

STUDY ON SEA SAND AS FINE AGGREGATE REPLACEMENT IN CONCRETE

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ABSTRACT

This research is concerned with the strength, deflection, ductility and durability investigation of a contemporary construction material named as Sea Sand Concrete. An attempt is made to identify the potential use of sea sand as fine aggregate in concrete instead of natural fine aggregate. Sea sand was extracted from Nagoor, Nagapattinam District, Tamilnadu, India after getting the approval from concerned authorities.

Chloride content which leads to corrosion of steel reinforcement is the fundamental problem in incorporating sea sand as an aggregate in concrete. In this study, three different methods have been carried out for the removal of chloride content. Simulated rain test method was the first one tried and since it did not prove to be good, other two methods, Water wash and Hot water wash methods were adopted further. Concrete made after washing the Sea sand with water is termed as Water washed Sea Sand Concrete (SS) and the Concrete made after washing the sea sand with hot water (100 °C) is called as Hot Water washed Sea Sand Concrete (HSS).

Tests were conducted on fresh and hardened state of SS and HSS such as workability, compressive strength, split tensile strength and flexural strength with various fractions of sea sand aggregate starting from 10% to 100% with the increment of 10%. The results showed the comprehensive improvement in the slump value and the mechanical properties due to increase in sea sand content. Consequently the tests were carried out for durability characteristics and the results indicated the remarkable increment in durability characteristics of sea sand replaced concrete which provides better resistance against adverse environment. Further the study has been extended to

determine the flexural and ductility characteristics of concrete and results indicated that all the beams were failed in pure bending region and resulted with deflection more than the control beam with the influences of the ultimate moment. SS and HSS beams provided better ductility factor than control concrete. Hence this research has suggested that properly treated sea sand can be an effective alternative for river sand in concrete.. An attempt is made to identify the potential use of sea sand as fine aggregate in concrete instead of natural fine aggregate. Sea sand was extracted from Nagoor, Nagapattinam District, Tamilnadu, India after getting the approval from concerned authorities.

Key Words: Sea Sand, Aggregate, concrete, cement.

INTRODUCTION

Concrete is the second most consumed material after water and is the basis for the urban development. It can be roughly estimated that 30 billion tonnes of concretes are manufactured globally every year. Concrete is generally made from cement, fine aggregate (sand), coarse aggregate (stone and gravel) and water. —Sand and gravel represent the highest volume of raw material used on earth after water. Their use greatly exceeds their natural renewal rates (UNEP, 2014). Every year between 47 and 59 billion tonnes of material is mined globally (Steinberger et al. 2010), of which sand and gravel, hereafter known as aggregates, account for both the largest share (from 68% to 85%) and the fastest increase in extraction (Krausmann et al. 2009). Surprisingly, although more sand and gravel are mined than any other material, reliable data on their extraction in certain developed countries are available only for recent years (Krausmann et al. 2009). The absence of global data on aggregates mining makes environmental assessment very difficult and has contributed to the lack of awareness about this issue. One of the ways to estimate the global use of aggregates is through the production of cement for concrete. The production of cement is reported by 150 countries and reached 3.7 billion tonnes in 2012 (USGS, 2013a). For each tonne of cement, the building industry needs about six to seven times more tonnes of sand and gravel (USGS, 2013b). Thus, the world's use of aggregates for concrete can be estimated at 25.9 billion to 29.6 billion tonnes a year for 2012 alone. This represents

enough concrete to build a wall 27 metres high by 27 metres wide around the equator. Added to this are all the aggregates used in land reclamation, shoreline developments and road embankments (for which the global statistics are unavailable), plus the 180 million tonnes of sand used in industry (USGS, 2012). Aggregates also contribute to 90% of asphalt pavements and 80% of concrete roads (Robinson and Brown, 2002). China alone built 146,400 kilometres of road in one year, an indication of the world demand for aggregates.

OBJECTIVE OF THE WORK

The objectives of the research are to determine the strength and durability properties of concrete of M30 grade concrete containing sea sand as replacement of fine aggregate and to find the optimum and safest percentage of replacement of sea sand in concrete. The replacement of sea sand with fine aggregate was varied between 10% to 100% of aggregates (in steps of 10%) by weight fraction. The specific objectives are as follows:

1. To evaluate the suitability of sea sand for making concrete by determining the Physical properties and chemical composition of sea sand.
2. To evaluate the mechanical properties of processed sea sand concrete by determining the Compressive strength, split tensile strength and flexural strength.
3. To evaluate the durability properties by conducting acid resistance tests, sulphate attack resistance test, chloride attack resistance test, impressed voltage test and Rapid Chloride Penetration Test.
4. To evaluate the structural characteristics of reinforced concrete beam made with processed sea sand by determining the deflections, strains, moments, curvature and flexural rigidity.

