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Rehabilitation by in-situ cold recycling technique using reclaimed asphalt pavement material and foam bitumen at vadodara halol road project (SH 87) – a case study

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Abstract

Cold Recycling Technology (CRT) of worn out bituminous pavement is a relatively new technology which has important application in the road surface treatment and paving towards green highway. Due to economic and environmental constraints like reduction in construction cost, preservation of aggregate and binder, etc, more attention is turning towards recycling of bituminous surface as an alternative to conventional pavement rehabilitation. The objective of this paper is to analyze flexible pavement with insitu cold recycling technique using Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement Material (RAP) and Foam Bitumen. As a case study, pilot project consisting of segregated stretches having major distresses and totaling 10 km length were selected on Vadodara Halol Road Project (SH 87) where cold recycling technique using reclaimed material and foam bitumen was used as a part of rehabilitation of flexible pavement instead of conventional overlay in order to achieve economy and executing within limited time period. Various field as well as laboratory tests are conducted and representative cores were extracted to investigate the pavement characteristics. The results of tests conducted on the cold recycling surface are very encouraging and adopted CRT is found to be economically viable also.

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1. Introduction

According to Kamran et al [4] road transportation system is one of the key components in social and economic development of a country and it takes a considerable amount of national budget. Construction materials preservation, environment friendly construction, speedy and cost effective rehabilitation alternatives are the requirements of current age. M. Amaranatha et al [2] described that conservation of energy and materials is important practices for achieving sustainability in road construction. Major road infrastructure activities currently under taken by different agencies in India for the last one decade have shown greater impact on energy consumption and depletion of aggregates. There is a problem with non-availability of good quality aggregates in some states of the country and aggregate being very expensive because of large lead distances. It is also to be noted that thicknesses of existing pavements are increasing due to addition of periodic overlays. The rise of road levels causes serious drainage problems in the urban areas.

Even well designed road pavements reach a phase where the general condition demands rehabilitation for their structural and functional quality. The rehabilitation could be undertaken through an overlay consisting of one or more bituminous layer or through reutilization of existing pavement materials eventually with an improvement of their characteristics defined as pavement recycling.

Defined in handbook of Wirtgen cold recycling technology [5] pavement recycling is one of the technique by which one can address the scarcity of the natural material. In pavement recycling we use the aggregates obtained by cutting and milling of the existing pavement and by doing this we not only conserve the virgin aggregates but also address drainage problem and save millions of rupees. In situ cold recycling technique is environmental friendly, utilizes fewer amount of fuel as well faster in construction. Use of Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP), obtained from milling of existing distressed bituminous surfacing in pavement construction and rehabilitation works is being routinely used in developed countries for conserving natural resources.

The objective of this paper is to analyze flexible pavement with insitu cold recycling technique using RAP / reclaimed material and foam bitumen. As a case study, pilot project consisting of segregated stretches having major distresses and totaling 10 km length were selected on Vadodara Halol Road Project (SH 87) where cold recycling Technique using reclaimed material and foam bitumen was used as a part of rehabilitation of flexible pavement. Vadodara Halol Road Project was commissioned in year 2000. The project road is four lane divided carriageway. Over a period, due to conventional overlay the thickness of bituminous layer increased excessively. Even after regular maintenance and rehabilitation, various distresses like segregation, severe cracking like alligator cracking, longitudinal cracking, etc undulation and rutting at segregated locations on the pavement were observed. Beyond a point distresses in the lower bituminous layers could not be curtailed as they surfaced after plying of traffic. Also the profile correction had reached its limits because of kerb height. Various field as well as laboratory tests were conducted and representative cores were also extracted on existing bituminous pavement to investigate the pavement characteristics and collecting data for design.

On the basis of results and considering design period of 10 years and 28 msa, conventional overlay was designed as per IRC 81:1997. In order to achieve economy and executing within limited time period, option of Insitu cold recycling technique was also considered.

