

A Review on the Study of Soil-Industrial Effluent Interaction and Their Environmental Behavior

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Abstract: *Urbanization and industrialization is increased day by day in our country. It plays a key role in wealth and economy of a country. A large amount of effluent generated from the industrial activities are discharged either treated or untreated over the soil leading to change in soil properties causing improvement or degradation of engineering behavior of soil. Whether an improvement is in engineering behavior of soil, then there is a value addition to the industrial waste serving the three benefits of safe disposal of effluent, using as a stabilizer and return of income on it. If there is degradation of engineering behavior of soil then solution for decontamination is to be obtained. Hence, in this study to investigate the effect of various industrial effluents such as textile effluent, tannery effluent and battery effluent on the California bearing ratio of an expensive soil.*

Keyword: *- Expensive soil, Textile Effluent, Tannery Effluent, Battery Effluent, CBR value.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

Soil is one of the most important resources which is obtained by weathering of rocks. The nature of soil in a place is largely influenced by such factors as climate, natural vegetation and rocks. Various types of soil found in India include alluvial soil, laterite soil, red soil, black cotton soil, desert soil, and mountain soil. Determination of soil condition is the most important work for every type of civil engineering construction. Out of these soils the black cotton soil is the expensive soil because of their colour and cotton growing potential. Black cotton soils undergo swelling when they come into contact with water and shrink water is squeezed out. The typical behavior is due to the basic mineral composition of the montmorillonite. The nature of soil causes a lot of damage in civil engineering structures which are constructed over them. Expensive soils create serious problems to civil engineers in general and to geotechnical engineers in particular. One of the best remedial measures is stabilization of soil with the help of external agents. Soil stabilization is the treatment of soils to enable their strength and durability to be improved such that they become totally suitable for construction beyond their original classification. Cropping and leaching of soil nutrients adversely affects physicochemical properties of the soil.

Some industries release their effluents on to the ground which leads to changes in the physical and chemical properties of the soil. There are various types of industries such as tannery, battery, textile, dyeing, pharmaceutical, food production, some kind of mineral and many other chemical industries.

The index and engineering properties of the ground gets modified in the vicinity of the industrial plants mainly as a result of contamination by the industrial waste disposed. The major sources of surface and subsurface contamination are the disposal of industrial wastes and accidental spillage of chemicals during the course of industrial operations. The leakage of industrial effluent into soil & subsoil directly affects the use and stability of the supported structure. Results of some studies show that the detrimental effect of seepage of acids and bases into subsoil can cause severe foundation failures.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Sridharan (1981): Extensive cracking damage to the floors, pavement and foundations of light industrial building in a fertilizer plant.

Joshi (1994): Severe damage occurred to interconnecting pipe of a phosphoric acid storage tank in particular and also to the adjacent buildings due to differential movement between pump and acid tank foundations of fertilizer plant.

Shrisavkar (2010): It has been made experimental investigation to study the suitability of molasses to improve some properties of soil. He observed that the value of CBR is found to increase by the addition of molasses.

Kamon Masashi (2001): reported that the durability of pavement is improved when stabilized with ferrum lime-aluminum sludge.

Ekrem Kalkan (2006): investigated and concluded that cement-red mud waste can be successfully used for stabilization of clay liners in geotechnical applications. In practice foundation layers, subgrade layer of pavement and all some of the laboratory experiments are conducted at optimum moisture content and maximum dry unit weight of soil.

