

UNIT-3

DIVERSION AND IMPOUNDING STRUCTURES

PART-A

1) What is meant by canal escape? (AU MJ2008)

Canal escapes are the safety valves of canals & must be provided at regular intervals depending upon the importance of channel & availability of suitable drainage for the disposal of the exposed water.

2) State various kinds of dams. (AU MJ2008)

- Earth Dams
- Rock Fill Dams
- Solid Masonry Gravity Dams
- Timber Dams
- Steel Dams
- Arch Dams

3). State diff types of spillways. (AU ND2008)

- Straight Drop Spillway
- Ogee Spillway
- Trough Spillway
- Side Channel Spillway
- Shaft Spillway
- Syphon Spillway

4) Define gross commanded area. (AU ND2008)

It is the total area bounded with in the irrigation boundary of a project. It includes the cultivable as well as uncultivable areas.

5)What is weir? (AU MJ 2009)

The major part of the water is achieved by a raised crest or a small part is achieved by raising shutters then this barrier is known as weir.

6) What is tank sluices? (AU MJ 2009)

It is an opening in the form of culvert under the tank bund and supplying water to the distributor channel.

7) Forces acting on arch dams. (AU ND 2009)

- Water Pressure
- Uplift Pressure
- Earthquake Forces
- Silt Pressure
- Wave Pressure
- Ice Pressure

8) Define sluiceway. (AU ND 2009)

Pipe or tunnel provided for the withdrawal of water from the dams is known as sluiceway.

9) What is spillway? (AU MJ 2010, ND 2012)

Spillway is a structure constructed at a dam site for disposing the surplus water from upstream to downstream.

10) Types of earthen dams. (AU MJ 2010)

- Homogeneous Embankment Type
- Zoned Embankment Type
- Diaphragm Type.

11) Define barrage. (AU ND 2010, MJ 2012)

The most of the ponding is done by gates and a smaller of it is done by raised crest then the barrier is known as barrage.

12) What are the modes of failure in gravity dams? (AU ND 2010, ND 2012)

- By Over Turning About The Toe
- By Crushing
- By Development Of Tension
- By Sliding

13) Define diversion headwork. (AU MJ 2011)

Any hydraulic structure, which offers water to the off taking canal, is called diversion headwork.

14) What is gravity dam? (AU MJ 2011)

A structure which is designed in such a way that its own weight resist external forces and it is more durable.

15) Define stream line. (AU ND 2011)

It represents the path along which the water flows through the subsoil. At a given point in upstream of hydraulic structure will travel its own path & will be represented by the stream line.

16) Types of aeration tanks. (AU ND 2011)

- Air Diffusion
- Mechanical Aeration
- Combined Aeration

17) Limitations of Bligh's creep theory. (AU MJ 2012)

- No Difference B/W Horizontal & Vertical Creep
- Horizontal Distance B/W Pipe Line Is Greater Than 2 Times The Depth
- No Idea About Exit Gradient

PART B

1 Explain Diversion Headwork (AU MJ 2008)

Diversion headwork.

Any hydraulic structure, which supplies water to the off-taking canal, is called a headwork. A diversion headwork serves to divert the required supply in to the canal from the river.

The purposes of diversion headwork.

- It raises the water level in the river so that the commanded area can be increased.
- It regulates the intake of water in to the canal.
- It controls the silt entry in to the canal.
- It reduces fluctuations in the level of supply in the river.
- It stores water for tiding over small periods of short supplies.

Weir

The weir is a solid obstruction put across the river to raise its water level and divert the water in to the canal. If a weir also stores water for tiding over small periods of short supplies, it is called a storage weir.

The component parts of diversion headwork

- Weir or barrage
- Divide wall or divide groaned
- Fish ladder
- Head sluice or canal head regulator
- Canal off-takes
- Flood banks
- River training works

WEIR:

It is a dam over the crest of which water is discharged. It is also known as an uncut. It primarily raises the water level in the river and diverts it in to the canal, which takes off from the river. It is a solid obstruction built across the river. When the discharge in the river is large, it spills over the crest of the weir.

