

- * 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 are 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.

406.2.1.2. Grading requirements:

The aggregates shall conform to the grading given in Table 400.13.

TABLE 400.13

GRADING REQUIREMENTS OF AGGREGATES FOR WET MIX MACADAM

IS Sieve Designation	Percent by Weight passing the IS Sieve
53.00 mm	100
45.00 mm	95-100
26.50 mm	--
22.40 mm	60-80
11.20 mm	40-60
4.75 mm	25-40
2.36mm	15-30
600.00 Micron	8-22
75.00 Micron	0-8

Materials finer than 425 micron shall have Plasticity Index (PI) 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 Operations

406.3.1. Preparation of base: The surface of the subgrade/sub-base/base to receive the wet mix macadam course shall be prepared to the specified lines and crossfall (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 until firm surface is obtained if necessary by sprinkling water. Any sub-base/base/surface irregularities, where predominant, shall be made good by providing appropriate type of profile corrective course (levelling course) to Clause 501 of these Specifications. As far as possible, laying wet mix macadam course over an existing thick bituminous layer may be avoided since it will cause problems of internal drainage to the pavement at the interface of two courses. It is desirable to completely pick out the existing bituminous course where wet mix macadam is proposed to be laid over it.

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 404.3.3.

406.3.3. 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 mill or pan type mixer of concrete batching plant. The plant shall have following features:

- i For feeding aggregates- three/ four bin feeders with variable speed motor
- ii Vibrating screen for removal of oversize aggregates
- iii Conveyor Belt
- iv Controlled system for addition of water
- v Forced/positive mixing arrangement like pug-mill or pan type mixer
- vi Centralized control panel for sequential operation of various devices and precise process control
- vii Safety devices

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 mm to 22.4 mm size. While adding water, dew 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 no 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 mix may be spread by a paver finisher. The paver finisher shall be self-propelled of adequate capacity with following features:

- i) Loading hoppers and suitable distribution system, to provide a smooth uninterrupted material flow for different layer thicknesses from the tipper to the screed.
- ii) Hydraulically operated telescopic screed for paving width up to 8.5 m and fixed screed beyond this. The screed shall have tamping and vibrating arrangement for initial compaction of the layer.

- iii) Automatic levelling control system with electronic sensing device to maintain mat thickness and cross slope of mat during laying procedure.

In exceptional cases where it is not possible for the paver to be utilized, mechanical means like motor grader may be used with the prior approval of the Engineer. The motor grader shall be capable of spreading the material uniformly all over the surface.

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 required. The layer may be tested by depth blocks during construction. No segregation of larger and fine particles should be allowed. The aggregates as spread should be of uniform gradation with no pockets of fine materials.

The Engineer may permit manual mixing and /or laying of wet mix macadam where small quantity of wet mix macadam is to be executed. Manual mixing/laying in inaccessible / remote locations and in situations where use of machinery is not feasible can also be permitted. Where manual mixing/laying is intended to be used, the same shall be done with the approval of the Engineer.

406.3.5. Compaction:

After the mix has been laid to the required thickness, grade and cross fall / camber the same shall be uniformly compacted, to the full depth with suitable roller. If the thickness of single compacted layer does not exceed 100 mm, a smooth wheel roller of 80 to 100 KN weight may be used. For a compacted single layer up to 200 mm, 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 centre line of the road, uniformly over-lapping each preceding track by at least one third 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 begin at the edge with the roller running forward and backward until the edges have been firmly compacted. The roller shall then progress gradually towards the centre parallel to the centre line of the road uniformly overlapping each of the preceding tracks by at least one-third 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, kerb, 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 causes a wave-like motion in the sub-base / base course or sub grade. If irregularities develop during rolling which exceed 12 mm when tested with a 3 metre straight edge, the surface should be loosened and premixed material added or removed as required before rolling again so as to achieve a uniform surface 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 density for the material as determined by the method outlined in IS: 2720 (Part-8).

After completion, the surface of any finished layer shall be well closed, 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 recomputed.

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 lay.

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.

406.5.2. Quality control: Control on the quality of materials and works shall be exercised by the Engineer in accordance with Section 900.

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 sub grade soil getting mixed with the aggregates, the full thickness of the layer shall be 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. The area treated in the aforesaid manner shall not be less than 5 m in long and 2 m in wide. In no case shall depressions be filled up with unmixed and ungraded material or fines.

