# Delay Analysis in Water Supply Projects

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Abstract:- Delays in construction projects are inevitable & result in disputes, litigations, and claims among different parties and poorly influence scheme accomplishment in respect of the duration of time, quality & price. Most huge schemes are finished with a delay than the parties' agreed-upon dates for several reasons. These sorts of delays can have a crucial financial influence on the scheme. In general, delays are a basic loss condition: All the parties lose one way or the other and there are no actual winners. The statuses of each party are at stake as well.

For the evaluation of delay causes and their effects on construction schemes, a detailed study is done on the causes of delays in construction projects and techniques for analyzing them and approaches to evaluate. To evaluate the major delays observed by Project Manager, Proprietor, Consultant, and Contractor during the construction phase a questionnaire is prepared and circulated among 40 nos. of industry-related persons (30 nos. working at the site). The questionnaire was prepared with the help of a comprehensive literature review as well as with the help of industry project experts. From the response to the questionnaire, it is identified that there are majorly 9 groups (such as Contractor, Architect, Project Team, Proprietor, Consultant, Equipment, Material, Labor & external factors) under which there are 67 delay causes are found.

For evaluating the main reason for delay a method is developed on ranking accordingly as per the results obtained through questionnaire surveys dependent on the relative importance index method. Through questionnaire results, we got a clear picture that most delaying factors are repeated in every project such as financial issues, shortage of material, labor, improper supervision, communication, real-time changes, etc. To avoid delay, certain recommendations are also given accordingly.

**Keywords:-** Inevitable, Har Ghar Jal, Disputes, Litigations, Questionnaires,

# I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Jal Jeevan Mission

Jal Jeevan Mission is an initiative started by the central government of India. For this, the central government supports the state government for supply of water which started basically in 1972 with the introduction of the Dr. Rajeev Kansal<sup>2</sup> Professor, Civil Engineering Department, Madhav Institute of Technology and Science, Gwalior (M.P.), India

Accelerated Rural Water Supply Program (ARWSP). In 2009, Accelerated Rural Water Supply Scheme was renamed as National Rural Drinking Water Program (NRDWP). The scheme was centrally sponsored, with fund sharing between the center and the state. NRDWP was restructured and continued to make it more focused, result oriented via establishing a well monitored system with the help of state departments.

In 2019, NRDWP once again restructured to Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) with the mission offering 55 LPCD functional household tap connection which is known as FHTC by 2024 to every rural household known as Har Ghar Jal (HGJ). The Ministry of Jal Shakti is executing, monitoring, and running the whole Jal Jeevan Mission.

In the Jal Jeevan Mission, the pattern of funding is different for different states. For the union territories, the funding ratio is 100:0, for the Himalayan& North-Eastern States the funding ratio is 90:10 while for remaining states the ratio is 50:50.(**Source: JJM Guidelines**)

Despite continuous remainders and alarms to the government of states and union territories from central government, the work covered under the Jal Jeevan Mission is far lagging due to which the completion date of Jal Jeevan Mission was revised twice. The root cause for delay is COVID-19 pandemic due to which everything suffered and accordingly delay occurred in completion. In continuation of same, it is necessary to study the impact of various delay factors apart from COVID-19 in completion of Jal Jeevan Mission through delay analysis.

### B. Fuzzy Logic

Fuzzy logic is utilized in those exploration regions where one can't direct huge number of examinations as done in likelihood hypothesis to build PDF, NDF and so forth. Utilizing Fuzzy Logic, appraisals of the issue can be inspired from specialists as linguistic terms, for example, "extremely low", "low", "medium", "high", "exceptionally high". Fuzzy logic has capacity to appoint membership values  $\mu(x)$  communicating the degree (0 for completely unfit to completely fit 1) to which a specific estimation of a variable fits a linguistic idea. Membership function characterizes how each point in the information space is mapped to level of membership.

# C. Fuzzy Model Development

Following steps describes the proposed delay assessment model using fuzzy logic in construction of water supply projects:

> Definition of Input and Output Variables

"Factors causing delay and groups that discovered will be basic input of this delay assessment model. These basic inputs, factors causing delay and groups are used to develop the delay assessment model shown in table 1. To simplify the delay factors (DF) & groups, the acronym of delay factors and groups have also demonstrated in the same table and the final output is schedule delay probability (SDP)."

