

**भारतीय मानक**  
**Indian Standard**

**IS 13920 : 2016**

---

---

**भूकंपीय बल के प्रभाव के अंतर्गत  
प्रबलित कंकरीट संरचनाओं का तन्य  
विस्तार — रीति संहिता**  
( पहला पुनरीक्षण )

**Ductile Design and Detailing of  
Reinforced Concrete Structures  
Subjected to Seismic Forces —  
Code of Practice**  
( *First Revision* )

ICS 47.020.99; 93.140

© BIS 2016



भारतीय मानक ब्यूरो  
BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS  
मानक भवन, 9 बहादुरशाह ज़फर मार्ग, नई दिल्ली-110002  
MANAK BHAVAN, 9 BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI-110002  
[www.bis.org.in](http://www.bis.org.in) [www.standardsbis.in](http://www.standardsbis.in)

July 2016

Price Group 8

## Earthquake Engineering Sectional Committee, CED 39

### FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (First Revision) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards, after the draft finalized by the Earthquake Engineering Sectional Committee had been approved by the Civil Engineering Division Council.

IS 4326 : 1976 'Code of Practice for earthquake-resistant design and construction of buildings' had provisions for addressing special features in the design and construction of earthquake-resistant RC buildings. It included then, some details for achieving ductility in reinforced concrete (RC) buildings. To keep abreast with the rapid developments and extensive research on earthquake-resistant design of RC structures, the technical committee decided to formulate separate provisions for earthquake-resistant design and detailing of RC structures, which resulted in the formulation of IS 13920 : 1993 'Code of Practice for Ductile Design and Detailing of Reinforced Concrete Structures Subjected to Seismic Forces'.

IS 13920 : 1993 incorporated some important provisions that were not covered in IS 4326 : 1976 for design of RC structures. The formulation of the standard addressed the following salient aspects:

- a) Significant experience gained from performance of reinforced concrete structures (that were designed and detailed as per IS 4326 : 1976 during past earthquakes. Many deficiencies were identified and corrected.
- b) Provisions on design and detailing of beams and columns as given in IS 4326 : 1976 were revised with an aim to provide them with adequate stiffness, strength and ductility and to make them capable of undergoing extensive inelastic deformations and dissipating seismic energy in a stable manner.
- c) Specifications were included on lower limits for strengths of material of earthquake-resistant RC structural systems.
- d) Geometric constraints were imposed on cross-sections of flexural members. Provisions were revised on minimum and maximum reinforcement limits. Requirements were made explicit for detailing of longitudinal reinforcement in beams at joint faces, splices and anchorage requirements. Provisions were included for calculating seismic design shear force, and detailing transverse reinforcement in beams.
- e) For members subjected to axial load and bending moment, constraints were imposed on cross-sectional aspect ratio and on absolute dimensions. Also, provisions are included for (1) location of lap splices, (2) calculation of seismic design shear force of structural walls, and (3) special confining reinforcement in regions of columns that are expected to undergo cyclic inelastic deformations during a severe earthquake shaking.
- f) Specifications were included on a seismic design and detailing of reinforced concrete structural walls. These provisions assisted in (1) estimation of design shear force and bending moment demand on structural wall sections, (2) estimation of design moment capacity of wall sections, (3) detailing of reinforcement in the wall web, boundary elements, coupling beams, around openings, at construction joints, and (4) providing sufficient length for development, lap splicing and anchorage of longitudinal steel.

Following the earthquakes that occurred after the release of IS 13920 : 1993 (especially the 1997 Jabalpur, 2001 Bhuj, 2004 Sumatra, 2006 Sikkim, and 2011 Sikkim earthquakes), it was felt that this Code needs further improvement.

In this revision, the following changes are incorporated:

- a) The title is revised to reflect the 'Design' provisions that existed and new ones added, that determine the sizing, proportioning and reinforcement in RC members meant to resist earthquake shaking. All RC frames, RC walls and their elements in a structure need not be designed to resist lateral loads and the designer may judiciously select effective lateral load resisting RC frames and walls and design those members for full design lateral force. All columns in frames not designed as lateral load resisting frames will be designed as gravity columns in line with the requirements of 11.  
Most provisions that existed earlier have been redrafted. Also, the sequence of sections is re-organized for greater clarity to designers and for removing ambiguities. All the figures have been redrawn which increases the clarity. Some new figures have been added.
- b) The following new provisions are added:
  - 1) Column-to-beam strength ratio provision has been added in keeping with the strong column — weak beam design philosophy for moment resisting frames;
  - 2) Shear design of beam-column joints;
  - 3) Design of slender RC structural walls is improved. The principle of superposition is dropped for

*(Continued on third cover)*

# Indian Standard

## DUCTILE DESIGN AND DETAILING OF REINFORCED CONCRETE STRUCTURES SUBJECTED TO SEISMIC FORCES — CODE OF PRACTICE

### ( *First Revision* )

#### 1 SCOPE

**1.1** This standard covers the requirements for designing and detailing of members of reinforced concrete (RC) structures designed to resist lateral effects of earthquake shaking, so as to give them adequate stiffness, strength and ductility to resist severe earthquake shaking without collapse. Even though the general concepts adopted in this standard for structures are also applicable for RC bridge systems, provisions of this standard shall be taken only as a guide for RC bridge piers and wells of large cross-sections, but are not sufficient. This standard addresses lateral load resisting structural systems of RC structures composed of,

- a) RC moment resisting frames,
- b) RC moment resisting frames with unreinforced masonry infill walls,
- c) RC moment resisting frames with RC structural walls, and
- d) RC structural walls.

**1.1.1** Provisions of this standard shall be adopted in all lateral load resisting systems of RC structures located in Seismic Zone III, IV or V. The standard is optional in Seismic Zone II.

**1.1.2** The provisions for RC structures given herein apply specifically to monolithic RC construction, and not for precast RC structures. Precast and/or pre stressed concrete members may be used, only if they are designed to provide similar level of ductility as that of monolithic RC structures during or after an earthquake. Likewise, flat slab structures must have a lateral load resisting system capable of providing similar level of performance as envisioned in this standard and must be designed for drift compatibility as per **11**. Specialist literature must be referred to for design and construction of such structures. The adequacy of such designs shall be demonstrated by adequate, appropriate experimentation and nonlinear dynamic structural analyses.

**1.1.3** All RC frames, RC walls and their elements in a structure need not be designed to resist lateral loads

and the designer can judiciously identify the lateral load resisting system based on relative stiffness and location in the building and design those members for full lateral force. RC monolithic members assumed not to participate in the lateral force resisting system (*see 3.7*) shall be permitted provided that their effect on the seismic response of the system is accounted for. Consequence of failure of structural and non-structural members not part of the lateral force resisting system shall also be considered in design.

#### 2 REFERENCES

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below:

<i>IS No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
456 : 2000	Plain and reinforced concrete — Code of Practice ( <i>fourth revision</i> )
1343 : 2012	Code of Practice for prestressed concrete ( <i>second revision</i> )
1786 : 2008	High strength deformed steel bars and wires for concrete reinforcement ( <i>fourth revision</i> )
1893	Criteria for earthquake resistant design of structures
(Part 1) : 2002	General provisions and buildings ( <i>fifth revision</i> )
(Part 2) : 2014	Liquid retaining tanks — Elevated and ground supported
(Part 4) : 2015	Industrial structures including stack like structures ( <i>first revision</i> )
4326 : 2013	Earthquake resistant design and construction of buildings — Code of Practice ( <i>third revision</i> )
16172 : 2014	Reinforcement couplers for mechanical splices of bars in concrete — Specification

## IS 13920 : 2016

## 3 TERMINOLOGY

For the purpose of this standard, the following definitions shall apply.

**3.1 Beams** — These are members (generally horizontal) of moment resisting frames with flexural and shearing actions.

**3.2 Boundary Elements** — These are portions along the ends of a structural wall that are strengthened by longitudinal and transverse reinforcement. They may have the same thickness as that of the wall web.

**3.3 Columns** — These are members (generally vertical) of moment resisting frames with axial, flexural and shearing actions.

**3.4 Cover Concrete** — It is that concrete which is not confined by transverse reinforcement.

**3.5 Transverse Reinforcement** — It is a continuous bar having a 135° hook with an extension of 6 times diameter (but not < 65 mm) at one end and a hook not less than 90° with an extension of 6 times diameter (but not < 65 mm) at the other end. The hooks shall engage peripheral longitudinal bars. In general, the 90° hooks of two successive crossties engaging the same longitudinal bars shall be alternated end for end. Transverse reinforcement (also called hoops) in columns is typically called stirrups and that in beams is called cross-ties.

**3.6 Gravity Columns in Buildings** — It is a column, which is not part of the lateral load resisting system and designed only for force actions (that is, axial force, shear force and bending moments) due to gravity loads. But, it should be able to resist the gravity loads at lateral displacement imposed by the earthquake forces.

**3.7 Lateral Force Resisting System** — It is that part of the structural system which participates in resisting forces induced by earthquake.

**3.8 Moment-Resisting Frame** — It is a three-dimensional structural system composed of interconnected members, without structural walls, so as to function as a complete self-contained unit with or without the aid of horizontal diaphragms or floor bracing systems, in which the members resist gravity and lateral forces primarily by flexural actions.

**3.8.1 Special Moment Resisting Frame (SMRF)** — It is a moment-resisting frame specially detailed to provide ductile behaviour as per the requirements specified in 5, 6, 7 and 8.

**3.8.2 Ordinary Moment Resisting Frame (OMRF)** — It is a moment-resisting frame not meeting special detailing requirements for ductile behaviour.

**3.9 Link** — It is a single steel bar bent into a closed

loop having a 135° hook with an extension of 6 times diameter (but not < 65 mm) at each end, which is embedded in the confined core of the section, and placed normal to the longitudinal axis of the RC beam or column.

**3.10 Shear Wall (also Called Structural Wall)** — It is a vertically oriented planar element that is primarily designed to resist lateral force effects (axial force, shear force and bending moment) in its own plane.

**3.11 Special Shear Wall** — It is a structural wall meeting special detailing requirements for ductile behaviour specified in 10.

## 4 SYMBOLS

For the purpose of this standard, the following letter symbols shall have the meaning indicated against each; where other symbols are used, they are explained at the appropriate place. All dimensions are in millimetre, loads in Newton and stresses in MPa, unless otherwise specified.

