

# “LABORATORY STUDY ON EFFECT OF GBSF AND LIME ON SUBGRADE”

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**Abstract** - The large quantities of wastes are being generated worldwide due to rapid industrialization and excessive urbanization. The utilization of waste materials like coal ash, copper slag, steel slag, zinc slag etc. in road construction industries is gradually gaining significant importance in India considering the disposal, environmental problems and gradual depletion of natural resources like soil and aggregates. Huge quantities of slag, is being generated in the steel plants during the extraction of iron from iron ores, normally they are dumped occupying a large land area and causing significant environmental problems. This Slag resembles to cohesion less granular soil and is observed to contain mostly the sand-size particles. Therefore, Granular Blast Furnace Slag (GBFS) if used as a substitute to good quality borrow soils for base/ sub-base course in flexible pavements or as subgrade material. It may significantly decrease the construction cost apart from improving its engineering properties. This review paper deals with some of the previous studies made regarding use of GBFS in various layers of flexible pavement to improve its engineering properties.

**Key Words:** GBFS, lime, Soil, flexible pavement, subgrade

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Portfolio The utilization of waste materials like coal ash, copper slag, steel slag, zinc slag etc. in road utilization aspects of these wastes particularly in construction for bulk consumption.

The Jindal saw steel sinner MIDC sinner nashik produce Granular Blast Furnace Slag (GBFS) and Electric-arc Furnace Slag (EAF) approximately 45,000 tone/month each (Source: Jindal saw steel sinner). This is huge amount of slag has been used by company in various construction work going inside the company campus. The work of filling of land to stabilizing of the parent soil is done inside the campus.

This study is carried out to utilize the slag in subgrade construction. Being cohesion less material, it is mixed with local soil collect from mhasarul near nashik. As, the subgrade/subgrade having high strength, can resist to deformation and increase the stability of the pavement. If the parent soil does not have good engineering properties can achieved with the use of additives/stabilizer. This additives/stabilizer mixed with the soil materials to get

desired improvement. This study focus on mechanical stabilization of parent soil using GBFS and LIME. The CBR tests are conducted to check the four day soak strength of the soil mixed with the GBFS in different range (0 %,5 %,10%,15% and 20% by mass). The results of these tests are comparing with soil stabilized with lime 0%,3%,6%,9% and 12% with different proportion Material

## 1.1 Material used

### 1.1.1 Soil

Soil properties in North Maharashtra region is mainly consist of intermediate to highly compressible clay, The collected sample tested in the laboratory for the investigation of engineering properties like specific gravity of soil solids, grain size distribution, Atterberg's limits, Swelling potential, soil classification, compaction characteristics and CBR

### 1.1.2 Lime

Lime is a calcium-containing inorganic mineral in which oxides, and hydroxides predominate. In the strict sense of the term, lime is calcium oxide or calcium hydroxide. CaO which occurs as a product of coal seam fires and in altered limestone xenoliths in volcanic ejecta

### 1.1.3 GBFS

GBFS is formed when molten blast furnace slag (BFS) is rapidly quenched from the furnace, rather than left to slowly solidify by air-cooling. The chemical composition of GBFS is shown in table 3.2. The result of chemical composition shows it contain 12.74% silica and 32.29 % CaO content. It is found that aluminium content is maximum in the GBFS i.e. 42.44%

## 1.2 Need for study

Steel slag is a waste material generated as a byproduct during the manufacturing of steel from steel industries. Huge quantities of blast furnace slag, is being generated in the steel plants during the extraction of iron from iron ores, and they are normally dumped in and around the plant occupying a large land area apart from causing significant environmental problems. In South Gujarat most of the soil is

problematic and not good for the subgrade material due to high compressibility, less bearing capacity, high swelling properties, etc. To stuned the problems of compressibility, less bearing capacity, high swelling properties the soil can be replaced, reinforced or the properties can be upgraded either by mechanical blending of different soil types or by integration of additives. This study focus on and chemical stabilization using with LIME in parent soil.