Table 1	Delay A	Assessment	Model

S. No.	Factors Causing Delays	Acronyms for	Group of	Final Output
1	Drugging of Contract is short	DE1	Factors	
1	Duration of Contract is short	DF1	-	
2	Parties naving legal disputes	DF2	During Dulated	
3	Deposition of considerable achievement	DF3	Project Related	
4	Penalties on delay which are ineffective	DF4	Factors (PKF)	
5	Different categories of contract used in construction	DF5	-	
0	Categories under Project Blading Process	DF0		
/	Delay in disbursement by owner	DF/	-	
8	Postponement in providing and delivering the location of work	DF8		
0	Lo the Contractor by Proprietor	DE0	-	
9	Deleved engressed of de suggests he Descriptor	DF9	-	
10	Delayed approval of drawings and trial material	DF10 DF11	Owner Related	
11	Delayed approval of drawings and trial material	DF11 DE12	Factors	
12	Absence of contact between proprietor and contractor	DF12	(ORF)	
13	Slow process of decision making	DF13	-	
14	Struggles in carrying out joint venture of the scheme	DF14	-	
15	Absence of bonuses for contractor for concluding the work in	DF15		
16	advance of plan	DE16	-	
10	Holdup of work by prophetor	DF10 DF17		
1/	Problems in funding scheme by contractor	DF1/	-	
18	Fights in subcontractor agenda in implementation of the scheme	DF18	-	
19	Revision of work due to faults during construction phase	DF19	-	
20	Fight between contractor and other teams involved	DF20 DF21	-	
21	Lack of management on site and its supervision	DF21	-	
22	Lack of Communicational skills and synchronization with	DF22		Schedule
23	Unproductive planning and scheduling of scheme by contractor	DE33	Contractor	Delay
23	Inappropriate method for construction applied by contractor	DF23	Related Factors	Probability
24	Postponement in work to be done by subcontractor	DF24	(CRF1)	(SDP)
25	Absence of Information	DF25		
20	Recurrent change of secondary contractors because of their	D1/20		
27	incompetent work	DF27		
28	Underprivileged criterion of technical team	DF28		
20	Postponement in mobilization of site related to secondary	D1/20		
29	contractor	DF29		
30	Postponement in execution of review and testing	DF30		
50	Postponement in approval of main changes in the extent of	D1 50	-	
31	work	DF31		
32	Rigidity of consultant	DF32	Consultant	
32	Underprivileged communiqué among consultant and other	D102	Related Factors	
33	narties	DF33	(CRF2)	
34	Delay in review, approval of documents	DF34	(014 2)	
35	Dispute between consultant and architect	DF35		
36	Insufficient skill & experience	DF36		
37	Design documents having mistakes	DF37		
38	Postponement in making design documents	DF38		
39	Indistinct and insufficient detailing in drawing	DF39	Architect	
40	Inadequate collection of data & survey before execution	DF40	Related Factors	
41	Misinterpretation of owner's necessity	DF41	(ARF)	
42	Unused advanced design software	DF42	1	
43	Scarcity of material	DF43	Materials	
44	Modification in type & specification of material during realistic	DF44	Related Factors	

S. No.	Factors Causing Delays	Acronyms for delay factors	Group of Factors	Final Output
	time		(MRF)	
45	Material delivered late on site	DF45		
46	Damage of arranged material while needed immediately	DF46		
47	Interruption in manufacturing superior building material	DF47		
48	Delayed procurement	DF48		
49	Shortage of particular material accessibility in marketplace	DF49		
50	Equipment shortage	DF50		
51	Equipment failure	DF51	Equipment	
52	Least operator skill to handle equipment	DF52	<b>Related Factors</b>	
53	Least output & effectiveness of the equipment	DF53	(ERF)	
54	Absence of latest technology equipment	DF54		
55	Labor scarcity at site	DF55		
56	Short output level of labor	DF56		
57	Individual fights among labor	DF57	Labor Related	
58	Shortage of Knowledge	DF58	Factors (LRF)	
59	Absence of Communication	DF59		
60	Deficiency of trained labor	DF60		
61	Poor condition of soil	DF61		
62	Interruption in getting permits	DF62		
63	Weather Conditions	DF63	Enternal	
64	Absence of basic convenience services at site	DF64	External Polated Easters	
65	Accident during construction	DF65	(FPF)	
66	Variations in government parameter & law	DF66		
67	Interruption in execution of final review & certification from third party.	DF67		

# ➢ Fuzzy Logic Toolbox Summary

"By using Fuzzy Logic Toolbox of the MATLAB Program Software, firstly, input and output parameters are defined. Secondly, the shapes of all membership functions associated with each variable are defined. Thirdly, list of rules is defined. Fourthly, outputs were generated and plots were displayed. Finally, a delay assessment model to estimate the probability of the scheduled delay is completed which may help the decision maker (Project Manager or Project management Team) to determine a reliable time contingency before bidding stage in order to achieve project success.'

