPC content, in case ground granulated blast furnace slag cement blended, shall also not be less than 310 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. If this minimum cement content is not sufficient to produce concrete of the specified strength, it shall be increased as necessary by the contractor at his own cost.

##### 602.3.3 Concrete Strength

602.3.3.1 The characteristic flexural strength of concrete shall not be less than 4.5 MPa unless specified otherwise. Target mean flexural strength for mix design shall be more than  $4.5 \text{ MPa} + 1.65s$ , where  $s$  is standard deviation of flexural strength derived by conducting test on minimum 30 beams. While designing the mix in the laboratory, correlation between flexural and compressive strengths of concrete shall be established on the basis of at least thirty tests on specimens. However, quality control in the field shall be exercised on the basis of flexural strength. It may, however, be ensured that the materials and mix proportions remain substantially unaltered during the daily concrete production. The water content shall be the minimum required to provide the agreed workability for full compaction of the concrete to the required density as determined by the trial mixes or as approved by the Engineer and the maximum free water cement ratio shall be 0.45 when only OPC is used and 0.50 when blended cement (Portland Pozzolana Cement or Portland Slag Cement or OPC blended with fly ash or Ground Granulated Blast Furnance Slag, at site) is used.

602.3.3.2 The ratio between the 7 and 28 day strength shall be established for the mix to be used in the slab in advance, by testing pairs of beams and cubes at each stage on at least six batches of trial mix. The average strength of the 7 day cured specimens shall be divided by the average strength of the 28 day specimens for each batch, and the ratio 'R' shall be determined. The ratio 'R' shall be expressed to three decimal places.

If during the construction of the trial length or during some normal working, the average value of any four consecutive 7 day test results falls below the required 7 day strength as derived from the value of 'R' then the cement content of the concrete shall, without extra payment, be increased by 5 percent by weight or by an amount agreed by the Engineer. The increased cement content shall be maintained at least until the four corresponding 28 day strengths have been assessed for in conformity with the requirements as per Clause 602.3.3.1. Whenever the cement content is increased, the concrete mix shall be adjusted to maintain the required workability.

##### 602.3.4 Workability

602.3.4.1 The workability of the concrete at the point of placing shall be adequate for the concrete to be fully compacted and finished without undue flow. The optimum workability for the mix to suit the paving plant being used shall be determined by the Contractor and approved by the Engineer. The control of workability in the field shall be exercised by the slump test as per IS:1199.

602.3.4.2 The workability requirement at the batching and mixing plant and paving site shall be established by slump tests carried during trial paving. These requirements shall be established from season to season and also when the lead from batching and mixing plant site to the paving site changes. The workability shall be established for the type of paving equipment available. A slump value in the range of  $25 \pm 15$  mm is reasonable for paving works but this may be modified depending upon the site requirement and got approved by the Engineer. These tests shall be carried out on every tipping truck/dumper at hatching and mixing plant site and paving site initially when the work commences but subsequently the frequency can be reduced to alternate tipping trucks or as per the instructions of the Engineer.

#### 602.3.5 Design Mix

602.3.5.1 The Contractor shall carry out laboratory trials of design mix with the materials from the approved sources to be used as per IRC:44. Trial mixes shall be made in presence of the Engineer or his representative and the design mix shall be subject to the approval of the Engineer. They shall be repeated, if necessary, until the proportions, that will produce a concrete which complies in all respects with these Specifications, and conform to the requirements of the design/drawings.

602.3.5.2 The proportions determined as a result of the laboratory trial mixes may be adjusted, if necessary, during the construction of the trial length. Thereafter, neither the materials nor the mix proportions shall be varied in any way except with the written approval of the Engineer.

602.3.5.3 Any change in the source of materials or mix proportions proposed by the Contractor, during the course of work shall be assessed by making laboratory trial mixes and the construction of a further trial length of length not less than 50 m unless approval is given by the Engineer for minor adjustments like compensation for moisture content in aggregates or minor fluctuations in the grading of aggregate.

#### 602.4 Sub-base

The cement concrete pavement shall be laid over the sub-base constructed in accordance with the relevant drawings and Specifications. It shall be ensured that the sub-base is not damaged before laying the concrete pavement. If the dry lean concrete sub-base is found damaged at some places or it has cracks wider than 10 mm, it shall be repaired with fine cement concrete (aggregate size 10 mm and down) or bituminous concrete before laying separation membrane layer.

#### 602.5 Separation Membrane

A separation membrane shall be used between the concrete slab and the sub-base. Separation membrane shall be impermeable PVC sheet 125 micron thick transparent or white in colour laid flat with minimum creases. Before placing the separation membrane, the sub-base shall be swept clean of all the extraneous materials using air compressor. Wherever overlap of plastic sheets is necessary, the same shall be at least 300 mm and any damaged sheathing shall be replaced at the Contractor's cost. The separation membrane may be nailed to the lower layer with concrete nails. The separation membrane shall be omitted when two layers of wax-based curing compound is used.

#### 602.6 Joints

602.6.1 The locations and type of joints shall be as shown in the drawing. Joints shall be constructed depending upon their functional requirement. The location of the joints

should be transferred accurately at the site and mechanical saw cutting of joints done as per stipulated dimensions. It shall be ensured that the required depth of cut is made from edge-to-edge of the pavement. Transverse and longitudinal joints in the pavement and Dry Lean Concrete sub-base shall be staggered so that they are not coincident vertically and are at least 800 to 1000 mm and 300 to 400 mm apart respectively. Sawing of joints shall be carried out with diamond studded blades soon after the concrete has hardened to take the load of the sawing machine and crew members without damaging the texture of the pavement.

Sawing operation could start as early as 4-8 hours after laying of concrete pavement but not later than 8 to 12 hours depending upon the ambient temperature, wind velocity, relative humidity and required maturity of concrete achieved for this purpose.

When the kerb is cast integrally with the main pavement slab, the joint cutting shall also be extended to the kerb.

Where the use of maturity meter is specified, sawing should not be initiated when the compressive strength of the concrete is less than 2 MPa and should be completed before it attains the compressive strength of 7 MPa.

#### 602.6.2 Transverse Joints

602.6.2.1 Transverse joints shall be contraction, construction and expansion joints constructed at the spacing described in the drawings. Transverse joints shall be straight within the following tolerances along the intended line of joints.

- i) Deviations of the performed filler board (IS:1838) in the case of expansion joints from the intended line of the joint shall not be greater than  $\pm 10$  mm.
- ii) The best fit straight line through the joint grooves as constructed shall be not more than 25 mm from the intended line of the joint.
- iii) Deviations of the joint groove from the best fit straight line of the joint shall not be greater than 10 mm.
- iv) Transverse joints on each side of the longitudinal joint shall be in line with each other and of the same type and width. Transverse joints shall have a sealing groove which shall be sealed in compliance with Clause 602.10.

#### 602.6.2.2 Contraction Joints

The contraction joints shall be placed transversely at pre-specified locations as per drawings/ design using dowel bars. These joints shall be cut as soon as the concrete has undergone initial hardening and is hard enough to take the load of joint sawing machine without causing damage to the slab.

Contraction joints shall consist of a mechanical sawn joint groove, 3 to 5 mm wide and one-fourth to one-third depth of the slab  $\pm 5$  mm or as stipulated in the drawings and dowel bars complying with Clause 602.6.5.

Contraction joint shall be widened subsequently to accommodate the sealant as per Clause 602.10, to dimensions shown on drawings or as per IRC:57.

#### 602.6.2.3 Expansion Joints

The expansion joint shall consist of a joint filler board complying with Clause 602.2.9 and dowel bars complying with Clause 602.6.5 and as detailed in the drawings. The filler board shall be positioned vertically with the prefabricated joint assemblies along the line of the joint within the tolerances given in Clause 602.6.2.1. The adjacent slabs shall be completely separated from each other by the joint filler board.

#### 602.6.3 Transverse Construction Joint

Transverse construction joint shall be placed whenever concreting is completed after a day's work or is suspended for more than 30 minutes. These joints shall be provided at location of contraction joints using dowel bars. If sufficient concrete has not been mixed to form a slab extending upto a contraction joint, and if an interruption occurs, the concrete placed shall be removed upto the last preceding joint and disposed of. At all construction joints, steel bulk heads shall be used to retain the concrete. The surface of the concrete laid subsequently shall conform to the grade and cross sections of the previously laid pavement. When positioning of bulk head/stop-end is not possible, concreting to an additional 1 or 2 m length may be carried out to enable the movement of joint cutting machine so that joint grooves may be cut and the extra 1 or 2 m length is cut out and removed subsequently after concrete has hardened.

After minimum 14 days of curing, in case OPC cement is used and 16 days of curing when flyash or blended cement is used, the construction joint shall be widened to accommodate the sealant as per Clause 602.10 to dimensions shown on drawing or as per IRC:57.

#### 602.6.4 Longitudinal Joint

602.6.4.1 The longitudinal joints shall be constructed by forming or by sawing as per details of the joints shown in the drawing. Sawed longitudinal joints shall be constructed when the concrete pavement placement width exceeds 4.5 m. The groove may be cut after the final set of the concrete. Joints should be sawn to at least one-third the depth of the slab  $\pm 5$  mm as indicated in the drawing. The joint shall be widened subsequently to dimensions shown on the drawings.

Where adjacent lanes of pavement are constructed separately using slip form pavers or side forms, the tie bars may be bent at right angles against the vertical face/ side of the first lane constructed and straightened before placing concrete in the adjacent lane. Broken or damaged tie bars shall be repaired or replaced as required.

The groove for sealant shall be cut in the pavement lane placed later.

#### 602.6.4.2 Tie Bars

Tie bars shall be provided at the longitudinal joints as per dimensions and spacing shown in the drawing and in accordance with Clause 602.6.6. The direction of the tie bars at curves shall be radial in the direction of the radius.

#### 602.6.5 Dowel Bars

602.6.5.1 Dowel bars shall be mild steel rounds in accordance with Clause 602.2.8 with details/dimensions as indicated in the drawings and free from oil, dirt, loose rust or scale. They shall be straight, free of irregularities and burring restricting slippage in the concrete. The sliding ends shall be sawn or cropped cleanly with no protrusions

outside the normal diameter of the bar. Any protrusions shall be removed by grinding the ends of the dowel bars. The dowel bar shall be supported on cradles/dowel chairs in pre-fabricated joint assemblies positioned prior to the construction of the slabs or mechanically inserted with vibration into the plastic concrete by a method which ensures correct placement of the bars besides full re-compaction of the concrete around the dowel bars.

602.6.5.2 Unless shown otherwise on the drawings, dowel bars shall be positioned at mid depth of the slab within a tolerance of  $\pm 20$  mm, and centered equally about intended lines of the joint within a tolerance of  $\pm 25$  mm. They shall be aligned parallel to the finished surface of the slab and to the centre line of the carriageway and to each other within tolerances given here-in-under, the compliance of which shall be checked as per Clause 602.11.7.

- i) For bars supported on cradles prior to the laying of the slab:
  - a) All bars in a joint shall be within  $\pm 2$  mm per 300 mm length of bar
  - b) 2/3rd of the number of bars shall be within  $\pm 3$  mm per 500 mm length of bar
  - c) No bar shall differ in alignment from an adjoining bar by more than 3 mm per 300 mm length of bar in either the horizontal or vertical plane
  - d) Cradles supporting dowel bar shall not extend across the line of joint i.e. no steel bar of the cradle assembly shall be continuous across the joint.
- ii) For all bars inserted after laying of the slab except those inserted by a Dowel Bar Inserter the tolerance for alignment may be twice as indicated in (i) above.

The transverse joints at curves shall be radial in the direction of the radius.

602.6.5.3 Dowel bars; supported on cradles in assemblies, when subject to a load of 110 N applied at either end and in either the vertical or horizontal direction (upwards and downwards and in both directions horizontally) shall conform to be within the limits given in Clause 602.6.5.2.

602.6.5.4 The assembly of dowel bars and supporting cradles, including the joint filler board in the case of expansion joints, shall have the following degree of rigidity when fixed in position:

- i) For expansion joints, the deflection of the top edge of the filler board shall be not greater than 13 mm, when a load of 1.3 kN is applied perpendicular to the vertical face of the joint filler board and distributed over a length of 600 mm by means of a bar or timber packing, at mid depth and midway between individual fixings, or 300 mm from either end of any length of filler board, if a continuous fixing is used. The residual deflection after load shall be not more than 3 mm.
- ii) The fixings for joint assembly shall not fail under 1.3 kN load and shall fail before the load reaches 2.6 kN when applied over a length of 600 mm by means of a bar or timber packing placed as near to the level of the line of fixings as practicable.
- iii) Fixings shall be deemed to fail when there is displacement of the assemblies by more than 3 mm with any form of fixing, under the test load. The displacement shall be measured at the nearest part of the assembly to the centre of the bar or timber packing.

#### 602.6.5.5

Dowel bars in the contraction joints, construction joints and expansion joints shall be covered by a thin plastic sheath. The thickness of the sheath shall not exceed 0.5 mm and shall be tightly fitted on the bar for at least two-thirds of the length from one end for dowel bars in contraction/construction joints and half the length plus 50 mm for expansion joints. The sheathed bar shall comply with the following pull-out tests:

Four bars shall be taken at random from stock and without any special preparation shall be covered by sheaths as required in this Clause. The ends, if the dowel bars which have been sheathed shall be cast centrally into concrete specimens 150 mm x 150 mm x 600 mm, made of the same mix proportions to be used in the pavement, but with a maximum nominal aggregate size of 20 mm and cured in accordance with IS:516. At 7 days a tensile load shall be applied to achieve a movement of the bar of at least 0.25 mm. The average bond stress to achieve this movement shall not be greater than 0.14 MPa.

