# "A STUDY ON BEHAVIOR OF SOFT STOREY BUILDING CONSIDERING DIFFERENT SUPPORT CONDITION"

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Abstract— Open ground storey (OGS) building has taken place in the Indian urban environment because it provides the parking area. But from past earthquakes, OGS buildings have performed poorly and collapse due to soft storey effect. This soft storey effect is due to stiffness of infill wall. After Bhuj earthquake, to overcome this effect Indian standard 1893 part-I provides Multiplication Factor (MF) 2.5 to compensate the soft storey effect. This MF is multiplied to Bending moment & Shear force of bare frame analysis for ground storey element.

But this multiplication factor is on empirical basis there is no any scientific approach to define MF value. It neglects natural time period of building which is a function of flexibility of soil under the foundation and amount of opening in the infill. So aim of this project is to check applicability of Multiplication value 2.5 considering percentage of opening in infill wall and flexibility at foundation due to soil. Combine effect of soil flexibility and Infill wall gives justification about MF value. Nonlinear static Pushover analysis is carried out.

## Keywords: Soft Storey building, Multiplication Factor, Soil Flexibility, Opening in Infill wall

## I. INTRODUCTION

Open Ground Storey buildings(also known as Soft Storey buildings) are commonly used in the urban environment nowadays since they provide parking area. From past earthquakes, this type of building shows comparatively higher tendency to collapse during earthquake. In analysis, bare frame is assumed without infill walls for simplification This neglects stiffness of infill walls. To overcome this soft storey effect clause 7.10.3(a) in IS 1893:2002 gives multiplication factor 2.5 to shear force & bending moment calculated in bare frame for ground storey elements(Column, Beam). This multiplication value doesn't consider the effect of different stiffness of infill walls and soil flexibility. Many literatures concluded that it is vary from 1.0 to 4.8, Yet there is no proper justification about this factor.

# **II. LITERATURE REVIEW:**

**S.A.Bhat, V.K. Sehgal, Saraswati-Setia**<sup>[1]</sup> performed analysis on building to check the applicability of MF 2.5 by ESA and

RSA. They concluded that MF 2.5 increases dimension of column and percentage Reinforcement. MF should be 1.25 instead of 2.5 They recommended that Effect of infill wall, Different height of building, Nonlinear Analysis should be considered.

**R. Davis, D. Menon, A.M. Prasad**<sup>[2]</sup> concluded thath MF based on linear dynamic analysis is 1.11-2.39 for seven storey building. MF from Nonlinear Dynamic analysis 1.14-1.29 for seven storey building The Multiplication factor increases with height of building mainly due to the higher shift in the time period.

**Dr.Abhay Sharma, Dr.Vivek Garg, Dharmesh Vijaywargiya** <sup>[3]</sup> discussed on MF and decided that it should be less than as suggested by code. Parameters associated with infill like strong infill and weak infill, %openings affect the member forces which is not considered in IS code for MF.

**J. N. Arlekar, Sudhir K. Jain, C.V.R Murthy**<sup>[4]</sup> suggested that soft storey should at least 50% stiffer than above storey. The soil flexibility needs to be examined carefully before finalizing the model. This study highlights error involved in modeling such building as complete bare frame. Linear Static Analysis is performed on building. Soil is modeled by Winkler Approach.

**K.Bhattacharya & S.C. Dutta<sup>[5]</sup>** Aim of this paper is to study the effect of soil flexibility on the change in lateral natural periods of building frames considering various parameters such as (i) different soil condition (ii) number of stories (iii) number of bays (iv)ratio of column to beam stiffness (v) frequency of the ground excitation. In this study, Finite Element method is adopted by taking 3-d frame elements in 2,4 bays in both direction & 1,2,4 & 6 storey buildings. Effect of soil- flexibility appreciably alter the lateral natural periods of any building structure. This is primary parameter, which regulates the seismic lateral response of the building frames. Evaluation of natural time parameter without considering soil flexibility may cause serious error in seismic design. If the effect of the infill brick wall is not considered while studying the seismic behavior of building frames, the effect of soil flexibility may not be recognized. There is no

appreciable change in natural period due to soil flexibility while change in beam to column stiffness ratio.

