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Effect of Varying Slab Depth of the Skew Culvert

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Abstract: *Although there are numerous various kinds of bridge structures in the world, the skew culvert bridge is the subject of this essay. Skew bridges are unique in that they are frequently seen in hilly terrain and are also used in contemporary architecture. Skew slab bridges are an attempt to analyze in this dissertation. In order to achieve maximal stresses development on the slab, various I.R.C. loadings (Class 70R Tracked Vehicle) and live load positions have been taken into consideration in the analysis. For the skew bridge analysis, the thorough analysis and parametric investigation offered insightful information. The primary strategy is to examine the impact of various depths on the maximum shear force, bending moment, stresses, and reinforcing quantity, among other parameters, on the 17°, 30° and 57° skew angle respectively.*

Keywords: *Skew angle, stresses, IRC loading and skew slab etc.*

I. INTRODUCTION

The roof and floors of structures with a reinforced concrete structure are made of slabs. Skew slabs, which are four-sided slabs with equal opposing angles other than 90°, deviate from the standard rule that slabs should be perpendicular to the supports. In the event of obstructions, this slab form offers an engineer a wide range of alignment opportunities. The short diagonal to span ratio controls how a simply supported skew slab responds to a central point load. Acute corner lifting is present in skew slabs with a short diagonal to span ratio less than one, but not in those with a short diagonal to span ratio more than one.

Any bridge whose longitudinal axis makes a sharp angle with the abutment is said to be skew. Such a structure's design is a result of terrain features like mountainous topography, intricate intersections, and natural barriers. Skew bridge design requires particular consideration because the nature of skew bridges differs significantly from that of conventional bridges. Normal bridges have a deck slab that is perpendicular to the supports, which allows the load to be transferred from the slab to the supports, which are positioned perpendicular to the slab. On the other hand, load transference from a skew slab bridge is a challenging issue because it is never certain which way the slab will span and how the load will be transferred to the support.

II. SKEW CULVERT

The angle between the free (longitudinal) edge and perpendicular to the abutment is referred to as the skew. In comparison to a right-angled bridge, the existence of skew makes bridge analysis and design much more challenging. It also significantly affects the structural behaviour of decks and the key design stresses. In simple supported bridges, the effect of skew may typically be ignored up to 15° of skew, and the bridge can be constructed as a right angled bridge. However, with integrated bridges and continuous decks, the effects of skew become noticeable at smaller skew angles, especially in areas of intermediate supports.

Although the need for building skew bridges was recognised on a global scale in the early 1960s, it is clear from the literature review that the study work has only focused on specific issues encountered in the fields.



III. IRC LOADINGS

There are currently 4 types of IRC loading according to IRC: 6 - 2014 which are considered as live load for the bridge design.

A. IRC Class 70r Loading

This loading has been recently introduced in IRC:6 - 2014. It includes tracked loading as well as wheeled loading. We can say that this is an improved version of the IRC class AA loading (IRC:6 - 2000). This loading has the highest magnitude with respect to all other IRC loadings. This loading is commonly used for building bridges in the industrial sector and the military sector. Maximum load of one wheel in case IRC Class 70R loading is 350Kn. This is different from the IRC class AA loading in the longitudinal length of the load which is 4.57m.

B. IRC Class AA Loading

This loading as described by IRC: 6-2000 for bridge design based on 2000. This was before loading IRC Class 70R has highest quantity of loading magnitude. This loading before starting IRC Class 70R was considered for the design of bridges for the military sector, industrial area and Highway loading. As IRC Class 70R IRC loading in the same way the Class AA loading also had a maximum load of 350KN for single wheel and as longitudinal load length 3.6m.

C. IRC Class A And IRC Class B Loading

These two loadings are considered as lighter loading than the IRC class 70R and IRC Class AA loading. These loadings are considered for the bridge design of rural area or we can say for wooden bridges. Max load of single wheel loading for IRC Class A is 114Kn and for IRC Class B loading is 68Kn.

IV. NEED OF SKEW CULVERT

When a stream crosses the road at an angle other than 90 degrees, skew bridges are required. The current traffic scenario necessitates straight road alignment due to the quick traffic, which in turn necessitates the use of skew crossings. Bridges are parallelograms when they are in their plane form, and the angle that results when you remove the acute angle from 90 degrees is known as the skew angle.

V. DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

The solid RCC slab with a clear span of 7.5 metres is taken into consideration in this study. Various codes, including IS 456-2000 for RCC design and IRC 6 2000 for live load, are applied in the current study. The study focuses on manually calculating the impact of various skew angles on slab culverts. Different skew angles of the slab culvert are calculated, and the results are compared in terms of their moment, shear, stresses, and area of steel. In our analysis, we take into account the live and dead loads in accordance with Indian standard code standards.

A. Geometrical Modeling

Table1: Geometric properties of Building

COMPONENTS	SPECIFICATION	DATA
Geometric Parameters	Slab culvert	RC structure
	Clear span	7.5 m
Material Properties	Concrete grade	M-25
	Steel grade of rebar	HYSD 415
	Density of concrete	2400 KN/m ³
Primary Loads	Floor Finishing Load (Dead Load)	2.875KN/m ²
	Live load	3.5KN/m ²
Analysis approach : Manual as per IS code		

Here in this research we have considered varying depth of the slab at different skew angle (17^0 , 30^0 and 57^0) and analyze the results in terms of shear force, shear stress, Area of steel and moment etc.

S.NO.	Skew Angle	Span Depth in mm	Span in m	Effective span in m
1	17	600	7.5	7.73
		800	7.5	7.93
		1000	7.5	8.13
2	30	600	7.5	7.05
		800	7.5	7.25
		1000	7.5	7.45
3	57	600	7.5	4.64
		800	7.5	4.84
		1000	7.5	5.04

VI. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The limit state design method described in Provides-codes 800:2007 and 456:2000 is the foundation for the analysis. For the live load in this investigation, we also use the IRC6:2000 code. In this study section, several skew angles have been used to examine the effects on shear, moment, and the amount of steel in the culvert slab. The analysis method is manual and follows IS standards. The outcomes that are listed below have been discussed -

A. Moment due to Dead load comparison

Here the comparison of moment due to dead load for different thickness of the slab culvert at an skew angle of 17^0 , 30^0 and 57^0 respectively. The results and graph are shown below-

1) For Skew Angle 17^0 -

Table 3 Comparison of Moment due to Dead load with Varying Slab Depth

Slab Depth in mm	Moment due to dead load in Nm
600	134520
800	180800
1000	228860

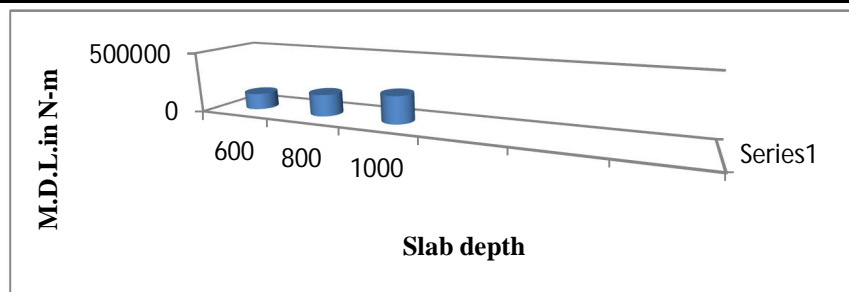
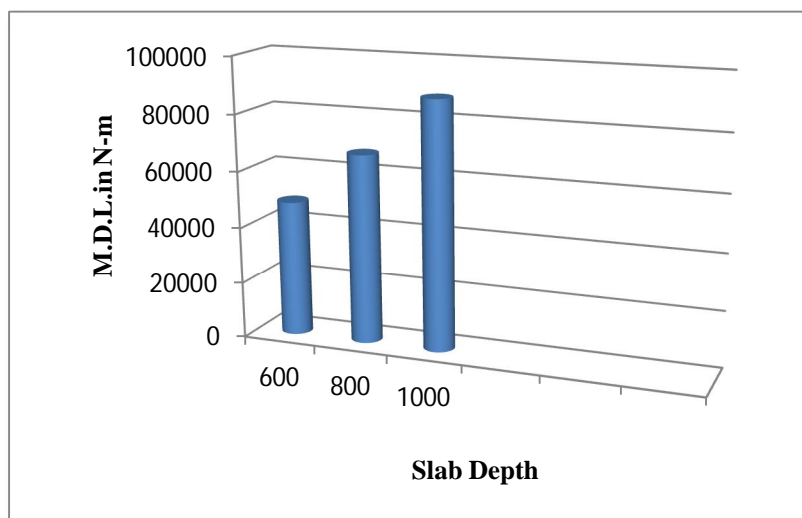


