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## 401. GRANULAR SUB-BASE

### 401.1. Scope

This work shall consist of laying and compacting well-graded material on prepared subgrade in accordance with the requirements of these Specifications. The material shall be laid in one or more layers as sub-base or lower sub-base and upper sub-base (termed as sub-base hereinafter) as necessary according to lines, grades and cross-sections shown on the drawings or as directed by the Engineer.

### 401.2. Materials

**401.2.1.** The material to be used for the work shall be natural sand, moorum, gravel, crushed stone, or combination thereof depending upon the grading required. Materials like crushed slag, crushed concrete, brick metal and kankar may be allowed only with the specific approval of the Engineer. The material shall be free from organic or other deleterious constituents and conform to one of the three gradings given in Table 400-1.

While the gradings in Table 400-1 are in respect of close-graded granular sub-base materials, one each for maximum particle size of 75 mm, 53 mm and 26.5 mm, the corresponding gradings for the coarse-graded materials for each of the three maximum particle sizes are given at Table 400-2. The grading to be adopted for a project shall be as specified in the Contract.

**401.2.2. Physical requirements:** The material shall have a 10 per cent fines value of 50 kN or more (for sample in soaked condition) when tested in compliance with BS:812 (Part 111). The water absorption value of the coarse aggregate shall be determined as per IS : 2386 (Part 3); if this value is greater than 2 per cent, the soundness test shall be carried out on the material delivered to site as per IS : 383. For Grading II and III materials, the CBR shall be determined at the density and moisture content likely to be developed in equilibrium conditions which shall be taken as being the density relating to a uniform air voids content of 5 per cent.

**TABLE 400-1. GRADING FOR CLOSE-GRADED GRANULAR SUB-BASE MATERIALS**

IS Sieve	Per cent by weight passing the IS sieve		
Designation	Grading I	Grading II	Grading III
75.0 mm	100	—	—
53.0 mm	80-100	100	—
26.5 mm	55-90	70-100	100
9.50 mm	35-65	50-80	65-95
4.75 mm	25-55	40-65	50-80
2.36 mm	20-40	30-50	40-65
0.425 mm	10-25	15-25	20-35
0.075 mm	3-10	3-10	3-10
CBR Value (Minimum)	30	25	20

**TABLE 400-2. GRADING FOR COARSE GRADED GRANULAR SUB-BASE MATERIALS**

IS Sieve	Per cent by weight passing the IS Sieve		
Designation	Grading I	Grading II	Grading III
75.0 mm	100	—	—
53.0 mm	—	100	—
26.5 mm	55-75	50-80	100
9.50 mm	—	—	—
4.75 mm	10-30	15-35	25-45
2.36 mm	—	—	—
0.425 mm	—	—	—
0.075 mm	<10	<10	<10
CBR Value (Minimum)	30	25	20

**Note :** The material passing 425 micron (0.425 mm) sieve for all the three gradings when tested according to IS : 2720 (Part 5) shall have liquid limit and plasticity index not more than 25 and 6 per cent respectively.

### 401.3. Strength of sub-base

It shall be ensured prior to actual execution that the material to be used in the sub-base satisfies the requirements of CBR and other physical requirements when compacted and finished.

When directed by the Engineer, this shall be verified by performing CBR tests in the laboratory as required on specimens remoulded at field dry density and moisture content and any other tests for the "quality" of materials, as may be necessary.

### 401.4. Construction Operations

**401.4.1. Preparation of subgrade :** Immediately prior to the laying of sub-base, the subgrade already finished to Clause 301 or 305 as applicable shall be prepared by removing all vegetation and other

extraneous matter, lightly sprinkled with water if necessary and rolled with two passes of 80 -100 kN smooth wheeled roller.

**401.4.2. Spreading and compacting :** The sub-base material of grading specified in the Contract shall be spread on the prepared subgrade with the help of a motor grader of adequate capacity, its blade having hydraulic controls suitable for initial adjustment and for maintaining the required slope and grade during the operation or other means as approved by the Engineer.

When the sub-base material consists of combination of materials mentioned in Clause 401.2.1, mixing shall be done mechanically by the mix-in-place method.

Manual mixing shall be permitted only where the width of laying is not adequate for mechanical operations, as in small-sized jobs. The equipment used for mix-in-place construction shall be a rotavator or similar approved equipment capable of mixing the material to the desired degree. If so desired by the Engineer, trial runs with the equipment shall be carried out to establish its suitability for the work.

Moisture content of the loose material shall be checked in accordance with IS:2720 (Part 2) and suitably adjusted by sprinkling additional water from a truck mounted or trailer mounted water tank and suitable for applying water uniformly and at controlled quantities to variable widths of surface or other means approved by the Engineer so that, at the time of compaction, it is from 1 per cent above to 2 per cent below the optimum moisture content corresponding to IS:2720 (Part 8). While adding water, due allowance shall be made for evaporation losses. After water has been added, the material shall be processed by mechanical or other approved means like disc harrows, rotavators until the layer is uniformly wet.

Immediately thereafter, rolling shall start. If the thickness of the compacted layer does not exceed 100 mm, a smooth wheeled roller of 80 to 100 kN weight may be used. For a compacted single layer upto 225 mm the compaction shall be done with the help of a vibratory roller of minimum 80 to 100 kN static weight with plain drum or pad foot-drum or heavy pneumatic tyred roller of minimum 200 to 300 kN weight having a minimum tyre pressure of  $0.7 \text{ MN/m}^2$  or equivalent capacity roller capable of achieving the required compaction. Rolling shall commence at the lower edge and proceed towards the upper edge longitudinally for portions having unidirectional crossfall and super-

elevation and shall commence at the edges and progress towards the centre for portions having crossfall on both sides.

Each pass of the roller shall uniformly overlap not less than one-third of the track made in the preceding pass. During rolling, the grade and crossfall (camber) shall be checked and any high spots or depressions, which become apparent, corrected by removing or adding fresh material. The speed of the roller shall not exceed 5 km per hour.

Rolling shall be continued till the density achieved is at least 98 per cent of the maximum dry density for the material determined as per IS:2720 (Part 8). The surface of any layer of material on completion of compaction shall be well closed, free from movement under compaction equipment and from compaction planes, ridges, cracks or loose material. All loose, segregated or otherwise defective areas shall be made good to the full thickness of layer and re-compacted.

#### **401.5. Surface Finish and Quality Control of Work**

The surface finish of construction shall conform to the requirements of Clause 902.

Control on the quality of materials and works shall be exercised by the Engineer in accordance with Section 900.

#### **401.6. Arrangements for Traffic**

During the period of construction, arrangement of traffic shall be maintained in accordance with Clause 112.

#### **401.7. Measurements for Payment**

Granular sub-base shall be measured as finished work in position in cubic metres.

The protection of edges of granular sub-base extended over the full formation as shown in the drawing shall be considered incidental to the work of providing granular sub-base and as such no extra payment shall be made for the same.

#### **401.8. Rate**

The Contract unit rate for granular sub-base shall be payment in full for carrying out the required operations including full compensation for :

- (i) making arrangements for traffic to Clause 112 except for initial treatment to verges, shoulders and construction of diversions;

- (ii) furnishing all materials to be incorporated in the work including all royalties, fees, rents where necessary and all leads and lifts;
- (iii) all labour, tools, equipment and incidentals to complete the work to the Specifications;
- (iv) carrying out the work in part widths of road where directed; and
- (v) carrying out the required tests for quality control.

## **402. LIME TREATED SOIL FOR IMPROVED SUB-GRADE/SUB-BASE**

### **402.1. Scope**

This work shall consist of laying and compacting an improved sub-grade/lower sub-base of soil treated with lime on prepared sub-grade in accordance with the requirements of these Specifications and in conformity with the lines, grades and cross-sections shown on the drawings or as directed by the Engineer. Lime treatment is generally effective for soils which contain a relatively high percentage of clay and silty clay.

### **402.2. Materials**

**402.2.1. Soil :** Except when otherwise specified, the soil used for stabilisation shall be the local clayey soil having a plasticity index greater than 8.