602.6.5.6 For expansion joints, a closely fitting cap 100 mm long consisting of waterproofed cardboard or an approved synthetic material like PVC or GI pipe shall be placed over the sheathed end of each dowel bar. An expansion space (about 25 mm) at least equal in length to the thickness of the joint filler board shall be formed between the end of the cap and the end of the dowel bar by using compressible sponge. To block the entry of cement slurry into the annular space between the sheathing and dowel bar shall be taped around its mouth.

#### 602.6.6 Tie Bars

602.6.6.1 Tie bars in longitudinal joints shall be deformed steel bars of strength 500 MPa complying with IS:1786 and in accordance with the requirements given in this Clause. The bars shall be free from oil, dirt, loose rust and scale.

602.6.6.2 Tie bars projecting 'across the longitudinal joint shall be protected from corrosion for 75 mm on each side of the joint by a protective coating of bituminous paint with the approval of the Engineer. The coating shall be dry when the tie bars are used. In the case of coastal region and high rainfall areas, tie bars shall be epoxy coated in their full length as per IS:13620.

602.6.6.3 Tie bars in longitudinal joints shall be made up into rigid assemblies with adequate supports and fixings to remain firmly in position during the construction of the slab. Alternatively, tie bars at longitudinal joints may be mechanically or manually inserted into the plastic concrete from above by vibration using a method which ensures correct placements of the bars and recompaction of the concrete around the tie bars.

602.6.6.4 Tie bars shall be positioned to remain in the middle from the top or within the upper middle third of the slab depth as indicated in the drawings and approximately parallel to the surface and approximately perpendicular to the line of the joint, with the centre of each bar on the intended line of the joints within a tolerance of  $\pm 50$  mm, and with a minimum cover of 30 mm below the joint groove. Spacing of tie bars on curves of radius less than 360 m shall not be less than 350 mm.

602.6.6.5 To check the position of the tie bars, one metre length, 0.5 m on either side of the longitudinal joint shall be opened when the concrete is green (within 20 to 30 minutes). The pit shall be refilled with the fresh concrete of same mix after checking.

#### 602.7 Weather and Seasonal Limitations

##### 602.7.1 Concreting during Monsoon Months

Concreting should be avoided during rainy season. However, when concrete is being placed during monsoon months and when it may be expected to rain, sufficient supply of tarpaulin or other waterproof cloth shall be provided along the line of the work. Any time when it rains, all freshly laid concrete which had not been covered for curing purposes shall be adequately protected. Any concrete damaged by rain shall be removed and replaced. If the damage is limited to texture, it shall be retextured in accordance with the directions of the Engineer.

##### 602.7.2 Temperature Limitation

No concreting shall be done when the temperature of the concrete reaching the paving site is above 30°C. Besides, in adverse conditions like high temperature, low relative humidity, excessive wind velocity, imminence of rains etc., tents on mobile trusses may be provided over the freshly laid concrete for a minimum period of 3 hours as directed by the Engineer. To bring down the temperature, if necessary, chilled water or ice flakes should be made use of. When the ambient temperature is more than 35°C, no concreting shall be permitted. The ice flakes should not be manufactured from chlorinated water. Generally the rate of evaporation of water shall not exceed 1 kg/sqm/hour as per IRC:15. No concreting shall be done when the concrete temperature is below 5°C and the temperature is further falling.

#### 602.8 Fixed Form Paving

##### 602.8.1 Side Forms and Rails

These shall be provided in case of fixed form paving. All side forms shall be of mild steel of depth equal to the thickness of pavement or slightly less to accommodate the surface irregularity of the sub-base. The forms can be placed in series of steel packing plates or shims to take care of irregularity of sub-base. They shall be sufficiently robust and rigid to support the weight and pressure caused by a paving equipment. Side forms for use with wheeled paving machines shall incorporate metal rails firmly fixed at a constant height below

the top of the forms. The forms and rails shall be firmly secured in position by not less than 3 stakes/pins for every 3 m length so as to prevent movement in any direction. Forms and rails shall be straight within a tolerance of 3 mm in 3 m and when in place shall not settle in excess of 1.5 mm in 3 m while paving is being done. Forms shall be cleaned and oiled immediately before each use. The forms shall be bedded on a continuous bed of low moisture content

lean cement mortar or concrete and set to the line and levels shown on the drawings within tolerances  $\pm 10$  mm and  $\pm 3$  mm respectively. The bedding shall not extend under the slab and there shall be no vertical step between adjacent forms of more than 3 mm. The forms shall be got inspected by the Engineer for his approval 12 hours before construction of the slab and shall not be removed until at least 12 hours afterwards. No concreting shall commence till formwork has been approved by the Engineer.

602.8.2 At all times sufficient forms shall be used and set to the required alignment for at least 300 m length of pavement immediately in advance of the paving operations, or the anticipated length of pavement to be laid within the next 24 hours whichever is more.

##### 602.8.3 Slip Form Paving

###### 602.8.3.1 Use of Guidewires

Where slip form paving is proposed, a guidewire shall be provided along both sides of the slab. Each guidewire shall be at a constant height above and parallel to the required edges of the slab as described in the contract drawing within a vertical tolerance of  $\pm 3$  mm. Additionally, one of the wires shall be kept at a constant horizontal distance from the required edge of the pavement as indicated in the contract drawing within a lateral tolerance of  $\pm 10$  mm.

602.8.3.2 The guidewires shall be supported on stakes 5-6 m apart by connectors capable of fine horizontal and vertical adjustment. The guidewire shall be tensioned on the stakes so that a 500 gm weight shall produce a deflection of not more than 20 mm when suspended at the mid point between any pair of stakes. The ends of the guidewires shall be anchored to fixing point or winch and not on the stakes. On the curves, the stakes shall be fixed at not more than 3 m centre-to-centre.

602.8.3.3 The stakes shall be positioned and hammered into the ground and the connectors will be maintained at their correct height and alignment from 12 hours on the day before concreting takes place till after finishing of texturing and spraying of curing compound on the concrete.

However, the guidewire shall be erected and tensioned on the connectors at any section for at least 2 hours before concreting that section.

602.8.3.4 The Contractor shall submit to the Engineer for his approval of line and level, the stakes and connectors which are ready for use in the length of road to be constructed next day. Such approval shall be obtained atleast 12 hours before commencement of paving operation. Any deficiencies noted by the Engineer shall be rectified by the Contractor who shall then re-apply for approval of the affected stakes. Work shall not proceed until the Engineer has given his approval. It shall be ensured that the stakes and guidewires are not affected by the construction equipment when concreting is in progress.

## 602.9 Construction

### 602.9.1 General

A systems approach may be adopted for construction of the pavement, and the Method Statement for carrying out the work, detailing all the activities, indication of time-cycle, equipment, personnel etc., shall be got approved from the Engineer before the commencement of the work. This shall include the type, capacity and make of the batching and mixing plant besides the hauling arrangement and paving equipment. The capacity of paving equipment, batching plant as well as all the ancillary equipment shall be adequate for a paving rate of atleast 500 m in one day. The paving speed of slip-form paver shall not be less than 1.0 m per minute. The concreting should proceed continuously without stops and starts.

### 602.9.2 Batching and Mixing

Batching and mixing of the concrete shall be done at a central or RMC Concrete batching and mixing plant with automatic controls, located at a suitable place which takes into account sufficient space for stockpiling of cement, aggregates and stationary water tanks. This shall be located at an approved distance, duly considering the properties of the mix and the transporting arrangements available with the Contractor.

### 602.9.3 Equipment for Proportioning of Materials and Paving

602.9.3.1 Proportioning of materials shall be done in the batching plant by weight, each type of material being weighed separately. The cement from the bulk stock may be weighed separately from the aggregates. Water shall be measured by volume. Specified percentage of plasticizer in volume will be added by weight of cement. Wherever properly graded aggregate of uniform quality cannot be maintained as envisaged in the mix design, the grading of aggregates shall be controlled by appropriate blending techniques. The capacity of batching and mixing plant shall be at least 25 percent higher than the proposed capacity of the laying/paving equipment.

### 602.9.3.2 Batching Plant and Equipment :

- 1) General : The batching plant shall include minimum four bins, weighing hoppers, and scales for the fine aggregates and for each size of coarse aggregate. If cement is used in bulk, a separate scale for cement shall be included. There shall be a separate bin for flyash, if this additive is specified. The weighing hoppers shall be properly sealed and vented to preclude dust during operation. Approved safety devices shall be provided and maintained for the protection of all personnel engaged in plant operation, inspection and testing. The batch plant shall be equipped with a suitable non-resettable batch counter which will correctly indicate the number of batches proportioned. A continuous type of mixing plant can also be used provided the ingredients are weighed through electronic sensors before feeding.

- 2) Automatic weighing devices : Batching plant shall be equipped to proportion aggregates and bulk cement by means of automatic weighing devices using load cells. The weighing devices shall have an accuracy within  $\pm 1$  % in respect of quantity of cement, admixtures and water and  $\pm 2$ % in respect of aggregates and the accuracy shall be checked at least once a month.
- 3) Mixer : Mixers shall be pan type, reversible type or any other mixer capable of combining the aggregates, cement, and water into a thoroughly mixed and uniform mass within the specified mixing period, and of discharging the mix, without segregation. Each stationary mixer shall be equipped with an approved timing device which will automatically lock the discharge lever when the drum has been charged and release it at the end of the mixing period. The device shall be equipped with a bell or other suitable warning device adjusted to give a clearly audible signal each time the lock is released. In case of failure of the timing device, the mixer may be used for the balance of the day while it is being repaired, provided that each batch is mixed in 90 seconds or as per the manufacturer's recommendation. The mixer shall be equipped with a suitable non-resettable batch counter which shall correctly indicate the number of batches mixed.

The mixer shall be cleaned at suitable intervals. The pick-up and throw-over blades in the drum or drums shall be repaired or replaced when they are worn down 20 mm or more. The Contractor shall (1) have available at the job site a copy of the manufacturer's design, showing dimensions and arrangements of blades in reference to original height and depth, or (2) provide permanent marks on blade to show points of 20 mm wear from new conditions. Drilled holes of 5 mm diameter near each end and at midpoint of each blade are recommended. Batching Plant shall be calibrated in the beginning and thereafter at suitable interval not exceeding 1 month.

- 4) Control cabin : An air-conditioned centralized computer control cabin shall be provided for automatic operation of the equipment.
- 5) The design features of the batching plant should be such that it can be shifted quickly.

#### 602.9.3.3 Paving Equipment

The concrete shall be placed with an approved fixed form or slip form paver with independent units designed to (i) spread, (ii) consolidate, screed and float-finish, (iii) texture and cure the freshly placed concrete in one complete pass of the machine in such a manner that a minimum of hand finishing will be necessary and so as to provide a dense and homogeneous pavement in conformity with the plans and Specifications. The paver shall be equipped with electronic sensor controls to control the line and grade from either one side or both sides of the machine.

Vibrators shall operate at a frequency of 8000-10000 impulses per minute under load at a maximum spacing of 600 mm. The variable vibration setting shall be provided in the machine.

#### 602.9.3.4 Concrete Saw

The Contractor shall provide adequate number of concrete saws with sufficient number of diamond-edge saw blades. The saw machine shall be either electric or petrol/diesel driven type. A water tank with flexible hose and pump shall be made available for this activity on priority basis. The Contractor shall have at least one standby saw in good working condition. The concreting work shall not commence if the saws are not in working condition.

#### 602.9.4 Hauling and Placing of Concrete

602.9.4.1 Freshly mixed concrete from the central batching and mixing plant shall be transported to the paver site by means of tipping trucks or transit mixers of sufficient capacity and approved design in sufficient numbers to ensure a constant supply of concrete. Covers shall be used for protection of concrete against the weather. While loading the concrete truck shall be moved back and forth under the discharge chute to prevent segregation. The tipping trucks shall be capable of maintaining the mixed concrete in a homogeneous state

and discharging the same without segregation and loss of cement slurry. The feeding to the paver is to be regulated in such a way that the paving is done in an uninterrupted manner with a uniform speed throughout the day's work. Tipping-trucks shall be washed at a regular frequency as prescribed by the Engineer to ensure that no left-over mix of previous loading remains stuck.

#### 602.9.4.2 Placing of Concrete

The total time taken from the addition of the water to the mix, until the completion of the surface finishing and texturing shall not exceed 120 minutes when concrete temperature is less than 25°C and 90 minutes when the concrete



temperature is between 25°C and 30°C. When the time between mixing and laying exceed these values, the concrete shall be rejected and removed from the site. Tipping trucks delivering concrete shall normally not run on plastic sheathing nor shall they run on completed slabs until after 28 days of placing the concrete.

The placing of concrete in front of the PQC paver should preferably be from the side placer to avoid damage to DLC by concrete tipping trucks. In case of unavoidable situation, truck supplying concrete to the paver may be allowed to ply on the DLC with the approval of the Engineer. The paver shall be capable of paving the carriageway as shown in the drawings, in a single pass and lift.

602.9.4.3 Where fixed form pavers are to be used, forms shall be fixed in advance as per Clause 602.8. Before any paving is done, the site shall be shown to the Engineer, in order to verify the arrangement for paving besides placing of dowels, tie-bars etc., as per the relevant Clauses of these Specifications. The mixing and placing of concrete shall progress only at such a rate as to permit proper finishing, protecting and curing of the concrete in the pavement.

602.9.4.4 In areas inaccessible to paving equipment, the pavement shall be constructed using, side forms, as per Clause 602.9.7.