Figure 7 Comparison of Moment due to dead load

2) For skew angle 30° –

Table 3 Comparison of Moment due to Dead load with Varying Slab Depth

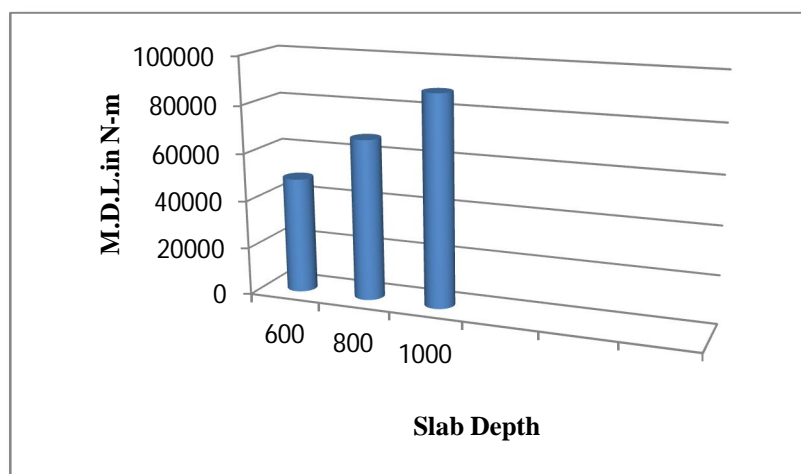
Slab Depth in mm	Moment due to dead load in Nm
600	112000
800	151110
1000	192180



3) For skew angle 57° –

Table 3 Comparison of Moment due to Dead load with Varying Slab Depth

Slab Depth in mm	Moment due to dead load in Nm
600	48440
800	67350
1000	88120



In the above results and graph it is notice that the moment due to Dead load is increasing as we increasing the depth of slab at an angle of 17° , 30° and 57° respectively of the skew culvert.

B. Moment due to Live Load comparison

Here the comparison of moment due to Live load for different thickness of the slab culvert at an skew angle of 17° , 30° and 57° respectively. The results and graph are shown below-

1) For skew angle 17° -

Table 4 Comparison of Moment due to Live load with Varying Slab Depth

Slab Depth in mm	Moment due to live load in Nm
600	107280
800	78060
1000	58330

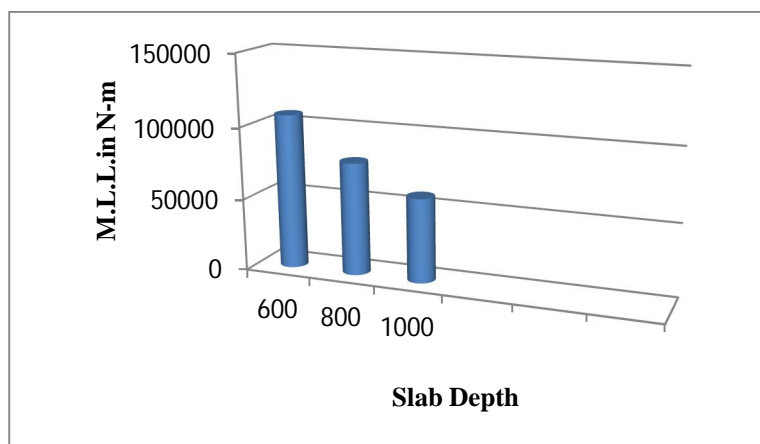
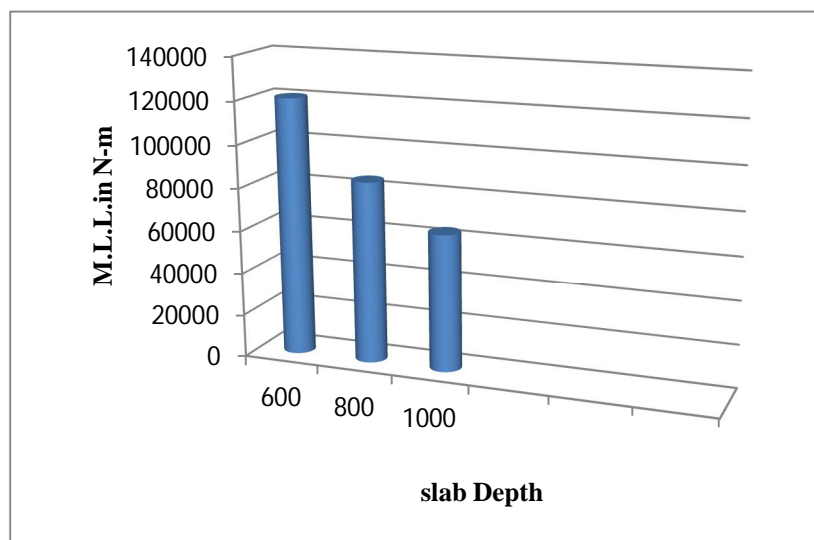