The weirs are also provided with crest shutters. During heavy floods, the shutter may be laid flat on the crest or may be raised vertically clear off the flood. If a weir also stores water tiding over small periods of short supplies, it is called a storage weir. A storage weir is shorter and stores the water supply for a short period.

BARRAGE OR REGULATOR:

It functions similar to a weir. The heading up of water is affected by the shutters alone. It consists of a number of piers having grooves with suitable flooring between them. The shutters move in the grooves. The shutters are raised or lowered as per requirements. In most of the cases, a road way is provided for the traffic. Thus it functions as a regulator and a bridge. The regulator serves as a weir without

really obstructing the waterway. There is less silting and better control over the water levels.

It can be combined with a bridge. The only drawback is costly.

DIVIDE WALL OR DIVIDE GROUYNE:

It is a long wall or embankment-constructed normal to the weir between the weir and the scour sluices. It extends a little beyond the head sluice on the upstream side and to the end of the talus on the downstream side. It is normally built of solid masonry. If made of embankment, it is protected on all sides by stone or concrete blocks. It is designed to withstand the water pressure from one side only. As a safe measure, the water thrust from the other side is ignored in the design.

FISH LADDER

In big rivers, fish will always move up and down respectively in search of clear and warm water. It is, therefore, essential for the provision of some space in the construction of weir. It is usually located between the weir and divide wall. It is situated near the divide wall as there is always some water in the river section below the scour sluices. It consists of an inclined trough with baffles with holes provided in them. The baffles reduce the velocity and provide compartments for the fish to rest. To have effective control, grooved gates are provided at the extreme upstream and downstream end walls. The fish ladder should be designed to have a velocity of 3 m/s or less in the trough.

HEAD SLUICE OR CANAL HEAD REGULATOR:

A head regulator is structures constructed at the head of a canal off take from reservoir behind a weir or a dam. It may consist of a number of spans separated by piers and operated by gates.

FUNCTIONS OF A HEAD SLUICE:

- To make the regulation of supply in the canal easy.
- To control the silt entry in to the canal.
- To shut out river floods.
- To provide full supply required for irrigation at moderate velocities with sufficient allowance.

CANAL OFF TAKES:

These may be provided on one or both the sides of the river above the weir or barrage. These should carry sufficient water for the aqueduct. These must be at such levels that they ensure the supply, by direct flow, to aqueduct

SCOURING SLUICES OR UNDER SLUICES:

They maintain a deep channel in front of head sluice and dispose of heavy silt and a part of flood discharge on the downstream side of the barrage or weir.

FUNCTIONS OF SCOURING SLUICES

- To preserve a clear and defined river channel approaching the regulator.

- To control the silt entry in to the canal.
- To scour the silt deposited in the river bed above the approach channel.
- To help in passing low floods without dropping the shutters of main weir.
- To provide additional waterway for floods, thus lowering the flood levels.

FLOOD BANKS:

The obstruction caused by the construction of a solid weir across the river blocks the waterway. This raises the water level causing backwater. If the natural ground on either side of the weir is sufficiently higher than estimated maximum backwater level, no protection work is required. If the ground level is lower than the maximum flood level, protective works are required. Such protective works are called flood banks. If flood banks are not provided at weir site, outflanking of the weir will result. This will cause serious damage to the weir resulting in its ultimate collapse. Hence, flood banks of suitable cross section are to be constructed on either side of the weir.

2) What are the different weir foundation? (AU ND 2009)

Types of weirs on permeable foundation.

On permeable foundation, the effective weight of the weir is reduced by uplift pressure. The uplift pressure on the heel of the weir is equal to the depth of water of the upstream and that on the toe is equal to the tail water depth. The weir is to be checked for overturning, sliding and maximum stress. Generally the weirs constructed on permeable soils or sand are low and very long.

