

# The Study of role of Partial Replacement of Cement with Marble Powders

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**Abstract**— The aim of this current study is both to avoid the environmental. In this way, we will help to protect the environment by consuming the waste marble dust obtained as a by- product of marble sawing and shaping processes in the factories those operating in our region. Stone industry is an important factor in worldwide economy. Despite this, a large amount of residues is produced in ornamental stone industry with different dimension and particle size. The increasing rate at which raw material are continuously transformed into industrial products results in waste generation. Consequently, recycling of industrial wastes and byproducts is becoming a crucial demand by the environmental laws in agreement with the concept of sustainable development. The present study was therefore planned to explore the possibility of usage of waste marble powder (WMP) as partial replacement of sand for production of concrete. The main purpose of this research is to investigate the possibility of utilizing waste marble dust generated during cutting and polishing process in marble factories in order to reuse it in cement and concrete production. Physical and mechanical properties of paste, hardened mortar and hardened concrete made of marble dust modified cement were investigated. The effect of marble dust addition on the internal microstructure and hydration products of paste samples were also investigated. Testing specimens were prepared by blending marble dust with cement and sand in 0.0%, 5.0%, 7.5%, 12.5%, 17.5 and 22.5% replacement ratios by weight [6].

**Key Words** : Partial Replacement, Marble Powders, Flexural Strength, Compressive Strength

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The advancement of concrete technology can reduce the consumption of natural resources and energy sources which in turn further lessen the burden of pollutants on the environment. Presently, large amount of marble dust are generated in natural stone processing plants with an important impact on the environment and humans. In India, marble dust is settled by sedimentation and then dumped away which results in environmental pollution, in addition to forming dust

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in summer and threatening both agriculture and public health [1]. Thus the utilization of the marble dust in various industrial sectors especially the construction, agriculture, glass and paper industries would help to protect the environment. Waste can be used to produce new products or can be used as admixtures so that natural resources are used more efficiently and the environment is protected from waste deposits. Test results show that this industrial by product is capable of improving hardened concrete performance up to 10%, Enhancing fresh concrete behaviour. 30 cubes, 15 Beam and 15 cylinders have been casted. The compressive strength, Flexural strength and tensile strength of cubes and cylinders was measured for 7 and 28 days [1]. There are several reuse and recycling solutions for this industrial by-product, both at an experimental phase and in practical applications. On the other hand, recycling waste without properly based scientific research and development can result in environmental problems greater than the waste itself. One of the logical means for reduction of the waste marble masses calls for utilizing them in building industry itself. Some attempts have been made to find and assess the possibilities of using waste marble powder in mortars and concretes and results about strength and workability were compared with control samples of conventional cements and mortar/concrete . Marble powder is not available in all the places. Despite this fact, concrete production is one of the concerns worldwide that impact the environment with major impact being global warming due to CO<sub>2</sub> emission during production of cement. In addition to this, due to fineness of the marble powder, it will easily mix with aggregates so that perfect bonding is possible [8]. Marble powder will fill the voids present in concrete and will give sufficient compressive strength when compared with the ordinary concrete. India is among the top world exporters of marble stone. The Indian marble industry has been growing steadily at an annual rate of around 10% per year. Cutting of stones produces heat, slurry, rock fragments and dust. 20 to 30% of marble blocks are converted in to powder. 3,172 thousand tons of marble dust was produced in year 2009-10. Waste Marble dust (WMD) can be used to improve the mechanical and physical properties of the conventional concrete. The possibility of utilizing WMD as an alternative very fine aggregate in the production of concrete will also induce a relief on waste disposal issues. Now-a-days the cost of material is increasing so if we use the waste material in the production of the concrete so we decrease the price [7]. In India, million tons of wastes from marble industries are being released from marble cutting, polishing, processing and grinding. If the waste is disposed on soils, the porosity and permeability of topsoil will be reduced, the fine marble dust reduces the fertility of the soil by increasing its alkalinity. When the waste is dumped and dried out, the fine marble dust suspends in the air and slowly spread out through wind to the nearby area. When dumped along a

catchment area of natural rainwater, it results in contamination of over ground water reservoir and also cause drainage problem. Exposing the waste material to the environment directly can cause environmental problems. Therefore, many countries have still been working on how to re-use the waste materials [7].

