

Unit IV - Columns & FootingsTopic :- RCC Columns

Column or strut is a compression member, the effective length of which exceeds three times the least lateral dimension.

$$\text{i.e. } l_e > 3b$$

if $l_e < 3b$ it is not a column
it is a pedestal

$D \geq b$ but $D \not\geq 4b$ else it is a wall

x-x is major axis, y-y is minor axis

Classification: (A) Based on slenderness ratio $(= \frac{\text{eff. length}}{\text{lateral dimension}})$

① Short Column $\rightarrow \frac{l_{ex}}{D} < 12$ & $\frac{l_{ey}}{b} < 12$

\rightarrow failure is compression failure by crushing. Full crushing strength utilized.

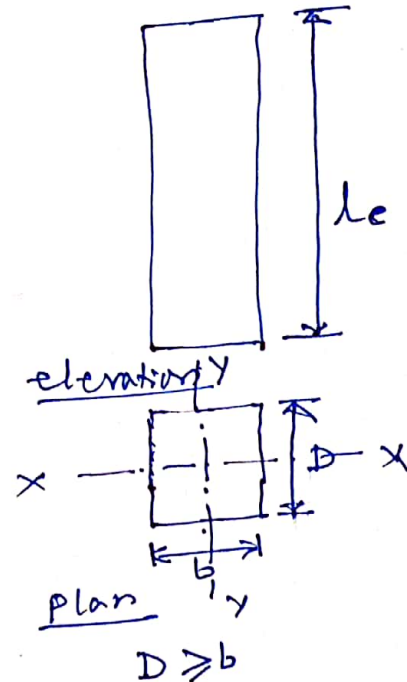
② Long Column $\rightarrow \frac{l_{ex}}{D} \geq 12$ OR $\frac{l_{ey}}{b} \geq 12$ OR both

\rightarrow Column fail by buckling before full crushing strength developed

~~Max.~~ Max. slenderness ratio $\not\geq 60$

(B) Classification based on

Column Shapes:- Square, rectangular, circular, polygon, L-shaped, T-shaped etc.



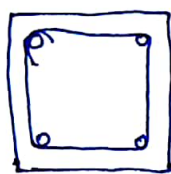
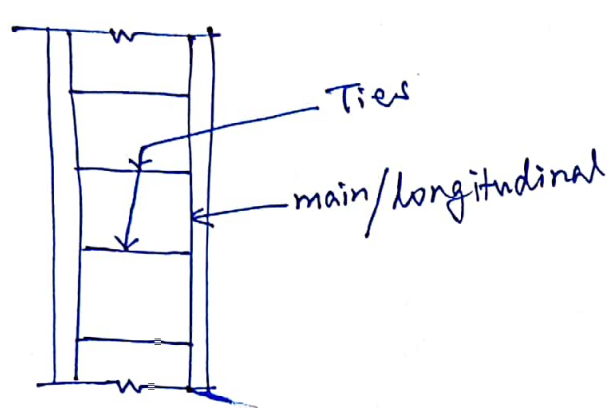
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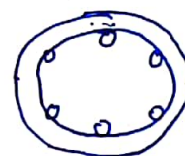
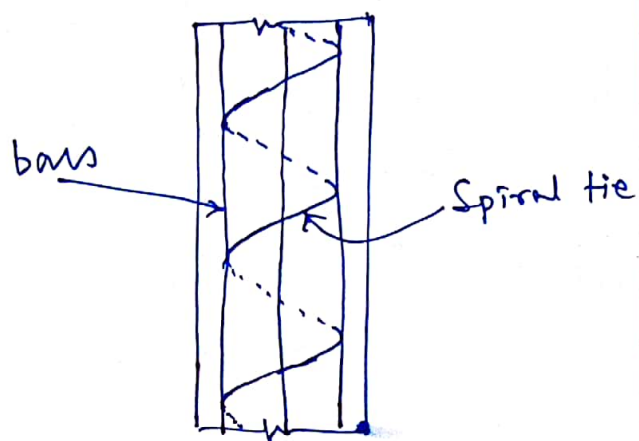
© Classification based on lateral support of main bars

① Tied Column - lateral ties are used

② Spiral Column - Spiral or helical ties are used.