602.9.4.5 In all cases, the temperature of the concrete shall be measured at the point of discharge from the delivery vehicle.

602.9.4.6 The addition of water to the surface of the concrete to facilitate the finishing operations will not be permitted except with the approval of the Engineer when it shall be applied as a mist by means of approved equipment.

602.9.4.7 If considered necessary by the Engineer, the paving machines shall be provided with approved covers to protect the surface of the slab under construction from direct sunlight and rain or hot wind.

602.9.4.8 While the concrete is still plastic, its surface shall be textured by brush or tines as per the instructions of the engineer in compliance with Clause 602.9.11.. The surface and edges of the slab shall be cured by the application of a sprayed liquid curing membrane in compliance with Clause 602.9.12. After the surface texturing, but before the curing compound is applied, the concrete slab shall be marked with the chainage at every 100 m interval by embossing.

602.9.4.9 As soon as the side forms are removed, edges of the slabs shall be corrected wherever irregularities have occurred by using fine concrete composed of 1:1:2, cement : sand : coarse agg (10 mm down) with water cement ratio not more than 0.4 under the supervision of the Engineer.

602.9.4.10 If the requirement of Clause 902.4. for surface regularity fails to be achieved on two consecutive working days, then normal working shall cease until the, cause of the excessive irregularity has been identified and remedied.

#### 602.9.5 Construction by Slip Form Paver

602.9.5.1 The slip form paving train shall consist of a power machine which spreads, compacts and finishes the concrete in a continuous operation. The slip form paving machine shall compact the concrete by internal vibration and shape it between the side forms with either a conforming plate or by vibrating and oscillating finishing beams. The concrete shall be deposited without segregation in front of slip form paver across the whole width and to a height which at all times is in excess of the required surcharge. The deposited concrete shall be struck off to the necessary average and differential surcharge by means of the strike off

plate or a screw auger device extending across the whole width of the slab. The equipment for striking-off the concrete shall be capable of being rapidly adjusted for changes of the average and differential surcharge necessitated by change in slab thickness or crossfall.

602.9.5.2 The level of the conforming plate and finishing beams shall be controlled automatically from the guide wires installed as per Clause 602.8 by sensors attached at the four corners of the slip form paving machine. The alignment of the paver shall be controlled automatically from the guide wire by at least one set of sensors attached to the paver. The alignment and level of ancillary machines for finishing, texturing and curing of the concrete shall be automatically controlled relative to the guide wire or to the surface and edge of the slab.

602.9.5.3 Slip-form paving machines shall have vibrators of variable output, with a maximum energy output of not less than 2.5 KW per metre width of slab per 300 mm depth of slab for a laying speed upto 1.5 m per minute. The machines shall be of sufficient mass to provide adequate reaction during spreading and paving operations on the traction units to maintain forward movements during the placing of concrete in all situations. Normal paving speed shall be maintained as per Clause 602.9.1.

602.9.5.4 If the edges of the slip formed slab slump to the extent that the surface of the top edge of the slab does not comply with the requirements of Clause 902.3, the work shall be stopped until such time as the Contractor can

demonstrate his ability to slip form the edges to the required levels. The deficient edge shall be temporarily supported by a side form and the thickness deficiency shall be made good by adding fresh concrete to the newly formed edge and compacting.

602.9.5.5 Slip-form pavers with adequate width to pave the entire carriageway width in one go shall be employed unless specified in the Contract. In situations where full-width paving is not possible, paving in part widths may be permitted by the Engineer. Paving in part will be avoided, except in unavoidable circumstances. In case of part width paving, care shall be taken to ensure that while laying the next lane, bond between the remaining half length of tie bar or subsequently inserted tie bars and the newly laid concrete is adequately developed. Care shall be taken to avoid damage to the previous lane.

602.9.5.6 In case paving in separate lanes is allowed, work on the adjacent lane shall be permitted when the previously paved lane is cured for at least 14 days and is in a position to bear the weight of paving machine. When the wheels or crawler tracks are to ply on the already paved surface, necessary precautions shall be taken by placing protective pads of rubber or similar material so that texture is not damaged. The wheel or track shall be reasonably away from the edge to avoid damage to the previously laid slab.

602.9.5.7 Tube Floating

Upon the instructions of the Engineer, Contractor shall scrape the concrete surface when in plastic state with a 3 m long tube float fixed with a long and stable handle before texturing. Tube float shall be of an alloy steel tube of 50 to 60 mm diameter with a long and stable handle. The length of tube float shall preferably be longer than half the length of slab i.e., half the distance between two transverse contraction joints. This operation shall be done to minimise surface irregularity caused due to varied causes like frequent stoppages of work, surface deformation due to plastic flow etc. The tube float shall be placed at the centre of the slab parallel to longitudinal joint and pulled slowly and uniformly towards the edges. After the use of float tube, it shall be frequently cleaned before further use. The slurry removed shall be discarded. This activity shall be advanced laterally by providing an overlap of half the length of tube float. The removal of the cement slurry from the surface shall be sufficient enough such that the texture is formed on a firm surface and is more durable. This operation, however, shall be carried out after removing bleeding water.

602.9.6 Construction by Fixed Form Paver

602.9.6.1 The fixed form paving train shall consist of separate powered machines which spread, compact and finish the concrete in a continuous operation.

602.9.6.2 The concrete shall be discharged without segregation into a hopper spreader which is equipped with means for controlling its rate of deposition on to the sub-base. The spreader shall be operated to strike off concrete upto a level requiring a small amount of cutting down by the distributor of the spreader. The distributor of spreader shall strike off the concrete to the surcharge adequate to ensure that the vibratory compactor thoroughly compacts the layer. If necessary, poker vibrators shall be used adjacent to the side forms and edges of the previously constructed slab. The vibratory compactor shall be set to strike off the

surface slightly high so that it is cut down to the required level by the oscillating beam. The machine shall be capable of being rapidly adjusted for changes in average and differential surcharge necessitated by changes in slab thickness or crossfall. The final finisher shall be able to finish the surface to the required level and smoothness as specified, care being taken to avoid bringing up of excessive mortar to the surface by over working.

**Tremix Process :-** Surplus water from the concrete is removed immediately after placing and vibration, reducing the water : cement ratio to an optimum level. This is done using the Vacuum Equipment comprising of Suction Mat Top Cover, Filter pads and Vacuum Pump. The process starts immediately after surface vibration

Filter pads are placed on the fresh concrete leaving about 4 inches of fresh concrete exposed on all sides. The Top Cover is then placed on the filter pads and rolled out till it covers the strips of exposed concrete on all sides. The Top Cover is then connected to the vacuum pump through a suction hose and the pump is started Vacuum is immediately created between the filter pads and the top cover. A atmospheric pressure compresses the concrete and the surplus water is squeezed out. This process lowers the water content in the concrete by 15-25 % The dewatering operation takes approx. 1.5 - 2 minutes per centimeter thickness of the floor. The dewatered concrete is compacted and dried to such an extent that it is possible to walk on it without leaving any foot prints. This is the indication of concrete being properly dewatered and ready for finishing. The finishing operations - Floating & Trowelling take place right after dewatering. Floating operation is done with Floating disc. This ensures after mixing of sand & cement particles, further compaction and closing the pores on the surface. Floating operation generates skid-free finish. Trowelling is done with Trowelling blades in order to further improve the wear resistance, minimize dusting and obtain smoother finish. Repeated passes with disc and blades improve the wear resistance substantially.

602.9.7 Semi-mechanised Construction

Areas in which hand-guided methods of construction become indispensable shall be got approved by the Engineer in writing in advance. Such work may be permitted only in restricted areas in small lengths. Work shall be carried out by skilled personnel as per methods approved by the Engineer. The acceptance criteria regarding level, thickness, surface regularity, texture, finish, strength, of concrete and all other quality control measures shall be the same as in the case of machine laid work. Guidelines on the use of plants, equipment, tools, hauling of mix, compaction floating, straight edging, texturing, edging etc. shall be as per IRC:15.

#### 602.9.8 Transition Slabs

At the interface of rigid and flexible pavement, at least 3 m long reinforced buried slab shall be provided to give a long lasting joint at the interface. The details shall be as given in IRC:15.

#### 602.9.9 Anchor Beam and Terminal Slab Beam Adjoining Bridge Structures

RCC anchor beams shall be provided in the terminal slab adjoining bridge structures as per drawings and IRC:15.

#### 602.9.10 The Treatment of Concrete Pavement on Culverts

The concrete pavement shall be taken over the culverts. At both ends of the culvert slab, a contraction joint shall be provided in the concrete pavement. Nominal reinforcement of 10 mm dia bars at 150 mm spacing in both directions shall be provided at 50 mm below the top of the slab. The reinforcement shall be stopped 50 mm short of the contraction joint. Such reinforcement shall also be provided in the next slab panel on either side.

#### 602.9.11 Surface Texture

##### 602.9.11.1 Tining

After final floating and finishing of the slab and before application of the liquid curing membrane, the surface of concrete slabs shall be textured either in the transverse direction (i.e., at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the road) or in longitudinal direction (i.e., parallel to the centreline of the roadway). The texturing shall be done by tining the finished concrete surface by using rectangular steel tines. A beam or a bridge mounted with steel tines shall be equipped and operated with automatic sensing and control devices from main paver or auxiliary unit. The tining unit shall have facility for adjustment of the download pressure on the tines as necessary to produce the desired finish. The tining rakes shall be cleaned often to remove snots of slurry. The tines shall be inspected daily and all the damaged and bent tines shall be replaced before commencing texturing. Tined grooves shall be 3 mm wide and 3 to 4 mm deep. Before commencing texturing, the bleeding water, if any, shall be removed and texturing shall be done on a firm surface. The measurement of texture depth shall be done as per Clause 602.12.

- a) Transverse tining : When the texturing is specified in transverse direction, a beam of at least 3 m length mounted with tines shall be moved in transverse direction to produce the texture. The grooves produced shall be at random spacing of grooves but uniform in width and depth. The spacing shall conform to a pattern shown below:

Random spacing in mm

10 14 16 11 10 13 15 16 11 10 21 13 10

The above pattern shall be repeated. Texturing shall be done at the right time such that the grooves after forming shall not close and they shall not get roughened. Swerving of groove patterns will not be permitted. The completed textured surface shall be uniform in appearance.

- b) Longitudinal tining : Longitudinal tining shall be done, if specified in the Contract. The texturing bridge shall be wide enough to cover the entire width of the carriageway but within 75 mm from the pavement edge. The centre to centre spacing between the tines shall be 18 to 21 mm. The width of tine texture shall be 3 mm and depth shall be 3 to 4 mm.

##### 602.9.11.2 Brush Texturing

Alternatively on the instructions of the Engineer, the brush texturing shall be applied. The brushed surface texture shall be applied evenly across the slab in one direction by the use of a wire brush not less than 450 mm wide but wider brushes normally of 3 m length are preferred. The brush shall be made of 32 gauge tape wires grouped together in tufts placed at 10 mm centres. The tufts shall contain an average of 14 wires and initially be 100 mm long. The brush shall have two rows of tufts. The rows shall be 20 mm apart and the tufts in one row shall be opposite the centre of the gap between tufts in the other row. The brush shall be replaced when the shortest tuft wears down to 90 mm long.

The texture depth shall be determined by the Sand Patch Test as described in the Clause 602.12. This test shall be performed at least once for each day's paving and wherever the Engineer considers it necessary at times after construction as under:

Five individual measurements of the texture depth shall be taken at least 2 m apart anywhere along a diagonal line across a lane width between points 50 m apart along the pavement. No measurement shall be taken within 300 mm of the longitudinal edges of a concrete slab constructed in one pass.

Texture depths shall not be less than the minimum required depth when measurements are taken as given in Table 600-5 nor greater than an average of 1.25 mm.

Table 600-5 : Texture Depth

Time of Test		Number of Measurements	Required Texture Depth (MM)	
			Specified Value	Tolerance
1	Between 24 hours and 7 days after the construction of the slab or until the slab is first used by vehicles	An average of 5 measurements	1.00	$\pm 0.25$
2	Not later than 6 weeks before the road is opened to traffic	An average of 5 measurements	1.00	+0.25 -0.35

After the application of the brushed texture, the surface of the slab shall have a uniform appearance.

Where the texture depth requirements are found to be deficient, the Contractor shall make good the texture across the full lane width over the length directed by the Engineer, by retexturing the hardened concrete surface in an approved manner.

#### 602.9.12 Curing

602.9.12.1 Immediately after the surface texturing, the surface and sides of the slab shall be cured by the application of approved resin-based aluminized reflective curing compound which hardens into an impervious film or membrane with the help of mechanical sprayer.

602.9.12.2 The curing compound shall not react chemically with the concrete and the film or membrane shall not crack, peel or disintegrate within three weeks of application. Immediately prior to use, the curing compound shall be thoroughly agitated in its containers. The rate of spread shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions checked during the construction of the trial length and subsequently whenever required by the Engineer. The mechanical sprayer shall incorporate an efficient mechanical device for continuous agitation and mixing of the compound during spraying. The curing compound shall be sprayed in two applications to ensure uniform spread.

Curing compounds shall contain sufficient flake aluminum in finely divided dispersion to produce a complete coverage of the sprayed surface with -a metallic finish. The compound shall become stable and impervious to evaporation of water from the surface of the concrete within 60 minutes of application and shall be of approved type. The curing compounds shall have a water retention efficiency index not less than 90 percent in accordance with BS Specification No. 7542 or as per ASTM C-309-81 Type 2.