Figure 8 Comparison of Moment due to Live load

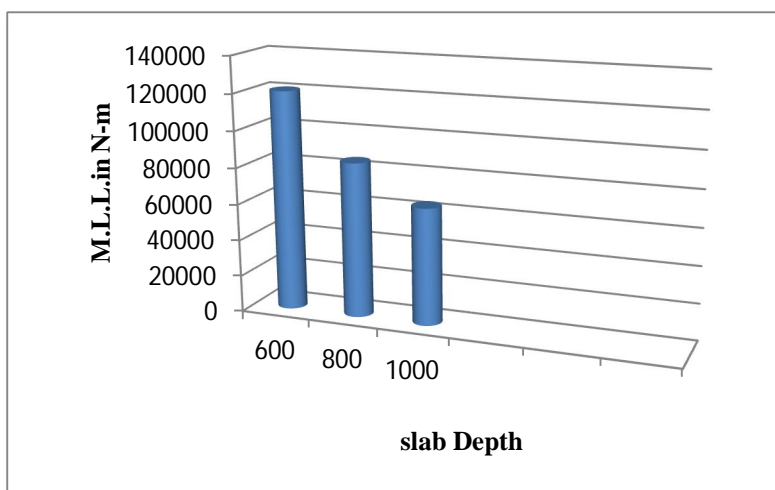
2) For skew angle 30° -

Slab Depth in mm	Moment due to live load in Nm
600	108450
800	78700
1000	58420



3) For skew angle 57^0 –

Slab Depth in mm	Moment due to live load in Nm
600	120620
800	84940
1000	64150



In the above table it is notice that the moment due to Live load is decreasing as we increasing the depth of slab at an angle of 17^0 , 30^0 and 57^0 respectively of the skew culvert.

C. Shear stress comparison

Here the comparison of shear stress for different thickness of the slab culvert at an skew angle of 17^0 , 30^0 and 57^0 respectively. The results and graph are shown below-

1) For skew angle 17^0 -

Table 4 Comparison of Shear stress with Varying Slab Depth

Slab Depth in mm	Shear stress in N/mm^2
600	0.34
800	0.28
1000	0.25

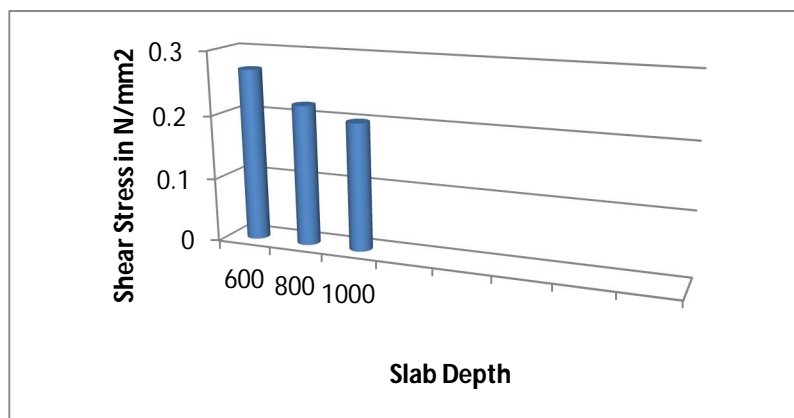
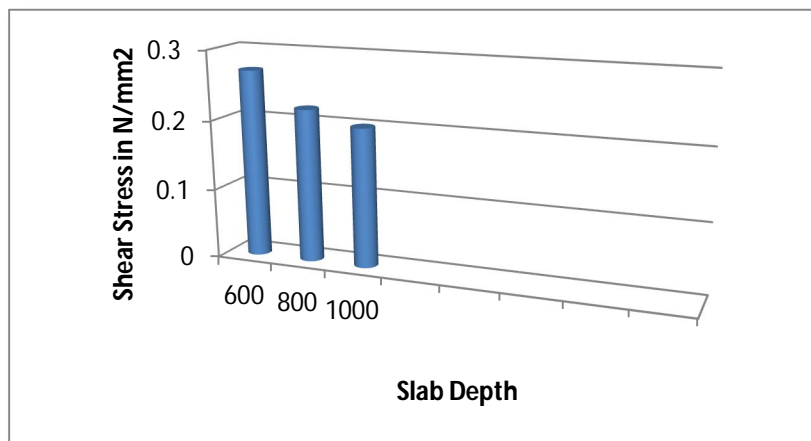


