

CE6405 SOIL MECHANICS

DETAILED SYLLABUS

UNIT I SOIL CLASSIFICATION AND COMPACTION

Nature of soil – phase relationships – Soil description and classification for engineering purposes, their significance – Index properties of soils - BIS Classification system – Soil compaction – Theory, comparison of laboratory and field compaction methods – Factors influencing compaction behaviour of soils.

UNIT II SOIL WATER AND WATER FLOW

Soil water – static pressure in water - Effective stress concepts in soils – capillary stress – Permeability measurement in the laboratory and field pumping in pumping out tests – factors influencing permeability of soils – Seepage – introduction to flow nets – Simple problems. (sheet pile and weir).

UNIT III STRESS DISTRIBUTION AND SETTLEMENT

Stress distribution - soil media – Boussinesq theory - Use of Newmarks influence chart – Components of settlement — immediate and consolidation settlement – Terzaghi's onedimensional consolidation theory – computation of rate of settlement. - \sqrt{t} and $\log t$ methods– e-log p relationship - Factors influencing compression behaviour of soils.

UNIT IV SHEAR STRENGTH

Shear strength of cohesive and cohesionless soils – Mohr – Coulomb failure theory – Measurement of shear strength, direct shear – Triaxial compression, UCC and Vane shear tests – Pore pressure parameters – cyclic mobility – Liquefaction.

UNIT V SLOPE STABILITY

Slope failure mechanisms – Types - infinite slopes – finite slopes – Total stress analysis for saturated clay – Fellenius method - Friction circle method – Use of stability number – slope protection measures.

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OBJECTIVES

To impart knowledge on behavior and the performance of saturated soil. At the end of this course student attains adequate knowledge in assessing both physical and engineering behaviour of soils, mechanism of stress transfer in two-phase systems and stability analysis of slopes.