**Abdel Raheem, M. M. Ahmed, Tarek Alazrak**<sup>[6]</sup> suggested that Fundamental period is not only a function of building height but also a function of soil flexibility. Storey shear ratio (MF) is nearer to 1.5 for various soil flexibilitywithout considering infill stiffness in RSA

## III. MODELING OF INFILL WALL

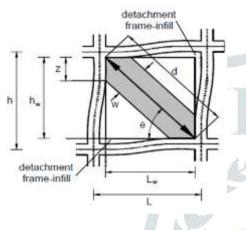
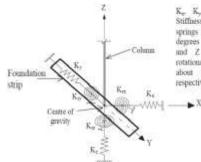


Figure: 3.1 Modeling of Infill wall

There are many formula to model the infill wall listed in table 3.1. Infill wall is modeled by single strut approach. Thickness of strut is taken thickness of wall and width of strut is taken by following . Mainstone formula is used to consider opening effect in infill wall by taking reduction factor.

| Researchers         | Strut width (w)   | Remark  |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Holmes              | 0.333d <sub>m</sub>                                     | d <sub>m</sub> is the lenght<br>of diagonal   |
| Mainstone           | $0.175 D (\lambda_{h}H)^{-0.4}$                         | $\lambda_{h} H = H \left[ \frac{E_{m} t \sin 2\theta}{4E_{c} l_{c} h_{m}} \right]$  |
| Liuw and Kwan       | $\frac{0.95 h_{m} t \cos \theta}{\sqrt{\lambda h_{m}}}$ | $\lambda_k = \left[ \frac{E_n t \sin 2\theta}{4E_c l_c h_m} \right]^{\frac{1}{4}}$  |
| Pauly and priestley | 0.25 d <sub>m</sub>                                     | d <sub>m</sub> is the lenght<br>of diagonal   |
| Hendry              | $0.5[\alpha_{h}+\alpha_{k}]^{\frac{1}{2}}$              | $\begin{split} \alpha_{\lambda} &= \frac{\pi}{2} \Big[ \frac{E_c l_c h_m}{E_m t \sin 2\theta} \Big]^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ \alpha_L &= \big[ \frac{E_c l_c L}{2E_m t \sin 2\theta} \big]^{\frac{1}{4}} \end{split}$ |

Table: 3.1 Formula for Modeling of Infill wall



K<sub>w</sub>, K<sub>y</sub>, K<sub>w</sub>, K<sub>w</sub>, K<sub>w</sub>, K<sub>w</sub> = Stiffnesses of equivalent soil springs along the translational degrees of freedom along X, Y and Z axses, and along the rotational degrees of freedom about X, Y and Z axes, respectively.

Figure: 3.2 Spring Approach for Soil Modeling

## **V. BUILDING ANALYSIS**

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|--------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| 1000   | Buildi   | Building                    |                   | Siesmic Parameter     |  |  |  |
| Storey |  | G+5                         | Seismic Zone      | IV                    |  |  |  |
| Γ      | storey height  | 3m                          | Importance Factor | r 1                   |  |  |  |
| Γ      | Parameter  | Varies with Response Factor |                   | 3                     |  |  |  |
| L      | Support  | soil stiffness              | Type              | OMRF                  |  |  |  |
| -      | Floor  | Rigid                       |                   |                       |  |  |  |
|        | Geometrical Property   |                             |                   |                       |  |  |  |
| Γ      | Size of beam   | 300X600 mt                  | Column size       | 450X450 mm            |  |  |  |
| -      | Slab Thickness   | 150 mm                      | Wall Thickness    | 230mm                 |  |  |  |
|        | Material Pr  | operty                      | Loadi             | ng                    |  |  |  |
| Γ      | Concrete Grade   | M25                         | Live Load         | 2 KN/m <sup>2</sup>   |  |  |  |
|        | Steel Grade  | Fe 415                      | Floor Finish      | 1.5 KN/m <sup>2</sup> |  |  |  |

Table: 3.2 Data for building Analysis



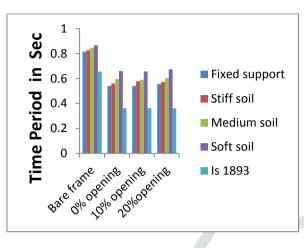
Figure: 3.3 3-D view of building

## IV. MODELING OF SOIL

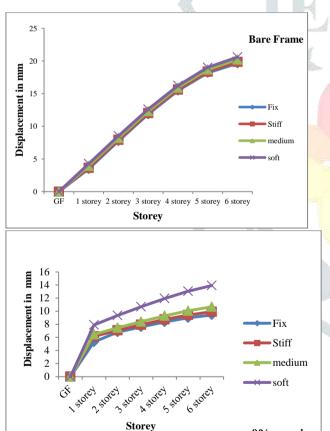
Soil is modeled by spring approach which has 6 degrees of freedom.

