

DEVELOPMENT OF CONSTRUCTION QUALITY ASSESSMENT MODEL FOR RCC FOOTING

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ABSTRACT

Any constructed facility should conform to predetermined quality standards and specifications in order to serve the purpose of a facility. It should satisfy the owner's quality needs, expectations and aspirations about the constructed facility which are the key objectives of a contractor. But unfortunately, most of the times it is a common issue that constructed facilities fail in satisfying the predetermined quality standards, specifications and owner's expected level of quality. This is mainly because of ignorance and misconception on the part of owner's representative who accepts sub-standard. Most of the present methods of quality audit being subjective in nature, there is an emergent need to develop a comprehensive, rational, sensible and objective post occupancy quality measurement model for a constructed facility which would give a clear idea about how contractors are using resources and attaining desired workmanship. The present study was undertaken to develop construction quality index model for a RCC footing of Nashik region in India. The developed model would be helpful in examining the quality level achieved by a Rcc footing and to compare the RCC footing as well as contractors. This model would remain as prime basis for rating the quality of RCC footing and contractor's ability in providing quality facilities

Keyword- *Acceptance Quality Characteristics (AQC's), Construction Quality Characteristics (CQC's), Construction Quality Index (CQI) Model*

1.INTRODUCTION

Any construction project management has two philosophies, i.e. time-driven and cost-driven. Managing cost of construction project with completion in time with high quality and achievement of objectives is called project management.

A project shall have its own characteristics set aside so that it can be completed within budget and time. As cost and time for a construction project are interdependent, these shall be carefully planned. An increase or decrease in construction project time affects the budget of construction projects. These set characteristics define the projects and helps in completing the project in time.

Builders often treat low quality construction work no differently with high quality construction work. As a result of this misperception owners are not penalizing the contractors for their poor work. Also cost of construction is increasing with low quality work. For that reason many contractors are taking advantage of the owners' reluctance to penalize them which ends up in low quality facilities. Therefore, there is an emerging need to rate the quality of a facility and providing compensation to contractor accordingly.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Nabil Semaan and Tarek Zayad (2009) proposed a condition assessment model that evaluates the functional condition criteria (structural/ architectural, electrical, mechanical, and security/ communication functions) of subway stations, using multicriteria decision making to produce a unified an fixed condition index and a scale. [1]

Andrew F. Griffith et al., (1999) developed a project success index which comprised of four initial broad category success variables: budget achievement, schedule achievement, design capacity, and plant utilization to measure the success of a project objectively. [2]

Arthur W. Saarinen and Marlene A. Hobel (1990), "Quality Management is a systematic way of guaranteeing that organized activities happen the way they are planned [3]

D. Ashok kumar (2014), many manufacturing industries are adopting Total Quality Management while construction industries are even lacking in implementing Quality Management System. The reason behind it is every construction project is unique, and quality is ever changing factor from time to time and place. [4]

Glen R. Anderson and Victor H. Torrey (1995) proposed a methodology for the development of condition-indexing systems for aging civil engineering facilities that formalizes the necessary decision-making process. The methodology represents a rational approach to manage the decision-making process that is necessary in the development of condition-indexing systems. [5]

William R. Duncan (1996), Project Quality Management includes “all activities of the overall management function that determine the quality policy, objectives, and responsibilities and implements them by means such as Quality Planning, Quality Assurance, Quality Control, and Quality Improvement, within the quality system”. These processes will interact with each other and with the processes in other knowledge areas as well [6]

3. NEED AND SCOPE OF STUDY

The scope of the study is as under:

- To evaluate the contractor’s product or service from a quality perspective.
- To determine the contractor’s compensation.
- To calculate the bonuses/penalties to a contractor for a project.
- To calculate cost required for work and its assessment.
- To change the contractor’s qualification status if quality of all the contractor’s facilities are quantified in a long run.

This kind of quality quantification will increase the awareness in a contractor towards quality which leads to improvement in quality of construction.