TYPES OF WEIRS ON PERMEABLE FOUNDATION:

- Type A – vertical drop on horizontal apron.
- Type B – sloping masonry apron.
- Type C – rock sloping apron.

TYPE A:

In this type, the water is made to fall vertically on to a horizontal apron.

Further, it may be divided as type A and type A1. In type A, surface of downstream apron is at or below the low water level. In type A1, the downstream is partially or wholly above low water level. In these weirs the water impinges on the main apron with a vertical overfall producing greater stresses in the main apron. This type is preferable if the river bed is moderately hard and the overfill is less than 0.75 m.

TYPE B:

In this type, the apron is sloping and is built of masonry. The upstream ground must be of hard soil. The stress in this weir is very much less as there is no vertical fall of water. The sloping apron does not offer any check on the velocity of water flowing down the weir. This entails greater velocities, and greater depth of scour on the toe of the weir apron. Hence, the cost of maintenance will be too high. If the foundation is sandy and the difference of level between the body wall crest and low water level is considerable, type B is preferable.

TYPE C:

In this type, the apron is sloping and is made of rock fill. This type is used where the stones are available in plenty in different sizes. Type C possesses the merits of both type A and type B weirs

3 What are the different types of surplus work? (AU ND 2010)

TANK SURPLUS WORKS:

The surplus arrangements may be either weirs or flush escapes. The length of surplus works depends upon the estimated maximum flood. Weirs are classified into two heads, depending upon the criterion of the design of their floors.

- Gravity weirs
- Non-gravity weirs

A gravity weir is the one in which the uplift pressure due to the seepage of water below the floor is resisted entirely by the weight of floor. In the non-gravity type, the floor thickness is kept relatively less, and the uplift pressure is largely resisted by the bending action of the reinforced concrete floor.

Depending upon the material and certain design features gravity weir can be subdivided

in to:

- Vertical drop weir
- Sloping weir:
- Masonry or concrete slope weir
- Dry stone slope weir.
- Parabolic weir.

VERTICAL DROP WEIR:

A vertical drop weir consists of a vertical drop wall or crest wall, with or without crest gates. At the upstream and downstream ends of the impervious floor, cutoff piles are provided. To safeguard against scouring action, launching aprons are provided both at upstream and downstream end of the floor. A graded inverted filter is provided immediately at the downstream end of the impervious floor to relieve the uplift pressure.

MASONRY OR CONCRETE SLOPE WEIR:

They are suitable for soft sandy foundation, and are generally used where the difference in weir crest and downstream river bed is limited to 3 m the surplus arrangements may be either weirs or flush escapes. The length of surplus works depends upon the estimated maximum flood.

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DRY STONE SLOPE WEIR:

A dry stone weir or a rock fill weir consists of a body wall and upstream and downstream rock fills laid in the form of glacis, with few intervening core walls.

PARABOLIC WEIR:

A parabolic weir is similar to the spillway section of a dam. The body wall for such a weir is designed at a low dam. A cistern is provided at the downstream side to dissipate the energy. The upstream and downstream protection works are similar to that of a vertical drop or sloping glacis weir.

STEPPED WEIR:

In this type, water is delivered from the crest to a stepped apron. The water is dropped in a series of vertical falls or steps on to successive horizontal apron. This type of weir is usually the most suitable one for sites of soft soil and for drop exceeding 900 mm.

4 what are causes of failure of earth dams and its remedies (AU MJ 2009, ND 2008)

The causes of failure of earth dams are:

- Overtopping
- Piping
- Failure of upstream slope due to sudden draw-down
- Failure of upstream and downstream slopes
- Foundation slide
- Wave action
- Toe erosion
- Gullying
- Uneven settlement of foundation
- Flow slide
- Damage caused by burrowing animals and decayed roots
- Faulty construction and improper maintenance.

Overtopping:

It is due to inadequate capacity of the spillway and insufficient free board. Hence, free board and surplus arrangements with breaching sections should be adequate.