602.9.12.3 In addition to spraying of curing compound, the fresh concrete surface shall be protected for at least 3 hours by covering the finished concrete pavement with tents mounted on mobile trusses as described in Clause 602.7.2, during adverse weather conditions as directed by the Engineer. After three hours, the pavement shall be covered by moist hessian laid in two layers and the same shall then be kept damp for a minimum period of 14 days after which time the hessian may be removed. The hessian shall be kept continuously moist. All damaged/torn hessian shall be removed and replaced by new hessian on a regular basis.

602.9.12.4 The Contractor shall be liable at his cost to replace any concrete damaged as a result of incomplete curing or cracked on a line other than that of a joint as per procedure in IRC:SP:83.

#### 602.10 Preparation and Sealing of Joint Grooves

##### 602.10.1 General

All joints shall be sealed using sealants described in Clause 602.2.10.

##### 602.10.2 Preparation of Joint Grooves for Sealing

602.10.2.1 Grooves are saw cut in the first instance just to provide minimum width (3-5 mm) to facilitate development of crack at joint locations, as shown in the drawing.

Subsequently before sealing, grooves are widened by sawing as per the dimensions in the drawing. Dimension of the grooves shall be controlled by depth/width gauge.

602.10.2.2 If rough arrises develop when grooves are made, they shall be ground to provide a chamfer approximately 5 mm wide. If the groove is at an angle upto 10° from the perpendicular to the surface, the overhanging edge of the groove shall be sawn or ground perpendicular. If spalling occurs or the angle of the former is greater than 10 degree, the

joint sealing groove shall be sawn wider and perpendicular to the surface to encompass the defects upto a maximum width, including any chamfer, of 20 mm for transverse joints and 10 mm for longitudinal joints. If the spalling cannot be so eliminated then the arrises shall be repaired by an approved thin bonded arrises repair using cementitious/epoxy mortar materials.

602.10.2.3 All grooves shall be cleaned of any dirt or loose material by air blasting with filtered, oil-free compressed air. The Engineer shall instruct cleaning by pressurized water jets. Depending upon the requirement of the sealant manufacturer, the sides of the grooves shall be sand blasted to increase the bondage between sealant and concrete.

602.10.2.4 The groove shall be cleaned and dried at the time of priming and sealing. If sand blasting is recommended by the supplier, the same shall be carried out.

602.10.2.5 Before sealing the temporary seal provided for blocking the ingress of dirt, soil etc., shall be removed. A highly compressible heat resistant paper-backed debonding strip as per drawing shall be inserted in the groove to serve the purpose of breaking the bond between sealant and the bottom of the groove and to plug the joint groove so that the sealant may not leak through the cracks. The width of debonding strip shall be more than the joint groove width so that it is held tightly in the groove. In the case of longitudinal joints, heat resistant tapes may be inserted to block the leakage through bottom of the joint where hot poured sealant is used. When cold poured sealant is used a debonding tape of 1.0-2.0 mm thickness and 6 to 8 mm width shall be inserted to plug the groove so that the sealant does not enter in the initially cut groove.

602.10.3 Sealing with Sealants

602.10.3.1 When sealants are applied, an appropriate primer shall also be used if recommended by the manufacturer and it shall be applied in accordance with his instructions.

The sealant shall be applied within the minimum and maximum drying times of the primer recommended by the manufacturer. Priming and sealing with applied sealants shall not be carried out when the naturally occurring temperature in the joint groove to be sealed, is below 7°C.

602.10.3.2 If hot applied sealant is used it shall be heated and applied from a thermostatically controlled, indirectly heated preferably with oil jacketed melter and pourer having recirculating pump and extruder. For large road projects, sealant shall be applied with extruder having flexible hose and nozzle. The sealant shall not be heated to a temperature higher than the safe heating temperature and not for a period longer than the safe heating period, as specified- by the manufacturer. The dispenser shall be cleaned out at the end of each day in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and reheated material shall not be used. The Movement Accommodation Factor of the sealant shall be more than 10 percent.

602.10.3.3 Cold applied sealants with chemical formulation like polysulphide/ polyurethane/ silicone as per IRC:57 shall be used. These shall be mixed and applied within the time limit specified by the manufacturer. If primers are recommended they shall be applied neatly with an appropriate brush. The Movement Accommodation Factor shall be more than 25 percent.

602.10.3.4 The sealants applied at contraction phase of the slabs would result in bulging of the sealant over and above the slab. Therefore, the Contractor in consultation with the Engineer, shall establish the right temperature and time for applying, the sealant. Thermometer shall be hung on a pole at the site for facilitating control during the sealing operation.

602.10.3.5 Sealant shall be applied, slightly to a lower level than the slab with a tolerance of  $3 \pm 1$ mm.

602.10.3.6 During sealing operation, it shall be seen that no air bubbles are introduced in the sealant either by vapours or by the sealing process. The sealant after pouring, shall be allowed to cure for 7 days or for a period as per instructions of manufacturers.

602.11 Trial Length

602.11.1 The trial shall be constructed at least one month in advance of the proposed start of concrete paving work. At least one month prior to the construction of the trial length, the Contractor shall submit for the Engineer's approval a detailed method statement giving description of the proposed materials, plant, equipment and construction

methods. All the major equipments like paving train, batching plant, tipping trucks etc., proposed in the construction are to be approved by the Engineer before their procurement. No trials of new materials, plant, equipment or construction methods, nor any development of them shall be

permitted either during the construction of trial length or in any subsequent paving work, unless they form part of further trials. The trial lengths shall be constructed away from the carriageway.

602.11.2 The Contractor shall demonstrate the materials, plant, equipment and methods of construction that are proposed for concrete paving, by first constructing a trial length of slab., at least 100 m long for mechanised construction and at least 50 m long for hand guided methods. The width of the trial section shall be the full carriageway width as shown in the drawings. If the first trial is unsatisfactory, the Contractor shall have to demonstrate his capability to satisfactorily construct the pavement in subsequent trials.

602.11.3 The trial length shall be constructed in two parts over a period comprising at least part of two separate working days, with a minimum of 50 m constructed each day for mechanised construction and a minimum of 25 m on each day for hand guided construction. The trial length shall be constructed at a paving rate which is proposed for the main work.

602.11.4 Transverse joints including expansion joint and longitudinal joint that are proposed in the main work shall be constructed and assessed in the trial length.

602.11.5 The trial length shall comply with the Specifications in all respects including the test requirement of Table 900-6 with the following additions.

602.11.5.1 Surface Levels and' Regularity

- a) In checking for compliance with Clause 902.3 the levels shall be taken at intervals at the locations specified in this Clause along any line or lines parallel to the longitudinal centre line of the trial length.
- b) The maximum number of permitted irregularities of pavement surface shall comply with the requirements of Clause 902.4. Shorter trial lengths shall be assessed pro-rata based on values for a 300 m length

602.11.5.2 Joints

- a) Alignment of dowel bars shall be inspected in any two consecutive transverse joints in a trial length construction by removing the fresh concrete in a width of 0.5 m on either side of the joint. The joint pit shall be refilled with freshly prepared concrete, after inspection. Alternatively, it can be tested by suitable device like MIT SCAN with the permission of the Engineer. If the position or alignment of the dowel bars at one of these joints does not comply with the requirements and if that joint remains the only one that does not comply after the next 3 consecutive joints of the same type have been inspected, then the method of placing dowels shall be deemed to be satisfactory. In order to check sufficient joints for dowel bar alignment without extending the trial length unduly joints may be constructed at more frequent joint intervals than the normal spacing required in trial slabs.
- b) If there are deficiencies in the first expansion joint that is constructed as a trial, the next expansion joint shall be a trial joint. Should this also be deficient, further trial of expansion joints shall be made as part of the trial length which shall not form part of the permanent works, unless agreed by the Engineer.

602.11.5.3 Density

In-situ density in trial length shall be assessed as described in Clause 903.5.2.2 from at least 3 cores drilled from each part of the trial length when the concrete is not less than 7 days old. Should any of the cores show honey-combing in the concrete, the trial length shall be rejected and the construction in the main carriageway shall not be permitted until further trials have shown that modification has been made which would result in adequate compaction.

602.11.5.4 Strength

Minimum of thirty (30) beams for flexural strength and thirty (30) cubes for compressive strength shall be prepared from the concrete delivered in front of the paving plant. Each pair of beams and cubes shall be from the same location/batch but different sets of beams and cubes shall be from different locations/batches. Compressive and flexural strength shall be tested after 28 days water curing in the laboratory.

At the age of 28 days, thirty (30) cores with diameter 150 mm shall be cut from the pavement slab when the thickness of concrete pavement is more than 300 mm. In case the concrete pavement thickness is less than 300 mm, the dia of core shall be 100 mm. The cores shall be suitably cut at both ends to provide a specimen of plain surface on both ends. The dia to height ratio of core shall be 1 to 2. For cylindrical specimen of PQC of dia 150 mm, the variation in dia shall be  $\pm 0.5$  mm, a tolerance on height shall be  $\pm 1$  mm for a specimen of height 300 mm or more. For cylindrical specimen of dia 100 mm, the variation in dia shall be  $\pm 0.3$  mm, and a tolerance on height shall be  $\pm 1$  mm for a specimen height of 200 mm. The compressive strength test shall be conducted as per IS:516. Concrete in the

member represented by a core test shall be considered acceptable, if the average equivalent cube strength of the cores is equal to at least 85 percent of the cube strength (characteristic strength) of the grade of the concrete specified for the corresponding age of 28 days and no individual core has a strength less than 75 percent.

#### 202.11.6 Approval and Acceptance

602.11.6.1 Approval of the materials, plant, equipment and construction methods shall be given when the trial length complies with the Specifications. The Contractor shall not proceed with normal working until the trial length has been approved. If the Engineer does not notify the Contractor of any deficiencies in any trial length within 7 days after the completion of that trial length, the Contractor may assume that the trial length, and the materials, plant, equipment and construction methods adopted are acceptable, provided that the 28 days strength of cubes and cores extracted from trial length meet the requirement of the Specified strength.

602.11.6.2 When approval has been given, the materials, plant, equipment and construction methods shall not thereafter be changed, except for normal adjustments and maintenance of plant, without the approval of the Engineer. Any changes in materials, plant, equipment, and construction methods shall entitle the Engineer to require the Contractor to lay a further trial length as described in this Clause to demonstrate that the changes will not adversely affect the permanent works.

602.11.6.3 Trial lengths which do not comply with the Specifications, with the exception of areas which are deficient only in surface texture and which can be remedied in accordance with Clause 602.9.11.6 shall be removed immediately upon notification of deficiencies by the Engineer and the Contractor shall construct a further trial length.

#### 602.11.7 Inspection of Dowel Bars

602.11.7.1 Compliance with Clause 602.6.5. for the position and alignment of dowel bars at contraction and expansion joints shall be checked by measurements relative to the side forms or guide wires.

602.11.7.2 When the slab has been constructed, the position and alignment of dowel bars and any filler board shall be measured after carefully exposing them in the plastic concrete across the whole width of the slab. When the joint is an expansion joint, the top of the filler board shall be exposed sufficiently in the plastic concrete to permit measurement of any lateral or vertical displacement of the board. During the course of normal working, these measurements shall be carried out in the pavement section at the end of days work

by extending slab length by 2 m. After sawing the transverse joint groove, the extended 2 m slab shall be removed carefully soon after concrete has set to expose dowels over half the length. These dowels can be tested for tolerances. This joint shall be treated as construction joint. The position of dowel bars in any type of transverse joint ie, contraction, construction or expansion can alternatively be tested by suitable device like MIT SCAN with the permission of the Engineer.

602.11.7.3 If the position and alignment of the bars in a single joint in the slab is unsatisfactory then the next two joints shall be inspected. If only one joint of the three is defective, the rate of checking shall be increased to one joint per day until the Engineer is satisfied that compliance is being achieved.

602.11.7.4 After the dowel bars have been examined, the remainder of the concrete shall be removed over a width of 500 mm on each side of the line of the joint and reinstated to the satisfaction of the Engineer. The dowels shall be inserted on both sides of the 1 m wide slab by drilling holes and grouting with epoxy mortar. Plastic sheath as per Clause 602.6.5.5 shall be provided on dowels on one of the joints. The joint groove shall be widened and sealed as per Clause 602.10.

#### 602.11.8 Inspection of Tie Bars

To check the position of the tie bars, one metre length 0.5 m on either side of the longitudinal joint shall be opened when the concrete is green (within 20 to 30 minutes of its laying). The pit shall be refilled with the fresh concrete of same mix after checking.

#### 602.12 Measurement of Texture Depth - Sand Patch Method

602.12.1 The following Apparatus shall be used:

- i) A cylindrical container of 25 ml internal capacity;
- ii) A flat wooden disc 64 mm diameter with a hard rubber disc, 1.5 mm thick, next to one face, the reverse face being provided with a handle;
- iii) Dry natural sand with a rounded particle shape passing a 300 micron IS sieve and retained on a 150 micron IS sieve.

#### 602.12.2 Method

The surface to be measured shall be dried, any extraneous mortar and loose material removed and the surface swept clean using a wire brush both at right angles and parallel to the carriageway. The cylindrical container shall be filled with the sand, tapping the base 3 times on the surface to ensure compaction, and striking off the sand level with the top of the cylinder. The sand shall be poured into a heap on the surface to be treated. The sand shall be spread over the surface, working the disc with its face kept flat in a circular motion so that the sand is spread into a circular patch with the surface depressions filled with sand to the level of peaks.

602.12.3 The diameter of the patch shall be measured to the nearest 5 mm. The texture depth of concrete surface shall be calculated from  $31000/(D \times D)$  mm where D is the diameter of the patch in mm.