406.7 Arrangement for Traffic

During the period of construction, arrangement of traffic shall be done as per Clause 112.

406.8. Measurements for Payment

Wet mix macadam shall be measured as finished work in position in cubic metres.

406.9. Rates

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

1. Making arrangements for traffic to Clause 112 except for initial treatment to verges, shoulders and construction of diversions;
2. Furnishing all materials to be incorporated in the work including all royalties, fees, rents where necessary and all leads and lifts;
3. All labour, tools, equipment and incidentals to complete the work to the Specifications;
4. Carrying out the work in part widths of road where directed and
5. Carrying out the required tests for quality control.

- Item No 10 Providing and applying priming coat with emulsion SS1 grade at the rate of 7.50 kg/ 10 Sq.mt. including cost of asphalt and preparing the surface heating, and applying etc. complete.**

502 PRIME COAT OVER GRANULAR BASE

502.1. Scope

This work shall consist of the application of a single coat of low viscosity liquid bituminous, material to a porous granular surface preparatory to the superimposition of bituminous treatment or mix.

502.2. Materials

502.2.1 Primer: The choice of a bituminous primer shall depend upon the porosity characteristics of the surface to be primed as classified in IRC: 16. These are:

- (i) Surfaces of low porosity; such as wet mix macadam and water bound macadam,
- (ii) Surfaces of medium porosity; such as cement stabilised soil base,
- (iii) Surfaces of high porosity; such as a gravel base.

502.2.2 Primer viscosity: The type and viscosity of the primer shall comply with the requirements of IS 8887, as sampled and tested for bituminous primer in accordance with these standards. Guidance on viscosity and rate of spray is given in Table 500-1.

TABLE 500-1 VISCOSITY REQUIREMENT AND QUANTITY OF LIQUID BITUMINOUS PRIMER

Type of Surface	Kinematics Viscosity of Primer at 60°C (Centistokes)	Quantity of Liquid Bituminous Materials per 10 Sq.M. /Kg.
Low Porosity	30-60	6 to 9
Medium Porosity	70-140	9 to 12
High Porosity	250-500	12 to 15

502.2.3. Choice of primer: The primer shall be bitumen emulsion, complying with IS 8887 (slow setting) of a type and grade as specified in the Contract or as directed by the Engineer. The use of medium curing cutback as per IS 217 shall be restricted only for sites at sub-zero temperatures or for emergency applications as directed by the Engineer.

502.3. Weather and Seasonal Limitation Bituminous primer shall not be applied to a wet surface (see 502.4.2) or during a dust storm or when the weather is foggy, rainy or windy or when the temperature in the shade is less than 10°C. Surfaces which are to receive emulsion primer should be damp, but no free or standing water shall be present.

502.4. Construction

502.4.1. Equipment: The primer distributor shall be a self-propelled or towed bitumen pressure sprayer equipped for spraying the material uniformly at specified rates and temperatures. Hand spraying of small areas, inaccessible to the distributor or in narrow strips shall be sprayed with a pressure hand sprayer or as directed by the Engineer.

502.4.2. Preparation of road surface: The surface to be primed shall be prepared in accordance with Clauses 501.8 and 902 as appropriate. Immediately prior to applying the primer the surface shall be carefully swept clean of dust and loose particles, care being taken not to disturb the interlocked aggregate. This is best achieved when the surface layer is slightly moist (lightly sprayed with water and the surface allowed to dry) and the surface should be kept moist until the primer is applied.

502.4.3. Application of bituminous primer : The viscosity and rate of application of the primer shall be as specified in the Contract, or as determined by site trials carried out as directed by the Engineer. Where a geosynthetic is proposed for use, the requirements of Clauses 703.3.2 and 703.4 shall apply. The bituminous primer shall be sprayed uniformly in accordance with Clause 501. The method for application of the primer will depend on the type of equipment to be used, size of nozzles, pressure at the spray bar and speed of forward movement. The Contractor shall demonstrate at a spraying trial, that the equipment and method to be used is capable of producing a uniform spray, within the tolerances specified.

