

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

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# SPECIFICATIONS

## SECTION: 1 GENERAL AND MATERIAL

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#### GENERAL

##### **1.0 Employer's Drawings:**

- 1.1. The drawings listed in the Tender document are the Employer's conceptual drawings and are to be got approved prior to start of the works with actual site conditions & level in consultation with EIC.

##### **2.0 Drawing Sheet Format:**

- 2.1. All drawings provided by the Contractor shall be on standard size sheets, prepared on computer with AutoCAD and shall show the following particulars in a title block located in the lower right hand corner, in addition to the name of Contractor and equipment manufacturer, date, scale, drawing number, revision number (R0 for drawings submitted initially, R1, R2, etc. for drawings submitted subsequently) and title.

- Executive Engineer, P.H. Works Division...

- Project name: -

A blank space of 90 mm x 100 mm shall be provided for the Engineer's approval stamp and provision shall be made for details of revisions to be recorded.

- 2.2. All drawings submitted by the Tenderer/Contractor shall use the English language and SI units. All drawings shall be clearly and fully cross-referenced to the other drawings as relevant.

##### **3.0 Tender / Contract Drawings:**

- 3.1. Drawings submitted by the Tenderer shall show all the essential items of the Plant offered together with sufficient details to enable the general arrangement of the Plant to be determined.

- 3.2. The drawings and documents to be provided by the Tenderer / Contractor shall be as per the schedules of price but shall not be limited to those listed:

##### **4.0 Submissions and Approval of Drawings:**

- 4.1. The following shall be the procedure for submission and approval of drawings:

- 4.1.1. The Contractor shall submit 4 copies of the drawings to the Employer. All the drawings are to be signed by the Contractor or his authorized representatives

- 4.1.2. The Engineer's Representative will review the drawings and, if found fit for approval, the Employer will return 2 copies to the Contractor duly approved.

- 4.1.3. In case the drawings/documents are not fit for approval but worth for review, the Engineer's Representative will mark the comments on the drawings and return 2 copies to the Contractor. In such case, the Contractor shall resubmit the revised drawings within two weeks as per sub-clause 4.1.1 above and the same shall be repeated till the drawings are finally approved as per sub-clause 4.1.2 above.

- 4.1.4. If the submitted drawings/documents are not worth for review, the Contractor will be informed accordingly.

- 4.1.5. On receipt of the approved drawings as per sub-clause 4.1.2 above, the Contractor shall submit floppy and documents to the employer.

- 4.1.6. After tests on completion, the Contractor shall submit, within 15 days of the conclusion of the tests, floppies of the "As Built Drawings" to the Employer.

- 4.1.7. When the drawings are received by the Engineer's Representative after revision by the Contractor, he will only review the revision made and hence the Contractor shall carefully identify all the revised details / dimensions and also describe the revisions in the revision block.

- 4.1.8 No drawings, with corrections made after taking the prints, will be accepted.
- 4.1.9 Approval of drawings by the Engineer shall not relieve the Contractor of his responsibility in terms of the Contract.
- 5.0 Delivery, Unloading and Storing at Site:**
- 5.1. The Contractor shall be responsible for checking all materials delivered to Site and shall keep the Engineer's Representative fully informed of the state of deliveries. The Contractor shall carry out, at his cost, all instructions of Engineer or his Representative for proper unloading, preservation, maintenance, storage and security of materials delivered to Site until he fulfills all his obligations under the Contract.
- 5.2. The Contractor shall erect and maintain on the Site any temporary storage facility as required and approved by the Engineer.
- 5.3. Multiple handling and movement of materials during storage and retrieval shall be avoided.
- 6.0 Spare Parts:**
- 6.1. Spare Parts required after the taking over the Plant shall be filled up by the bidder in the price schedule.
- 6.2. Spares during pre-commissioning trials, commissioning tests/maintenance, guarantee etc. shall be provided by the Contractor. The necessary spares shall be brought by the Contractor prior to the pre-commissioning test so as to avoid the downtime of equipment due to non-availability of them. All these spares have to be provided as required, by Contractor free of cost.
- 6.3. All spare parts shall be new, unused and strictly interchangeable with the parts for which they are intended to be replacements and shall be treated and packed for long storage under the climatic conditions prevailing at the Site. Each spare part shall be clearly marked or labeled on the outside of its packing with its description, number and purpose. When more than one spare is packed in a single case or other container, a general description of its contents shall be shown on the outside of such case or container and a detailed list enclosed. All cases, containers and other packages shall be marked and numbered in an approved manner for the purpose of identification. Spares shall be delivered to Site after the completion of erection but before start of commissioning of Plant along with technical leaflets and details. Spare parts shall be indicated in the assembly drawing showing clearly the part numbers.
- 6.4. All cases, containers or other packages are liable to be opened for such examination as the Engineer's Representative may require and packing shall be designed to facilitate opening and thereafter re-packing. In the event of some specific spares offered in the Contract being withdrawn from manufacture owing to changes in design of equipment or similar reasons viz., model being obsolete etc., the Contractor shall inform the Employer before such withdrawal so that the Employer can take timely alternative steps.
- 7.0 Tools:**
- 7.1. Tools shall be delivered to site just prior to Tests on Completion.
- 7.2. The specified tools shall not be used for the erection of the Plant being supplied and except that the Engineer may call upon the Contractor to demonstrate their use or effectiveness, they must be handed over to the Employer in a completely new and unused condition. Should the Contractor require any such tools at site for erection, he shall provide his own.  
The test equipment shall include special purpose items essential to the testing or re-calibration of related items of Facilities.

## **MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP:**

- 1.0 Introduction:**
- 1.1 This part of the Specification sets out the general standards of materials to be supplied and the workmanship required to be ensured by the Contractor. All

component parts of the Works shall, unless otherwise specified, comply with the provisions of employer's requirement or be subject to the approval of the Employer.

Particular attention shall be paid to a neat, orderly and well-arranged installation carried out in a methodical competent manner.

## **2.0 Reference Specifications and Standards:**

- 2.1 Where reference is made in the Specification to a British Standard Specification (hereinafter abbreviated to 'B.S') issued by the British Standards Institution of 2, Park street, London W.1., or to an Indian Standard Specification (I.S.) issued by the Bureau of Indian Standards, (earlier known as Indian Standard Institution), ManakBhavan, 9 Bahadur shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi 110 002, or American Society for Testing and materials (ASTM) issued by ASTM 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, P.A., 19103, U.S.A. or American national Standards Institute (ANSI) issued by ANSI 1430, Broadway, New York, N.Y., 10018, U.S.A. or Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS) issued by Japanese Standards Association, 4-1-24, Alaska, Minato-Ku, Tokyo 107, Japan or to any other equivalent Standard it shall be to the latest revision of that Standard on the Tender opening date.
- 2.2 The Contractor may propose at no extra cost to the Employer, the use of any relevant authoritative internationally recognized Reference Standard.
- 2.3 All details, materials and utensils supplied and workmanship performed shall comply with the specified Standards. If Tenderer offers equipment to other Standards, the equipment/material should be equal or superior to those specified and full details of the difference shall be supplied.
- 2.4 In the event of conflict between this Specification and the Codes for equipment, provisions of this Specification shall govern. Certain specifications issued by national or other widely recognized bodies are referred to in this Specification. In referring to the Standard Specifications the following abbreviations are used:

IS:	Indian Standard
ANSI:	American National Standards Institute
API:	American Petroleum Institute
ASME:	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ASTM:	American Society of Testing and Materials
AWS:	American Welding Society
AWWA:	American Water Works Association
ISO:	International Organization for Standardization
DIN:	Deutsches Institute fur Normung
BS:	British Standard
IEC:	International Electro technical Commission
IEE:	Institution of Electrical Engineers
IEEE:	Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
NEMA:	National Electrical Manufacturers Association
AGMA:	American Gear Manufacturer's Association

## **3.0 Materials - General:**

- 3.1 All materials incorporated in the Works shall be the most suitable for the duty concerned and shall be new and of reputed make/approved quality, free from imperfections and selected for long life and minimum maintenance. Non-destructive tests, if called for in the Specification, shall be carried out. All submerged moving parts of the Plant, or shafts and spindles or faces etc. in contact with them shall be of corrosion resistant materials. All parts in direct contact with various chemicals, shall be completely resistant to corrosion, or abrasion by these chemicals, and shall

maintain their properties without aging due to the passages of time, exposure to light or any other cause.