4.OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

The objective of the study is:

- To study the concept of construction Quality index (CQI) and its related terms to quantify the quality of Rcc Footing of residential building.
- To collect Construction Quality Characteristics (CQC) related to materials and workmanship in constructing Rcc Footing of residential building from IS code, Research Paper, text books.
- To collect Cost Quotation related to materials testing and workmanship in constructing Rcc Footing of residential building from DCR
- To sieve the CQCs which are collected from literature survey and to add necessary CQCs for the same from construction experts.
- To analyze the collected data which will help to formulate quality index for building facility in further study along with cost optimization.

5. METHODOLOGY

5.1. Flow Chart of Methodology:

For getting AQC’s from the listed CQC’s, the respondents were asked to tick mark and put on the rates required for the test n workmanship the prescribed CQC which they felt right for post occupancy quality assessment of Residential Footing. At the end of the Survey form, one section was provided for their suggestions if they felt other CQC’s have to be added for post occupancy quality assessment. For their convenience, CQC’s were divided layer wise, where in respondents can think over the same from quality assessment perspective before they tick mark the CQC.

5.2. Methodology Outline:

1. A comprehensive literature review to understand the definitions and terminology related to quality in construction and its measurement.
2. Identifying and collecting Construction Quality Characteristics and cost of testing related to a particular facility from literature review, IS code, text books, research papers and site visit.
2. Constructing a draft questionnaire incorporating the collected Construction Quality Characteristics (CQC’s).

3. Conducting pilot survey to check the correctness of the questionnaire.
4. Modifying questionnaire based on the relevant inputs from the pilot survey.
5. Analyzing the responses using a statistical method to calculate the weighting factors.
6. Formulating Construction Quality Index with the help of Construction Quality Characteristics and their weighting factors by using a statistical tool.
7. Analyzing results, conclusions and recommendations from the inferences.

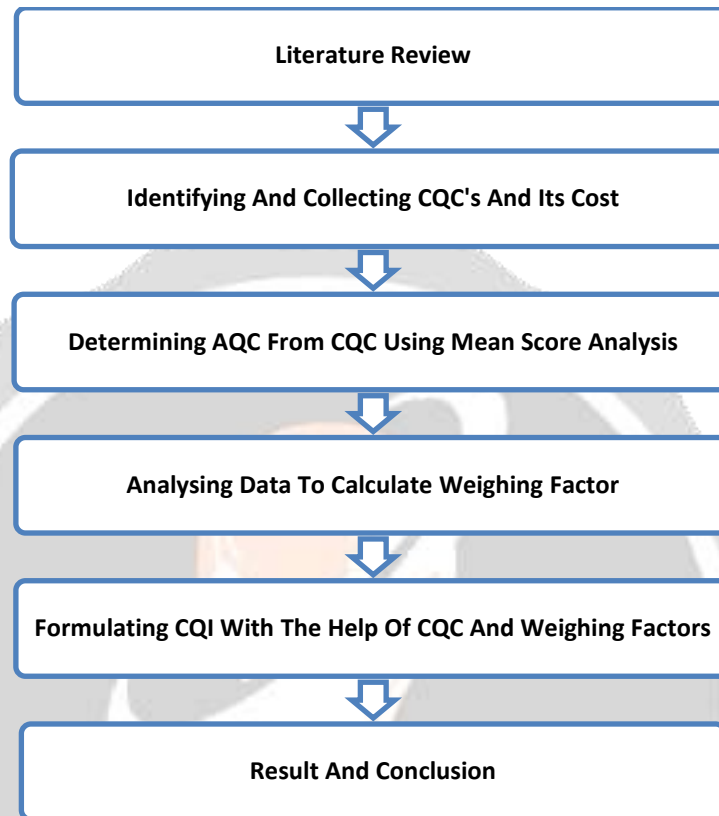


Chart- 1:Flow chart of Methodology

6. DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

This chapter includes;

- i. Data collection in the form of CQCs and its related cost for constructing footing of residential building from extensive literature survey of research papers, text books, IS specification and code books.
- ii. Preliminary survey with construction experts to get recommendation for more CQC's and sieve AQC's from CQCs.