**402.2.2. Lime :** Lime for lime-soil stabilisation work shall be commercial dry lime slaked at site or pre-slaked lime delivered to the site in suitable packing. Unless otherwise permitted by the Engineer, the lime shall have purity of not less than 70 per cent by weight of Quick-lime ( $\text{CaO}$ ) when tested in accordance with IS :1514. Lime shall be properly stored to avoid prolonged exposure to the atmosphere and consequent carbonation which would reduce its binding properties.

**402.2.3. Quantity of lime in stabilised mix :** Quantity of lime to be added as percentage by weight of the dry soil shall be as specified in the Contract. The quantity of lime used shall be related to its calcium oxide content which shall be specified. Where the lime of different calcium oxide content is to be used, its quantity shall be suitably adjusted to the approval of the Engineer so that equivalent calcium oxide is incorporated in the work. The mix design shall be done to arrive at the appropriate quantity of lime to be added, having due regard to the purity of lime, the type of soil, the moisture-density relationship, and the design CBR/Unconfined Compressive Strength (UCS) value specified in the Contract. The laboratory CBR/UCS value shall be at least 1.5 times the minimum field value of CBR/UCS stipulated in the Contract.

**402.2.4. Water :** The water to be used for lime stabilisation shall be clean and free from injurious substances. Potable water shall be preferred.

### 402.3. Construction Operations

**402.3.1. Weather limitations :** Lime-soil stabilisation shall not be done when the air temperature in the shade is less than 10° C.

**402.3.2. Degree of pulverisation:** For lime stabilisation, the soil before addition of stabiliser, shall be pulverised using agricultural implements like disc harrows and rotavators to the extent that it passes the requirements set out in Table 400-3 when tested in accordance with the method described in *Appendix 3*.

TABLE 400-3. SOIL PULVERISATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LIME STABILISATION

IS Sieve designation	Minimum per cent by weight passing the IS Sieve
26.5 mm	100
5.6 mm	80

**402.3.3. Equipment for construction:** Stabilised soil sub-bases shall be constructed by mix-in-place method of construction or as otherwise approved by the Engineer. Manual mixing shall be permitted only where the width of laying is not adequate for mechanical operations, as in small-sized jobs.

The equipment used for mix-in-place construction shall be a rotavator or similar approved equipment capable of pulverising and mixing the soil with additive and water to specified degree to the full thickness of the layer being processed, and of achieving the desired degree of mixing and uniformity of the stabilised material. If so desired by the Engineer, trial runs with the equipment shall be carried out to establish its suitability for work.

The thickness of any layer to be stabilised shall be not less than 100 mm when compacted. The maximum thickness shall be 200 mm, provided the plant used is accepted by the Engineer.

**402.3.4. Mix-in-place method of construction:** Before deploying the equipment, the soil after it is made free of undesirable vegetation or other deleterious matter shall be spread uniformly on the prepared subgrade in a quantity sufficient to achieve the desired compacted thickness of the stabilised layer. Where single-pass equipment is to be employed, the soil shall be lightly rolled at the discretion of the Engineer.

The equipment used shall either be of single-pass or multiple pass type. The mixers shall be equipped with an appropriate device for controlling the depth of processing and the mixing blades shall be maintained or reset periodically so that the correct depth of mixing is obtained at all times.

With single-pass equipment the forward speed of the machine shall be so selected in relation to the rotor speed that the required degree of mixing, pulverisation and depth of processing is obtained. In multiple-pass processing, the prepared subgrade shall be pulverised to the required depth with successive passes of the equipment and the moisture content adjusted to be within prescribed limits mentioned hereinafter. The blending or stabilising material shall then be spread uniformly and mixing continued with successive passes until the required depth and uniformity of processing have been obtained.

The mixing equipment shall be so set that it cuts slightly into the edge of the adjoining lane processed previously so as to ensure that all the material forming a layer has been properly processed for the full width.

**402.3.5. Construction with manual means:** Where manual mixing is permitted, the soil from borrow areas shall first be freed of all vegetation and other deleterious matter and placed on the prepared subgrade. The soil shall then be pulverised by means of crow-bars, pick axes or other means approved by the Engineer.

Water in requisite quantities may be sprinkled on the soil for aiding pulverisation. On the pulverised soil, the blending material(s) in requisite quantities shall be spread uniformly and mixed thoroughly by working with spades or other similar implements till the whole mass is uniform. After adjusting the moisture content to be within the limits mentioned later, the mixed material shall be levelled up to the required thickness so that it is ready to be rolled.

**402.3.6. Addition of lime:** Lime may be mixed with the prepared material either in slurry form or dry state at the option of the Contractor with the approval of the Engineer.

Dry lime shall be prevented from blowing by adding water to the lime or other suitable means selected by the Contractor, with the approval of the Engineer.

The tops of windrowed material may be flattened or slightly trenched to receive the lime. The distance to which lime may be spread upon

the prepared material ahead of the mixing operation shall be determined by the Engineer.

No traffic other than the mixing equipment shall be allowed to pass over the spread lime until after completion of mixing.

Mixing or remixing operations, regardless of equipment used, shall continue until the material is free of any white streaks or pockets of lime and the mixture is uniform.

Non-uniformity of colour reaction, when the treated material is tested with the standard phenolphthalein alcohol indicator, will be considered evidence of inadequate mixing.

**402.3.7. Moisture content for compaction:** The moisture content at compaction checked vide IS :2720 (Part 2) shall neither be less than the optimum moisture content corresponding to IS: 2720 (Part 8) nor more than 2 per cent above it.

**402.3.8. Rolling:** Immediately after spreading, grading and levelling of the mixed material, compaction shall be carried out with approved equipment preceded by a few passes of lighter rollers if necessary. Rolling shall commence at edges and progress towards the centre, except at superelevated portions where it shall commence at the inner edge and progress towards outer edge. During rolling the surface shall be frequently checked for grade and crossfall (camber) and any irregularities corrected by loosening the material and removing/adding fresh material. Compaction shall continue until the density achieved is at least 98 per cent of the maximum dry density for the material determined in accordance with IS: 2720 (Part 8).

Care shall be taken to see that the compaction of lime stabilised material is completed within three hours of its mixing or such shorter period as may be found necessary in dry weather.

During rolling it shall be ensured that roller does not bear directly on hardened or partially hardened treated material previously laid other than what may be necessary for achieving the specified compaction at the joint. The final surface shall be well closed, free from movement under compaction planes, ridges, cracks or loose material. All loose or segregated or otherwise defective areas shall be made good to the full thickness of the layer and recompact.

**402.3.9. Curing:** The sub-base course shall be suitably cured for a minimum period of 7 days after which subsequent pavement courses shall be laid to prevent the surface from drying out and becoming

friable. No traffic of any kind shall ply over the completed sub-base unless permitted by the Engineer.

#### **402.4. Surface Finish and Quality Control of Work**

The surface finish of construction shall conform to the requirements of Clause 902.

Control on the quality of materials and works shall be exercised by the Engineer in accordance with Section 900.

#### **402.5. Strength**

When lime is used for improving the subgrade, the soil-lime mix shall be tested for its CBR value. When lime stabilised soil is used in a sub-base, it shall be tested for unconfined compressive strength (UCS) at 7 days. In case of variation from the design CBR/UCS, in situ value being lower, the pavement design shall be reviewed based on the actual CBR/UCS values. The extra pavement thickness needed on account of lower CBR/UCS value shall be constructed by the Contractor at his own cost.

#### **402.6. Arrangements of Traffic**

During the period of construction, arrangement of traffic shall be maintained in accordance with Clause 112.

#### **402.7. Measurements for Payment**

Stabilised soil sub-base shall be measured as finished work in position in cubic metres.

#### **402.8. Rates**

The Contract unit rate for lime stabilised soil sub-base shall be payment in full for carrying out the required operations including full compensation for all components listed in Clause 401.8 (i) to (v).

### **403. CEMENT TREATED SOIL SUB-BASE/BASE**

#### **403.1. Scope**

This work shall consist of laying and compacting a sub-base/base course of soil treated with cement on prepared subgrade/sub-base, in accordance with the requirements of these Specifications and in conformity with the lines, grades and cross-sections shown on the drawings or as directed by the Engineer.