**4.0 Workmanship - General:**

4.1 Workmanship and general finish shall be of first-class quality and in accordance with best workshop practice.

4.2 All similar items of the Plant and their component parts shall be completely interchangeable. Spare parts shall be manufactured from the same materials as the originals and shall fit all similar items.

4.3 All parts, which can be worn or damaged by dust, shall be totally enclosed in dust proof housings. All materials incorporated in the Works shall be the most suitable for the duty concerned, free from imperfections and selected for long life and minimum maintenance. All necessary accessories required for satisfactory and safe operation of the Plant shall be supplied by the Contractor unless it is specifically excluded from his scope. Suitable provision by means of eyebolts or other means are to be provided to facilitate handling of all items that are too heavy or bulky for lifting and carrying by two men.

**5.0 Welding:**

5.1 Welding shall comply with the latest revision of the BS 5135 Code.

5.2 Welders shall be qualified in accordance with the requirement of the appropriate section of BS 4871. The Engineer shall have the right to call for further qualification from time to time from any welder who in the opinion of the Engineer does not produce weld in accordance with the qualification. Each welder shall be assigned a number and letter. Each welding elements shall clearly be identified as to its welder marking the welder's Code adjacent to the welds. A record chart shall be maintained for each welder showing the procedures, for which he has qualified, the date of such qualification, the type of defects produced and their frequency. The Engineer shall disqualify the welder whose Work requires a disproportionate amount of repairs. All procedures where required shall be qualified as per BS EN 283-3.

5.3 Inspection and quality of surveillance shall not be limited to the examination of finished welds. The techniques employed shall be based on methods which are known to produce good results and which have been verified at Site by actual demonstration.

5.4 Haphazard striking of the electrodes for establishing an arc shall not be permitted. The arc shall be struck either on the joint or on a starting tag. The starting tag shall be of the same material or a material compatible with the base metal being welded. In case of any inadvertent strike on place other than the welding, the area affected shall be ground flushed and examined by liquid penetration method.

5.5 Generally, a stringer bead technique shall be used with a slight oscillation of necessary to avoid slag and to minimize the number of beads needed to fill exceed 3 times the wire diameter. Vertical welds shall be made in upward direction. For all pipes above 300 mm dia., welding shall be done whenever possible, by 2 welders working simultaneously along both sides of the pipe.

5.6 The root pass shall have less than 1.5 mm internal reinforcement. Defects like icicles, burn through and excessive "such back", etc. shall be cause for rejection of welds.

5.7 Final welds shall be suitable for appropriate fabrication of the non-destructive examination of the weld. If grinding is necessary, the weld shall be blended into the parent metal without gouging or thinning of the parent metal in any way. Uneven and excessive grinding may be a cause for rejection. Fillet weld shall preferably be convex and free from undercutting and overlap at the toe of weld. Convexity and concavity shall not exceed 1.5 mm. The leg lengths shall not exceed the specified size by more than 1.5 mm.

- 5.8 All attachments such as lugs, brackets and other non-pressure parts shall also be done by qualified welders in accordance with the design details and materials specifications. Temporary attachments shall be removed in a manner that will not damage the parent metal. Areas of temporary attachments shall be dressed smooth and examined by ultrasonic or liquid penetration methods.
- 5.9 All tack welds shall be made using qualified procedure and welders, the number of sizes of tack welds shall be kept as small as to consist of adequate strength and joint alignments. All tack welds shall be examined visually for defects and if found defective shall be completely removed. As welding proceeds, tack welds shall be either removed completely or shall be properly prepared by grinding or filling their starting ends so that they may be satisfactorily incorporated in the welds. Unacceptable defects shall be removed by grinding machine or chipping or gouge. Flame gouging may be permitted provided gouged surfaces are ground at least by 1.0 mm below the deepest indentation.
- 5.10 All weld repairs shall be carried out using the approved welding procedures and welders. Re-welded areas shall be re-examined by the methods specified for the original welds and the Engineer's Representative shall duly qualify repair procedures.
- 6.0 Pre-heating and Post-Heating Treatment:**
- 6.1 Pre-heating and post heating treatment shall conform to the relevant application Codes. Pre-heating not exceeding 121 deg. C for all carbon steel construction above 25 mm thickness would be mandatory. Such pre-heating would be maintained during flame cutting, flame or arc gouging, welding and repairs and may be done by gas heating by gas torches/gas rings with neutral flame. The temperature shall be checked by temperature indicating crayons. However, such pre-heating will not be necessary for welds less than 6 mm size. In large diameter pipe fabricated out of plate materials, production control test plates in accordance with the BS 4870-part 1 Table 6 to represent 30% of the long seams and each welder's performance would be mandatory.
- 7.0 Electrodes:**
- 7.1 All electrodes shall be stored in their original sealed containers under dry conditions. Electrodes shall remain identified until consumed. All electrodes shall be dried before use. Drying ovens shall be provided in Work areas for drying purposes. Electrodes withdrawn from oven shall be promptly used and excess unused electrodes shall be promptly returned to oven.
- 8.0 Examination/NDT/Radiography**
- 8.1 The various stages of examination and types shall be as stipulated in the respective fabrication Codes. Radiographic examination shall be carried out as per provisions of BS 2600 or BS 2910; Ultrasonic tests where called for shall be carried out as per provisions of BS 3926; magnetic particle tests shall be carried out as per BS 6072. Liquid penetration tests shall be carried out as per BS 6443.
- 9.0 Stainless Steel Welding:**
- 9.1 All welding consumable such as electrodes, filler weirs, argon gas for shielding and purging shall be of high quality and the proposed brand shall be furnished for approval of the Engineer. Weld deposits shall have similar or higher physical properties and similar chemical composition to the members joined.
- 9.2 All electrodes shall be purchased in sealed containers only and stored in their packing intact. The packets opened shall be consumed as early as possible. The electrodes removed from the containers shall be kept in holding ovens at temperatures recommended by electrode manufacturer. Special care shall be taken in avoiding mixing of electrodes in the oven. The electrodes and filling wires shall be free from rust, oil, grease, earth and other foreign matter.

- 9.3 Argon gas with purity 99.5% shall be used for shielding and purging. The purity of gas shall be certified by the gas manufacturers.
- 9.4 Non-destructive examination of the welds shall be carried out to ensure quality of weld.
- 9.5 The electric current for welding shall be direct current, straight polarity (electrode negative). The welding current shall be kept minimum possible to ensure minimum heat affected zone in the parent material. Other side of the weld joint shall be periodically flushed with argon gas.

**10.0 Castings:**

- 10.1 Cast iron shall be of standard grey close-grained quality. The structure of the castings shall be homogeneous and free from non-metallic inclusions and other injurious defects. All surfaces of castings, which are not machined, shall be smooth and shall be carefully fettled to remove all foundry irregularities.
- 10.2 Minor defects in depth not exceeding 12.5 percent of total metal thickness and which will not ultimately affect the strength and serviceability of the casting may be repaired by approved welding techniques. The Engineer shall be notified of large defects and no repair welding of such defects shall be carried out without prior approval of the Engineer. If the removal of metal for repair should reduce the stress resisting cross section of the casting by more than 25 percent, or to such an extent that the computed stress in the remaining metal exceeds the allowable stress by more than 25 percent, then casting shall be rejected. Test coupons cast simultaneously with the main castings shall be identified to check physical, chemical analysis of casting. Major defects on casting are not acceptable. Castings repaired by welding for minor defects shall be stress-relieved after such welding. Non-destructive tests as directed by the Engineer will be required for any casting containing defects whose extent cannot otherwise be judged, or to determine where repair welds have been properly made.