Foam bitumen mix using RAP, virgin aggregate and bitumen proportioned was produced as per Cold Recycled mix design was produced. A 180mm thick foam bitumen RAP mix layer was prepared and over it 40mm thick bituminous concrete layer was laid. Laboratory investigation like Indirect Tensile Strength (ITS) on specimen of recycled mix and field investigation like Benkleman Beam Deflection (BBD) and Roughness Survey by 5th Wheel Bump Integrator was conducted. Laboratory and field test were conducted on rehabilitated surface before and after one monsoon season. Due to lack of availability of standards on foam bitumen in India, BSG guideline (TG-2, 2009) is adopted for mix design. At present the pavement surface seems to be intact without any visible distress. The results of tests conducted on the new surface have so far been very encouraging.

2. Literature review

Insitu cold recycling is being considered to be an efficient and effective method in the developed countries for rehabilitating asphalt roads showing non-structural aging and cracking of the pavement layer.

In rehabilitation of pavement using foam bitumen, the bitumen is heated in a chamber and cold water is injected into the hot bitumen resulting in the spontaneous formation of foam with huge expansion of bitumen. The foam bitumen

is added to the Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) and virgin aggregates. As per TG-2 [6] foamed bitumen is a hot bituminous binder which has been temporarily converted from a liquid state to a foam state by the addition of a small percentage of water and pressurized air. This is mainly a physical rather than a chemical process. Foamed bitumen is characterized by Expansion Ratio (ER) and Half-life time ($\tau_{1/2}$). The expansion ratio is defined as the maximum volume over its original volume (before foaming) and half-life time is defined as the time it takes (in seconds) for foam to become a half of its maximum volume. The optimum foaming water content is determined by the amount to obtain the maximum expansion ratio and the longest half-life time of foamed bitumen. The expansion of the bitumen and the half-life time are dependent mainly on: the type and temperature of base bitumen, the working pressure of bitumen, water and air, the quantity of foamant water added and temperature of the mixing chamber or vessel into which the foamed bitumen is sprayed.

This cold recycling technique can be used to treat both marginal and recycled materials and applied as base and sub-base layers in pavements.

The advantages of cold recycling with foam bitumen highlighted by Kamran et al [4] and handbook of Wirtgen cold recycling technology [5] are hereafter.

- Increase in strength over granular pavement material due to improved cohesion and moisture resistance.
- Quick construction method comparing with other hot mix technology
- Lower cost than reconstruction by utilizing RAP material.
- Bitumen stabilized material are not temperature sensitive.
- As only bitumen is required to be heated and not aggregate or RAP material, this technology is environmental friendly.
- Also due to less fuel consumption there is appreciate cost saving.

2.1. Mix design outline.

Defined by handbook of Wirtgen cold recycling technology [5] mix design procedure involves several steps and one or more levels depending on magnitude of design traffic. The mix design procedure starts with testing of materials to be stabilized and then commencing mix design Level 1 that provides an indication of application rate of bitumen and active filler required to achieve an indicated class of Bitumen Stabilized Materials (BSM). Thereafter depending on requirement of design traffic additional series Level 2 & 3 are adopted to refine application rate and gain confidence in performance potential of treated material. In this paper Level 1 mix design procedure is adopted.

2.2. BSM classification.

Described in handbook of Wirtgen cold recycling technology [5] BSM are classified in three classes depending on quality of parent material and design traffic. The three classes of BSM are BSM1, BSM2 and BSM3. In this paper Material Specification requirement for BSM1 is adopted. BSM1 material has high shear strength and is used as a base layer for design traffic.

Table 1: Material indicators for bitumen stabilized material – I with foamed bitumen

| Test or Indicator | Material | Used For BSM-1 | Codal Provision |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Material passing 0.075 mm | CS or RAP | 0 - 10 | TG-2 |
| Field Density | All | > 98% | IS:2720 (Part-8 & 28) |
| Plasticity Index | CS or RAP | < 4 | IS:2720 (Part 5) |
| ITS (Dry) kpa | 100 mm dia Marshall | > 225 | TG-2 |
| ITS (Soaked) kpa | Mould | > 100 | TG-2 |
| ITS (Dry) kpa | 150 mm dia Marshall | > 175 | TG-2 |
| ITS (Soaked) kpa | Mould | > 150 | TG-2 |

Note: CS – Crushed stone, RAP – Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement Material

2.3. Gradation

The grading of material requires careful considerations. The grading requirement for BSM-Foam for BSM-1 classification as per TG-2 [6] is adopted in this paper.