$A_e$  = Effective cross sectional area of a joint

$A_{ej}$  = Effective shear area of a joint

$A_g$  = Gross cross-sectional area of column, wall

$A_h$  = Horizontal reinforcement area within spacing  $S_v$

$A_k$  = Area of concrete core of column

$A_{sd}$  = Reinforcement along each diagonal of coupling beam

$A_{sh}$  = Area of cross section of bar forming spiral or link

$A_{st}$  = Area of uniformly distributed vertical reinforcement

$A_v$  = Vertical reinforcement at a joint

$b_b$  = Width of beam

$B_c, b_c$  = Width of column

$b_j$  = Effective width of a joint

$D$  = Overall depth of beam

$D_k$  = Diameter of column core measured to the outside of spiral or link

$d$  = Effective depth of member

$d_b$  = Diameter of longitudinal bar

$d_w$  = Effective depth of wall section

$E_s$  = Elastic modulus of steel

$f_{ck}$  = Characteristic compressive strength of concrete cube

$f_y$  = Yield stress of steel reinforcing bars, or 0.2 percent proof strength of reinforcing steel

$h$  = Longer dimension of rectangular confining link measured to its outer face

$h_c$  = Depth of column

$h_j$ = Effective depth of a joint	compression fibre
$h_{st}$ = Clear storey height	$\alpha$ = Inclination of diagonal reinforcement in coupling beam
$h_w$ = Overall height of RC structural wall	$\rho$ = Area of longitudinal reinforcement as a fraction of gross area of cross-section in a RC beam, column or structural wall
$L_{AB}$ = Clear span of beam	$\rho_c$ = Area of longitudinal reinforcement on the compression face of a beam as a fraction of gross area of cross-section
$L_d$ = Development length of bar in tension	$(\rho_h)_{min}$ = Minimum area of horizontal reinforcement of a structural wall as a fraction of gross area of cross-section
$l_o$ = Length of member over which special confining reinforcement is to be provided	$(\rho_{v,be})_{min}$ = Minimum area of vertical reinforcement in each boundary element of a structural wall as a fraction of gross area of cross-section of each boundary element
$L_w$ = Horizontal length of wall/longer cross-section dimension of wall	$(\rho_{v,net})_{min}$ = Minimum area of vertical reinforcement of a structural wall as a fraction of gross area of cross-section of the wall
$L_s$ = Clear span of couplings beam	$(\rho_{v,web})_{min}$ = Minimum area of vertical reinforcement in web of a structural wall as a fraction of gross area of cross-section of web
$M_u$ = Design moment of resistance of entire RC beam, column or wall section	$\rho_{max}$ = Maximum area of longitudinal reinforcement permitted on the tension face of a beam as a fraction of gross area of cross-section
$M_{ct}$ = Design moment of resistance of top column at a joint	$\rho_{min}$ = Minimum area of longitudinal reinforcement to be ensured on the tension face of a beam as a fraction of gross area of cross-section
$M_{cb}$ = Design moment of resistance of bottom column at a joint	$\tau_c$ = Design shear strength of concrete
$M_{bl}$ = Design moment of resistance of left beam at a joint	$\tau_{c,max}$ = Maximum nominal shear stress permitted at a section of RC beam, column or structural wall
$M_{br}$ = Design moment of resistance of right beam at a joint	$\tau_v$ = Nominal shear stress at a section of RC beam, column or structural wall
$M_u^{Ah}$ = Hogging design moment of resistance of beam at end A	
$M_u^{As}$ = Sagging design moment of resistance of beam at end A	
$M_u^{Bh}$ = Hogging design moment of resistance of beam at end B	
$M_u^{Bs}$ = Sagging design moment of resistance of beam at end B	
$M_u^{BL}$ = Design moment of resistance of beam framing into column from the left	
$M_u^{BR}$ = Design moment of resistance of beam framing into column from the right	
$M_{uw}$ = Design moment of resistance of web of RC structural wall alone	
$P_u$ = Factored axial load	
$s_v$ = Spacing of links along the longitudinal direction of beam or column	
$t_w$ = Thickness of web of RC structural wall	
$V_{u,a}^{D+L}$ = Factored shear force demand at end A of beam due to dead and live loads	
$V_{u,b}^{D+L}$ = Factored shear force demand at end B of beam due to dead and live loads	
$V_j$ = Design shear resistance of a joint	
$V_u$ = Factored shear force	
$V_{us}$ = Design shear resistance offered at a section by steel links	
$x_u, x_u^*$ = Depth of neutral axis from extreme	

## 5 GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

**5.1** The design and construction of reinforced concrete buildings shall be governed by provisions of IS 456, except as modified by the provisions of this standard for those elements participating in lateral force resistance.

**5.2** Minimum grade of structural concrete shall be M20, but M25 for buildings,

- more than 15 m in height in Seismic Zones III, IV and V; and
- but not less than that required by IS 456 based on exposure conditions.

**5.3** Steel reinforcement resisting earthquake-induced forces in RC frame members and in boundary elements of RC structural walls shall comply with **5.3.1**, **5.3.2** and **5.3.3**.

**5.3.1** Steel reinforcements used shall be,

## IS 13920 : 2016

- of grade Fe 415 or less (conforming to IS 1786); and
- of grade Fe 500 and Fe 550, that is; high strength deformed steel bars produced by thermo-mechanical treatment process having elongation more than 14.5 percent, and conforming to IS 1786.

**5.3.2** The actual 0.2 percent proof strength of steel bars based on tensile test must not exceed their characteristic 0.2 percent proof strength by more than 20 percent.

**5.3.3** The ratio of the actual ultimate strength to the actual 0.2 percent proof strength shall be at least 1.15.

**5.4** In RC frame buildings, lintel beams shall preferably not be integrated into the columns to avoid short column effect. When integrated, they shall be included in the analytical model for structural analysis. Similarly, plinth beams (where provided), and staircase beams and slabs framing into columns shall be included in the analytical model for structural analysis.

**5.5** RC regular moment-resisting frame buildings shall have planar frames oriented along the two principal plan directions of buildings. Irregularities listed in IS 1893 (Part 1) shall be avoided. Buildings with any of the listed irregularities perform poorly during earthquake shaking; in addition, buildings with floating columns and set-back columns also perform poorly.

When any such irregularities are adopted, detailed nonlinear analyses shall be performed to demonstrate that there is no threat to loss of life and property.

## 6 BEAMS

### 6.1 General

Requirements of this section shall apply to beams resisting earthquake-induced effects, in which the factored axial compressive stress does not exceed  $0.08 f_{ck}$ . Beams, in which the factored axial compressive stress exceeds  $0.08 f_{ck}$ , shall be designed as per requirements of 7.

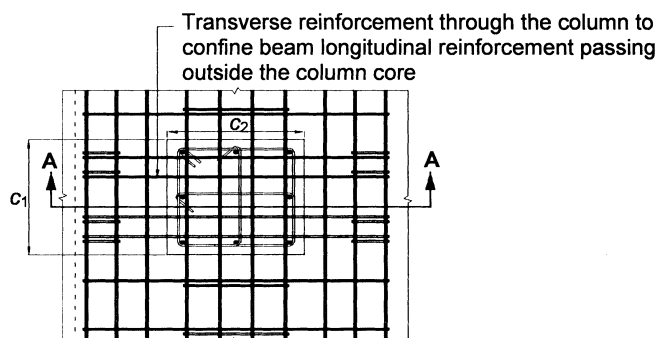
**6.1.1** Beams shall preferably have width-to-depth ratio of more than 0.3.

**6.1.2** Beams shall not have width less than 200 mm.

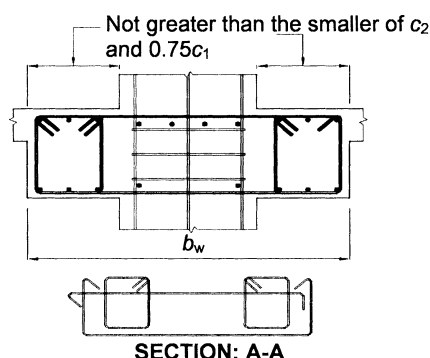
**6.1.3** Beams shall not have depth  $D$  more than  $1/4$ th of clear span. This may not apply to the floor beam of frame staging of elevated RC water tanks.

**6.1.4** Width of beam  $b_w$  shall not exceed the width of supporting member  $c_2$  plus distance on either side of supporting member equal to the smaller of (a) and (b)

- Width of supporting member,  $c_2$
- 0.75 times breadth of supporting member,  $c_1$  (see Fig. 1A and Fig. 1B)



1A Plan View of a Beam Column Joint Showing Effective Breadth and Width of Joint



1B Maximum Effective Width of Wide Beam and Required Transverse Reinforcement

FIG. 1 BEAM COLUMN JUNCTIONS

Transverse reinforcement for the width of a beam that exceeds width of the column  $c_2$  shall be provided as shown in Fig. 1B throughout the beam span including within the beam column joint

## 6.2 Longitudinal Reinforcement

**6.2.1** The longitudinal reinforcement in beams shall be as given below:

- Beams shall have at least two 12 mm diameter bars each at the top and bottom faces.
- Minimum longitudinal steel ratio  $\rho_{\min}$  required on any face at any section is:

$$\rho_{\min} = 0.24 \frac{\sqrt{f_{ck}}}{f_y}$$

**6.2.2** Maximum longitudinal steel ratio  $\rho_{\max}$  provided on any face at any section is 0.025.

**6.2.3** Longitudinal steel on bottom face of a beam framing into a column (at the face of the column) shall be at least half the steel on its top face at the same section. At exterior joints, the anchorage length calculation shall consider this bottom steel to be tension steel.

**6.2.4** Longitudinal steel in beams at any section on top or bottom face shall be at least 1/4th of longitudinal steel provided at the top face of the beam at the face of the column; when the top longitudinal steel in the beam at the two supporting column faces is different, the larger of the two shall be considered.

**6.2.5** At an exterior joint, top and bottom bars of beams shall be provided with anchorage length beyond the inner face of the column, equal to development length of the bar in tension plus 10 times bar diameter minus the allowance for 90° bends (see Fig. 2).

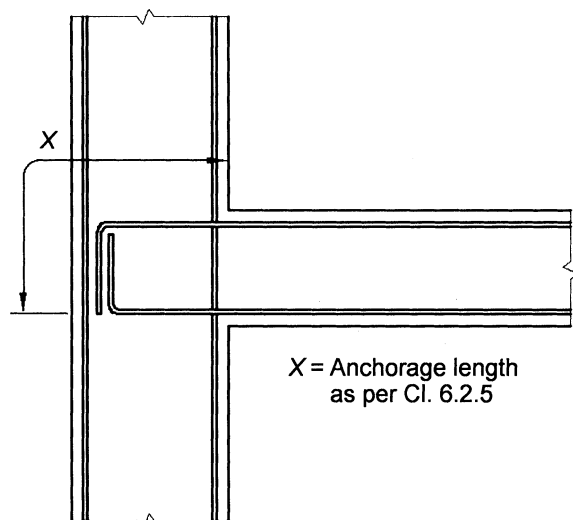


FIG. 2 ANCHORAGE OF LONGITUDINAL BEAM BARS AT EXTERIOR BEAM-COLUMN JOINT

## 6.2.6 Splicing of Longitudinal Bars

### 6.2.6.1 Lap splices

When adopted, closed links shall be provided over the entire length over which the longitudinal bars are spliced. Further,

- the spacing of these links shall not exceed 150 mm (see Fig. 3).
- the lap length shall not be less than the development length of the largest longitudinal reinforcement bar in tension.
- lap splices shall not be provided,
  - within a joint ;
  - within a distance of  $2d$  from face of the column; and
  - within a quarter length of the beam adjoining the location where flexural yielding may occur under earthquake effects.
- not more than 50 percent of area of steel bars on either top or bottom face shall be spliced at any one section.

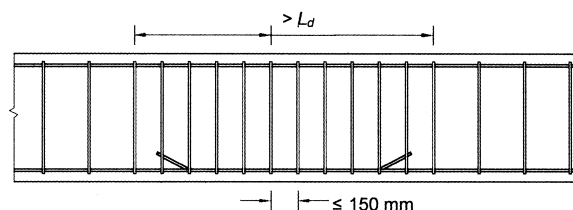


FIG. 3 LAP LENGTH AT LOCATION OF SPLICING OF LONGITUDINAL BARS IN BEAM

### 6.2.6.2 Mechanical couplers

Mechanical couplers (conforming to IS 16172) shall be used when longitudinal steel bars have to be continued for beam spans larger than their manufactured lengths. Further,

- only those mechanical splices conforming to the above code and capable of developing the specified tensile strength of spliced bar shall be permitted within a distance equal to two times the depth of the member from the member face or in any location where yielding of reinforcement is likely to take place; and
- the spacing between adjacent longitudinal bars shall be based also on the outer size of the coupler to allow easy flow of concrete.

