



PREFAB TECHNOLOGY FOR MASS HOUSING: SEISMIC SAFETY AND SUSTAINABLE ISSUES

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Vision 2022: India's housing need by 2022



India's commitment to inclusive, sustainable, and affordable development

crore annual urban population growth expected by 2050

crore houses will likely be required by 2022

need is in the afforable segment

per cent of the housing need is concentrated in just two states

CONSTRUCTION SECTOR – INDIAN SCENARIO



Labour Intensive

About 70% of market

- Slow speed of construction
- High maintenance
- Skilled labour orientated
- Involvement of many trades
- High cost of land
- Complex construction process









Cracks are not very uncommon

INDUSTRIALIZED CONSTRUCTION

- Estimated a Huge requirement more than 200 Lacs units
 Presently hardly @ 15% being constructed
 Huge Backlog
- With this speed 10-12 Yrs. to fulfill present requirement only.
- What about requirement and the backlog in these 10-12 Years ?









Mechanization

















Hollow and Solid blocks by Block Making Machine

Seismic and Fire Resiliency Evaluation





Full-Scale Test on Two Storied Prefab RC Building (3S Technology)







MASS HOUSING- INDIAN SCENARIO

Technologies

- Conventional building system
- Cast in-situ formwork systems: with steel / aluminum/ plastic formwork
- Industrialized Prefabricated Concrete Systems:
 - 3-S System using Precast Beams, Columns and Cellular Light Weight Concrete Slabs & Walls, Precast Slabs (Filigree), Precast Wall Panels
 - Expanded Polystyrene Core Panel System / Advanced Building System (EMMEDUE)
 - Factory Made Fast Track Modular Building System.
 - Glass Fibre Reinforced Panel Building System
 - Speed Floor System.
 - Light Guage Steel Framed Structures







MASS HOUSING- INDIAN SCENARIO

Limitations in Indian Prefab Technologies

Sr. No.	Technology	Limitations
No. 1	Monolithic Concrete Construction System using Plastic -Aluminium Formwork. Monolithic Concrete Construction System using Aluminium	 Sizeable time required for initiation of work as the formwork are designed and manufactured. Because of small sizes of form / shuttering panels, finishing lines are seen on the concrete surface. Formwork requires number of spacers, wall ties etc. , which produce problems such as seepage, leakage during monsoon. Accelerated curing is required. More logistic is required for transportation of reinforcement, concrete. Special equipments are required for pouring of concrete into forms.
	Formwork.	 Limitations on reuse of formwork due to denting in handling the forms. Wastage of concrete while pouring. Requires close quality monitoring & checks due to placement of steel reinforcement and concrete at site.

MASS HOUSING- INDIAN SCENARIO

Sr.	Technology	Limitations
3	Expanded Polystyrene Core Panel System / Advanced Building System (EMMEDUE)	 Lack of aesthetic special architectural features Acceptability issue due to structural steel frame work.
4	Factory Made Fast Track Modular Building System.	
5	Glass Fibre Reinforced Panel Building System	Suitable for small & low rise structures only.
6	Speed Floor System.	Suitable for small & low rise structures only.
7	Light Gauge Steel Framed Structures	Suitable for small & low rise structures only.



Tangshan, China - 1976



Leninkan, Armenia - 1988

The observed failures have been mainly due to brittle behaviour of poor connection details between the precast elements, poor detailing of the elements and poor design concepts. As a result the use of precast concrete was shunned in some countries in seismic zones for many years.

LESSONS FROM PREVIOUS EARTHQUAKE

Many precast concrete frame structures collapsed during the 1988 Armenian earthquake. These structures were typically nine storeys in height and contained hollow-core floor slabs. Some of the structures had some walls in one direction but these walls typically contained large openings. The beam-column connections were made by welding the beam bars to steel angles protruding from the precast columns. The floor diaphragms were poorly connected to the frame elements. Column splices were made by welding the vertical column bars.



LESSONS FROM PREVIOUS EARTHQUAKE



Northridge earthquake - 1994

A precast concrete column of the California State University 3-Storey parking structure that failed during the 1994 Northridge earthquake. This structure had exterior site-cast frames that were designed and detailed to be ductile.

The main interior girders in the N-S direction are precast pretensioned elements supported by corbels on the exterior cast-in-place columns and on the interior columns. A cast-in-place post tensioned slab spans between the beams in the E-W direction with the post-tensioning anchored at the exterior frames. The interior columns were designed to be gravity-load columns only with the lateral loads to be taken by the exterior frames. The mix of a very ductile system with the poorly detailed gravity-load columns interconnected by a flexible diaphragm led to brittle failures of several interior columns.