502.4.4. Curing of primer and opening to traffic: A primed surface shall be allowed to cure for at least 24 hours or such other period as is found to be necessary to allow all the volatiles to evaporate before any subsequent surface treatment or mix is laid. Any unabsorbed primer shall first be blotted with an application of sand, using the minimum quantity possible. A primed surface shall not be opened to traffic other than that necessary to lay the next course. A very thin layer of clean sand may be applied to the surface of the primer, to prevent the primer picking up under the wheels of the paver and the trucks delivering bituminous material to the paver.

502.4.5. Tack coat: Over the primed surface, a tack coat should be applied in accordance with Clause 503.

502.5. Quality Control of Work

For control of the quality of materials supplied and the works carried out, the relevant provisions of Section 900 shall apply.

502.6. Arrangements for Traffic

During construction operations, arrangements for traffic shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Clause 112.

502.7. Measurement for Payment

Prime coat shall be measured in terms of surface area of application in Square metres.

502.8. Rate

The contract unit rate for prime coat with adjustments as described in Clause 502.7 shall be payment in full for carrying out the required operations including full compensation for all components listed in Clause 401.8 (i) to (v) and as applicable to the work specified in these Specifications. Payment shall be made on the basis of the provision of prime coat at an application rate of 7.50 kg per 10 square meter, with adjustment, plus or minus, for the variation between this amount and the actual amount approved by the Engineer after the preliminary trials referred to in Clause 502.4.3.

- Item No 11 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. CLEARING AND GRUBING

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 etc. to an average depth of 150mm in thickness, 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 with all load and lift. 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 cost, 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 (as per Page No. 77 in MORTH specification booklet). 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 (as per Page No. 78 in MORTH specification booklet).

201.3. Methods, Tools and Equipments

Only such methods, tools and equipment as are approved by the Engineer and which will not affect any 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 these fall 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. All branches of trees extending above the roadway shall be 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 taken over and shall be disposed of by the Contractor at suitable disposal sites with all lead and lift. The disposal shall be in accordance with local, State and Central regulations.

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. Cutting of trees upto 300mm in girth and removal of their stumps, including removal of stumps upto 300mm in girth left over after trees have been cut by any other agency and trimming of branches of trees extending above the roadway and back filling to the required compaction shall be considered incidental to the clearing and grubbing operations. Clearing and grubbing of borrow areas 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.

Ground levels shall be taken prior to and after clearing and grubbing. Levels taken prior to clearing and grubbing shall be the base level and will be accordingly used for assessing the depth of clearing and grubbing and computation of quantity of any unsuitable material which is required to be removed. The levels taken subsequent to clearing and grubbing shall be the base level for computation of earthwork for embankment.

Cutting of trees, excluding removal of stumps and roots of trees of girth above 300 mm shall be measured in terms of number according to the girth sizes given below:-

- i) Above 300 mm to 600 mm
- ii) Above 600 mm to 900 mm
- iii) Above 900 mm to 1800 mm
- iv) Above 1800 mm

Removal of stumps and roots including back filling with suitable material to required compaction shall be a separate item and shall be measured in terms of number according to the sizes given below:-

- i) Above 300 mm to 600 mm
- ii) Above 600 mm to 900 mm
- iii) Above 900 mm to 1800 mm
- iv) Above 1800 mm

For this purpose of cutting of trees and removal of roots and stumps, the girth shall be measured at a height of 1 metre above ground or at the top of the stump if the height of the stump is less than one metre from the ground.

201.6. Rates

206.6.1 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 300mm girth excavation and back-filling to required density, where necessary and handling, giving credit towards salvage value disposing of the cleared materials with all lifts and leads. Clearing and grubbing done in excess of 150 mm by the Contractor shall be made good by the Contractor at his own cost as per Clause 301.3.3 to the satisfaction of the Engineer prior to taking up earthwork. Where clearing and grubbing is to be done to a level beyond 150 mm, due to site considerations, as directed by the Engineer, the extra quantity shall be measured and paid separately.

201.6.2 The Contract unit rate for cutting trees of girth above 300 mm shall include handling, giving credit towards salvage value disposing of the cleared materials with all lifts and leads.

201.6.3 The Contract unit rate for removal of stumps and roots of trees girth above 300 mm shall include excavation and backfilling with suitable material to required compaction, handling, giving credit towards salvage value disposing of the cleared materials with all lifts and leads.