### 6.2.6.3 Welded splices

Welded splices shall not be used in beams for a distance equal to two times the depth of the member from the member face or in any location where yielding of reinforcement is likely to take place. At any location,

## IS 13920 : 2016

not more than 50 percent of area of steel bars shall be spliced at any one section.

Welding of links, ties, inserts or other similar elements to vertical reinforcement bars required as per design is not permitted, in any seismic zone.

### 6.3 Transverse Reinforcement

**6.3.1** Only vertical links shall be used in beams (see Fig. 4A); inclined links shall not be used. And,

- in normal practice, a link is made of a single bent bar. But, it may be made of two bars also, namely a U-link with a 135° hook with an extension of 6 times diameter (but not less than 65 mm) at each end, embedded in the core concrete, and a cross-tie (see Fig. 4B).
- the hooks of the links and cross-ties shall engage around peripheral longitudinal bars. Consecutive crossties engaging the same longitudinal bars shall have their 90° hooks at opposite sides of the beam. When the longitudinal reinforcement bars are secured by cross-ties in beams that have a slab on one side, the 90° hooks of the cross-ties shall be placed on that side.

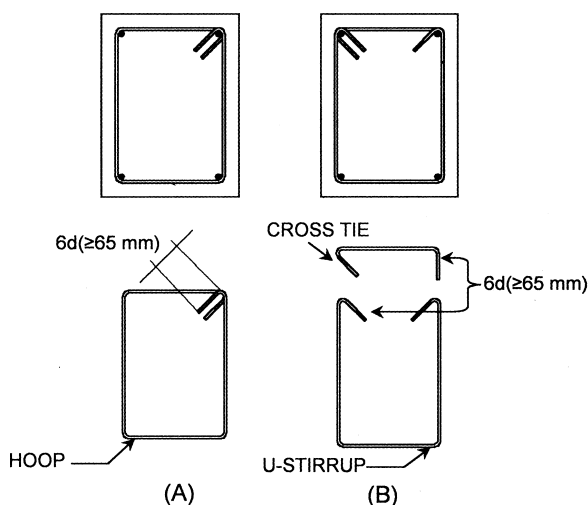


FIG. 4 DETAILS OF TRANSVERSE REINFORCEMENT IN BEAMS

**6.3.2** The minimum diameter of a link shall be 8 mm.

**6.3.3** Shear force capacity of a beam shall be more than larger of,

- factored shear force as per linear structural analysis; and
- factored gravity shear force, plus equilibrium shear force when plastic hinges are formed at both ends of the beam (see Fig. 5) given by :
  - For sway to right:

$$V_{u,a} = V_{u,a}^{D+L} - 1.4 \frac{M_u^{As} + M_u^{Bs}}{L_{AB}} \text{ and}$$

$$V_{u,b} = V_{u,b}^{D+L} + 1.4 \frac{M_u^{As} + M_u^{Bs}}{L_{AB}} .$$

2) For sway to left:

$$V_{u,a} = V_{u,a}^{D+L} - 1.4 \frac{M_u^{Ah} + M_u^{Bs}}{L_{AB}} \text{ and}$$

$$V_{u,b} = V_{u,b}^{D+L} + 1.4 \frac{M_u^{Ah} + M_u^{Bs}}{L_{AB}}$$

where  $M_u^{As}$ ,  $M_u^{Ah}$ ,  $M_u^{Bs}$  and  $M_u^{Bh}$  are sagging and hogging moments of resistance of the beam section at ends *A* and *B*, respectively. These shall be calculated as per IS 456.  $L_{AB}$  is clear span of the beam.  $V_{u,a}^{D+L}$  and  $V_{u,b}^{D+L}$  are the factored shear forces at ends *A* and *B*, respectively, due to vertical loads acting on the span; the partial safety factor for dead and live loads shall be 1.2, and the beam shall be considered to be simply supported for this estimation.

The design shear force demand at end *A* of the beam shall be the larger of the two values of  $V_{u,a}$  computed above. Similarly, the design shear force demand at end *B* shall be the larger of the two values of  $V_{u,b}$  computed above.

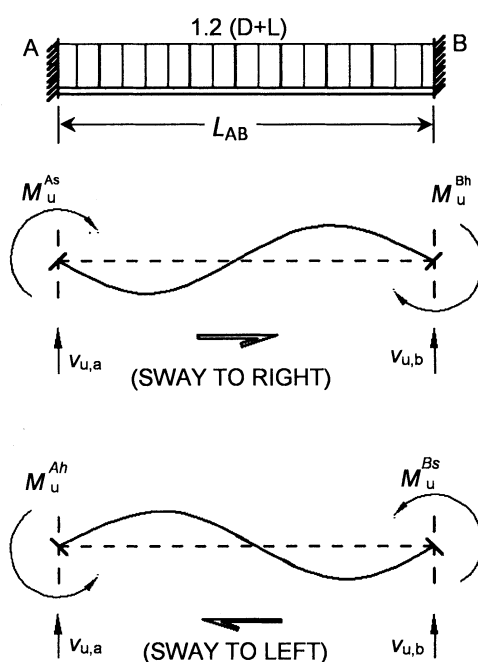


FIG. 5 CALCULATION OF DESIGN SHEAR FORCE DEMAND ON BEAMS UNDER PLASTIC HINGE ACTION AT THEIR ENDS

**6.3.4** In the calculation of design shear force capacity of RC beams, contributions of the following shall not be considered:

- Bent up bars,



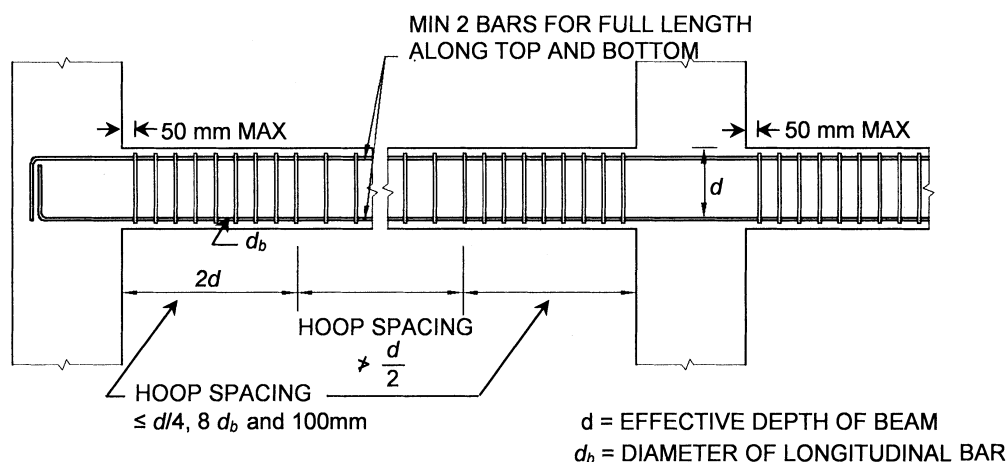


FIG. 6 DETAILS OF TRANSVERSE REINFORCEMENT IN BEAMS

- b) Inclined links, and
- c) Concrete in the RC section.

### 6.3.5 Close Spacing of Links

Spacing of links over a length of  $2d$  at either end of a beam shall not exceed,

- a)  $d/4$ ;
- b) 8 times the diameter of the smallest longitudinal bar; and
- c) 100 mm (see Fig. 6).

**6.3.5.1** The first link shall be at a distance not exceeding 50 mm from the joint face.

**6.3.5.2** Closely spaced links shall be provided over a length equal to  $2d$  on either side of a section where flexural yielding may occur under earthquake effects. Over the remaining length of the beam, vertical links shall be provided at a spacing not exceeding  $d/2$ .

## 7 COLUMNS AND INCLINED MEMBERS

### 7.1 Geometry

Requirements of this section shall apply to columns

and inclined members resisting earthquake-induced effects, in which the factored axial compressive stress due to gravity and earthquake effects exceeds  $0.08 f_{ck}$ . The factored axial compressive stress considering all load combinations relating to seismic loads shall be limited to  $0.40 f_{ck}$  in all such members, except in those covered in 10.

For various shapes of columns other than rectangular and circular like 'T' shaped, 'X' shaped, etc., appropriate designs and detailing shall be carried out using specialist literature where such columns are part of lateral load resisting systems.

**7.1.1** The minimum dimension of a column shall not be less than,

- a)  $20 d_b$ , where  $d_b$  is diameter of the largest diameter longitudinal reinforcement bar in the beam passing through or anchoring into the column at the joint, or
- b) 300 mm (see Fig. 7).

**7.1.2** The cross-section aspect ratio (that is, ratio of smaller dimension to larger dimension of the cross-section of a column or inclined member) shall not be

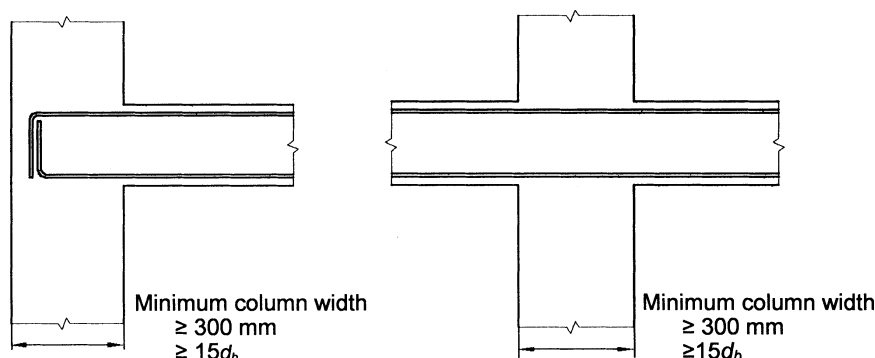


FIG. 7 MINIMUM SIZE OF RC COLUMNS BASED ON DIAMETER OF LARGEST LONGITUDINAL REINFORCEMENT BAR IN BEAMS FRAMING INTO IT

## IS 13920 : 2016

less than 0.45. Vertical members of RC buildings whose cross-section aspect ratio is less than 0.4 shall be designed as per requirements of 9.

### 7.2 Relative Strengths of Beams and Columns at a Joint

**7.2.1** At each beam-column joint of a moment-resisting frame, the sum of nominal design strength of columns meeting at that joint (with nominal strength calculated for the factored axial load in the direction of the lateral force under consideration so as to give least column nominal design strength) along each principal plane shall be at least 1.4 times the sum of nominal design strength of beams meeting at that joint in the same plane (see Fig. 8).

In the event of a beam-column joint not conforming to above, the columns at the joint shall be considered to be gravity columns only and shall not be considered as part of the lateral load resisting system.

**7.2.1.1** The design moments of resistance of a beam shall be estimated based on the principles of mechanics and the limiting strain states of the limit state design method enunciated in IS 456. The design moment of resistance of a column shall be estimated as in case of

beams corresponding to zero axial force on the design  $P$ - $M$  interaction diagram.

**7.2.1.2** This check shall be performed at each joint for both positive and negative directions of shaking in the plane under consideration. Further, in this check, design moments of resistance in beam(s) meeting at a joint shall be considered in the same direction, and similarly the design moments of resistance of column(s) at the same joint shall be considered to be in the direction opposite to that of the moments in the beams.

**7.2.1.3** This check shall be waived at all joints at roof level only, in buildings more than 4 storeys tall.

The provisions of 7.2 are not applicable for flat slab structures.