### II. EFFECTS OF MARBLE DUST AS PARTIAL REPLACEMENT OF CEMENT IN CONCRETE

The advancement of concrete technology can reduce the consumption of natural resources and energy sources and lessen the burden of pollutants on the environment. The cost of natural resources is also increased. They have forced to focus on recovery, reuse of natural resources and find other alternatives. Presently large amounts of Stone waste are generated in natural stone processing plants with an important impact on environment and humans [20]. The use of the replacement materials offer cost reduction, energy savings, arguably superior products, and fewer hazards in the environment. Stone blocks are cut into smaller blocks in order to give them the desired shape and size. During the process of cutting, in that original Stone mass is lost by 25% in the form of dust. Every year 250-400 tons of Stone wastes are generated on site. The Stone cutting plants are dumping the powder in any nearby pit or vacant spaces, near their unit although notified areas have been marked for dumping. This leads to serious environmental and dust pollution and occupation of a vast area of land, especially after the powder dries up so it is necessary to dispose the Stone waste quickly and use in the construction industry [20]. In INDIA, the marble and granite stone processing is one of the most

thriving industry the effects if varying marble dust contents on the physical and mechanical properties of fresh and hardened concrete have been investigated This project describes the feasibility of using the marble sludge dust in concrete production as partial replacement of cement The compressive strength of concrete was measured for 7 and 28 days. In order to evaluate the effects of marble dust on mechanical behavior, many different mortar mixes were tested [3].

### III. METHODOLOGY

In order to achieve the objectives of the research and for the development of concepts, which are fundamental for the formation of the whole research work, a comprehensive literature review is made to understand the previous efforts which include the review of text books, periodicals and academic journals, seminars and research papers. The method followed to achieve the objectives of the research determines the required data, which intern is a ground to decide on type and method of data collection and their analysis. Different alternative data collection methods such as experiments, observations and archival records are examined and used when proved suitable. Both primary data (collected personally) from the source itself and secondary data from different sources is collected and used for the analysis.

The test results were presented in tabular and graphical forms and the analysis and discussions were also made on the research findings both qualitatively and quantitatively. Finally based on the findings, conclusions and recommendations were forwarded.

### EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMME

The following basic data required to be specified for a design of concrete mix

- I. CHARACTERISTICS STRENGTH OF CONCRETE AT 28 DAYS ( $F_{ck}$ ) = 20N/MM<sup>2</sup>
- II. MAXIMUM SIZE OF CRUSHED AGGREGATE = 20MM
- III. DEGREE OF WORKABILITY (COMPACTING FACTOR) = 0.90
- IV. VALUE OF STATISTICAL COEFFICIENT (K) = 1.65 (REFER IS: 456-2000 CLAUSE 9.2.2)
- V. VALUE OF STANDARD DEVIATION (S) = 4.00 (REFER IS: 456-2000 TABLE 8)

Selection of water content and fine aggregate to total aggregate ratio:-

For maximum size of coarse aggregate 20 mm and based upon following parameters water content and fine aggregate to total aggregate ratio was selected from Table 4 given in IS: 10262.

- Design mix M25 grade
- Sand zone II
- Workability = 0.90 CF
- Water/ Cement ratio = 0.43

Sand content as % of total aggregate by absolute volume = 37%

Water content = 186 lit/m<sup>3</sup>

Cement content =  $186/0.43 = 432 \text{ kg/m}^3$

(d) Calculation of aggregate content:-

Volume of cement =  $432 / (2.84 \times 1000) = 0.1521 \text{ m}^3$

$$\text{Volume of water} = 186/100 = 0.186 \text{ m}^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume of all in aggregate} &= 1 - 0.1521 - 0.186 \\ &= 0.6619 \text{ m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Coarse aggregate content} = 2.85 \times 0.63 \times 0.6619 \times 1000 = 1188.44 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\text{Fine aggregate content} = 2.71 \times 0.37 \times 0.6619 \times 1000 = 663.68 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

Table 4.8: Mix Design Proportion of Standard (M 20) Grade Concrete

Mix designation	Water	Cement	Fine aggregate	Coarse aggregate
MX0	186 lt/m <sup>3</sup>	432 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	663.68 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	1188.44 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
	.430	1	1.53	2.75

Table 4.9 Marble Dust Based Concrete Mix

Figure 4.7 Mix proportion

Mix designation	Percentage of WMP	Water (kg)	Cement(kg)	Coarse Aggregates(kg)	Fine aggregate(kg)	Marble Powder(kg)
MX0	0	15	34.89	95.94	53.37	0
MX1	5	15	33.146	95.94	53.37	1.744
MX2	7.5	15	32.274	95.94	53.37	2.616
MX3	12.5	15	30.529	95.94	53.37	4.361
MX4	17.5	15	28.785	95.94	53.37	6.105
MX5	22.5	15	27.04	95.94	53.37	7.850

**Compressive strength test**

Compressive strength of concrete is tested on cube at different percentage of marble powder content in concrete. The strength of concrete has been tested on cube at 7 days curing and 28 days. 7 days test has been conducted to check the gain in initial strength concrete. 28 days test gives the data of final strength of concrete at 28 days curing. Compression testing machine is used for testing the compressive strength test on concrete. At the time of testing the cube is taken out of water and dried and then tested keeping the smooth faces in upper and lower part [20]. The load was applied gradually without any shock and increased at constant rate of 14 N/mm<sup>2</sup>/minute until failure of specimen takes place, thus the compressive strength of specimen was found out.



