Objectives

In this section you will learn the following

- Isolating structure from swelling ground.
- Design the structure to remain undamaged due to swelling.
- Minimizing the swelling
Module 8: Foundations in difficult ground

Design Of Shallow Foundations for Expansive Soils
The various techniques of providing foundations and improvement of soil at a given location are discussed below:
- Isolating structure from swelling ground.
- Design the structure to remain undamaged due to swelling.
- Minimizing the swelling

Isolating structure from swelling ground.

Expansive soil replaced by good soil, i.e. sand clay

Fig 8.3: Isolating structure from swelling ground
Design the structure to remain undamaged due to swelling.

Fig. 8.4: Skirt walls

Minimizing the swelling

In this method some part of the swelling soil is replaced by CNS soil so that swelling is minimized. However by this method total swelling cannot be avoided. Also, in place of CNS layer we can provide a sand layer.
Recap

In this section you have learnt the following.

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In this section you will learn the following

- Design of Deep Foundations
Design of Deep Foundations

Underreamed piles are used in case of expansive soils. Due to swelling pressure, the lifting effect is minimized or avoided by anchorage of underreamed piles due to bulbs present in it.

![Diagram of underreamed piles](image-url)

**Fig. 8.5 : Underreamed piles**
Uplift force due to swelling = \( \pi d L_u C \)

Resisting force due to swelling = \( \pi d_c c' L_1 / 2 + \pi d c' L_2 \)

For single bulb, only top portion of the bulb contributes to skin friction. Lower half is not considered. Factor of safety is 1.5 to 2.0.

In dry season, total capacity of piles -

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P_u = c' N_c \times \frac{\pi}{4} \left( d_u^2 - d^2 \right) + \pi d a c' (L - L_u - 2d)
\]

Drilled shafts with bells and grade beams can also be constructed in swelling soil to resist the swelling force.
Recap

In this section you have learnt the following.

- Design of Deep Foundations