### 7.3 Longitudinal Reinforcement

**7.3.1** Circular columns shall have minimum of 6 bars.

#### 7.3.2 Splicing of Longitudinal Bars

##### 7.3.2.1 Lap splices

When adopted, closed links shall be provided over the entire length over which the longitudinal bars are spliced. Further,

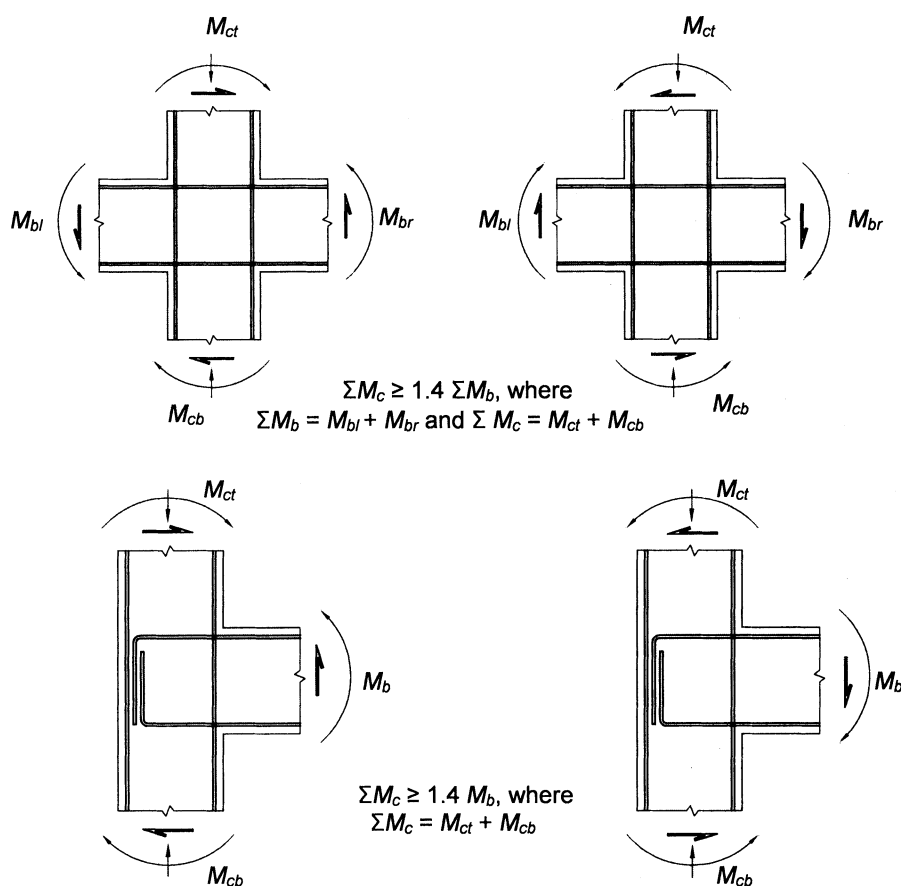


FIG. 8 STRONG COLUMN – WEAK BEAM REQUIREMENT

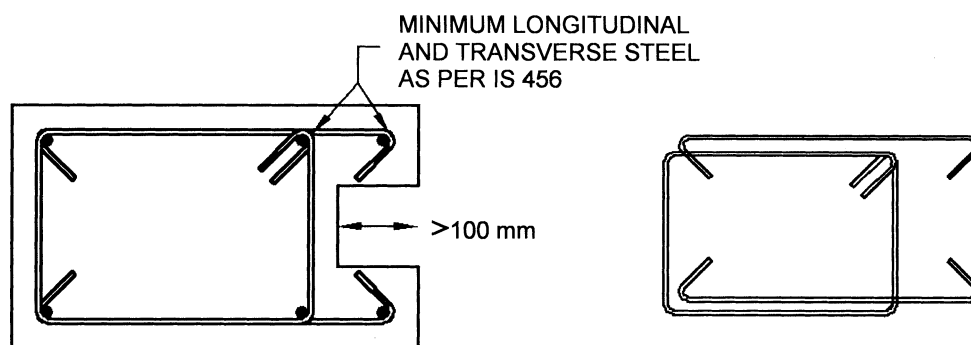


FIG. 9 REINFORCEMENT REQUIREMENT IN COLUMNS WITH PROJECTION MORE THAN 100 MM BEYOND CORE

- the spacing of these links shall not exceed 100 mm.
- the lap length shall not be less than the development length of the largest longitudinal reinforcement bar in tension.
- lap splices shall be provided only in the central half of clear column height, and not
  - within a joint, or
  - within a distance of  $2d$  from face of the beam.
- not more than 50 percent of area of steel bars shall be spliced at any one section.
- lap splices shall not be used for bars of diameter larger than 32 mm for which mechanical splicing shall be adopted.

#### 7.3.2.2 Mechanical couplers

Mechanical couplers (conforming to IS 16172) shall be used. Further, only those mechanical splices conforming to the above standard and capable of developing the specified tensile strength of spliced bar shall be permitted within a distance equal to two times the depth of the member from the column face in any location where yielding of reinforcement is likely to take place.

#### 7.3.2.3 Welded splices

Welded splices shall not be used in columns for a distance equal to two times the depth of the member from the member face or in any location where yielding of reinforcement is likely to take place. At any location, not more than 50 percent of area of steel bars shall be spliced at any one section. But, welding of links, ties, inserts or other similar elements to vertical reinforcement bars required as per design is not permitted, in any seismic zone.

**7.3.3** A column that extends more than 100 mm beyond the confined core owing to architectural requirement (see Fig. 9) shall be detailed in the following manner:

- When the contribution of this area is considered in the estimate of strength of

columns, it shall have at least the minimum longitudinal and transverse reinforcement given in this standard.

- When the contribution of this area is not considered in the estimate of strength of columns, it shall have at least the minimum longitudinal and transverse reinforcement given in IS 456.

### 7.4 Transverse Reinforcement

**7.4.1** Transverse reinforcement shall consist of closed loop,

- spiral or circular links in circular columns, and
- rectangular links in rectangular columns.

In either case, the closed link shall have  $135^\circ$  hook ends with an extension of 6 times its diameter (but not  $< 65$  mm) at each end, which are embedded in the confined core of the column (see Fig. 10A).

**7.4.2** When rectangular links are used,

- the minimum diameter permitted of transverse reinforcement bars is 8 mm, when diameter of longitudinal bar is less than or equal to 32 mm, and 10 mm, when diameter of longitudinal bar is more than 32 mm;
- the maximum spacing of parallel legs of links shall be 300 mm centre to centre;
- a cross-tie shall be provided, if the length of any side of the link exceeds 300 mm (see Fig. 10B); the cross-tie shall be placed perpendicular to this link whose length exceeds 300 mm. Alternatively, a pair of overlapping links may be provided within the column (see Fig. 10C). In either case, the hook ends of the links and cross-ties shall engage around peripheral longitudinal bars. Consecutive cross-ties engaging the same longitudinal bars shall have their  $90^\circ$  hooks on opposite sides of the column. Crossties of the same or smaller bar size as the hoops shall be permitted; and,

IS 13920 : 2016

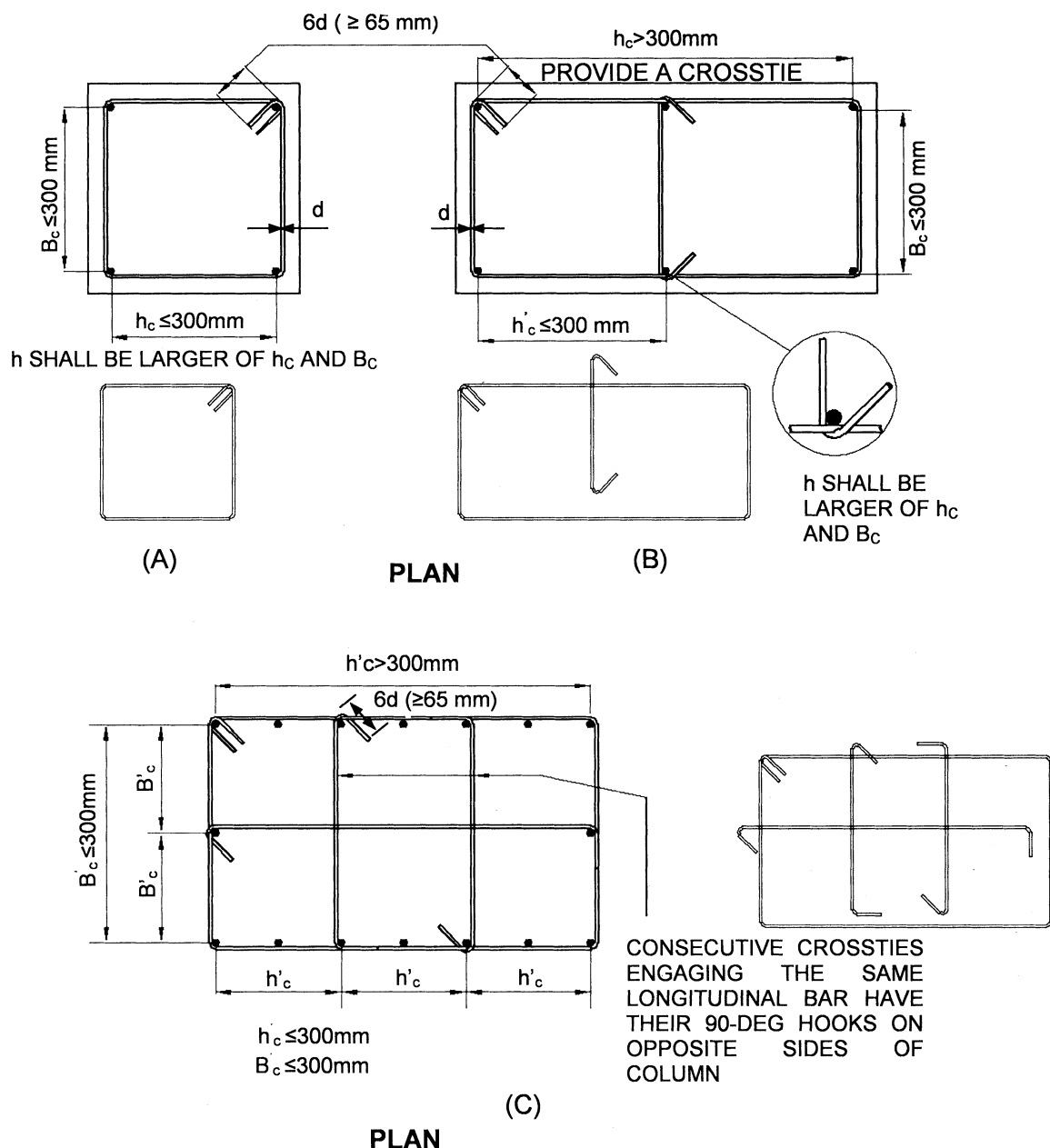


FIG. 10 DETAIL OF TRANSVERSE REINFORCEMENT IN COLUMNS

- d) the maximum spacing of links shall be half the least lateral dimension of the column, except where special confining reinforcement is provided as per 8.

### 7.5 Design Shear Force in Columns

The design shear force demand on columns is the larger of,

- factored shear force demand as per linear structural analysis; and
- factored equilibrium shear force demand when plastic hinges are formed at both ends of the beams given by:

- For sway to right:

$$V_u = 1.4 \frac{(M_u^{As} + M_u^{Bs})}{h_{st}}$$

- For sway to left:

$$V_u = 1.4 \frac{(M_u^{Ah} + M_u^{Bs})}{h_{st}}$$

where  $M_u^{As}$ ,  $M_u^{Ah}$ ,  $M_u^{Bs}$  and  $M_u^{Bh}$  are design sagging and hogging moments of resistance of beams framing into the column on opposite faces A and B, respectively, with one hogging moment and the other sagging (see Fig. 11); and  $h_{st}$  the storey height. The design moments of resistance of beam sections shall be calculated as per IS 456.