Figure 8 Comparison of Shear stress

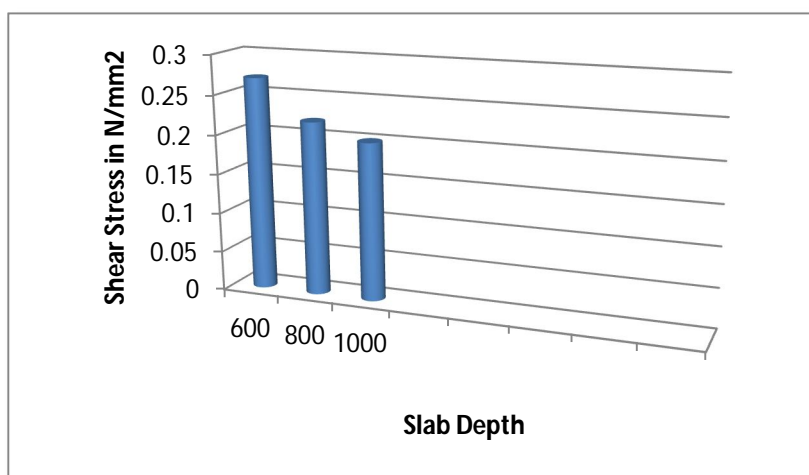
2) For skew angle 30° –

Slab Depth in mm	Shear stress in N/mm^2
600	0.32
800	0.27
1000	0.24



3) For skew angle 57° –

Slab Depth in mm	Shear stress in N/mm^2
600	0.34
800	0.28
1000	0.25



In the above table it is notice that the shear stress is decreasing as we increasing the depth of slab at an angle of 17° , 30° and 57° respectively of the skew culvert.

D. Shear Force comparison

Here the comparison of shear force for different thickness of the slab culvert at an skew angle of 17° , 30° and 57° respectively. The results and graph are shown below-

1) For skew angle 17° –

Table 4 Comparison of Shear force with Varying Slab Depth

Slab Depth in mm	Shear force in N
600	190540
800	218650
1000	246480

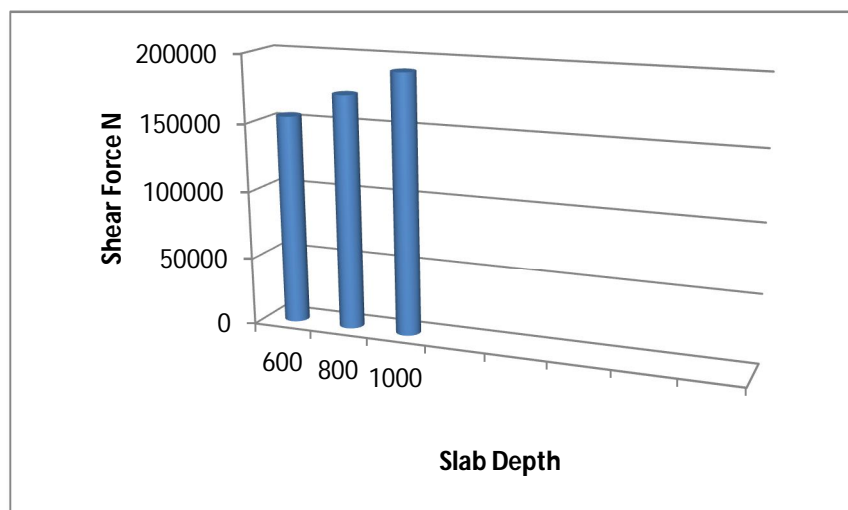
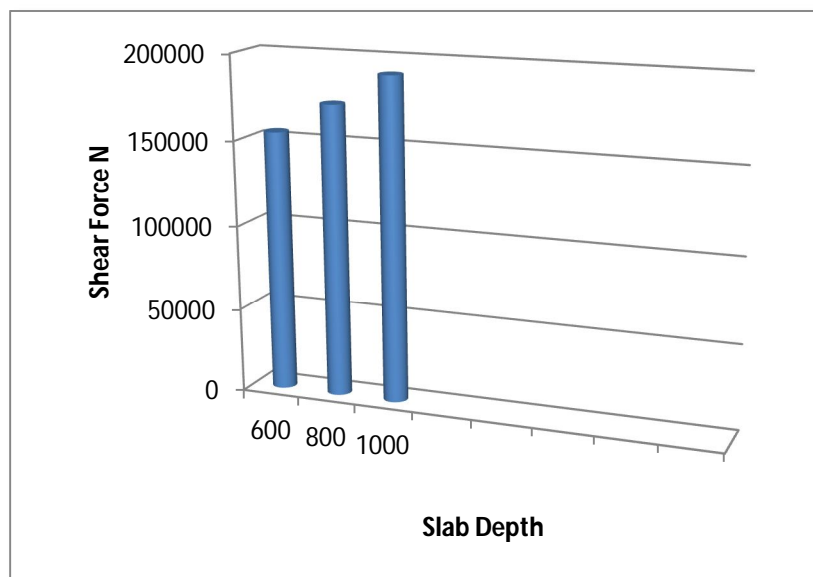