## VI. Results

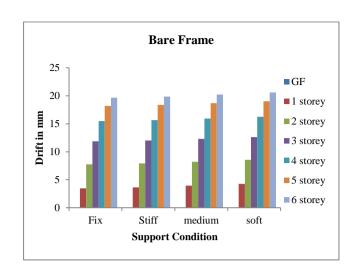
## (1) Natural Time Period

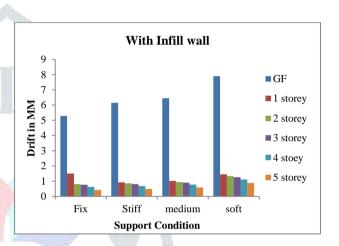


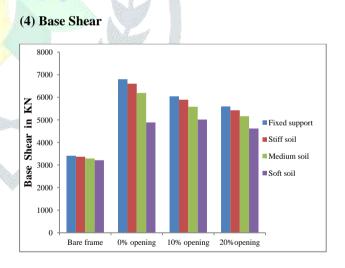
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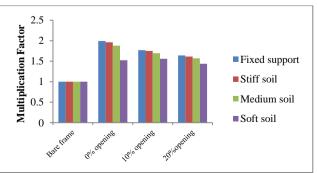
(3) Storey Drift







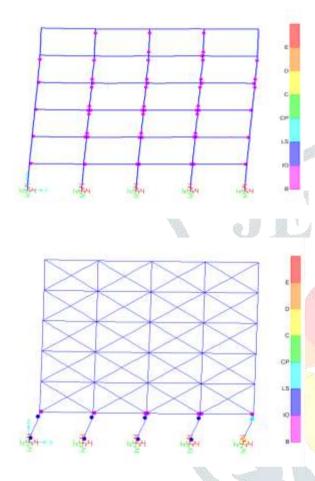
### (4) MULTIPLICATION FACTOR



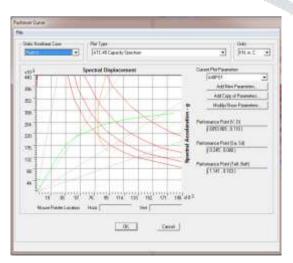
0% opening

|               | Bare frame | 0% opening | 10% opening | 20%opening |
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Fixed support | 1          | 1.99       | 1.77        | 1.64       |
| Stiff soil    | 1          | 1.96       | 1.75        | 1.61       |
| Medium soil   | 1          | 1.88       | 1.70        | 1.57       |
| Soft soil     | 1          | 1.52       | 1.56        | 1.44       |

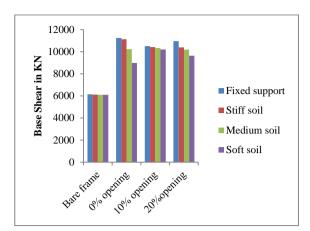
### (5) HINGE FORMATION



## (6) PUSHOVER CURVE



#### (7) BASE SHEAR AT PERFORMANCE POINT



#### VI. Conclusion

- [1] Soil flexibility increases the time period of building. Time period increment is more in infill wall frame with different opening than bare frame. Also dynamic time period of building is more than static time period as specified in IS code 1893:20002.
- [2] There is no significant increase in displacement and drift in bare frame but comparable increase in displacement and drift of infill wall frame while increasing the soil flexibility, so **effect of soil flexibility and infill wall should be considered simultaneously.**
- [3] Base shear force decreases with increase in soil flexibility and percentage opening.
- [4] Displacement at performance point increases with increase in soil flexibility while shear force at performance point decreases with increases in soil flexibility
- [5] Multiplication factor decrease with increase in soil flexibility and percentage opening. Multiplication factor remains between 1.44 to 1.99 for G+5 storey building which is smaller than as mentioned 2.5 in IS code.

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