# D. Objectives

Main objective of the study is to identify, categorize and rank the causes of delay in water supply projects.

# II. LITERATURE REVIEW

- Sadi, Sadiq (2006), investigated that main causes of delay are found out by field survey: to avoid delay owner changes order during construction, improper planning and scheduling, shortage of labor, all the parties (contractor, owner and client) is involved.
- Diana Binti (2012), the major reason for delay of projects is due to contractor, client, third party or acts of God. The delays in project can be curtailed only after analyzing the causes. In her research, she focused on questionnaire survey and literature review. The major sources due to which delay happens are insufficient number of equipment's, poor on site management, lack of materials, inappropriate planning and scheduling of

items, inappropriate project teams, financial difficulties for contractors.

- Ali and Mohammad Al Mohsin (2013), identified the causes that lead to delay in completion of projects on time by doing field survey on no. of construction projects in Muscat. Two groups were made from data collected, first group consist of construction projects that were done in 2007-08 and second group consist of construction projects that were done in 2008-09. About 40% delay was observed in the completion of project in both the groups. The most effective reason for delay is the causes related to owner.
- Shruti and S. Dinish (2014), investigated that delays can only be minimized when the delays ae identified. Different groups are categorized according to causes of delay to prepare a set of questions for questionnaire survey on contractor, owner, labor, equipment, material respectively. They also discussed about delay effects such as dispute between owner and contractor, delay in work progress due to payments, reduction of profit for contractors, time out situations. Two techniques were used for analyzing the impacts of delays: (I) Importance index technique (II) Relative importance index technique.
- Tsegay Gebrehiwet, Hanbinluo (2017), analyzed the data collected from 77 respondents, in the form of questionnaire consisting of 52 causes and 5 effects of delay. The significant causes of delay are: unavailability of resources at site, price rises, degraded material quality, late approval of design and drawing, procurement of material is slow, underprivileged site management and performance, delayed in releasing

funds. The serious effect of delay analysis was cost overrun, time overrun, and termination of contract.

- Ankush C. Khona, Ashish Jayshinpure (2018), explained the right way to further reduce delays. A series of predefined steps is given by the which are as follows:
- ✓ To perform advocate initial planning,
- ✓ Write down a well-defined work breakdown structure,
- ✓ Select appropriate suppliers and evaluate them,
- ✓ Daily tracking and monitoring, communication should be done in clear and continuous form.
- ✓ Carrying out a project in the manner described above will help reduce delay projects.

From the aforementioned literature review, it is clearly evident that previous researchers mainly focused on identification of delay factors and ranking of delay factors on the basis of importance level using RII formula. Very few studies have been conducted over mathematically delay computation in Water Supply Projects. It was seen in literature review that some researchers utilized simulation techniques, method of probability and deterministic method to calculate delay probability in execution of water supply projects. But these methods have their own limitations in delay probability calculations and many times these methods are not found suitable in specific construction projects. From literature it as also concluded that, in water supply industry lesser researchers had conducted for delay probability calculation. To fill this gap, this study is conducted for delay probability calculation in construction of water supply projects. In this study fuzzy logic is utilized to aggregate the expert judgments for delay probability calculation. Utilization of fuzzy logic overcomes the limitations of previous researches conducted on delay probability calculation. This study integrates the RII vales with fuzzy logic to calculate delay probability in execution of water supply projects.

The ability of fuzzy logic is to represent the problem in normal language that may provide a model to investigate how human experts (decision makers) estimate the necessary time contingency in the real-world construction projects.

### III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

### A. Identification of Delay Factors

"Total 67 Factors causing delay are identified through literature review and discussion with water supply experts. These delay factors are categorized into 9 groups. After identifying the delay factors and groups that may cause delay in construction of water supply projects, a questionnaire form to elicit information about importance level of each delay factor from water supply experts was prepared in the format given in Table -1."