Result:-

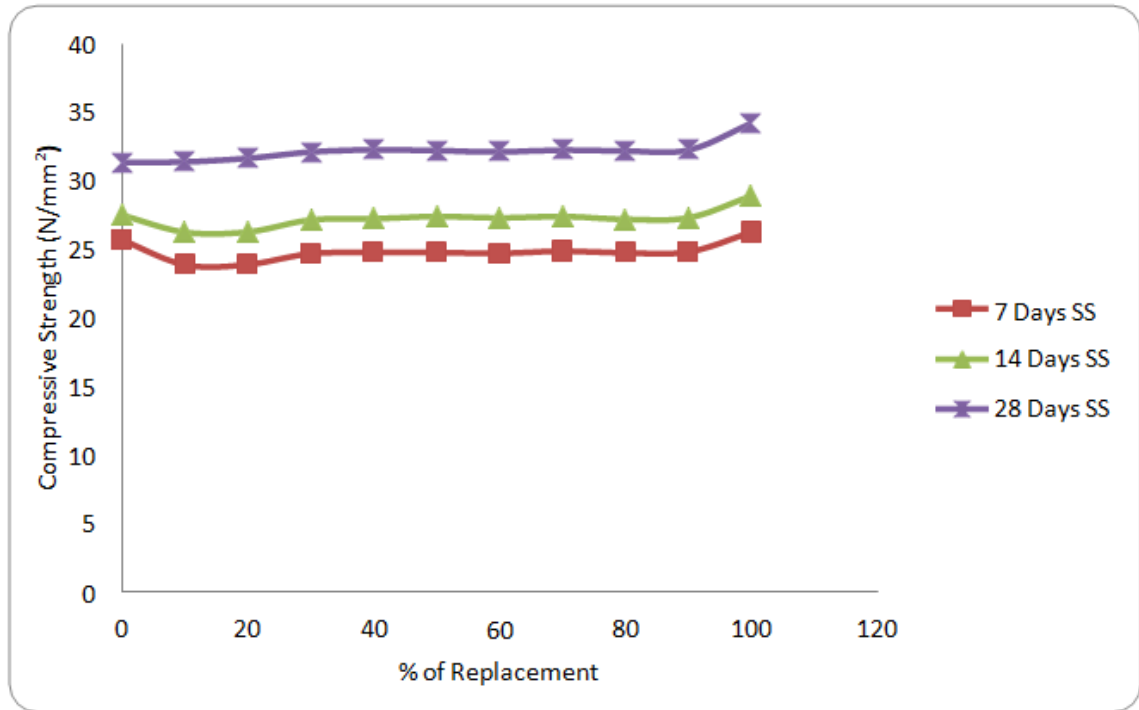


Figure 1 Influence of Water Washed Sea Sand in f_c

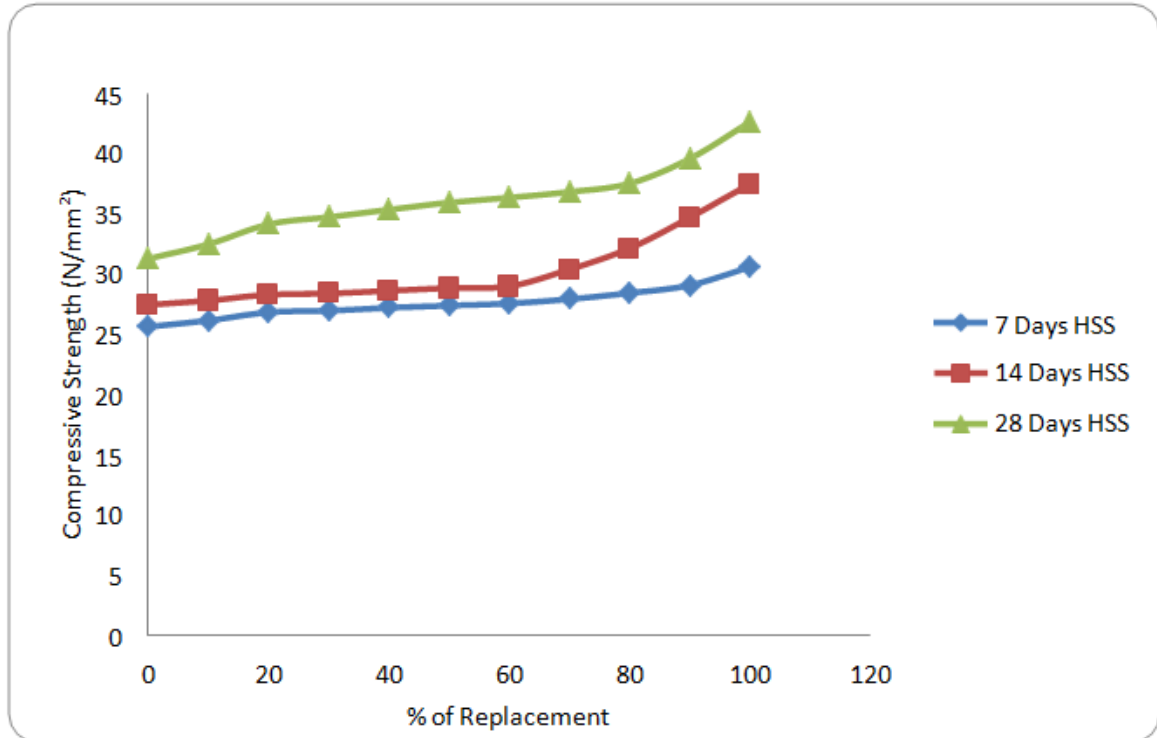