PIPING:

When the core is cracked or when there are pervious seams in the foundation or when boundary seepage along conduits in poor soil takes place, the conduits are formed by flowing water. Erosion takes place progressively from downstream end. It often leads to internal washout of the dam. The remedy is proper compaction and treatment of foundation, and the selection of right type of materials for the core. Also the use of adequate filters at all such places whenever there is a sudden change in gradation of materials

FAILURE OF UPSTREAM SLOPE DUE TO SUDDEN DRAWDOWN:

This failure occurs due to sudden draw down when the upstream slope steep, the soil used in the construction is poor and cohesive, and the compaction is inadequate. Flat slope using right type of soil with proper consolidation will produce stable embankment.

FAILURE OF UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM SLOPES:

When the upstream and downstream slopes are steeper than required and the soil used is poor with inadequate compaction, saturation and softening of soil due to rainfall and seepage causes the sliding of slopes. Adequate compaction using right type of soil to the required slope as per structural necessity, and provision of inverted horizontal filter at the bottom of the dam and rock-toe will prevent such failures.

FOUNDATION SLIDE:

When the foundation is made up of soft soil or weak soil or when there is excess water pressure on confined sand, sliding of entire dam or part takes place due to excessive shear stress induced in the foundation soil. This should be kept down by compacting the soil properly and by flattening the slopes. A reverse filter should be provided at the bottom extending from the center of the dam to the toe drain. This will keep the saturation level of the downstream portion to its minimum. Key trenches should also be made in the natural soil to bond effectively the new soil in the dam section.

TOE EROSION:

The seepage force due to downstream end causes erosion and slip. Provision of proper and necessary artificial drainage of filter on the downstream slope may safeguard this failure.

GULLYING:

The run off resulting from heavy rainfall may run along the downstream slope forming gullies. These gullies may damage the dam by erosion. By providing chutes from top to toe and turfing the downstream slope, this damage may be avoided.

UNEVEN SETTLEMENT OF FOUNDATION:

After the construction of the earth dam, due to excessive load on loose foundation, settlement of foundation takes place because of its consolidation. If the settlement is uneven, it causes cracks in the main section of the dam. Hence failure occurs. If the foundation is poor, the foundation should be compacted well after removing loose materials. Key trenches may be provided to avoid sliding and to act as seepage barrier. Bentonite grouting may be done before commencing the laying of earth for construction work.

FLOW SLIDE:

If there is loose sand or silt in the dam and foundation, the soil in the dam generally collapses and flows down on the upstream slope due to liquidation. Use of right type of soil will prevent this kind of failure.

DAMAGE CAUSED BY CRACKS, BURROWING ANIMALS AND DECAYED

ROOTS:

Failures may also occur due to bores created in the embankments either due to cracks or due to burrowing by animals or due to decaying of roots of trees. Water seep through these holes thus formed. The following precautions may be taken to prevent such failures:

Constructing the dam with right type of soil to prevent cracking.

Covering the upstream slope with stone revetment with good gravel filterbacking to avoid wave erosion and burrowing of animals. Keeping the embankment free from trees and removing the roots of dead trees and thoroughly compacting the embankment.

FAULTY CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROPER MAINTENANCE:

Even the design is exact and correct, if proper attention is not paid to the construction and maintenance of an earth dam, it may fail. Hence, it should be constructed by paying proper attention. Also, whenever the dam section gets spoiled, it should be brought back to its original profile by regular maintenance.

5 What are factors affecting the selection of type of a dam: (AU MJ 2010)

The selection of a type of a dam at a given site depends upon many physical factors such as topography, geological and foundation conditions, available materials, suitable site for spillway, data about earthquake etc. Before selecting the best type of dam at a particular site, one must consider the characteristics of each type of dam, as related to the physical feature of the site and the adaptation to the purposes the dam is supposed to serve, as well as economy, safety and other pertinent limitations. The choice of the dam may also be guided by many local problems such as availability of labour and equipment, assessability of site, limitation imposed by outlet works and cost of protection needed from spillway discharge as well as time required for its construction. Some of the physical factors governing the selection of type of dam discussed below:

TOPOGRAPHY:

First choice of dam is usually governed by topography for the site. A low rolling plains country suggests an earth dam with a separate spillway. A low narrow V shaped valley suggests an arch dam, provided the top width of valley is less than one fourth its height and separate site for spillway is available. A narrow stream flowing between high rocky walls (giving rise to U-shaped valley) would suggest a concrete overflow dam. For intermediate conditions other factors such as foundation condition, location of suitable site for spillway and availability of materials of construction play an important role in the selection of the type.