201.6.4 The Contract unit rate is deemed to include credit towards value of usable materials, salvage value of unusable material and off-set price of cut trees and stumps belonging to the forest Department. The off-set price of cut trees and stumps belonging to the Forest Department shall be deducted from the amount due to the Contractor and deposited with the State Forest Department. In case the cut trees and stumps are required to be deposited with the Forest Department the Contractor shall do so and no deduction towards the off-set price shall be effected. The offset price shall be as per guidelines I estimates of the state Forest Department.

201.6.5 Where a Contract does not include separate items of clearing and grubbing, the same shall be considered incidental to the earthwork items and the Contract unit prices for the same shall be considered as including clearing and grubbing operations.

Item No 12 Box cutting the road surface to proper slope and camber for making a base for excavated stuff and depositing on the road side slope as directed upto all .

The sub grade / sub base / base to receive the water bound macadam course shall be prepared to the specified grade and camber and made of dust and other extraneous materials. Any nets of soft places shall be corrected in on approved manner and rolled until firm.

Cutting shall be paid on cross section area as established by the longitudinal level and cross sections for this purpose. The work shall be started after the initial longitudinal section of the ground and cross sections are taken and recorded.

The final surface shall confirm to proper profile, camber and super elevation etc. as directed by the Engineer. The earthwork shall be paid on sectional measurements, cross sectional etc. taken.

No allowance or payments shall be made for materials excavated prior to the taking of level by the Engineer.

The rate is inclusive of cutting in all soil and murrum including removal of all shrubs, jungle cutting, cutting stuff in slopes, side drain bank etc. complete.

This item also includes the clearing the sides and demarking the line as per requirement and cutting out the existing tress on the road side, not extra payment will be paid for.

At the time of preparing final bill, the road formation in embankment and cutting shall have be perfect condition true to grade, camber and side slope duly dressed and damages due to rain cuts etc. during entire working period shall have to be done by the contractor.

The work taken in length shall be completed in all respects viz. width, grades, camber, side drains, side slopes etc. and measurements for incomplete work shall not be taken otherwise.

1.0 Mode of Measurement & Payment :

The unit rate box cutting shall include the cost of all materials, tools and plant required for excavation in all type of soils in grade and camber, line and levels and finishing as per direction of the Engineer-in-charge, excavation and all other incidental expenses for producing item of box cutting of specified breadth and depth and grade to complete the item or its components as shown on the drawings and according to these specifications.

The box cutting shall be measured for its cross section area and compacting volumes in cubic metres by the method of average areas.

The rate will be made on Sqm.

- Item No 13 Earth work for embankment including breaking clods, dressing with all lead and lift including watering, rolling and consolidation of sub grade in layers at O.M.C to required dry density including filling the depression which occur during the process using vibratory roller 8 to 10 Tonne From Borrow area with in all Lead**

305 EMBANKMENT CONSTRUCTION

305.1 General:

305.1.1 Description:

These Specifications shall apply to the construction of embankments including sub grades, earthen shoulders and miscellaneous backfills with approved materials obtained from roadway and drain excavation, borrow pits or other sources. All embankments, sub grades, earthen shoulders and miscellaneous backfills shall be constructed 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.

305.2 Materials and General Requirements.

305.2.1 Physical requirements :

- 305.2.1.1** The materials used in embankments, sub grades, earthen shoulders and miscellaneous backfills shall be soil, murrum, gravel, a mixture of these or any other material approved by the Engineer. Such materials shall be free of logs, stumps, roots, rubbish or any other ingredient likely to deteriorate or affect the stability of the embankment sub grade.

The following types of material shall be considered unsuitable for embankment:

- a) Materials from swamps, marshes and bogs;
- b) Peat, log, stump and perishable material; and soil that classifies as OL, OI, OH or Pt in accordance with IS:1498;
- c) Materials susceptible to spontaneous combustion;
- d) Materials in a frozen condition;
- e) Clay having liquid limit exceeding 50 and plasticity index exceeding 25; and
- f) Materials with salts resulting in leaching in the embankment.

- 305.2.1.2** Expansive clay exhibiting marked swell and shrinkage, properties ("free swelling index" exceeding 50 percent when tested as per IS:2720-Part 40) shall not be used as a fill material. Where an expansive clay with acceptable "free swelling index" value is used as a fill material, sub grade and top 500mm portion of the embankment just below sub grade shall be non-expansive in nature.

