

Comparison of T-Beam Girder Bridge with Box Girder Bridge for Different Span Conditions.

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ABSTRACT : A bridge is a structure providing passage over an obstacle without closing the way beneath. The required passage may be for road, railway, pedestrians, canal or pipeline. In present study our main concern is with T-Beam Girder Bridge and Box Girder Bridge. The aim and objective of the work is to analyze and design the sections for different Indian Road Congress Code i.e IRC 6 and IRC 21. This has been done by analyzing the structure by software i.e STAAD PRO. and validating with manual results by developing the Microsoft Excel Sheets. We used piegurds curve for bending moment calculation for four different cases. We check shear force and bending moment for vehicular load. We check the depth then from that depth we design the bridge in STAAD- pro then we analyze the bridge for results. It is found that the IRC 70R vehicle producing maximum effect on the sections. In the present work the comparison between the 'Tee Beam Girder' and 'Box Girder' is carried out. This is helpful when we have two kinds for girder which can be used for same span; in that case the most economical one is to be selected.

KEYWORDS – bridge, t-beam, box girder, IRC, Excel sheet, vehicular load

I. INTRODUCTION

Bridges are defined as structures which are provided a passage over a gap without closing way beneath. They may be needed for a passage of railway, roadway, footpath and even for carriage of fluid, bridge site should be so chosen that it gives maximum commercial and social benefits, efficiency, effectiveness and equality. Bridges are nation's lifelines and backbones in the event of war. Bridges symbolize ideals and aspirations of humanity. They shorten distances, speed transportation and facilitate commerce. Bridge construction constitutes an importance element in communication and is an important factor in progress of civilization. Bridges stand as tributes to the work of civil engineers.

T-Beam Girder Bridge- This is load bearing structure of reinforced concrete, wood and metal with a t-shape cross section. The top of t-shape cross section serves as flange or compression member in resisting compressive stresses. The web of beam below the compression flange serves to resist shear stresses.

Box Girder Bridge- In this type of bridge main beams comprises girders in the shape of hollow box. The box is typically rectangular or trapezoidal in cross section. These bridges are commonly used for highway flyovers and modern elevated structures of light rail transport.

Components of bridge:

The bridge structure comprises of the following parts:-

1. Superstructure or Decking: This includes slab, girder, truss, etc. This bears the load passing over it and transmits the forces caused by the same to the substructures.
2. Bearings: The bearings transmit the load received from the decking on to the substructure and are provided for distribution of the load evenly over the substructure which may not have sufficient bearing strength to bear the superstructure load directly.
3. Substructure: This comprises of piers and abutments, wing walls or returns and their foundation.
4. Piers and Abutments: These are vertical structures supporting deck/bearing provided for transmitting the load down to the bed/earth through foundation.
5. Wing walls and Returns: These are provided as extension of the abutments to retain the earth of approach bank which otherwise has a natural angle of repose.
6. Foundation: This is provided to transmit the load and evenly distribute it on to the strata from the piers or abutments and wings or returns. This is to be provided sufficiently deep so that it is not affected by the scour caused by the flow in the river.

II. PRELIMINARY DATA

1. Parameter for T-beam girder bridge and Box Girder Bridge

No of over hang sides(z) = 2

Effective span (L) = 35m, 28m, 21m.

Carriage way (l) = 6.8 m

Thickness of wearing coat (T) = 0.08 m
Kerb width (kb) = 0.5 m
Parapet height (t) = 1.2 m
Overhang beam (ob) = 1.5 m
Number of longitudinal girder (n) = 3 no's
Total width of bridge (B) = 8 m
Distance between longitudinal girder = $(TL-2*ob)/(n-1) = 2.5$ m
Cross girder spacing (cg) = 3.5 m
No. of cross girder = $(L/3.5) = 10$ no's
Say = 10 no's

2. Preliminary dimensions

Thickness of kerb = 0.3 m
Thickness of deck slab for interior panel = 0.25m
Thickness of cantilever portion of deck slab = 0.4 m
Clear cover = 60mm
Thickness of free portion of deck slab = 0.18 m
Width of longitudinal girder = 0.4 m
Depth of longitudinal beam = 1.2 m
Reinforcements
Main bar diameter = 12 mm

3. Cross girder

Width = 0.3 m
Depth = 0.8 m

4. Material constant IRC -21(Table 9, Pg-18)

Grade of concrete = M 60
Grade of steel = Fe 500
Modulus of elasticity = 37000 N/mm²
Compressive stress = 15N/mm²
Flexural compressive stress = 20N/mm²
Modular ratio = 10