602.12.4 Measurement of Texture Depth - Tining

602.12.4.1 The following apparatus shall be used

i) Tire Tread Depth Gauge

A stainless steel tire tread depth gauge with graduations with least count of 1.0 mm. The gauge end may be modified to measure depth of tine texture.

ii) A stainless steel caliper to measure spacing of tines. If necessary the caliper may be modified to measure the spacing and width of tine texture. The gauge shall be used after making necessary calibration.

iii) Wire brush

iv) Corborundum stone

v) Steel straight edge to remove snots etc. sticking to the surface. The straight edge may be of 6 x 25 x 300 mm size.

602.12.4.2 Test Section

A unit of testing shall be 75 m per lane. If the length of construction is less than 75 m it shall be taken as one unit.

602.12.4.3 Test Procedure

In each 75 m section, along the diagonal line, 10 points shall be selected for making checks of depth, width and spacing of tine grooves. The surface where tests are to be conducted shall be cleared carefully with a wire brush or a steel straight edge or using a corborundum plate to remove any upward projection of concrete. When the base plate of the gauge is in contact with the concrete surface, the gauge shall be pressed to the bottom of groove and the depth shall be measured and recorded at this location. At the same location, the spacing of tines shall be measured to verify whether the pattern recommended in Clause 602.9.11.1 is complied or not.

The average of depth and width at 10 locations shall be calculated and recorded to the nearest 1 mm. The spacing of spectrum measured at 10 locations shall be recorded separately.

602.12.5 The average depth shall be 3 to 4 mm. When the depth is less than 2.5 mm and in excess of 4.5 mm, the Contractor shall stop concreting till he corrects his tine brush or replaces it. The sensors associated with work shall be again calibrated to achieve the required texture. The textured groove less than 2.5 mm shall be re-grooved using concrete saw at the cost of Contractor. Variation in texture width in the range of 3+1 mm and 3 - 0.5 mm will be acceptable. If the variation of width is in excess of this range, the Contractor shall stop work and correct the brush and technique. When the spacing of spectrum is not satisfactory, the Contractor shall replace the entire brush.

602.13 Opening to Traffic

No vehicular traffic shall be allowed to ply on the finished surface of a concrete pavement within a period of 28 days of its construction and until the joints are permanently sealed and cured. The road may be opened to regular traffic after completion of the curing period of 28 days and after sealing of joints is completed including the construction of shoulder, with the written permission of the Engineer.

602.14 Acceptance Criteria in Quality and Distress

i) Tolerances for Surface Regularity, Level, Thickness and Strength: The tolerances for surface regularity, level, thickness and strength shall conform to the requirements given in Clause 903.5. Control of quality of materials and works shall be exercised by the Engineer in accordance with Section 900 as shown under

903.5.2 Pavement Concrete

903.5.2.1 Sampling and Testing of Beam and Cube Specimens At least three beams and three cube specimens, one set of three each for 7 day and 28 day strength tests shall be cast for every 150 cu.m (or part thereof) of concrete placed during construction. On each day's work, not less than three pairs of beams and cubes shall be made for each type of mix from the concrete delivered to the paving plant. Each pair shall be from a different delivery of concrete and tested at a place to be designated by the Engineer in accordance with the testing procedure as outlined in Clause



602.3.3. Groups of four consecutive results from single specimens tested at 28 days shall be used for assessing the strength for compliance with the strength requirements. The specimens shall be transported in an approved manner to prevent sudden impact causing fractures or damage to the specimen. The flexural strength test results shall prevail over compressive strength tests for compliance.

903.5.2.2 A quality control chart indicating the strength values of individual specimens shall be maintained for continuous quality assurance. Where the requirements are not met with, or where the quality of the concrete or its compaction is suspect, the actual strength of the concrete in the slab shall be ascertained by carrying out tests on cores cut at the rate of 2 cores for every 150 cu.m of concrete. The average of the results of crushing strength tests on these cores shall not be less than 0.8 x 0.85 times the corresponding characteristic compressive strength of cubes, where the height to diameter ratio of the cores is two. Where height to diameter ratio is not two, necessary corrections shall be made in calculating the crushing strength of cubes in the following manner.

The crushing strengths of cylinders with height to diameter ratios between 1 and 2 may be corrected to correspond to a standard cylinder of height to diameter ratio of 2 by multiplying with the correction factor obtained from the following equation:

$$f = 0.11n + 0.78$$

where  $f$  = correction factor and  
 $n$  = height to diameter ratio

The corrected test results shall be analysed for conformity with the specification requirements for cube samples. Where the core tests are satisfactory, they shall have precedence for assessing concrete quality over the results of moulded specimens. The diameter of cores shall not be less than 150 mm.

If, however, the tests on cores also confirm that the concrete is not satisfying the strength requirements, then the concrete corresponding to the area from which the cores were cut should be replaced, i.e., at least over an area extending between two transverse joints where the defects could be isolated or over larger area, if necessary, as assessed by additional cores and their test results. The equivalent flexural strength at 28 days shall be estimated in accordance with Clause 602.3.3.2.

In order to ensure that the specified minimum strength at 28 days is attained in 1 in 20 of all test beams, the mix shall be proportioned to give an average strength at 28 days exceeding the specified strength by 1.65 times the standard deviation calculated first from the flexural strengths of test beams made from the trial mix and subsequently from the accumulating result of flexural strengths of job control test beams. shall be re-calculated from the test results obtained after any change in the source or quality of materials and the mix shall be adjusted as necessary to comply with the requirements. An individual 28 day test strength below the specified strength shall not be evidence for condemnation of the concrete concerned if the average 28 day strength of this beam plus the preceding 5 and succeeding 4 beams exceeds the specified strength by 1.65 times the standard deviation and provided that there is no other evidence that the concrete mix concerned is substandard.

Beams shall be made each day in pairs at intervals, each pair being from a different batch of concrete. At the start of the work, and until such time as the Engineer may order a reduction in the number of beams required, at least six pairs of beams and cubes shall be made each day, one of each pair for testing at 28 days for determination of minimum permissible flexural strength and the other for testing at an early age for the Engineer to assess the quality of the mix. When the first thirty number of 28-day results are available, and for so long as the Engineer is satisfied with the quality of the mix, he may reduce the number of beams and cubes required.

During the course of construction, when the source of any material is to be changed, or if there is any variation in the quality of the materials furnished, additional tests and necessary adjustments in the mix shall be made as required to obtain the specified strength.

The flexural strengths obtained on beams tested before 28 days shall be used in conjunction with a correlation between them and the 28 day flexural strengths to detect any deterioration in the quality of the concrete being produced. Any such deterioration shall be remedied without awaiting the 28 day strengths but the earlier strengths shall not constitute sole evidence of non-compliance of the concrete from which they were taken.

Concrete shall be deemed not to comply with the Specification when more than one test beam in a batch has a 28 day strength less than the specified strength and the average 28 day flexural strength of the batch of beams is less than the specified strength plus 1.65 times the standard deviation of the batch.

Should the concrete fail to comply with the Specification for strength as described above, the Contractor may, all at his own expense, elect to cut cores from the suspect concrete as the Engineer shall direct. From the relation between cube strength and flexural strength, the core strength shall be converted to flexural strength.

The equivalent flexural strength at 28 days shall be the estimated in-situ strength multiplied by 100 and divided by the age-strength relation obtained from Table 900-5.

Any concrete that fails to meet the strength specification shall be removed and replaced at Contractor's expense.

Table 900-5 : Age-Strength Relation of Concrete (Related to 100 percent at 28 Days)

Days	0	2	4	6	8
0	-	41.0	60.0	71.0	77.50
10	81.5	85.0	87.5	90.0	92.0
20	94.0	96.0	97.50	98.5	100.0
30	101.0	102.0	103.50	104.5	105.5
40	106.5	107.0	108.0	109.5	110.0
50	110.5	111.0	112.0	112.5	113.0
60	114.0	114.5	115.0	115.5	116.0
70	116.5	117.0	117.5	118.0	118.5
80	119.0	119.5	119.5	120.0	120.5
90	121.0	121.5	122.0	122.0	122.5
100	123.5	123.5	123.5	124.0	124.5
110	125.0	125.0	125.5	125.5	126.0
120	126.0	126.0	127.0	127.0	127.5
130	127.5	128.0	128.5	128.5	129.0
140	129.0	129.5	129.5	130.0	130.0
150	130.5	130.5	131.0	131.0	131.5
160	131.5	131.5	132.0	132.0	132.5
170	132.5	132.5	133.0	133.0	133.5
180	133.5	134.0	134.0	134.5	134.5
190	135.0	135.0	135.0	135.5	135.5
200	135.5	135.5	136.0	136.0	136.5
210	136.5	136.5	137.0	137.0	137.0
220	137.0	137.5	137.5	137.5	138.0
230	138.0	138.5	138.5	138.5	138.5
240	139.0	139.0	139.0	139.5	139.5
250	139.5	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0
260	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5	141.0
270	141.0	141.0	141.5	141.5	141.5
280	142.0	142.0	142.0	142.0	142.0
290	142.5	142.5	142.5	142.5	142.5
300	143.0	143.0	143.0	143.0	143.5
310	143.5	143.5	144.0	144.0	144.0
320	144.0	144.5	144.5	144.5	144.5
330	144.5	145.0	145.0	145.0	145.0

340	145.0	145.5	145.5	145.5	145.5
350	146.0	146.0	146.0	146.0	146.0
360	146.0	146.0	146.5	146.5	146.5

### 903.5.2.3 In-situ Density

The density of the compacted concrete shall be such that the total air voids are not more than 3 percent. The air voids shall be derived from the difference between the theoretical maximum dry density of the concrete calculated from the specific gravity of the constituents of the concrete mix and the average value of three direct density measurements made on cores at least 150 mm diameter. Three cores shall be taken from trial lengths and in first two km length of the pavement, while the slab is being constructed during normal working. The proportions of the mix and the vibratory effort imparted i.e. the frequency and magnitude of vibration shall be adjusted to achieve the maximum density.

All cores taken for density measurement in the trial section shall also be checked for thickness. The same cores shall be made use of for determining in-situ strength. In case of doubt, additional cores may be ordered by the Engineer and taken at locations decided by him to check the density of concrete slab or the position of dowel/tie bars without any compensation being paid for the same.

In calculation of the density, allowance shall be made for any steel in cores.

Cores removed from the main carriageway shall be reinstated with compacted concrete with mix proportions of 1 part of Portland cement : 2 parts of fine aggregate:2 parts of 10 mm nominal size single sized coarse aggregate by weight. Before filling the fine mix, the sides shall be hacked and cleaned with water. Thereafter cement-sand slurry shall be applied to the sides just prior to filling the concrete mix.

### 903.5.2.4 Thickness

Thickness shall be controlled by taking levels as indicated in Clause 902.3. Thickness of the slab at any point checked as mentioned above shall be within a tolerance of -5 mm to + 10 mm of the specified thickness as per Drawing. Thickness deficiency more than 5 mm may be accepted and paid for at a reduced rate given in Clause 602.16.3. In no case, however, thickness deficiency shall be more than 10 mm.

### 903.5.2.5 Summary of Control Tests

Table 900-6 gives a summary of frequency of testing of pavement concrete.

Table 900-6: Frequency of Quality Control Tests for Pavement Concrete

1)	i) Levels, alignment and texture	Clause 902.3	
	ii) Width of pavement and position of paving edges	Clause 902.2	
	iii) Pavement thickness	Clause 902.3 and Clause 903.5.2.4	
	iv) Alignment of joints, widths, depth of dowel grooves	To be checked @ one joint per 400 m length or a day's work	
	v) Surface regularity both transversely and longitudinally	Once a day or one day's work without disturbing the curing	
	vi) Alignment of dowel bars and their accuracy/tie bars	To be checked in trial length as per Clause 602.6.5.2 and once on every 2 km.	
	vii) Texture depth	Clause 602.12	
2)	Quality of materials and concrete shall be as under :		
	1) Cement Physical and Chemical Tests	IS:269 IS:455 IS:1489 IS:8112 IS:12269	Once for each source of supply and occasionally when called for in case of long/ improper storage. Besides, the Contractor also will submit daily test data on cement released by the manufacturer

	2) Coarse and Fine Aggregate	i) Gradation	IS:2386	One test for every day's work of each fraction of coarse aggregate and fine aggregate, initially; (may be relaxed later at the discretion of the Engineer)
		ii) Deleterious constituents	IS:2386 (Pt.2)	--do--
		iii) Water absorption	IS:2386 (Pt.3)	Regularly as required subject to a minimum of one test a day for coarse aggregate and two tests a day for fine aggregate. This data shall be used for correcting the water demand of the mix on a daily basis.
	3) Coarse Aggregate	i) Los Angeles Abrasion value or Aggregate Impact test	IS:2386 (Pt.4)	Once for each source of supply and subsequently on monthly basis
		ii) Soundness	IS:2386 (Pt.5)	Before approving the aggregates and every month subsequently.
		iii) Alkali aggregate reactivity	IS:2386 (Pt.7) IS:456	--do--
	4) Water	Chemical Test	IS:2386	Once for approval of source of supply. subsequently only in case of doubt
	5) Concrete	i) Strength of Concrete	IS:516	2 cubes and 2 beams per 150 cu.m or part thereof (one for 7 day and other for 28 day strength) or minimum 6 cubes and 6 beams per day's work whichever is more
		ii) Core strength on hardened concrete	IS:516	As per the requirement of the Engineer, only in case of doubt.
		iii) Workability of fresh concrete- Slump Test	IS:1199	One test per each dumper load at both Batching plant site and paving site initially when work starts. Subsequently sampling may be done from alternate dumper.
		iv) Thickness determination		From the level data of concrete pavement surface and sub-base at grid points of 5/6.25 m x 3.5 m
		v) Thickness measurement for trial length		3 cores per trial length
		vi) Verification of level of string line in the case of slip form paving and steel forms in the case of fixed form paving		String line or steel forms shall be checked for level at an interval of 5.0 m or 6.25 m. The level tolerance allowed shall be 1-2 mm. These shall be got approved 1-2 hours before the commencement of the concreting activity.