LESSONS FROM PREVIOUS EARTHQUAKE





LESSONS FROM PREVIOUS FAILURES

Ronan Point was a 200 ft high block of flats.

Initially developed in Denmark in 1948 it featured external and internal walls and floors formed by large panels, approximately 150-175mm thick, of steel reinforced precast concrete.

The external wall panels relied mainly on friction to hold them in place.

A gas explosion occurred at 05.45 on Thursday 16 May 1968 in a one-bedroom flat on the south-east corner of the 18th floor of the block. Four people lost their lives from multiple crushing injuries in the ensuing collapse.



LESSONS FROM PREVIOUS EARTHQUAKE





LESSONS FROM PREVIOUS EARTHQUAKE – GUJRAT SCHOOLS





Type A – Major damage to structure Type C – Minor dislocation of roof planks

Type B – Slipping of roof planks Type D – Minor opening of grouted joints

LESSONS FROM PREVIOUS EARTHQUAKE – GUJARAT SCHOOLS

Almost all building rooms suffered damage, and about half of them experienced severe damage of Type A and B. It is clear from observed damage patterns that the weakest links in the precast school buildings were the connections between the structural elements. Roof planks resting on the beam slipped, indicating that the bearing area was inadequate and no positive anchorage was provided. Because of the poor connections, the provided roof slab system did not act as one unit to develop necessary diaphragm action, and the frames in the building system acted mostly independently.

Columns with isolated footings behaved as if they were hinged at the bottom and as a result, the building frames were subjected to excessive lateral deflection. Moreover, the redistribution of the forces was not possible because of the lack of redundancy in the building system. The precast system could not perform satisfactorily because the elements were not tied together.







100 Washignton Square, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Canada

The Paramount Tower - 39 story moment frame San Francisco, California INSPIRATION FROM

STANDING STRUCTURES

A 22 storey apartment building in Townsville

- Slow speed of construction
- High maintenance
- Skilled labour orientated
- Involvement of many trades
- High cost of land
- Usable area vs. Built-up area



- Involving lots of co-ordination between Architect, Structural Engineer, Constructer and other trades
- Complex construction process

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SCENARIO IN INDIA



Architects and Engineers, as highly respected designers of the infrastructure, are in driving seat and in a unique position to influence such developments to be SUSTAINABLE, thereby resulting into 'QUALITY DELIVERABLES'.



70 Years since Independence

HAVING A SAFE SHELTER TO ALL IS FAR FROM REALITY!!!





To choose appropriate Construction System which will fulfill the desired needs, such as...

- Highest quality of construction resulting into 'SAFE' structures
- Giving maximum usable area within specified built-up area
- Requiring minimum input resources for the construction i.e. materials as well as manpower
- Extracting 'Maxima' output with 'Minima' inputs
- Early recruals of the investment
- Minimum maintenance

NEED OF TIME – ASSURED TIMELY DELIVERY OF QUALITY BUILDINGS

To develop, promote and maintain the scientific temper for the sprit of innovation.

The technocrats require to take initiative in adopting sustainable construction techniques for the benefit of all and fulfill our prime duty for speedy creation of the structures requiring minimum resources standing for decades.



Pre-requisites

- Judicial use of construction materials
- ✓ Reduction in wastage of materials
- \checkmark Reducing emissions during the production of construction materials
- ✓ Using more durable materials
- ✓ Use of energy efficient building materials
- ✓ Use of products that contribute to a safe, healthy built environment
- \checkmark Use of materials which can be recycled
- ✓ Use of construction system minimizing air, water and noise pollution during construction
- ✓ Life cycle cost



These monumental standing heritage structures are all precast ! – Not in concrete but in stone.

Not because concrete is not sustainable but due to it not invented at that time.



'3-S' is the brand name of Prefab Building Construction System fully developed and perfected by SHIRKE after years of strenuous Research and Development supplemented by extensive field trials.

As on date, buildings of G+4 to 25 storey admeasuring about 100 Million sft BUA have been constructed by this system.



Time-tested, Eco-friendly and adaptable prefab technology in various climatic zones.

'3-S' SYSTEM

S-Strength S-Safety S-Speed

Structural components like Slabs, Columns and Beams are precast in casting yard having factory like condition.

'3-S' PREFAB components are erected, aligned and connected using <u>SCC</u> i.e. Self-Compacting Concrete of appropriate grade along with secured embedded reinforcement.