**11.0 Forging:**

- 11.1 All major stress-bearing forging shall be made to a Standard Specification. Forging shall be subjected to magnetic particle testing or dye penetration test at the areas of fillets and change in section. The testing shall be conducted after rough machining (10 microns). Any defect, which will not machine out during the final machining, will be gouged out fully, inspected by dye penetration or magnetic particle inspection to ensure that the defect is fully removed and repaired using an approved repair procedure. Any indication, which proves to penetrate deeper than 2.5% of the finished thickness of the component, shall be reported to the Engineer giving the details like location, length, width and depth. For the magnetic particle inspection, the choice of wet or dry particles shall be at the Contractor's discretion.
- 11.2 All forging shall be demagnetized after test and shall be heat-treated for the relief of residual stresses.

**12.0 Design Life:**

- 12.1 The Works as a whole shall be new, of sound workmanship, robustly designed for a long reliable operating life and shall be capable of 24 hours per day continuous operation for prolonged period in the climatic and working conditions prevailing at the Site, and with the minimum of maintenance. Particular attention shall be given to temperature changes, the stability of paint finish for high temperatures, the rating of engines, electrical machinery, thermal overload services, cooling systems and the choice of lubricants for possible high and prolonged operating temperatures. The Contractor shall be called upon to demonstrate this for any component part either by service records, or evidence of similar equipment already installed elsewhere or relevant type tests. Routine maintenance and repair shall as far as possible not requires the services of highly skilled personnel.

- 12.2 The Plant shall be designed to provide easy access to and replacement of component parts, which are subject to wear, without the need to replace whole units. No parts in contact with water shall have a life from new to replacement or repair of less than five years.
- 12.3 Design features shall include the protection of Plant against damage caused by vermin, dirt, dust and dampness and to reduce risk of fire. Plant shall operate without undue vibration, and parts shall be designed to withstand the maximum stresses under the most severe condition of normal service. Materials shall have a high resistance to change in their properties due to the passage of time, exposure to light, temperature and any other cause, which may have a detrimental effect upon the performance or life of the Works.
- 12.4 Plant located outside lockable areas/building shall have additional features to prevent un-authorized operation.

**13.0 Name Plate:**

- 13.1 Each item of the Plant shall have permanently attached to it in a conspicuous position, a nameplate and rating plate. Upon these shall be engraved or stamped, the manufacturer's name, type and serial number of Plant, details of the loading and duty at which the item of Plant has been designed to operate, and such diagrams as may be required by the Engineer. All indicating and operating devices shall have securely attached to them or marked upon them designations as to their function and proper manner of use.
- 13.2 Nameplates, rating plates and labels shall be of a non-flame propagating material, either non-hygroscopic or transparent plastic with engraved lettering of a contrasting colour. Fixing shall be by means of non-corrosive screws; drive rivets or adhesives shall not be used.
- 13.3 Warning labels shall be provided where necessary to warn of dangerous circumstances or substances. Inscriptions or graphic symbols shall be black on a yellow background circumstances or substances. Inscriptions or graphic symbols shall be black on a yellow background.
- 13.4 Instruction labels shall be provided where safety procedures such as wearing of protective clothing are essential to protect personnel from hazardous or potentially hazardous conditions. These labels shall have inscriptions or graphic symbols in white on a blue background.

**14.0 Nuts, Bolts, Studs and Washers:**

- 14.1 Nuts, bolts, studs and washers for incorporation in the Plant shall conform to the requirements of the appropriate standard. Nuts and bolts shall be of the best quality of specified grade, machined on the shank and under the head and nut.
- 14.2 Fitted bolts shall be a light driving fit in the reamed holes they occupy, shall have the screwed portion of such a diameter that it will not be damaged in driving and shall be marked in a conspicuous position to ensure correct assembly at Site.
- 14.3 Washers, locking devices and anti-vibration arrangements shall be provided where necessary Jointing hardware for the entire Plant shall be provided with sufficient spares to cater for site losses.
- 14.4 Where bolts pass through structural members taper washers shall be fitted, where necessary, to ensure that no bending stress is caused in the bolt. Where there is a risk of corrosion, bolts, nuts and studs shall be designed so that the maximum stress does not exceed half the yield stress of the material under any conditions. All bolts, nuts and washers that are subject to frequent adjustment or removal in the course of maintenance and repair shall be made of nickel-bearing stainless steel.
- 14.5 The Contractor shall supply all holding down, alignment and leveling bolts complete with anchorages, nuts, washers and packing required to attach the Plant to its



foundations, and all bed plates, frames and other structural parts necessary to spread the loads transmitted by the Plant to concrete foundations without exceeding the design stresses.

**15.0 Allowances for Wastage:**

- 15.1 The Contractor shall supply reasonable excess quantities to cover wastage of those consumable, which will be normally subject to waste during erection, commissioning and setting to Work.

**16.0 Painting - General:**

- 16.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for the cleaning, preparation for painting, and priming or otherwise protecting, as specified, all parts of the Plant at the place of manufacture prior to packing.
- 16.2 Parts may be cleaned but surface defects may not be filled in before testing at the manufacturer's works. Parts subject to hydraulic test shall be tested before any surface treatment. After test, all surfaces shall be thoroughly cleaned and dried out, if necessary by washing with an approved de-watering fluid prior to surface treatment. Except where the specification provides to the contrary all painting materials shall be applied in strict accordance with the paint manufacturer's instructions.
- 16.3 All protective coatings shall be suitable for use in warm humid climates. All primers, under coats and finishes shall be applied by brush or airless spray, except where otherwise specified. Consecutive coats shall be in distinct but appropriate shades. All paints shall be supplied from the store to the painters, ready for application, and addition of thinners or any other material shall be prohibited.

**17.0 Painting at Place of Manufacture:**

- 17.1 Steel and cast-iron parts shall be sand blasted to near white cleaning before painting. Edges, sharp corners etc. shall be ground to a curve before sand blasting. A primer coat of a zinc rich epoxy resin-based coating with at least 75 microns' dry film thickness is to be provided. In addition, the parts are to be provided with adequate number of coats of coal tar epoxy polyamine coating to a dry film thickness of 175 microns including primer coating.

**18.0 Painting at Site:**

- 18.1 Immediately on arrival at the site, all items of Plant shall be examined for damage to the paint coat applied at the manufacturer's works, and any damaged portions shall be cleaned down to the bare metal, all rust removed, and the paint coat made good with similar paint.
- 18.2 After erection, such items, which are not finish painted, shall be done so and, items that have been finish painted at the manufacturer's works shall be touched up for any damaged paintwork. For finish painting, two coats of synthetic enamel conforming to IS: 2932 shall be applied. Dry film thickness of each coat shall be at least 25 microns.
- 18.3 The dry paint film thickness shall be measured by Electrometer or other instruments approved by the Employer. In order to obtain the dry film thickness specified the Contractor should ensure that the coverage rate given by the paint manufacturer would enable this thickness to be obtained. Strength of adhesion shall be measured with an adhesion tester and this value shall not be less than  $10 \text{ kg/cm}^2$ . Painted fabricated steel work which is to be stored prior to erection shall be kept clear of the ground and shall be laid out or stacked in an orderly manner that will ensure that no water or dirt can accumulate on the surface. Suitable packing shall be laid between the stacked materials. Where cover is provided, it shall be ventilated.

**19.0 Galvanizing:**

- 19.1 Wherever galvanizing has been specified the hot dip process shall be used. The galvanized coating shall be of uniform thickness. Weight of zinc coatings for various applications shall not be less than those indicated below:

- a) Fabricated steel :  
Thickness less than 2 mm but not less than 1.2 mm - 340 gms/sq.m  
Thickness 2 mm and above - 460 gms/sq.m
  - b) Fasteners  
Up to nominal size M10 - 270 gms/sq.m  
Over M10 - 300 gms/sq.m
- 19.2 Galvanizing shall be carried out after all drilling; punching, cutting, bending and welding operations have been carried out. Burrs shall be removed before galvanizing. Any Site modification of galvanized parts should be covered well by zinc rich primer and aluminum paint.
- 20.0 Support for Pipe work & Valves:**
- 20.1. All necessary supports, saddles, sling, fixing bolts & foundation bolts shall be supplied to support the pipe work. Valve and other facilities mounted in the pipe work shall be supported independent of the pipes to which they connect.

### INSPECTION AND TESTING AT MANUFACTURER'S PREMISES

- 1.0 Inspection and Tests:**
- 1.1 Equipment for testing:**

Equipment required for testing CC cubes and testing of steel bars are installed at site.

