

STRENGTH STUDY ON REINFORCED HOLLOW CONCRETE BLOCK MASONRY

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Abstract

Masonry can be termed as the compounding of building units joint with the help of cementitious material required to function. Reinforced Masonry was introduced to increase the durability and strength of Free Masonry and to overcome the tensile strong point. Coating of reinforcement in the Masonry structures increases the ductility and also provide better shear strength under seismic effect. In this survey we will be using hollow concrete blocking as a masonry unit and we will compare the strength obtained in reinforced and unreinforced masonry. In this work reinforced and unreinforced hollow concrete block masonry optical prism are tested to monitor the behaviour under axial compression and shear strength. Half masonry wall for both reinforced and unreinforced are tested to study the flexural strength. In this experimental studies were carried out to compare the strength of reinforced and unreinforced hollow concrete block masonry under compression, shear and bending. Initial examination was carried out on 200mm hollow concrete block, mortar, and concrete to obtain basic properties. Three trials were carried out on reinforced and unreinforced masonry optical prism which were casted and tested under compression and shear. And masonry wall with both reinforced and unreinforced were tested under in loading framing after 28 days of hardening. The comparing will be carried out to find the increase in strength after providing steel reinforcement in the masonry.

Keywords: Key Words: Reinforced Concrete Hollow Block Masonry, Unreinforced Masonry.

Introduction

Masonry may be termed as the compounding of building social unit joined with the help of cementitious materials accepted joining material to perform required function. Based on structural perception masonry can be classified into two types- Knit masonry and Reinforced masonry.

Plain masonry is one where the building units are bonded (or joined) with the help of cementitious material without any strengthened. This type of masonry gives little tensile strength- hence it cannot be used in horizontal members like beams, slabs and also for column where it is subjected to tensile tension due to loading. Similarly, reinforced masonry is a type of masonry where reinforcements are used to improve plain stitch masonry and improve its strength in both tension and compression.

1. Methodology

The Conventional tests is adopted on

- a. Unreinforced HCBM

- b. Reinforced Concrete Hollow Block Masonry. 8mm DIA reinforcement were tried prior to experiments on RCHBM. All the staple properties of Hollow concrete, Mortar and

EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION

In present investigation the prism specimens, masonry triplets and masonry wallet were casted using concrete hollow block of dimension 400×200×200 mm for Compressive test, Shear test and Flexure test respectively. In all cases, Fe-415 steel of diameter 8 mm were taken for reinforcement in RCHBM and 53 grade of ordinary Portland cement was used. The cement mortar 1:6 with w/c ratio 0.7 obtained by Flow table test was adopted. M20 grade concrete has been used for filling the cells of block in RCHBM. Totally three number of Reinforced concrete hollow block masonry prisms (RCHBM), using 8 mm diameter bar and three number of unreinforced masonry prisms were casted for Compression test and shear test. Similarly, three number of masonry wallet in two sets were casted and tested for flexure test.



Fig -1: Masonry triplet Specimen after casting



Fig -2: Masonry wallet after casting



Fig -3: Setup for Shear test

Table1: Basic Properties of Hollow Concrete Block

Sl. No	Name of the Test	Test Results	Unit
1	Dimensionality	401.63x152.07x199.3	mm
2	Dry density	1.163	g/cc
3	Water absorption	5.33	%
4	Initial rate of absorption	1.25	kg/m ² /min
5	Flexural strength	1.92	N/m ²
6	Compressive strength	6.08	N/m ²
7	Modulus of Elasticity	5898	MPa



Fig-4 :Setup for Compression test

Table -2: Basic Properties of Cement Mortar

Sl.No	Name of the Test	Test Results	Unit
1	Compressive strength	10.23	N/mm ²
2	Flowability	0.7	-

Table -3: Compressive strength of URM at 28 days

Specimen no.	Load at failure (kN)	Compressive strength MPa	C.F=1.2
1	600	7.5	9
2	560	7	8.4
3	550	6.87	8.224
Mean flexure strength MPa		7.12	8.54

Table -4: Compressive strength of RHCBM-8φ at 28 days

Specimen no.	Load at failure (kN)	Compressive strength (MPa)	C.F=1.2
1	710	8.87	10.64
2	690	8.62	10.34
3	650	8.12	9.74
Mean flexure strength MPa		8.53	10.24

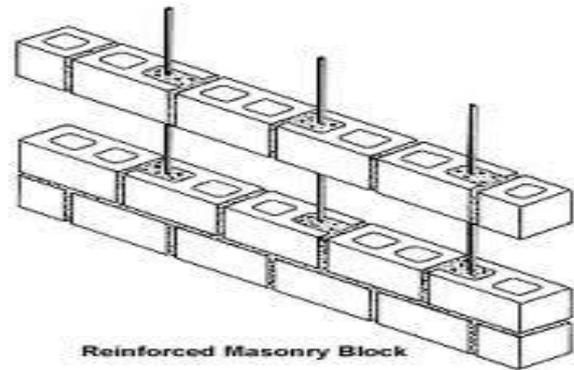


Fig -5: Setup for flexure test

Table -5: Shear strength of URM at 28 days

Specimen no.	Load at failure (kN)	Shear strength (MPa)	C.F=1.2
1	150	1.21	1.45
2	120	0.96	1.15
3	130	1.04	1.24
Mean flexure strength MPa		1.07	1.28

Specimen no.	Load at failure (kN)	Shear strength (MPa)	C.F=1.2
1	300	2.4	2.88
2	320	2.56	3.07
3	290	2.32	2.78
Mean flexure strength MPa		2.42	2.91



Also, an attempt has been made to calculate the load carrying capacity of RHCBM using the mechanics based approach and the details are mentioned below.

Specimen no.	Load at failure (kN)	Flexure strength (MPa)	C.F=1.2
1	210	0.83	0.99
2	230	0.93	1.11
3	200	0.81	0.97
Mean flexure strength MPa		0.85	1.02

Specimen no.	Load at failure (kN)	Flexure strength (MPa)	C.F=1.2
1	450	1.83	2.19
2	480	1.96	2.35
3	492	2.00	2.4
Mean flexure strength MPa		1.93	2.31

Sl.no	Tests	Reinforced Avg. strength (MPa)	Unreinforced Avg. strength (MPa)
1	Compressive test	10.24	8.54
2	Shear test	2.91	1.28
3	Flexure test	2.31	1.02

CONCLUSIONS

The present investigation focuses on the axial load carrying capacity of RHCBM based on the experimental and analytical investigation of the following:

- 1) Water absorption of HCB is found to be 5.33%.
- 2) 1.163 g/cc is the Block Density of HCB is found
- 3) IRA for HCB is found to be 1.25 kg/m²/min.
- 4) The average flexural strength of HCB arrives to 1.92 N/mm². This is indeed very high compared to conventional masonry units, because these HCB's are manufacture for a design mix under good quality control
- 5) The average compressive strength and modulus of elasticity of concrete hollow blocks is found to be 6.08 N/mm² and 5898 Mpa.
- 6) The average Compressive Strength of Mortar Cube (1:4) with a w/c ratio of 0.7 is found to be 10.23 Mpa for 28 days.
- 7) The average Compressive Strength of RHCBM-8φ (reinforced using 8 mm bar) is found to be 10.24MPa and unreinforced is found to be 8.54MPa
- 8) The average Shear Strength of RHCBM-8 φ (reinforced using 8 mm bar) is found to be 2.91 MPa and for unreinforced is was found to be 1.28MPa
- 9) The average Flexure strength of RHCBM wallet is found to be 2.31MPa and for unreinforced is was found to be 1.02 MPa

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