- *Notes:* 1. For main reinforcement up to 12 mm diameter bars for mild exposure the nominal cover may be reduced by 5 mm (i.e. 15 mm).
 - 2. Minimum concrete cover should not deviate from the required by (+) 10 mm to (-) 0 mm.
 - 3. Where concrete grade is M35 and above, for severe and very severe exposure conditions, a reduction of 5 mm may be allowed.

	Bea	ims	Slabs		Ribs		
Fire	Simply	Conti-	Simply	Conti-	Simply	Conti-	Columns
resistance	supported	nuous	supported	nuous	supported	nuous	(mm)
(hours)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	
0.50	20	20	20	20	20	20	40
1.00	20	20	20	20	20	20	40
1.50	20	20	25	20	35	20	40
2.00	40	30	35	25	45	35	40
3.00	60	40	45	35	55	45	40
4.00	70	50	55	45	65	55	40

 Table 1.7(b):
 Nominal cover for specified period of fire resistance (IS:456-2000)

- *Notes:* 1. The nominal covers given relate to specifically to the minimum member dimensions.
 - 2. Cases below bold line require extra attention.

1.3.10 Mix Design (Mix Proportions), W/C Ratio and Concrete Grade

To achieve durability of cement concrete, we need careful selection of mix proportions and type of materials. Mix design for durability is based on various considerations as given in Tables 1.4–1.7 derived from IS:456-2000.

For 20 mm nominal maximum size of aggregate for different grades of cement concrete for various exposure conditions, minimum cement content and maximum W/C ratio limits are given in Table 1.8 for suitable durability.

Concrete ingredients shall be mixed in a mechanical mixer. The mixer should comply with Indian standards 1791 and 12119. The mixer shall be fitted with water measuring (metering) device. The mixing shall be continued until there is uniform distribution of ingredients and the mass is homogeneous and of uniform colour and consistency.

Exposure conditions	Grade of concrete	Minimum cement content (kg/m ³)	Maximum W/C ratio by mass
Mild	M20	300	0.55
Moderate	M25	300	0.50
Severe	M30	320	0.45
Very severe	M35	340	0.45
Extreme	M40	360	0.40

Table 1.8: Minimum cement content and maximum W/C ratio in RCC (IS:456-2000)

structures adjacent to the joint should preferably be supported on separate columns or walls but not necessarily separate foundations.

1.5.3 Stresses and Design

Various design stresses and permissible stresses are specified in different Tables 1.12–1.19.

Shear reinforcement is provided as per design shear strength of concrete (τ_c) in limit state design method (Table 1.12). In working stress method, the shear reinforcement is determined by considering permissible shear stress (Table 1.16).

% Steel	Grade of concrete						
$\frac{100 A_{\rm s}}{bd}$	M15	M20	M25	M30	M35	M40 and above	
≤ 0.15	0.28	0.28	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.30	
0.25	0.35	0.36	0.36	0.37	0.37	0.38	
0.50	0.46	0.48	0.49	0.50	0.50	0.51	
0.75	0.54	0.56	0.57	0.59	0.59	0.60	
1.00	0.60	0.62	0.64	0.66	0.67	0.68	
1.25	0.64	0.67	0.70	0.71	0.73	0.74	
1.50	0.68	0.72	0.74	0.76	0.78	0.79	
1.75	0.71	0.75	0.78	0.80	0.82	0.84	
2.00	0.71	0.79	0.82	0.84	0.86	0.88	
2.25	0.71	0.81	0.85	0.88	0.90	0.92	
2.50	0.71	0.82	0.88	0.91	0.93	0.95	
2.75	0.71	0.82	0.92	0.94	0.96	0.98	
3.00 and above	0.71	0.82	0.92	0.96	0.99	1.01	

Table 1.12: Limit state design shear strength of concrete (τ_c)

Table 1.13: Maximum limit state design shear stress, $\tau_{c max}$ (N/mm²)

Concrete grade	M15	M20	M25	M30	M35	M40 and above
$\tau_{c max} (N/mm^2)$	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.5	3.7	4.0

Shear reinforcement shall be provided to carry a shear force equal to $(V_u - \tau_c \cdot b \cdot d)$. V_u is the shear force and τ_c is the design shear stress for the given grade of concrete and % age of steel reinforcement. The strength of shear reinforcement V_{us} shall be calculated as below:

(a) For vertical stirrups:
$$V_{\rm us} = \frac{0.87A_{\rm sv} \cdot f_{\rm y} \cdot d}{S_{\rm v}}$$
 ... Eq. (1.5)

(b) For inclined stirrups:
$$V_{\rm us} = \frac{0.87 f_{\rm y} \cdot A_{\rm sv} \cdot d}{S_{\rm v}} (\sin \alpha + \cos \alpha)$$
 ... Eq. (1.6)

(c) For single bar or single group of bars: $V_{us} = 0.87 f_y \cdot A_{sv} \cdot \sin \alpha$... Eq. (1.7)

where,

- A_{sv} = Total cross-sectional area of stirrup legs or bent up bars within a distance (S_v)
- S_v = Spacing of the stirrups or bent up bars along the length (span) of the member
- τ_c = Shear strength of the concrete (design shear strength in limit state and permissible shear stress in working stress)
- b = Breadth of the member which for flanged beams shall be taken as the breadth of the web $(b_{\rm w})$
- d = Effective depth of the section
- σ_{sv} = Permissible tensile stress in shear reinforcement which shall not be taken greater than 230 N/mm² while in limit state it shall be taken as $0.87 f_v N/mm^2$
 - α = Angle between the inclined stirrups or bent up bars and the axis of the member not less than 45°

S.	Type of stress in steel	Perm	Permissible stresses (N/mm ²)				
No.	reinforcements	MS grade I	Medium tensile	HYSD Fe 415			
		(IS:432)	steel (IS:432)	(IS:1786)			
	Tensile stress (σ_{st}, σ_{sv})		Half yield stress				
1	(a) Diameters up to 20 mm	140	subject to a	230			
	(b) Diameters over 20 mm	130	maximum 190	230			
2	Compressive stress in						
	columns (direct) σ_{sc}	130	130	190			
3	Compressive stress in bars in	The calculated compressive stress in the sur-					
	bending elements (beams, slabs)	rounding concrete multiplied by 1.5 times the					
	when the compressive resistance	modular ratio ($\sigma_{cbc} \times 1.5$ m) or σ_{sc} whichever is					
	of the concrete is taken into	lower					
	account						
4	Compressive stress in bars in						
	bending elements (beams, slabs)						
	when the compressive resistance		Half the				
	of the concrete is not taken into		guaranteed yield				
	account		stress subject to				
	(a) Up to 20 mm diameter	140	a maximum of	190			
	(b) Over 20 mm diameter	130	190	190			

Table 1.18: Permissible stresses in steel reinforcement (working stress method)

- *Notes:* (i) For HYS deformed bars of grade Fe 500, the permissible stress in direct tension and flexural tension shall be $0.55 f_y$. The permissible stress for shear and compression reinforcement shall be same as for grade Fe 415.
 - (ii) For the purpose of standard IS:456, the yield stress of steels for which there is no clearly defined yield point, should be taken to be 0.20% proof stress.

and height above ground level. The wind load on the structure also depends on the shape of the structure and plan dimensions. Relevant wind pressure coefficients are adopted according to the shape of the structure in plan. These coefficients are also specified in IS:875-1987 (Part III). Wind loads on sloping roofs may vary according to the slope of the roof slab.

India is divided in different zones according to intensity of earthquake. Earthquake induces acceleration in the structure due to vibration. This causes horizontal and vertical forces on the structure. According to the location zone, the acceleration coefficients are specified in IS codes. From these coefficients, horizontal and vertical forces caused by earthquake are calculated by multiplying the mass with the respective acceleration coefficients (Fig. 1.1).

Force = mass	×	acceleration	coefficient
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Fig. 1.1 Earthquake forces on the structure

Horizontal force (*H*) acting at $= \max \times \text{horizontal acceleration coefficient}$ mass centre of structure $= (m \times \alpha_H)$ Vertical force (*V*) acting at the $= \max \times \text{vertical acceleration coefficient}$ mass centre of structure $= (m \times \alpha_V)$

These loads shall be considered in design of tall structures, OHSR, multistoreyed buildings, etc.

1.7 ARRANGEMENT OF REINFORCEMENT

(a) Slabs

Minimum reinforcements, cover, and spacing of main and secondary (distribution) bars are shown in Fig. 1.2 as per IS:456-2000.



Fig. 1.2 Reinforcement details in RCC slab

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