III. FIGURES AND TABLES

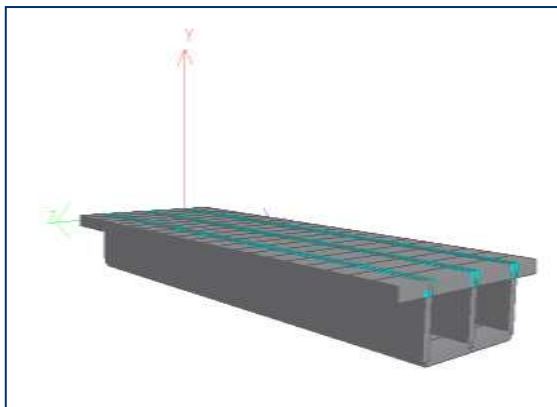


Fig1. Box girder bridge

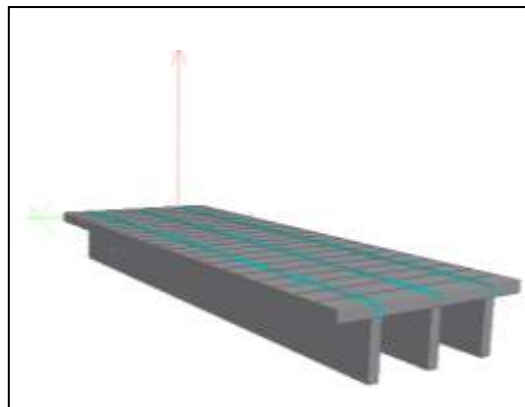


Fig2. T-beam girder bridge

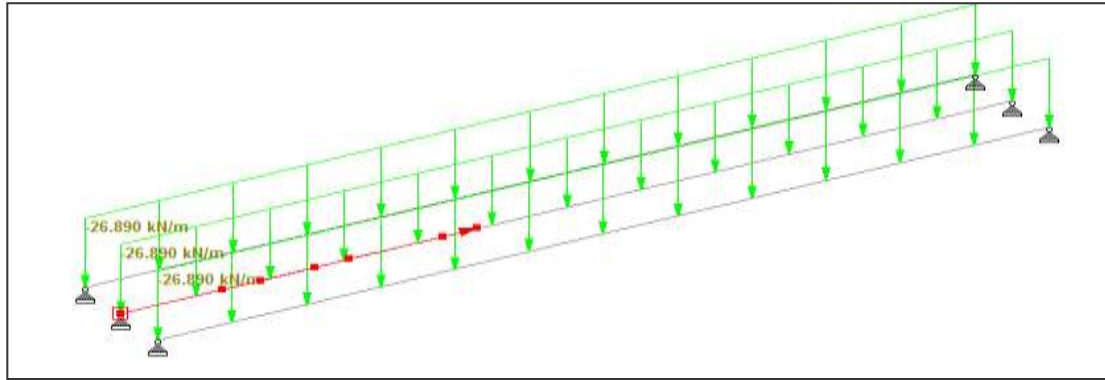


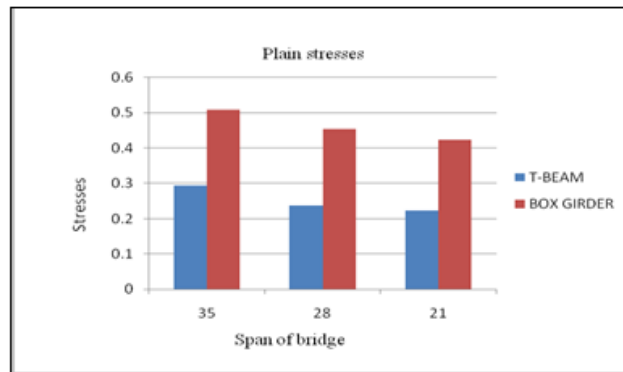
Fig3. Load on girder due to 70R loading

IV. RESULT

The results of plain stresses, Maximum displacement, principle stress, bending moment, shear force are below

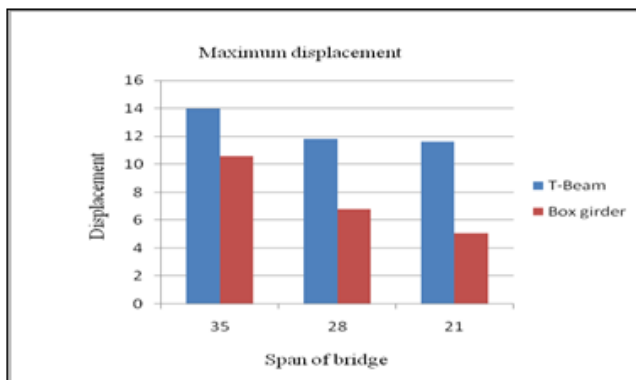
1. Results of plain stress

Plain Stress N/mm ²		
Span(m)	T-Beam (N/mm ²)	Box girder (N/mm ²)
35	0.293	0.508
28	0.237	0.452
21	0.223	0.422



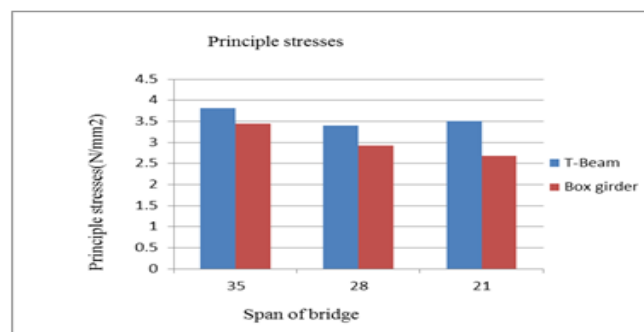
2. Maximum displacement

Maximum displacement		
Span (m)	T-Beam (mm)	Box girder (mm)
35	13.964	10.576
28	11.811	6.779
21	11.629	5.064



