Effective Positioning of Shear Wall in G+5 Storey Building on Sloping Ground

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Abstract: Earthquake is a natural calamity. It has been observed that the earthquake has proved to be more fatal in today’s time. The prime reason for this catastrophe is the extermination of the man-made structures during the earthquake. Lack of lateral strength and stability in the man-made structure is the prime reason for their demolition during the earthquake. Mostly man-made structure is multistory buildings for this reason that is necessary for the multistory building to withstand against seismic activities. For the past few decades, some new methods have been adopted to make multistory building laterally strong and stable. A shear wall is one of them which are a structural member which provides lateral stiffness and strength to the structure. The earthquake can be even more lethal on sloping land. This paper studies the influence of shear wall in the multistory building built on sloping ground. For this purpose, four different models have been taken. Modal one is the conventional rigid frame building and the remaining three models are kept with the shear wall. All conditions (ground slope, material, seismic zone, soil condition, etc.) Except for the size of the shear wall are identical. The linear static analysis has been carried out to evaluate the story shear and its reduction as a result in all three cases. The entire analysis is done on software called sap: 2000.

Keywords: seismic load, shear wall, sloppy ground, rigid frame structure, and sap: 2000.

I. INTRODUCTION

It is usually saying that it’s not the earthquake which kills people but it’s the bad engineering which kills people. This proverb is not spoken in old times. Because there was no large man-made creation in those times only natural made things were. As time went on, the effect of the earthquake began to increase due to the destruction of man-made creations. And among them, the multistory building is a huge man-made creation. As multistory building started to collapse everywhere due to the earthquake, the loss of public and goods started as well then a new term came into existence to reduce the effect of this catastrophe called seismology. Seismology is the study of vibration of the earth mainly by earthquakes. The study of this vibration by various techniques understanding the nature and various physical processes that generate from the major part. Elastic rebound theory is one such theory, which was able to describe the phenomenon of an earthquake occurring along the fault line. Seismology as such is still a much unknown field of study where a lot of things are yet to be discovered. According to the rebound theory, the probability of occurrence of the earthquake on any place depends on its geographical and geological conditions too.

Geological features have spatial importance in a certain area. Construction is taking place even in difficult circumstances given the need for space in today’s times. The situation for constructing a multistory building on the sloping ground remains in India too. In the hilly region traditional material like the adobe brunt brick stone masonry, timber reinforced concrete, bamboo, etc. Which are locally available, is used for the construction of the houses. Economic growth and rapid urbanization in the hilly region have accelerated the real estate development due to this population density in the hilly region that increased enormously. Therefore there is popular and pressing demand for construction of the multistory building on a hill slope in and around the cities. A scarcity of plain ground in hilly area compels the construction activity on sloping ground. Hill building constructed in masonry with mud mortar/cement mortar without confirming to code provision have proved unsafe and, resulting in the loss of life and properties when subjected to earthquake ground motion. Therefore it is mandatory to apply a system to resisting earthquake. Now a day’s many structural forms are used to resist earthquake in multistory buildings which are given below.

1. Rigid frame structure (most commonly used).
2. Shear wall-frame structure.
3. Braced frame structure.
4. Arches and cable structure.
5. Core structure.
6. Outrigger structure
7. In-filled wall-frame structure etc.

Appropriate structural forms are used as requirements. The shear wall-frame structure has been taken in interest in the presented paper. The term shear wall refers to a wall that opposes lateral wind or earthquake loads acting parallel to the plane of the wall in addition to gravity loads from the floor and roof adjacent to the wall. Since plastic hinges are made in beams and columns, not in shear walls therefor shear wall system is more reliable. A great advantage of the shear wall is that it reduces the lateral sway of the building.

Figure 1: the action of shear wall-frame structure

The shear mode deformation in a rigid frame, flexural mode deformation in the shear wall and interaction deformation in frame and shear wall have given in the fig (1). It shows that how both of them compensate deformation of each other and reduce the overall deflection of the building by reversal action of deformation.
II. GEOMETRY AND DETAILING OF SHEAR WALL

Shear walls are oblong in cross-section i.e. the one dimension of the section is much longer than the other one. Here this paper using three different sizes as 0.25m*0.5m, 0.25m*1m and 0.25m*1.5m shear walls having longer dimension is along the X direction as shown below in fig(2).

![Figure 2: Cross-sectional details of all three shear walls](image)

They are designed as per procedure is given in code IS-456: 2000. According to is-13920:1993, clause 9.1.2, the minimum thickness of the shear wall should be 150mm. This paper takes 250mm thick wall. The shear wall starts from the foundation and continues throughout the height of the building. M20 grade of concrete and Fe500 grade of steel has been used. The steel rebar is provided in the shear wall with 60mm spacing in longitudinal, the minimum area of reinforcement to be provided should be 0.0025times of the cross-section for the shear walls. Across the wall cross-sections, the vertical reinforcement should be distributed uniformly. The required area of reinforcement provided automatically by software and diameter of rebar taken manually as 18mm.

III. MODELING AND ANALYSIS

This work deals with the study of a G+5 story rigid framed concrete structure that rests on an 18.5-degree slope. The major task is to find out the optimum location of the shear walls in the frames. The present frame is subjected to the gravity and seismic loads of combination accordance to IS-456 2000.

The following steps are involving in the full analysis given below.

Step 1- The selection of building geometry and seismic zone: The behavior of the models with different location of shear wall is studied for seismic zone V of India as per IS code -1893:2002, for which zone factor (Z) is 0.36.

Step 2- The type of primary load and load combinations: The structural system are subjected to primary load cases as per IS: 456 2000 and IS: 1893 2002, seven primary loads and fourteen load combination used for analysis.