- 305.2.1.3** Any fill material with a soluble sulphate content exceeding 1.9 grams of sulphate (expressed as SO_3) per liter when tested in accordance with BS:1377 Part-3, but using a 2:1 water-soil ratio shall not be deposited within 500 mm or other distance described in the Contract), permanent works constructed out of concrete, cement bound materials or other cementations

materials.

Materials with a total sulphate content (expressed as SO_3) exceeding 0.5 per cent by mass, when tested in accordance with BS: 1377, Part 3 shall not be deposited within 500 mm or other distances described in the contract, of metallic items forming part of the Permanent Works.

305.2.1.4 The size of the coarse material in the mixture of earth shall ordinarily not exceed 75mm when being placed in the embankment and 50 mm when placed in the sub grade. However, the Engineer may at his discretion permit the use of material coarser than this also if he is satisfied that the same will not present any difficulty as regards the placement of fill material and its compaction to the requirements of these specifications. The maximum particle size shall not be more than two-thirds of the compacted layer thickness.

305.2.1.5 Ordinarily, only the materials satisfying the density requirements given in Table 300-1 shall be employed for the construction of the embankment and the sub grade.

TABLE 300-1. DENSITY REQUIREMENTS OF EMBANKMENT AND SUBGRADE MATERIALS

S.No.	Type of work	Maximum laboratory dry unit weight when tested as per IS:2720(Part 8)
1.	Embankments upto 3 metres height, not extensive flooding.	Not less than 15.2 kN/cu.m. subjected to
2.	Embankments exceeding 3 metres height or embankments of any height subject to long periods of inundation.	Not less than 16.0 kN/cu.m.
3.	Sub grade and earthen shoulders/	Not less than 17.5 kN/cu.m. Verges/backfill

Notes: (1) This Table is not applicable for lightweight fill materials e.g. cinder, fly ash etc.

(2) The materials to be used in sub grade shall be non-expensive and shall satisfy design CBR at the specified dry density and moisture content. In case the available materials fail to meet the requirement of CBR, use of stabilization methods in accordance with Clause 403 and 404 or by any stabilization method approved by the Engineer shall be followed.

305.2.1.6 The materials to be used in sub grade shall conform to the design CBR value at the specified dry density and moisture content of the test specimen. In case the available materials fails to meet the requirement of CBR, use of stabilization methods in accordance with Clause 403 and 404 or by any stabilization method approved by the Engineer or by the IRC Association Committee shall be followed.

305.2.1.7 The materials to be used in high embankment construction shall satisfy the specified requirements of strength parameters.

305.2.2 General Requirements:

305.2.2.1 The materials for embankment shall be obtained from approved sources with

preference given to materials becoming available from nearby roadway excavation or any other excavation under the same Contract.

The work shall be so planned and executed that the best available materials are saved for the sub grade and the embankment portion just below the sub grade.

305.2.2.2 Borrow materials:

The arrangement for the source of supply of the materials for embankment and sub grade and compliance with the guidelines, and environmental requirements, in respect of excavation and borrow areas as stipulated, from time to time by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India and the local bodies, as applicable, shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

Borrow pits along the road shall be discouraged. If permitted by the Engineer, these shall not be dug continuously. Ridges of not less than 8 m width should be left at intervals not exceeding 300m. Small drains shall be cut through the ridges to facilitate drainage. The depth of the pits shall be so regulated that their bottom does not cut an imaginary line having a slope of 1 vertical to 4 horizontal projected from the edge of the final section of the bank, the maximum depth in any case being limited to 1.5 m. Also, no pit shall be dug within the offset width of a minimum of 10 m.

Haulage of material to embankments or other areas of fill shall proceed only when sufficient spreading and compaction plant is operating at the place of deposition.

Where the excavation reveals a combination of acceptable and unacceptable materials, the Contractor shall, unless otherwise agreed by the Engineer, carry out the excavation in such a manner that the acceptable materials are excavated separately for use in the permanent works without contamination by the unacceptable materials. The acceptable materials shall be stockpiled separately.

The Contractor shall ensure that he does not adversely affect the stability of excavation or fills by the methods of stockpiling materials, use of plants or sitting of temporary buildings or structures.