## 2. LITERATURE SURVEY

### 2.1 OSMAN SIVRIKAYA, SELMAN YAVASCAN and EMRE CECEN

The significant quantities of slag are being generated as a solid waste material or as a by-product of the iron-steel industry every day, from an energy-conservation point of view, slag can be considered as an environment-friendly material in terms of resource saving, and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in the 21st century. However, these products pose a great threat to the environment unless they are stored or exploited for use in various sectors studies have been performed on the possible utilization of ground granulated blast-furnace slag (GGBFS) as a binder in the stabilization of clayey soils and its effect on the volume change of expansive soils [3, 6, 7, 15]. The authors noticed that there is limited work on the usage of GBFS in comparison with other industrial by-products, such as fly ash and silica fume on the stabilization of soils

In this study, the effect of ground granulated blast-furnace slag (GGBFS) on the index and compaction parameters of two clayey soils with different elasticities has been examined and the following conclusions have been derived

### 2.2 D. Koteswara Rao G.V.R. Prasada Raju N. L. Manikanta Kumar 2011

The natural water content of the marine clays is always greater than its liquid limit. The comprehensive review of literature shows that a considerable amount of work is related for the determination of engineering behaviour of marine clay has been carried out worldwide almost since last 50 years. From the various contributions, the investigations on physical, chemical and mineralogical properties of marine clay conducted by Shridharan et al.(1989). Improving the strength of the marine clay by the stabilization technique was performed by Supakij Nontananandh et al. (2004). Marine clay deposits of Kakinada were used for the testing with the aim to investigate its engineering properties and further make suitable for foundation constructions over it. The soil was collected at shallow depths i.e. 0.3 to 06m from the Kakinada Sea Ports limited, Kakinada, A.P, India and used for the investigation. Those soils are soft, highly saturated, of low density, low shear strength, sensitive, and normally consolidated. Natural water content of the marine clays is always greater than its liquid limit. The comprehensive

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### 2.3 U Arun Kumar, K V Subrahmanyam 2014

The iron and steel slag that is generated as a byproduct of iron and steel manufacturing Industries can be broadly categorized into blast furnace slag and steel making slag. Blast furnace slag is recovered by melting separation from blast furnaces that produce molten pig iron. It consists of non-ferrous components contained in the iron ore together with limestone as an auxiliary materials and ash from coke. Blast furnace slag is dependent on method of cooling. There are four main types of blast furnace slag: i.e. granulated; air-cooled; expanded and palletized. Chemically, the blast furnace slag mainly contains silica (30–35 %), calcium oxide (28–35 %), magnesium oxide (1–6 %), and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 1.8– 2.5 %. Granulated Blast Furnace Slag can be used for the partial replacement of unmodified aggregate upto 20-30% in the construction of granular sub base layer.

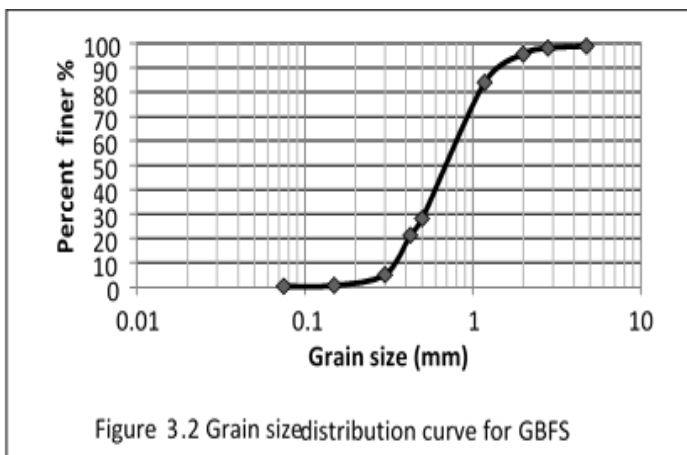
### 2.4 Ibtehaj Taha Jawad, Mohd Raihan Taha 2014

Soil stabilization is the process of the alteration of the geotechnical properties to satisfy the engineering requirements (Attoh-Okine, 1995). Numerous kinds of stabilizers were used as soil additives to improve its engineering properties. A number of stabilizers, such as lime, cement and fly ash, depend on their chemical reactions with the soil elements in the presence of water (Azadegan et al., 2012; Mallela et al., 2004; Ramadas et al, 2011). Other additives, such as geofiber and geogrid, depend on their physical effects to improve soil properties (Alawaji, 2001; Viswanadham et al., 2009). In addition, it can be combined both of chemical and physical stabilization, for example, by using lime and geofiber or geotextile together (Yang et al., 2012; Chong and Kassim, 2014). Lime is the oldest traditional chemical stabilizer used for soil stabilization (Mallela et al., 2004). However, soil stabilization using lime involves advantages and disadvantages. This study provides details of advantages and disadvantages of using lime as soil stabilizer. In addition, to control the disadvantages inherent

to lime treated soil, proposing an alternative material was discussed.