**7.5.1** The calculation of design shear force capacity of RC columns shall be calculated as per IS 456.

## 8 SPECIAL CONFINING REINFORCEMENT

The requirements of this section shall be met with in beams and columns, unless a larger amount of transverse reinforcement is required from shear strength considerations given in 6.3.3 for beams and 7.5 for columns.

**8.1** Flexural yielding is likely in beams during strong earthquake shaking and in columns when the shaking intensity exceeds the expected intensity of earthquake shaking (*see* Fig. 12). This special confining reinforcement shall,

- be provided over a length  $l_o$  from the face of the joint towards mid-span of beams and mid heights of columns, on either side of the joint; where  $l_o$  is not less than
  - larger lateral dimension of the member at the section where yielding occurs,

- 1/6 of clear span of the member; or
  - 450 mm.
- have a spacing not more than,
    - 1/4 of minimum member dimension of the beam or column;
    - 6 times diameter of the smallest longitudinal reinforcement bars; and
    - 100 mm link.
  - have area  $A_{sh}$  of cross section of the bar forming links or spiral of at least:
    - in circular links or spirals:

$$A_{sh} = \text{Maximum of } \begin{cases} 0.09 s_v D_k \frac{f_{ck}}{f_y} \left( \frac{A_g}{A_k} - 1 \right) \\ 0.024 s_v D_k \frac{f_{ck}}{f_y} \end{cases}$$

where

$s_v$  = pitch of spiral or spacing of links,

$D_k$  = diameter of core of circular column measured to outside of spiral/link,

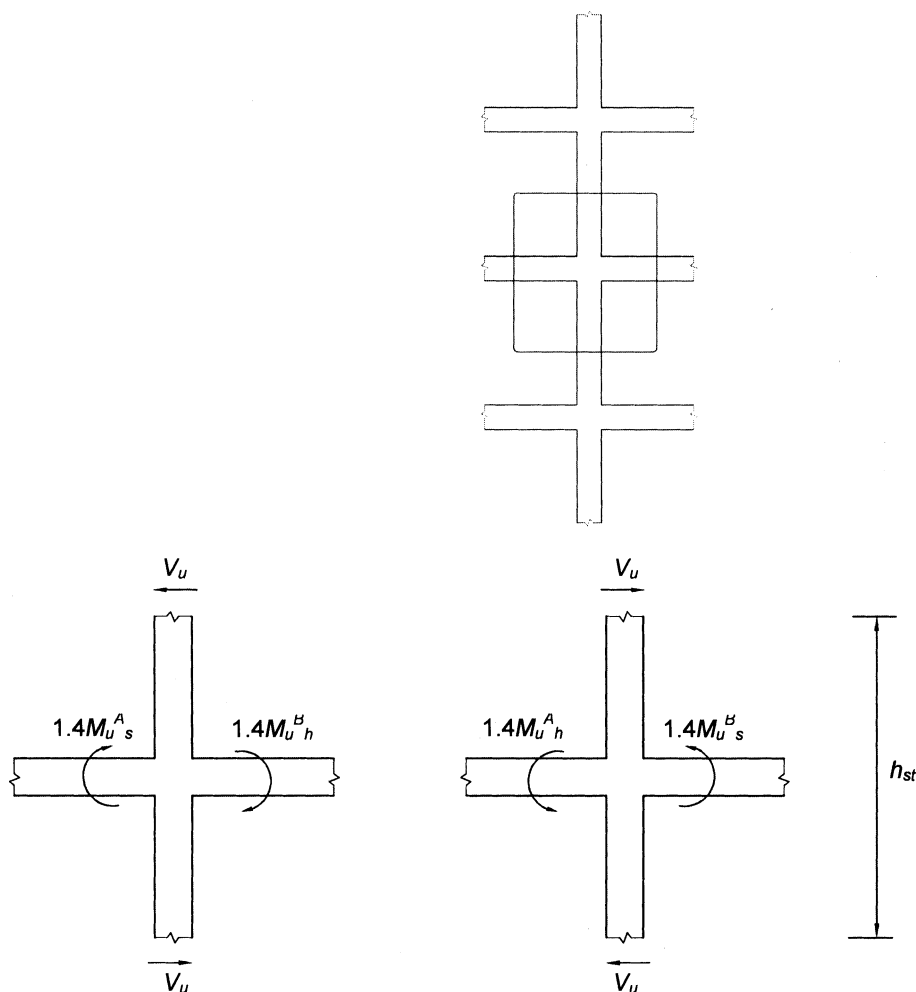


FIG. 11 EQUILIBRIUM DESIGN SHEAR FORCE DEMAND ON COLUMN WHEN PLASTIC HINGES ARE FORMED AT BEAM ENDS

IS 13920 : 2016

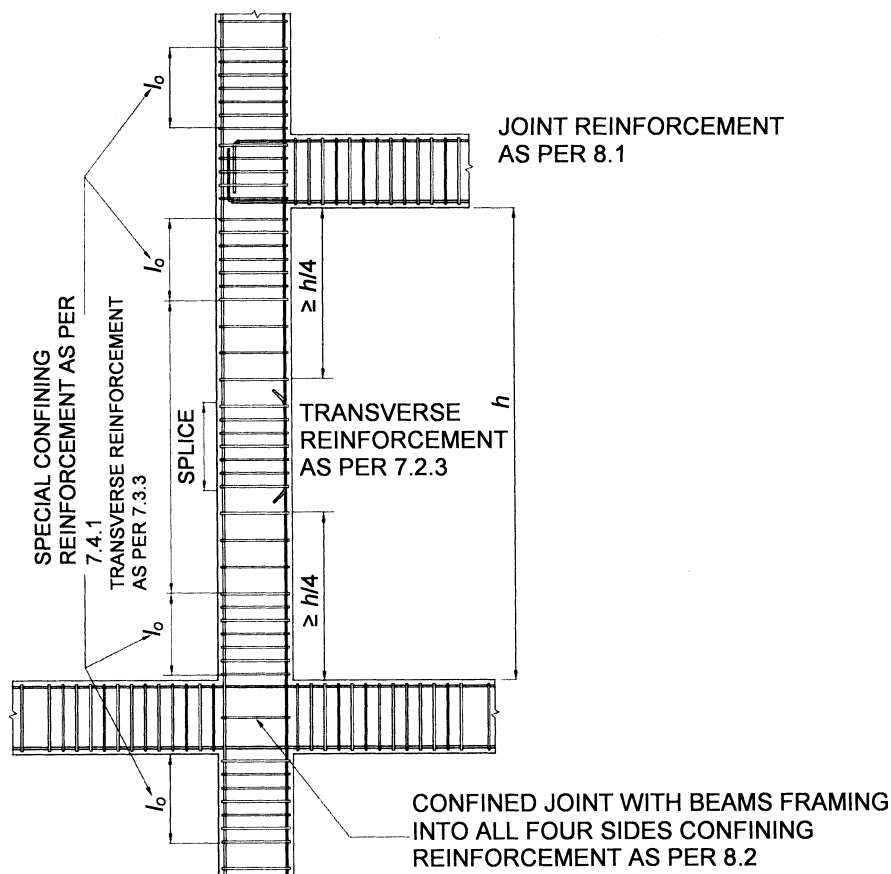


FIG. 12 COLUMN AND JOINT DETAILING

$f_{ck}$  = characteristic compressive strength of concrete cube,

$f_y$  = 0.2 percent proof strength of transverse steel reinforcement bars,

$A_g$  = gross area of column cross-section, and

$A_k$  = area of concrete core of column =  $\frac{\pi}{4} D_k^2$

2) in rectangular links:

$$A_{sh} = \text{Maximum of} \begin{cases} 0.18 s_v h \frac{f_{ck}}{f_y} \left( \frac{A_g}{A_k} - 1 \right) \\ 0.05 s_v h \frac{f_{ck}}{f_y} \end{cases}$$

where

$h$  = longer dimension of rectangular link measured to its outer face, which does not exceed 300 mm (see Fig. 10B), and

$A_k$  = area of confined concrete core in rectangular link measured to its outer dimensions.

$h$  of the link could be reduced by introducing crossties (see Fig. 10C). In such cases,  $A_k$  shall be measured as overall core area, regardless of link arrangement. Hooks of cross-ties shall engage peripheral longitudinal bars.

8.2 When a column terminates into a footing or mat, special confining reinforcement shall extend at least 300 mm into the footing or mat (see Fig. 13).

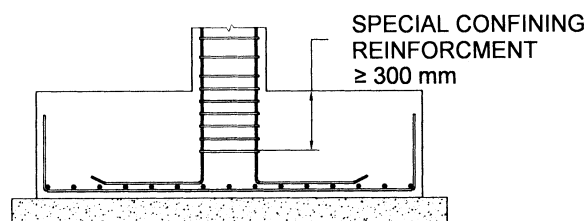


FIG. 13 PROVISION OF SPECIAL CONFINING REINFORCEMENT IN FOOTING

8.3 When the calculated point of contra-flexure, under the effect of gravity and earthquake effects, is not within the middle half of the member clear height, special confining reinforcement shall be provided over the full height of the column.

8.4 Special confining reinforcement shall be provided over the full height of a column which has significant variation in stiffness along its height. This variation in stiffness may result due to abrupt changes in cross-section size, or unintended restraint to the column provided by stair-slab, mezzanine floor, plinth or lintel

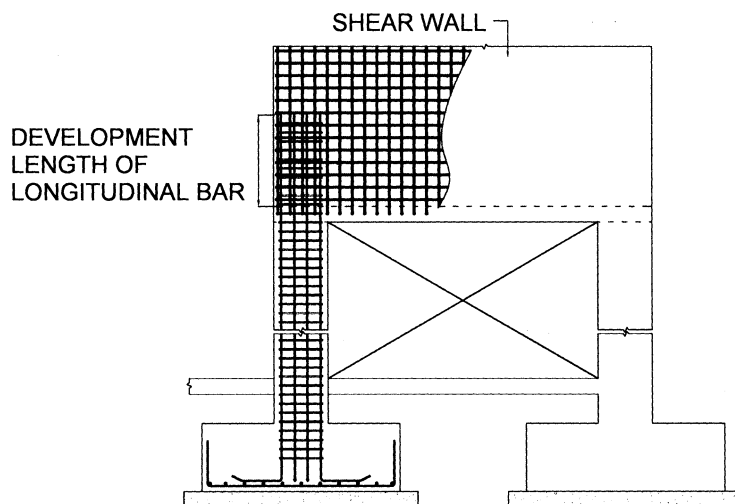


FIG. 14 COLUMNS WITH VARIABLE STIFFNESS

beams framing into the columns, RC wall or masonry wall adjoining column and extending only for partial column height.

**8.5** Columns supporting reactions from discontinued stiff members, such as walls, shall be provided with special confining reinforcement over their full height. (see Fig. 14). This reinforcement shall also be placed above the discontinuity for at least the development length of the largest longitudinal bar in the column. Where the column is supported on a wall, this reinforcement shall be provided over the full height of the column; it shall also be provided below the discontinuity for the same development length.

## 9 BEAM-COLUMN JOINTS OF MOMENT-RESISTING FRAMES

### 9.1 Design of Beam-Column Joint for Distortional Shear

#### 9.1.1 Shear Strength of Concrete in a Joint

The nominal shear strength  $\tau_{jc}$  of concrete in a beam-column joint shall be taken as

$$\tau_{jc} = \begin{cases} 1.5 A_{ej} \sqrt{f_{ck}} & \text{for joints confined by beams on all four faces} \\ 1.2 A_{ej} \sqrt{f_{ck}} & \text{for joints confined by beams on three faces} \\ 1.0 A_{ej} \sqrt{f_{ck}} & \text{for other joints} \end{cases}$$

where  $A_{ej}$  is effective shear area of joint given by  $b_j w_j$ , in which  $b_j$  is the effective breadth of joint perpendicular to the direction of shear force and  $w_j$  the effective width of joint along the direction of shear force. The effective width of joint  $b_j$  (see Fig. 15) shall be obtained from following:

$$\min [b_b; b_c + 0.5 h_c] \text{ if } b_c < b_b.$$

where

$b_b$  = width of beam and  $b_c$  = width of column

$h_c$  = depth of column in considered direction.

