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(DG MAP List A, B & C)

**USE OF PRECAST PCC BLOCKS IN MASONRY WORKS**

1. In cement concrete, one third of shrinkage takes place in the first 10 days, half within one month and the remaining half in about a year (Auth: Para 2.3.7 of SP 25-1984).
2. Accordingly to avoid shrinkage cracks in plastered surface, masonry units i.e. PCC blocks, Fly Ash bricks should be adequately cured and stored for at least six weeks before they are incorporated in the masonry work. Plastering over the masonry should be delayed as much as feasible (at least one month) to avoid shrinkage cracks in plastered surface (Auth: Para 3.9 (a), 4 of SP - 25).
3. Compliance of the above directions be ensured. Necessary records of dates will be maintained at each site.
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