**2.5 Saleh Abd El-Aleem Mohamed Aug2015**

The creation of waste materials, combined with a growing consumer population has resulted in a waste disposal crisis leading to an economic and environmental problem. These wastes that produced today will remain in the environment for hundreds of years. The magnitude of environmental problems like air, surface and ground water pollution and economic problem like landfilling maintenance cost, etc., is very high for wastes. the investigations on physical, chemical and mineralogical properties of marine clay conducted by Shridharan This rapidly increasing waste stream remains a significant environmental issue and needs to manage in an economic and environmentally sustainable manner. One solution to this crisis lies in recycling waste into useful products to replace the natural/commercial products wherever possible, which will reduce the economic and environmental problem of waste disposal and also reduce the depletion of natural resources, As the amount of LRS increases the chemically combined water and free lime contents increases, -The compressive strengths of GBFS-LRS mixes increase with the amount of LRS up to 20%, and then decrease at 30% of LRS.



**3. Methodology of the work**

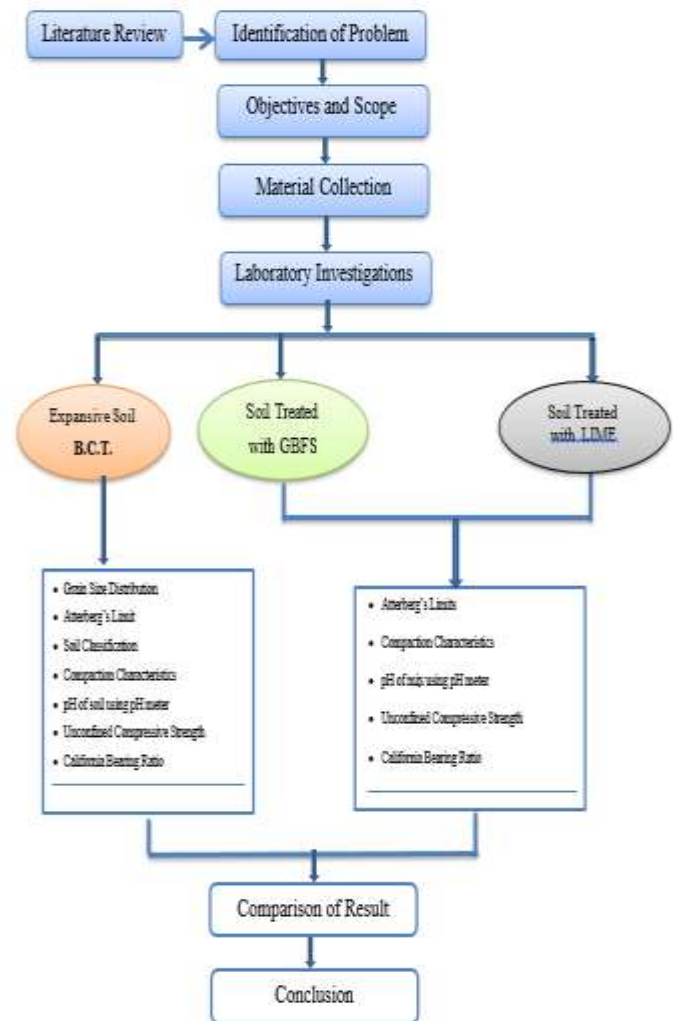


Figure 1 Methodology Flowchart

**4. DATA ANALYSIS**

**4.1 Granular Blast Furnace Slag (GBFS)**

The result of sieve analysis are drawn for GBFS. This shows it is uniformly graded material. The specific gravity is 2.28 of GBFS. This material is used in mechanical stabilization with CH soil to increase its engineering property for subgrade stabilization.