#### **403.2. Materials**

**403.2.1. Material to be stabilised:** The material used for cement

treatment shall be soil including sand and gravel, laterite, kankar, brick aggregate, crushed rock or slag or any combination of these. For use in a sub-base course, the material shall have a grading shown in Table 400-4; it shall have a uniformity coefficient not less than 5, capable of producing a well closed surface finish. For use in a base course, the material shall be sufficiently well graded to ensure a well-closed surface finish and have a grading within the range given in Table 400-4. If the material passing 425 micron sieve is plastic, it shall have a liquid limit not greater than 45 per cent and a plasticity index not greater than 20 per cent determined in accordance with IS:2720 (Part 5). The physical requirements for the material to be treated with cement for use in a base course shall be same as for Grading I Granular Sub-base, Clause 401.2.2.

**403.2.2. Cement:** Cement for cement stabilisation shall comply with the requirements of IS: 269, 455 or 1489.

**Table 400-4. GRADING LIMITS OF MATERIAL FOR STABILISATION WITH CEMENT**

IS Sieve size	Percentage by mass passing	
	Sub-base	Base
	Finer than:	Within the range:
53.0 mm	100	100
37.5 mm	95	95-100
19.0 mm	45	45-100
9.5 mm	35	35-100
4.75 mm	25	25-100
600 micron	8	8-65
300 micron	5	5-40
75 micron	0	0-10

**403.2.3. Lime:** If needed for pre-treatment of highly clayey soils, Clause 402.2.2. shall apply.

**403.2.4. Quantity of cement in stabilised mix:** The quantity of cement to be added as per cent by weight of the dry soil shall be specified in the Contract. Also if lime is used as pretreatment for highly clayey soils, the quantity as per cent by weight of dry soil shall be specified in the Contract. The mix design shall be done on the basis of 7-day unconfined compressive strength (UCS) and/or durability test under 12 cycles of wet-dry conditions. The laboratory strength values shall be at least 1.5 times the minimum field UCS value stipulated in the Contract.

**403.2.5. Water:** The water to be used for cement stabilisation shall be clean and free from injurious substances. Potable water shall be preferred.

### **403.3. Construction Operations**

**403.3.1. Weather limitations :** Stabilisation shall not be done when the air temperature in the shade is less than 10°C.

**403.3.2. Degree of pulverisation :** For stabilisation, the soil before addition of stabilizer, shall be pulverised, where necessary, to the extent that it passes the requirements as set out in Table 400-5 when tested in accordance with the method described in *Appendix 3*.

TABLE 400-5. SOIL PULVERISATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CEMENT STABILISATION

IS Sieve designation	Minimum per cent by weight passing the IS sieve
26.5 mm	100
5.6 mm	80

**403.3.3.** Clauses 402.3.3 to 402.3.5 shall apply as regards spreading and mixing the stabiliser except that cement or lime plus cement as the case may be, shall be used as the stabilising material.

**403.3.4. Moisture content for compaction:** The moisture content at compaction checked vide IS: 2720 (Part 2) shall not be less than the optimum moisture content corresponding to IS: 2720 (Part 8) nor more than 2 per cent above it.

**403.3.5. Rolling :** Clause 402.3.8 shall apply except that care shall be taken to see that the compaction of cement stabilised material is completed within two hours of its mixing or such shorter period as may be found necessary in dry weather.

**403.3.6. Curing :** The sub-base/base course shall be suitably cured for 7 days. Subsequent pavement course shall be laid soon after to prevent the surface from drying out and becoming friable. No traffic of any kind shall ply over the completed sub-base unless permitted by the Engineer.

### **403.4. Surface Finish and Quality Control of Works**

The surface finish of construction shall conform to the requirements of Clause 902.

#### **403.5. Strength**

Control on the quality of materials and works shall be exercised by the Engineer in accordance with Section 900.

Cement treated soil sub-base /base shall be tested for the unconfined compressive strength (UCS) value at 7 days, actually obtained in situ. In case of variation from the design UCS, in situ value being on lower side, prior to proceeding with laying of base/surface course on it, the pavement design shall be reviewed for actual UCS value. The extra pavement thickness needed on account of lower UCS shall be constructed by the Contractor at his own cost.

#### **403.6. Arrangements for Traffic**

During the period of construction, arrangement of traffic shall be maintained in accordance with Clause 112.

#### **403.7. Measurements for Payment**

Stabilised soil sub-base/ base shall be measured as finished work in position in cubic metres.

#### **403.8. Rates**

The Contract unit rate for cement treated soil sub-base/base with pretreatment with lime if required shall be payment in full for carrying out the required operations including full compensation for all components listed in Clause 401.8 (i) to (v).

### **404. WATER BOUND MACADAM SUB-BASE/BASE**

#### **404.1. Scope**

**404.1.1.** This work shall consist of clean, crushed aggregates mechanically interlocked by rolling and bonding together with screening, binding material where necessary and water laid on a properly prepared subgrade/ sub-base/ base or existing pavement, as the case may be and finished in accordance with the requirements of these Specifications and in close conformity with the lines, grades, cross-sections and thickness as per approved plans or as directed by the Engineer.

**404.1.2.** It is, however, not desirable to lay water bound macadam on an existing thin black topped surface without providing adequate drainage facility for water that would get accumulated at the interface of existing bituminous surface and water bound macadam.

**404.2. Materials**

**404.2.1. Coarse aggregates :** Coarse aggregates shall be either crushed or broken stone, crushed slag, overburnt (Jhama) brick aggregates or any other naturally occurring aggregates such as kankar and laterite of suitable quality. Materials other than crushed or broken stone and crushed slag shall be used in sub-base courses only. If crushed gravel/shingle is used, not less than 90 per cent by weight of the gravel/shingle pieces retained on 4.75 mm sieve shall have at least two fractured faces. The aggregates shall conform to the physical requirements set forth in Table 400-6. The type and size range of the aggregate shall be specified in the Contract or shall be as specified by the Engineer. If the water absorption value of the coarse aggregate is greater than 2 per cent, the soundness test shall be carried out on the material delivered to site as per IS : 2386 (Part 5).

**404.2.2. Crushed or broken stone:** The crushed or broken stone shall be hard, durable and free from excess flat, elongated, soft and disintegrated particles, dirt and other deleterious material.

**TABLE 400-6. PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS OF COARSE AGGREGATES FOR WATER BOUND MACADAM FOR SUB-BASE/BASE COURSES**

Test	Test Method	Requirements
1. * Los Angeles Abrasion value Or * Aggregate Impact value	IS:2386 (Part-4)  IS: 2386 (Part-4) or IS:5640**	40 per cent (Max)  30 per cent (Max)
2. Combined Flakiness and Elongation Indices (Total) ***	IS:2386 (Part-1)	30 per cent (Max)

\* Aggregate may satisfy requirements of either of the two tests.

\*\* Aggregates like brick metal, kankar, laterite etc. which get softened in presence of water shall be tested for Impact value under wet conditions in accordance with IS: 5640.

\*\*\* The requirement of flakiness index and elongation index shall be enforced only in the case of crushed broken stone and crushed slag.

**404.2.3. Crushed slag :** Crushed slag shall be made from air-cooled blast furnace slag. It shall be of angular shape, reasonably uniform in quality and density and generally free from thin, elongated and soft pieces, dirt or other deleterious materials. The weight of crushed slag shall not be less than 11.2 kN per m<sup>3</sup> and the percentage of glossy

material shall not be more than 20. It should also comply with the following requirements:

- (i) Chemical stability : To comply with requirements of appendix of BS : 1047
- (ii) Sulphur content : Maximum 2 per cent
- (iii) Water absorption : Maximum 10 per cent

**404.2.4. Overburnt (Jhama) brick aggregates :** Jhama brick aggregates shall be made from overburnt bricks or brick bats and be free from dust and other objectionable and deleterious materials.

**404.2.5. Grading requirement of coarse aggregates :** The coarse aggregates shall conform to one of the Gradings given in Table 400-7 as specified, provided, however, the use of Grading No.1 shall be restricted to sub-base courses only.