# ***SPECIFICATIONS***

## **SECTION:2 CONCRETE**

**1.0** Applicable Codes with latest revisions.

**1.1** Materials

- 1) IS:269 Specification for 33 grade ordinary Portland cement.
- 2) IS:455 Specification for Portland slag cement.
- 3) IS:1489 Specification for Portland- Pozzolana cement (Part 1&2).
- 4) IS:8112 Specification for 43 grade ordinary Portland cement.
- 5) IS:12269 Specification for 53 grade ordinary Portland cement.
- 6) IS:12330 Specification for sulphate resisting Portland cement.
- 7) IS:383 Specification for coarse and fine aggregates from natural sources for concrete.
- 8) IS:432 Specification for mild steel and medium (tensile steel bars and hard-drawn steel) wires for concrete reinforcement. (Part 1 and 2)
- 9) IS:1786 Specification for high strength deformed steel bars and wires for Concrete reinforcement.
- 10) IS:1566 Specification for hard-drawn steel wire fabric for concrete Reinforcement.
- 11) IS:9103 Specification for admixtures for concrete.
- 12) IS:2645 Specification for integral cement water- proofing compounds.
- 13) IS:4990 Specification for plywood for concrete shuttering work.

**1.0 Material Testing:**

- 1) IS:4031 Methods of physical tests for hydraulic cement (Parts 1 to 15)
- 2) IS:4032 Method chemical analysis of hydraulic cement.
- 3) IS:650 Specification for standard sand for testing of cement.
- 4) IS:2430 Methods for sampling of aggregates for concrete.
- 5) IS: 2386 Methods of test for aggregates for concrete (Parts 1 to 8)
- 6) IS:3025 Methods of sampling and test (physical and chemical) for water used in industry.

- 7) IS:6925 Methods of test for determination of water-soluble chlorides in Concrete admixtures.

## **2.1 Material Storage:**

- 1) IS:4082 Recommendations on stacking and storing of construction Materials at site.

### **2.1.4 Concrete Mix Design:**

- 1) IS:10262 Recommended guidelines for concrete mix design.
- 2) SP:23 (S&T) Handbook on Concrete Mixes

### **2.1.5 Concrete Testing:**

- 1) IS:1199 Method of sampling and analysis of concrete.
- 2) IS:516 Method of test for strength of concrete.
- 3) IS:9013 Method of making, curing and determining compressive strength of accelerated cured concrete test specimens.
- 4) IS:8142 Method of test for determining setting time of concrete by Penetration resistance.
- 5) IS:9284 Method of test for abrasion resistance of concrete.
- 6) IS:2770 Methods of testing bond in reinforced concrete.

### **2.1.6 Equipment:**

- 1) IS:1791 Specification for batch type concrete mixers.
- 2) IS:2438 Specification for roller pan mixer.
- 3) IS:4925 Specification for concrete batching and mixing plant.
- 4) IS:5892 Specification for concrete transit mixer and agitator.
- 5) IS:7242 Specification for concrete spreaders.
- 6) IS:2505 General Requirements for concrete vibrators: Immersion type.
- 7) IS:2506 General Requirements for screed board concrete vibrators.
- 8) IS:2514 Specification for concrete vibrating tables.
- 9) IS:3366 Specification for pan vibrators.
- 10) IS:4656 Specification for form vibrators for concrete.
- 11) IS:11993 Code of practice for use of screed board concrete vibrators.
- 12) IS:7251 Specification for concrete finishers.

- 13) IS:2722 Specification for portable swing weigh batchers for concrete (Single and double bucket type).
- 14) IS:2750 Specification for steel scaffoldings.

#### **2.1.7 Codes of Practice:**

- 1) IS:456 Code of practice for plain and reinforced concrete.
- 2) IS:457 Code of practice for general construction of plain and reinforced Concrete for dams and other massive structures.
- 3) IS:3370 Code of practice for concrete structure for storage of liquids (Part 1 to 4)
- 4) IS:3935 Code of practice for composite construction.
- 5) IS:2204 Code of practice for construction of reinforced concrete shell roof
- 6) IS:2210 Criteria for the design of reinforced concrete shell structures and Folded Plates.
- 7) IS:2502 Code of practice for bending and fixing of bars for concrete Reinforcement.
- 8) IS:5525 Recommendation for detailing of reinforcement in reinforced Concrete works.
- 9) IS:2751 Code of practice for welding of mild steel plain and deformed bars used for reinforced concrete construction.
- 10) IS:9417 Specification for welding cold worked bars for reinforced concrete construction.
- 11) IS:3558 Code of practice for use of immersion vibrators for consolidating concrete.
- 12) IS:3414 Code of practice for design and installation of joints in buildings.
- 13) IS:4326 Code of practice for earthquake resistant design and construction of building.
- 14) IS:4014 Code of practice for steel tubular scaffolding (Parts 1 & 2)
- 15) IS:2571 Code of practice for laying in situ cement concrete flooring.
- 16) IS:7861 Code of practice for extreme weather concreting: Part 1 Recommended practice for hot weather concreting.

#### **2.1.8 Construction Safety:**

- 1) IS: 3696 Safety code for scaffolds and ladders.
- 2) IS:7969 Safety code for handling and storage of building materials.
- 3) IS:8989 Safety code for erection of concrete framed structures.

#### **2.2 General:**

The Engineer in charge shall have the right at all times to inspect all operations including the sources of materials, procurement, layout and storage of materials, the concrete

batching and mixing equipment and the quality control system. Such an inspection shall be arranged and the Engineer in charge's approval obtained, prior to starting of concrete work. This shall however, not relieve the Contractor from any of his responsibilities. All materials which do not conform to the Specifications shall be rejected.

Materials should be selected so that they can satisfy the design requirements of strength, serviceability, safety, durability and finish with due regards to the functional requirements and the environmental conditions to which the structure will be subjected. Materials complying with codes/standards shall generally be used. Other materials may be used after approval of the Engineer in charge and after establishing their performance suitability based on previous data, experience or tests.

### **2.3 Materials:**

#### **2.3.1 Cement:**

Unless otherwise called for by the Engineer in charge, cement shall be ordinary Portland cement conforming to IS: 269, IS: 8112 or IS: 12269. However, in any case, cement grade shall not be lower than 43 grades.

Where Portland Pozzolana or slag cements are used, it shall be ensured that consistency of quality is maintained, there will be no adverse interactions between the materials and the finish specified is not marred.

Only one type of cement shall be used in a particular unit. The source of supply, type or brand of cement within the same structure or portion thereof shall not be changed without approval from the Engineer in charge.

Cement which is not used within 90 days from its date of manufacture shall be tested at a laboratory approved by the Engineer in charge and until the results of such tests are found satisfactory, it shall not be used in any work.

#### **2.3.2 Aggregates (General):**

Aggregates shall consist of naturally occurring stones (crushed or uncrushed), gravel and sand. They shall be chemically inert, strong, hard, clean, durable against weathering, of limited porosity, free from dust/silt/ organic impurities/deleterious materials and conform to IS:383. Aggregates such as slag, crushed over burnt bricks, bloated clay ash, sintered fly ash and tiles shall not be used.

Aggregates shall be washed and screened before use where necessary or if directed by the Engineer in charge.

Aggregates containing reactive materials shall be used only after tests conclusively prove that there will be no adverse effect on strength, durability and finish, including long term effects, on the concrete.

The fineness modulus of sand shall neither be less than 2.2 nor more than 3.2.

The maximum size of coarse aggregate shall be as stated on the drawings but in no case greater than 1/4 of the minimum thickness of the member.

Plums 160 mm and above of a reasonable size may be used in mass concrete where directed. Plums shall not constitute more than 20% by volume of the concrete.

**2.3.3 Water:** Water to be used for both mixing and curing shall conform to IS:456. Potable water is generally satisfactory. Water containing any excess of acid, alkali, sugar or salt shall not be used.

#### **2.3.4 Reinforcement:**

All reinforcement steel shall be TMT tor steel conforming to relevant I.S. for all RCC structure with CRS - Fe-500 conforming to IS-1786.

All reinforcement shall be clean, free from pitting, oil, grease, paint, loose mill scales, rust, dirt, dust, or any other substance that will destroy or reduce bond.