- ii) Tolerances in Distress : The acceptance criteria with regard to the types of distresses in rigid pavement shall be as per IRC:SP-83. "Guidelines for Maintenance, Repair and Rehabilitation of Cement Concrete Pavements". The cracks (of severity rating not more than 2) which may appear during construction or before completion of Defect Liability Period shall be acceptable with suggested treatments as given in IRC:SP-83.

Cement Concrete Pavement slabs having cracks of severity rating more than 2 i.e. cracks of width more than 0.5 mm for single discrete cracks, multiple and transverse cracks and cracks of width more than 3 mm in case of longitudinal cracks and of depth more than half of the Concrete pavement slabs, shall be removed and replaced as per IRC : SP -83

#### 602.15 Measurements for Payment

602.15.1 Cement Concrete pavement shall be measured as a finished work in cubic meters of concrete placed based on the net plan area and thickness as measured in accordance with Clause 602.15.2.

602.15.2 The finished thickness of concrete for payment on volume basis shall be computed in the manner described in Clause 113.3 with the following modifications:

- i) The levels shall be taken before and after construction at grid points 5m centre to centre longitudinally in straight as well as at curves.
- ii) A day's work is considered as a 'lot' for calculating the average thickness of the slab. In calculating the average thickness, individual measurements which are in excess of the specified thickness by more than 10 mm shall be considered as the specified thickness plus 10 mm.

602.15.3 Individual areas deficient by more than 10mm shall be verified by the Engineer by ordering core cutting and if in his opinion the deficient areas warrant removal, they shall be removed and replaced with concrete of the thickness shown on the plans.

#### 602.16 Rate

602.16.1 The Contract unit rate for the construction of the cement concrete pavement shall be payment in full for carrying out the operations required for the different items of the work as per these Specifications including full compensation for all labour, tools, plant, equipment, providing all materials i.e. aggregates, dowel bars, tie bars, PVC membrane, cement, stabilizers (lime, cements or any other stabilizers approved by the Engineer), storing, mixing, transportation, placing, compacting, finishing, curing, testing, all royalties, fees, rents where necessary, all leads and lifts and incidentals to complete the work as per Specifications.

The unit rate shall include the full costs of construction, expansion, contraction and longitudinal joints including joint filler, sealant, primer, debonding strip and all other operations for completing the work. The construction and testing of trial length shall be included in the contract unit rate for the pavement and shall not be paid separately.

602.16.2 Where the average thickness for the lot is deficient by the extent shown in Table 600-6, payment for cement concrete pavement shall be made at a price determined by adjusting the contract unit price as per Table 600-6

Table 600-6 : Payment Adjustment or Deficiency in Thickness

Deficiency in the Average Thickness of Day's Work	Percent of Contract Unit Price Payable
Up to 5mm	100
6-10 mm	87

602.16.3 No additional payment shall be made for the extra thickness of the slab than shown on the drawings.

**Item No. 8 Providing and fixing pre-cast Rubble dye inter locking concrete block 80mm thick with grade concrete M200 pneumatic compressed by mechanically pressed and as per approved design including 75 mm sand layer for levelling and filling the joint with sand in proper line and level etc. completed**

## 1504. INTERLOCKING CONCRETE BLOCK PAVEMENT

### 1504.1. Scope

Interlocking Concrete Block Pavement (ICBP) shall consist of a surface layer of appropriate sized concrete paving blocks paved and compacted over a thin bedding sand layer of specified grading, which is spread over a

properly constructed and profiled base course and is bounded by properly installed edge restraints. The joints shall be filled by fine sand of specified grading. The work shall include supplying laying and paving of blocks including all materials, labour and equipment and performing all operations in connection with the laying of ICBP as per these Specifications.

#### **1504.2. Materials**

**1504.2.1.** The Concrete Paving Block shall conform to the relevant IS standard.

**1504.2.2. Bedding sand :** Bedding sand shall conform to the grading given in Table 1500.6.

**1504.2.3. Joint filling sand :** Joint filling sand shall conform to grading given in Table 1500.6.

**TABLE 1500.6 : GRADINGS FOR BEDDING AND JOINT FILLING SAND**

IS Sieve Size (mm)	Per cent Passing	
	For Bedding Sand	For Joint Filling Sand
10.00	100	100
4.75	90-100	90-100
2.36	60-95	75-100
1.18	15-34	55-90
0.60	25-60	35-59
0.30	5-20	8-30
0.15	0-10	0-10
0.075	0-5	0-5

#### **1504.3. Buffer**

Buffer of specified quantity of paving blocks (of the same shape, size and thickness) required for normal maintenance of paved area as specified by the Engineer, shall be supplied and stored for replacement as and when needed. Normally this will be 5 per cent of the blocks used in the paved area.

#### **1504.4. Block Thickness**

For rural roads catering to heavy vehicles, the minimum thickness of paving blocks shall be 60 mm for traffic up to 100 vehicles per day, and 80 mm for projected traffic from 100 to 250 vehicles per day.

#### **1504.5. Dimensions and Tolerances**

The dimensions and tolerances of paving blocks shall conform to the Specifications given in Table 1500.7. Aspect ratio is the ratio of length to thickness of blocks. Chamfer is the bevelled edge, provided on the top surface of a block. Plan area is the horizontal area bounded by the vertical faces. Wearing surface area is the horizontal area bounded by the vertical faces, minus the area reduced due to the presence of chamfer.

**TABLE 1500.7 : DIMENSIONS AND TOLERANCES FOR PAVING BLOCKS**

S. No.	Dimension	Recommended Values	Tolerance Limit
(1)	Width W	To be specified by Manufacturer	±2 mm
(2)	Length L	To be specified by Manufacturer	±2 mm
(3)	Thickness T	60 to 80 mm	±3 mm
(4)	Aspect Ratio L/T	Maximum : 4.0	±0.2
(5)	Chamfer (Arris)	Maximum : 5 mm Maximum : 7 mm	±1 mm
(6)	Plan Area	Maximum : 0.03 m <sup>2</sup>	+0.001 m <sup>2</sup>
(7)	Wearing Face Area	Minimum 75% of Plan Area	-1%
(8)	Squareness	Nil	±2 mm

#### **1504.6. Compressive Strength**

**1504.6.1.** The average 28 days compressive strength of 8 blocks shall be 30 MPa and strength of individual block shall not be less than 26 MPa.

**1504.6.2.** The 28 days compressive strength of paving blocks tested as per relevant IS specification shall be determined as explained hereinafter.

**1504.6.2.1.** Compression testing machine of adequate capacity shall be used for testing of blocks. The steel bearing plates shall have a minimum thickness of 25 mm. The surface area of the bearing side of the plate should be such that no edge of the bearing plate is less than 10 mm from the outer edge of the paving block being tested.

**1504.6.2.2.** In case the testing surface of the paving block departs from a plain surface by more than 0.05 mm, capping using suitable materials shall be adopted for testing as per IS:516.

**1504.6.2.3.** The blocks shall be stored for  $24 \pm 4$  hours in water maintained at a temperature of  $(20 \pm 5)^\circ\text{C}$  before testing. The dimensions and plan areas of the block shall be determined. The bearing plates of the testing machine shall be wiped clean. The specimen shall be clamped between the plates in such a way that the axes of the specimen are vertically aligned with those of the bearing plates.

**1504.6.2.4.** The load shall be applied without shock and increased continuously at a rate of  $15 \pm 3$  N/mm<sup>2</sup>/minute until no greater load can be sustained by the specimen or delamination occurs. The maximum load applied to the specimen shall be noted.

**1504.6.2.5.** The apparent compressive strength of individual block shall be calculated by dividing the maximum load (N) by the plan area (mm<sup>2</sup>). The corrected compressive strength shall be calculated by multiplying the apparent compressive strength by the appropriate correction factor from Table 1500.8. The strength shall be expressed to the nearest 0.1 N/mm<sup>2</sup>.

**TABLE 1500.8 : CORRECTION FACTORS FOR THICKNESS AND CHAMFER OF PAVING BLOCK FOR CALCULATION OF COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH**

Paving Block Thickness (mm)	Correction Factor for	
	Plain Block	Chamfered Block
60	1.00	1.06
80	1.12	1.18

**1504.6.2.6. Water Absorption:** The water absorption being the average of five blocks shall be not more than 6 per cent by mass.

#### **1504.7. Edge Blocks**

The edge blocks shall have equivalent cube compressive strength not less than 30 MPa. The road kerbs provided on the edges of the road also serve the purpose of edge blocks. In case the end kerbs are not provided, 300 mm x 300 mm x 150 mm of M30 grade concrete edge blocks or other suitable size as per drawings or direction of the Engineer shall be provided.

#### **1504.7.2. Subgrade**

The Subgrade shall conform to Clause 1501.5.1 of these Specifications. The soaked CBR of subgrade soil shall not be less than 4 per cent.

#### **1504.8. Sub-base**

The sub-base shall be 100 mm thick granular layer conforming to Clause 401 or 100 mm thick WBM Gr.I conforming to Clause 405 of these Specifications. In case the subgrade soil is clayey, the sub-base shall be extended over the full formation width for proper drainage.

#### **1504.9. Base Course**

A minimum 100 mm thick layer of granular/stabilized base course shall be provided. The base course layer shall be extended at least 300 mm beyond the edge restraints. The material shall conform to Clause 402 of these Specifications.

#### **1504.10. Bedding Sand**

Bedding sand conforming to Table 1500.6 shall be uniformly laid to a compacted thickness of 25 mm for 60 mm thick blocks and 30 mm for 80 mm thick blocks. Bedding sand shall be unloaded in small piles regularly placed over the base course and shall preferably have a moisture content of about 6 per cent which will facilitate its spreading and compaction. Bedding sand shall be screeded in a uniform layer over the base course. The screed can be guided to level by tensioned string lines set above the base course. At the time of screeding, the thickness of sand must allow for the amount by which it will be subsequently compacted which is normally about 25 per cent more than the compacted thickness. Screeding shall not proceed beyond about 1 m ahead of the planned end of block paving for the day. Sand

shall preferably be compacted with a manual, fabricated plate compactor and the level shall **be readjusted** using the screed. The surface profile of the screeded bedding **sand** shall **match that** required for the completed pavement.

#### **1504.11. Paving Pattern**

The pattern in which blocks are to be paved shall be decided in advance and got approved from the Engineer in charge.

**1504.11.1.** By and large, these patterns are the same as adopted for brick paving. All shapes of blocks are not amenable to the above paving patterns. For paving in trafficked areas, herringbone pattern shall be adopted for ensuring better performance. Paving shall commence and progress from one starting line only. Wherever possible, paving shall commence adjacent to or against edge restraint.

#### **1504.12. Paving and Compaction of Blocks**

Blocks shall be placed at the correct angle to the start line to achieve the final orientation of the laying pattern. For curved or unfavourably oriented edge restraints, a string line shall be established to permit fast, easy laying such that it is not required to force a block between the blocks already paved. Control over alignment, laying pattern and joint width can be assisted by the use of chalked string lines set at about 5 m intervals. Nominal joint width of 2 to 4 mm shall be maintained by holding the paving unit lightly against the face of the adjacent block and allowing it to slide into position. Cutting paving units for filling the paving gaps occurring against edge restraints etc. shall be deferred until sufficient work has progressed to allow reasonably continuous operation. When space does not permit the use of cut pieces of blocks, premixed or dry packed concrete shall be used. After a section has been paved, compaction shall be effected by using vibrating plate compactors in the following sequence of operations:

- (i) Vibrate the blocks with 3 passes of the plate vibrator of adequate capacity.
- (ii) Spread a thin layer of fine joint filling sand on top of the paved blocks and sweep it into the joints, using suitable brooms.
- (iii) Vibrate the sand into the joints by making 3 passes of the compactor.
- (iv) Sweep off the excess sand from top of blocks.

As a guide to the characteristics of typical vibrating plate compactors, standard compactors have a weight of 90 kg, a plate area of 0.3 m<sup>2</sup> and apply a centrifugal force of 1500 kg. Heavy duty compactors weigh between 300 to 600 kg, have a plate area of about 0.5 to 0.6 m<sup>2</sup> and apply a centrifugal force in the range of 2000-3000 kg. Use of heavy duty compactors is desirable for trafficked pavements.

**1504.12.1. Trial length :** The contractor shall lay a trial length of 30 m and get it inspected and approved by the Engineer before proceeding with the regular paving work. The trial length shall be rectified/relaid if found deficient in any respect. The procedure demonstrated in the laying of trial length shall be followed while executing the main construction work.

#### **1504.13. Opening to Traffic**

The pavement can be opened to traffic as soon as the construction work is completed.

**1504.14.1. Transverse profile :** When measured by a camber template, the transverse profile shall not deviate by more than 10 mm from the design profile.

**1504.14.2. Longitudinal profile :** When measured by a 3 m straight edge, the longitudinal profile shall not deviate by more than 12 mm from the design profile.