TABLE 400-7. GRADING REQUIREMENTS OF COARSE AGGREGATES

Grading No.	Size Range	IS Sieve Designation	Per cent by weight passing
1.	90 mm to 45 mm	125 mm	100
		90 mm	90-100
		63 mm	25-60
		45 mm	0-15
		22.4 mm	0-5
2.	63 mm to 45 mm	90 mm	100
		63 mm	90-100
		53 mm	25-75
		45 mm	0-15
		22.4 mm	0-5
3.	53 mm to 22.4 mm	63 mm	100
		53 mm	95-100
		45 mm	65-90
		22.4 mm	0-10
		11.2 mm	0-5

Note : The compacted thickness for a layer with Grading 1 shall be 100 mm while for layer with other Gradings i.e. 2 & 3, it shall be 75 mm.

**404.2.6. Screenings:** Screenings to fill voids in the coarse aggregate shall generally consist of the same material as the coarse aggregate. However, where permitted, predominantly non-plastic material such as moorum or gravel (other than rounded river borne material) may be used for this purpose provided liquid limit and plasticity index of such material are below 20 and 6 respectively and fraction passing 75 micron sieve does not exceed 10 per cent.

Screenings shall conform to the grading set forth in Table 400-8. The consolidated details of quantity of screenings required for various grades of stone aggregates are given in Table 400-9. The table also gives the quantities of materials (loose) required for 10 m<sup>2</sup> for sub-base/base compacted thickness of 100/75 mm.

The use of screenings shall be omitted in the case of soft aggregates such as brick metal, kankar, laterites, etc. as they are likely to get crushed to a certain extent under rollers.

TABLE 400-8. GRADING FOR SCREENINGS

Grading Classification	Size of Screenings	IS Sieve Designation	Per cent by weight passing the IS Sieve
A	13.2 mm	13.2 mm	100
		11.2 mm	95-100
		5.6 mm	15-35
		180 micron	0-10
B	11.2 mm	11.2 mm	100
		5.6 mm	90-100
		180 micron	15-35

TABLE 400-9. APPROXIMATE QUANTITIES OF COARSE AGGREGATES AND SCREENINGS REQUIRED FOR 100/75 MM COMPACTED THICKNESS OF WATER BOUND MACADAM (WBM) SUB-BASE/BASE COURSE FOR 10M<sup>2</sup> AREA

Classification	Size Range	Compacted thickness	Loose Qty.	Screenings			
				Stone Screening		Crushable Type such as Moorum or Gravel	
				Grading Classification & Size	For. WBM Sub-base/base course (Loose quantity)	Grading Classification & Size	Loose Qty.
Grading 1	90 mm to 45 mm	100 mm	1.21 to 1.43 m <sup>3</sup>	Type A 13.2 mm	0.27 to 0.30 m <sup>3</sup>	Not uniform	0.30 to 0.32 m <sup>3</sup>
Grading 2	63 mm to 45 mm	75 mm	0.91 to 1.07 m <sup>3</sup>	Type A 13.2 mm	0.12 to 0.15 m <sup>3</sup>	-do-	0.22 to 0.24 m <sup>3</sup>
-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	Type B 11.2 mm	0.20 to 0.22 m <sup>3</sup>	-do-	-do-
Grading 3	53 mm to 22.4 mm	75 mm	-do-	-do-	0.18 to 0.21 m <sup>3</sup>	-do-	-do-

**404.2.7. Binding material :** Binding material to be used for water bound macadam as a filler material meant for preventing ravelling, shall comprise of a suitable material approved by the Engineer having a Plasticity Index (PI) value of less than 6 as determined in accordance with IS: 2720 (Part-5).

The quantity of binding material where it is to be used, will depend on the type of screenings. Generally, the quantity required for 75 mm compacted thickness of water bound macadam will be  $0.06-0.09 \text{ m}^3/10\text{m}^2$  and  $0.08-0.10\text{m}^3/10\text{m}^2$  for 100 mm compacted thickness.

The above mentioned quantities should be taken as a guide only, for estimation of quantities for construction etc.

Application of binding materials may not be necessary when the screenings used are of crushable type such as moorum or gravel.

### **404.3. Construction Operations**

**404.3.1. Preparation of base:** The surface of the subgrade/sub-base/base to receive the water bound macadam course shall be prepared to the specified lines and crossfall (camber) and made free of dust and other extraneous material. Any ruts or soft yielding places shall be corrected in an approved manner and rolled until firm surface is obtained if necessary by sprinkling water. Any sub-base/base/surface irregularities, where predominant, shall be made good by providing appropriate type of profile corrective course (levelling course) to Clause 501 of these Specifications.

As far as possible, laying water bound macadam course over an existing thick bituminous layer may be avoided since it will cause problems of internal drainage of the pavement at the interface of two courses. It is desirable to completely pick out the existing thin bituminous wearing course where water bound macadam is proposed to be laid over it. However, where the intensity of rain is low and the interface drainage facility is efficient, water bound macadam can be laid over the existing thin bituminous surface by cutting 50 mm x 50 mm furrows at an angle of 45 degrees to the centre line of the pavement at one metre intervals in the existing road. The directions and depth of furrows shall be such that they provide adequate bondage and also serve to drain water to the existing granular base course beneath the existing thin bituminous surface.

**404.3.2. Inverted choke :** If water bound macadam is to be laid directly over the subgrade, without any other intervening pavement course, a 25 mm course of screenings (Grading B) or coarse sand shall be spread on the prepared subgrade before application of the aggregates is taken up. In case of a fine sand or silty or clayey subgrade, it is advisable to lay 100 mm insulating layer of screening or coarse sand on top of fine grained soil, the gradation of which will depend upon whether it is intended to act as a drainage layer as well. As a preferred alternative to inverted choke, appropriate geosynthetics performing functions of separation and drainage may be used over the prepared subgrade as directed by the Engineer. Section 700 shall be applicable for use of geosynthetics.

**404.3.3. Spreading coarse aggregates :** The coarse aggregates shall be spread uniformly and evenly upon the prepared subgrade/sub-base/base to proper profile by using templates placed across the road about 6 m apart, in such quantities that the thickness of each compacted layer is not more than 100 mm for Grading 1 and 75 mm for Grading 2 and 3, as specified in Clause 404.2.5. Wherever possible, approved mechanical devices such as aggregate spreader shall be used to spread the aggregates uniformly so as to minimise the need for manual rectification afterwards. Aggregates placed at locations which are inaccessible to the spreading equipment, may be spread in one or more layers by any approved means so as to achieve the specified results.

The spreading shall be done from stockpiles along the side of the roadway or directly from vehicles. No segregation of large or fine aggregates shall be allowed and the coarse aggregate as spread shall be of uniform gradation with no pockets of fine material.

The surface of the aggregates spread shall be carefully checked with templates and all high or low spots remedied by removing or adding aggregates as may be required. The surface shall be checked frequently with a straight edge while spreading and rolling so as to ensure a finished surface as per approved drawings.

The coarse aggregates shall not normally be spread more than 3 days in advance of the subsequent construction operations.

**404.3.4. Rolling:** Immediately following the spreading of the coarse aggregate, rolling shall be started with three wheeled power rollers of 80 to 100 kN capacity or tandem or vibratory rollers of 80 to 100 kN static weight. The type of roller to be used shall be approved by the Engineer based on trial run.

Except on superelevated portions where the rolling shall proceed from inner edge to the outer, rolling shall begin from the edges gradually progressing towards the centre. First the edge/edges shall be compacted with roller running forward and backward. The roller shall then move inward parallel to the centre line of the road, in successive passes uniformly lapping preceding tracks by at least one half width.

Rolling shall be discontinued when the aggregates are partially compacted with sufficient void space in them to permit application of screenings. However, where screenings are not to be applied, as in the case of crushed aggregates like brick metal, laterite and kankar, compaction shall be continued until the aggregates are thoroughly keyed. During rolling, slight sprinkling of water may be done, if necessary. Rolling shall not be done when the subgrade is soft or yielding or when it causes a wave-like motion in the subgrade or sub-base course.

The rolled surface shall be checked transversely and longitudinally, with templates and any irregularities corrected by loosening the surface, adding or removing necessary amount of aggregates and re-rolling until the entire surface conforms to desired crossfall (camber) and grade. In no case shall the use of screenings be permitted to make up depressions.

