



## Utilization of Marble Slurry as Cemento Binding Composition in Masonary Structures

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### Abstract

*The Cemento binding composition comprising of marble slurry waste in dry form ,fly ash from thermal power plant ,hydrated lime and mineral gypsum is for improving early strength, setting time in comparison to prior art and to overcome the shrinkage and temperature movement in the cement for masonry structures. The marble slurry waste is in dry powder form or mines waste in powder form or carbonated lime sludge. This research also includes the process for preparing the composition.*

### INTRODUCTION

Around 4000 marble mines and 1100 marble processing units are spread over the 16 districts of Rajasthan. Huge quantities of marble dust in form of slurry are generated during processing and slabing of marble stones. This large quantity, 5-6 million tons per annum, of the mineral waste from marble processing industry is an environmental problem. Indiscriminate disposal of marble slurry dust mostly on the road sides is causing problems of drainage, flow regime, air pollution and damage to agriculture land. The heaps of this waste material acquire large land areas and remain scattered all around, spoiling aesthetic of the

entire region and have affected the tourism and industrial potential of the state. The hazardous dumping practices of MSD pose a severe threat on the environment, eco-system, and health of the people and have achieved mammoth proportion.

### METHODS AND METHODOLOGY

The dolomite marble of Tripura- Sundry- Telwara area is white and fine grained, which is used both for block making and chips preparations. The chemical composition of dolomite powder producing from various processing plants are given below:-

Sample	1	2	3	4
SiO <sub>2</sub> + Acid Insoluble	1.54	0.66	0.80	2.58
AL <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.23	0.72	0.73	0.54
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.71	0.71	1.13	0.42
CaO	31.08	31.64	40.68	33.02
MgO	20.15	19.94	11.68	17.72
L.O.I	46.20	46.62	44.78	45.46
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**TEST CONDUCTED**

Cemento binding material formed by mixing /grinding and blending the following components:

1. Marble slurry waste comprising Dolomite grade in the powder form: 50.5%.
2. Fly ash taken from thermal power plant 28%.
3. Hydrated lime – 15%.
4. Mineral gypsum – 6.5%.

The test conducted while preparing the Cemento binding composition as per Indian standard.

- i. Fineness test :-  
% retained on IS having sieve size of 45 micron: 12.87% retained.
- ii. Setting time test :-  
Initial setting time: 370 minutes.  
Final setting time: 455 minutes.
- iii. Compressive strength test :  
7 days: 2.72N/mm<sup>2</sup>.  
28days: 6.08N/mm<sup>2</sup>.
- iv. Soundness test :  
Auto clave expansion: + 0.145%  
Flow required for 25 drops per 15 secs: 28%.

**EXAMPLE- 2:**

Cemento binding composition formed by mixing /grinding and blending the Following components:

- i. Marble slurry waste comprising Dolomite grade in the powder Form: 70%.
- ii. Fly ash taken from thermal power plant: 10%.
- iii. Hydrated lime- 15%.
- iv. Mineral gypsum = 5%.

Tests conducted: with this Cemento binding composition as per Indian

Standard:

1. Fineness test -% residue on IS sieve size of 45 micron: 9% retained.
2. Initial setting time: 260 minute and final setting time: 780 min.
3. Compressive strength:  
After 7 days= 2.62 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and  
After 28 days: 6.40N/mm<sup>2</sup>.
4. Soundness test: Expansion in Le chatellier mould: 2.4mm.

**EXAMPLE-3:**

Cemento binding composition formed by mixing/grinding, grinding and\_\_Blending the following components;

- 1) Marble slurry waste comprising Dolomite grade in the powder form: 50%
- 2) Fly ash waste taken from thermal power plants 22%
- 3) Hydrated lime – 20% and
- 4) Mineral Gypsum – 8%.

Test Conducted while preparing the Cemento binding composition:

1. Fineness test-  
% residue on IS having sieve size of 45 micron: 5% retained
2. Setting time test Cemento binding composition –  
Initial setting time: 180 minutes  
Final setting time: 660 minutes
3. Compressive strength test-  
7days: 3.08 N/mm<sup>2</sup>  
28Days: 7.1 N/mm<sup>2</sup>
4. Soundness test –  
Expansion in le chatellier mould: 2.8 mm

**EXAMPLE 4:**

Cemento binding composition formed by mixing/grinding, grinding and Blending the following components;

1. Marble slurry waste comprising Dolomite grade in the powder form: 60%
2. Fly ash waste taken from thermal power plants: 12%
3. Hydrated lime – 20% and
4. Mineral Gypsum – 8%.

Test Conducted while preparing the Cemento binding composition:

1. Fineness test- % residue on IS having sieve size of 45 micron: 2% retained
2. Setting time test Cemento binding composition –  
Initial setting time: 120 minutes  
Final setting time: 720 minutes
3. Compressive strength test-

7 days: 3.35 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

28 days: 7.21 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

4. Soundness test –Expansion in le chatellier mould: 3.1 mm

## CONCLUSION

Looking to the test results, we conclude as follows:-

1. A best Cemento binding composition is:
  - i. A marble waste in dry powder form -----  
-----30-70% (Calcite and dolomite)
  - ii. Fly ash of thermal power plant waste (as per IS 3812) - 10-50%
  - iii. Hydrated lime class c and waste of lime kiln (by weight) – 8-25%
  - iv. The mineral gypsum type or industrial waste gypsum-----5-8 % (by weight)

The composition is used for masonry structure in the cement binder for improving early more strength, setting time in comparison to cement and overcomes the shrinkage and temperature movement.

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