#### 9.1.2 Design Shear Stress Demand on a Joint

- Design shear stress demand acting horizontally along each of the two principal plan directions of the joint shall be estimated from earthquake shaking considered along each of these directions, using

$$\tau_{jdX} = \frac{V_{djX}}{b_j w_j} \text{ for shaking along plan direction X of earthquake shaking,}$$

$$\tau_{jdY} = \frac{V_{djY}}{b_j w_j} \text{ for shaking along plan direction Y of earthquake shaking}$$

It shall be ensured that the joint shear capacity of joint concrete estimated using 9.1.1 exceeds both  $\tau_{jdX}$  and  $\tau_{jdY}$ .

- Design shear force demands  $V_{jdX}$  and  $V_{jdY}$  acting horizontally on the joint in principal plan directions X and Y shall be estimated considering that the longitudinal beam bars in tension reach a stress of  $1.25 f_y$  (when over strength plastic moment hinges are formed at beam ends).

#### 9.1.3 Width of Beam Column Joint

When beam reinforcement extends through beam-column joint, the minimum width of the column parallel to beam shall be 20 times the diameter of the largest longitudinal beam bar.

IS 13920 : 2016

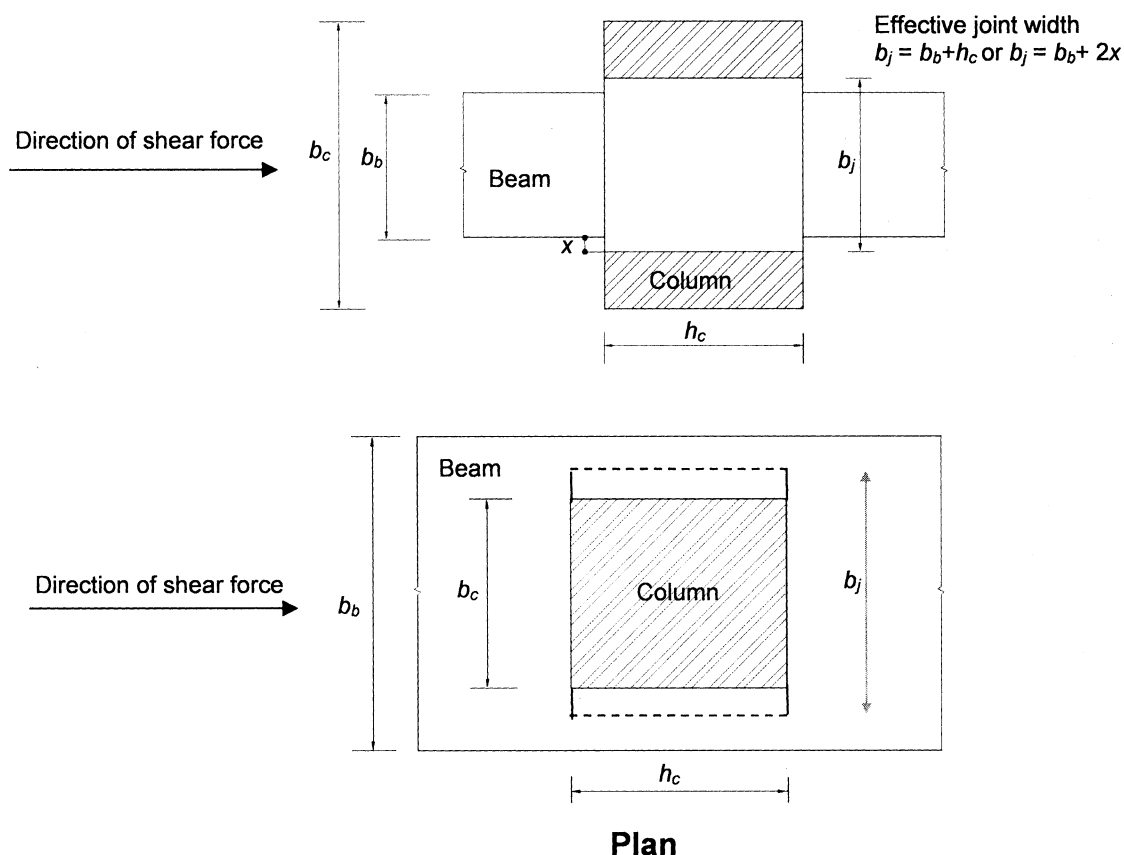


FIG. 15 PLAN VIEW OF A BEAM COLUMN JOINT SHOWING EFFECTIVE BREADTH AND WIDTH OF JOINT

## 9.2 Transverse Reinforcement

### 9.2.1 Confining Reinforcement in Joints

- When all four vertical faces of the joint are having beams framing into them covering at least 75 percent of the width on each face,
  - At least half the special confining reinforcement required as per 8 at the two ends of columns, shall be provided through the joint within the depth of the shallowest beam framing into it; and
  - Spacing of these transverse links shall not exceed 150 mm.
- When all four vertical faces of the joint are not having beams framing into them or when all four vertical faces have beams framing into them but do not cover at least 75 percent of the width on any face,
  - special confining reinforcement required as per 8 at the two ends of columns shall be provided through the joint within the depth of the shallowest beam framing into it, and
  - spacing of these transverse links shall not exceed 150 mm.

9.2.2 In the exterior and corner joints, all 135° hooks of cross-ties should be along the outer face of columns.

## 10 SPECIAL SHEAR WALLS

### 10.1 General Requirements

10.1.1 The requirements of this section apply to special shear walls that are part of lateral force resisting system of earthquake-resistant RC buildings.

10.1.2 The minimum thickness of special shear walls shall not be less than,

- 150 mm; and
- 300 mm for buildings with coupled shear walls in any seismic zone.

The minimum thickness provided must conform to the fire resistance requirements based on occupancy as laid down in IS 456.

10.1.3 The minimum ratio of length of wall to its thickness shall be 4.

10.1.4 Special shear walls shall be classified as squat, intermediate or slender depending on the overall height  $h_w$  to length  $L_w$  ratio as

- Squat walls:  $h_w / L_w < 1$ ,



- b) Intermediate walls:  $1 \leq h_w / L_w \leq 2$ , and
- c) Slender walls:  $h_w / L_w > 2$ .

**10.1.5** In the design of flanged wall sections, only that part of the flange shall be considered which extends beyond the face of the web of the structural wall at least for a distance equal to smaller of,

- a) actual width available;
- b) half the distance to the adjacent structural wall web; and
- c) 1/10th of the total wall height.

**10.1.6** Special shear walls shall be provided with uniformly spaced reinforcement in its cross-section along vertical and horizontal directions. At least a minimum area of reinforcement bars as indicated in Table 1 shall be provided along vertical and horizontal directions.

**10.1.7** Reinforcement bars shall be provided in two curtains within the cross-section of the wall, with each curtain having bars running along vertical and horizontal directions, when,

- a) factored shear stress demand in the wall exceeds  $0.25\sqrt{f_{ck}}$  MPa; or
- b) wall thickness is 200 mm or higher.

When steel is provided in two layers, all vertical steel bars shall be contained within the horizontal steel bars; the horizontal bars shall form a closed core concrete area with closed loops and cross-ties.

**10.1.8** The largest diameter of longitudinal steel bars used in any part of a wall shall not exceed 1/10th of the thickness of that part.

**10.1.9** The maximum spacing of vertical or horizontal reinforcement shall not exceed smaller of,

- a) 1/5th horizontal length  $L_w$  of wall;
- b) 3 times thickness  $t_w$  of web of wall; and
- c) 450 mm.

**10.1.10** Special shear walls shall be founded on properly designed foundations and shall not be discontinued to rest on beams, columns or inclined members.

## 10.2 Design for Shear Force

**10.2.1** Nominal shear stress demand  $\tau_v$  on a wall shall be estimated as:

$$\tau_v = \frac{V_u}{t_w d_w},$$

where  $V_u$  is factored shear force,  $t_w$  thickness of the web, and  $d_w$  effective depth of wall section (along the length of the wall), which may be taken as  $0.8 L_w$  for rectangular sections.

**Table 1 Minimum Reinforcement in RC Shear Walls**

(Clause 10.1.6)

Sl. No.	Type of Wall	Reinforcement Details
i)	Squat walls	$(\rho_h)_{\min} = 0.0025$ $(\rho_v)_{\min} = 0.0025 + 0.5 \left(1 - \frac{h_w}{t_w}\right) (\rho_h - 0.0025)$ $(\rho_{v,net}) = (\rho_{v,web}) + \left(\frac{t_w}{L_w}\right) [0.02 - 2.5(\rho_{v,web})]$ $(\rho_v)_{\text{provided}} < (\rho_h)_{\text{provided}}$
ii)	Intermediate walls	$(\rho_h)_{\min} = 0.0025$ $(\rho_{v,be})_{\min} = 0.0080$ $(\rho_{v,web})_{\min} = 0.0025$ $(\rho_{v,net})_{\min} = 0.0025 + 0.01375 \left(\frac{t_w}{L_w}\right)$
iii)	Slender walls	$(\rho_h)_{\min} = 0.0025 + 0.5 \left(\frac{h_w}{L_w} - 2\right) (\rho_h - 0.0025)$ $(\rho_{v,be})_{\min} = 0.0080$ $(\rho_{v,web})_{\min} = 0.0025$ $(\rho_{v,net})_{\min} = 0.0025 + 0.01375 \left(\frac{t_w}{L_w}\right)$

**10.2.2** Design shear strength  $\tau_c$  of concrete shall be calculated as per Table 19 of IS 456.

**10.2.3** When nominal shear stress demand  $\tau_v$  on a wall is,

- a) more than maximum design shear strength  $\tau_{c,max}$  of concrete (given in Table 20 of IS 456), the wall section shall be re-designed;
- b) less than maximum design shear strength  $\tau_{c,max}$  of concrete and more than design shear strength  $\tau_c$  of concrete, design horizontal shear reinforcement shall be provided of area  $A_h$  given by:

$$A_h = \frac{V_u}{0.87 f_y \left(\frac{d}{s_v}\right)_{\text{Integral}}} = \frac{V_u - \tau_c t_w d_w}{0.87 f_y \left(\frac{d}{s_v}\right)_{\text{Integral}}},$$

which shall not be less than the minimum area of horizontal steel as per **10.1.5**; and

- c) less than design shear strength  $\tau_c$  of concrete, horizontal shear reinforcement shall be the minimum area of horizontal steel as per **10.1.5**.

## 10.3 Design for Axial Force and Bending Moment

**10.3.1** Design moment of resistance  $M_u$  of the wall section subjected to combined bending moment and compressive axial load shall be estimated in accordance with requirements of limit state design method given

**IS 13920 : 2016**

in IS 456, using the principles of mechanics involving equilibrium equations, strain compatibility conditions and constitutive laws.

The moment of resistance of slender rectangular structural wall section with uniformly distributed vertical reinforcement may be estimated using expressions given in Annex A. Expressions given in Annex A are not applicable for structural walls with boundary elements.

**10.3.2** The cracked flexural strength of a wall section shall be greater than its uncracked flexural strength.

**10.3.3** In structural walls that do not have boundary elements, at least a minimum of 4 bars of 12 mm diameter arranged in 2 layers, shall be concentrated as vertical reinforcement at the ends of the wall over a length not exceeding twice the thickness of RC wall.