Material which gets crushed excessively during compaction or becomes segregated shall be removed and replaced with suitable aggregates.

It shall be ensured that shoulders are built up simultaneously along with water bound macadam courses as per Clause 407.4.1.

**404.3.5. Application of screenings:** After the coarse aggregate has been rolled to Clause 404.3.4, screenings to completely fill the interstices shall be applied gradually over the surface. These shall not be damp or wet at the time of application. Dry rolling shall be done while the screenings are being spread so that vibrations of the roller cause them to settle into the voids of the coarse aggregate. The screenings shall not be dumped in piles but be spread uniformly in successive thin layers either by the spreading motions of hand shovels or by mechanical spreaders, or directly from tipper with suitable grit spreading arrangement. Tipper operating for spreading the screenings shall be so driven as not to disturb the coarse aggregate.

The screenings shall be applied at a slow and uniform rate (in three or more applications) so as to ensure filling of all voids. This shall be

accompanied by dry rolling and brooming with mechanical brooms, hand-brooms or both. In no case shall the screenings be applied so fast and thick as to form cakes or ridges on the surface in such a manner as would prevent filling of voids or prevent the direct bearing of the roller on the coarse aggregate. These operations shall continue until no more screenings can be forced into the voids of the coarse aggregate.

The spreading, rolling, and brooming of screenings shall be carried out in only such lengths of the road which could be completed within one day's operation.

**404.3.6. Sprinkling of water and grouting :** After the screenings have been applied, the surface shall be copiously sprinkled with water, swept and rolled. Hand brooms shall be used to sweep the wet screenings into voids and to distribute them evenly. The sprinkling, sweeping and rolling operation shall be continued, with additional screenings applied as necessary until the coarse aggregate has been thoroughly keyed, well-bonded and firmly set in its full depth and a grout has been formed of screenings. Care shall be taken to see that the base or subgrade does not get damaged due to the addition of excessive quantities of water during construction.

In case of lime treated soil sub-base, construction of water bound macadam on top of it can cause excessive water to flow down to the lime treated sub-base before it has picked up enough strength (is still "green") and thus cause damage to the sub-base layer. The laying of water bound macadam layer in such cases shall be done after the sub-base attains adequate strength, as directed by the Engineer.

**404.3.7. Application of binding material:** After the application of screenings in accordance with Clauses 404.3.5 and 404.3.6. the binding material where it is required to be used (Clause 404.2.7) shall be applied successively in two or more thin layers at a slow and uniform rate. After each application, the surface shall be copiously sprinkled with water, the resulting slurry swept in with hand brooms, or mechanical brooms to fill the voids properly, and rolled during which water shall be applied to the wheels of the rollers if necessary to wash down the binding material sticking to them. These operations shall continue until the resulting slurry after filling of voids, forms a wave ahead of the wheels of the moving roller.

**404.3.8. Setting and drying:** After the final compaction of water bound macadam course, the pavement shall be allowed to dry overnight. Next morning hungry spots shall be filled with screenings or binding

material as directed, lightly sprinkled with water if necessary and rolled. No traffic shall be allowed on the road until the macadam has set. The Engineer shall have the discretion to stop hauling traffic from using the completed water bound macadam course, if in his opinion it would cause excessive damage to the surface.

The compacted water bound macadam course should be allowed to completely dry and set before the next pavement course is laid over it.

#### **404.4. Surface Finish and Quality Control of Work**

**404.4.1.** The surface finish of construction shall conform to the requirements of Clause 902.

**404.4.2.** Control on the quality of materials and works shall be exercised by the Engineer in accordance with Section 900.

**404.4.3.** The water bound macadam work shall not be carried out when the atmospheric temperature is less than 0°C in the shade.

**404.4.4. Reconstruction of defective macadam:** The finished surface of water bound macadam shall conform to the tolerance of surface regularity as prescribed in Clause 902. However, where the surface irregularity of the course exceeds the tolerances or where the course is otherwise defective due to subgrade soil mixing with the aggregates, the course to its full thickness shall be scarified over the affected area, reshaped with added material or removed and replaced with fresh material as applicable and recompacted. In no case shall depressions be filled up with screenings or binding material.

#### **404.5. Arrangement for Traffic**

During the period of construction, the arrangement of traffic shall be done as per Clause 112.

#### **404.6. Measurements for payment**

Water bound macadam shall be measured as finished work in position in cubic metres.

#### **404.7. Rate**

The Contract unit rate for water bound macadam sub-base/base course shall be payable in full for carrying out the required operations including full compensation for all components listed in Clause 401.8 (i) to (v) including arrangement of water used in the work as approved by the Engineer.

**405. CRUSHED CEMENT CONCRETE SUB-BASE/BASE****405.1. Scope**

This work shall consist of breaking and crushing the damaged cement concrete slabs and recompacting the same as sub-base/base course in one or more layers. Where specified, it shall also include treating the surface of the top layer with a penetration coat of bitumen. The work shall be performed on such widths and lengths as may be specified, in accordance with the requirements of these Specifications and in conformity with the lines, grades and cross-sections shown on the drawings or as otherwise directed by the Engineer.

**405.2. Materials**

**405.2.1. Coarse aggregate :** Coarse aggregate for this work shall be broken cement concrete slabs crushed to a size not exceeding 75 mm and as far as possible, conforming to one of the gradings given in Table 400-7.

**405.2.2. Key aggregate :** Key aggregate for the penetration coat shall consist of crushed stone, crushed gravel, shingle or other stones. It shall be clean, strong, durable, of fairly cubical shape and free of disintegrated pieces, organic or other deleterious matter and adherent coatings. The aggregate shall be hydrophobic and of low porosity.

The aggregate shall be of 11.2 mm size defined as 100 per cent passing through 13.2 mm sieve and retained on 5.6 mm sieve and shall satisfy the physical requirements set forth in Table 500-3.

**405.2.3. Binder:** Binder for the penetration coat for the top layer shall be bitumen of a suitable grade, as directed by the Engineer and satisfying the requirements of IS: 73,217 or 454, as applicable or any approved cutback or emulsion, satisfying the requirements of IS:8887.

**405.3. Construction Operations**

**405.3.1. General:** Crushed cement concrete sub-base/base course may be constructed in one or two layers, depending upon the thickness of the concrete slabs dismantled and crushed. The thickness of each layer shall, however, not exceed 100 mm in case of sub-base and 75 mm in case of base course.

The course shall be constructed as water bound macadam to Clause 404, using crushed cement concrete as coarse aggregate except that no screenings or binding material need be applied. Where specified,

the top layer shall be treated with a penetration coat of binder described in Clause 405.3.2.

#### **405.3.2. Application of penetration coat over the top layer:**

Before the application of the penetration coat, the surface shall be cleaned of dust, dirt and other foreign matter, using mechanical broom or any other equipment specified by the Engineer. Dust removed in the process shall be blown off with the help of compressed air.

The binder shall be heated to the temperature appropriate to the grade of bitumen used and sprayed on the dry surface in a uniform manner at the rate of 25 kg per 10 m<sup>2</sup> area in terms of the residual bitumen with the help of either self-propelled or towed bitumen pressure sprayer with self-heating arrangement and spray nozzle capable of spraying bitumen at specified rates and temperatures so as to provide a uniform, unbroken spread of bitumen. Excessive deposits of binder caused by stopping or starting of the sprayer or through leakage or any other reason shall be suitably corrected.

Immediately after the application of binder, the key aggregates, in a clean and dry state shall be spread uniformly on the surface at the rate of 0.13 m<sup>3</sup> per 10 m<sup>2</sup> area, preferably by means of a mechanical gritter, capable of spreading aggregate uniformly at specified rates or otherwise manually with the approval of the Engineer, so as to cover the surface completely. Immediately after the application of the key aggregates, the entire surface shall be rolled to Clause 506.3.8.

#### **405.4. Surface Finish and Quality Control of Works**

The surface finish of construction shall conform to the requirements of Clause 902.

Control on the quality of material and works shall be exercised by the Engineer in accordance with Section 900.