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**4.2 Lime**

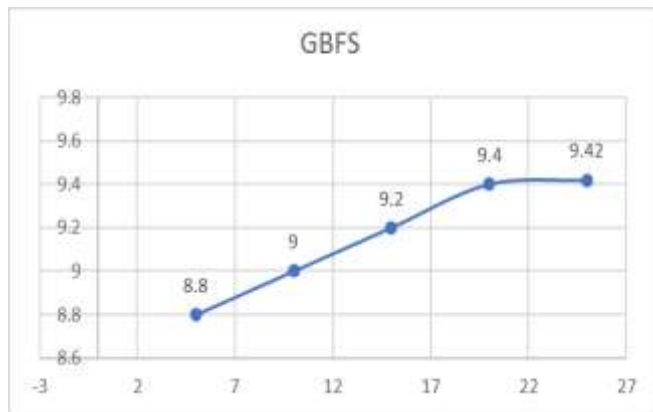
Lime is a calcium-containing inorganic material in which carbonates, oxides and hydroxides predominate. In that the contain of Calcium Hydroxide Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> is 72.88 %

### 4.3 Soil

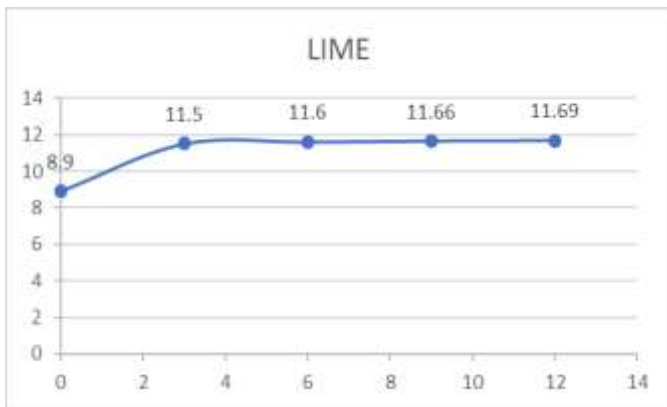
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## 5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

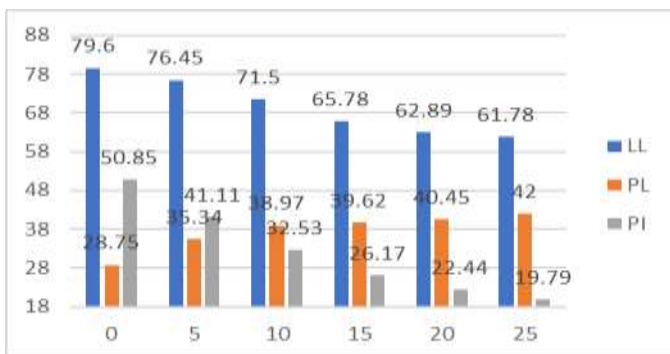
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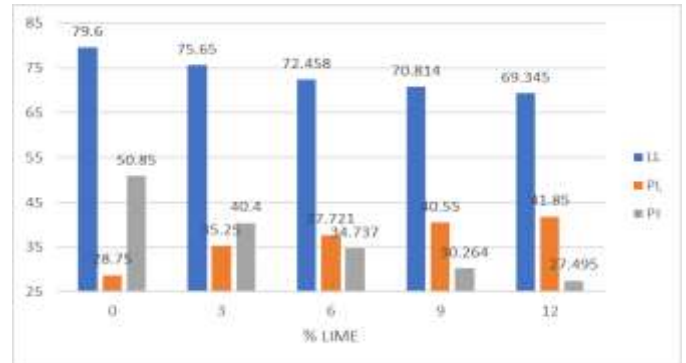
### 5.2 The optimum combination of stabilizers pH meter test has been done from pH meter test for lime