Fig 1 Methodology Flow Diagram

		Table 2 Identified Delay Factors and Groups (Questionnaire)					
S. No	Group	Causes of Delay	Α	0	S	R	Nil
1		Duration of Contract is short					
2		Parties having legal disputes					
3		Insufficient definition of considerable achievement					
4	Project Team	Penalties on delay which are ineffective					
5		Different categories of contract used in construction					
5		Catagories under Project Bidding Process					
7		Dalay in dishursement by owner					
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8		the Contractor by Proprietor					
9		Real Time changes throughout construction					
10		Delayed approval of documents by Proprietor					
11	0	Delayed approval of drawings and trial material					
12	Owner	Absence of contact between proprietor and contractor					
13		Slow process of decision making					
14		Struggles in carrying out joint venture of the scheme					
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18		Fights in subcontractor agenda in implementation of the scheme					
19		Revision of work due to faults during construction phase					
20		Fight between contractor and other teams involved					
21		Lack of management on site and its supervision					
22		Lack of Communicational skills and synchronization with worker and subprime contractor					
23		Unproductive planning and scheduling of scheme by contractor					
23	Contractor	Inappropriate method for construction applied by contractor					
24		Destronoment in work to be done by subcontractor					
25		Postponement in work to be done by subcontractor					
26		Absence of Information					
27		Recurrent change of secondary contractors because of their					
		incompetent work					
28		Underprivileged criterion of technical team					
29		Postponement in mobilization of site related to secondary					
		contractor					
30		Postponement in execution of review and testing					
31		Postponement in approval of main changes in the extent of work					
32		Rigidity of consultant					
33	Consultant	Underprivileged communiqué among consultant and other parties					
34	Constituint	Delay in review approval of documents					
35		Dispute between consultant and architect	-				+
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51		Design documents having mistakes					
38		Postponement in making design documents					<b> </b>
39	Architect	Indistinct and insufficient detailing in drawing					<u> </u>
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41		Misinterpretation of owner's necessity					
42		Unused advanced design software					
43		Scarcity of material					
44		Modification in type & specification of material during realistic time					
45		Material delivered late on site					
46	Materials	Damage of arranged material while pooled immediately					
40		Interruption in manufacturing comparing building material					
4/		Delevel and superior building material					1
48		Delayed procurement					
49		Snortage of particular material accessibility in marketplace					
50	Equipment	Equipment shortage					
51	Equipment	Equipment failure					

# Table 2 Identified Delay Factors and Groups (Questionnaire)

52		Least operator skill to handle equipment			
53		Least output & effectiveness of the equipment			
54		Absence of latest technology equipment			
55		Labor scarcity at site			
56		Short output level of labor			
57	Labor	Individual fights among labor			
58	Laboi	Shortage of Knowledge			
59		Absence of Communication			
60		Deficiency of trained labor			
61		Poor condition of soil			
62		Interruption in getting permits			
63		Weather Conditions			
64	External Factors	Absence of basic convenience services at site			
65	External Factors	Accident during construction			
66		Variations in government parameter & law			
67		Interruption in execution of final review & certification from third			
		party.			

• Note: 1. Force Majeure includes those unforeseen events which can't be controlled by any project related parties.

> Table -2 shows the above nomenclature used for abbreviation and rating.

Linguistic Term	Short Term	Rating
At all times or always	А	5
Repeatedly or often	R	4
Occasionally or sometimes	0	3
Infrequently or rarely	R	2
Nil	Nil	1

# B. Questionnaire Survey

Rating of delay factors on Likert Scale of five point, ranged from 1 (Nil) to 5 (Always) which was commonly used in previous literature is adopted in this study. The questionnaire contained of two parts P-1 & P-2. P-1 contains the respondents' details. P-2 contains group and factors causing delay in water supply projects."

"In questionnaire survey 5 characteristics were decided for choosing respondents:

- Respondent should be water supply expert.
- Respondent should be client/ contractor/ consultant.
- Minimum qualification should be graduation
- Minimum experience should be greater than 4 years in water supply field.
- Respondent should be currently working in water supply project.

