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Experimental Investigations of Bituminous Concrete Using Dissimilar Trash Which Improve the Results

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Abstract: Bituminous mixture is an admixture of coarse aggregate, fine aggregate and fill. CRMB is based on a unique technology that permits homogeneity. CRMB is suited for use in heavy load traffic lanes, air fields. In this study, Crumb Rubber Modified Bitumen (CRMB-60) blended with normal asphalt binder VG-30 with various different percentages of crumb rubber in different proportions with constant optimum binder content i.e. 5% which shows improved characteristics when compared with regular bitumen. The cost for Bituminous course for CRMB-60 came out to be Rs 68.23 Lacs per Km which was 20.81% economical than the bituminous work done by normal VG- 30 bitumen. The Marshall Mix design using CRMB 55 with 0.04 % Zycosoil chemical, reflects the significant rise in stability, unit weight and flow values for better compaction and enhancing the workability conditions.

I. INTRODUCTION

The construction of the road ways covers a large amount of investment. To invest less, construction engineering must have to design road in such a way so that one can achieve a reliable performance of the road along with the built-in service. There are two factors that must be considered while using flexible pavement as well as the mix design. These two factors are one of the key elements in the engineering-paving design and mixing design. This research deals with mixed design of bitumen. Good design of bituminous mixtures should have following characteristics:

- 1) It should be Strong
- 2) It should be Durable
- 3) It should be free from Fatigue and durable deformation
- 4) It should not cause harm to the environment and
- 5) It should be Economic, etc.
- 6) To examine the effect of CRMB on Asphalt concrete mix.
- 7) To analyze the influence of CRMB at five different percentages, 0.1%, 0.2 %, 0.3%, 0.4% and 0.5% and insertion of marble dust as a filler element.
- 8) To determine the performance characteristics such as Air Void, Stability, flow, Void in Mineral Aggregate, Softening Point and penetration values

A. Crumb Rubber Modified Bitumen (CRMB)

CRMB is based on a unique technology that permits homogeneity, stability and consistent properties of the binder throughout. This can be achieved by adding special stabilizing additives to form a high performance bituminous binder having unique properties. The use of these commercial polymers in pavement construction increases the cost of construction as these are highly expensive materials. However, CRMB is used as an alternative material which is formed from waste tyre rubbers and is environmentally beneficial and relatively less expensive. In recent years, CRMB bitumen binders have reported many advantages which includes improved rutting resistance due to its high viscosity, high softening point, better resilient modulus, reduction in fatigue/cracking, increase in durability and reduced maintenance cost. Due to these reasons CRMB is suited for use in heavy load traffic lanes, air field

II. LITERATURES REVIEW

Sahu and Joshi (2015) used Crumb Rubber Modified Bitumen (CRMB-60) blended with normal asphalt binder VG-30 with various different percentages of crumb rubber in different proportions with constant optimum binder content i.e. 5% which shows improved characteristics when compared with regular bitumen. The density of the mix was also increased by 25% with the addition of CRMB as compared with normal VG-30 asphalt binder and also cost analysis had done in accordance with 12 years. The cost analysis was performed for both the asphalt binders i.e. VG-30 and CRMB-60 including 12 years maintenance cost. The cost for Bituminous course for CRMB-60 came out to be Rs 68.23 Lacs per Km which was 20.81% economical than the bituminous work done by normal VG-30 bitumen. Following are the results shown below

Mix Design values of Crumb Rubber Modified Bitumen

S. No.	Crumb Rubber (%)	Bitumen (%)	Marshall Stability (kg)	Flow Value (mm)	Bulk Density (g/cc)	Air Voids (%)	VMA	FB (%)
1	8	5	883.86	2.4	2.48	3.90	14.84	73.66
2	9	5	988.39	2.67	2.49	3.74	14.63	74.38
3	10	5	1049.59	2.93	2.49	3.67	14.53	74.74
4	11	5	1122.36	3.23	2.49	3.56	14.40	75.25
5	12	5	1230.78	3.57	2.50	3.22	14.07	77.05
6	13	5	1155.65	3.83	2.51	3.19	13.84	76.91
7	14	5	1137.97	4.03	2.52	2.85	13.48	78.79
8	MORTH & IRC Specifications		1200	2.5-4.0	2.0-3.0	3.0-5.0	Min. 12	65-78

Anwar (2014) prepared two specimens of different sizes i.e. 100 mm and 150 mm diameter and with different mix design methods. These specimens were tested for properties such as Stability, Flow and Indirect Tensile Strength test (ITS) using crumb rubber as in dense graded bituminous macadam with varying percentages i.e. 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30% respectively of CRMB bitumen. In two different design methods, mix formed by Modified Marshall method shows better results in comparison with simple Marshall method.