All Grade of reinforcement steel shall be as per Price bid & Data-sheet.

#### **2.3.5 Admixtures:**

Accelerating, retarding, water-reducing and air entraining admixtures shall conform to IS: 9103 and integral water proofing admixtures to IS: 2645.

Admixtures may be used in concrete as per manufacturer's instructions only with the approval of the Engineer in charge. An admixture's suitability and effectiveness shall be verified by trial mixes with the other materials used in the works. If two or more admixtures are to be used simultaneously in the same concrete mix, their interaction shall be checked and trial mixes done to ensure their compatibility. There should also be no increase in risk of corrosion of the reinforcement or other embedment.

Calcium chloride shall not be used for accelerating set of the cement for any concrete containing reinforcement or embedded steel parts.

Wastage:

Wastage allowance for cement and steel shall be considered in the item rate and no extra payment shall be paid to the Contractor on any account.

#### **2.4 Samples and Tests:**

All materials used for the works shall be tested before use.

Manufacturer's test certificate shall be furnished for each batch of cement/steel and when directed by the Engineer in charge samples shall also be got tested by the Contractor in a laboratory approved by the Engineer in charge at no extra cost. Engineer in charge may appoint separate third-party inspection for the material testing to ensure the quality of the work. The Contractor shall replace the defective material as an outcome of these tests.

Sampling and testing shall be as per IS:2386 under the supervision of the Engineer in charge.

Water to be used shall be tested to comply with requirements of IS:456.

The Contractor shall furnish manufacturer's test certificates and technical literature for the admixture proposed to be used. If directed, the admixture shall be got tested at an approved laboratory at no extra cost.

#### **2.5 Storing of Materials:**

All materials shall be stored in a manner so as to prevent its deterioration and contamination which would preclude its use in the works. Requirements of IS:4082 shall be complied with.

The Contractor will have to make his own arrangements for the storage of adequate quantity of cement. If such cement is not stored properly and has deteriorated, the material shall be rejected. Cement bags shall be stored in dry weatherproof shed with a raised floor, well away from the outer walls and insulated from the floor to avoid moisture from ground. Not more than 15 bags shall be stacked in any tier. Storage arrangement shall be approved by the Engineer in charge. Storage under tarpaulins shall not be permitted. Each consignment of cement shall be stored separately and consumed in its order of receipt.

Each size of coarse and fine aggregates shall be stacked separately and shall be protected from leaves and contamination with foreign material. The stacks shall be on hard, clean, free draining bases, draining away from the concrete mixing area.

The Contractor shall make his own arrangements for storing water at site in tanks to prevent contamination.

The reinforcement shall be stacked on top of timber sleepers to avoid contact with ground/water. Each type and size shall be stacked separately.

## **2.6 Concrete:**

### **2.6.1 General:**

Concrete grade shall be as designated on drawings. In concrete grade M15, M20 etc. the number represents the specified characteristic compressive strength of 150X150X150 mm cube at 28 days, expressed in  $N/mm^2$  as per IS:456. Concrete in the works shall be "DESIGN MIX CONCRETE" or "NOMINAL MIX CONCRETE". All concrete works of grade M5, M7.5 and M10 shall be NOMINAL MIX CONCRETE whereas all other grades, M15 and above, shall be DESIGN MIX CONCRETE. Concrete grade shall not be lower than M-25 for building and M-30 for water retaining structures (all units of STP including distribution chambers, sludge chambers, inlet/ outlet chambers adjacent to PST/ AT/ SST).

### **2.6.2 Design Mix Concrete:**

#### **(a) Mix Design & Testing:**

For Design Mix Concrete, the mix shall be designed according to IS:10262 and SP:23 to provide the grade of concrete having the required workability and characteristic strength not less than appropriate values given in IS:456. The design mix shall be cohesive and does not segregate and should result in a dense and durable concrete and also capable of giving the finish as specified. For liquid retaining structures, the mix shall also result in water tight concrete. The Contractor shall exercise great care while designing the concrete mix and executing the works to achieve the desired result.

The minimum cement content for Design Mix Concrete shall be as per Appendix-A of IS:456 or as given below, whichever is higher.

Grade of Concrete	Minimum Cement Content in $Kg/m^3$ of Concrete
M15	260
M20	315
M25	360
M30	380
M 35	400

The minimum cement content stipulated above shall be adopted irrespective of whether the Contractor achieves the desired strength with less quantity of cement. The CONTRACTOR's quoted rates for concrete shall provide for the above eventuality and nothing extra shall be paid to the CONTRACTOR on this account. Even in the case where the quantity of cement required is higher than that specified above to achieve desired



strength based on an approved mix design, nothing extra shall become payable to the CONTACTOR.

It shall be the Contractor's sole responsibility to carry out the mix designs at his own cost. He shall furnish to the EMPLOYER at least 30 days before concreting operations, a statement of proportions proposed to be used for the various concrete mixes and the strength results obtained. The strength requirements of the concrete mixes ascertained on 150 mm cubes as per IS:516 shall comply with the requirements of IS:456.

Grade of Concrete	Minimum Compressive Strength N/sq.mm at 7 days	Specified Characteristic Compressive Strength N/sq.mm at 28 days
M 15	10.0	15.0
M 20	13.5	20.0
M 25	17.0	25.0
M 30	20.0	30.0
M 35	23.5	35.0
M 40	27.0	40.0

A range of slumps which shall generally be used for various types of construction unless otherwise instructed by the Engineer in charge is given below:

Structure/Member	<i>Slump in millimeters</i>	
	Maximum	Minimum
Reinforced foundation walls and	75	25
Plain footings, caissons and	100	25
Slabs, Beams and reinforced walls	75	25
Pump & miscellaneous Equipment Foundations	100	25
Building columns	50	25
Pavements	50	25
Heavy mass construction	50	25

**(b) Batching & Mixing of Concrete:**

Proportions of aggregates and cement, as decided by the concrete mix design, shall be by weight. These proportions shall be maintained during subsequent concrete batching by means of weigh batchers capable of controlling the weights within one percent of the desired value.

Amount of water added shall be such as to produce dense concrete of required consistency, specified strength and satisfactory workability and shall be so adjusted to account for moisture content in the aggregates. Water- cement ratio specified for use by the Engineer in charge shall be maintained. Each time when the work stops, the mixer shall be cleaned out, and while recommencing, the first batch shall have 10% additional cement to allow for sticking in the drum.

Arrangement should be made by the Contractor to have the cubes tested in an approved laboratory or in field with prior consent of the Engineer in charge. Sampling and testing of strength and workability of concrete shall be as per IS:1199, IS:516 and IS:456, IS 3370.

### **2.6.3 Nominal Mix Concrete;**

**(a) Mix Design & Testing:**

Mix design and preliminary tests are not necessary for Nominal Mix Concrete.

However, works tests shall be carried out as per IS:456. Proportions for Nominal Mix Concrete and Water Cement Ratio may be adopted as per Table 3 of IS:456. However, it will be the Contractor's sole responsibility to adopt appropriate nominal mix proportions to yield the specified strength.

**(b) Batching & Mixing of Concrete:**

Based on the adopted nominal mixes, aggregates shall be measured by volume. However, cement shall be by weight only.

### **2.7 Formwork:**

Formwork shall be all inclusive and shall consist of shoring, bracings, sides of footings, walls, beams and columns, bottom of slabs etc. including ties, anchors, hangers, inserts, false work, wedges etc.

The design and engineering of the formwork as well as its construction shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. However, if so desired by the Engineer in charge, the drawings and calculations for the design of the formwork shall be submitted to the Engineer in charge for approval.

Formwork shall be designed to fulfill the following requirements:

- (a) Sufficiently rigid and tight to prevent loss of grout/ slurry or mortar from the concrete at all stages and appropriate to the methods of placing and compacting.
- (b) Made of suitable materials.
- (c) Capable of providing concrete of the correct shape and surface finish within the specified tolerance limits.
- (d) Capable of withstanding without deflection the worst combination of self-weight, reinforcement and concrete weight, all loads and dynamic effects arising from construction and compacting activities, earthquake, wind and weather forces.
- (e) Capable of easy striking out without shock, disturbance or damage to the concrete.
- (f) Soffit forms capable of imparting a camber if required.
- (g) Soffit forms and supports capable of being left in position if required.