# Sample size of questionnaire survey

Individual of sample size is called as respondents and information elicited from respondents is called as response in this study. Target population of water supply experts is not definable and countable. So, to calculate the sample size, for questionnaire survey Cronbach's formula is used which is mathematically represented as:"

$$n_0 = \frac{Z^2 p q}{e^2}$$

where n<sub>0</sub>= Sample size

Z (Standard Normal Deviation set at 90% confidence level) = 1.64

e (Sampling error, consider  $\pm 15\%$ ) = 0.15

p = degree of variability, consider 0.5 for maximum variability,

$$q{=}\;1{}\,{-}\;p\;=1{}\,{-}\;0.5\;=\;0.5$$

S. No.	<b>Respondents Category</b>	Total Respondents	Average Experience
1	Owner/ Clients	13	21.07
2	Contractor	13	16.60
3	Consultant	9	10.78

Table 4: Final Respondent Profile

### IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### A. Reliability of Questionnaire Data

Questionnaire data is checked for it's reliability before initiating the survey through questionnaire for getting information for delay analysis. After the collection of data (degree of stability & internal consistency of data), the assessment of data is done taking into consideration of Cronbach's alpha formula.

This shows the data internal consistency i.e. how much a set of data is closely related.

Table 5 Reliability Data

Respondents Category	Owner	Contractor	Consultant	Overall
Cronbach's Alpha	0.958	0.956	0.968	0.961

Aforementioned values of Cronbach's alpha is calculated using IMB SPSS Modeler tool, which provides the inbuilt formulation for the formula.

B. Ranking of Factors Causing Delay According to Owner, Contractor & Consultant response.

There are overall 40 responses that we have got through interviews as well as through online surveys of water supply experts, in which 35 are found to be correct. Out of these 35 response, 9 responses are from owners, 13 responses are from contractors & 13 responses are from consultants. The RII value had a range from 0 to 1 (0 not inclusive), higher the value of RII, more important is the cause of delays.

Table 5 shows delay factors and groups of factors, according to consultant, contractor, owner with computer RII's and ranks.

S.	Group of	Factors causing Delay		Owner		(	Contract	tor		Consulta	nt
No.	factors		ΣW	RII	Rank	ΣW	RII	Rank	ΣW	RII	Rank
1	Project Team	Original Contract Duration is too short	37	0.557	51	36	0.72	8	28	0.622	40
2		Legal Disputes between parties	54	0.771	6	32	0.64	14	30	0.667	25
3		Inadequate definition of substantial completion	37	0.529	52	25	0.5	45	22	0.489	53
4		Ineffective delay penalties	45	0.643	24	28	0.56	27	27	0.578	43
5		Types of construction contract	42	0.6	33	22	0.44	54	30	0.667	26
6		Type of Project Bidding	51	0.729	11	34	0.68	11	30	0.667	27
7	Owner	Delay in progress payment by owner	47	0.671	19	40	0.8	4	27	0.6	44
8		Delay to furnish and deliver the site to the contractor by owner	59	0.843	1	44	0.88	1	42	0.933	1
9		Change order during construction	50	0.714	13	37	0.74	6	29	0.644	36
10		Late in approval design document by owner	43	0.614	31	31	0.62	16	24	0.533	50
11		Delay in approving shop drawings and sample material	41	0.586	37	31	0.62	17	19	0.422	59
12		Lack of communication between owner and contractor	39	0.557	46	23	0.46	50	23	0.511	51
13		Slowness in decision making process	45	0.643	25	28	0.56	28	23	0.511	52
14		Conflicts between joint ownership of the project	44	0.629	28	27	0.54	34	30	0.667	28
15		Unavailability of incentives for contractor for finishing ahead of schedule	56	0.8	3	35	0.7	10	38	0.844	7

Table 6 Ranking of Factors Causing Delays according to Owner, Contractor & Consultant Responses