Teppala et al (2014) conducted Modified Marshall test using Crumb Rubber Modified asphalt binder (CRMB-55) with and without addition of chemical Zycosoil in small doses i.e. 0.03%, 0.04% and 0.06% added by the weight of bitumen. The results showed that with the addition of chemical Zycosoil the penetration value gets decreases and material becomes stiff. With 0.04% dosage of Zycosoil chemical, the change with elastic recovery is also noted indicating more flexibility to the binder and to increase the life of pavement at low temperature. The Marshall Mix design using CRMB 55 with 0.04 % Zycosoil chemical, reflects the significant rise in stability, unit weight and flow values for better compaction and enhancing the workability conditions

Ramprasad et al (2013) investigated the behaviour of bitumen grade 60/70 using both unmodified and modified bitumen with crumb rubber. The various Marshall properties and Indirect tensile strength (ITS) were compared for the specimens of bituminous mixes prepared at optimum binder content (OBC) for grade-2 bituminous concrete (BC). CRMB showed higher Marshall Stability value, reduced flow value, higher ITS value and improved rheological properties only in terms of rutting. The results also showed that the variation of Complex Modulus (G^*) with the temperature; In general, the complex modulus (G^*) of plain bitumen is less when compared with CRMB 55 and CRMB 60. Amongst this, CRMB 55 shows higher complex modulus value at lower temperature and it was clearly observed that the virgin bitumen fails i.e. (value of complex modulus is less than 1 kPa) at temperature 64°C, but CRMB 55 and CRMB 60 bitumen fails at higher temperature of 70°C. This clearly indicates that CRMB bitumen grades are less susceptible to temperature changes as compared to plain bitumen.

Nanda et al examined the comparative performance of asphalt binder of grade 60/70 with two types of modified bitumen i.e. Crumb Rubber Modified Bitumen (CRMB-60) and Polymer Modified Bitumen (PMB-70). The rheological properties of both modified and base bitumen were studied using Dynamic Shear Rheometer (DSR) to examine the visco-elastic behavior before & after ageing for both the asphalt binders. The effect of ageing of asphalt binder on rheological properties and Marshall properties such as stability and flow was studied. The Marshall properties of bituminous mixes were compared at optimum binder content (OBC) for bituminous concrete. Results showed the higher Marshall Stability value, reduced flow value, improved tensile strength & improved rheological properties for the modified bitumen when compared to the base bitumen. PMB-70 and CRMB-60 shows higher complex modulus value (G^*) when compared to base bitumen at the temperature range between 50-70°C. rheological properties only in terms of rutting. The results also showed that the variation of Complex Modulus (G^*) with the temperature; In general, the complex modulus (G^*) of plain bitumen is less when compared with CRMB 55 and CRMB 60. Amongst this, CRMB 55 shows higher complex modulus value at lower temperature and it was clearly observed that the virgin bitumen fails i.e. (value of complex modulus is less than 1 kPa) at temperature 64°C, but CRMB 55 and CRMB 60 bitumen fails at higher temperature of 70°C. This clearly indicates that CRMB bitumen grades are less susceptible to temperature changes as compared to plain bitumen.

III. SUMMARY OF THE LITERATURE

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A. Data Analysis

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Table 4.9 Stability-Flow values for different percentages of CRMB60

Test	Bitumen Content By Wt of Mix (%)	Bulk Density (gm/cc)	Air Voids (%)	Voids in Mineral aggregate (%)	Voids Filled With Bitumen (%)	Corrected Stability(kN)	Flow(mm)
1	4.5	2.421	6.88	17.20	60.0	15.504	2.96
2	5.0	2.513	6.27	17.67	64.516	17.17	3.55
3	5.5	2.449	5.05	17.69	71.45	13.98	3.92