#### **405.5. Arrangements for Traffic**

During the period of construction, arrangement of traffic shall be done as per Clause 112.

#### **405.6. Measurements for Payment**

Breaking the existing cement concrete pavement slabs, crushing and recompacting the slab material as sub-base/base course shall be measured as a single item in terms of the volume of sub-base/base laid in position in cubic metres.

Penetration coat shall be measured as finished work in square metres.

#### **405.7. Rates**

**405.7.1.** The Contract unit rate for crushed cement concrete sub-base/base course shall be payment in full for carrying out the required operations including full compensation for:

- (i) making arrangements for traffic to Clause 112 except for initial treatment to verges/shoulders and construction of diversions;
- (ii) breaking the cement concrete slabs, crushing, sieving and recompacting the slab material as sub-base/base course;
- (iii) all labour, tools, equipment and incidentals to complete the work to the Specifications; and
- (iv) carrying out the work in part widths of road where directed.

**405.7.2.** The Contract unit rate for penetration coat shall be payment in full for carrying out the required operations including full compensation for all components listed in Clause 504.8.

### **406. WET MIX MACADAM SUB-BASE/BASE**

#### **406.1. Scope**

This work shall consist of laying and compacting clean, crushed, graded aggregate and granular material, premixed with water, to a dense mass on a prepared subgrade/sub-base/base or existing pavement as the case may be in accordance with the requirements of these Specifications. The material shall be laid in one or more layers as necessary to lines, grades and cross-sections shown on the approved drawings or as directed by the Engineer.

The thickness of a single compacted Wet Mix Macadam layer shall not be less than 75 mm. When vibrating or other approved types of compacting equipment are used, the compacted depth of a single layer of the sub-base course may be increased to 200 mm upon approval of the Engineer.

#### **406.2. Materials**

##### **406.2.1. Aggregates**

**406.2.1.1. Physical requirements:** Coarse aggregates shall be crushed stone. If crushed gravel/shingle is used, not less than 90 per cent by weight of the gravel/shingle pieces retained on 4.75 mm sieve shall have at least two fractured faces. The aggregates shall conform to the physical requirements set forth in Table 400-10 below.

## Section 400

## Sub-Bases, Bases (Non-Bituminous) and Shoulders

**TABLE 400-10. PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS OF COARSE AGGREGATES FOR WET MIX MACADAM FOR SUB-BASE/BASE COURSES**

Test	Test Method	Requirements
1. *Los Angeles Abrasion value or *Aggregate Impact value	IS: 2386 (Part-4) IS: 2386 (Part-4) or IS:5640	40 per cent (Max.) 30 per cent (Max.)
2. Combined Flakiness and Elongation indices (Total)	IS: 2386 (Part-1)	30 per cent (Max.)**

\* Aggregate may satisfy requirements of either of the two tests.

\*\* To determine this combined proportion, the flaky stone from a representative sample should first be separated out. Flakiness index is weight of flaky stone metal divided by weight of stone sample. Only the elongated particles be separated out from the remaining (non-flaky) stone metal. Elongation index is weight of elongated particles divided by total non-flaky particles. The value of flakiness index and elongation index so found are added up.

If the water absorption value of the coarse aggregate is greater than 2 per cent, the soundness test shall be carried out on the material delivered to site as per IS: 2386 (Part-5).

**406.2.1.2. Grading requirements :** The aggregates shall conform to the grading given in Table 400-11.

**TABLE 400-11. GRADING REQUIREMENTS OF AGGREGATES FOR WET MIX MACADAM**

IS Sieve Designation	Per cent by weight passing the IS sieve
53.00 mm	100
45.00 mm	95-100
26.50 mm	—
22.40 mm	60-80
11.20 mm	40-60
4.75 mm	25-40
2.36 mm	15-30
600.00 micron	8-22
75.00 micron	0-8

Materials finer than 425 micron shall have Plasticity Index (PI) not exceeding 6.

The final gradation approved within these limits shall be well graded from coarse to fine and shall not vary from the low limit on one sieve to the high limit on the adjacent sieve or vice versa.

**406.3. Construction Operations**

**406.3.1. Preparation of base :** Clause 404.3.1. shall apply.

**406.3.2. Provision of lateral confinement of aggregates :** While constructing wet mix macadam, arrangement shall be made for the lateral

confinement of wet mix. This shall be done by laying materials in adjoining shoulders along with that of wet mix macadam layer and following the sequence of operations described in Clause 407.4.1.

**406.3.3. Preparation of mix :** Wet Mix Macadam shall be prepared in an approved mixing plant of suitable capacity having provision for controlled addition of water and forced/positive mixing arrangement like pugmill or pan type mixer of concrete batching plant. For small quantity of wet mix work, the Engineer may permit the mixing to be done in concrete mixers.

Optimum moisture for mixing shall be determined in accordance with IS:2720 (Part-8) after replacing the aggregate fraction retained on 22.4 mm sieve with material of 4.75 mm to 22.4 mm size. While adding water, due allowance should be made for evaporation losses. However, at the time of compaction, water in the wet mix should not vary from the optimum value by more than agreed limits. The mixed material should be uniformly wet and no segregation should be permitted.

**406.3.4. Spreading of mix :** Immediately after mixing, the aggregates shall be spread uniformly and evenly upon the prepared subgrade/sub-base/base in required quantities. In no case should these be dumped in heaps directly on the area where these are to be laid nor shall their hauling over a partly completed stretch be permitted.

The mix may be spread either by a paver finisher or motor grader. For portions where mechanical means cannot be used, manual means as approved by the Engineer shall be used. The motor grader shall be capable of spreading the material uniformly all over the surface. Its blade shall have hydraulic control suitable for initial adjustments and maintaining the same so as to achieve the specified slope and grade.

The paver finisher shall be self-propelled, having the following features :

- (i) Loading hoppers and suitable distribution mechanism
- (ii) The screed shall have tamping and vibrating arrangement for initial compaction to the layer as it is spread without rutting or otherwise marring the surface profile.
- (iii) The paver shall be equipped with necessary control mechanism so as to ensure that the finished surface is free from surface blemishes.

The surface of the aggregate shall be carefully checked with templates and all high or low spots remedied by removing or adding aggregate as may be required. The layer may be tested by depth blocks during

construction. No segregation of larger and fine particles should be allowed. The aggregates as spread should be of uniform gradation with no pockets of fine materials.

**406.3.5. Compaction:** After the mix has been laid to the required thickness, grade and crossfall/camber the same shall be uniformly compacted, to the full depth with suitable roller. If the thickness of single compacted layer does not exceed 100 mm, a smooth wheel roller of 80 to 100 kN weight may be used. For a compacted single layer upto 200 mm, the compaction shall be done with the help of vibratory roller of minimum static weight of 80 to 100 kN or equivalent capacity roller. The speed of the roller shall not exceed 5 km/h.

In portions having unidirectional cross fall/superelevation, rolling shall commence from the lower edge and progress gradually towards the upper edge. Thereafter, roller should progress parallel to the centre line of the road, uniformly over-lapping each preceding track by at least one third width until the entire surface has been rolled. Alternate trips of the roller shall be terminated in stops at least 1 m away from any preceding stop.

In portions in camber, rolling should begin at the edge with the roller running forward and backward until the edges have been firmly compacted. The roller shall then progress gradually towards the centre parallel to the centre line of the road uniformly overlapping each of the preceding track by at least one-third width until the entire surface has been rolled.

Any displacement occurring as a result of reversing of the direction of a roller or from any other cause shall be corrected at once as specified and/or removed and made good.

Along forms, kerbs, walls or other places not accessible to the roller, the mixture shall be thoroughly compacted with mechanical tampers or a plate compactor. Skin patching of an area without scarifying the surface to permit proper bonding of the added material shall not be permitted.

Rolling should not be done when the subgrade is soft or yielding or when it causes a wave-like motion in the sub-base/base course or subgrade. If irregularities develop during rolling which exceed 12 mm when tested with a 3 metre straight edge, the surface should be loosened and premixed material added or removed as required before rolling again so as to achieve a uniform surface conforming to the desired grade and

crossfall. In no case should the use of unmixed material be permitted to make up the depressions.