GEOLOGY AND FOUNDATION CONDITIONS:

If the foundation consists of sound rock, with no fault or fissures, any type of dam can be constructed on it. Rocks like granite, gneiss and schist make very satisfactory foundation for gravity dam. However, these rocks may have seams or fractures. The removal of disintegrated rock together with the sealing of seams and fractures by grouting will frequently be necessary. Poor rock or gravel foundations are suitable for earth dam, rock fill dam or low concrete gravity dam. Since there will be considerable under seepage in this case, effective water cutoff or seals have to be provided. Silt or fine sand foundation have the problem of settlement, seepage and toe erosion. Hence such foundations are suitable only for either earth dam or low concrete gravity dam but not rock fill dams. Clay foundations have often the problems of

longrange consolidation under the weight of the dam, resulting in cracks. Hence, only earth dams are suitable with proper foundation treatment. Gravity dams or rock fill dams are not suitable on clay foundations.

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION:

The cost of construction of a particular type of dam will depend upon the availability of the materials in nearby area so that transportation charges are reduced. If sand, gravel and crushed stone is available, a concrete gravity dam may be more suitable. If, however, coarse and fine grained soils are available an earth dam may be suitable. The preliminary selection of a particular type, based on the first two physical factors, must correspond with the easy availability of the materials required for its construction otherwise that type of dam should be dropped.

SPELLWAY SIZE AND LOCATION:

The safe discharge of flood water through dam is very essential, and for that suitable site for spillway should be required. If the area is such that a large spillway capacity is required an overflow concrete gravity dam should be preferred. Where small spillway capacity is required and where separate site for spillway location is available, an earth dam may be preferred. Where large discharges are to be derived during the construction of dam, a concrete gravity dam is preferred to an earth dam. If no other site is available for spillway, it has to be accommodated with the main dam across the main river section. In that case, a concrete gravity dam having overflow section in this middle would be a better choice, though an earth dam can also be constructed with central overflow section of concrete.

ROADWAY:

If a roadway is to be passed over the top of the dam, an earth dam or gravity dam would be preferred.

LENGTH AND HEIGHT OF DAM:

If the length of the dam is very long and its height is low, an earth dam would be a better choice. If the length is small but height is more, gravity dam is preferred.

LIFE OF DAM:

Concrete or masonry gravity dams have very long life. Earth and rock fill dams have intermediate life. However, timber dams are adopted only for temporary storages.

6 What are the Favourable conditions, advantages, disadvantages, pressure distribution and elementary profile of a masonry dam. (AU ND, MJ 2011)

FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR A GRAVITY DAM:

- Good rock is available for foundation.
- A narrow gorge exists to reduce cost and length of dam.
- Construction materials are available closely in plenty.
- A good site for the surplus weir exists.

ADVANTAGES OF GRAVITY DAM:

- Relatively more strong and stable.
- More suitable as an overflow spillway crest
- Can be constructed to any height on good foundation
- Specially suitable for areas which may experience heavy rains.
- Requires least maintenance.
- Failure of dam, if any, is not sudden.
- Deep-set sluices can be provided to retard silt deposition.
- Cheaper in the long run since it is more permanent.
- More suitable across gorges having very steep slopes.

DISADVANTAGES OF GRAVITY DAM:

- Requires sound rock foundations.
- High initial cost.
- Takes more time for construction.
- Requires skilled labour or mechanized plants for construction.
- Unless specific provisions have been made in the design, it is very difficult to increase the height subsequently.

