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Density Based Experimental Analysis of Geosynthetic Materials in Application of Road Construction

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Abstract: ***This study was primarily concerned with the use of geotextiles, a geosynthetic membrane to strengthen the foundation of a flexible pavement. Three soil samples were collected from FUTA environs and all of the samples underwent primary soil tests such as natural moisture content, sieve analysis, compaction and California bearing ratio (CBR) test to determine the geotechnical properties of the samples. The relative advantages of placing different reinforcing materials like geotextile, biaxial or uniaxial geogrid, geocell layer and tire shreds at the interface of subgrade and base course are studied in terms of increase in load carrying capacity and reduction in rut depth. The rut depths measured in three different test sections when subjected to moving vehicle load simulated by the passage of a scooter on the road at uniform speed for a maximum of 250 passes are compared to understand the relative efficiency of each of these reinforcing materials in reducing the rut formation in unpaved roads. Traffic benefit ratios were also compared for different reinforced test sections***

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1. Introduction

Geosynthetics have been characterized by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Committee D35 on geosynthetics as planar items made from polymeric materials utilized with soil, shake, clay, or other geotechnical designing related material as a necessary part of a man-made venture, structure or framework. Geosynthetics is the term used to portray a scope of polymeric items utilized for Civil Engineering development works. The term is for the most part respected to incorporate eight primary items classifications. They incorporate geotextiles, geogrids, geonets, geomembrane, geosynthetic clay liners, geofoam, geocells and geocomposite. The most mainstream geosynthetics utilized are the geotextiles and geomembrane [1].

Pavement Asphalt structures ordinarily fall into two principle classifications, in particular, adaptable and unbending asphalts. Such a structures similarly as different structures are helpless to various sorts of bothers. To minimize the decay of asphalts, geosynthetic support is one of the methods received to enhance their execution. Subsequently, work of various geosynthetics to asphalt structures is accounted for by different analysts. This venture work intends to show and talk about the discoveries from a portion of the studies on using geosynthetics in adaptable asphalts [2].

In carrying out the project, a flexible pavement model using tested soil samples was constructed with the geotextile material incorporated. The slope of the model was 4% to serve as camber and for proper drainage. From the pavement model test, the average moisture content of the three soil samples used as sub-grades in the model with geotextile were 25.7%, 20.4% and 18.7% for samples labeled A,B and C.

A control sample of A without geotextile in the pavement model had a moisture content of 30.6% after being exposed to same external weather conditions of rainfall and sunshine for 8 weeks [3]. These moisture content results were compared with the natural moisture content values of the samples. It was found that the three soil samples with geotextile had lower moisture content and the sub-bases were properly separated from their respective sub-grades as opposed to sample A without the geotextile material. Geotextile material design and selection should be based on sound engineering principles as they will serve the long-term interest of both user and industry. The use of geotextiles should be incorporated into the construction of roads as they are economical in reducing the stress of 'borrowing of fill', enhance strength of the sub-grade and increase service life of the roadway [4].

The point of this examination work is to survey the diverse sorts of geosynthetics accessible and to assess the viability of the geotextile in road development and upkeep. To accomplish this point, the accompanying goals have been recognized [5]:

- To group the accessible geosynthetics in the nation.
- To decide the constituent material utilized as a part of delivering the geotextile, one of the geosynthetic materials.
- To join the geotextile in some gathered soil materials and survey execution.
- To examine the outcomes and make proper proposals for ideal utilize.

2. Related Work

A few studies have analyzed to review the concept of geosynthetics in road construction.

Bergado, D.T., and Abuel-Naga, H.M (2005) [6] Great consideration is coordinated to reconstruct employments and restore beach front groups influenced by the Tsunami in the Indian Ocean in South Asia. It requires years of exertion of various designing controls to recuperate from late demolitions created by the Tsunami. Geosynthetics can be connected for reinforcement, filtration, seepage, security, coating and control. More essential, geosynthetics can be utilized adequately for erosion insurance and for fortifying the clay dikes to oppose failure amid the event of tremors connected with Tsunami. This paper exhibits the different geosynthetic applications and the related designing answers for moderate such Tsunami pulverizations.

Modern Fabrics Association International (2009) [7]Geotextile tubes balance out shorelines. Geosynthetic advances have risen as a noteworthy instrument in the fight against shoreline erosion, and TenCate Geosynthetics, Almelo, the Netherlands has given the durable materials another shape. The Geotube framework includes filling vast forbidden material compartments with nearby sand or slime to hold shaky banks set up. Shoreline stabilization every now and again is refined with layers secured by concrete or stone; geotubes wipe out the need to transport those materials. Likewise, after some time the water will slowly wash away the geotube substance, giving back the shoreline to its unique biological community.

Guyer J.P (2009) [8] Successful utilization of geosynthetics is guaranteed in a given geotechnical application, as it is good as well as powerful in enhancing the clay properties when around put. In this study the execution of woven and nonwoven geotextile, interfaced between delicate subgrade and unbound rock in an unpaved adaptable asphalt framework, is completed tentatively, using the California Bearing Ratio (CBR) testing course of action.

