

STABILISATION OF SOFT SOIL USING LIME AND SHREDDED PLASTIC FIBRES

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ABSTRACT

The tremendous pace of infrastructural developments is throwing up many geotechnical challenges to the Civil Engineers. Some problematic ground conditions include soft clay deposits, peat soils, recent fills, marine clays etc. Construction of structures on such soils is a challenging task because of low bearing capacity, high compressibility, tendency for lateral flow, etc. These grounds need treatment for the improvement in their engineering behaviour before the structure is built. This has led to extensive studies for environmentally sustainable and economically viable solutions. In this context, the large amount of plastic wastes in our environment may be utilized as a reinforcing material in combination with some pozzolanic materials to improve soil properties.

In our study, we focus on improving the engineering properties of soft soil by reinforcing it with shredded plastic fibres prepared from discarded plastic wastes in combination with lime.