Rolling shall be continued till the density achieved is at least 98 per cent of the maximum dry density for the material as determined by the method outlined in IS: 2720 (Part-8)

After completion, the surface of any finished layer shall be well-closed, free from movement under compaction equipment or any compaction planes, ridges, cracks and loose material. All loose, segregated or otherwise defective areas shall be made good to the full thickness of the layer and recompacted.

**406.3.6. Setting and drying:** After final compaction of wet mix macadam course, the road shall be allowed to dry for 24 hours.

#### **406.4. Opening to Traffic**

Preferably no vehicular traffic of any kind should be allowed on the finished wet mix macadam surface till it has dried and the wearing course laid.

#### **406.5. Surface Finish and Quality Control of Work**

**406.5.1. Surface evenness :** The surface finish of construction shall conform to the requirements of Clause 902.

**406.5.2. Quality control :** Control on the quality of materials and works shall be exercised by the Engineer in accordance with Section 900.

#### **406.6. Rectification of Surface Irregularity**

Where the surface irregularity of the wet mix macadam course exceeds the permissible tolerances or where the course is otherwise defective due to subgrade soil getting mixed with the aggregates, the full thickness of the layer shall be scarified over the affected area, re-shaped with added premixed material or removed and replaced with fresh premixed material as applicable and recompacted in accordance with Clause 406.3. The area treated in the aforesaid manner shall not be less than 5 m long and 2 m wide. In no case shall depressions be filled up with unmixed and ungraded material or fines.

#### **406.7. Arrangement for Traffic**

During the period of construction, arrangement of traffic shall be done as per Clause 112.

**406.8. Measurements for Payment**

Wet mix macadam shall be measured as finished work in position in cubic metres.

**406.9. Rates**

The Contract unit rate for wet mix macadam shall be payment in full for carrying out the required operations including full compensation for all components listed in Clause 401.8.

**407. SHOULDERS, ISLANDS AND MEDIAN****407.1. Scope**

The work shall consist of constructing shoulder (hard/paved/ earthen with brick or stone block edging) on either side of the pavement, median in the road dividing the carriageway into separate lanes and islands for channelising the traffic at junctions in accordance with the requirements of these Specifications and in conformity with the lines, grades and cross-sections shown on the drawings or as directed by the Engineer.

**407.2. Materials**

Shoulder on either side of the road may be of selected earth/granular material/ paved conforming to the requirements of Clause 305/401 and the median may be of selected earth conforming to the requirements of Clause 305.

Median/Traffic islands shall be raised and kerbed at the perimeter and the enclosed area filled with earth and suitably covered with grass turf/shrubs as per Clause 307 and/or paved as per Clause 409.3.4 or 409.3.5.

Paved shoulders shall consist of sub-base, base and surfacing courses, as shown in the drawings and materials for the same shall conform to relevant Specifications of the corresponding items. Where paved or hard shoulders are not provided, the pavement shall be provided with brick/stone block edgings as shown in the drawings. The bricks shall conform to Clause 1003 of these Specifications. Stone blocks shall conform to Clause 1004 of these Specifications and shall be of size 225 mm x 110 mm x 75 mm.

**407.3. Size of Shoulders/Median/Islands**

Shoulder (earthen/hard/paved)/median/traffic island dimensions shall be as shown on the drawings or as directed by the Engineer.

#### 407.4. Construction Operations

**407.4.1. Shoulder:** The sequence of operations shall be such that the construction of paved shoulder is done in layers each matching the thickness of adjoining pavement layer. Only after a layer of pavement and corresponding layers in paved and earth shoulder portion have been laid and compacted, the construction of next layer of pavement and shoulder shall be taken up.

Where the materials in adjacent layers are different, these shall be laid together and the pavement layer shall be compacted first. The corresponding layer in paved shoulder portion shall be compacted thereafter, which shall be followed by compaction of earth shoulder layer. The adjacent layers having same material shall be laid and compacted together.

In all cases where paved shoulders have to be provided along side of existing carriageway, the existing shoulders shall be excavated in full width and to the required depth as per Clause 301.3.7. Under no circumstances, box cutting shall be done for construction of shoulders.

Compaction requirement of earthen shoulder shall be as per Table 300-2. In the case of bituminous courses, work on shoulder (earthen/hard/paved), shall start only after the pavement course has been laid and compacted.

During all stages of shoulder (earthen/hard/paved) construction, the required crossfall shall be maintained to drain off surface water.

Regardless of the method of laying, all shoulder construction material shall be placed directly on the shoulder. Any spilled material dragged on to the pavement surface shall be immediately removed, without damage to the pavement, and the area so affected thoroughly cleaned.

**407.4.2. Median and Islands :** Median and Islands shall be constructed in a manner similar to shoulder up to the road level. Thereafter the median and islands, if raised, shall be raised at least 300 mm by using kerb stones of approved material and dimensions and suitably finished and painted as directed by the Engineer. If not raised, the median and islands shall be differentiated from the shoulder/pavement as the case may be, as directed by the Engineer. The confined area of the median and islands shall be filled with local earth or granular material or any other approved material and compacted by plate compactor/power rammer. The confined area after filling with earth shall be turfed with grass or planted with shrubs and in case of granular fill it can be finished with tiles/slabs as directed by the Engineer.

**407.4.3. Brick/stone block edging:** The bricks/stone blocks shall be laid on edge, with the length parallel to the transverse direction of the road. They shall be laid on a bed of 25 mm sand, set carefully, rolled into position by a light roller and made flush with the finished level of the pavement.

#### **407.5. Surface Finish and Quality Control of Works**

The surface finish of construction shall conform to the requirements of Clause 902. Control on the quality of materials and works shall be exercised by the Engineer in accordance with Section 900.

#### **407.6. Measurements for Payment**

Shoulder (earthen/hard/paved), island and median construction shall be measured as finished work in position as below:

- (i) For excavation in cu. m.
- (ii) For earthwork/granular fill in cu. m.
- (iii) For sub-base, base, surfacing courses in units as for respective items.
- (iv) For kerb in running metres.
- (v) For turfing and tile/slab finish in sq.m.
- (vi) For brick/stone block edging in sq.m.

#### **407.7. Rate**

The Contract unit rate for shoulder (hard/paved/earthen with brick or stone block edging), island and median construction shall be payment in full for carrying out the required operations including full compensation for all components listed in Clause 401.8 (i) to (v) as applicable. The rate for brick/stone block edging shall include the cost of sand cushion.

### **408. CEMENT CONCRETE KERB AND KERB WITH CHANNEL**

#### **408.1. Scope**

This work shall consist of constructing cement concrete kerbs and kerbs with channel in the central median and/or along the footpaths or separators in conformity with the lines, levels and dimensions as specified in the drawings.

#### **408.2. Materials**

Kerbs and kerb with channel shall be provided in cement concrete of Grade M20 in accordance with Section 1700 of these Specifications.

**408.3. Type of Construction**

These shall be cast-in-situ construction with suitable kerb casting machine in all situations except at locations where continuous casting with equipment is not practicable. In those situations, precast concrete blocks shall be used.

**408.4. Equipment**

A continuous kerb casting equipment of adequate capacity and controls, capable of laying the kerbs in required cross-sections and producing a well-compacted mass of concrete free of voids and honeycombs, shall be used.

**408.5. Construction Operations**

**408.5.1.** Kerb shall be laid on firm foundation of minimum 150 mm thickness of cement concrete of M10 grade cast in-situ or on extended width of pavement. The foundation shall have a projection of 50 mm beyond the kerb stone. Before laying the foundation of lean concrete, the base shall be levelled and slightly watered to make it damp.

**408.5.2.** In the median portions in the straight reaches, the kerb shall be cast in continuous lengths. In the portions where footpath is provided and/or the slope of the carriageway is towards median (as in case of superelevated portions), there shall be sufficient gap/recess left in the kerb to facilitate drainage openings.

**408.5.3.** After laying the kerbs and just prior to hardening of the concrete, saw cut grooves shall be provided at 5 m intervals or as specified by the Engineer.