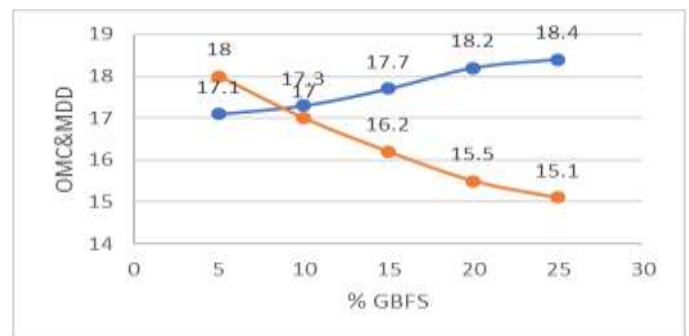
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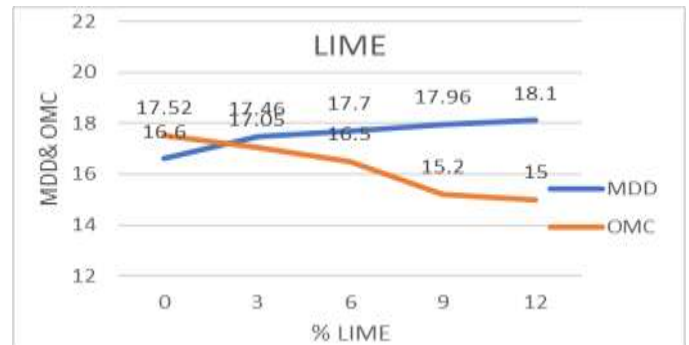
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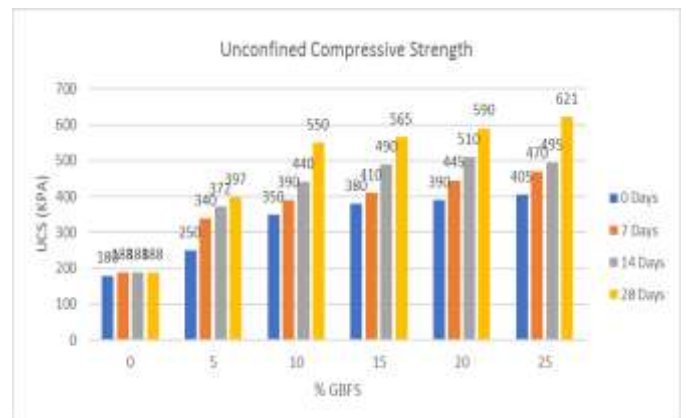
### 5.5 Compaction characteristics of GBFS



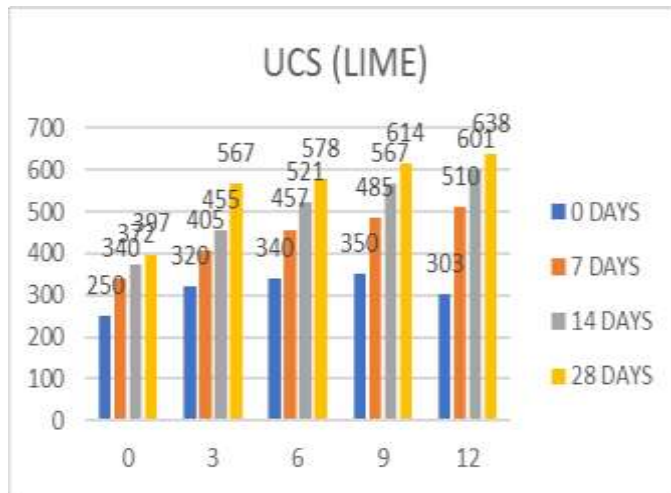
### 5.6 Compaction characteristics of Lime



### 5.7 Unconfined Compressive Strength Of soil with GBFS



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### 5.9 California bearing ratio test for optimum % of GBFS

The CBR test is conducted for 4 days soaked test , for comparison the CBR test is tested for natural soil and the optimum result obtain of 10% GBFS in UCS test . The result for CBR of natural soil is 1.9 and for oprimum result of 10% of GBFS in UCS is 3.56

### 5.10 California bearing ratio test optimum % of LIME

The CBR test is conducted for 4 days soaked test , for comparison the CBR test is tested for natural soil and the optimum result obtain of 6% lime in UCS test . The result for CBR of natural soil is 1.9 and for oprimum result of 6% of Lime in UCS is 3.95

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

- I. The sp. Gravity of GBFS and LIME is found to be 2.60 and 2.45 respectively
- II. GBFS found non plastic in nature
- III. Optimum % of GBFS and LIME is found to be 10% and 6%
- IV. A MDD and OMC for optimum % GBFS is found to be 17.3 and 16.2 respectively
- V. A MDD and OMC for optimum % LIME is found to be 17.7 and 16.5 respectively
- VI. As per IRC:60 1976 the laboratory value of UCS testing of GBFS and LIME after 28 days curing should be 1500 kpa for the used of sub grade course
- VII. It was also found that the unconfined compressive strength value of GBFS and LIME is increases as curing period increases

- VIII. The material GBFS is gives the best result in UCS test as compare to used of lime
- IX. The optimum % of GBFS mix give best result in CBR test as compare to used of % lime mix as consider point of economy
- X. The used of GBFS in soil subgrade is economical as compare to used of lime in soil subgrade
- XI. By using GBFS waste will be utilized in productive manner and pollution will be minimies with effective used of waste products
- XII. Construction of road using these replacements can be executed to build rural roads

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