Table 2: Gradation for BSM-foam

| IS Sieve (mm) | 50 | 37.5 | 26.5 | 19 | 13.2 | 9.5 | 6.3 | 4.75 | 2.36 | 1.18 | 0.6 | 0.425 | 0.3 | 0.15 | 0.075 | |
|-----------------|---------------|------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Percent Passing | Ideal | 100 | 87 to 100 | 77 to 100 | 66 to 99 | 67 to 87 | 49 to 74 | 40 to 62 | 35 to 56 | 25 to 42 | 18 to 33 | 14 to 28 | 12 to 26 | 10 to 24 | 7 to 17 | 4 to 10 |
| | Less Suitable | --- | --- | 100 to 100 | 99 to 100 | 87 to 100 | 74 to 100 | 62 to 100 | 56 to 95 | 42 to 78 | 33 to 65 | 28 to 54 | 26 to 50 | 24 to 43 | 17 to 30 | 10 to 20 |

Foam bitumen requires sufficient fines particles to be present in the material to facilitate the dispersion of the bitumen. Where the material is deficient in fines, a poor mix will result. For this reason minimum requirement specified is 5% by mass for fines passing 0.075mm sieve. The general grading requirements for BSMs are indicated in terms of zones of most suitable aggregate composition in Figure 1.

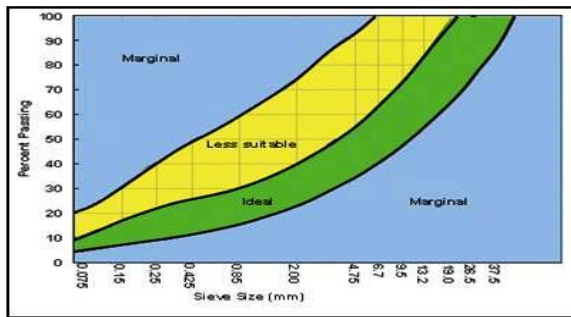


Fig.1. Grading requirement in terms of zones

2.4. Active filler

According to handbook of Wirtgen cold recycling technology [5] filler shall consist of finely divided mineral matter such as Portland cement, hydrated lime or rock dust as approved by Engineer. The filler shall be graded within limits indicated in Table 500-9 of MORT&H specification and shall be free from organic impurities. In this paper for cold mix blend 1% OPC was adopted.

Table 3: Application rate for cement or hydrated lime as filler

| Plasticity index: < 10 | Plasticity index: 10 - 16 | Plasticity index: > 16 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Add 1% Ordinary Portland cement | Add 1% Hydrated Lime | Pre Heat with 2% Hydrated Lime |

2.5. Foaming properties

Foamed bitumen is a mixture of air, water and bitumen and the proportion of 98% bitumen, 1% water & 1% foaming agent (compressed air) was adopted for preparing foam bitumen in this paper. The minimum foaming properties that is acceptable for effective stabilization as per TG-2 [6] is as per table below.

Table 4: Foam characteristics limits (minimum value)

| Aggregate Temperature | 10 ⁰ C to 25 ⁰ C | Greater Than 25 ⁰ C |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Expansion Ratio, ER (Times) | 10 | 8 |
| Half Life, ½ (Secs) | 6 | 6 |

If these requirement does not meet than the bitumen should be rejected as unsuitable for foaming.

2.6. Indirect Tensile Strength Test (ITS)

Defined in TG-2 [6] the ITS test is used as an indirect measure of the tensile strength and flexibility of the BSM to reflect the flexural characteristics of the material. It is the most economical method for investigating the effectiveness of the bitumen. The ITS test is used to test the specimen under different moisture condition like dry, soaked and equilibrium moisture content. The ITS is determined by measuring the ultimate load to failure of a specimen that is subjected to a constant deformation rate of 50.8 mm/minute on its diametric axis.