**10.4 Boundary Elements**

Boundary elements are portions along the wall edges that are strengthened by longitudinal and transverse reinforcement even if they have the same thickness as that of the wall web. It is advantageous to provide boundary elements with dimension greater than thickness of the wall web.

**10.4.1** Boundary elements shall be provided along the vertical boundaries of walls, when the extreme fibre compressive stress in the wall exceeds  $0.2 f_{ck}$  due to factored gravity loads plus factored earthquake force. Boundary elements may be discontinued at elevations where extreme fiber compressive stress becomes less than  $0.15 f_{ck}$ . Extreme fibre compressive stress shall be estimated using a linearly elastic model and gross section properties.

**10.4.2** A boundary element shall have adequate axial load carrying capacity, assuming short column action, so as to enable it to carry axial compression arising from factored gravity load and lateral seismic shaking effects.

**10.4.2.1** The load factor for gravity load shall be taken as 0.8, if gravity load gives higher axial compressive strength of the boundary element.

**10.4.3** The vertical reinforcement in the boundary elements shall not be less than 0.8 percent and not greater than 6 percent; the practical upper limit would be 4 percent to avoid congestion.

**10.4.4** Boundary elements, where required as per **10.4.1**, shall be provided with special confining reinforcement throughout their height, given by

$$A_{sh} = 0.05 s_v h \frac{f_{ck}}{f_y}$$

and have a spacing not more than,

- 1/3 of minimum member dimension of the boundary element;
- 6 times diameter of the smallest longitudinal reinforcement bars; and
- 100 mm but may be relaxed to 150 mm, if maximum distance between cross-ties/parallel legs of links or ties is limited to 200 mm,

but need not be less than 100 mm.

**10.4.5** Boundary elements need not be provided, if the entire wall section is provided with special confining reinforcement, as per **8**.

**10.5 Coupling Beams**

**10.5.1** Coplanar special structural walls may be connected by means of coupling beams.

**10.5.2** If earthquake induced shear stress  $\tau_{ve}$  in coupling beam exceeds

$$\tau_{ve} > 0.1 \sqrt{f_{ck}} \left( \frac{L_s}{D} \right),$$

where  $L_s$  is clear span of coupling beam and  $D$  overall depth, the entire earthquake-induced shear, bending moment and axial compression shall be resisted by diagonal reinforcement alone. Further,

- area of this diagonal reinforcement along each diagonal shall be estimated as:

$$A_{sd} = \frac{V_u}{1.74 f_y \sin \alpha},$$

Where  $V_u$  is factored shear force on the coupling beam and the angle made by diagonal reinforcement with the horizontal.

- at least 4 bars of 8 mm diameter shall be provided along each diagonal. All longitudinal bars along each diagonal shall be enclosed by special confining transverse reinforcement as per **8** at a spacing not exceeding 100 mm.

**10.5.3** The diagonal of a coupling beam shall be anchored in the adjacent walls with an anchorage length of 1.5 times the development length in tension (see Fig. 16).

**10.6 Openings in Walls**

**10.6.1** Shear strength of a wall with openings should be checked at critical horizontal planes passing through openings.

**10.6.2** Additional steel reinforcement shall be provided along all four edges of openings in walls. Further,

- the area of these vertical and horizontal steel should be equal to that of the respective

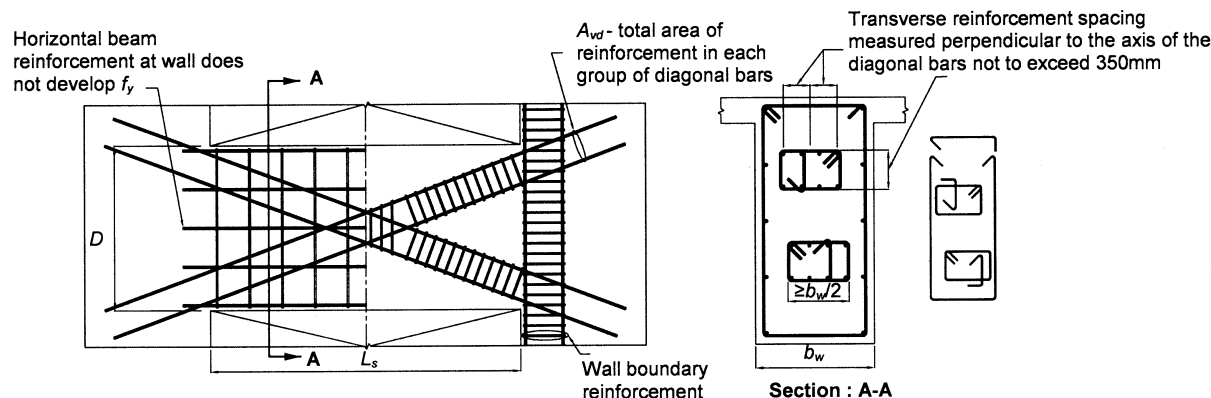


FIG. 16 COUPLING BEAMS WITH DIAGONAL REINFORCEMENT

interrupted bars, provided half on either side of the wall in each direction.

- these vertical bars should extend for full height of the storey in which this opening is present.
- the horizontal bars should be provided with development length in tension beyond the edge of the opening.

### 10.7 Construction Joints

Vertical reinforcement across a horizontal construction joint shall have area,  $A_{st}$  given by:

$$\frac{A_{st}}{A_g} \geq \frac{0.92}{f_y} \left( \tau_v - \frac{P_u}{A_g} \right)$$

where  $\tau_v$  is factored shear stress at the joint,  $P_u$  factored axial force (positive for compression), and  $A_g$  gross cross-sectional area of joint.

### 10.8 Development, Splice and Anchorage Requirement

**10.8.1** Horizontal reinforcement shall be anchored near the edges of wall or in confined core of boundary elements.

**10.8.2** In slender walls ( $H/L_w > 2$ ), splicing of vertical flexural reinforcement should be avoided, as far as possible, in regions where flexural yielding may take place, which extends for a distance larger of

- $L_w$  above the base of the wall; and
- 1/6th of the wall height;

but not larger than  $2L_w$ .

#### 10.8.3 Splices

##### 10.8.3.1 Lap splices

When adopted, closed links shall be provided over the entire length over which the longitudinal bars are spliced. Further,

- the spacing of these links shall not exceed 150 mm.

- the lap length shall not be less than the development length of the largest longitudinal reinforcement bar in tension.
- lap splices shall be provided only in the central half of clear wall height, and not,
  - within a joint; or
  - within a distance of  $2d$  from a location where yielding of reinforcement is likely to take place.
- not more than 50 percent of area of steel bars shall be spliced at any one section.

**10.8.3.2** Mechanical couplers (conforming to IS 16172) shall be used. Further, only those mechanical splices conforming to the above standard and capable of developing the specified tensile strength of spliced bar shall be permitted within a distance equal to two times the depth of the member from the beam-column joint or in any location where yielding of reinforcement is likely to take place

##### 10.8.3.3 Welded splices

Welded splices shall be avoided as far as possible. In no case shall they be used for a distance equal to two times the depth of the member from the member face or in any location where yielding of reinforcement is likely to take place. At any location, not more than 50 percent of area of steel bars shall be spliced at any one section.

Welding of links, ties, inserts or other similar elements to vertical reinforcement bars required as per design is not permitted, in any seismic zone.

**10.8.4** In buildings located in Seismic Zones II and III, closed loop transverse links shall be provided around lapped spliced bars larger than 16 mm in diameter. The minimum diameter of such links shall be 1/4th of diameter of spliced bar but not less than 8 mm at spacing not exceeding 150 mm centres.

## 11 GRAVITY COLUMNS IN BUILDINGS

Gravity columns in buildings shall be detailed

**IS 13920 : 2016**

according to **11.1** and **11.2** for bending moments induced when subjected to 'R' times the design lateral displacement under the factored equivalent static design seismic loads given by IS 1893 (Part 1).

**11.1** The provisions in **11.1.1** and **11.1.2** shall be satisfied, when induced bending moments and horizontal shear forces under the said lateral displacement combined with factored gravity bending moment and shear force do not exceed the design moment of resistance and design lateral shear capacity of the column.

**11.1.1** Gravity columns shall satisfy **7.3.2**, **7.4.1** and **7.4.2**. But, spacing of links along the full column height shall not exceed 6 times diameter of smallest

longitudinal bar or 150 mm.

**11.1.2** Gravity columns with factored gravity axial stress exceeding  $0.4f_{ck}$  shall satisfy **11.1.1** and shall have transverse reinforcement at least one half of special confining reinforcement required by **8**.

**11.2** When induced bending moments and shear forces under said lateral displacement combined with factored gravity bending moment and shear force exceed design moment and shear strength of the frame, **11.2.1** and **11.2.2** shall be satisfied.

**11.2.1** Mechanical and welded splices shall satisfy **7.3.2.2** and **7.3.2.3**.

**11.2.2** Gravity columns shall satisfy **7.4** and **8**.

**ANNEX A**

(Clause 10.3.1)

**A-1 MOMENT OF RESISTANCE OF RECTANGULAR SHEAR WALL SECTION**

The moment of resistance  $M_u$  of a slender rectangular structural wall section with uniformly distributed vertical reinforcement may be estimated as:

a) For  $(x_u/L_w) < (x_u^*/L_w)$

$$\frac{M_u}{f_{ck} t_w L_w^2} = \phi \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda}{\phi} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} - 0.416 \frac{x_u}{L_w} \right) - \left( \frac{x_u}{L_w} \right)^2 \left( 0.168 + \frac{\beta^2}{3} \right) \right]$$

where

$$\frac{x_u}{L_w} = \left( \frac{\phi + \lambda}{2\phi + 0.36} \right);$$

$$\frac{x_u^*}{L_w} = \frac{0.0035}{0.0035 + (0.002 + 0.87 f_y / E_s)};$$

$$\phi = \left( \frac{0.87 f_y \rho}{f_{ck}} \right);$$

$$\lambda = \left( \frac{P_u}{f_{ck} t_w L_w} \right);$$

$$\rho = \text{vertical reinforcement ratio} = \left( \frac{A_{st}}{t_w L_w} \right),$$

$A_{st}$  = area of uniformly distributed vertical reinforcement,

$$\beta = \frac{(0.002 + 0.87 f_y / E_s)}{0.0035},$$

$E_s$  = elastic modulus of steel, and

$P_u$  = factored compressive axial force on wall.

b) For  $(x_u^*/L_w) < (x_u/L_w) < 1.0$

$$\frac{M_u}{f_{ck} t_w L_w^2} = \alpha_1 \left( \frac{x_u}{L_w} \right) - \alpha_2 \left( \frac{x_u}{L_w} \right)^2 - \alpha_3 - \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

where

$$\alpha_1 = \left[ 0.36 + \phi \left( 1 - \frac{\beta}{2} - \frac{1}{2\beta} \right) \right]$$

$$\alpha_2 = \left[ 0.15 + \frac{\phi}{2} \left( 1 - \beta + \frac{\beta^2}{3} - \frac{1}{3\beta} \right) \right] \text{ and}$$

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{\phi}{6\beta} \left( \frac{1}{x_u/L_w} - 3 \right).$$

$x_u/L_w$  to be used in this expression shall be obtained by solving the equation:

$$\alpha_1 \left( \frac{x_u}{L_w} \right) + \alpha_4 \left( \frac{x_u}{L_w} \right) - \alpha_5 = 0$$

where

$$\alpha_4 = \left( \frac{\phi}{\beta} - \lambda \right), \text{ and}$$

$$\alpha_5 = \left( \frac{\phi}{2\beta} \right).$$

**ANNEX B***(Foreword)***COMMITTEE COMPOSITION****Earthquake Engineering Sectional Committee, CED 39*****Chairman*****DR D. K. PAUL****Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, Roorkee**