III. METHODOLOGY

A. Material used

1. Soil
2. Industrial Effluent I)-Textile effluent II)-Tannery effluent III)- Battery effluent

Table: 1 Properties of untreated soil

Sl.NO	Property	Value
1.	Grain size distribution	
	(a) Gravel (%)	3
	(b) Sand (%)	65
	(c) Silt+Clay (%)	32
2.	Atterberg Limits	
	(a) Liquid Limit (%)	77
	(b) Plastic Limit (%)	29
	(c) Plasticity Index (%)	48
	Differential free swell index (%)	255
4.	Swelling pressure (KN/m ²)	210
5.	Specific gravity	2.71
6.	PH value	9.20
7.	Compaction characteristics	
	(a) Maximum dry unit weight (KN/m ²)	18.3
	(b) Optimum moisture content (%)	12.4
8.	California bearing ratio value (%)	
	(a) 2.5mm penetration	9.98
	(b) 5.0mm penetration	9.39
9.	Unconfined compressive strength (KN/m ²)	173.2

Table.2: Chemical Composition of textile effluent

S.NO.	Parameter	Value
1.	Colour	Yellow
2.	PH	9.83
3.	Chlorides	380mg/l
4.	Alkalinity	2400mg/l
5.	Suspended	1500gm
6.	Totalsolids	13.50
7.	BOD	150mg/l
8.	COD	6200mg/l

Table.3: Chemical Composition of Tannery Effluent

S.NO.	Parameter	Value
1.	Colour	Black
2.	PH	3.15
3.	Chromium	250mg/l
4.	Chlorides	200mg/l
5.	Sulphates	52.8mg/l
6.	Totalhardness	520mg/l
7.	BOD	120mg/lit
8.	COD	450mg/lit
9.	Suspendedsolids	1200mg/lit

Table.4: Chemical Composition of Battery Effluent

S.NO.	Parameter	Value
1.	Colour	White
2.	PH	8.45
3.	Sulphates	250mg/l
4.	Chloride	30mg/l
5.	Leadsulfate	63.08%
6.	Freelead	7.44%
7.	Totallead	75.42%
8.	BOD	110mg/l
9.	COD	320mg/l

B. Procedure for Mixing

The soil from the site is dried and hand sorted to remove the pebbles and vegetative matter if any present. It is further dried and pulverized and sieved through a sieve of 4.75mm to eliminate gravel fraction if any. The dried and sieved soil is stored in airtight containers and ready to use for mixing with the effluents.

The soil sample is prepared then mixed with solutions of different concentration of textile, tannery and battery effluent. The percentage varied from 20 to 100% in increment of 20%. The soil-industrial effluent mixtures are mixed thoroughly before testing.

C. Tests Conducted on Treated Soil

1. Standard Proctor Test

The compaction parameters optimum pore fluid content and maximum dry unit weight play a vital role in changing the strength characteristics of an expensive soil. But these two parameters are strongly influenced by pore fluid chemistry. Hence in this investigation standard proctor's compaction test are carried out on expensive soil treated with textile effluent, tannery effluent, battery effluent at various percentage of 0%, 20%, 40%, 60%, 80% and 100% by dry weight of soil.

D. Results and Discussions

I. Compaction Parameter-Textile Effluent

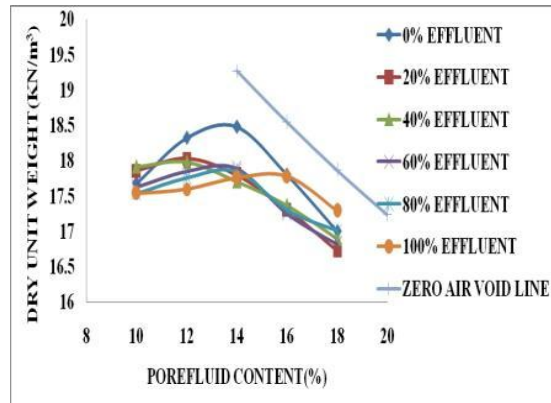


Fig 1: variation of dry unit weight with percent pore fluid content

The standard proctors compaction tests results, conducted at different percentage of textile effluent are shown in fig.1. From these curves, it is observed that the peak points are shifted towards right with percentage increase of effluent.