Indirect Tensile Strength (ITS) = $(2 \times P) / (\pi \times h \times d) \times 10000$ where,
 P = Maximum applied load, H = Average height of specimen, D = diameter of specimen

Place the specimen under water at 25°C for 24 hours. Remove the specimen from water, surface dry and repeat the procedure to determine the ITS of soaked specimen. The tensile strength ratio is the relationship between the soaked and unsoaked ITS for a specific batch of specimen, expressed as a percentage using equation:

Tensile Strength Ratio (TSR) = $(\text{Soaked ITS} / \text{Unsoaked ITS}) \times 100$

The TSR is useful to identify problem materials. Where a material has a TSR less than 50%, and the ITS_{dry} exceeds 400 kPa, the material is likely to contain clays and the bitumen is ineffective.

2.7. Determination of optimum binder content

The 100 mm dia Marshall Specimen are tested for indirect tensile strength under dry and soaked conditions. The results of the dry and soaked ITS test are plotted against respective bitumen content that was added. The added bitumen content that best meets the desired properties is regarded as optimum binder content.

3. Existing pavement investigation

The segregated locations were selected along the project road and were considered for rehabilitation by In situ cold recycling.

Table 5: Selected stretches for rehabilitation

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Left Carriageway | From | 9.000 | 17.000 | 22.000 | 23.000 | 24.000 | 25.000 | 30.000 |
| | To | 10.000 | 18.000 | 23.000 | 24.000 | 25.000 | 26.000 | 31.000 |
| Right Carriageway | From | 20.000 | 21.000 | 25.000 | 26.000 | 29.000 | 30.000 | 35.000 |
| | To | 21.000 | 22.000 | 26.000 | 27.000 | 30.000 | 31.000 | 36.000 |

The pavement investigation on selected stretches on existing pavement was carried out for rehabilitation. The activities like Pavement Condition Survey, Roughness survey, BBD test and existing pavement bituminous layer Tk were conducted under pavement investigation.

3.1. Pavement condition survey

The pavement condition was carried out prior to commencement of BBD test. The pavement condition survey was conducted by visual observations and collecting details regarding the distresses that have crop up on existing pavement. On conducting pavement condition survey it is observed that various distress exists in varying percentage on entire road project. The distress that were observed are alligator cracks, reflection cracks, stripping, ravelling, pot hole, undulations, etc. At very few locations minor rutting or settlement were observed. This indicates that the existing pavement is structurally sound from base. The photos of the distresses observed at selected stretches are presented below.



Fig.2. Photographs of few stretches with distresses

3.2. Roughness survey

The pavement roughness is defined as the irregularities in the pavement surface that affect the ride ability of a vehicle and thus causes discomfort to road users. The roughness survey on selected stretches was carried out by using 5th Wheel Bump Integrator (Automatic Road Unevenness Recorder) towed by Scorpio Gateway utility vehicle. The vehicle attached with 5th Wheel Bump Indicator was moved along the wheel paths at an average speed of 30 Km/hr over the slow lane & fast lane of both left carriageway & right carriageway of project road. The roughness data was measured at every 100m interval. The roughness value in mm/Km for fast lane & slow lane of right carriageway & left carriageway is presented in table below.

Table 6: Roughness value in mm/Km on existing pavement at selected stretches

| Chainage (in Km) | | Left carriageway | | Chainage (in Km) | | Right carriageway | |
|------------------|--------|------------------|-----------|------------------|--------|-------------------|-----------|
| From | To | Slow Lane | Fast Lane | From | To | Slow Lane | Fast Lane |
| 9.000 | 10.000 | 2600 | 2524 | 20.000 | 21.000 | 2800 | 2724 |
| 17.000 | 18.000 | 2712 | 2590 | 21.000 | 22.000 | 2682 | 2576 |
| 22.000 | 23.000 | 2740 | 2616 | 25.000 | 26.000 | 3000 | 2890 |
| 23.000 | 24.000 | 2500 | 2432 | 26.000 | 27.000 | 2620 | 2534 |
| 24.000 | 25.000 | 2262 | 2220 | 29.000 | 30.000 | 2600 | 2564 |
| 25.000 | 26.000 | 2590 | 2470 | 30.000 | 31.000 | 2858 | 2766 |
| 30.000 | 31.000 | 2602 | 2520 | 35.000 | 36.000 | 2690 | 2614 |

3.3. Benkelman Beam Deflection (BBD) test

BBD test was undertaken on carriageway to determine the residual strength of the existing pavement. The test was carried in accordance with IRC: 81-1997 “Guidelines for Strengthening of Flexible Road Pavement using Benkelman Beam Deflection Technique”. The readings taken during the test are used for arriving characteristic deflection. The pavement temperature and subsoil moisture correction factor was also considered. The achieved characteristic deflection is presented in table below.