16		Suspension of work by owner	42	0.6	34	33	0.66	12	19	0.422	60
17	Contractor	Difficulties in financing project by contractor	56	0.8	4	36	0.72	9	41	0.911	2
18		Conflicts in subcontractor schedule in execution of the project	54	0.771	7	41	0.82	3	41	0.911	3
19		Rework due to errors during construction	36	0.524	56	28	0.56	23	36	0.8	12
20		Conflict between contractor and other parties	45	0.643	26	29	0.58	23	39	0.867	4
21		Poor site management and supervision	56	0.8	5	28	0.56	30	31	0.689	23
22		Poor Communication and coordination with labor and subcontractor	42	0.6	35	23	0.46	51	29	0.644	17
23		Ineffective planning and scheduling of project by contractor	54	0.771	8	33	0.66	13	38	0.844	8
24		Improper construction method implemented by contractor	43	0.614	32	26	0.52	40	29	0.644	38
25		Delay in subcontractor work	41	0.586	38	27	0.54	35	28	0.56	41
26		Lack of Knowledge	36	0.514	57	26	0.52	41	39	0.867	5
27		Frequent change of subcontractor because of their inefficient work	34	0.486	60	25	0.5	46	33	0.733	19
28		Poor qualification of technical staff	51	0.729	12	30	0.6	22	34	0.756	17
29		Delay in site mobilization related to subcontractor	45	0.643	27	31	0.62	18	31	0.689	24
30	Consultant	Delay in performing inspection and testing by consultant	46	0.657	21	27	0.54	36	29	0.644	39
31		Delay in approving major changes in the scope of work by consultant	48	0.686	17	31	0.62	19	39	0.867	6
32		Inflexibility of consultant	36	0.514	58	20	0.4	61	21	0.467	54
33		Poor communication between consultant and others	41	0.586	39	26	0.52	42	20	0.444	58
34		Late in reviewing & approving design document by consultant	49	0.7	15	28	0.56	31	33	0.733	20
35		Conflict between consultant and architect	49	0.7	16	27	0.54	37	36	0.8	13
36		Inadequate experience of consultant	46	0.657	22	25	0.5	47	25	0.556	49
37	Architect	Mistakes in design document	48	0.686	18	39	0.78	5	32	0.711	22
38		Delay in producing design documents	38	0.543	49	26	0.52	43	30	0.667	29
39		Unclear and inadequate details in drawing	38	0.543	50	19	0.38	62	34	0.756	18
40		Insufficient data collection & survey before doing	54	0.771	9	37	0.74	7	38	0.822	9
41		Misunderstanding of owner's requirement	39	0.557	47	21	0.42	55	28	0.622	42
42		Unused of advanced design software	36	0.541	59	25	0.5	48	27	0.6	45
43	Materials	Shortage of material	39	0.557	48	19	0.38	63	30	0.667	30

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C. Ranking of Factors Causing Delay & Groups According to Overall Responses

There are overall 35 responses that we have got through interviews as well as online surveys of water supply experts. The overall RIIs of factors causing delay & Average RII's of groups of factor assigned as the fuzzy rules' weights to construct "Delay Assessment Model using fuzzy logic in water supply construction projects" are computed. Table 7 shows delay factors and groups of factors according to overall responses with computed RII's and ranks.

Table 7 Overall Ranking of Factors	Causing Delays with com	puted RII's
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S No	Chann of factors	ors Factors causing Delay		Overall	
<b>3.</b> 110.	Group of factors			RII	RANK
1		Original Contract Duration is too short	101	0.55	26
2		Legal Disputes between parties	116	0.63	10
3	Duciaat Taam	Inadequate definition of substantial completion	84	0.45	56
4	Project Team	Ineffective delay penalties	100	0.54	31
5		Types of construction contract	94	0.51	40
6		Type of Project Bidding	115	0.62	12
7		Delay in progress payment by owner	114	0.62	15
8	Owner	Delay to furnish and deliver the site to the contractor by owner	145	0.78	1
9		Change order during construction	116	0.63	11
10		Late in approval design document by owner	98	0.53	33