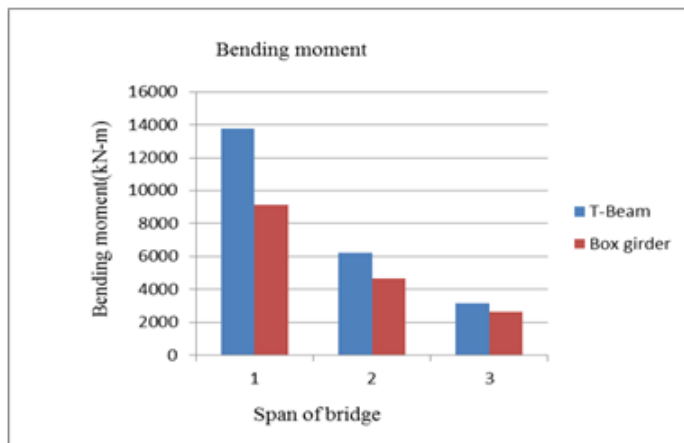
3. Results of principle stresses

Principle stresses		
Span(m)	T-Beam (N/mm ²)	Box girder (N/mm ²)
35	3.818	3.438
28	3.403	2.922
21	3.507	2.674



4. Results of Bending moment

Bending Moment		
Span	T-beam (kN-m)	Box girder (kN-m)
35	13766.97	9141.523
28	6249.859	4655
21	3140.981	2618.438



5. Results of shear force

Shear force		
Span	T-beam (kN)	Box girder (kN)
35	1625.22	1096.599
28	1276.91	907.626
21	608.227	498.75

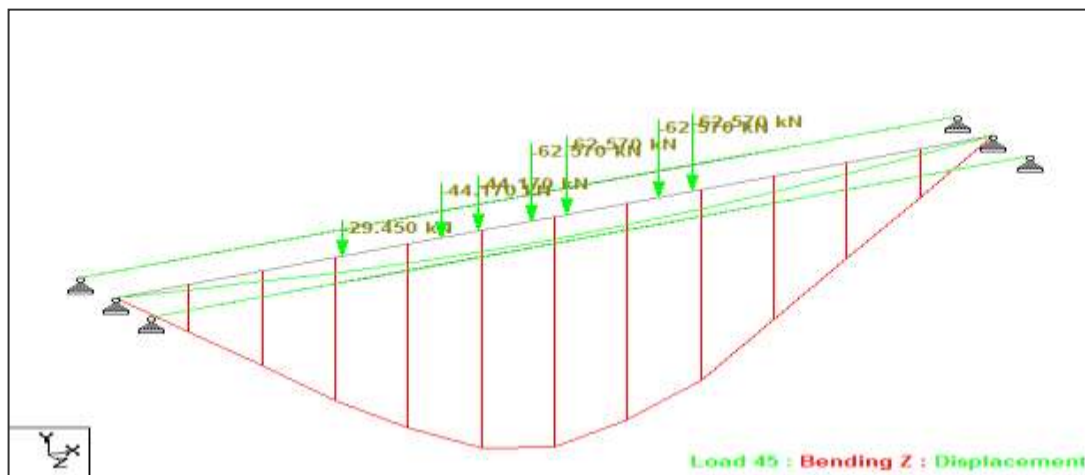
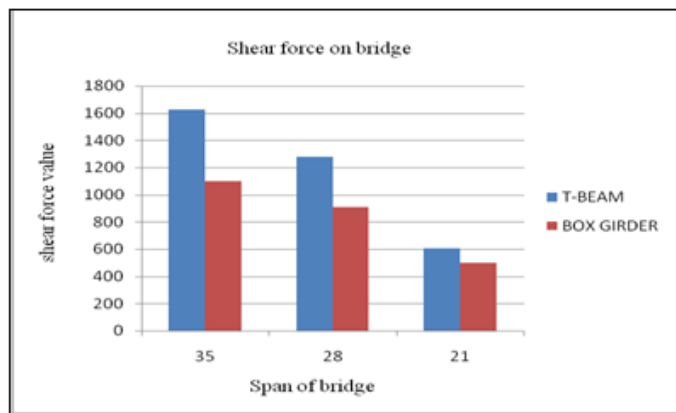


Fig4. BM on girder due to 70R loading

V. CONCLUSION

In view of achieving the aim and objectives of this project the detailed design of two types of deck is carried out in excel sheets and the comparative statement is given as per the results obtained.

- Box girder is found to be good for large span as compare to T-beam bridge.
- Principle stresses are more in T-beam girder bridge than box girder bridge.
- Plain stresses of box girder bridge is increases due to less span.
- Maximum displacement of T-beam bridge is more for large span.
- Bending moment are more in T-beam girder bridge than box girder bridge.
- Shear force results are more in T-beam girder bridge than box girder bridge.

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