Table 7: Characteristic deflection in mm on existing pavement at selected stretches

| Left hand side carriageway | | | Right hand side carriageway | | |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| Chainage (in Km) | | Characteristic deflection (in mm) | Chainage (in Km) | | Characteristic deflection (in mm) |
| From | To | | From | To | |
| 9.000 | 10.000 | 1.48 | 20.000 | 21.000 | 1.36 |
| 17.000 | 18.000 | 1.65 | 21.000 | 22.000 | 1.53 |
| 22.000 | 23.000 | 1.14 | 25.000 | 26.000 | 1.42 |
| 23.000 | 24.000 | 1.60 | 26.000 | 27.000 | 1.67 |
| 24.000 | 25.000 | 1.28 | 29.000 | 30.000 | 1.39 |
| 25.000 | 26.000 | 1.59 | 30.000 | 31.000 | 1.39 |
| 30.000 | 31.000 | 1.46 | 35.000 | 36.000 | 1.18 |

3.4. Existing pavement bituminous layer thickness

Due to overlay and patchwork the bituminous layer thickness has been increased excessively resulting in kerb height reaching the limit. In order to verify the same, cores were extracted at different locations of selected stretches and the thickness of bituminous layer is provided in table below.

Table 8: Existing pavement bituminous layer Tk in mm at Selected Stretches

| Left Hand Side Carriageway | Location | 9+500 | 22+550 | 23+500 | 24+700 | 25+650 | 30+400 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | BT Tk in mm | 220 | 230 | 210 | 180 | 220 | 230 |
| Right Hand Side Carriageway | Location | 20+300 | 25+500 | 26+300 | 29+500 | 30+000 | 35+600 |
| | BT Tk in mm | 200 | 210 | 200 | 280 | 220 | 210 |

4. Proposal for rehabilitation

On the basis of pavement investigation collaborating roughness survey and BBD test results, proposal for rehabilitation by conventional overlay and cold recycling was evaluated and compared. On the basis of traffic data collected and analysed, the rehabilitation was designed considering design period of 10 years and 28 msa.

4.1. Conventional overlay

The overlay bituminous thickness is derived based on characteristic deflection and projected msa as per design chart given in IRC: 81-1997. The overlay thickness in terms of Bituminous Macadam (BM) layer established as per design chart is accordingly converted into DBM (Dense Bituminous Macadam) & BC (Bituminous Concrete). The proposed bituminous overlay for strengthening the existing pavement is presented in table below.

Table 9: Proposed bituminous overlay as per conventional method

| Chainage (in Km) | | Left carriageway | | | Chainage (in Km) | | Right carriageway | | |
|------------------|--------|---------------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------|--------|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| From | To | Character-istic deflectio | BM in mm | Overlay proposal | From | To | Characteri-istic deflection | BM in mm | Overlay proposal |
| 9.000 | 10.000 | 1.48 | 151.57 | 40mm BC + 70mm DBM | 20.000 | 21.000 | 1.36 | 137.75 | 40mm BC + 60mm DBM |
| 17.000 | 18.000 | 1.65 | 166.79 | 40mm BC + 80mm DBM | 21.000 | 22.000 | 1.53 | 156.52 | 40mm BC + 70mm DBM |
| 22.000 | 23.000 | 1.14 | 103.03 | 40mm BC + 50mm DBM | 25.000 | 26.000 | 1.42 | 145.03 | 40mm BC + 65mm DBM |
| 23.000 | 24.000 | 1.60 | 162.76 | 40mm BC + 75mm DBM | 26.000 | 27.000 | 1.67 | 168.31 | 40mm BC + 80mm DBM |
| 24.000 | 25.000 | 1.28 | 126.71 | 40mm BC + 50mm DBM | 29.000 | 30.000 | 1.39 | 141.49 | 40mm BC + 60mm DBM |
| 25.000 | 26.000 | 1.59 | 161.91 | 40mm BC + 75mm DBM | 30.000 | 31.000 | 1.39 | 141.49 | 40mm BC + 60mm DBM |
| 30.000 | 31.000 | 1.46 | 149.47 | 40mm BC + 65mm DBM | 35.000 | 36.000 | 1.18 | 110.43 | 40mm BC + 50mm DBM |