Kercher, A. (2010) [9] Geotextiles are porous textures which, when utilized as a part of relationship with soil, can isolated, filter, strengthen, secure or deplete. All have an extensive variety of uses and are at present used to advantage in numerous structural designing applications including roads, runways, and railways, dikes, holding structures, stores, filters, dams, bank assurance and beach front building.

3. Problem Statement

The presentation of geotextile lined depleted frameworks has improved the specialized properties and financial utilization of cover and trench depletes under and contiguous asphalt structures. The amazing filtration and partition attributes connected with geotextiles allow the utilization of a solitary layer of open evaluated total base or trench total wrapped in a geotextile. Along these lines, when geosynthetics are utilized inside asphalt structures for seepage and moisture control, they upgrade the asphalt structure and stress its execution by diminishing the impact moisture has on the asphalt materials [10].

Geosynthetics can be a superior and financially savvy contrasting option to different materials in framework advancement yet keep on being underutilized, maybe because of numbness of newness of structural building experts with them. The accompanying focuses just give delineations of how the utilization of geosynthetics can contribute hugely to the decrease of foundation if enough used in the unlimited zones of use over the range of national improvement [11].

- The utilization of geosynthetics allow the use of nearby soil materials (however frail), instead of imported quarry item (which would be costlier), in the place of development.
- The light weight of geosynthetics, in examination with other development materials, makes them force less stress upon the establishment, and subsequently, less damage after some time.
- Their strength and long-life block shorter outline life ranges of ventures and the requirement for recovery and real support operations.
- Their preferred standpoint of fast establishment procedures prompt to lessened times of development and in this manner, diminished development costs.

4. Proposed Methodology

Proposed implementation processed in following modules:

a) California bearing ratio testing

A standout amongst the most widely recognized techniques for describing subgrade quality with the end goal of cleared road configuration is the CBR test (ASTM D 1883-87). Past examinations of geosynthetic stabilization have utilized this strategy [11], [12]. In perspective of this priority, and in light of a legitimate concern for relative examination, it was regarded fitting to utilize the CBR test to measure the quality of every test area in this exploration program. For the most part, CBR tests are performed on remolded soil tests compacted to their greatest densities at their ideal moisture substance for either a standard or stabilized delegate exertion. To reproduce delicate soil conditions, the CBR test must be performed on drenched examples. The CBR test may likewise be performed for a scope of densities and moisture substance that are normal amid development. To play out a CBR test, a cylinder with a breadth of 1.954 in (49.63mm) is crashed into the surface of the clay specimen at a rate of 0.05 in (1.3mm) every moment, and the anxiety required to infiltrate a separation of 0.10 in (2.5mm) is recorded. To get the CBR value, the recorded anxiety is separated by 1000 lb/in2 (6.895 kPa) and increased by 100 percent [13].

Since it was sought to put the lifts of subgrade soil at a particular CBR as opposed to a standard dry density, it was important to assess the CBR as an element of both compactive exertion and water content. To accomplish this, 43 CBR tests were led. In the wake of passing the YSS soil through a No. 4 (4.750mm) U.S. Standard strainer, the examples were compacted into molds with a width of 6.0 in (150mm) and arranged as per techniques laid out in ASTM D 1557 or ASTM D 698. The dry density and moisture substance of every example were recorded and the CBR value was resolved [14].

b) Geosynthetic materials

Two sorts of woven polypropylene geotextiles were assessed. Geotextile A is woven with an opening tape in the machine course and a fibrillated opening tape in the cross-machine bearing. Geotextile B is woven with an oval monofilament in the machine bearing and a fibrillated opening tape in the cross-machine heading. The fabrication of a polypropylene opening tape requires the expulsion of a thin, wide polypropylene sheet. It is then opening to the wanted tape width. A fibrillated opening tape is manufactured in a similar way with the exception of taking after the slitting procedure, short razor cuts are made in the tape in a procedure called fibrillation. Oval monofilaments are expelled as single yarns, rather than expulsion in sheets [15]. At the point when a woven geotextile contains a fibrillated opening tape, a more prominent open range is given in the texture network contrasted with a geotextile woven solely with opening tape. This outcomes from the propensity of fibrillated tape to "group" amid weaving, expanding the extent of its powerful cross-sectional zone. A moderately expansive open area additionally is acquired with the utilization of a monofilament, which commonly has a bigger cross-sectional range than an opening tape. Utilization of fibrillated opening tapes and monofilaments results in expanded water driven stream rates typical to the texture plane as an aftereffect of the expanded open zone. The mechanical properties of Geotextiles A and B are appeared in Table I.