Figure 4.11 Testing of Cube Specimen

**Tensile Strength test**

Tensile strength of concrete is tested on cylinders at different percentage of marble powder content in concrete. The strength of concrete has been tested on cylinder at 7 days curing and 28 days. 7 days test has been conducted to check the gain in initial strength of concrete. 28 days test gives the data of final strength of concrete at 28 days curing. Compression testing machine is used for testing the Tensile strength test on concrete along with two wooden boards [9]. At the time of testing the cylinder taken out of water and dried and then tested.



Figure 4.13 Testing of Cylinder Specimen

**Flexural Strength test**

Flexural strength of concrete is tested on beams at different percentage of marble powder content in concrete. The strength of concrete has been tested on beam at 7 days curing and 28 days. 7 days test has been conducted to check the gain in initial strength of concrete. 28 days test gives the data of final strength of concrete at 28 days curing [10]. Flexural testing machine is used for testing the flexural strength test on concrete.

**Compressive Strength**

The compressive strength was conducted on various specimens as per the guidelines given in IS 516-1959. The specimens were surface dried before testing the same on Universal Testing Machine of 200 tonnes capacity. The result of compression test using waste marble powder (WMP) in varying percentages i.e. (0%, 5%, 7.5%, 12.5%, 17.5% and 22.5%) as partial replacement of sand at the moist curing age of 7 days and 28 days are presented in table 5.1 and 5.2. The comparison of various mixes containing WMP in different percentages

Table 5.1 Compressive Strength after 7 Days

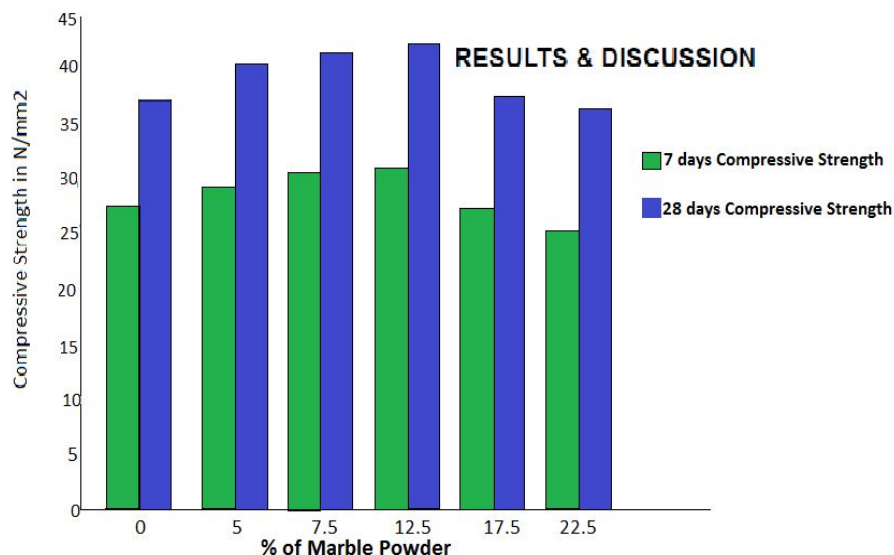
Mix Designation	Percentage of marble	Load (kN)	Compressive Strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Average Compressive strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )
MX0	0	580 620 610	25.77 27.55 27.11	26.81

MX1	5	650 590 665	28.88 26.22 29.55	28.21
MX2	7.5	670 655 690	29.77 29.11 30.66	29.84
MX3	12.5	680 700 660	30.22 31.11 29.33	30.22
MX4	17.5	580 600 550	25.77 26.66 24.44	25.62
MX5	22.5	570 545 530	25.33 24.22 23.55	24.36

Table 5.2 Compressive Strength after 28 Days

Mix Designation	Percentage of Marble	Load (kN)	Compressive Strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Average Compressive strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )
MX0	0	820 850 810	36.44 37.77 36.00	36.73
MX1	5	880 900 860	39.11 40.00 38.22	39.11
MX2	7.5	950 890 920	42.22 39.55 40.88	40.88
<i>MX3</i>	12.5	900 930 950	40.00 41.33 42.22	41.18
MX4	17.5	820 760 800	36.44 33.77 35.55	35.25
MX5	22.5	730 790 755	32.44 35.11 33.55	33.70

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**Compressive strength of concrete with Marble Powder at 7 & 28 days**

Figure 5.1 Compressive Strength Graph

It can be seen from the above tables and figures that the flexural strength of concrete mixes containing 7.5% and 12.5% WMP are about 3% to 5% higher than the flexural strength of the control mix, however the flexural strength of the mix containing 17.5% and 22.5% WMP are comparable to the compressive strength obtained for the control mix.