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11		Delay in approving shop drawings and sample material	91	0.49	47
12		Lack of communication between owner and contractor	85	0.46	55
13		Slowness in decision making process	96	0.52	36
14		Conflicts between joint ownership of the project	101	0.55	27
15		Unavailability of incentives for contractor for finishing ahead of schedule	129	0.70	5
16		Suspension of work by owner	94	0.51	41
17		Difficulties in financing project by contractor	133	0.72	4
18		Conflicts in subcontractor schedule in execution of the project	136	0.74	3
19		Rework due to errors during construction	100	0.54	32
20		Conflict between contractor and other parties	113	0.61	11
21		Poor site management and supervision	115	0.62	13
22		Poor Communication and coordination with labor and subcontractor	94	0.51	42
23	Contractor	Ineffective planning and scheduling of project by contractor	125	0.68	7
24	Conductor	Improper construction method implemented by contractor	98	0.53	34
25		Delay in subcontractor work	96	0.52	37
26		Lack of Knowledge	101	0.52	28
20		Erequent change of subcontractor because of their inefficient work	92	0.50	44
28		Poor qualification of technical staff	115	0.50	14
20		Delay in site mobilization related to subcontractor	107	0.52	23
30		Delay in performing inspection and testing by consultant	102	0.55	25
31		Delay in approving major changes in the scope of work by consultant	118	0.55	9
32		Inflexibility of consultant	77	0.07	59
33	Consultant	Poor communication between consultant and others	87	0.42 0.47	54
34	Consultant	Late in reviewing & approving design document by consultant	110	0.47	20
35		Conflict between consultant and architect	112	0.57	18
36		Inadequate experience of consultant	96	0.52	38
37		Mistakes in design document	119	0.52	8
38		Delay in producing design documents	0/	0.04	/3
30		Unclear and inadequate details in drawing	91	0.01	43
40	Architect	Insufficient data collection & survey before doing	120	0.49	40
40		Misunderstanding of owner's requirement	88	0.70	51
41		Unused of advanced design software	88	0.48	52
42		Shortage of material	88	0.48	53
43		Change in material type & specification during construction	62	0.40	66
44		Delev in material delivery	112	0.54	10
45	Matorials	Demage of sorted material while they are needed urgently	01	0.01	40
40	Waterials	Damage of softed material while they are needed digently	<sup>91</sup>	0.49	49
47		L ate procurement of material	113	0.01	21
40 70		Lack of selected material availability in market	82	0.39	57
+7 50		Shortage of equipment	68	0.45	61
50		Fauinment breakdown	103	0.57	24
52	Fauinment	Low level of equipment operator skill	60	0.30	<u>_+</u> 63
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55		Low productivity & efficiency of the equipment	02	0.55	<u></u> /5
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50		Lack of Communication	65	0.44	50
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62		POOL SOIL CONDITION Delay in obtaining normita	13	0.41	2
62		Climatic factor	101	0.75	2
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65	External Factors	A acident during construction	90	0.49	50
0J 64		Changes in government regulation and law	02	0.59	02
67		Delay in performing final inspection and contificate by third party	92	0.50	40 20
07		Deray in performing multi inspection and certificate by third party.	73	0.31	37

Respondent Group	Owner (%)	Consultant (%)	Contractor (%)	Overall (%)
Overall	86	81	79	100
Contractor	64	44	100	-
Consultant	58	100	-	-
Owner	100		-	-

Table 8 Spearman's Rank Correlation between different Groups of Respondents

The aforementioned values of Spearman's rank correlation is calculated using IBM SPSS Statistics software, which has used the values given by the contractor, consultant & owner.

#### D. Validity of Proposed Delay Assessment Model

The developed delay assessment model is tested in real project. A final interview was conducted to assess the understanding of a Water Supply Company to test the proposed delay assessment model considering the latest project running its initial phase of construction.

The company M/s Larsen & Toubro Ltd. is serving in water supply sector since 1946. Based on 50+ years' experience, company is considered as an expert in water supply field. The Company was requested to perform following tasks for validation of proposed Delay Assessment Model."

Project Details	Agar Malwa Multi village Rural Water Supply Scheme
Contractor Company (Name)	M/s Larsen & Toubro Ltd.
Project Cost	250 Crore
Project Duration	24 months
Expected delay range for the project	30-50%

Table 9 Details of Water Supply Construction Company & Project

To get the validation done, company has formed a group of three (3) decision makers' members including site manager, chief project manager and technical office engineer.

S.No.	Group	Causes of Delay	<b>Evaluation of Factors</b>
1		Original Contract Duration is too short	35
2		Legal Disputes between parties	45
3	Project Team	Inadequate definition of substantial completion	22
4	rioject realli	Ineffective delay penalties	30
5		Types of construction contract	24
6		Type of Project Bidding	38
7		Delay in progress payment by owner	42
8		Delay to furnish and deliver the site to the contractor by owner	60
9		Change order during construction	37
10		Late in approval design document by owner	30
11	Ownor	Delay in approving shop drawings and sample material	39
12	Owner	Lack of communication between owner and contractor	35
13		Slowness in decision making process	38
14		Conflicts between joint ownership of the project	40
15		Unavailability of incentives for contractor for finishing ahead of schedule	30
16		Suspension of work by owner	55
17		Difficulties in financing project by contractor	40
18		Conflicts in subcontractor schedule in execution of the project	35
19		Rework due to errors during construction	24
20		Conflict between contractor and other parties	20
21		Poor site management and supervision	35
22	Contractor	Poor Communication and coordination with labor and subcontractor	28
23	Contractor	Ineffective planning and scheduling of project by contractor	45
24		Improper construction method implemented by contractor	30
25		Delay in subcontractor work	30
26		Lack of Knowledge	23
27		Frequent change of subcontractor because of their inefficient work	25
28		Poor qualification of technical staff	32