PRESSURE DISTRIBUTION OF A GRAVITY DAM

Let AB, the base of the section = b

O, the center of the base i.e. AO = b/2

R, the resultant acts at D with eccentricity, e.

Now, let us introduce forces W at O both in upward and downward directions.

The three vertical forces are,

W acting at O (downwards),

W acting at O (upwards),

W acting at D (downwards),

Consider unit length of the dam,

Moment produced by the couple acting at O and D = We

Bending stress due to any moment = $M y/I$

Bending stress produced at the base = $We \times b / [(1/12) 1 \times b^3]$

= $6 We/b^2$

Direct stress due to W at the base = W / area of base

= $W / (1 \times b)$

= W / b

Therefore, stress produced at the base. $\sigma = (W / b) \pm (6We / b^2)$

= $W / b (1 \pm 6e/b^2)$

Case (1):

If, $e = b / 6$, $\sigma = 2W/b$ or 0

i.e., maximum stress = $2W/b$

minimum stress = 0

Case (2):

If, $e = 0$, $\sigma = W/b$

ELEMENTARY PROFILE OF A MASONRY DAM:

The most economical profile of a masonry dam is obtained,

- When the vertical resultant force cuts every horizontal section and the base off front extremity of the middle third if the reservoir is empty, and
- When the resultant pressure cuts the base at the rear extremity of the middle third if the reservoir is full
- A right angled triangle having the water face vertical with apex at the water surface and base width, $b = H / s$ fulfills the conditions of an economical section. Such a section is called elementary profile.

Let, b = base width

H = depth of water

S = specific gravity of the material of the dam

σ = specific weight of water

W = weight of masonry

Considering unit length of the dam, horizontal water pressure, $p = \sigma H^2 / 2$ acts at $H/3$ from base.

Weight of masonry, $W = (bH/2) \times \sigma s$, acts at $b/3$ from upstream face.

Taking moments about the rear extremity of middle third,

$$Wb / 3 = PH / 3$$

$$(bH / 2) * \sigma s * b/3 = (\sigma H^2 / 2) * H / 3$$

$$b = H / s$$

This section is safe against overturning and failure due to tension.

Safe design of earth dam.

- The embankment must be safe against overturning during occurrence of the inflow design flood by the provision of sufficient spillway and outlet works capacity.
- The dam must have sufficient free board so that it is not overtopped by wave action.
- The seepage line should be well within the downstream face so that no sloughing of the slope takes place.

- Seepage flow through the embankment, foundation and abutments must be controlled by suitable design provisions so that no internal erosion takes place. The amount of water lost through seepage must be controlled so that it does not interfere with planned project functions.
- There should be no opportunity for the free passage of water from upstream to the downstream either through the dam or through the foundation.
- The portion of the downstream of the impervious core should be properly drained.
- The upstream and downstream slopes should be so designed that they are safe during and immediately after the construction.
- The downstream slope should be so designed that it is safe during steady seepage case under full reservoir condition.
- The upstream slope should be stable during rapid drawdown condition
- The upstream and downstream slopes of the dam should be flat enough so that shear stress induced in the foundation is enough less than the shear strength of the material in the foundation to ensure a suitable factor of safety.
- The dam as a whole should be earthquake resistant.
- The upstream slope must be protected against erosion by wave action, and crest and down stream slope must be protected against erosion due to wind and rain.