305.2.2.3 Fly-Ash

User of fly-ash shall conform to the Ministry of Environment and Forest guidelines. Where fly-ash is used the embankment construction shall conform to the physical and chemical properties and requirements of IRC:SP:38-2001, "Guidelines for Use of Flyash in Road Construction". The term fly-ash shall cover all types of coal ash such as ponds ash, bottom ash or mound ash.

Embankment constructed out of fly ash shall be properly designed to ensure stability and protection against erosion in accordance with IRC guidelines. A suitable thick cover may

preferably be provided at intervening layers of pond as for this purpose. A thick soil cover shall bind the edge of the embankment to protect it against erosion. Minimum thickness of such soil cover shall be 500mm.

305.2.2.4 Compaction Requirements

The Contractor shall obtain representative samples from each of the identified borrow areas and have these tested at the site laboratory following a testing programme approved by the Engineer. It shall be ensured that the sub grade material when compacted to the density requirements as in Table 300-2 shall yield the design CBR value of the sub grade.

TABLE 300-2. COMPACTION REQUIREMENTS FOR EMBANKMENT AND SUBGRADE.

Type of work/material		Relative compaction as percentage of max. laboratory dry density as per IS:2720 (Part 8)
1.	Sub grade and earthen shoulders	Not less than 97%
2.	Embankment	Not less than 95%
3.	Expansive Clays	
	a) Sub grade and 500mm. portion Just below the sub grade.	Not allowed.
	b) Remaining portion of embankment	Not less than 90-95%

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

- i) The values of maximum dry density and optimum content obtained in accordance with IS:2720 (Part 8), appropriate for each of the fill materials he intends to use.
 - (ii) A graph of density plotted against moisture content from which each of the values in (i) above of maximum dry density and optimum moisture content were determined.
- The maximum dry density and optimum moisture content approved by the Engineer, it shall form the basis for compaction.

305.3 Construction Operations :

305.3.1 Setting Out

After the site has been cleared to Clause 201, the work shall be set out to Clause

- 301.3.1. The limits of embankment/sub grade shall be marked by fixing batter pegs on both sides at regular intervals as guides before commencing the earthwork. The embankment/sub grade shall be built sufficiently wider than the design dimension so that surplus material may be trimmed, ensuring that the remaining material is to be desired density and the position specified and conforms to the specified side slopes.

305.3.2 Dewatering

If the foundation of the embankment is in an area with stagnant water, and in the opinion of the Engineer it is feasible to remove it, the same shall be removed by bailing out or pumping, as directed by the Engineer and the area of the embankment foundation shall be kept dry. Care shall be taken to discharge the drained water so as not to cause damage to the works, crops or any other property. Due to any negligence on the part of the Contractor, if any such damage is caused, it shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor to repair./restore it to original condition or compensate the damage at his own cost.

If the embankment is to be constructed under water, Clause 305.4.6 shall apply.

305.3.3 Stripping and Storing topsoil

In localities where most of the available embankment materials are not conducive to plant growth, or when so directed by the Engineer, the topsoil from all areas of cutting and from all areas to be covered by embankment foundation shall be stripped to specified depths not exceeding 150 mm and stored in stockpiles of height not exceeding 2 m for covering embankment slopes, cut slopes and other disturbed areas where re-vegetation is desired. Topsoil shall not be unnecessarily trafficked either before stripping or when in a stockpile. Stockpiles shall not be surcharged or otherwise loaded and multiple handling shall be kept to a minimum.

305.3.4 Compacting ground supporting embankment/Sub grade:

Where necessary, the original ground shall be leveled to facilitate placement of first layer of embankment, scarified, mixed with water and then compacted by rolling in accordance with Clause 305.3.5 and 305.3.6 so as to achieve minimum dry density as given in Table 300-2.

In case where the difference between the sub grade level (top of the sub grade on which pavement rests) and ground level is less than 0.5 m and the ground does not have 97 per cent relative compaction with respect to the dry density as given in Table 300-2, the ground shall be loosened up to a level 0.5m below the sub grade level, watered and compacted in layers in accordance with Clauses 305.3.5 and 305.3.6 to achieve dry density not less than 97 percent relative compaction as given in Table 300-2.

Where so directed by the Engineer, any unsuitable material occurring in the embankment foundation (500mm portion just below the sub-grade) shall be removed and replaced by approved materials laid in layers to the required degree of compaction.