- (h) Capable of being cleaned and/or coated if necessary immediately prior to casting the concrete; design temporary openings where necessary for these purposes and to facilitate the preparation of construction joints.

The formwork may be of timber, plywood, steel, plastic or concrete depending upon the type of finish specified. Sliding forms and slip form may be used with the approval of the Engineer in charge. Timber for formwork shall be well seasoned, free from sap, shakes, loose knots, worm holes, warps and other surface defects. Joints between formwork and between formwork and structures shall be sufficiently tight to prevent loss of slurry from concrete, using seals if necessary.

The faces of formwork coming in contact with concrete shall be cleaned and two coats of approved mould oil applied before fixing reinforcement. All rubbish, particularly chippings, shavings, sawdust, wire pieces dust etc. shall be removed from the interior of the forms before the concrete is placed. Where directed, cleaning of forms shall be done by blasting with a jet of compressed air at no extra cost.

Forms intended for reuse shall be treated with care. Forms that have deteriorated shall not be used. Before reuse, all forms shall be thoroughly scraped, cleaned, nails removed, holes suitably plugged, joints repaired and warped lumber replaced to the satisfaction of the Engineer in charge. The Contractor shall equip himself with enough shuttering to allow for wastage so as to complete the job in time.

Permanent formwork shall be checked for its durability and compatibility with adjoining concrete before it is used in the structure. It shall be properly anchored to the concrete.

Wire ties passing through beams, columns and walls shall not be allowed. In their place bolts passing through sleeves shall be used. Formwork spacers left in situ shall not impair the desired appearance or durability of the structure by causing spilling, rust staining or allowing the passage of moisture.

For liquid retaining structures, sleeves shall not be provided for through bolts nor shall through bolts be removed if provided. The bolts, in the latter case, shall be cut at 25 mm depth from the surface and the hole made good by cement mortar of the same proportion as the concrete just after striking the formwork.

Where specified all corners and angles exposed in the finished structure shall have chamfers or fillets of 20 mm x 20 mm size.

Forms for substructure may be omitted when, in the opinion of the Engineer in charge, the open excavation is firm enough (in hard non-porous soils) to act as a form. Such excavations shall be larger, as approved by the Engineer in charge, than that required as per drawing to compensate for irregularities in excavation.

The Contractor shall provide adequate props carried down to a firm bearing without overloading any of the structures.

The shuttering for beams and slabs shall be so erected that the side shuttering of beams can be removed without disturbing the bottom shuttering. If the shuttering for a column is erected for the full height of the column, one side shall be built up in sections as placing of concrete proceeds or windows left for placing concrete from the side to limit the drop of concrete to 1.0m or as approved by the Engineer in charge. The Contractor shall temporarily and securely fix items to be casted (embedment / inserts) in a manner that will not hinder the striking of forms or permit loss of grout.

Formwork showing excessive distortion, during any stage of construction, shall be repositioned and strengthened. Placed concrete affected by faulty formwork, shall be entirely removed and formwork corrected prior to placement of new concrete at Contractor's cost.

The striking time for formwork shall be determined based on the following requirements:

- (a) Development of adequate concrete strength;
- (b) Permissible deflection at time of striking form work;
- (c) Curing procedure employed - its efficiency and effectiveness;
- (d) Subsequent surface treatment to be done;
- (e) Prevention of thermal cracking at re-entrant angles;
- (f) Ambient temperatures; and
- (g) Aggressiveness of the environment (unless immediate adequate steps are taken to prevent damage to the concrete).

Under normal circumstances (generally where temperatures are above 20°C) forms may be struck after expiry of the time period given in IS:456 unless approved otherwise by the Engineer in charge. For Portland Pozzolana/slag cement the stripping time shall be suitably modified as approved by the Engineer in charge. It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that forms are not struck until the concrete has developed sufficient strength to support itself, does not undergo excessive deformation and resist surface damage and any stresses arising during the construction period.

## **2.8 Reinforcement Workmanship;**

Reinforcing bars supplied bent or in coils shall be straightened cold without damage.

No bending shall be done when ambient temperature is below 5°C. Local warming may be permitted if steel is kept below 10° C. All bars shall be accurately cut and bent gradually and according to the sizes and shapes shown on the drawings/ schedules or as directed by Engineer in charge. Re-bending or straightening incorrectly bent bars shall not be done without the approval of the Engineer in charge.

Reinforcement shall be accurately fixed and maintained firmly in the correct position by the use of blocks, spacers, chairs, binding wire etc. to prevent displacement during placing and compaction of concrete. The tied in place reinforcement shall be

approved by the Engineer in charge prior to concrete placement. Spacers shall be of such materials and designs as will be durable, not lead to corrosion of the reinforcement and not cause spalling of the concrete cover. Binding wire shall be 16-gauge soft annealed wires. Ends of the binding wire shall be bent away from the concrete surface and in no case encroach into the concrete cover.

Substitution of reinforcement, laps/splices not shown on drawing shall be subject to Engineer in charge's approval.

## 2.9 Tolerances:

Tolerance for formwork and concrete dimensions shall be as per IS:456 unless specified otherwise.

Tolerances specified for horizontal or vertical building lines or footings shall not be construed to permit encroachment beyond the legal boundaries.

The formwork shall be designed and constructed to the shapes, lines and dimensions shown on the drawings within the tolerances given below:

(a)	Deviation from specified dimensions of cross section of columns and beams	- 6 mm+ 12 mm
(b)	Deviations from dimensions of footings (Tolerances apply to concrete dimensions only, not to positioning of vertical reinforcing steel or dowels)	
	1) Dimension in plan	- 12 mm+ 50 mm
	2) Eccentricity	0.02 times the width of the footing in the direction of deviation but not more than 50 mm.
	3) Thickness	± 0.05 times the specified thickness

## 2.10 Preparation Prior to Concrete Placement:

Before concrete is actually placed in position, the inside of the formwork shall be cleaned and mould oil applied, inserts and reinforcement shall be correctly positioned and securely held, necessary openings, pockets, etc. provided.

All arrangements-formwork, equipment and proposed procedure, shall be approved by the Engineer in charge. Contractor shall maintain separate Pour Card for each pour as per the format enclosed.

## 2.11 Transporting, Placing and Compacting Concrete:

Concrete shall be transported from the mixing plant to the formwork with minimum time lapse by methods that shall maintain the required workability and will prevent segregation, loss of any ingredients or ingress of foreign matter or water.

In all cases concrete shall be deposited as nearly as practicable directly in its final position. To avoid segregation, concrete shall not be re handled or caused to flow. For locations where, direct placement is not possible and in narrow forms the Contractor shall provide suitable drops and "Elephant Trunks". Concrete shall not be dropped from a height of more than 1.0m.

Concrete shall not be placed in flowing water. Under water, concrete shall be placed in position by tremie or by pipeline from the mixer and shall never be allowed to fall freely through the water.

While placing concrete the Contractor shall proceed as specified below and also ensure the following:

- (a) Continuously between construction joints and pre-determined abutments.
- (b) Without disturbance to forms or reinforcement.
- (c) Without disturbance to pipes, ducts, fixings and the like to be cast in; ensure that such items are securely fixed. Ensure that concrete cannot enter open ends of pipes and conduits etc.
- (d) Without dropping in a manner that could cause segregation or shock.
- (e) In deep pours only when the concrete and formwork designed for this purpose and by using suitable chutes or pipes.
- (f) Do not place if the workability is such that full compaction cannot be achieved.
- (g) Without disturbing the unsupported sides of excavations; prevent contamination of concrete with earth. Provide sheeting if necessary. In supported excavations, withdraw the linings progressively as concrete is placed.
- (h) If placed directly onto hardcore or any other porous material, dampen the surface to reduce loss of water from the concrete.
- (i) Ensure that there is no damage or displacement to sheet membranes.
- (j) Record the time and location of placing structural concrete.