Construction Quality Characteristics (CQCs)

CQCs are inherent facility characteristics which can be measurable at the time of construction that significantly effects the facility performance and quality which will be under the direct control of the contractor

Construction Quality index (CQI)

CQI is "a rational measure of overall quality of a constructed facility that is calculated by determining the quality of individual components and linking them to obtain a composite quality index for the job."

Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP)

AHP is one of multi criteria decision making methods which was developed by Prof. Thomas L. Saaty in 1970s. It is a structured technique for organizing and analysing complex decisions, based on mathematics and psychology. It is a method to derive ratio scales from paired comparisons. The input can be obtained from actual measurement of entities such as price, weight etc., or from subjective opinion such as satisfaction feelings and preference (Madhu M. Tomar and N. N. Borad 2012). For the present research study,

pairwise comparison of AQC's were taken as basis for calculating weighting factors from AHP technique. In this regard, every AQC was compared with all other AQC's within a layer.

6.1. CQC's Related To Materials Testing

CQC's related to materials are composed of raw material tests and in-process inventory tests. The following were the CQC's related to materials, collected from literature survey of research papers, Text books, IS codes and experts. The following were the CQC's related to workmanship, collected from literature survey of research papers, IS 10262 RA(2014)concrete mix design, IS 456-2000 RA(2011)coarse and fine aggregate. A total of 37 CQC's related to materials were collected from literature survey which is as shown in the Table I

Table I: COC's related to material testing and its related cost for constructing RCC footings

Foundations Steps	Cqc's Related To Material Testing	Cost (Rs.)
EXCAVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Seismic test <input type="checkbox"/> Plate load test <input type="checkbox"/> Penetration test <input type="checkbox"/> Split spoon test <input type="checkbox"/> Proof test by core drilling <input type="checkbox"/> Vibration test <input type="checkbox"/> Dynamic load test	500/- 5000/- 3000/- 1000/- 45000/-
BASE COURSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry density of compacted layer <input type="checkbox"/> Sieve analysis of coarse aggregate <input type="checkbox"/> Water absorption of coarse aggregate <input type="checkbox"/> Aggregate impact value	500/- 500/- 300/- 500/-
BASE COURSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Aggregate crushing value <input type="checkbox"/> Aggregate abrasion by los angles test <input type="checkbox"/> Specific gravity <input type="checkbox"/> Silt content	500/- 500/- 1000/- 500/- 500/-
PCC	<input type="checkbox"/> Soundness by Le- chateliers method <input type="checkbox"/> Standard consistency of cement <input type="checkbox"/> Initial and final setting time of cement	500/- 2900/- 600/-
REINFORCEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> Tensile test <input type="checkbox"/> Ultimate strength <input type="checkbox"/> % elongation <input type="checkbox"/> Torsion test <input type="checkbox"/> Izod Impact test <input type="checkbox"/> Bending test <input type="checkbox"/> Rockwell hardness test <input type="checkbox"/> Single & double shear test	1000/- 600/- 300/- 300/- 300/- 600/-
FORMWORK	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface finish of form work	As per site condition
CONCRETING OF FOOTING	<input type="checkbox"/> Soundness of cement <input type="checkbox"/> Los angles abrasion value <input type="checkbox"/> Aggregate impact value <input type="checkbox"/> Alkali aggregate reactivity <input type="checkbox"/> Water cement ratio <input type="checkbox"/> Slump test <input type="checkbox"/> Comp strength of concrete tube <input type="checkbox"/> Flexural strength of conc beam	500/- 1000/- 500/- 500/- 500/- 300/- 1200/- 1200/-
POST CONCRETING	<input type="checkbox"/> Honeycomb <input type="checkbox"/> Spalling and dusting <input type="checkbox"/> Cracks <input type="checkbox"/> Depressions	2000/-

	<input type="checkbox"/> Bulges <input type="checkbox"/> Abrupt irregularities <input type="checkbox"/> Rebound hammer test <input type="checkbox"/> Compressive strength	2000/- 1200/-
	<u>Total cost of all test for material</u>	76,800/-