Table 1: Manufacturer's specifications for Geotextile A and B

Property	ASTM Test	Unit	Geotextile A	Geotextile B
Grab tensile strength	D 4532	1b (N)	200 (890)	300 (1530)
Grab elongation	D 4532	%	15	20
Mullen burst strength	D 3886	1b/m2 (kPa)	400 (2760)	800 (5420)
Puncture	D 4733	1b (N)	90 (400)	120 (554)
Trapezoidal tear	D 4633	1b (N)	75 (334)	120 (554)
Wide width tensile1	D 4495	1b/m (kN/m)	@2% strain-21.0 (3.65)	@2% strain-24.8 (4.55)
			@5% strain-51.6 (8.4)	@5% strain-54.6 (11.3)
			@ Ultimate-126 (24.5)	@ Ultimate-169 (33.3)

Note 1: Wide width tensile values apply to the machine direction

The geogrid utilized as a part of the testing project is portrayed as biaxial with respect to its elasticity properties, as indicated by maker writing. It is made by expelling a sheet of polypropylene and after those punching gaps at the craved opening areas. The material is then drawn (extended), subsequently expanding its elasticity.

5. Results

Below fig.1 shows the Home page of Friend Book application

Case 1 Cost Analysis

To play out the cost-benefit investigation in Case 1, two sorts of theoretical asphalt areas were composed. The qualification between the two sorts was the flexible modulus of the HMA used to develop the wearing course. Three variants of every plan were assessed: non-balanced out, geotextile-settled, and geogrid-settled. Every road segment was composed with a width of 24 ft (7.3 m) and a length of 1.0 mile (1.6 km).

1) With the plan parameters exhibited up to this point, it was conceivable to finish the investigation of Case 1 utilizing the accompanying eight stages:
2) Determine the reasonable ESAL of settled road areas in view of their comparable basic numbers.
3) Calculate the reasonable ESAL of non-settled road areas toward the end of stage one.
4) Determine the ESAL required of the non-balanced out road segments toward the end of stage two with the end goal that the aggregate ESAL redundancies is equivalent to the admissible ESAL of settled road segments (ascertained in step one).
5) Calculate the remaining fundamental utmost of the non-settled fragments toward the end of stage one.
6) Based on the ESAL required of the stage two overlays, ascertain the aggregate auxiliary number required toward the start of stage two.
7) Based on the aggregate auxiliary number required toward the start of stage two, compute basic number required of the overlays.
8) Based on the required auxiliary number of the overlays, compute each of the overlay density.
9) Compare the cost connected with the overlay density to that of the geosynthetics.

These computations result in the qualities appeared in Table 2.

Table 2: Allowable ESAL of stabilized sections

Road section	Equivalent SN	Allowable ESAL
R1GTX	2.03	120,434
R1GG	1.87	73,352
R2GTX	2.29	254,092
R2GG	2.11	152,667

To assess the cost-benefit capability of the geosynthetics, it was important to play out an overlay plan for R1 and R2 which would yield an aggregate ESAL from stage one and two that coordinated the ESAL of relating segments appeared in Table 2.

In any case, to play out the overlay plan, it was important to decide the rest of the life of the asphalt structure. This required an evaluation of the genuine measure of activity the asphalt conveyed amid stage one and the aggregate sum of movement the asphalt could be relied upon to convey to failure.

Case 2: Cost Analysis

The investigation performed in Case 2 analyzed the cost-benefits of geotextile-and geogrid settled road areas utilizing the eight-stage strategy plot in Case 1. To get a similar administration life from a geogrid balanced out road as gave by a geotextile-settled road, the geogrid-balanced out road requires a HMA overlay. In this manner, road areas R1GG and R2GG were outlined utilizing two-arrange development. Arrange two was planned with the end goal that the aggregate number of ESAL connected to the geogrid-balanced out roads was equivalent to the permissible ESAL of the geotextile-settled roads.

Table 3: Values used in calculation of effective SN at end of stage one for R1GG and R2GG

Road Section	R1GG	R2GG
Original Equivalent SN	1.87	2.11
Np (ESAL)	40,477	82,283
N1.5 (ESAL)	76,420	162,057
RL (%)	47.0	49.2
CF	0.885	0.890
Effective SN at the end of Stage 1	1.65	1.88

Table 3 demonstrates that the aggregate ESAL reiterations to date (NP) on R1GG and R2GG are 40,477 and 82,283, separately. Along these lines, the ESAL required amid stage two of R1GG and R2GG are 79,957 and 171,809, individually. With this information, it was conceivable to finish steps four however seven of the cost-benefit investigation. Step seven showed that the densities of the stage two overlays for R1GG and R2GG were 1.27 and 1.18 in (32.3 and 30.0mm), separately. In view of the commonplace cost of HMA beforehand exhibited, the overlays for R1GG and R2GG will cost $30,175 and $28,036, separately. Added to this cost is the sum by which a geogrid will cost more than a geotextile toward the start of stage one.

6. Conclusion

In view of this study, the accompanying conclusions can be made. The important technique by which geotextiles broaden the administration life of adaptable asphalts developed over subgrades comprising of fine soil is by considering the density and auxiliary limit of the base course. Geotextiles can essentially augment the administration lives of adaptable asphalt areas developed over subgrades made out of cohesionless fine soil with CBR values under 4.5 percent. Over the administration life of a road, geotextile stabilization speaks to roughly a 60 percent lessening in life-cycle costs contrasted with asphalt recovery utilizing HMA overlays. Over the administration life of a road, geogrid stabilization may speak to an existence cycle cost increment contrasted with asphalt restoration utilizing HMA overlays.

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