#### **1504.15. Acceptance Criteria**

From each lot of 500 blocks, 5 blocks shall be selected at random for water absorption and compressive strength tests. In case the number of blocks in the lot is less than 500, a minimum 1 per cent of the blocks delivered to site shall be tested for water absorption and strength. The blocks shall be first tested for water absorption and these shall meet the requirement of Clause 1504.5.2.6 of these Specifications. The same five blocks (or minimum 1 per cent) shall be tested for strength and shall conform to the strength as per Clause 1504.5.1 of these Specifications.

The paved surface shall meet the tolerances for lines, levels, and grades etc. as given in Section 1800 of these Specifications.

#### **1504.16. Measurements for Payment**

The measurement of the paved area shall be in square metres measured from the inner edge of edge restraints on one side of the pavement to the inner edge of the edge restraints on the transverse side of the pavement. The measurement of the edge restraints shall be in number of units or in cubic metres.

#### **1504.17. Rate**

The contract unit rate shall include the cost of blocks, cost of stacking, transportation to site and paving including supply and application of bedding sand and joint filling sand. The rate shall include full compensation for



labour, tools, plant, equipment, testing and all incidentals to the work, including all royalties, taxes, storage rents wherever necessary, and all leads and lifts.

**Item No.9 Supplying, fixing & joining reinforced concrete heavy duty non pressure pipe with colars for culverts carryig heavy traffic as per Indian Railway Standard Specifications including setting and joining the pipe in cement mortar 1:2 watering and laying ( to level or slope) of I.S. class NP-3 600 mm dia.(Internal)**

1. The work shall consist of furnishing and installing reinforced cement concrete pipe of the type diameter and length required at the location shown on the drawings or as ordered by the Engineer-in-charge.

2. Reinforced concrete pipe shall be NP-3 type conforming to the requirements of IS: 458 and shall be of 600 mm internal dia. as specified in the item. Each consignment of cement concrete pipes shall be inspected, if necessary and approved by the Engineer-in-charge, either at the place of manufacture or at the site before their incorporation in the works.

NP3, NP2, NP1 pipes are used for R.C.C. Pipes, where testing of pipes will not be feasible. The contractors will have to produce a certificate from the manufacturers on company's letter head the given hereinafter form.

Production of such certificate will not however relieve the contractor from his responsibility of supplying pipes of required standard and will have to bear the loss or damage caused to the work on account of defects found subsequently during the execution. It will also be necessary to purchase these pipes from manufacturer having standard equipments for carrying out various test as per IS: 458 at his factory.

**FORM OF CERTIFICATE FOR NP3, NP2, NP1 PIPES**

We \_\_\_\_\_ manufacturer of R.C.C. pipes produce R.C.C. pipes as per the requirement of IS: 458 and also carry out the required test at our place. We have acquired equipments for carrying out test and are prepared to carryout test at our factory sites.

We have experience of manufacturing of pipes of \_\_\_\_\_ years The' pipes supplied by us to M/s. \_\_\_\_\_ satisfy the requirement of IS: 458

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Place : \_\_\_\_\_ Manufacturer's Sign. \_\_\_\_\_

3. No pipe shall be placed in position until the foundations have been approved by the Engineer-in-charge. Where two or more pipes are to be laid adjacent to each other, they shall be separated by a distance equal to at least half the diameter of the pipe subject to minimum of 450 mm. The laying of pipes on the prepared foundation shall start from the outlet and proceed towards the inlet and be completed to the specified lines and grades. The pipes shall be fitted and matched so that when laid in works they form a culvert with a smooth uniform invert. Any pipe found defective or damaged during laying shall be removed at there cost of Contractor.

4. The pipes shall be jointed either by collar joint or by flush joint. In the former case, the collars shall be of R.C.C., 150 to 200 mm wide and having the same strength as the pipes to be jointed. Caulking space shall be between 13 and 20 mm according to the diameter of the pipes. Caulking material shall be slightly wet mix of cement and sand in the ratio of 1:2 rammed with Caulking irons. Before caulking the collar shall be so placed that its centre coincides with that of pipe and an even annular space is left between the collar and the pipes. Flush joint may be shaped to form a self centering joint with a joining space 13 cm wide. The joining space shall be filled with cement mortar. 1 cement to 2 sand, mixed sufficiently dry to remain in position when forced with a trowel or rammer. Care shall be taken to fill all voids and excess mortar shall be removed. All joints shall be made with care so that their interior surface is smooth and consistent with the interior surface of the pipes. After finishing, the joint shall be kept covered and damp for at least four days.

5. R.C.C. pipe shall be measured along their centre between their inlet and outlet ends in linear meters.

6. The rate for the pipes shall include the cost of pipe including loading, unloading, handling storing laying in position and joining complete.

**Item No.10 Providing & Fixing ordinary K.M. Stone Precast C.C. 1:2:4 including necessary reinforcement as per I.R.C. type design in C.C. 1:4:8 including painting and lettering etc. complete**

1. Kilometer stone shall be of approved quality and shall be of precast 1:2:4 R.C.C. as specified in the item.
2. The size, manner of fixing, painting and lettering of K.M. stone shall conform specification as per I.R.C.-8 (Type design for kilometer stones). The fixing of K.M. stone shall be carried out in ordinary concrete of grade specified in the item using hand broken metal field metal or gravel.
3. The measurement for payment shall be made per No. of K.M. stone fixed in position.
4. Unit rate for Kilometer stone includes the cost of all materials, labour, tools, fixing, finishing curing, lettering and painting as directed by the Engineer-in-charge.

**Item No.11 Providing & Fixing Hectometer stone as per I.R.C. type design including painting, lettering etc. complete (i) Fixing in C.1:5:10**

1. The work shall be carried out as per the item of ordinary kilometre stone except that the size of Hectometre stone shall be smaller than that of ordinary kilometre stone as per I.R.C. 26 (Type design for 200 metre stones) and fixing shall be in earth. The measurement for payment as well as the operations included in the unit rate shall be as per ordinary kilometres stone.

**Item No.12 Village name Sign :-Providing and fixing sign boards made out of 2mm aluminium sheet / 4mm ACP (Aluminum composite Panel); size 90x60 cms. rectangular as per design of IRC-67-2012. Pre treated with phosphating process & acid etching; coated with one coat of epoxy primer and two coats of best quality epoxy paint ; reflectorised with High Intensity Prismatic Grade retro reflectivesheeting of Type-4 as per ASTM D-4956 and latest M.O.S.T.Specifications; 3.3mtr long stand post of Iron Angle 75 x 75 x 6mm / 65NB Circular MS Pipe as required and frame fabricated from suitable size iron angle of 35 x 35 x 3mm; painted with bestquality epoxy coatings in black and white bends. the details of symbol or inscription / numerals for each board shall be as per the instruction of engineer in charge. The fixing at site shall be in 1:2:4 CC blockof size 45 x 45 x 60 Cms. for each leg including excavation, curing etc.complete under the supervision of engineer in charge. A warranty for 7 years for the Retro reflective sheeting from original manufacturer & a certified copy of 3 year outdoor exposure test report from third party test lab for the product offered shall be submitted by contractor. (B) Class-B Type-4 Retro Reflective sheeting Grade**

**GENERAL**

801.1.1 The colour, configuration, size and location of all traffic signs for highways other than Expressways shall be in accordance with Code of Practice for Road Signs, IRC:67 or as shown on the drawings. For Expressways, the size of signs, letters and their placement shall be as specified in the Contract drawings and relevant specifications. In the absence of any details or for any missing details, the signs shall be provided as directed by the Engineer. The Aluminum sheet size to be fixed shall be as specified in the Item.

801.1.2 The signs shall be either reflectorised or non-reflectorised as shown on the drawing or as directed by the Engineer. When they are of reflectorised type, they shall be of retro-reflectorised type and made of encapsulated lens type reflective sheeting vide Clause 801.3, fixed over aluminium sheeting as per these Specifications.

801.1.3 In general, cautionary and mandatory signs shall be fabricated. through process of screen printing. In regard to informatory signs with inscriptions, either the message could be printed over the reflective sheeting, or cut letters of non-reflective black sheeting used for the purpose which must be bonded well on the base sheeting as directed by the Engineer.

**801.2 MATERIALS**

The various materials and fabrication of the traffic signs shall conform to the following requirements :

**801.2.1 Concrete** : Concrete shall be of the grade shown on the contract drawings or otherwise as directed by the Engineer.

**801.2.2 Reinforcing Steel** : Reinforcing steel shall conform to the requirement of IS : 1786 unless otherwise shown on the drawing.

**801.2.3 Bolts, nuts, washers:** High strength bolts shall conform to IS: 1367 whereas precision bolts, nuts, etc. shall conform to IS: 1364.

**801.2.4 Plates and supports:** Plates and support sections for the sign posts. shall conform to IS:226 and IS:2062 or any other relevant IS Specifications.

**801.2.5 Aluminium:** Aluminium sheets used for sign boards shall be of smooth, hard and corrosion resistant aluminium alloy conforming to IS:736 Material designation 24345 or 1900.

801.2.6 Signs with a maximum side dimension not exceeding 600 mm shall not be less than 1.5 mm thick. All others shall be at least 2 mm thick. The thickness of the sheet shall be related to the size of the sign and its support and shall be such that it does not bend or deform under the prevailing wind and other loads.

801.2.7 In respect of sign sizes not covered by IRC:67, the structural details (thickness, etc.) shall be as per the approved drawings.

### **801.3 TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVING RETRO-REFLECTIVE SHEETING**

801.3.1 General Requirements: The retro-reflective sheeting used on the sign shall consist of the white or coloured sheeting having a smooth outer surface which has the property of retro-reflection over its entire surface. It shall be weather-resistant and show colour fastness. It shall be new and unused and shall show no evidence of cracking, scaling, pitting, blistering, edge lifting or curling and shall have negligible shrinkage or expansion. A certificate of having tested the sheeting for these properties in an unprotected outdoor exposure facing the sun for two years and its having passed these tests shall be obtained from a reputed laboratory, by the manufacturer of the sheeting. The reflective sheeting shall be either of Engineering, Grade material with enclosed lens or of High Intensity Grade with encapsulated lens. The type of the sheeting to be used would depend upon the type, functional hierarchy and importance of the road.

**801.3.2 High Intensity Grade Sheeting :** This sheet shall be of encapsulated lens type consisting of spherical glass lens, elements adhered to a synthetic resin and encapsulated by a flexible, transparent water-proof plastic having a smooth surface. The retro-reflective surface after cleaning with soap and water and in dry condition shall have the minimum co-efficient of retro-reflection (determined in accordance with ASTM Standard E:810) as indicated in Table 800-1 .

**Table 800-1**

ACCEPTABLE MINIMUM CO-EFFICIENT OF RETRO REFLECTION FOR HIGH INTENSITY GRADE SHEETING  
(CANDELAS PER LUX PER SQUARE METRE)

Observation angle (in degrees)	Entrance Angle (in degrees)	White	Yellow	Orange	Green / Red	Blue
0.2	-4	250	170	100	45	20
0.2	+30	150	100	60	25	11
0.5	-4	95	62	30	15	7.5
0.5	+30	65	45	25	10	5.0

When totally wet, the sheeting shall not show less than 90 per cent of the values of retro-reflectance indicated in Table 800-1. At the end of 7 years, the sheeting shall retain at least 75 per cent of its original retro reflectance.

**801.3.3 Engineering grade sheeting :** This sheeting shall be of enclosed lens type consisting of microscopic lens elements embedded beneath the surface of a smooth, flexible, transparent, water-proof plastic, resulting in a non-exposed lens optical reflecting system. The retro reflective surface after cleaning with soap and water and in dry condition shall have the minimum coefficient of retro-reflection (determined In accordance with ASTM Standard :E-81 0) as indicated in Table 800-2.

**Table 800 – 2**

ACCEPTABLE MINIMUM COEFFICIENT OF RETRO-REFLECTION FOR ENGINEERING GRADE SHEETING  
(CANDELAS PER LUX PER SQUARE METRE)

Observation angle (in degrees)	Entrance Angle (in degrees)	White	Yellow	Orange	Green	Red	Blue
0.2	-4	70	50	25	9.0	14.5	4.0
0.2	+30	30	22	7.0	3.5	6.0	1.7
0.5	-4	30	25	13.5	4.5	7.5	2.0
0.5	+30	15	13	4.0	2.2	3.0	0.8

When totally wet, the, sheeting shall not show less than 90 per cent of the values, of retro-reflection indicated in Table 800-2. At the end of 5 years, the sheeting shall retain at least 50 per cent of its original retro reflectance.

**801.3.4 Messages/Borders:** The messages (legends, letters, numerals etc) and borders shall either be screen-printed or of cut-outs. Screen printing shall be processed and finished with materials and in a manner specified by the sheeting manufacturer. Cut-outs shall be of materials as specified by the sheeting manufacturer and shall be bonded with the sheeting in the manner specified by the manufacturer.

**801.3.5** For screen-printed transparent coloured areas on white sheeting, the co-efficient of retro-reflection shall not be less than 50 per cent of the values of corresponding colour in Tables 800-1 and 800-2, as applicable.

**801.3.6** Cut-out messages and borders, wherever used, shall be made out of retro-reflective sheeting (as per Clause 801.3.2 or 801.3.3 as applicable), except those in black which shall be of non-reflective sheeting.