6.2.CQCs Related To Workmanship

It is equally important to measure CQCs related to workmanship along with CQCs related to materials as it measures the degree of workmanship utilized in constructing a RCC footing. The following were the CQCs related to workmanship, collected from literature survey of research papers, Text books, IS codes, IS 10262 RA(2014)concrete mix design, IS 456-2000 RA(2011)coarse and fine aggregate. A total of 28 CQCs related to workmanship were collected from literature survey as shown in the Table 2

Table 2: CQCs related to workmanship in constructing a RCC Footing

Foundations Steps	Cqc's Related To Workmanship	Costs (In Rs)
EXCAVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Setting of corner benchmark <input type="checkbox"/> Marking position <input type="checkbox"/> Setting for ground level <input type="checkbox"/> Setting for top level <input type="checkbox"/> Excavation to apparent depth <input type="checkbox"/> Constructing dewatering level <input type="checkbox"/> Constructing protecting level	2600/- *As per site condition
BASE COURSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Dressing of loose material <input type="checkbox"/> Marking of cut off level	512/-
PCC	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface level <input type="checkbox"/> Layer thickness <input type="checkbox"/> Marking canter line	640/-
FORMWORK	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint sealing <input type="checkbox"/> Marking concrete level <input type="checkbox"/> Tolerance of position of formwork	2560/-
CONCRETING OF FOOTING	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface levels <input type="checkbox"/> Surface regularity <input type="checkbox"/> Alignment of joints <input type="checkbox"/> Surface texture <input type="checkbox"/> Tolerance for level and alignment <input type="checkbox"/> Alignment of embedded item such as anchor	1280/-
POST CONCRETING	<input type="checkbox"/> Level of finished concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Alignment of finished concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Surface texture	320/-
	Total cost of workmanship for 1 footing	10,792/-

Note: - Workmanship is calculated as per footing studied at site (size: 8x8 ft)

6.3. Some of the CQCs Related To Materials And Workmanship Obtain From Case Study of RCC Footing as Shown



Fig.1 CQC cleaning for excavation



Fig.2 Demarkation of the site



Fig.3 Dressed base course



Fig.4 Excavation and dewatering work



Fig.5 completed pcc work of Footing



Fig.6 Form work and Reinforcement



Fig.7 Casting work



Fig.8 post concreting work



Fig.9 2nd phase work of footing

Fig.10 2nd phase work of footing

Fig.11 Compactor for dressing of base course

6.4 Analysis Of Collected Data

Based on the 10 responses obtained from the preliminary survey, the results were compiled in such a form that each tick mark against a CQC was given a score of 1 (one) while the vacant cell against a CQC was given a score of 0 (Zero) and calculating the mean score for all CQCs. The CQCs with mean score ≥ 0.5 were selected as AQC's for further analysis indicating agreement of 10 respondents which is as shown in the Table 3

Table 3: Mean score analysis of CQCs

Residential Footing Layer	CQC's related to materials and workmanship	Respondents										Mean Score
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
EXCAVATION	Plate load test	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0.5
	Sesmic test	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0.6
	Penetration test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Split spoon test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
	Core drilling	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0.6
	Vibration test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dynamic load test	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.3
	Setting of benchmark	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0.9
	Marking position	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Setting for ground level	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.2
	Excavation to app depth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
	Setting for top level	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.4
	Dewatering level	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Protecting level	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.3	
BASE COURSE	Dry density of comp layer	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0.7
	Sieve analysis	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0.7
	Water absorption	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Agg impact value	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0.7
	Agg Crushing value	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0.4
	Abrasion by los angles tst	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2