Tied Column



Spiral Column

- A column may be subjected to;
 - ① Axial load only
 - ② Axial load & uniaxial bending
 - ③ Axial load & biaxial bending
- Design approach differs in all three cases.
- General Design considerations for columns are given in IS 456:2000 § 25 p.41 & 42
- Structural design (LSM) of columns is given in IS 456:2000 § 39 p.70 to p.72

All columns (except short axially loaded columns when $e_{min} \geq 0.05$ times lateral dimension) are to be designed for min. eccentricity

$$e_{min} = \left(\frac{l}{500} + \frac{\text{lateral dimension}}{30} \right) \leq 20 \text{ mm}$$

where,

l = unsupported length of column

= length of columns between supports/restraints ^{at}

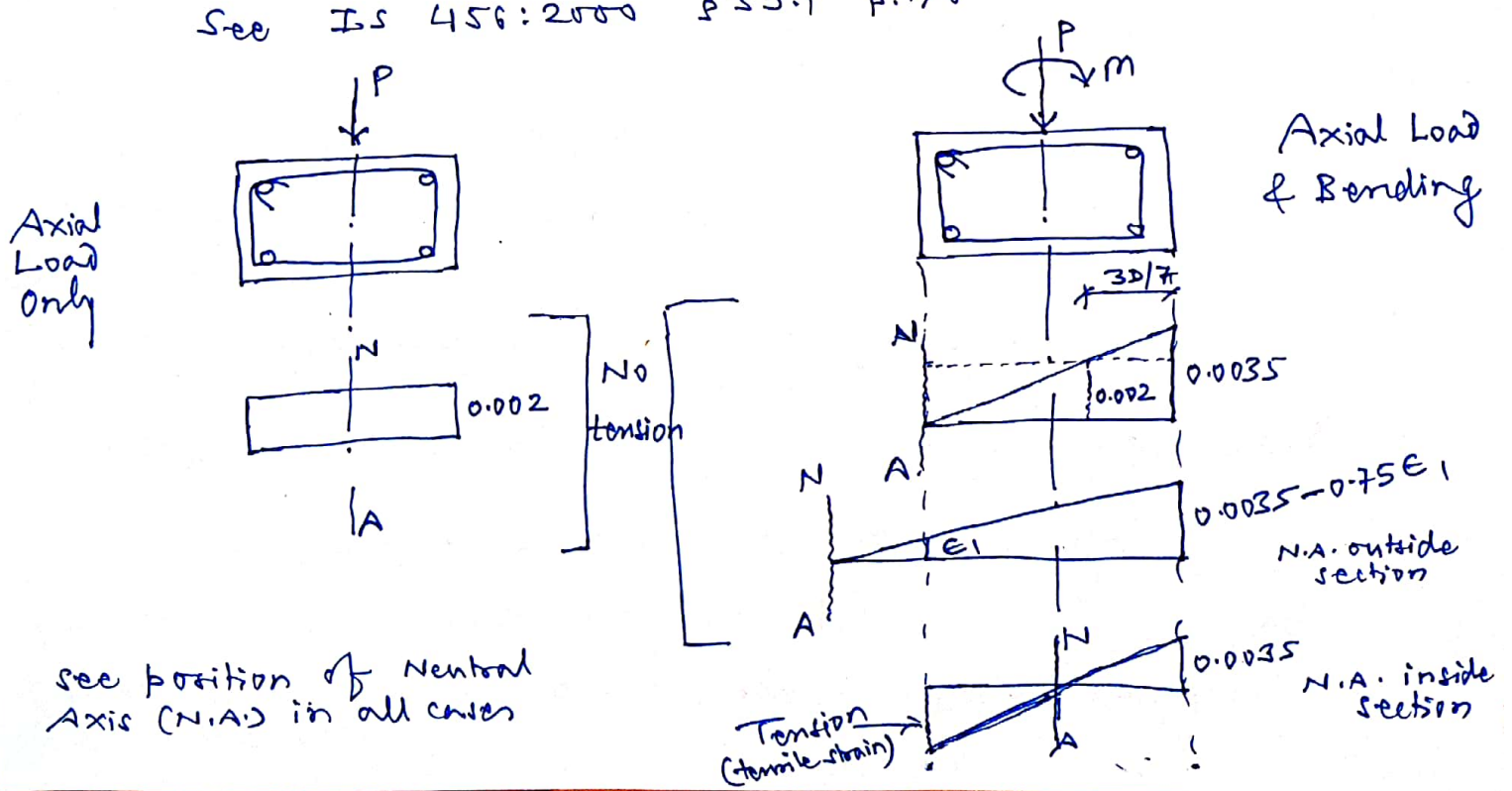
or as specified in IS 456:2000 § 25-1.3/P.42 for special conditions.