TIME-TESTED & PROVEN '3-S' PREFAB TECHNOLOGY



Prefab Components :



PREFAB COMPONENTS

Production facility : Rebar straightening, cutting, bending, caging, meshing, etc. by CNC machines





PRODUCTION FACILITY

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Production facility (Autoclaved Cellular Concrete) : Siporex is a light weight autoclaved cellular concrete and is being used all over the world in more than 40 countries since 1930.

In Japan, Siporex is manufactured in about 11 factories amounting to a total production of about 3.3 million cum per year.



S-8 PREFAB TECHNOLOGY

Dipping the reinforcement mats into phosphate solution and cleaning with wire brush.

Dipping into fresh water to wash away phosphate solution.

Dipping into chromate solution for passivity.

Dipping into Anti Corrosive Mix (i.e. Rubber Latex + Casein + Cement) for 1st coat and dried for 7 hours.

Dipping into Anti Corrosive Mix for 2nd coat and dried for 7 hours.

Dipping into Inertol-4253 for 3rd coat and dried for 7 hours. *Inertol and cement mix is prepared in proportion of 4:3, and consistency of the mix is controlled by addition of mineral terpentine*

or Xylene as thinner.

Total thickness of these three coats is kept as 700 micron (minimum).

Autoclaved Cellular Concrete





Pore size distribution in SIPOREX (Closed Cellular Structure) Results of evaluation at Dept. of Geology, University of Pune during Sept. 1999

- 1. Cells are white in colour.
- 2. Cells are dominated with medium and finer size.
- 3. Cells larger than 2.5mm not observed.



Addition of Silicon in wet mass of SIPOREX and applying it on surface makes the product water repellent

PRODUCTION FACILITY

Production facility : Component finishing, curing & handling equipment



Quality tests during production cycle :



Production facility :















PRODUCTION FACILITY
Stack yards :



STACK YARDS

Erection : Components are erected, aligned and connected using <u>SCC</u> i.e. Self-Compacting Concrete of appropriate grade along with secured embedded reinforcement.



Factory establishment at various locations : Maharashtra, Karnataka, Chennai & NCR Delhi







Connection details



RECOMMENDED DETAILING SP: 34 AND NZS 3101-2006



Figure CB.2 – Typical equivalent monolithic arrangements of precast reinforced concrete units and cast-in-place concrete B.1, B.2



CONVENTIONAL CONCRETE STRUCTURE

JOINT DETAILING PERFECTED AFTER TESTS



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Design details

Horizontal loads are usually transmitted to moment resisting frames or to shear walls by the roof and floors acting as horizontal diaphragms. Diaphragm action can be described as the action of the floor/roof, acting as a deep beam, transmitting applied horizontal forces to the foundations.

A diaphragm floor/roof must be capable of sustaining shear forces and bending moments. The precast concrete floor is analysed by considering the slab to be a deep horizontal beam. The floor units must be tied and grouted together at the joints to ensure full plate action of the floor.



Building plan configurations – Undesirable Vs Preferred





Construction details

All the connections are through in-situ self-compacting concrete with appropriate reinforcement ensuring continuity.





Construction details

Time-tested, Eco-friendly and adaptable prefab technology in various climatic zones.

All the connections are through in-situ selfcompacting concrete with appropriate reinforcement ensuring continuity and composite action

Most suitable in Seismic Prone areas being Rigid Monolithic 'WET' jointing of precast RCC structural components i.e. using in-situ concrete.

SUITABILITY OF '3-S' PREFAB STRUCTURE IN SEISMIC PRONE AREAS



Concrete load is 65% less than that in conventional structures

Masonry load is 65% less than that in conventional structures

Flooring, Water-proofing and Plaster load is same as that in conventional structures

Dead load is 18% less than that in conventional structures

Total load of structure is 16.5% less than that in conventional structures and 10% less than that in Tunnel / Wall-Form Structures

SUITABILITY OF '3-S' PREFAB STRUCTURE IN SEISMIC PRONE AREAS



THERMAL PERFORMANCE STUDY OF '3-S' PREFAB STRUCTURE





Temperature Relification Wind Speed

Diffuse Solar Cloud Cover





Envelope Options for Study

Base Case

1400	Externa
111	Internal
X	Slabs

Wall : 150mm AAC Block + Plaster (Internally & Externally) : 100mm AAC Block + Plaster (Internally on both faces) Wall : 125mm AAC + 40mm RCC Screed topping