Step 3- modeling of building a frame using sap: 2000 software.

Step 4- analysis of the building frames are done under seismic zone V for each load combination.

Step 5- a comparative study of results in term of story shear of all Models.

The following assumptions have been taken before the start of the modeling procedure for maintaining the same conditions for all three models.

1. Only man block of the building is considered, the staircases are not considered in the design procedure.
2. The building has been designed according to a residential building.
3. The slab is also provided on the ground floor.
4. For all structural elements, M20 and Fe500 grades are adopted.
5. The footings are not designed; supports are assigning as fixed support.

The specification of all members and the magnitude of dead, live and seismic loads are shown in table (1) and table (2) respectively given.

| Table: 1 | SN | LOAD APPLIED               | magnitude |
|----------|----|---------------------------|-----------|
| 1        | Self-weight of beam          | 3.75 KN/m  |
| 2        | Self -weight of partition wall | 12.5 KN/m |
| 3        | Self- weight of the slab     | 3.125 KN/m²|
| 4        | Self - weight of parapet wall| 5.52 KN/m |
| 5        | Live load                   | 2.5 KN/m²  |
| 6        | Earthquake load in X-direction | As per IS: 1893-2002|
| 7        | Earthquake load in Y-direction | As per IS: 1893-2002|

| Table: 2 | SN | SPECIFICATIONS      | SIZE   |
|----------|----|---------------------|--------|
| 1        | Plan dimension        | 20m*12m |
| 2        | Length in X-direction | 20m (4 bays) |
| 3        | Length in Y-direction | 12m (2 bays) |
| 4        | Height in Z-direction | 18m    |
| 5        | Floor to floor height | 3m     |
| 6        | The total height of the building (G+5) | 18m |
| 7        | Slab thickness        | 125mm  |
|   | Soil type (as per IS: 1893-2000) |   |
|---|---------------------------------|---|
| 8 | Importance factor               | 1 |
| 9 | Seismic zone factor             | 0.36 |
| 10| Grade of concrete               | M20 |
| 11| Grade of steel                  | Fe500 |
| 12| Floor beam size                 | 0.3m*0.5m |
| 13| Column size                     | 0.35m*0.35m |
| 14| Load combination                | 1.5DL + 1.5EQX |

This Modal is analyzing for an identical loading case which is an earthquake force applying towards the direction of the downward slope side, fig (3) shows that.

**Figure 3** Plan and side view of conventional modal.

The building is modeled using FEM based software SAP 2000. Beams and columns are modeled as double nodded beam element with 6 degrees of freedom at each node. Shear wall and slab members are modeled by using thin shell element with the third orthogonal dimension is very smaller than the other two orthogonal dimensions. A conventional building frame has been given in fig (3) in which no shear wall has been applied. Besides that three different models are taken in which the size of the shear wall is different too. Description of all three modal is given below.

**MODAL (1)** - 0.25m thick and 0.5m wide shear wall is injected at 5 different locations

**MODAL (2)** - 0.25m thick and 1.0m wide shear wall is injected at 5 different locations

**MODAL (3)** - 0.25m thick and 1.5m wide shear wall is injected at 5 different locations

This is considered for all three models have a rigid connection between the shear wall and building frame. Three cases are given in fig (3), fig (4) and fig (5). The subfigures (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) located in three figures (3), (4) and (5) shows those five locations of shear walls at AA*, BB*, CC*, DD*, and EE* respectively.

**Figure 4:** modal (1)

**Figure 5:** modal (2)

**Figure 6:** modal (3)

**IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Result of linear static analysis as per IS 1893:2002 (part 1) on the above three models with respect to story shear (KN) are shown in the next figures. Percentage reduction in story shear as compared with conventional (frame type) structural system is also represented.
With the Discussion of the appropriate results, It is clear from the figure (7), (8) and (9) shown above, Shear wall provided towards upward slope-side gives minimum story shear force on each story which is EE* location. But when shear walls were placed on EE* location, then a huge difference was seen between the story shear [see figure (7), (8), (9)] of the first and second story which can induce the diagonal shear failure on the short-column side. That’s why the second nearest location to upward slope-side will be considered as the optimum location of the shear wall which is DD* location. Percentage reduction in story shear reduce at lower floors and increases at upper floors. In this paper, model (1) gives economical results in terms of cost and strength (story shear) therfore figures 4. (d) [i.e. modal (1) with shear wall at DD* location] will be the best configuration.
V. CONCLUSION

1. The study concludes that when the shear walls are applied toward the upward slope side, it works effectively.

2. When shear walls were placed on EE* location a huge difference has been seen between the story shear [see figure (7), (8), (9)] of the first and second story which can induce the diagonal shear failure on the short-column side. That’s why the second nearest location to upward side will be considered as the optimum location of the shear wall which is DD* location. Therefore the second near location to the upward slope (DD*) is most effective in resisting story shear.

3. There is an average of 34.5%, 36.8% and 37.8% reduction in story shear has been observed for modal (1), modal (2) and modal (3) respectively with wall at DD* location.

4. There is a maximum of 64%, 58% and 64% reduction in story shear has been observed for modal (1), modal (2) and modal (3) respectively with wall at DD* location.

5. Model (1) is found more economical and effective than the other two models which are shown in the fig (5), (6), and (7).

6. Maximum reduction in story shear is found 64% in a modal (3) which is shown in the figure: 6.

7. 65%, 71% and 80% of reduction in base shear are observed in a modal (1), modal (2) and modal (3) respectively, which indicates the model (3) shows more susceptibility in term of base shear only.

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