4.2. Cold recycling

It was observed that the bituminous layer thickness of existing pavement at selected stretches that were distressed excessively was averagely 220 mm. It was decided to replace 220mm thickness of bituminous layer of existing pavement by 180 mm of cold insitu recycle layer + 40 mm fresh bituminous concrete layer as wearing course. After conducting number of trial with varying blending proportions of RAP, 20mm virgin aggregate & Cement, the blending as shown below falls within the specified limits and was adopted.

Table 10: Cold mix material blending

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| IS sieve (mm) | 45 | 37.5 | 26.5 | 19 | 13.2 | 4.75 | 2.36 | 0.600 | 0.300 | 0.150 | 0.075 |
| RAP | 100 | 100 | 100 | 90.5 | 82.34 | 44.36 | 33.87 | 21.45 | 16.65 | 11.25 | 5.7 |
| % Passing | 20 mm | 100 | 100 | 100 | 71.93 | 27.11 | 2.07 | 0.15 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| Cement | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 98 |
| Blending (RAP 91%+ 20mm 8% + OPC 1%) | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 89.11 | 78.10 | 41.53 | 31.83 | 20.52 | 16.15 | 11.24 | 6.17 |
| Mid limit | 100.00 | 93.50 | 88.50 | 82.50 | 77.00 | 45.50 | 33.50 | 21.00 | 17.00 | 12.00 | 7.00 |
| Lower limit | 100 | 87 | 77 | 66 | 67 | 35 | 25 | 14 | 10 | 7 | 4 |
| Upper limit | 100 | 100 | 100 | 99 | 87 | 56 | 42 | 28 | 24 | 17 | 10 |

On finalizing the cold mix with blending proportion of 91% RAP, 8% 20mm virgin aggregate & 1% Ordinary Portland Cement (OPC), the modified proctor test was conducted as per IS: 2720 Part 8 to determine Maximum Dry Density (MDD) in gm/cc and Optimum Moisture Content (OMC) in percentage. On achieving MDD and OMC, foamed bitumen mix samples were prepared by mixing blended mix with foam bitumen. VG 10 bitumen was used for preparing foam bitumen with proportion of 98% bitumen, 1% water & 1% foaming agent (Compressed Air). The foam bitumen properties were verified prior to cold mix preparation. Total 18 numbers of foam bitumen mix samples were prepared with 6 samples for each percentage of 1.8%, 2% and 2.2% of foam bitumen. The Foam bitumen mix sample of 100 mm dia was prepared adopting Marshall Method. Out of 18 foam bitumen mix samples prepared, 9 samples were tested for ITS dry condition and remaining 9 samples for ITS wet condition. The Indirect Tensile Strength (ITS) Test is conducted as per ASTM: D 6931 – 12 to determine Optimum Bitumen Content (OBC) to be adopted. The obtained results for foam bitumen as well modified proctor and Indirect Tensile Strength (ITS) on cold recycle mix are presented below.