	Specific gravity	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.9
	Silt content	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
	Dressing of loose mtrl	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Marking of cut off level	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0.4
P.C.C	Soundness test	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Standard consistency test	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Initial final setting time	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Surface levels	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Layer thickness	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Marking centre line	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
REINFORCEMENT	Tensile test		1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1		0.8
	Ultimate strength	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.9
	% elongation	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.8
	Torsion test	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Izod impact test	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
	Bending test	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.9
	Hardness test	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0.4
	Single & double shear tst	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.1
	Centering	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Setting of corner benchmark0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.3
	Minimum re1bar size	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.3
	Cover and spaces	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
FORMWORK	Surface finish of formwork	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.3
	Joint sealing	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1		0.8
	Marking conc level	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0.7
	Tolerance of pos of formwork	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.3
CONCRETING OF FOOTING	Soundness of cement	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Los angles abrasion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
	Aggregate impact value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.2
	Alkali agg reactivity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.1
	Water cement ratio	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.9
	Slump test	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Comp strength of conc	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Flexural strength	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
	Surface levels	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Surface regularity	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0.8
	Alignment of joints	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0.4
	Surface texture	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.3
	Tolerance of level	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.2
Alignment of anchor	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0.7	
POST CONCRETING	Honeycomb	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.4
	Spalling and dusting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cracks	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.5
	Depressions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
	Bulges	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
	Abrupt irregularations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.1
	Rebound hammer test	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Compressive strength	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0.6
	Level of finish conc	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.3
	Alignment of conc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surface texture	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0.8	

6.5 Acceptance Quality Characteristics (AQC's)

AQC's are the CQC's that are measured for acceptance purposes of the project. From the mean score analysis, 38 AQC's were selected out of 71 CQC's. The remaining 33 CQC's were dropped for further analysis to develop a manageable construction quality index

Table 4: AQC's selected related to materials 38 AQC's selected

FOUNDATIONS STEPS	COC'S RELATED TO MATERIAL TESTING	COST (rs)
EXCAVATION	Seismic test	500/-
	Plate load test	5000/-
	Proof test by core drilling	45000/-
BASE COURSE	Dry density of compacted layer	500/-
	Sieve analysis of coarse aggregate	500/-
	Water absorption of coarse aggregate	300/-
	Aggregate impact value	500/-
	Specific gravity	500/-
PCC	Soundness by Le- chateliers method	500/-
	Standard consistency of cement	2900/-
	Initial and final setting time of cement	600/-
REINFORCEMENT	Tensile test	1000/-
	Ultimate strength	
	% elongation	600/-
	Torsion test	
	Bending test	300/-
FORMWORK	Surface finish of form work	
CONCRETING OF FOOTING	Soundness of cement	500/-
	Water cement ratio	500/-
	Slump test	300/-
	Comp strength of concrete cube	1200/-
POST CONCRETING	Cracks	2000/-
	Rebound hammer test	2000/-
	Compressive strength	1200/-
Total cost of all test for material goes for:		60,300/-

Table 5: AQC's selected from CQC's related to workmanship

FOUNDATIONS STEPS	COC'S RELATED TO WORKMANSHIP	COSTS (in Rs)
EXCAVATION	Setting of corner benchmark	2000/-
	Marking position	
	Constructing dewatering level	
BASE COURSE	Dressing of loose material	448/-
PCC	Surface level	512/-
	Layer thickness	
	Marking canter line	
REINFORCEMENT	Cantering	2240/-
	Cover n spaces for reinforcement	
FORMWORK	Joint sealing	2048/-
	Marking concrete level	
CONCRETING OF FOOTING	Surface levels	960/-
	Surface regularity	

	Alignment of embedded item such as anchor	
POST CONCRETING	Surface texture	320/-
	Total cost	8528/-

7. CONCLUSION

The purpose of conducting preliminary survey with construction experts helped to:

- Study construction Quality index (CQI) and its related terms to quantify the quality of building facility ie. Residential Footing
- Identified suitable measurement scales for Construction Quality Characteristics of materials and workmanship and its cost to quantify quality by determining acceptance quality characteristics (AQC) from CQC from construction experts.
- Incorporated Construction Quality Characteristics related to Levels of Footing system in the development of quality index which gives more contribution in quantifying quality of the same. This will result in developing a manageable quality index.
- Got necessary recommendations from the construction experts as a guideline for further study to formulate construction quality index for building facility.
- Quantify quality which will increase the awareness in a contractor towards quality which leads to improvement in quality of construction.
- Total cost of all testing goes for 76,800/- from survey it is observed that basic testing of material to quantify quality can be done in 60,500/- (saved 16,300/- for material testing) For workmanship cost per footing was 10,792/ which has drop down to 8,528/- (saved 2,264/- per footing) Therefore reduction in costing achieved

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