Any foundation treatment specified for embankments especially high embankments, resting on suspect foundations as revealed by borehole logs shall be carried out in a manner and to the depth as desired by the Engineer. Where the ground on which an embankment is to be built has any of the material types (a) to (f) in Clause 305.2.1, atleast 500 mm of such material must be removed and replaced by acceptable fill material before embankment construction commences.

305.3.5 Spreading material in layers and bringing to appropriate moisture content

305.3.5.1 The embankment and sub grade material shall be spread in layers of uniform thickness in the entire width with a motor grader. The compacted thickness of each layer shall not be more than 250mm when vibratory roller / vibratory soil compactor is used and not more than 200 mm when 80-100 kN static roller is used. The motor grader blade shall have hydraulic control suitable for initial adjustment and maintain the same so as to achieve the specific slope and grade. Successive layers shall not be placed until the layer under construction has been thoroughly compacted to the specified requirements as in Table 300-2 and got approved by the Engineer. Each compacted layer shall be finished parallel to the final cross-section of the embankment.

305.3.5.2 Moisture content of the material shall be checked at the site of placement prior to commencement of compaction; if found to be out of agreed limits, the same shall be made good. Where water is required to be added in such constructions, water shall be sprinkled from a water tanker fitted with sprinkler capable of applying water uniformly with a controllable rate of flow to variable widths of surface but without any flooding. The water shall be added uniformly and thoroughly mixed in soil by balding, dicing or barrowing until a uniform moisture content is obtained throughout the depth of the layer.

If the material delivered to the roadbed is too wet, it shall be dried, by aeration and exposure to the sun, till the moisture content is acceptable for compaction. Should circumstances arise, where owing to wet weather, the moisture content can not be reduced to the required amount by the above procedure, compaction work shall be suspended.

Moisture content of each layer of soil shall be checked in accordance with IS:2720 (Part 2), and unless otherwise mentioned, shall be so adjusted, making due allowance for evaporation losses, that at the time of compaction it is in the range of 1 per cent above to 2 per cent below the optimum moisture content determined in accordance with IS:2720 (Part 8) as the case may be. Expansive clays shall, however, be compacted at moisture content corresponding to the specified dry density, but on the wet side of the optimum moisture content obtained from the laboratory compaction curve.

After adding the required amount of water, the soil shall be processed by means of graders, harrows, rotary mixers or as otherwise approved by the Engineer until the layer is uniformly wet.

Clods or hard lumps of earth shall be broken to have a maximum size of 75 mm when being placed in the embankment and a maximum size of 50 mm when being placed in the sub grade.

305.3.5.3 Embankment and other areas of fill shall, unless otherwise required in the Contract or permitted by the Engineer, be constructed evenly over their full width and their fullest possible extent and the Contractor shall control and direct construction plant and other vehicular traffic

uniformly over them. Damage by construction plant and other vehicular traffic shall be made good by the Contractor with material having the same characteristics and strength as the material had before it was damaged.

Embankments and other areas of unsupported fills shall not be constructed with steeper side slopes, or to greater widths than those shown in the Contract, except to permit adequate compaction at the edges before trimming back, or to obtain the final profile following any settlement of the fill and the underlying material.

Whenever fill is to be deposited against the face of a natural slope, or sloping earthworks face including embankments, cutting, another fills and excavations steeper than 1 vertical on 4 horizontal, such faces shall be benched as per Clause 305.4.1 immediately before placing the subsequent fill.

All permanent faces of side slopes of embankments and other areas of fill formed shall, subsequent to any trimming operations, be reworked and sealed to the satisfaction of the Engineer by tracking a tracked vehicle, considered suitable by the Engineer, on the slope or any other method approved by the Engineer.

305.3.6 Compaction

Only the compaction equipment approved by the Engineer shall be employed to compact the different material types encountered during construction. Static three wheeled roller, self propelled single drum vibratory roller, tandem vibratory roller, pneumatic type roller, pad foot roller etc. of suitable size and capacity as approved by the Engineer shall be used for the different types and grades of materials required to be compacted either individually or in suitable combinations.

The compaction shall be done with the help of self propelled single drum vibratory roller or pad foot vibratory roller of 80 to 100 kN static weight or heavy pneumatic type roller of adequate capacity capable of achieving the required compaction. The contractor shall demonstrate the efficacy of the equipment he intends to use by carrying out compaction trails. The procedure to be adopted for these site trials shall 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.

