

# Analysis of Telecommunication Tower with Different Bracing System

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**Abstract-** — Due to the high increase in the telecommunication business, number of buildings carrying a roof top tower has been increased rapidly. Most of the building were not originally designed to carry a roof top tower, but later converted to carry roof top towers due to the changed requirements. In the present work an attempt has been made to study the behavior of buildings with roof top tower in the event of an Earth Quake using STAAD pro. A typical residential building is considered for the analysis. Three towers with height 9m, 18m, and 27m is considered for the study. The building is analyzed by using different types of bracing system for respective heights. A comparative seismic study between buildings with roof top towers is done to find most effective bracing system in form of deflection.

**Keywords:-** Bracing system, model analysis, response reduction factor, telecommunication tower, wind analysis, zone parameter.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Towers are the tall steel framework construction used for different purposes such as communication tower, radio transmission, power transmission air traffic controls, satellite receptions, flood light stands, oil drilling mats, metrological measurements etc. Communication tower are the structures which transmit the mobile or communication Signal to the area where it will necessary. Tall towers are being used by different agencies such as television and radio departments, telecommunication industry, defense, railways and police for their communication network. Communication towers act as vertical trusses and resists wind load by cantilever action. The bracing members are arranged in many forms, which carry solely tension, or alternatively tension and compression. The bracing is made up of crossed diagonals, when it is designed to resist only tension. Based on the direction of wind, one diagonal takes all the tension while the other diagonal is assumed to remain inactive. Tensile bracing is smaller in cross-section and is usually made up of a back-to back channel or angle sections. The tapered part of the tower is advantageous with regard to the bracing, as it reduces the design forces. The greater the height of the tower, greater will be the distance it can transmit radio signals. Communication Towers are classified as three categories that are guyed masts, monopole, and self supporting tower. The structure

engineer faces the challenging job designing and constructing telecommunication towers to support antenna loads, platform as well as steel ladder loads in throughout the world through still regimens to be high intensity winds (HIW). The major problem face is the difficulty in estimating wind loads as they are based on probabilistic approach. Self-supporting towers are generally preferred since they require less base area. Towers are subjected to gravity loads and horizontal loads. The bracing behave as struts, when it is designed to take compression. One of the most common arrangements is the cross bracing. The most significant dimension of a tower is its height. It's normally several times larger than the horizontal dimensions. The tapered part of the tower is advantageous with regard to the bracing, as are reduces design forces. Bracings hold the structure stable by transferring the loads sideways (not gravity, but wind or earthquake loads) down to the ground and are used to resist lateral loads, thereby preventing sway of the structure. Bracing increases the resistance of the structure against side sway or drift. The higher the structure, the more it is exposed to lateral loads such as wind load, since it has higher tendency to sway. If the bracing is weak, the compression member would buckle which leads to failure of the tower. Diagonal braces are efficient elements for developing stiffness and resistance to wind loads. There are different types of bracing systems in common use such as Single diagonal bracing, double diagonal (X-X) bracing, X-B bracing, XBX bracing, arch bracing,

subdivided V bracing, diamond lattice system of bracing, K, Y, W, X bracings etc.

## II. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

The floor area, the number of floors and the shape of the building on which the rooftop tower is installed varies from building to building. Based on the survey of the buildings where rooftop towers were installed, it has been found that most of the towers are installed on commercial buildings and their structural dimensions vary within a range. Hence a typical commercial building frame with a long span and short span floor structure has been considered for the analysis.

## III. MODELING OF STRUCTURE:

### 3.1. Analytical Analysis

The main objective of the analysis is to study the different forces acting on a building. The analysis is carried out in STAAD Pro software. Results of conventional structure i.e. slab, beam and column, steel tower structure for different heights are modeled for the different load combinations is analyzed. The comparison is made between the steel tower structure for different heights.

### 3.2. Assumptions:

The following are the assumptions made:

The height of the building is kept as 45 m from ground these building is of 15-storey . The height of one floor is of 3m each. In this way 6 numbers of total models are analyzed. The building is considered in seismic zone-II as per IS 1893:2002(Part-I).

### 3.3. Group Properties

The different components of conventional R.C.C structure:

Size of Column	230X380mm
Size of Beam	230X500mm
Slab Thickness	150mm
External Wall	230mm
Internal Wall	180mm
Parapet Wall	150mm
Grade of Concrete	M20
Grade of Steel	Fe415

The different components of Steel Tower structure:

Sr. No.	Tower Height	Vertical Section	Horizontal Section	Inclined Section
1.	9m	ISA200x200x25	ISA200x200x25	ISA150x150x10
2.	18m	ISA200x200x25	ISA200x200x25	ISA150x150x10
3.	27m	ISA200x200x25	ISA200x200x25	ISA150x150x10

### 3.4. Description of Loading:

The loading of the buildings is considered as per following calculations:

#### 1. Dead Loads:

i. Wall load with 230mm thickness =  $3 \times 1 \times 0.23 \times 18 = 12.42 \text{ kN/m}$ .

ii. Wall load with 180mm thickness =  $3 \times 1 \times 0.18 \times 18 = 9.72 \text{ kN/m}$

iii. Wall load with 150mm thickness =  $1 \times 1 \times 0.15 \times 18 = 2.7 \text{ kN/m}$

iv. Weight of the slab having thickness 150mm =  $0.15 \times 1 \times 1 \times 25 = 3.75 \text{ kN/m}^2$ .

v. Self weight of building is automatically considered by the STAAD Pro-2007 software.