Figure 8 Comparison of Shear force

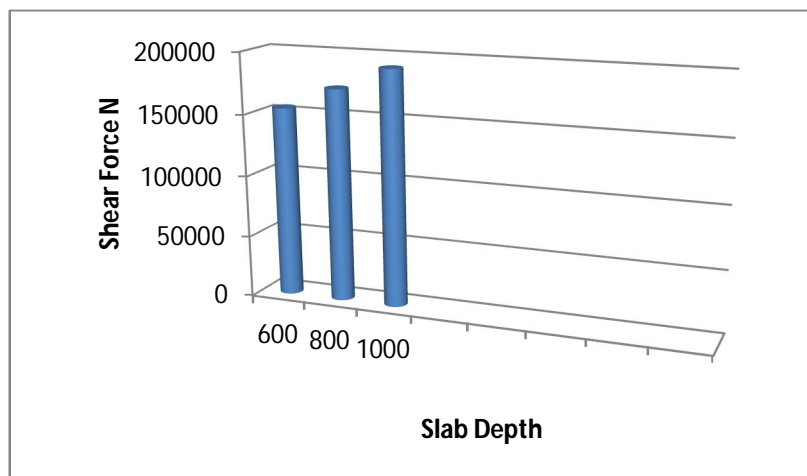
2) For skew angle 30° –

Slab Depth in mm	Shear force in N
600	182590
800	208490
1000	234240



3) For skew angle 57° –

Slab Depth in mm	Shear force in N
600	154380
800	172460
1000	190850



It can be clearly seen from the above table and graph the shear force is increasing on increasing the depth of slab at an angle of 17° , 30° and 57° respectively of the skew culvert.

VII. CONCLUSION

In the analysis of slab culvert structure the effect of different thickness of slab culvert structure are shown clearly. Now come to the conclusion points, the conclusion are drawn from comparison the results of shear force, moment due to dead load, moment due to live load, Shear force and shear stress are shown below. Following conclusions are made from this study work.

- 1) The analysis shows that the moment due to dead load is increases as we increases the depth of the slab from 600 mm to 1000 mm depth of the culvert at an skew angle of 17° , 30° and 57° respectively.
- 2) It is about 70% , 71% and 82% increase in the magnitude of the moment due to dead load from 600 mm to 1000 mm depth of the culvert slab at an skew angle of 17° , 30° and 57° respectively
- 3) The analysis shows that the moment due to live load is decreases as we increases the depth of the slab from 600 mm to 1000 mm depth of the culvert at an skew angle of 17° , 30° and 57° respectively.
- 4) It is about 45% , 46% and 47% decrease in the magnitude of the moment due to live load from 600 mm to 1000 mm depth of the culvert slab at an skew angle of 17° , 30° and 57° respectively
- 5) The analysis shows that the shear stress is decreases as we due increases the depth of the slab from 600 mm to 1000 mm depth of the culvert at an skew angle of 17° , 30° and 57° respectively.
- 6) It is about 26% , 25% and 26% decrease in the magnitude of the shear stress from 600 mm to 1000 mm depth of the culvert slab at an skew angle of 17° , 30° and 57° respectively
- 7) The analysis shows that the shear force is increases as we increases the depth of the slab from 600 mm to 1000 mm depth of the culvert at an skew angle of 17° , 30° and 57° respectively.
- 8) It is about 29% , 25% and 24% decrease in the magnitude of the shear force from 600 mm to 1000 mm depth of the culvert slab at an skew angle of 17° , 30° and 57° respectively

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