**801.3.7 Colour :** Unless otherwise specified, the general colour scheme shall be as stipulated in IS:5 "Colour for Ready Mixed Paints", viz

Blue	-	IS	Colour	No.166: French Blue
Red	-	IS	Colour	No.537 : Signal Red
Green	-	IS	Colour	No.284 : India Green
Orange	-	IS	Colour	No.591 : Deep Orange

The colours shall be durable and uniform in acceptable hue' when viewed in day light or under normal headlights at night

**801.3.8 Adhesives:** The sheeting shall either have a pressure sensitive adhesive of the aggressive-tack type requiring no heat, solvent or other preparation for adhesion to a smooth clean surface, or a tack free adhesive activated by heat, applied in ct, heat-vacuum applicator, in a manner recommended by the sheeting manufacturer. The adhesive shall be protected by an easily removable liner (removable by peeling without soaking in water or other solvent) and shall be suitable for the type of material of the base plate used for the sign. The adhesive shall form a durable bond to smooth, corrosion and weather resistant surface of the base plate ,such that it shall not be possible to remove the sheeting from the sign base in one piece by use of sharp instrument. In case of pressure-sensitive adhesive sheeting, the sheeting shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. Sheetting with adhesives requiring use of solvents or other preparation for adhesive shall be applied strictly In accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**801.3.9 Refurbishment:** Where existing signs are specified for refurbishment, the sheeting shall have a semi-rigid aluminium backing pre- coated with aggressive-tack type pressure sensitive adhesive. The adhesive shall be suitable for the type of material used for the sign and should thoroughly bond with that material.

#### **801.3.10 FABRICATION :**

**801.3.10.1** Surface to be reflectorised shall be effectively prepared to receive the retro reflective sheeting. The aluminium sheeting shall be degreased either by acid or hot alkaline etching and all scale/dust removed to obtain a smooth plain surface before the application of retro-reflective sheeting. If the surface is rough, approved surface primer may be used. After cleaning, metal shall not be handled, except by suitable device or clean canvas gloves, between all cleaning and preparation operation and application of reflective sheeting/primer. There shall be no opportunity for metal to come in contact with grease, oil or other contaminants prior to the application of retro-reflective sheeting.

**801.3.10.2** Complete sheets of the material shall be used on the signs except where it is unavoidable; at splices, sheeting with pressure sensitive 1 adhesives shall be overlapped not less than 5 mm. Sheetting with heat activated adhesives may be spliced with an overlap not less than 5 mm or butted with a gap not exceeding 0.75 mm. Where screen printing with transparent colours is proposed, only butt jointing shall be used. The material shall cover the sign

surface evenly and shall be free from twists, cracks and folds. Cut-outs to produce legends and borders shall be bonded with the sheeting in the manner specified by the manufacturer.

**801.3.11 Warranty and durability:** The contractor shall obtain from the manufacturer a seven year warranty for satisfactory field performance including stipulated retro-reflectance of the retro-reflective sheeting of high intensity grade and a five year warranty for the adhesive sheeting of engineering grade and submit the same to the Engineer. In addition, a seven year and a five year warranty for satisfactory in field performance of the finished sign with retro-reflective sheeting of high intensity grade and engineering grade respectively, inclusive of the screen printed or cut out letters/legends and their bonding to the retro-reflective sheeting shall be obtained from the Contractor/supplier and passed on to the Engineer. The Contractor/supplier shall also furnish a certification to that the signs and materials supplied against the assigned work meets all the stipulated requirements and carry the stipulated warranty.

Processed and applied in accordance with recommended procedures, the reflective material shall be weather resistant and, following cleaning, shall show no appreciable discolouration, cracking, blistering or dimensional change and shall not have less than 50 per cent of the specified minimum reflective intensity values (Tables 800-1 and 800-2) when subjected to accelerated weathering for 1000 hours, using type E or EH weatherometer (AASHTO Designation M 268).

#### **801.4 INSTALLATION**

**801.4.1** Sign posts, their foundations and sign mountings shall be so constructed as to hold these in a proper and permanent position against the normal storm wind loads or displacement by vandalism. Normally, signs with an area upto 0.9 sq.m. shall be mounted on a single post, and for greater area two or more supports shall be provided. Sign supports may be of mild steel, reinforced concrete or galvanized iron (G.I.) Post end(s) shall be firmly fixed to the ground by means of properly designed foundation. The work of foundation shall conform to relevant specifications as specified.

**801.4.2** All components of signs and supports, other than the reflective portion and G.I. posts shall be thoroughly descaled, cleaned, primed and painted with two coats of epoxy paint. Any part of mild steel(M.S.) post, below ground shall be painted with three coats of red lead paint.

**801.4.3** The signs shall be fixed to the posts by welding in the case of steel posts and by bolts and washers of suitable size in the case of reinforced concrete or G.I. posts. After the nuts have been tightened, the tails of the bolts shall be furred over with a hammer to prevent removal.

#### **801.5 MEASUREMENTS FOR PAYMENT**

The measurement of standard cautionary, mandatory and information signs shall be in numbers of different types or signs supplied and fixed.

#### **801.6 RATE**

The Contract unit rate shall be payment in full for the cost of making the road sign, including all materials, installing it at the site and incidentals to complete the work in accordance with the specifications.

**Item No.13 Providing & fixing junction boards made out of 2mm alluminium sheet size 244 X 122 cms rectangle as per the design of IRC-67-1977. Pre treated with phospheting process and acid etching, coated of best quality epoxy paint reflectorised with retro reflective sheeting as per latest M.O.S.T. specification, Letters and numerals should be as per IRC-30-1968, 3.1m long (2-Nos) stand post and frame fabricated from suitable size iron angle of 50 X 50 X 5 mm, 75 X 75 X 6 mm as required, painted with best quality epoxy coatings in black and white bend. The details of symbol or inscription / numerals for each board shall be as per the instruction of engineer in charge. The fixing at site shall be in 1:2:4 C.C. block of size 45 X 45 X 60cms for each leg. including excavation, curing etc. complete under the supervision of engineer in Charge. (A) Engineering Grade**

The work of Providing & fixing junction boards made out of 2mm alluminium sheet size 244 X 122 cms rectangle as per the design of IRC-67-1977. Pre treated with phospheting process and acid etching, coated of best quality epoxy paint reflectorised with retro reflective sheeting as per latest M.O.S.T. specification, Letters and numerals should be as per IRC-30-1968, 3.1m long (2-Nos) stand post and frame fabricated from suitable size iron angle of 50 X 50 X 5 mm, 75 X 75 X 6 mm as required, painted with best quality epoxy coatings in black and white bend. The details of symbol or inscription / numerals for each board shall be as per the instruction of engineer in charge. The fixing at site shall be in 1:2:4 C.C. block of size 45 X 45 X 60cms for each leg. including excavation, curing etc. complete under the supervision of engineer in Charge. (A) Engineering Grade as per relevant specifications of **Item No. 12** of this contract. The measurement shall be in number of Junction Board supplied and fixed in position.

**Item No.14 Logo Board:-** Providing and fixing Suvidhapath Logo Board made out of 2mm aluminium sheet, as per the drawing & design. Pre treated with phospheting process and acid etching coated with one coat of epoxy primer and two coat of best quality epoxy paint, reflectorized with retro reflective sheeting as per the latest M.O.S.T. specification, 3.1 Mt. long stand post and frame fabricated from suitable size iron angle of 35 x 35 x 3 mm, 75 x 75 x 6 mm as required painted with best quality epoxy coatings in black and white bends. The details of symbol for each board shall be as per the instruction of engineer in charge. The fixing at site shall be in 1:2:4 CC block of size 45 x 45 x 60 cms for each leg, including excavation curing etc. complete under the supervision of Engineer-In-Charge (A) Engineer grade.

The work of Logo Board:- Providing and fixing Suvidhapath Logo Board made out of 2mm aluminium sheet, as per the drawing & design. Pre treated with phospheting process and acid etching coated with one coat of epoxy primer and two coat of best quality epoxy paint, reflectorized with retro reflective sheeting as per the latest M.O.S.T. specification, 3.1 Mt. long stand post and frame fabricated from suitable size iron angle of 35 x 35 x 3 mm, 75 x 75 x 6 mm as required painted with best quality epoxy coatings in black and white bends. The details of symbol for each board shall be as per the instruction of engineer in charge. The fixing at site shall be in 1:2:4 CC block of size 45 x 45 x 60 cms for each leg, including excavation curing etc. complete under the supervision of Engineer-In-Charge (A) Engineer grade. as per relevant specifications of **Item No. 12** of this contract. The measurement shall be in number of Logo board supplied and fixed in position.

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**- : SCHEDULE FOR TESTING OF MATERIALS :-**

For ensuring quality control and workmanship Various tests prescribed below for materials shall be taken at periodical intervals as stipulated below. The materials shall be got tested at Government recognized Laboratory (R&B) or field Laboratory of GERI (R&B) for which 1% of the estimated amount put to tender shall be recovered from the contractor from the RA bills and final bills and the testing charges shall be paid to the GERI by the Government . However if the charges increase over 1% no excess recovery shall be made from the contractor as per resolution of B & C department dated 10th May 1985 vide TNC/ 1085/ (4)/ S

It. No. as per schedule "B"	Brief description of materials to be tested	Qty of material	Prescription of test which shall be carried out	Frequency at which test shall be carried out	Total No of test to be taken.
1]	Coarse Aggregate		- Gradation test - Impact value - Flakiness and elongation	1 to 100 cm                      1 test 100 to 500 cm                      3 test 500 to 1500 cm                      5 test 1500 to 5000 cm                      7 test Minimum 1 test/ work	
2]	Grit		- Stripping value	As above	
3]	Granular materials		- Gradation - Atterbeg limits	As above	
4]	Murum		- P I Value	One test per 50 cum.	
5]	Sand/ quarry spall		- Silt content - Gradation - CBR test	One test per work/ season One test per 200 cmt. One test per work	
6]	Asphalt		1 Penetration test as per IS 1203 2 Ductility test as per IS 1208 3 Specific gravity test as per IS 1202 4 Softening point test as per IS 1204 5 Viscosity test as per IS 1206	1 to 10 tanker                      1 test 11 to 20 tanker                      2 test 21 to 50 "                      3 test 51 to 100 "                      4 test Remaining every 50"                      1 test	
7]	Cement		- Consistency - Setting time - Compressive strength - Fineness - Chemical analysis - Soundness	Up to 50 MT                      1 test 100 MT                      2 test 200 MT                      3 test 300 MT                      4 test 500 MT                      5 test 800 MT                      6 test 1300 MT                      7 test and 8 test for larger consignment	
8]	CC Cubes		- Compressive Strength (I.S. 519 – 1959)	1 to 5 cms                      1 No 6 to 15 cms                      2 No 16 to 20 cms                      3 No 21 to 50 cms                      4 No 51 and above                      4 + 1 (For each additional 50 m <sup>3</sup> or part thereof)	

9]	Water		- Chemical test	Once for approval of source of supply	
10]	Steel		- Tensile Strength - Yield Stress - Elongation - Size	1 test/ 40 tonnes/ per category	
11]	Bricks		- Water absorption - Efflorence - Size - Compressive Strength	1 test per 50,000 bricks	
12]	Prime coat/ Tack coat		- Quality of binder - Binder temperature for application - Rate of spread of binder	Number of samples per lot and test as per IS:73 At regular close intervals  Two test per 500 m <sup>2</sup> and not less than two test per day	
13]	Carpet and Seal coat mix/ B.M/ M.S.S.		- Quality of binder - Grading  - Temperature of binder - Binder content vide 45 IMD 2172 - Rate of spread of mix materials	Number of samples per lot and test as per IS:73 1 test on individual contents and mix aggregate from the dryer for each 100 tonnes of mix subject to minimum of two test per plant per day At regular close intervals  One test for each 100 tonnes of mix subject to mini. of Two per day Regular control through checks on layer thickness	
14]	Granular Sub-base	*****	- Gradation - Atterberg limits - Moisture content prior to compaction - Density of compacted layer - Deleterious constituents - C.B.R.	As mentioned under serial number 3 As mentioned under serial number 3 As mentioned under serial number 3  One test per 500 m <sup>2</sup>  As required  As required	
15]	Wet Mix Macadam		- Aggregate Impact Value - Grading - Flakiness and Elongation Index - Atterberg limits of portion of aggregate passing 425 micron sieve - Density of compacted layer -	As mentioned under serial number 1  As mentioned under serial number 1 As mentioned under serial number 1  As mentioned under serial number 3  One test per 500 m <sup>2</sup>	



16]	Water Bound Macadam		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aggregate Impact Value</li> <li>- Grading</li> <li>- Flakiness Index and Elongation index</li> <li>- Atterberg limits of binding material</li> <li>- Atterberg limits of portion of aggregate passing 425 micron sieve</li> </ul>	As mentioned under serial number 1 As mentioned under serial No.1 As mentioned under serial number 1  As mentioned under serial number 1 As mentioned under serial number 1	
17]	Earthwork		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sand Content [IS: 2720 (Part-4)]</li> <li>- Plasticity Test[IS:2720 (Part-5)]</li> <li>- Density Test [IS:2720 (Part-8)]</li> <li>- Moisture Content Test [IS :2720 (Part-2) ]</li> <li>- CBR Test</li> </ul>	2 tests per 3000 cubic metres of soil 2 tests per 3000 cub. metres of soil.  2 tests per 3000 cubic metres of soil. One test for every 250 cubic meters of soil.  One CBR test for every 3000 cum. at least or closer as and when required by the Engineer.	

The Number of tests will be as per Manual of quality control or latest Govt. G.R./Circular and it will be considered final

The contractor shall have to pay 1% of the estimated cost put to tender towards all testing of materials and the same shall be deducted from their bills for the works.

Testing charges of GERI shall be borne by Govt. No refund be made nor extra charges over 1% shall be recoverable from the contractor.

If directed by the Engineer in charge, the materials intended to be used for the work but not included in the above schedule shall also be got tested at Government recognized Laboratory or field Laboratory.

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