



## CASE STUDY ON APPLICATIONS OF LIME–CEMENT GROUTING TO STRENGTHEN SOIL CHARACTERISTICS

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**ABSTRACT:** Formulating solution to obtain the required engineering properties by means of stabilizing the soil for placing infrastructural unit without undergoing large settlement, grouting is widely used restoration method for improving the relative density of the soil strata. This paper has analyzed two case scenarios about soil stabilization to accommodate reinforced cement concrete (RCC) structure to facilitate production units. Considering the soil characteristics and to avoid further collapse of the nearby establishment, injecting lime–cement composition to strengthen the loosen earth bearing capacity at certain depth has been followed. Accordingly, researchers have shown to mend on the discrepancy happened in both cases regarding strengthening of disturbed soil strata up to 2 to 2.5 times with respect to Standard Penetration Test-Number of Blows (SPT-N) values after carrying out pre- and post-dynamic cone penetration tests (DCPT) up to an average depth of 6 to 6.5 m from finished ground level (FGL), by using of grout injection procedure. Following methodology has been emanated and after conducting several trials resulted in appreciable improvement in soil consistency. Researchers believe that the study will be comparatively more suitable for improving problematic soils in South-Asian continent. In both cases, desired soil bearing capacity has been attained in most economical way and within stipulated time frame.

**KEYWORDS:** Formulating, postdynamic, Reinforcement, Stability, Construction, Geotechnical

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Strengthening soil properties, grouting reinforcement such as injecting grout slurry into soil is becoming a very convenient technique considering cost effectiveness and sustainability [1]. Stabilization of soil generally denotes improved bearing capacity of soil, increase in soil strength and stability under adversarial moisture and stress state [2]. Among numerous techniques and devices to stabilize the terrestrial, grouting or injecting cementous solution and additives is one of the mainstream procedures used worldwide to fill the voids within a structure, or dislodging the gases and liquids within these [3]. To strengthen and prevent the ground from permeation of water or any failure after excavation, grout injection is widely used [4]. In the process, injection of grout in soil is conducted in a way that the arrangement of the soil particles is not disturbed while only the void portion is occupied by a process of permeation which can be termed as seepage [5]. The scope of work will involve stabilization of sub-soil up to specified depth below formation level, by injecting lime-cement grout and eliminating any possibility

of further soil movement. This will be done by filling the voids in existing backfill/loose soil, on both sides of the wall, with lime-cement grout injected under low pressure on the initial stage. Injection will be done under gravity flow and then under moderate pressures that can be increased up to 5 to 6 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>. Uniform distribution of grout material along full envisaged depths will be achieved by injection through perforated pipes in each grout hole.



## Probable Reasons for Rail

### Deflection

After analyses of observed data, nature and type of deflections observed and other considerations, possible reasons of the track deflection were discussed and are represented below:

(a) Shear failure or bearing capacity failure is always accompanied with large settlements



of the underlying soil. Since no settlements had been observed after survey and the levels appear to be intact, the possibility of shear failure of the soil might have been ruled out.

(b) Overturning failure or tilt of foundation is manifested by deflections in both vertical and lateral directions. Again, since no vertical settlements had been observed, this mode of failure might also have been ruled out.

### RESULTS AND INFERENCE:

The major observations for both the Site A and Site B areas follows:

- (a) Sub-soil up to 6.0 m/6.5 m depth below F.G.L. was heterogeneous fill material consisting of grayish brown, silty sandy clay mixed with pebbles, gravels and rock fragments, etc. Last layer was highly weathered and disintegrated rock (almost transformed to soil, i.e., residual soil)
- (b) For easy but quick means for assessing compactness of soil, dynamic cone penetration tests (DCPT) following IS: 4968 (Part-1)-1976 [10] were taken up first. SPT-N values converted from dynamic cone resistance (N<sub>cd</sub>) revealed that the compactness/consistency of this layer increased with depth.

Considering compactness/SPT-N values in all DCPT logs, the layer has been subdivided and identified as Stratum-IA and Stratum-IB. Stratum-IA: This layer extended from ground surface to minimum and maximum depth of 1.50 m to 3.60 m. SPT-N values at different locations vary within a range between 1 and 3, except some stray high values in the range of 4 to 11. The average N-value would be in the range of 1. Stratum-IB: Beyond 1.50 m to 3.60 m, SPT-N values widely varied from 4 to 24, having average N-value of 6.

- (c) Next operation was sinking of 50-mm-diameter grout holes up to 6.0 m/6.50 m depth below F.G.L. Three rows drilling of boreholes were carried out up to predetermined depth of 6.0 m/6.5 m below F.G.L. on

### CONCLUSION:

It has been noted that even after grouting, the top 2.0–2.50 m from F.G.L. did not indicate any appreciable improvement in consistency, as evident from pre and post DCPT results. Based on this observation,



suitable recommendations may be included in the report to address the issue. As a guideline, suggestions regarding such recommendations are given below:

Post-grouting tests have indicated that the top soil, up to 2.0–2.50 m from F.G.L., did not indicate appreciable improvement consistency. It was therefore suggested to adopt either of the following measures to improve the consistency of the top soil:

(a) Carry out secondary lime–cement grouting in between the already executed grout holes, for depths up to 3.0 m (minimum). Grout materials, mix proportion, grouting procedure, etc., may remain the same as for the primary grout holes.

(b) Alternatively, the entire area may be thoroughly compacted by several passes of 8–10 T vibro-roller so that the top soil is sufficiently densified.

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