Figure 2 – Influence of hot water washed sea sand in f_c

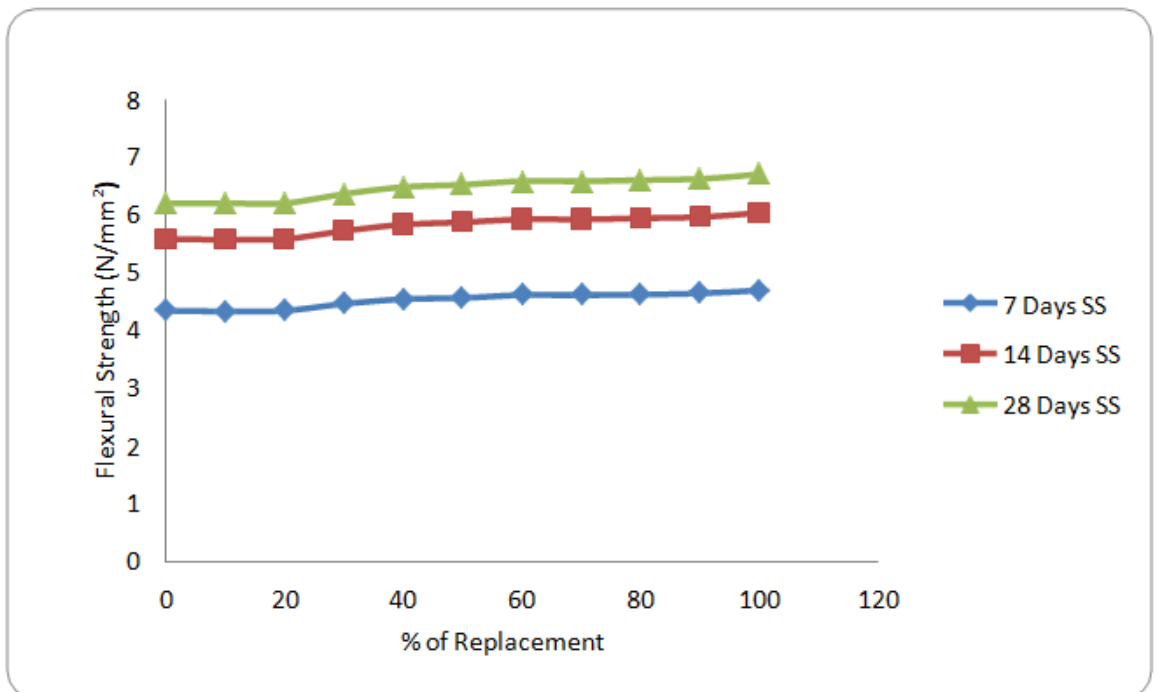


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