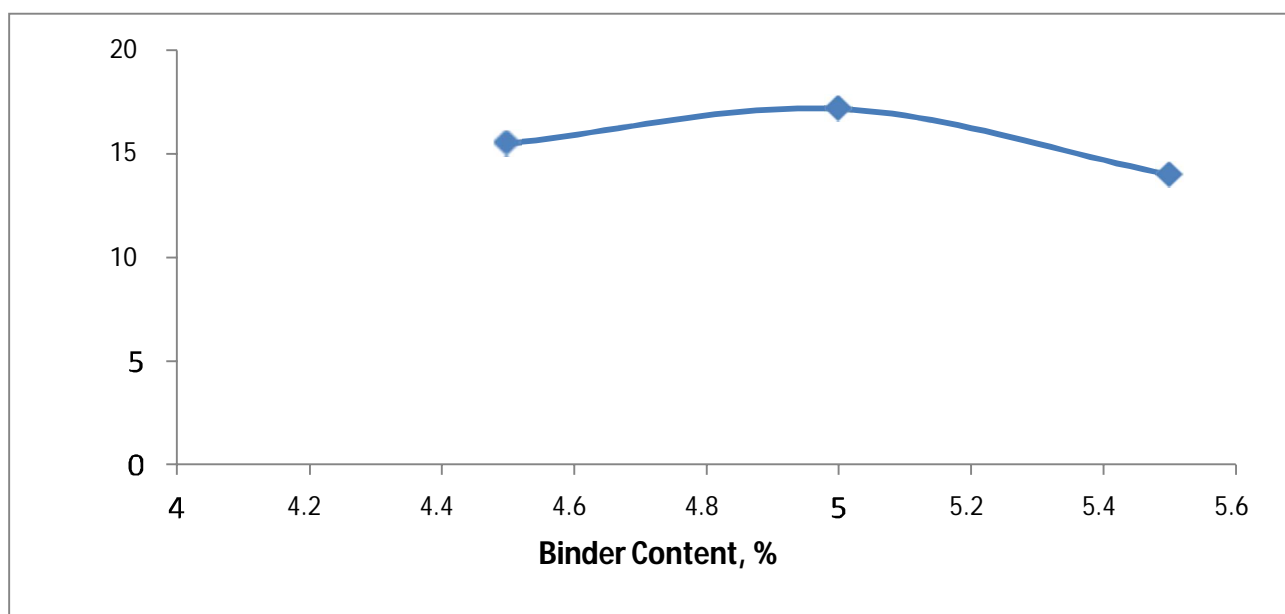


Figure 4.13 Variation of Corrected Stability with Binder content

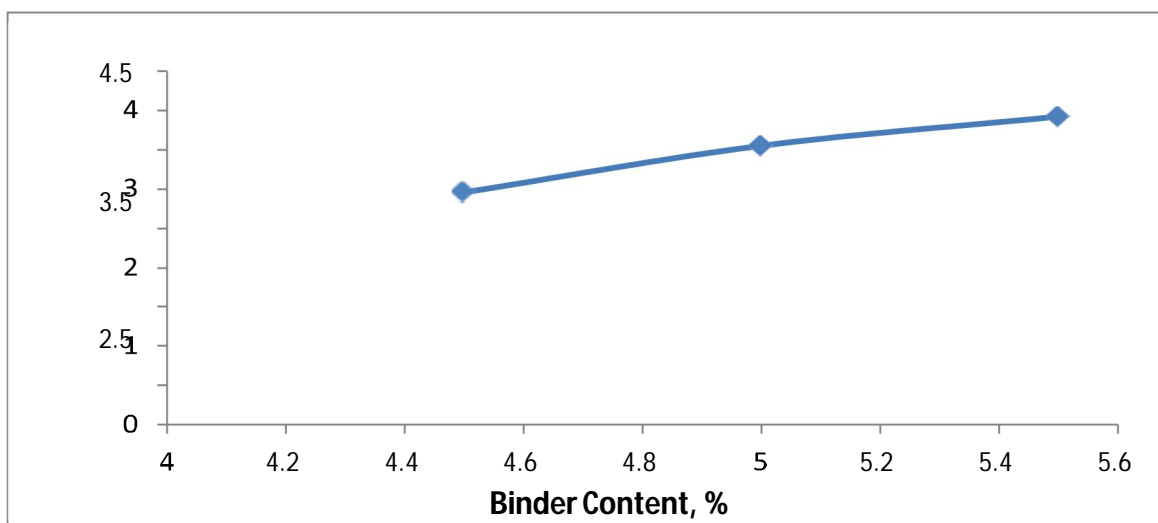


Figure 4.14 Variation of Flow values with Binder Content

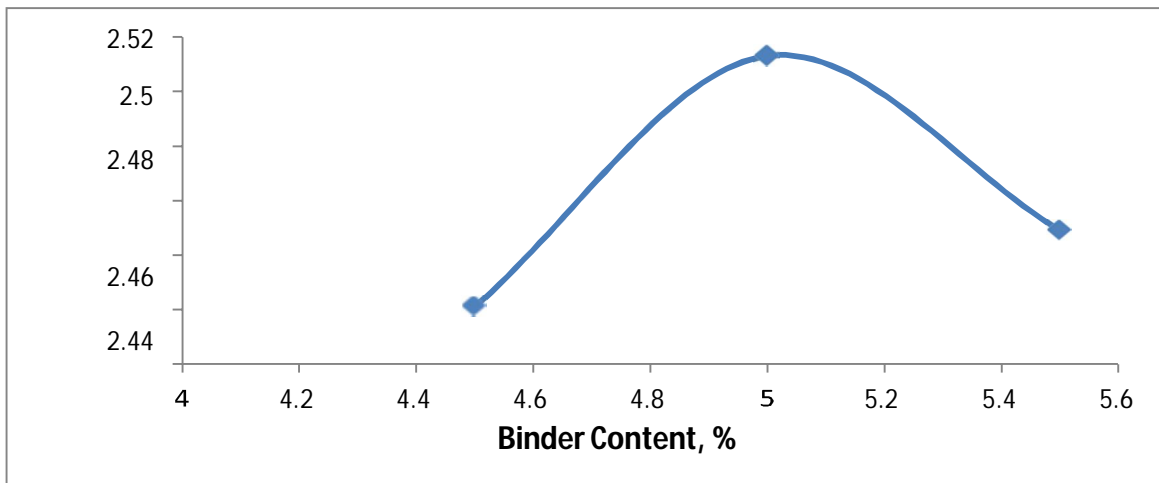


Figure 4.15 Variation of Air Voids with Binder content

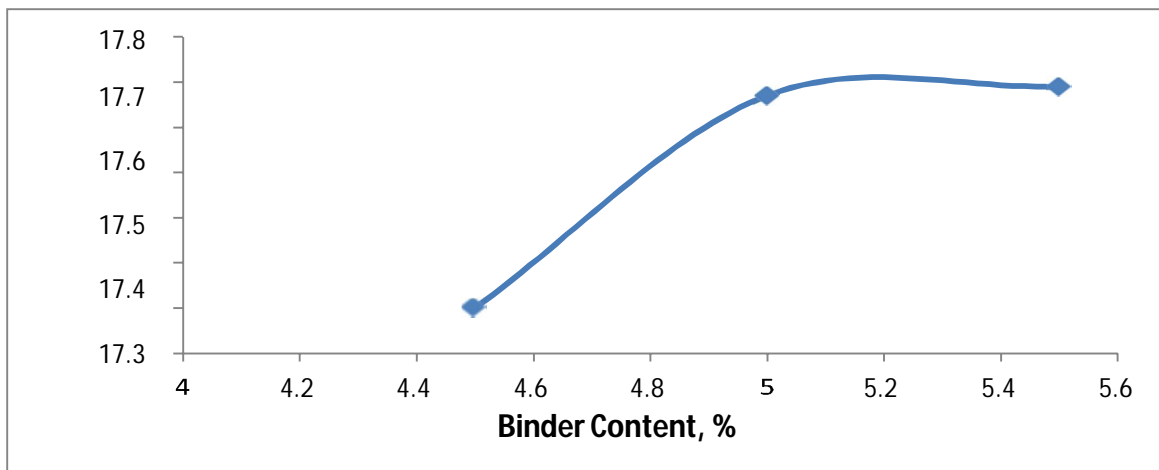


Figure 4.17 Variation of VMA with Binder Content

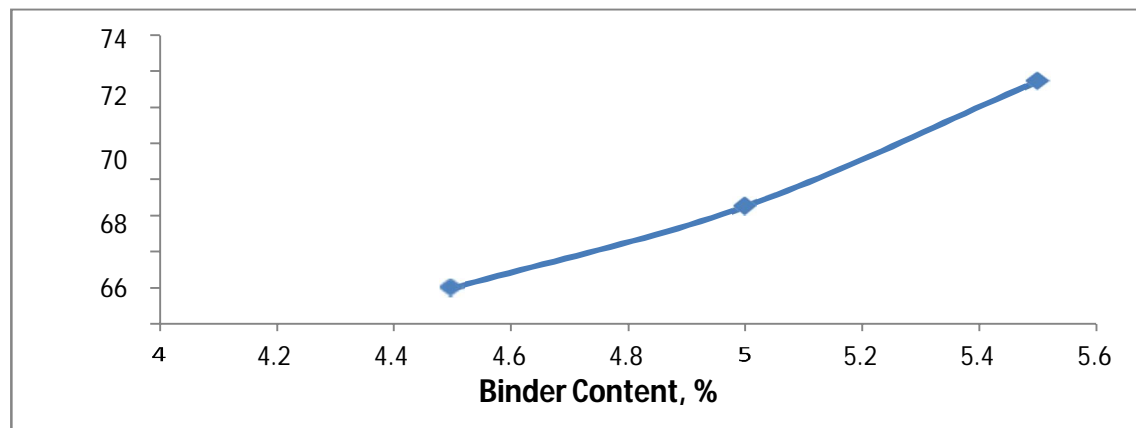


Figure 4.18 Variation of VFB with Binder Content

From the above graphs obtained, the Optimum Binder Content (OBC) is calculated as follows:

- Max stability = 5 percent bitumen content
- Max G_m = 5 percent bitumen content.
- 4% percent air void = 5.5 percent bitumen content

The optimum bitumen extent is the average of above = 5.2 percent

IV. RESULTS

Results of BC Mix Design Grade – 1 using Crumb Rubber Modified Bitumen (CRMB 60)

To calculate the optimum binder content (OBC), Marshall Mix samples were prepared by varying the percentages of Crumb Rubber Modified Bitumen (CRMB 60) asphalt binder. Stability-Flow laboratory analysis and Volumetric analysis were carried out for the prepared Marshall Mix samples with bitumen content varying from 4.5% to 5.5%. The test values were obtained and plotted graphically. From the graphs plotted in Figure 4.13 to 4.18, the optimum binder content comes out to be 5.2 percent by the weight of aggregates using stability-flow values. The output results of stability and flow values are shown in Table no 4.9 and Figure 4.13 to 4.18.

Table 4.9 Stability-Flow values for different percentages of CRMB 60

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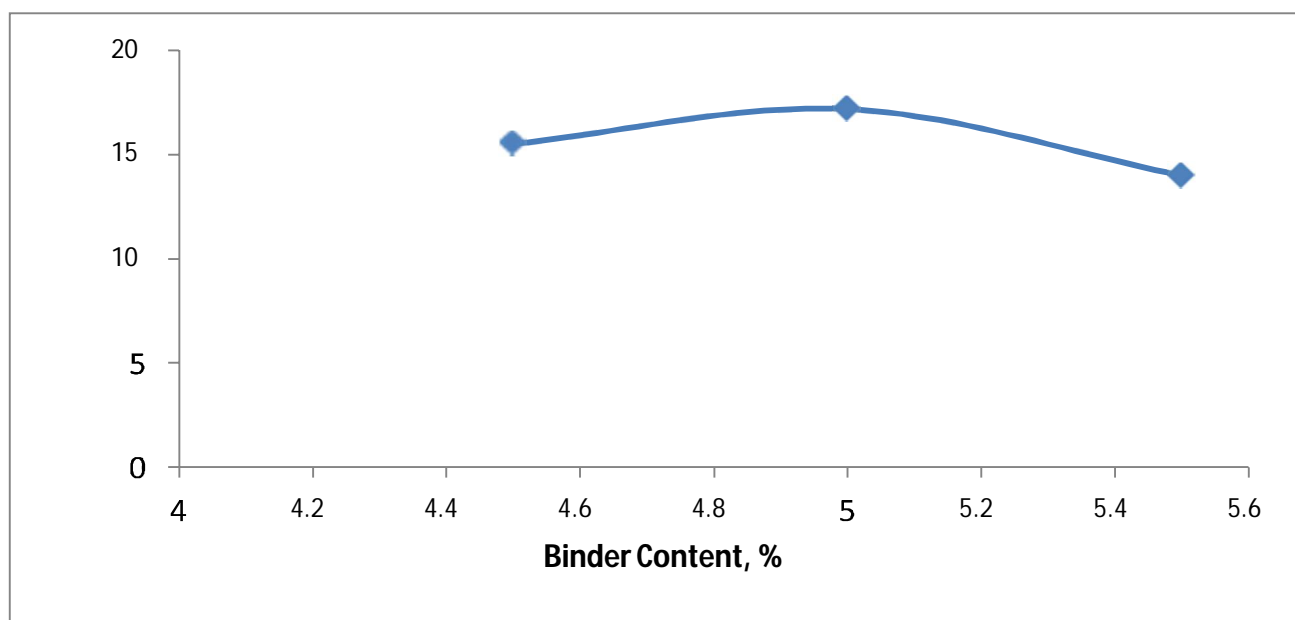