Each layer of the material shall be thoroughly compacted to the densities specified in Table 300-2. Subsequent layers shall be placed only after the finished layer 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 embankments / 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 using appropriate mechanical means such as light weight vibratory roller, double drum walk behind roller, vibratory plate compactor, trench compactor or vibratory tamper to the density requirements and satisfaction of the Engineer.

305.3.7 Drainage

The surface of the embankment/subgrade at all times during construction shall be maintained at such a cross fall (not flatter than that required for effective drainage of an earthen surface) as will shed water and prevent ponding.

305.3.8 Repairing of damages caused by rain/spillage of water :

The soil in the affected portion shall be removed in such areas as directed by the Engineer before next layer is laid and refilled in layers and compacted using appropriate mechanical means such as small vibratory roller, plate compactor or power rammer to achieve the required density in accordance with Clause 305.3.6 If the cut is not sufficiently wide for use of required mechanical means for compaction, the same shall be widened suitably to permit their use for proper compaction. Tests shall be carried out as directed by the Engineer to ascertain the density requirements of the repaired area. The work of repairing the damages including widening of the cut, if any, shall be carried out by the Contractor at his own cost, including the arranging of machinery/equipment for the purpose.

305.3.9 Finishing operations:

Finishing operations shall include the work of shaping and dressing the shoulders/verge/roadbed and side slopes to conform to the alignment, levels, cross sections and dimensions shown on the drawings or as directed by the Engineer subject to the surface tolerance described in Clause 902. Both the upper and lower ends of the side slopes shall be rounded off to improve appearance and to merge the embankment with the adjacent terrain.

The topsoil, removed and conserved earlier (Clause 301.3.2 and 305.3.3) shall be spread over the fill slopes as per directions of the Engineer to facilitate the growth of vegetation. Slopes shall be roughened and moisture slightly prior to the application of the topsoil in order to provide satisfactory bond. The depth of the top soil shall be sufficient to sustain plant growth, the usual thickness being from 75 mm to 150 mm.

Where directed, the slopes shall be turfed with sods in accordance with Clause 307. If seeding and mulching of slopes is prescribed, this shall be done to the requirement of Clause 308.

When earthwork operations have been substantially completed, the road area shall be cleared of all debris, and ugly scars in the construction area responsible for objectionable appearance eliminated.

305.4 Construction of Embankment and subgrade under special conditions.

305.4.1 Earthwork for widening existing road embankment :

When an existing embankment and/or subgrade is to be widened and its slopes are steeper than 1 vertical on 4 horizontal , continuous horizontal benches, each at least 300 mm wide, shall be cut into the old slope for ensuring adequate bond with the fresh embankment/subgrade material to be added. The material obtained from cutting of benches could be utilized in the widening of the embankment/subgrade. However when the existing slope against which the fresh material is to be placed is flatter than 1 vertical on 4 horizontal, the slope surface may only be ploughed or scarified instead of resorting to benching.

Where the width of the widened portions is insufficient to permit the use of conventional rollers, compaction shall be carried out with the help of small vibratory rollers/plate compactors/power rammers or any other appropriate equipment approved by the Engineer. End dumping of material from trucks for widening operations shall be avoided except in difficult circumstances when the extra width is too narrow to permit the movement of any other types of hauling equipment.

305.4.2 Earthwork for embankment and subgrade to be placed against sloping ground

Where an embankment /subgrade is to be placed against sloping ground, the latter shall be appropriately benched or ploughed/scarified as required in Clause 305.4.1 before placing the embankment/subgrade material. Extra earthwork involved in benching or due to ploughing/scarifying etc. shall be considered incidental to the work.

For wet conditions, benches with slightly inward fall and subsoil drains at the lowest point shall be provided as per the drawings, before the fill is placed against sloping ground.

Where the contract requires construction of transverse subsurface drain at the cut-fill interface, work on the same shall be carried out to Clause 309 in proper sequence with the embankment and subgrade work as approved by the Engineer.

305.4.3 Earthwork over existing road surface:-

Where the embankment is to be placed over an existing road surface, the work shall be carried out as indicated below:-

- i) If the existing road surface is of granular or bituminous type and lies within 1 m of the new formation levels, it shall be scarified to a depth of 50mm or as directed so as to provide ample