Table 11: Test results for Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) material and virgin 20mm aggregate

| Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement Material (RAP) | | Virgin 20mm Aggregate | |
|---|---------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Parameters | Results | Parameters | Results |
| Unit weight (gm/cc) | 2.20 | Bulk specific gravity (Oven dry) | 2.826 |
| Optimum moisture content (%) | 5.00 | Bulk specific gravity (SSD) | 2.847 |
| California bearing ratio (%) | 24.20 | Water absorption (%) | 0.72 |
| Aggregate impact value (%) | 12.10 | Aggregate impact value (%) | 10.20 |
| Aggregate abrasion value (%) | 13.20 | Aggregate abrasion value (%) | 12.30 |

Table 12: Test results for foamed bitumen for aggregate temperature of 26.4° C.

| Parameters | Results |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Expansion Ratio, ER (Times) | 24 |
| Half Life, ½ (Secs) | 11 |

Table 13: Test results for modified proctor & ITS

| Maximum dry density (g/cc) | 2.42 | Optimum moisture content (%) | 6 |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Summary for Indirect Tensile Strength Test (ITS) | | | |
| Bitumen content (%) | Average ITS _{Dry} (kPa) | Average ITS _{Wet} (kPa) | Tensile Strength Ratio (TSR) (%) |
| 1.8 | 367.90 | 313.80 | 85 |
| 2.0 | 331.11 | 269.15 | 81 |
| 2.2 | 284.64 | 218.80 | 77 |

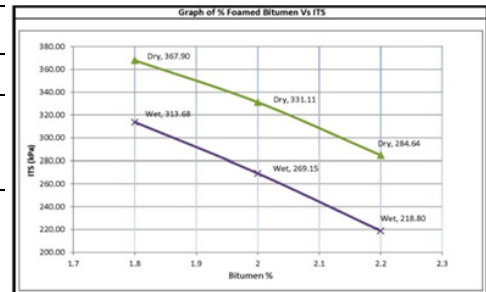


Fig.3. Graph for OBC

From the above results of ITS and TSR as well graph plotted for ITS_{dry} and ITS_{wet} against % foam bitumen, it was observed that the achieved results satisfies the required criteria for all three percentage of foam bitumen. Even though results were satisfying at 1.8% foam bitumen, but looking to percentage of finer material it was decided to adopt 2% foam bitumen for cold recycle mix to be on a safer side.

5. Construction methodology adopted

It was decided to replace 220 mm thick existing bituminous pavement by 180 mm of in situ cold recycled layer and 40 mm bituminous concrete layer as wearing course. The cold recycle mix consist of 91% RAP material + 8% virgin 20 mm aggregate + 1% OPC + 2% foam bitumen. The top 66 mm of existing bituminous pavement was milled and discarded to compensate 40 mm thick fresh BC layer and 26 mm thickness to accommodate additional 8% virgin aggregate. After milling 66 mm of existing bituminous pavement, 20 mm virgin aggregate and 1% OPC in proportion was spread on the milled surface. The remaining 154 mm thick existing bituminous pavement along with layer of 20 mm virgin aggregate and OPC was pulverized with 2% foam bitumen at in situ by WR 2400. The recycled cold mix was then compacted using heavy compactor to achieve required density. Finally 40 mm BC wearing course was laid on top of cold recycled surface.



Fig.4. Photograph of Cold Recycle Construction in Progress

6. Investigation on rehabilitated (cold recycled) stretch

After cold recycling at selected stretches and allowing drying for one day, field density test was conducted to verify the compaction. Moreover few representative cold recycle cores were extracted for ITS testing. Also BBD testing and roughness survey were conducted on the selected stretches. As planned, the set of testing were conducted on selected stretches before monsoon season and also after monsoon season.

Table 14: Test results for field density & % compaction achieved

| Location | 22+550 LCW | 23+500 LCW | 25+650 LCW | 30+400 LCW | 20+300 RCW | 25+500 RCW | 30+000 RCW | 35+600 RCW |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| FDD (g/cc) | 2.38 | 2.38 | 2.40 | 2.40 | 2.39 | 2.40 | 2.39 | 2.40 |
| % Compaction Achieved | 98.2 | 98.5 | 99.0 | 99.1 | 98.7 | 99.2 | 98.6 | 99.3 |

Table 15: ITS & TSR results on cold recycled core specimen after cold recycling.