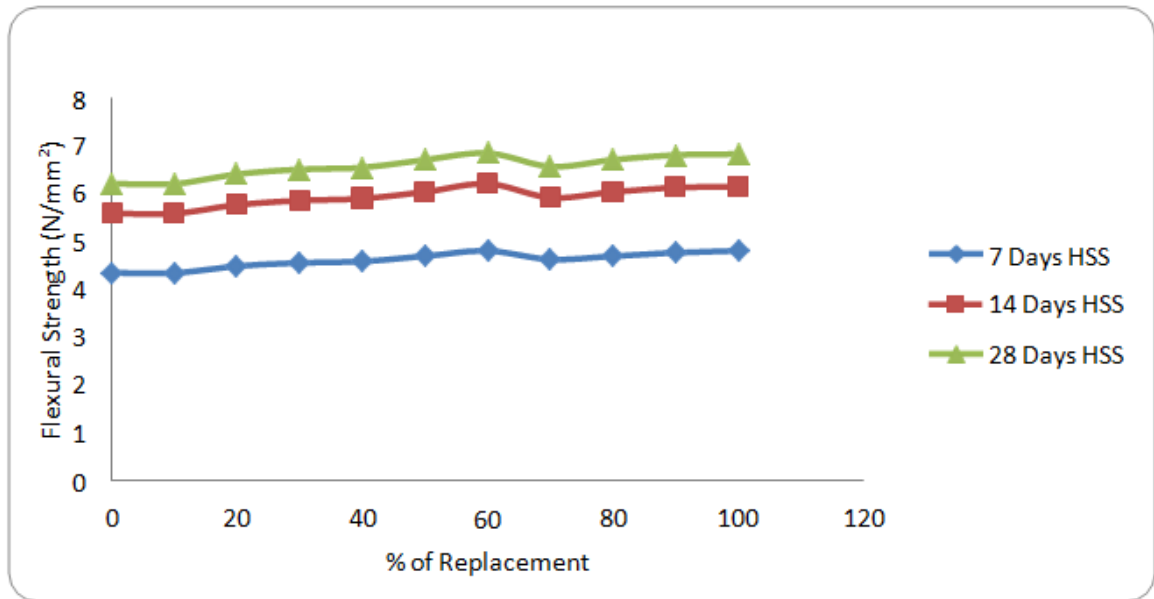


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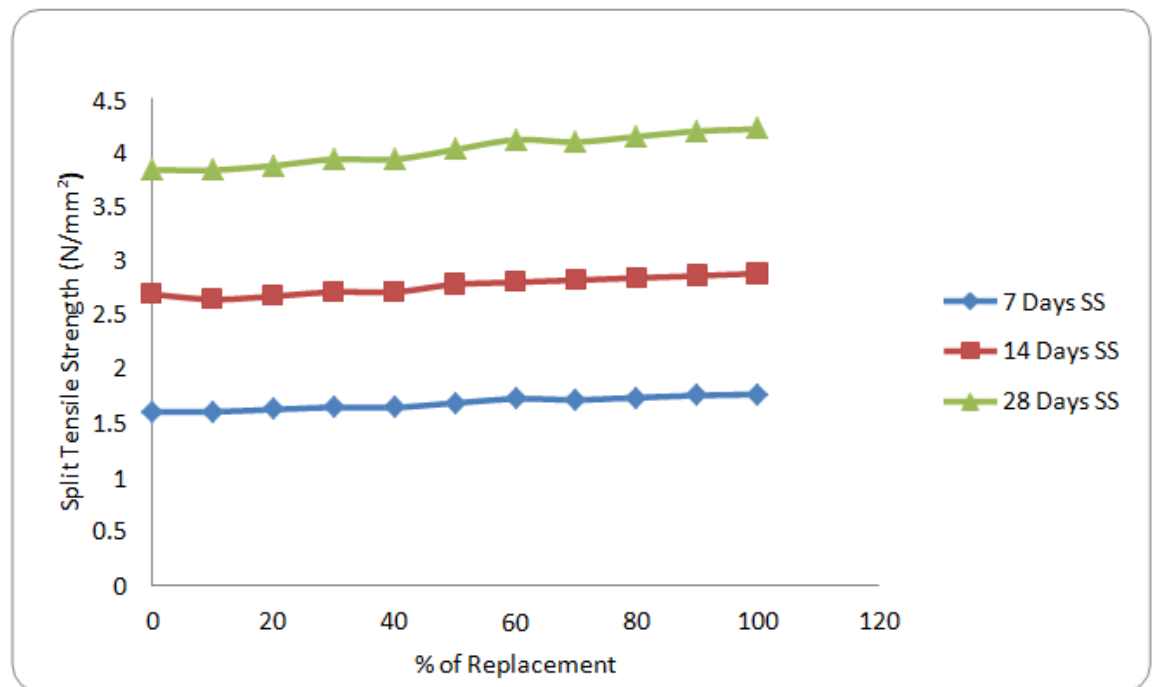