Effective length of column l_e

The values are given in terms of l for different end conditions in Ann. 'E' IS 456:2000/P.94

Basic assumptions in LSM design of columns:-

See IS 456:2000 § 39.1 P.70



see position of Neutral Axis (N.A.) in all cases

Clear cover to main reinforcement in columns

(subjected to mild exposure) =

- (i) ≤ 40 mm.
- (ii) $\leq \phi$ where $\phi = \text{max. dia of main bar}$
- (iii) 25 mm. for columns of minimum dimension ≤ 200 mm. & where $\phi \leq 12$ mm.

see IS 456:2000 § 26.2.1 p. 46

Design of Short Columns under Axial Compression

§ 39.3 p. 71 IS 456:2000

When $e_{min} \geq 0.05$ times lateral dimension,

the column may be designed using following formula,

$$P_u = 0.4 f_{ck} \cdot A_c + 0.67 f_y \cdot A_{sc}$$

where,

P_u = Factored axial load

A_c = Area of concrete

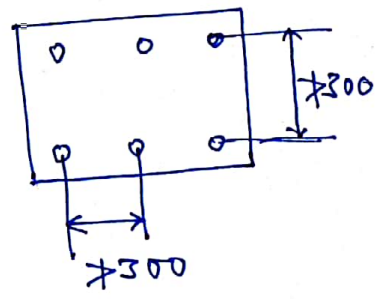
= $A_g - A_{sc}$ but may be taken = A_g without much error, $A_g = b \times D$

A_{sc} = Area of steel in compression

Size of column & area of steel is calculated using above formula. Dia & spacing of main bars & tie bars (stirrups) are decided from following considerations/requirements as per § 26.5.3 p. 48 & 49 of the code.

A. Longitudinal (or main) reinforcement

- ① Longitudinal reinf. $\leq 0.8\%$ & $\geq 6\%$
($\geq 4\%$ when lapped bars are used) of gross cross sectional area of column
- ② Min. % i.e. 0.8% shall be based on required/calculated gross area & not on actual gross area.
- ③ Minimum bars = 4 in rectangular column
= 6 in circular column.
- ④ Min. diameter ≤ 12 mm.
- ⑤ Spacing of longitudinal bars - measured along periphery ≥ 300 mm.
- ⑥ Other requirements - read from code



B. Transverse (Lateral) reinforcement:-

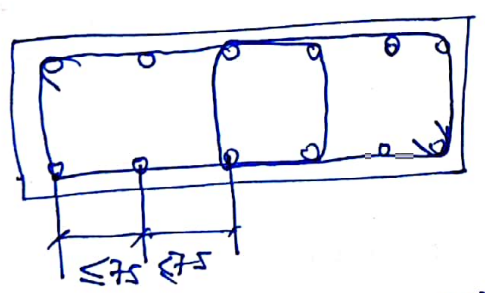
- ① Min. dia $\leq \frac{\phi}{4}$ where ϕ = dia. of largest longitudinal bar
 ≤ 6 mm.
- ② Pitch (spacing) \leq
 - (i) b --- b = least lateral dimension
 - (ii) 16ϕ --- ϕ = Dia of smallest longitudinal bar
 - (iii) 300 mm.

In case of helical reinforcement - if inclination of helical reinf. is accounted for to carry additional load,

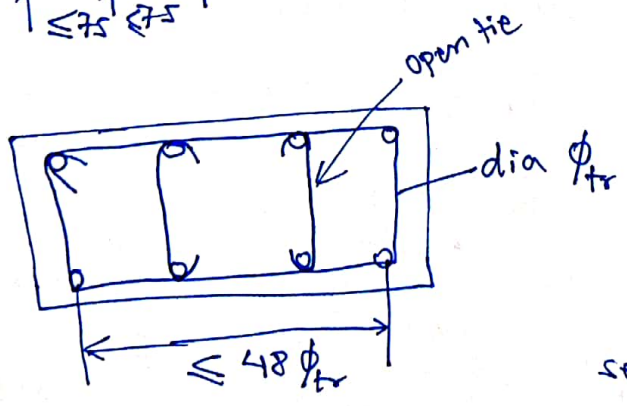
$$\text{pitch} \begin{cases} > 75 \text{ mm.} \\ > \frac{\text{core dia. of column}}{6} \\ < 25 \text{ mm.} \\ < 3\phi_{tr} \end{cases} \quad \text{--- } \phi_{tr} = \text{dia. of lateral helical (transverse) reinf.}$$

If inclination of helical reinf. is not accounted for to carry additional load, provide pitch similar to normal ties.

For arrangement of transverse reinforcement refer § 26.5.3.2 (b) p.49 of IS 456:2000 & Figs 8, 9, 10 & 11 on p.50 of the code



longitudinal bars spaced not more than 75 mm, only alternate bar need to be tied in both direction



open ties may be used in such situation

see code for full details.