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Representative(s)</i>
Association of Consulting Civil Engineers, Bangalore	SHRI SANDEEP SHIRKHEDKAR DR ASWATH M. U. ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Atomic Energy Regulatory Board, Mumbai	DR L. R. BISHNOI SHRI ROSHAN A. D. ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, New Delhi	SHRI RAVI KUMAR
Building Materials & Technology Promotion Council, New Delhi	SHRI J. K. PRASAD SHRI PANKAJ GUPTA ( <i>Alternate</i> )
CSIR-Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee	DR NAVJEEV SAXENA DR AJAY CHAURASIA ( <i>Alternate</i> )
CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad	DR M. RAVI KUMAR DR N. PURNACHANDRA RAO ( <i>Alternate</i> )
CSIR-Structural Engineering Research Centre, Chennai	DR N. GOPALAKRISHNAN DR K S KRISHNAMOORTHY ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Central Public Works Department, New Delhi	SHRI A.K. GARG SHRI RAJESH KHARE ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Central Soils and Materials Research Station, New Delhi	SHRI NRIPENDRA KUMAR DR MANISH GUPTA ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Central Water Commission, New Delhi	DIRECTOR, CMDD (E & NE) DIRECTOR, EMBANKMENT ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Creative Design Consultants & Engineers Pvt Ltd, Ghaziabad	SHRI AMANDEEP GARG SHRI BARJINDER SINGH ( <i>Alternate</i> )
D-CAD Technologies, New Delhi	DR K. G. BHATIA
DDF Consultants Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi	DR (SHRIMATI) PRATIMA R. BOSE SHRI SADANAND OJHA ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Directorate General of Border Roads, New Delhi	SHRI B. S. PANDEY
Engineers India Limited, New Delhi	MS ILA DASS DR G G SRINIVAS ACHARY ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Gammon India Limited, Mumbai	SHRI V. N. HEGGADE SHRI ANAND DESAI ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Geological Survey of India, Lucknow	SHRI K. C. JOSHI
Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd, New Delhi	SHRI SAMIR MITRA
Indian Concrete Institute, Chennai	DR A. R. SANTHAKUMAR
Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai	DR RAVI SINHA DR ALOK GOYAL ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar, Bhubaneswar	DR SURESH RANJAN DASH
Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, Guwahati	DR HEMANT B. KAUSHIK
Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur, Jodhpur	DR C. V. R. MURTY
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, Kanpur	DR DURGESH C. RAI
Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai	DR A. MEHER PRASAD DR RUPEN GOSWAMI ( <i>Alternate</i> I) DR ARUN MENON ( <i>Alternate</i> II)
Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, Roorkee	PROF ASHOK JAIN DR MANISH SHRIKHANDE ( <i>Alternate</i> )

**IS 13920 : 2016**

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Representative(s)</i>
Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar, Gandhinagar	DR S. K. JAIN
Indian Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad	DR PRADEEP KUMAR RAMANCHARLA
Indian Meteorological Department, New Delhi	SHRI SURYA BALI JAISWAR SHRI RAJESH PRAKASH ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Indian Roads Congress, New Delhi	SECRETARY GENERAL DIRECTOR ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Indian Society of Earthquake Technology, Roorkee	PROF H. R. WASON PROF M. L. SHARMA ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Military Engineer Services, Engineer-in-Chief's Branch, New Delhi	BRIG. B. D. PANDEY SHRI RAVI SINHA ( <i>Alternate</i> )
National Council for Cement and Building Materials, Ballabgarh	SHRI V. V. ARORA
National Disaster Management Authority, New Delhi	DR RAVINDER SINGH
National Thermal Power Corporation, Noida	DR PRAVEEN KHANDELWAL SHRI SAURABH GUPTA ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited, Mumbai	SHRI ARVIND SHRIVASTAVA SHRI RAGUPATI ROY ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Research, Design and Standards Organization, Lucknow	SHRI PIYUSH AGARWAL SHRI R. K. GOEL ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Risk Management Solutions Inc (RMSI), Noida	SHRI SUSHIL GUPTA
RITES Limited, Gurgaon	SHRI A. K. MATHUR
Tandon Consultants Pvt Limited, New Delhi	PROF MAHESH TANDON SHRI VINAY K. GUPTA ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Tata Consulting Engineers, Mumbai	SHRI K. V. SUBRAMANIAN SHRI B. B. GHARAT ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Vakil-Mehta-Sheth Consulting Engineers, Mumbai	MS ALPA R. SHETH SHRI R. D. CHAUDHARI ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur	DR O. R. JAISWAL DR R. K. INGLE ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun	DR SUSHIL KUMAR DR VIKRAM GUPTA ( <i>Alternate</i> )
In personal capacity, (L-802, Design Arch, e-Homes, Sector-5, Vaishali, Gaziabad 201 010)	PROF A.S. ARYA
In personal capacity, (174/2 F, Solanipuram, Roorkee 247 667)	DR S. K. THAKKAR
In personal capacity, (36, Old Sneha Nagar, Wardha Raod, Nagpur 440 015)	SHRI L. K. JAIN
In personal capacity, (K-L/2 Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad 201 002)	DR A. K. MITTAL
In personal capacity, (2014/2, Saraswati Kunj, IIT Roorkee, Roorkee 247 667)	DR I. D. GUPTA
In personal capacity, (Flat No. 220, Ankur Apartments, Mother Dairy Road, Patpar Ganj, Delhi, 110 092)	DR V. THIRUVENGADAM
BIS Directorate General	SHRI B. K. SINHA, Scientist 'E' and Head (Civil Engg) [Representing Director General ( <i>Ex-officio</i> )]

*Member Secretary*  
SHRI S. ARUN KUMAR  
Scientist 'D' (Civil Engg), BIS

(Continued from second cover)

estimating the design moment of resistance of structural walls with boundary elements. Instead, procedure is mentioned for estimating the same.

- c) Additional significant modifications incorporated are as under :
- 1) The detail of anchorage of longitudinal beam bars at exterior beam-column joint has been revised (*see 6.2.5*).
  - 2) Clauses giving detail about mechanical couplers, welded splices in beam, column and shear wall have been added (*see 6.2.6.2, 6.2.6.3, 7.3.2.2, 7.3.2.3, 10.8.3.2 and 10.8.3.3*).
  - 3) The minimum diameter of a link has been changed to 8 mm in all cases (*see 6.3.2*).
  - 4) The factored axial compressive stress consisting of all load combinations related to seismic loads is limited to  $0.40 f_{ck}$  has been added (*see 7.1*).
  - 5) The minimum dimension of a column has been modified to  $20 d_b$  or 300 mm (*see 7.1.1*).
  - 6) The minimum dimension of a column has been modified to  $20 d_b$  or 300 mm (*see 7.1.1*).
  - 7) The expression for area of cross section  $A_{sh}$  for the bars forming circular and rectangular links or spiral have been modified [*see 8.1(c)*].
  - 8) Design of beam-column joints of moment resisting frames has been added and expressions for evaluating nominal shear strength is also given (*see 9.1.1*).
  - 9) Expression for calculating special confining reinforcement in boundary element in shear wall is added (*see 10.4.4*).
  - 10) A figure showing reinforcement detail of coupled shear wall with diagonal reinforcement has been added (*see 10.5.3*).

Further, while the common methods of design and construction have been covered in this standard for RC structural systems with moment resisting frames and RC structural systems with structural walls that participate in resisting earthquake force, design and construction of other lateral load resisting structural systems made of reinforced concrete but not covered by this standard, may be permitted by the approving agency or a Committee constituted by the agency only on production of satisfactory evidence from experiments on prototype sub-assemblages and structures, and non-linear analyses demonstrating their adequacy to resist earthquake shaking expected in the region where the structures are expected to be built. Such non-linear analyses shall demonstrate that the collapse mechanism of the proposed structure is desirable and that the lateral deformation capacity of the structure is sufficient to resist the ground deformation imposed in the region where the structure is located. The Committee of the approving agency shall comprise of competent engineers with the necessary experience and shall have the authority to review the data submitted, ask for additional data, tests and to frame special rules for such structural systems not covered under this Code.

The Committee responsible for the formulation of this standard has taken into consideration the views of manufacturers, users, engineers, architects, builders and technologists, and has related the standard to the practices followed in the country in this field. Also, due weightage has been given to the need for international coordination among standards prevailing in different seismic regions of the world.

In the formulation of this standard, assistance has been derived from the following publications:

ACI 318-11, 'Building code requirements for structural concrete and commentary', issued by American Concrete Institute.

IBC 2012 'International Building Code', published by International Code Council, Inc.

prEN 1998-1 : 2005(E) Eurocode 8: 'Design of structures for earthquake resistance — Part 1: General rules, seismic actions and rules for buildings', issued by European Committee for Standardization, Brussels.

NZS 3101(Part 1) : 2006 'Concrete structures standard', issued by Standards Council, New Zealand.

The composition of the Committee responsible for the formulation of this standard is given at Annex B.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2 : 1960 'Rules for rounding off numerical values (*revised*)'. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be same as that of the specified value in this standard.

## Bureau of Indian Standards

BIS is a statutory institution established under the *Bureau of Indian Standards Act*, 1986 to promote harmonious development of the activities of standardization, marking and quality certification of goods and attending to connected matters in the country.

## Copyright

BIS has the copyright of all its publications. No part of these publications may be reproduced in any form without the prior permission in writing of BIS. This does not preclude the free use, in the course of implementing the standard, of necessary details, such as symbols and sizes, type or grade designations. Enquiries relating to copyright be addressed to the Director (Publications), BIS.

## Review of Indian Standards

Amendments are issued to standards as the need arises on the basis of comments. Standards are also reviewed periodically; a standard along with amendments is reaffirmed when such review indicates that no changes are needed; if the review indicates that changes are needed, it is taken up for revision. Users of Indian Standards should ascertain that they are in possession of the latest amendments or edition by referring to the latest issue of 'BIS Catalogue' and 'Standards : Monthly Additions'.

This Indian Standard has been developed from Doc No.: CED 39 (7941).

### Amendments Issued Since Publication

Amend No.	Date of Issue	Text Affected

### BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS

#### Headquarters:

Manak Bhavan, 9 Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi 110002

Telephones : 2323 0131, 2323 3375, 2323 9402

Website: [www.bis.org.in](http://www.bis.org.in)

#### Regional Offices:

Telephones

Central : Manak Bhavan, 9 Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg  
NEW DELHI 110002

{ 2323 7617  
2323 3841

Eastern : 1/14 C.I.T. Scheme VII M, V. I. P. Road, Kankurgachi  
KOLKATA 700054

{ 2337 8499, 2337 8561  
2337 8626, 2337 9120

Northern : SCO 335-336, Sector 34-A, CHANDIGARH 160022

{ 260 3843  
260 9285

Southern : C.I.T. Campus, IV Cross Road, CHENNAI 600113

{ 2254 1216, 2254 1442  
2254 2519, 2254 2315

Western : Manakalaya, E9 MIDC, Marol, Andheri (East)  
MUMBAI 400093

{ 2832 9295, 2832 7858  
2832 7891, 2832 7892

**Branches:** AHMEDABAD. BENGALURU. BHOPAL. BHUBANESHWAR. COIMBATORE. DEHRADUN. FARIDABAD. GHAZIABAD. GUWAHATI. HYDERABAD. JAIPUR. KOCHI. LUCKNOW. NAGPUR. PARWANOO. PATNA. PUNE. RAJKOT. VISAKHAPATNAM.

Published by BIS, New Delhi