| Location | 9+600 LCW | 17+300 LCW | 24+300 LCW | 30+500 LCW | 21+700 RCW | 26+400 RCW | 29+600 RCW | 30+600 RCW |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Average ITS _{Dry} (kPa) | 341.51 | 337.12 | 335.25 | 338.12 | 339.12 | 333.65 | 335.28 | 336.19 |
| Average ITS _{Wet} (kPa) | 278.89 | 270.54 | 271.23 | 273.21 | 274.61 | 269.17 | 270.69 | 271.52 |
| Tensile Strength Ratio (%) | 82 | 80 | 81 | 81 | 81 | 81 | 81 | 81 |

Table 16: Roughness value in mm/Km on cold recycled surface at selected stretches

| Chainage (in Km) | | Left carriageway | | | | Chainage (in Km) | | Right carriageway | | | |
|------------------|--------|------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|------------------|--------|-------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| From | To | Before Monsoon | | After Monsoon | | From | To | Before Monsoon | | After Monsoon | |
| | | Slow Lane | Fast Lane | Slow Lane | Fast Lane | | | Slow Lane | Fast Lane | Slow Lane | Fast Lane |
| 9.000 | 10.000 | 1990 | 1944 | 2010 | 1976 | 20.000 | 21.000 | 2005 | 1965 | 2020 | 1972 |
| 17.000 | 18.000 | 1978 | 1928 | 2000 | 1948 | 21.000 | 22.000 | 1902 | 1872 | 1900 | 1878 |
| 22.000 | 23.000 | 1970 | 1932 | 1998 | 1952 | 25.000 | 26.000 | 1865 | 1887 | 1958 | 1906 |
| 23.000 | 24.000 | 2080 | 2024 | 2110 | 2070 | 26.000 | 27.000 | 2020 | 1970 | 2050 | 1976 |
| 24.000 | 25.000 | 1956 | 1900 | 2000 | 1928 | 29.000 | 30.000 | 2000 | 1952 | 2090 | 2064 |
| 25.000 | 26.000 | 1900 | 1876 | 1940 | 1900 | 30.000 | 31.000 | 1942 | 1900 | 1980 | 1958 |
| 30.000 | 31.000 | 2050 | 2002 | 2090 | 2042 | 35.000 | 36.000 | 1834 | 1780 | 1840 | 1806 |

Table 17: Characteristic deflection in mm on cold recycled surface at selected stretches

| Chainage (in Km) | | Left carriageway | | Chainage (in Km) | | Right carriageway | |
|------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| From | To | Characteristic deflection (in mm) | | From | To | Characteristic deflection (in mm) | |
| | | Before Monsoon | After Monsoon | | | Before Monsoon | After Monsoon |
| 9.000 | 10.000 | 1.19 | 1.21 | 20.000 | 21.000 | 1.06 | 1.08 |
| 17.000 | 18.000 | 1.33 | 1.34 | 21.000 | 22.000 | 1.21 | 1.24 |
| 22.000 | 23.000 | 0.99 | 1.01 | 25.000 | 26.000 | 1.14 | 1.15 |
| 23.000 | 24.000 | 1.21 | 1.24 | 26.000 | 27.000 | 1.27 | 1.30 |
| 24.000 | 25.000 | 1.08 | 1.11 | 29.000 | 30.000 | 1.11 | 1.12 |
| 25.000 | 26.000 | 1.15 | 1.18 | 30.000 | 31.000 | 1.05 | 1.09 |
| 30.000 | 31.000 | 1.08 | 1.10 | 35.000 | 36.000 | 0.98 | 0.99 |

7. Conclusion

Based on achieved test results of cold recycled with foam bitumen, following conclusions can be drawn:

- On analyzing the roughness survey and deflection value between existing bituminous surface and cold recycled surface, it was observed that there was significant improvement.
- Moreover roughness survey and deflection value on cold recycled surface before and after monsoon season remains almost near.
- The Indirect Tensile Strength (ITS) & Tensile Strength Ratio (TSR) for cold recycle mix during mix design and for cold recycle core specimen after cold recycling, both satisfies the required criteria.
- The field density & % compaction of cold recycled surface is found satisfactory.
- From the laboratory as well field evaluation of recycled pavement using foam bitumen, it appears that CRT is promising alternative for rehabilitation of in service pavement.
- Looking to construction cost and the present performance of CRT we expect of saving around 15% in 10 years of cycle cost.

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