**408.5.4.** Kerbs on the drainage ends such as along the footpath or the median in superelevated portions, shall be cast with monolithic concrete channels as indicated in drawings. The slope of the channel towards drainage pipes shall be ensured for efficient drainage of the road surface.

**408.5.5.** Vertical and horizontal tolerances with respect to true line and level shall be  $\pm 6$  mm.

**408.6. Measurements for Payment**

Cement concrete kerb/kerb with channel shall be measured in linear metre for the complete item of work.

Foundation of kerb, where separately provided shall be measured in linear metre for complete item of work.

#### **408.7. Rates**

The Contract unit rates for cement concrete kerb/kerb with channel and foundation for kerb shall be payment in full compensation for furnishing all materials, labour, tools, equipment for construction and other incidental cost necessary to complete the work.

### **409. FOOTPATHS AND SEPARATORS**

#### **409.1. Scope**

The work shall consist of constructing footpaths and/or separators at locations as specified in the drawings or as directed by the Engineer. The lines, levels and dimensions shall be as per the drawings. The scope of the work shall include provision of all drainage arrangements as shown in the drawings or as directed.

#### **409.2. Materials**

The footpaths and separators shall be constructed with any of the following types :

- (a) Cast-in-situ cement concrete of Grade M20 as per Section 1700 of the Specifications.
- (b) Precast cement concrete blocks/tiles of Grade M20 as per Section 1700 of the Specifications. The minimum thickness of the cement concrete block/tile shall be 25 mm and minimum size shall be 300 mm x 300 mm.
- (c) Natural stone slab cut and dressed from stone of good and sound quality, uniform in texture, free from defects and at least equal to a sample submitted by the Contractor and approved by the Engineer. The minimum thickness of the natural stone slab shall be 25 mm and minimum size shall be 300 mm x 300 mm.

#### **409.3. Construction Operations**

**409.3.1.** Drainage pipes below the footpath originating from the kerbs shall be first laid in the required slope and connected to the drains/sumps/storm water drain/drainage chutes as per provisions of the drawings, or as specified.

**409.3.2.** Portion on back side of kerbs shall be filled and compacted with granular sub-base material as per Clause 401 of the Specifications in specified thickness.

**409.3.3.** The base shall be prepared and finished to the required lines, levels and dimensions as indicated in the drawings with the

following :-

- (a) Minimum 150 mm thick, compacted granular sub-base material as per Clause 401 of the Specifications.
- (b) Minimum 25 mm thick cement concrete of Grade M 15.

Over the prepared base, precast concrete blocks/tiles/natural stone slabs and/or cast-in-situ slab shall be set/laid as described in Clauses 409.3.4 and 409.3.5.

**409.3.4. Precast cement concrete blocks/tiles/natural stone slab:** The blocks/tiles/slabs shall be set on a layer of average 12 mm thick cement-sand mortar (1:3) laid on prepared base in such a way that there is no rocking. The gaps between the blocks/tiles/slabs shall not be more than 12 mm and shall be filled with cement-sand mortar (1:3).

**409.3.5. Cast-in-situ cement concrete:** The minimum thickness of the cement concrete shall be 25 mm and it shall be cast on the prepared base in panels of specified size in a staggered manner. Construction joints shall be provided as per Section 1700 of the Specifications.

#### **409.4. Measurements for Payment**

Footpaths and separators shall be measured in sq.metre between inside of kerbs.

#### **409.5. Rates**

Contract unit rates shall be inclusive of full compensation of all labour, materials, tools, equipment and incidentals to construction of footpaths. Cost of providing pipes and arrangement for their discharge into appropriate drainage channels shall be incidental to the construction of footpaths.

### **410. CRUSHER-RUN MACADAM BASE**

#### **410.1. Scope**

This work shall consist of furnishing, placing and compacting crushed stone aggregate sub-base and base courses constructed in accordance with the requirements set forth in this Specification and in conformity with the lines, grades, thicknesses and cross-sections shown on the plans or as directed by the Engineer.

#### **410.2. Materials**

The material to be used for the work shall be crushed rock. If crushed gravel/shingle is used, not less than 90 per cent by weight of the gravel/shingle pieces retained on 4.75 mm sieve shall have at least two fractured faces. It shall be free from any organic matter and other deleterious substances and shall be of such nature that it can be compacted readily under watering and

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rolling to form a firm, stable base. The aggregate shall conform to the grading and quality requirements shown in Tables 400-12 and 400-13.

At the option of the Contractor, the grading for either 53 mm maximum size or 37.5 mm maximum size shall be used, except that once a grading is selected, it shall not be changed without the Engineer's approval.

**TABLE 400.12. AGGREGATE GRADING REQUIREMENTS**

Sieve size		Per cent passing by weight	
		53 mm max. size	37.5 mm max. size
63	mm	100	
45	mm	87-100	100
22.4	mm	50-85	90-100
5.6	mm	25-45	35-55
710	micron	10-25	10-30
90	micron	2-9	2-9

**TABLE 400-13. PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS OF COARSE AGGREGATES FOR CRUSHER-RUN MACADAM BASE**

Test	Test Method	Requirements
1. *Los Angeles Abrasion value or *Aggregate Impact value	IS : 2386 (Part-4)  IS : 2386 (Part-4) or IS : 5640	40 maximum  30 maximum
2. Combined Flakiness and Elongation Indices (Total)	IS : 2386 (Part-1)	30 maximum***
3. **Water absorption	IS : 2386 (Part-3)	2 per cent Maximum
4. Liquid Limit of material passing 425 micron	IS : 2720 (Part-5)	Not more than 25
5. Plasticity Index of material passing 425 micron	IS : 2720 (Part-5)	Not more than 6

\* Aggregate may satisfy requirements of either of the two tests.

\*\* If the water absorption is more than 2 per cent, soundness test shall be carried out as per IS:2386 (Part-5).

\*\*\* To determine this combined proportion, the flaky stone from a representative sample should first be separated out. Flakiness index is weight of flaky stone metal divided by weight of stone sample. Only the elongated particles be separated out from the remaining (non-flaky) stone metal. Elongation index is weight of elongated particles divided by total non-flaky particles. The value of flakiness index and elongation index so found are added up.

### **410.3. Construction Operations**

**410.3.1. Preparation of subgrade:** Any ruts, deformations or soft yielding places which occur in the sub-base or subgrade shall be corrected and compacted to the required density before the aggregate base course is placed thereon.

**410.3.2. Spreading, watering, mixing and compaction:** The aggregate shall be uniformly deposited on the approved subgrade by means of the hauling vehicle with or without spreading devices. Aggregate will be distributed over the surface to the depth specified on the plans or as directed by the Engineer.

After the base course material has been deposited, it shall be thoroughly blade-mixed to full depth of the layer by alternately blading the entire layer to the centre and back to the edges of the road. It shall then be spread and finished to the required cross-section by means of a motor grader.

Water shall be applied prior to and during all blading and processing operations to moisten the material sufficiently to prevent segregation of the fine and coarse particles. Water shall be applied in sufficient amounts during construction to assist in compaction.

Alternatively, mixing of the crusher run material and water may be done in a mixing plant as per Clause 406.3.3.

Compaction shall commence immediately after the spreading operation. If the thickness of single compacted layer does not exceed 100 mm, a smooth wheel roller of 80 to 100 kN weight may be used. For a compacted single layer upto 200 mm the compaction shall be done with the help of vibratory roller of minimum static weight of 80 to 100 kN or equivalent capacity roller. The speed of the roller shall not exceed 5 km/h. Each layer of material shall be compacted to not less than 98 per cent of the maximum density as determined by IS: 2720 (Part-8).

### **410.4. Surface Finish and Quality Control of Work**

The surface finish of construction shall conform to the requirements of Clause 902.

Control on the quality of materials and works shall be exercised by the Engineer in accordance with Section 900.

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### **410.5. Arrangements for Traffic**

During the period of construction, arrangement of traffic shall be maintained in accordance with Clause 112.

### **410.6. Measurements for Payment**

Crusher-run macadam base shall be measured as finished work in position in cubic metres.

### **410.7. Rate**

The Contract unit rate for crusher run macadam base shall be payment in full for carrying out the required operations including full compensation for items as in Clause 401.8 (i) to (v).

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