### Flexure Strength Test

Although the concrete is not designed to resist tension, the knowledge of tensile strength of concrete is of value in assessing the load at which crack will start appearing in concrete. The absence of cracking is of considerable importance in insuring the better durability of concrete structure and in many cases the prevention of the corrosion of the reinforcement because of the partial difficulties faced in conducting a pure strength, it is preferable to measure the tensile strength of the concrete by subjecting a plain concrete beam to flexure. The flexure test was conducted on various mixes. The result obtained for various mixes at the age of 7 days and 28 days.

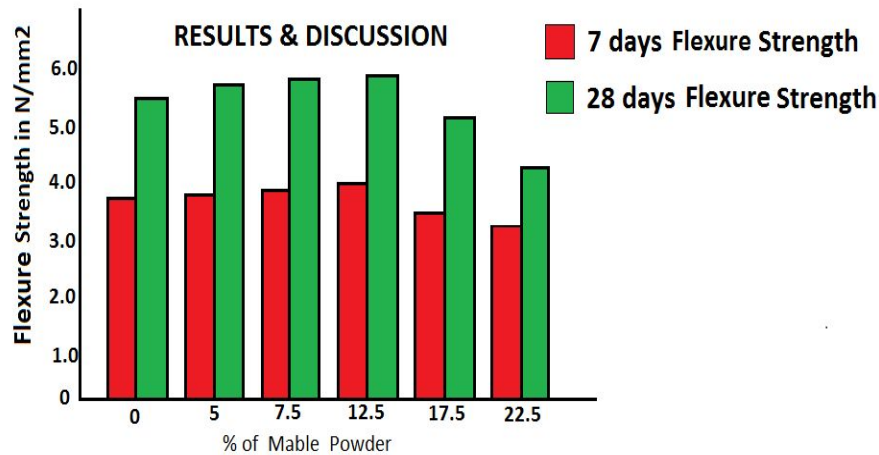
Table 5.5 Flexure Strength after 7 Days

Mix Designation	Percentage of marble	Flexural Strength (Tonnes)	Flexural Strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Average strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )
MX0	0	2.08	3.69	3.75
		2.12	3.76	
		2.15	3.82	
MX1	5	2.10	3.73	3.79
		2.17	3.85	
MX2	7.5	2.16	3.84	3.89
		2.22	3.94	
MX3	12.5	2.20	3.19	3.96
		2.26	4.01	
MX4	17.5	1.95	3.46	3.44
		1.87	3.32	
		2.00	3.55	
MX5	22.5	1.88	3.34	3.21
		1.75	3.11	
		1.80	3.20	

Table 5.6 Flexure Strength after 28 Days

Mix Designation	Percentage of marble	Flexural Strength (Tonnes)	Flexural Strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Average strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )

MX0	0	3.10 3.00 3.12	5.51 5.33 5.54	5.46
MX1	5	3.15 3.28 3.19	5.60 5.83 5.67	5.70
MX2	7.5	3.22 3.18 3.28	5.72 5.65 5.83	5.73
MX3	12.5	3.20 3.29 3.26	5.68 5.84 5.79	5.77
MX4	17.5	3.00 2.89 2.74	5.33 5.13 4.87	5.11
MX5	22.5	2.80 2.72 2.68	4.97 4.83 4.76	4.85



Flexure Strength of Concrete with Marble Powder at 7 & 28 days

Figure 5.3 Flexure Strength Graph

It can be seen from the above tables and figures that the flexural strength of concrete mixes containing 7.5% and 12.5% WMP are about 3% to 5% higher than the flexural strength of the control mix; however the flexural strength of the mix containing 17.5% and 22.5% WMP are comparable to the flexural strength obtained for the control mix. This trend is similar to the trends obtained for compressive strength and tensile strength and the reason for the same is as already explained.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Based on the experimental results obtained from this study, the following conclusions can be drawn:

- A 10% WMD can be used as an additive material in production of cement.
- Use of WMD in production of WMDCs does not affect the setting time.
- The ratio of WMD in the cements increases the values of specific gravity and specific surface decrease.

- There is a linear relationship between WMD and quantities of cement retained on sieve.
- it proved to be very effective in assuring very good cohesiveness of mortar and Concrete.
- The compressive strength of WMD MX4 is higher than those of OPC.
- The study indicates that the marble waste can be incorporated in Portland limestone production.
- Cost of cement production can be decreased by use of 10% WMD.
- The Compressive strength of Cubes are increased with addition of waste marble
- Powder up to 12.5 % replace by weight of cement and further any addition of waste
- Marble powder the compressive strength decreases.

Thus we found out the optimum percentage for replacement of marble powder with cement and it is almost 12.5 % cement for both cubes and cylinders.

We have put a simple step to minimize the costs for construction with usage of Marble powder which is freely or cheaply available more importantly.

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