Concrete shall normally be compacted in its final position within thirty minutes of leaving the mixer. Concrete shall be compacted during placing with approved vibrating equipment without causing segregation until it forms a solid mass free from voids thoroughly worked around reinforcement and embedded fixtures and into all corners of the formwork. Immersion vibrators shall be inserted vertically at points not more than 450 mm apart and withdrawn slowly till air bubbles cease to come to the surface, leaving no voids. When placing concrete in layers advancing horizontally, care shall be taken to ensure adequate vibration, blending and melding of the concrete between successive layers. Vibrators shall not be allowed to come in contact with reinforcement, formwork and finished surfaces after start of initial set. Over-vibration shall be avoided.

Concrete may be conveyed and placed by mechanically operated equipment after getting the complete procedure approved by the Engineer in charge. The slump shall be held to the minimum necessary for conveying concrete by this method. When concrete is to be pumped, the concrete mix shall be specially designed to suit pumping. Care shall be taken to avoid stoppages in work once pumping has started.

Except when placing with slip forms, each placement of concrete in multiple lift work shall be allowed to set for at least 24 hours after the final set of concrete before the start of subsequent placement. Placing shall stop when concrete reaches the top of the opening in walls or bottom surface of slab, in slab and beam construction, and it shall be resumed before concrete takes initial set but not until it has had time to settle as approved by the Engineer in charge. Concrete shall be protected against damage until final acceptance.

**2.12 Mass Concrete Works:**

Sequence of pouring for mass concrete works shall be as approved by the Engineer in charge. The Contractor shall exercise great care to prevent shrinkage cracks and shall monitor the temperature of the placed concrete if directed.

**2.13 Curing:**

Curing and protection shall start immediately after the compaction of the concrete to protect it from:

- (a) Premature drying out, particularly by solar radiation and wind;
- (b) Leaching out by rain and flowing water;
- (c) Rapid cooling during the first few days after placing;
- (d) High internal thermal gradients;
- (e) Low temperature or frost;
- (f) Vibration and impact which may disrupt the concrete and interfere with its bond to the reinforcement.

All concrete, unless approved otherwise by the Engineer in charge, shall be cured by use of continuous sprays or ponded water or continuously saturated coverings of sacking, canvas or other absorbent material for the period of complete hydration with a minimum of 7 days. The quality of curing water shall be the same as that used for mixing.

Where a curing membrane is approved to be used by the Engineer in charge, the same shall be of a non-wax base and shall not impair the concrete finish in any manner. The curing compound to be used shall be approved by the EMPLOYER before use and shall be applied with spraying equipment capable of a smooth, even textured coat.

Curing may also be done by covering the surface with an impermeable material such as polyethylene, which shall be well sealed and fastened.

**2.14 Construction Joints and Keys:**

Construction joints will be as shown in the drawing or as approved by the EMPLOYER. Concrete shall be placed without interruption until completion of work between

construction joints. If stopping of concreting becomes unavoidable anywhere, a properly formed construction joint shall be made with the approval of the Engineer in charge.

Dowels for concrete work, not likely to be taken up in the near future, shall be coated with cement slurry and encased in lean concrete as indicated on the drawings or as approved by the Engineer in charge.

Before resuming concreting on a surface which has hardened all laitance and loose stone shall be thoroughly removed by wire brushing/hacking and surface washed with high pressure water jet and treated with thin layer of cement slurry for vertical joints and horizontal layers.

When concreting is to be resumed on a surface which has not fully hardened, all laitance shall be removed by wire brushing, the surface wetted, free water removed and a coat of cement slurry applied. On this, a layer of concrete not exceeding 150mm thickness shall be placed and well rammed against the old work. **Thereafter work shall proceed in the normal way.**

#### **2.15 Foundation Bedding:**

All earth surfaces upon which or against which concrete is to be placed, shall be well compacted and free from standing water, mud or debris. Soft or spongy areas shall be cleaned out and back filled with either soil-cement mixture, lean concrete or clean sand compacted as approved by the Engineer in charge. The surfaces of absorptive soils shall be moistened.

Concrete shall not be deposited on large sloping rock surfaces. The rock shall be cut to form rough steps or benches by picking, barring or wedging. The rock surface shall be kept wet for 2 to 4 hours before concreting.

#### **2.16 Finishes:**

##### **2.16.1 General:**

The formwork for concrete works shall be such as to give the finish as specified. The Contractor shall make good any unavoidable defects as approved consistent with the type of concrete and finish as specified. Defects due to bad workmanship (e.g. damaged or misaligned forms, defective or poorly compacted concrete) will not be accepted. The Contractor shall construct the formwork using the correct materials and to meet the requirements of the design and to produce finished concrete to required dimensions, plumbs, planes and finishes.

##### **Surface Finish Type F1:**

The main requirement is that of dense, well-compacted concrete. No treatment is required except repair of defective areas, filling all form tie holes and cleaning up of loose or adhering debris. For surfaces below grade, which will receive waterproofing treatment, the concrete shall be free of surface irregularities, which would interfere with proper and effective application of waterproofing material specified for use.



**Surface Finish Type F2:**

The appearance shall be that of a smooth dense, well-compacted concrete showing the slight marks of well fitted shuttering joints. The Contractor shall make good any blemishes.

**Surface Finish Type F3:**

This finish shall give an appearance of smooth, dense, well-compacted concrete with no shutter marks, stain free and with no discoloration, blemishes, arises, air holes etc. Only lined or coated plywood with very tight joints shall be used to achieve this finish. The panel size shall be uniform and as large as practicable. Any minor blemishes that might occur shall be made good by the Contractor.

**Integral Cement Finish on Concrete Floor:**

In all cases where integral cement finish on a concrete floor has been specified, the top layer of concrete shall be screened off to proper level and tamped with tamper having conical projections so that the aggregate shall be forced below the surface. The surface shall be finished with a wooden float and a trowel with pressure. The finish shall be continued till the concrete reaches its initial set. No cement or cement mortar finish shall be provided on the surface. Where specified, a floor hardener as approved by the Engineer-In-Charge shall be supplied and used as recommended by the manufacturer.

The formwork for concrete works shall be such as to give the finish as specified. The Contractor shall make good any unavoidable defects as approved consistent with the type of concrete and finish specified; defects due to bad workmanship (e.g. damaged or misaligned forms, defective or poorly compacted concrete) will not be accepted. The Contractor shall construct the formwork using the correct materials and to meet the requirements of the design and to produce finished concrete to required dimensions, plumbs, planes and finishes.

**2.17 Repair and Replacement of Unsatisfactory Concrete:**

Immediately after the shuttering is removed, all the defective areas such as honey-combed surfaces, rough patches, holes left by form bolts etc. shall be inspected by the Engineer in charge who may permit patching of the defective areas or reject the concrete work.

All through holes for shuttering shall be filled for full depth and neatly plugged flush with surface.

Rejected concrete shall be removed and replaced by the Contractor at no additional cost to the Employer.

For patching of defective areas all loose materials shall be removed and the surface shall be prepared as approved by the Engineer in charge.

Bonding between hardened and fresh concrete shall be done either by placing cement mortar or by applying epoxy. The decision of the Engineer in charge as to the method of

repairs to be adopted shall be final and binding on the Contractor. The surface shall be saturated with water for 24 hours before patching is done with 1:5 cement sand mortar. The use of epoxy for bonding fresh concrete shall be carried out as approved by the Engineer in charge.

#### **2.18 Vacuum Dewatering of Slabs:**

Where specified floor slabs, either grade or suspended, shall be finished by vacuum dewatering including all operations such as poker vibration, surface vibration, vacuum processing, floating and toweling as per equipment manufacturers recommendation. The equipment to be used shall be subject to the Engineer in charge's approval.

#### **2.19 Hot Weather Requirements:**

Concreting during hot weather shall be carried out as per IS:7861 (Part I).

Adequate provisions shall be made to lower concrete temperatures which shall not exceed 40° C at the time of placement of fresh concrete.

Where directed by the Engineer in charge, the Contractor shall spray non-wax based curing compound on unformed concrete surfaces at no extra costs.

#### **Cold Weather Requirements.**

Concreting during cold weather shall be carried out as per IS: 7861 (Part II).

The ambient temperature during placement and up to final set shall not fall below 5° C. Approved antifreeze/accelerating additives shall be used where directed.

For major and large-scale concreting works the temperature of concrete at times of mixing and placing, the thermal conductivity of the formwork and its insulation and stripping period shall be closely monitored.

