

Design Problem – T beam

An isolated T-beam has a flange of 1200x100mm, width of rib is 250mm and effective depth is 600mm. Tension steel is 3500mm². Grade of concrete is M20 and steel grade is Fe415. Compute the ultimate moment of resistance. Span of SS beam = 8m. Also calculate the safe superimposed load the T-beam can carry, if effective cover = 50mm.

Solution:

Given: $b_w = 250\text{mm}$,
 $b_f = 1200\text{mm}$,
 $D_f = 100\text{mm}$,
 $d = 600\text{mm}$,
 $f_{ck} = 20\text{N/mm}^2$,
 $f_y = 415\text{N/mm}^2$,
 $A_{st} = 3500\text{mm}^2$,
 $l = 8\text{m}$,
 $D = 600 + 50 = 650\text{mm}$.

For Isolated T-beam Effective flange width is the least of the following:

- $b_f = l / [(l/b) + 4] + b_w$
 $= 8000 / ((8000/1200) + 4) + 250 = 1000\text{mm}$
- $b_f = \text{actual width of the flange} = 1200\text{mm}$

Therefore, $b_f = 1000\text{mm}$.

Assuming Actual Neutral Axis (x_u) lies within the flange (i.e, $x_u \leq D_f$)

$$x_u/d = (0.87.f_y.A_{st}) / (0.36.f_{ck}.b.d) = 0.87 \times 415 \times 3500 / (0.36 \times 1000 \times 20) = 175.51\text{mm} > D_f (100\text{mm})$$

Assumption is wrong, neutral axis lies below the flange.

$$D_f / d = 100 / 600 = 0.166 < 0.2$$

The value of x_u by using relation $C_1 + C_2 = T$

$$C_1 = 0.36.f_{ck}.x_u.b_w = 0.36 \times 20 \times 250 \times x_u = 1800 x_u$$

$$C_2 = 0.45.f_{ck}.(b_f - b_w).D_f = 0.45 \times 20 \times 100 \times (1000 - 250) = 675000 \text{ N}$$

$$T = 0.87.f_y.A_{st} = 0.87 \times 415 \times 3500 = 1263675 \text{ N}$$

$$1800 x_u + 675000 = 1263675$$

$$x_u = 327.04\text{mm}$$

$$x_{u,max} = 0.48d = 0.48 \times 600$$

$$= 288\text{mm } x_u > x_{u,max},$$

section is over reinforced.

$$D_f / x_u = 100 / 327.04 = 0.305 < 0.43.$$

Hence use equation for Mu calculation

$$M_u = 0.36 \cdot f_{ck} \cdot b_w \cdot d^2 \cdot (x_{u,max}/d) \cdot (1 - 0.42 \cdot (x_{u,max}/d)) + 0.45 \cdot f_{ck} \cdot (b_f - b_w) \cdot D_f \cdot (d - (D_f/2))$$

$$M_u = 0.36 \times 0.48 \times (1 - (0.42 \times 0.48)) \times 250 \times 600^2 \times 20 + 0.45 \times 20 \times (1000 - 250) \times 100 \times (600 - (100/2))$$

$$= 248334336 + 371250000$$

$$= 619.58 \times 10^6 \text{ N-mm}$$

$$= 619.58 \text{ kN-m.}$$