7 what are the different Forces acting on a gravity dam. (AU ND,MJ 2012)

- Water pressure
- Weight of dam
- Uplift pressure
- Pressure due to earthquake
- Ice pressure
- Wave pressure
- Silt pressure

Water pressure:

This is the major external force acting on a dam. When the upstream face of the dam is vertical, the water pressure acts horizontally. The intensity of pressure varies triangularly with a zero intensity at the water surface, to a value wH at any depth h below water surface. When the upstream face is partly vertical and partly inclined, the resultant water pressure can be resolved into component. (i) Horizontal component P (ii) Vertical component P_1 due to weight of water supported by the inclined face. Horizontal force $P = \frac{wH^2}{2}$ This force acts at a height $H/3$ from the base of the dam. Vertical component, $P_1 =$ weight of water contained by column $AA'C'B$ and acting at the C.G. of the area. Horizontal pressure $P_2 = \frac{WH^2}{2}$ Vertical pressure $P_3 =$ weight of water contained by column EF'

Weight of the dam:

The weight of the dam is major resisting force. For analysis purpose, generally, unit length of the dam is considered. The cross section of the dam may be divided into several triangles and rectangles and the weights w_1, w_2, w_3 , etc. of each of these may

be computed conveniently, along with determination of their lines of action. The total weight w of the dam acts at the C.G of its section

Uplift pressure:

Water has a tendency to seep through the pores and fissures of the foundation material. It also seeps through the joints between the body of the dam and its foundation at the base, and through the pores of the material in the body of the dam. The seeping water exerts pressure and must be accounted for in the stability calculations. The uplift pressure is defined as the upward pressure of water as it flows or seeps through body of the dam or its foundation. A portion of the weight of the dam will be supported on the upward pressure of water; hence net foundation reaction due to vertical force will reduce.

Pressure due to earthquake:

The wave imparts accelerations to the foundations under the dam and causes its movement. In order to avoid rupture, the dam must also move along with it. This acceleration introduces an inertial force in the body of dam and sets up stresses initially in lower layers and gradually in the whole body of the dam. Earthquake waves may travel in any direction.

Ice pressure:

The ice pressure is more important for dams constructed in cold countries, or at higher elevations. The ice formed on the water surface of the reservoir is subjected to expansion and contraction due to temperature variations. The coefficient of thermal expansion of ice being five times more than that of concrete, the dam face has to resist the force due to expansion of ice. This force acts linearly along the length of the dam, at the reservoir level, and its magnitude varies from 2.5 to 15 kg/cm² depending upon temperature variations. An average value of 5 kg/cm² may be taken as allowable under ordinary conditions.

Wave pressure:

Waves are generated on the reservoir surface because of the wind blowing over it. Wave pressure depends on the height of the wave developed.

Wave height

may be calculated by,

$$hw = (0.032 V.F.) + 0.763 - (0.271 F^{1/4}) \text{ For } F < 32 \text{ km}$$

$$hw = (0.032 V.F.) \text{ For } F > 32 \text{ km}$$

hw = height of waves in m, between trough and crest

V = wind velocity in km per hour

F = fetch or straight length of water expanse in km

The pressure intensity due to waves $PW = 2.4 w hw$ (t/m²)

Where, Pw = the maximum pressure which occurs at $(1/8) hw$ meters above still water surface.

The pressure distribution is curvilinear. For design purpose, the pressure distribution

may be assumed to be triangle of height = $(5/3) hw$.

Hence, total pressure

$$P_w = (2.4 w hw) \frac{1}{2} (5hw/3)$$

$$= 2 w hw$$

$$2 \text{ (t/m)}$$

$$= 2000hw$$

$$2 \text{ (kg/m)}$$

Its act at a distance of $3hw / 8$ above the reservoir surface.

Silt pressure:

The river brings silt and debris along with it. The silt load gets deposited to an appreciable extent when dam is constructed. The dam is, therefore, subjected to silt pressure in addition to the water pressure. If γ_s is the submerged unit weight of silt and ϕ is the angle of internal friction and h is the height to which the silt is deposited,

the silt pressure is given by,

$$P_s = (1/2) \gamma_s h^2 (1 - \sin \phi) / (1 + \sin \phi)$$

Wind pressure;

It is a minor force and need hardly be taken in to account for the design of dams. Wind pressure is required to be considered only on that portion of the superstructure, which is exposed to the action of wind. Normally wind pressure is taken as 100 to 150 kg / m² for the area exposed to the wind pressure.