2. *Live Load:* The live load of 3kN/m<sup>2</sup> and floor finish of 1kN/m<sup>2</sup> is considered on the buildings.

### 3.5. Loading Combination:

The different loading combinations for the analysis of the building and tower considered are:

1. Dead Load (D.L.)
2. Live Load (L.L.)
3. Earthquake Load

#### IV ANALYSIS AND DESIGN:

STAAD stands for structural Analysis and Design. It is one of the software applications created to help structural engineers automate their tasks, to remove the tedious and long procedure of the manual methods. It covers the steps to be followed to produce the structural analysis and design of concrete and steel. STAAD Pro is the professional's choice for steel, concrete, timber, aluminum and cold-formed steel design of low and high-rise buildings, culverts, petrochemical plants, tunnels, bridges, piles and much more. The versatility of STAAD Pro makes it the choice of most leading engineering consultancies, design and construction professionals. STAAD Pro features a state-of-the-art users interface, visualization tools, powerful analysis and design engine with advanced finite element and dynamic capabilities. The commercial version STAAD Pro is one of the most widely used structural analysis and design software. It supports several steel, concrete and timber design codes. It can make use of various forms of analysis from the traditional 1st order static analysis, 2nd order p-delta analysis, geometric non linear analysis or a buckling analysis. It can also make use of various forms of dynamic analysis from modal extraction to time history and response spectrum analysis. Additionally STAAD Pro has added direct links to applications such as RAM Connection and STAAD.

The basic three activities which are to be carried out to achieve the goal are:

1. Model generation
2. The calculations to be obtained the analysis results
3. Result verification.

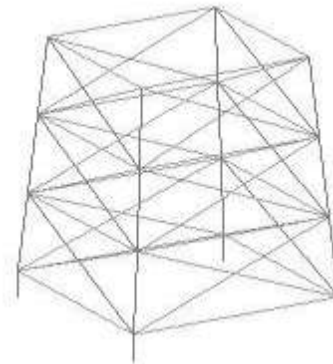
The overall procedure of the performance analysis are:

1. The basic building model.
2. The supports, properties and materials for the required structures are assigned and entered.
3. The size of the members.
4. Load assigning.
5. At last run analysis is done and generated out file is taken.

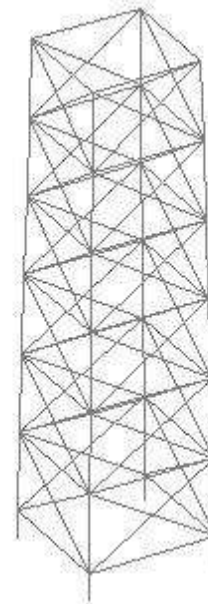
6. Results are compared.

#### 4.1 Model Creation:

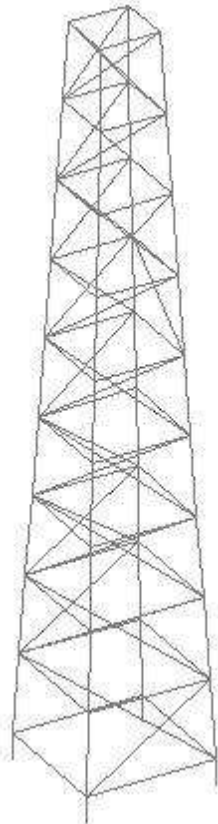
The basic model considered is a G+15 storey reinforced cement concrete building with communication tower resting on it with different types of bracing such as X, K bracing. For these structures seismic and wind analyses is carried out and find the economical bracing system in the form of displacement. The typical configuration of towers considered for present study is shown in figure 1,2 and 3.



**Fig. 1- 9m Tower**



**Fig. 2- 18m Tower**



**Fig. 3- 27m Tower**

**V. RESULTS:**

The analysis and design is done by using software STAAD Pro. The models of different heights of tower resting on G+15 building with different bracing system are compared. These towers are compared to find most effective bracing system in the form of deflection. The seismic analysis of G+15 building with tower resting on it, is carried out. The wind analysis is carried out for the telecommunication tower resting on G+15 building with considering the seismic analysis of the building. Following results are obtained:

BUILDING HEIGHT	TOWER HEIGHT	TYPE OF BRACING	NODE DISPLACEMENT	BEAM DISPLACEMENT
(m)	(m)		(mm)	(mm)
45	9	K	0.347	0.348
		X	0.317	0.316
45	18	K	1.797	1.797
		X	1.925	1.925
45	27	K	4.438	4.438
		X	4.959	4.960

**VI CONCLUSION:**

From the above table, It is conclude that the effective bracing system of the telecommunication tower resting on G+15 building is, For a height of 9m tower resting on the building X bracing is effective in the form of deflection. i.e., up to 55m height from the ground X bracing is effective. For a height of 18m tower resting on the building K bracing is effective in the form of deflection. i.e., more than 55m height from the ground X bracing is effective. For a height of 27m tower resting on the building K bracing is effective in the form of deflection. i.e., more than 55m height from the ground K bracing is effective.

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