#### **2.20 Liquid Retaining Structures:**

The Contractor shall take special care for concrete for liquid retaining structures, underground structures and those others specifically called for to guarantee the finish and water tightness.

The minimum level of surface finish for liquid retaining structures shall be as defined elsewhere. All such structures shall be hydro-tested.

The Contractor shall make all arrangements for hydro-testing of structure, all arrangements for testing such as temporary bulk heads, pressure gauges, pumps, pipe lines etc.

The Contractor shall also make all temporary arrangements that may have to be made to ensure stability of the structures during construction.

Any leakage that may occur during the hydro-test or subsequently during the defects liability period or the period for which the structure is guaranteed shall be effectively stopped either by cement/epoxy pressure grouting, guniting or such other methods as may

be approved by the Engineer in charge. All such rectification shall be done by the Contractor to the entire satisfaction of the Engineer in charge at no extra cost.

#### **2.21 Testing Concrete Structures for Leakage:**

Hydro-static test for water tightness shall be done at full storage level or soffit of cover slab, as may be directed by the Engineer in charge, as described below:

In case of structures whose external faces are exposed, such as elevated tanks, the requirements of the test shall be deemed to be satisfied if the external faces show no sign of leakage or sweating and remain completely dry during the period of observation of seven days after allowing a seven-day period for absorption after filling with water.

In the case of structures whose external faces are buried and are not accessible for inspection, such as underground tanks, the structures shall be filled with water and after the expiry of seven days after the filling; the level of the surface of the water shall be recorded. The level of water shall be recorded again at subsequent intervals of 24 hrs. Over a period of seven days. Backfilling shall be withheld till the tanks are tested. The total drop in surface level over a period for seven days shall be taken as an indication of the water tightness of the structure. The Engineer in charge shall decide on the actual permissible nature of this drop in the surface level, considering whether the structures are open or closed and the corresponding effect it has on evaporation losses. Unless specified otherwise, a structure whose top is covered shall be deemed to be water tight if the total drop in the surface level over a period of seven days does not exceed 40 mm.

Each compartment/segment of the structure shall be tested individually and then all together.

For structures such as pipes, tunnels etc. the hydrostatic test shall be carried out by filling with water, after curing as specified, and subjecting to the specified test pressure for specified period. If during this period the loss of water does not exceed the equivalent of the specified rate, the structure shall be considered to have successfully passed the test.

#### **2.22 Optional Tests:**

If the Employer feels that the materials i.e. cement, sand, coarse aggregates, reinforcement and water are not in accordance with the Specifications or if specified concrete strengths are not obtained, he may order tests to be carried out on these materials in laboratory, to be approved by the Engineer in charge, as per relevant IS Codes. Contractor shall have to pay for these tests.

In the event of any work being suspected of faulty material or workmanship requiring its removal or if the works cubes do not give the stipulated strengths, the Engineer in charge reserves the right to order the Contractor to take out cores and conduct tests on them or do ultrasonic testing or load testing of structure, etc. The Engineer in charge also reserves the right to ask the Contractor to dismantle and re-do such unacceptable work, at no cost to the Engineer in charge. Alternately Engineer in charge also reserves the right to ask the CONTRACTOR to dismantle and re-do such unacceptable work at the cost of CONTRACTOR.

#### **2.23 Grouting:**

**2.23.1 Standard Grout:**

Grout shall be provided as specified on the drawings.

The proportion of Standard Grout shall be such as to produce a flow able mixture consistent with minimum water content and shrinkage. Surfaces to be grouted shall be thoroughly roughened and cleaned. All structural steel elements to be grouted shall be cleaned of oil, grease, dirt etc. The use of hot, strong caustic solution for this purpose will be permitted. Prior to grouting, the hardened concrete shall be saturated with water and just before grouting, water in all pockets shall be removed. Grouting once started shall be done quickly and continuously. Variation in grout mixes and procedures shall be permitted if approved by the Engineer in charge. The grout proportions shall be limited as follows:

Use	Grout Thickness	Mix Proportions	Water Cement Ratio (max)
1. Fluid mix	Under 25mm	One-part Portland Cement to one-part sand	0.44
b) General mix	25mm and over but less than 50mm	One-part Portland Cement to 2 parts of sand	0.53
c) Stiff mix	50mm and over	One-part Portland Cement to 3 parts of sand	0.53

**2.23.2 Non-Shrink Grout:**

Non-shrink grout where required shall be provided in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions / specifications on the drawing.

**Inspection:**

All materials, workmanship and finished construction shall be subject to continuous inspection and approval of Engineer in charge. Materials rejected by Engineer in charge shall be expressly removed from site and shall be replaced by Contractor immediately.

**Clean-Up:**

Upon the completion of concrete work, all forms, equipment, construction tools, protective coverings and any debris, scraps of wood, etc. resulting from the work shall be removed and the premises left clean.

**Acceptance Criteria:**

Any concrete work shall satisfy the requirements given below individually and collectively for it to be acceptable.

- a) Properties of constituent materials;
- b) Characteristic compressive strength;
- c) Specified mix proportions;

- d) Minimum cement content;
- e) Maximum free-water/cement ratio;
- f) Workability;
- g) Temperature of fresh concrete;
- h) Density of fully compacted concrete;
- i) Cover to embedded steel;
- j) Curing;
- k) Tolerances in dimensions;
- l) Tolerances in levels;
- m) Durability;
- n) Surface finishes;
- o) Special requirements such as;
  - i) Water tightness
  - ii) Resistance to aggressive chemicals
  - iii) Resistance to freezing and thawing
  - iv) Very high strength
  - v) Improved fire resistance
  - vi) Wear resistance

vii) Resistance to early thermal cracking

The Engineer in charge's decision as to the acceptability or otherwise of any concrete work shall be final and binding on the Contractor. For work not accepted, the Engineer in charge may review and decide whether remedial measures are feasible so as to render the work acceptable. The Engineer in charge shall in that case direct the Contractor to undertake and execute the remedial measures. These shall be expeditiously and effectively implemented by the Contractor. Nothing extra shall become payable to the Contractor by the Employer for executing the remedial measures.

**2.25 Preformed Fillers and Joint Sealing Compound:**

**2.25.1 Materials:**

Preformed filler for expansion/isolation joints shall be non-extruding and resilient type of bitumen impregnated fibers conforming to IS:1838 (Part I).

Bitumen coat to concrete/masonry surfaces for fixing the preformed bitumen filler strip shall conform to IS:702. Bitumen primer shall conform to IS:3384.

Sealing compound for filling the joints above the preformed bitumen filler shall conform to Grade 'A' as per IS:1834.

**2.25.2 Workmanship:**

The thickness of the preformed bitumen filler shall be 25mm for expansion joints and 50mm for isolation joints around foundation supporting rotatory equipment's. Contractor shall procure the strips of the desired thickness and width in lengths as manufactured. Assembly of small pieces/thicknesses of strips to make up the specified size shall not be permitted.

The concrete/masonry surface shall be cleaned free from dust and any loose particles. When the surface is dry, one coat of industrial blown type bitumen of grade 85/25 conforming to IS:702 shall be applied hot by brushing at the rate of 1.20 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. When the bitumen is still hot the preformed bitumen filler shall be pressed and held in position till it completely adheres. The surface of the filler against which further concreting/masonry work is to be done shall similarly be applied with one coat of hot bitumen at the rate of 1.20 kg/m<sup>2</sup>.

Sealing compound shall be heated to a pouring consistency for enabling it to run molten in a uniform manner into the joint. Before pouring the sealing compound, the vertical faces of the concrete joint shall be applied hot with a coat of bitumen primer conforming to IS: 3384 in order to improve the adhesive quality of the sealing compound.

Expansion joints between beams/slabs shall be provided with 100mm wide x 4mm thick mild steel plate at the soffit of RCC beams/slabs to support and prevent the preformed joint filler from dislodging. This plate shall be welded to an edge angle of ISA 50 x 50 x 6mm provided at the bottom corner, adjacent to the expansion joint of one of the beams/slabs, by intermittent fillet welding. Steel surfaces shall be provided with 2 coats of red oxide zinc chrome primer and 3 coats of synthetic enamel paint finish.