II. Compaction Parameter-Tannery Effluent

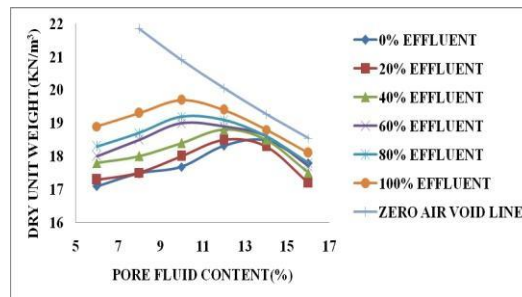


Fig.2. variation of dry unit weight with percent pore fluid content

The standard proctors compaction tests results, conducted at different percentage of tannery effluent are shown in fig.2. From these curves, it is observed that the peak points are shifted towards left with percent increase of tannery effluent.

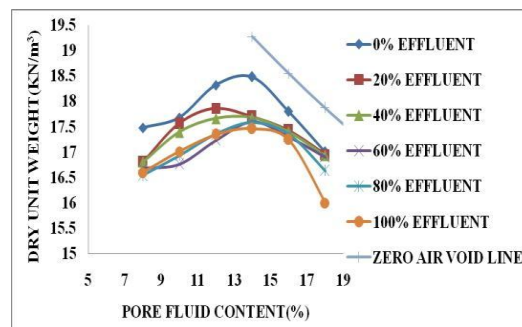


Fig.3. variation of dry unit weight with percent pore fluid content

The results of the standard proctor's compaction tests, conducted at different percentage of battery effluent are shown in fig.3. the top most curve correspond to 0% of battery effluent followed by 20%, 40%, 60%, 80%, and 100% respectively.

2. Optimum pore fluid content (OPC)

The variation of the optimum pore fluid content at different percentage of textile, tannery and battery effluents are shown in table.5.

Table.5: Optimum pore fluid (OPC) content at different percentage of effluents

Effluent(%): Water(%)	OPC(%)		
	Textile	Tannery	Battery
0:100	12.4	12.4	12.4
20:80	12.6	12.1	13.5
40:60	12.9	11.9	13.6
60:40	13.4	11.6	13.7
80:20	14.4	11.3	13.9
0:100	15.4	11.1	14.1

So it is observed that the maximum percentage increase in optimum pore fluid content for 100% textile effluent is about 24%, 100% battery effluent is about 14% and that the maximum percentage decrease in optimum pore fluid content for 100% tannery effluent is about 11%.

2. Maximum Dry Unit Weight (M.D.U)

The variation of the maximum dry unit weight at different percentage of textile, tannery and battery effluents are shown in fig.6.

Table.6: variation of maximum dry unit weight (M.D.U) at different percentage of effluents

Effluent(%): water(%)	M.D.U(%)		
	Textile	Tannery	Battery
0:100	18.30	18.3	18.30
20:80	18.27	18.6	17.71
40:60	18.22	18.8	17.51
60:40	18.14	19.1	17.41
80:20	18.09	19.5	17.37
0:100	18.03	19.8	17.2

So it is observed that the maximum percentage decrease in maximum dry unit weight for 100% textile effluent is about 1.5% and for 100% battery effluent it is about 6.0% and that the maximum percentage increase in maximum dry unit weight for 100% tannery effluent is about 8%.

IV. CONCLUSION

Industrial activity is necessary for socio- economic progress of a country but at the same time generates large amount of solid and liquid wastes. Disposal of solid or liquid effluent in open area or in a land. If soil waste interaction causes improvement in soil properties then the industrial waste can be used as soil stabilizers. And it is also caused degradation of soil properties then the solution for decontamination of soil to be obtained.

- Black cotton soil has an expensive nature. Due to expensive nature it reduces the stability and expand over the surface.
- Mix the industrial effluent in black cotton soil to reduce the expensive nature
- Textile, Tannery and Battery effluent are mix in the soil to reduce the expensive nature and for soil stabilization.
- Expensive clay considered in this investigation is sensitive when it is treated with industrial effluents.
- When soil is treated with textile and battery effluents separately an increase in optimum moisture content and decrease in maximum dry density is observed. But when it is treated with tannery effluent opposite trend is observed.

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