Option 1

External Wall	: 150mm AAC Block + Plaster (Internally & Externally)
Internal Wall	: 100mm AAC Block + Plaster (Internally on both faces
Slabs	: 90mm RCC + 40mm RCC Screed topping



Winter

Mean Max 25.1

: 120mm RCC without plaster (Form finish) 120mm RCC without plaster (Form finish) : 100mm RCC



PREFAB TECHNOLOGY

β-S

	U-Value		R-Va	U-Value		
e ce	1/ΣR	Slab	Envelope	Outside surface	Inside surface	1/2R
.13	0.90	125mm AAC + 40mm RCC	0.9089	0.04	0.13	0.93
.13	0.90	90mm RCC + 40mm RCC	0.1618	0.04	0.13	3.01
.13	2.89	100mm RCC	0.0885	0.04	0.13	3.87

THERMAL PERFORMANCE STUDY OF '3-S' PREFAB STRUCTURE



Comparative Comfort Levels		wore comore than Option 2			17% Less comfort than Base Case and 5% More comfort than Option 2		22% Less comfort than Base Case and 5% Less comfort than Option 1			
		21% More comfort than Option 1 and 28%								
25°C to 30°C	%	36.83%	26.19%	63.01%	31.67%	20.46%	52.12%	29.24%	20.25%	49.49%
Comfort	No of Hrs in Yr	3226	2294	5520	2774	1792	4566	2561	1774	4335

In flat No. 401, habitable rooms would experience much higher comfortable hours in a year for Base case than other two options. **Thus, Base Case has much better Thermal performance**. Option 2 (i.e. RCC Wall + RCC Slab) would experience maximum thermal discomfort.

α-S PREFAB TECHNOLOGY

β-S PREFAB **TECHNOLOGY**

SUSTAINABLE BENEFITS OF '3-S' PREFAB STRUCTURE



- Reduces Air Pollution at Construction sites because of site activity is minimal to erection and jointing
- Use of fully "Cured" and "Matured" components considerably reduces water consumption
- High thermal insulation results in achieving energy efficiency
- Eco Friendly



Environmental sustainability

- Siporex is made of natural raw materials that are found in abundance.
- Since Siporex is made of sand, lime, cement and water is non-toxic and environmentally safe and does not give off any harmful emissions during production.
- There is no waste in the production process.



Residential apartments and construction sector as a whole are a major contributor to the formation of 'Green House Gases' in the atmosphere i.e. 'Global Warming'.

'3-S' Prefab addresses to this burning issue and contributes to reduce Global Warming.

LAB TESTED, FIELD TESTED & TIME-TESTED SUSTAINABLE PREFAB



Technology supported by advance performance tests that stand the test of time and gain the trust of all.

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CSIR-CBRI's CONTRIBUTION TO PREFAB

Seismic and Fire Resiliency Evaluation





Full-Scale Test on Two Storied Prefab RC Building (3S Technology)







TEST SET- UP FOR '3-S' PREFAB BUILDING





Lateral cyclic displacement time history



CRACK PATTERN FOR '3-S' PREFAB BUILDING



Crack at beam-column junction- outer face



Minor horizontal cracks at junction of pedestal and column



Wide cracks at beam-column junction- inner face



Cracks on mid-span of column at higher drift

HYSTERESIS CURVE FOR '3-S' PREFAB BUILDING



First Floor Level



Second Floor Level

CAPACITY CURVE FOR '3-S' PREFAB BUILDING





Ultimate Collapse Load	: 544 kN
Displacement at Maximum Load	: 96 mm
Inter-storey Drift at Collapse Load	: 1.78%



Performance levels for the tested '3-S'

prefabricated building



Simplified tri-linear idealization of the capacity curve and structural stiffness





- > AT HYDERABAD
- ➢ 30 MONTHS
- ≻ 64,00,000 SFT
- DESIGN & BUILD TURNKEY CONTRACT







PREFAB SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY



> CLIENT :



- > AT GOREGAON, MUMBAI
- > DEC'2004 COMPLETION
- > 11,16,850 SFT
- DESIGN & BUILD TURNKEY CONTRACT

S+7 STOREYED MASS HOUSING PROJECT







- > AT VERSOVA, MUMBAI
- > DEC'2008 COMPLETION
- > 10,98,665 SFT
- DESIGN & BUILD TURNKEY CONTRACT



PREFAB SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY



- AT MAZGAON KURLA WORLI LOWER PAREL SEWARI PRABHADEVI KANDIWALI GOREGAON BYCULLA
- > 41,98,950 SFT
- DESIGN & BUILD TURNKEY CONTRACT