Figure 4.13 Variation of Corrected Stability with Binder content

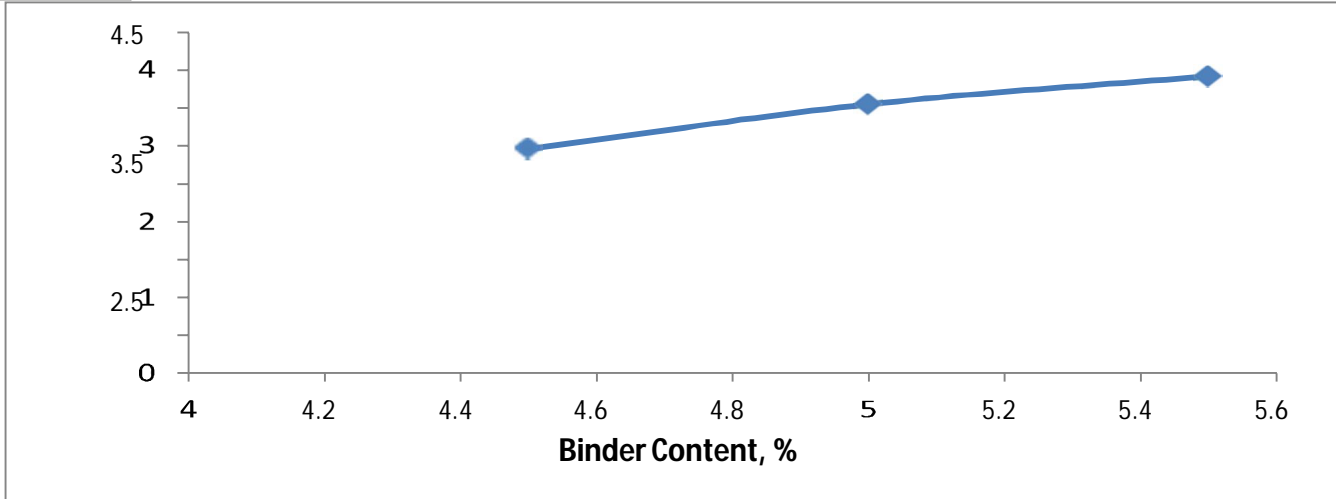


Figure 4.14 Variation of Flow values with Binder Content

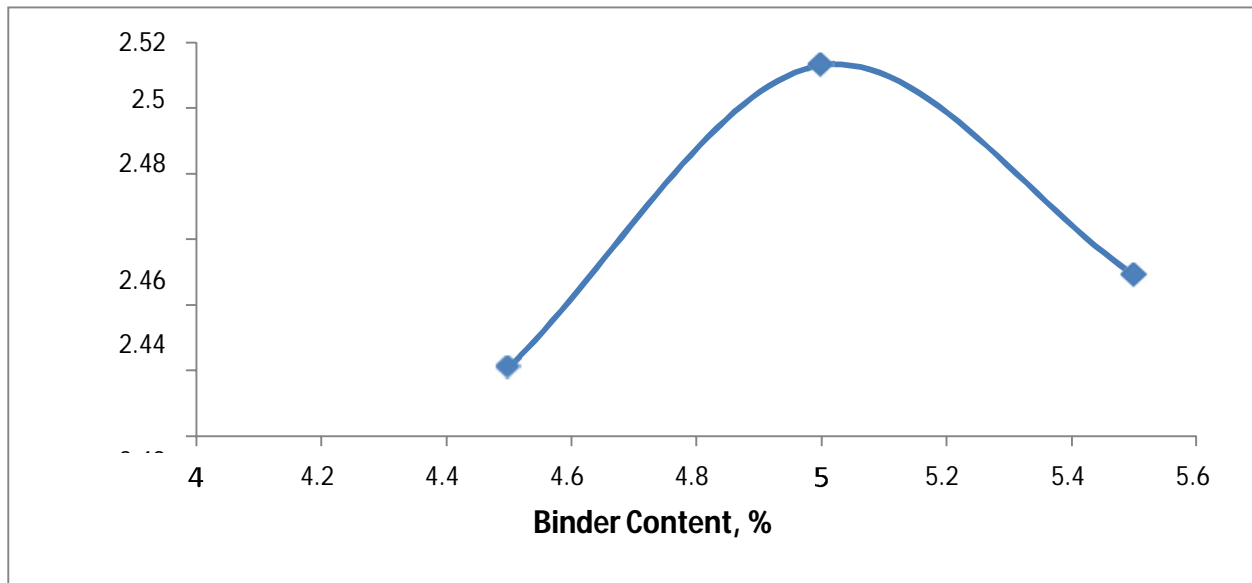


Figure 4.15 Variation of Air Voids with Binder content

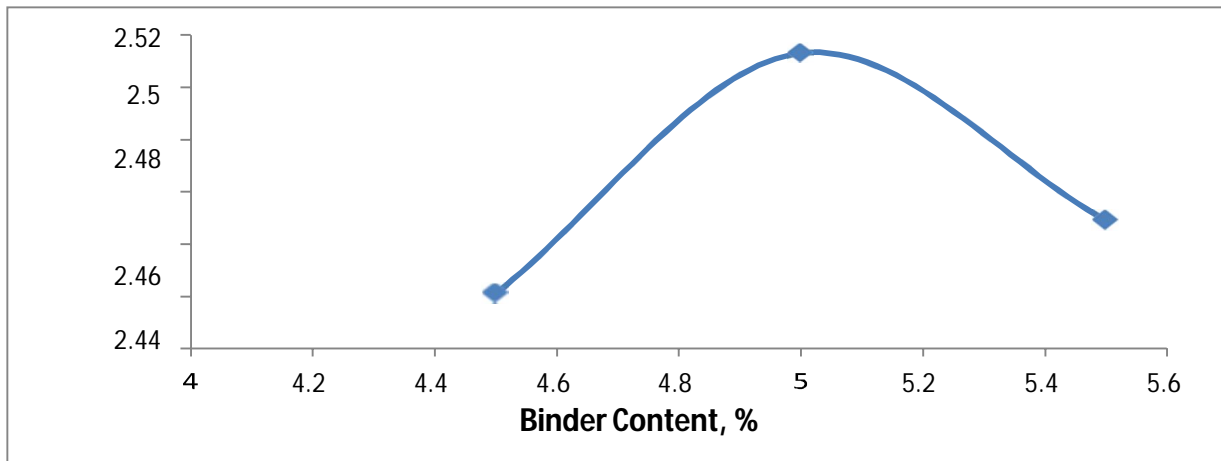


Figure 4.16 Variation of Bulk Density with Binder content

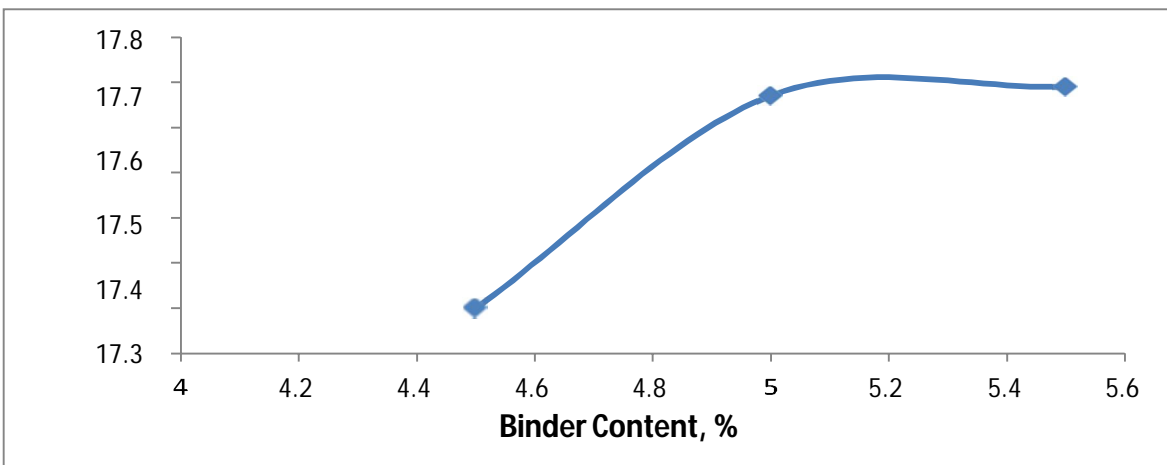


Figure 4.17 Variation of VMA with Binder Content

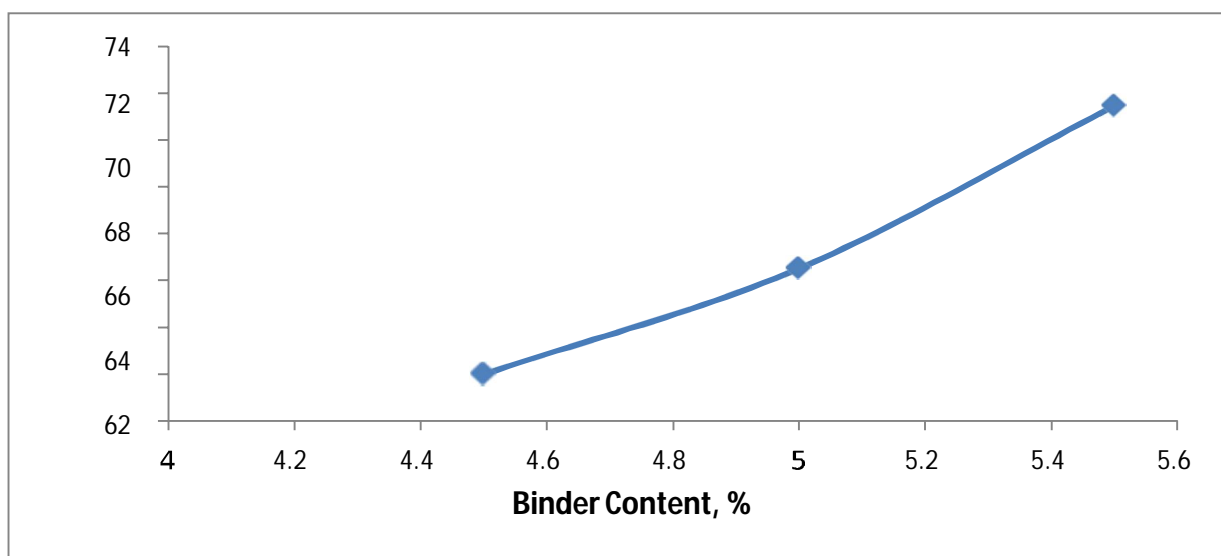


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The optimum bitumen extent is the average of above = 5.2 percent

V. CONCLUSIONS

A. General

The major conclusions drawn from the study carried out on stability-flow analysis of BC mix(Grade-1) by using different additives are as follows:

- 1) Initially, normal asphalt binder VG-30 is tested at different percentages for the BC mix grade -1 and optimum binder content (OBC) is calculated. The OBC occurs at 5% and flow values are in the limits specified as per MORTH.
- 2) The stability values for the BC grade-1 mix increase with the replacement of OBC up to 8% of waste plastic but it decreases further with the addition of waste plastic. This waste plastic only indicates that this percentage is the only suited level of replacement.

- 3) For the addition of discarded tyre tubes, the stability values for the BC grade-1 mix increase with the replacement of OBC (5%) upto 12% of discarded tyre tubes with optimum binder content of 5% but decreases with the addition of tyre tube. However, the stability and flow values lie within the limits specified by MORTH for all % replacements of tyre tubes.
- 4) The OBC of CRMB and PMB used in BC Grade-1 is 5.2%.
- 5) Out of the various materials used, replacement of OBC by 12% discarded tyre tube has the highest stability value.
- 6) The Indirect Tensile Strength (ITS) test was conducted on all the conditioned samples prepared i.e. for VG-30 bitumen, PMB, CRMB, with waste plastic and with discarded tyre tube at constant loading rate of 50.8mm/min and the results comes out to be 1.21, 1.29, 1.38, 1.42, 1.49 respectively and further Elastic Modulus were calculated w.r.t each binder and pavement is designed using IIT PAVE.

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