Figure 5 –Influence of water washed sea sand in f_t

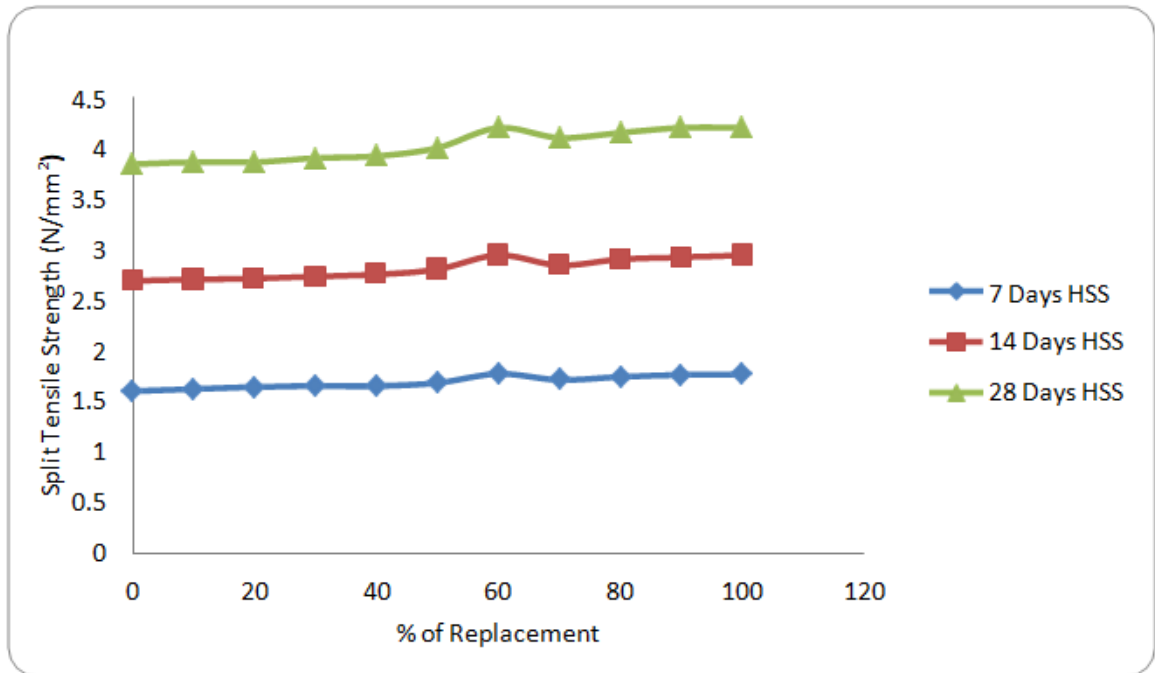


Figure 6 –Influence of water washed sea sand in f_t

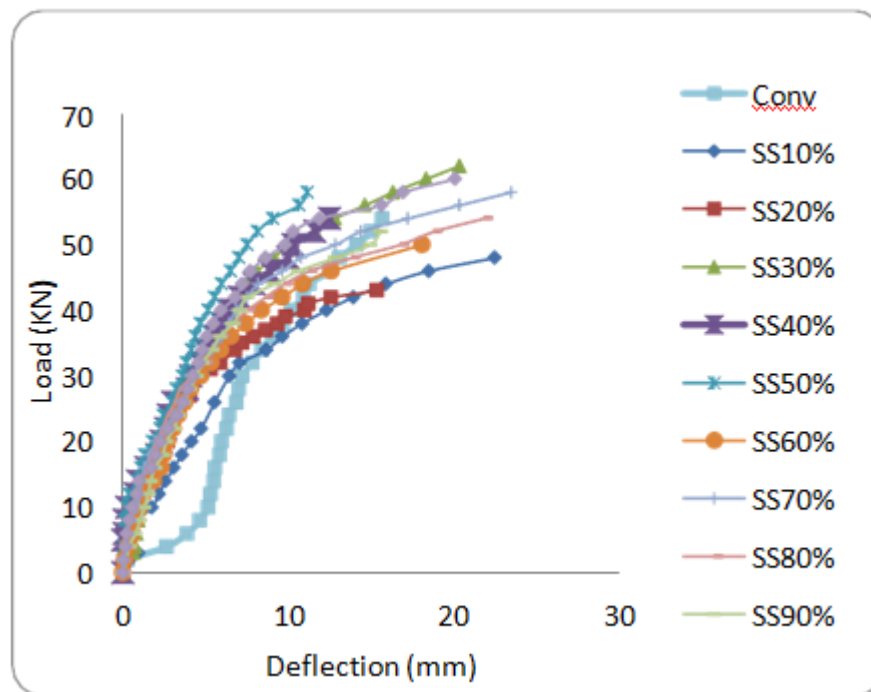


Figure 7 -Load Vs Deflection Response of SS Beams

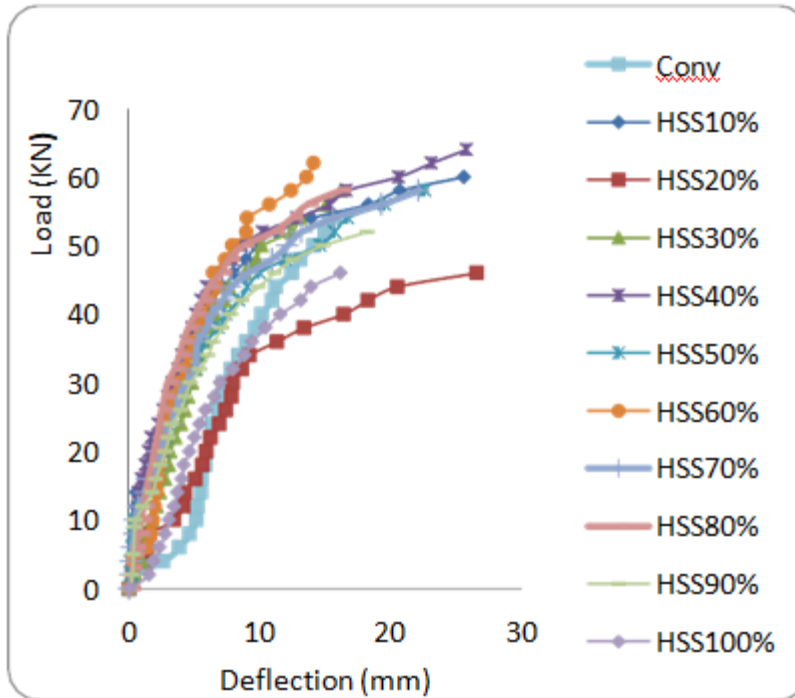


Figure 8 Load Vs Deflection Response of HSS Beams

Conclusion-

The present investigation on the flexural behavior and corrosion potential of sea sand replaced concrete recommended the following:

- i. The Water Washed Sea Sand will be the contemporary material to replace river sand in concrete which behaves better than river sand in all the mechanical, flexural and durability characteristics.
- ii. The water wash method can be adopted for removal of chloride and the performance

of Hot Water washed Sea Sand Concrete is also quite mentionable which outright the control concrete in mechanical and flexural characteristics.

- iii. The utilization of river sand will be reduced marginally by the usage of sea sand in concrete which protects the river bed, channels, regulates flood and increase the water table level more over it balance the ecology.
- iv. It can be widely used for infrastructural development projects such as roadways and housing projects. It is an economical alternative material which will reduce extraction of sand and save in turn aids the environment.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE WORK

- i) Further investigation can be carried out for impact, abrasion and attrition properties of Sea sand replaced concrete.
- ii) Durability study may be carried out with the application of various corrosion inhibiting materials as coat in steel reinforcement bars.
- iii) Different mineral and chemical admixtures can be tried to enhance the properties of Sea sand concrete.
- iv) The role of Sea sand in the confined steel concrete composites and various fibers usage in Sea sand concrete may be investigated.

Since the Sea sand has finer particles which tend to flow easily, it can be tried for self compacting concrete also.

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