S+24 STOREYED MASS HOUSING PROJECTS ON MILL LANDS

PREFAB SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY



> CLIENT :



- > AT KHARGHAR, NAVI MUMBAI
- > 12,52,400 SFT
- DESIGN & BUILD TURNKEY CONTRACT

S+4 / S+7 STOREYED MASS HOUSING PROJECT



KH1





KH2



KH4



> CLIENT :



- > AT MANKHURD, MUMBAI
- > JUN'1999 COMPLETION
- > 16,67,970 SFT
- DESIGN & BUILD TURNKEY CONTRACT





PREFAB SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY



➤ CLIENT:



- > AT DELHI (ROHINI, NARELA & DWARKA)
- ▶ 64,92,888 SFT
- DESIGN & BUILD TURNKEY CONTRACT
- PROJECT JUST STARTED





PREFAB SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY



CONFINED MASONRY





CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE



Increase in strength and ductility by 3.42 and 4.29 times as compared to URM.





CRACK PATTERN



STRENGTHEING OF DAMAGED CONFINED MASONRY BUILDING



Cracks in CM building Model



Grouting in Cracks



Plastering and Curing



Application of Plastic Cement Bag Mesh

DAMAGED CM_RET BUILDING





LOAD-DISPLACEMENT FOR TESTED MASONRY BUILDINGS




INNOVATIVE CONNECTIONS FOR PRECAST STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS

PRECAST BEAM-COLUMN CONNECTIONS



Bolted Moment Connection

- 20 mm mild steel plates fixed at beam and column face
- Beam plate stiffened by two small plates (10 x 50 mm)
- Column plate fastened to concrete through anchorage rods
- □ 20% higher lateral load carrying capacity

PRECAST BEAM-COLUMN CONNECTIONS





Steel angle at beam-column joint

- Beam-column connected using steel angles
- □ Steel angles stiffened using plates
- □ Steel angle anchored into concrete using HSFG bolts

Ductile moment resisting connection

- Diagonal bars protrude from columns
- **U** Joint filled with cast-in-situ concrete
- Higher flexural strength, energy dissipation and initial stiffness

PRECAST BEAM-COLUMN CONNECTIONS



Shear connector

- Beam rested on column capital
- Vertical steel dowels protruding from the column inserted into the beam sleeves
- □ 3.5 times lesser joint slip as compared to hinged specimen
- □ 50% higher energy dissipation as compared to hinged specimen

PRECAST WALL CONNECTIONS



Horizontal joint connecting beam

- Bond strengthened by chiseling the interface
- Inferior load bearing capacity and ductility
- Extent of damage reduced by increasing the depth of joint connecting beam

PRECAST WALL CONNECTIONS



- Steel bars protruding from the precast walls to form loops
- Transverse bar inserted between the loops
- □ Gap filled with concrete of adequate strength
- Efficiency depends upon embedment length and grade of loop bars.



Higher ductility and energy dissipation





TEST MODEL-II: SOLID PRECAST WALL COUPLED WITH COLUMNS







HIGH STRENGTH (1770 N/mm²) STEEL WIRE LOOP OF 6 Ø (TYP) @575 C/C DETAILS OF LOOP BAR



TEST MODEL-III: PRECAST DOUBLE WALL WITH HOLLOW CORE



EXPERIMENTAL SETUP



DETAILS OF PLATES

BENEFITS OF PRECAST DOUBLE WALL SYSTEM







- PREFAB BUILDINGS FOR HOUSING IS A PROMISING TECHNOLOGY FOR MASS-SCALE & RAPID CONSTRUCTION
- SHOULD BE MULTI-HAZARD RESISTANT PROVEN TECHNOLOGY
- AT COMPONENT LEVEL CBRI DEVELOPED PRECAST BUILDING COMPONENTS
- AT SYSTEM LEVEL PREFAB 3S TECHNOLOGY , PLASTIC-ALUMINIUM OR ALUMINIUM FORMWORK TECHNOLOGY
- LAB TO LAND
- R&D COLLABORATION : INDUSTRY AND CSIR-CBRI

WORK PACKAGES





TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS RELEASED



Design Guidelines for Confined Masonry Buildings



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CSIR-CBRI TIPS FOR GOOD CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES IN BUILDINGS



JOURNEY CONTINUES TOWARDS PERFECTION



THANKS