### Table 10 Probability Evaluation Form filled by members of L&T

29		Delay in site mobilization related to subcontractor	50
30		Delay in performing inspection and testing by consultant	30
31		Delay in approving major changes in the scope of work by consultant	45
32		Inflexibility of consultant	40
33	Consultant	Poor communication between consultant and others	25
34		Late in reviewing & approving design document by consultant	55
35		Conflict between consultant and architect	30
36		Inadequate experience of consultant	30
37		Mistakes in design document	25
38		Delay in producing design documents	35
39	Architect	Unclear and inadequate details in drawing	19
40	Architect	Insufficient data collection & survey before doing	28
41		Misunderstanding of owner's requirement	18
42		Unused of advanced design software	22
43		Shortage of material	23
44		Change in material type & specification during construction	10
45		Delay in material delivery	30
46	Materials	Damage of sorted material while they are needed urgently	22
47		Delay in manufacturing special building material	25
48		Late procurement of material	28
49		Lack of selected material availability in market	24
50		Shortage of equipment	20
51		Equipment breakdown	23
52	Equipment	Low level of equipment operator skill	25
53		Low productivity & efficiency of the equipment	20
54		Lack of high technology mechanical equipment	27
55		Shortage of labor	35
56		Low productivity level of labor	20
57	Labor	Personal conflicts among labor	16
58	Labor	Lack of Knowledge	16
59		Lack of Communication	15
60		Lack of skilled labor	30
61		Poor soil condition	25
62		Delay in obtaining permits	55
63		Climatic factor	45
64	External Factors	Unavailability of utilities in site (water, electricity, telephone)	20
65		Accident during construction	20
66		Changes in government regulation and law	35
67	Γ	Delay in performing final inspection and certificate by third party.	30

Output delay probability of the case study is determined by using proposed delay assessment model which is shown in table 11."

Table 11 Case Study	v Results of Schedule	Delay Probability
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Inputs Group of factors	Output Delay Probability (0 to 100)
Project related factors	32.33
Owner related factors	40.60
Contracator related factors	32.08
Consultant related factors	36.42
Architect related factors	24.50
Material related factors	23.14
Equipment related factors	23.00
Labor related factors	22.00
External related factors	32.86
Overall Project Delay	30.71

# *E. Result according to case study of schedule delay probability*

### > Project Related Factor Group

Probability Output of this group is determined as 32.33% demonstrating a low-medium probability. The most significant factors that contribute for this group's probability are: "Legal Disputes between parties" having 45(*low-medium probability*), "Type of Project Bidding" having 38 (*low-medium probability*), "Original Contract Duration is too short" having 35 (*low-medium probability*).

### Owner Related Factor Group

Probability Output of this group is determined as 40.60% demonstrating a low-medium probability. The most significant factors that contribute for this group's probability are: "Delay to furnish and deliver site to the contractor by owner" having 60(*high probability*), "Suspension of work by owner" having 55(*medium-high probability*), "Delay in progress payment by owner" having 42 (*low medium probability*).

# Contractor Related Factor Group

Probability Output of this group is determined as 32.08% demonstrating a low-medium probability. The most significant factors that contribute for this group's probability are: "Delay in site mobilization related to subcontractor" having 50(*low medium probability*), "Inefficient planning & scheduling of project by contractor" having 45(*low medium probability*), "Difficulties in financing project by contractor" having 40 (*low medium probability*).

# Consultant Related Factor Group

Probability Output of this group is determined as 36.42% demonstrating a low-medium probability. The most significant factors that contribute for this group's probability are: "Late in reviewing and approving design document by consultant" having 55 (*medium high probability*), "Delay in approving major changes in the scope of work by consultant" having 45 (*low medium probability*), "Inflexibility of consultant" having 40(*low medium probability*).

# Architect Related Factor Group

Probability Output of this group is determined as 24.50% demonstrating a low-medium probability. The most significant factors that contribute for this group's probability are: "Delay in producing design document" having 35 (*low medium probability*), "Insufficient data collection & survey before doing" having 28 (*very low probability*), "Mistake in design document" having 25 (*very low probability*).

# Material Related Factor Group

Probability Output of this group is determined as 23.14% demonstrating a low-medium probability. The most significant factors that contribute for this group's probability are: "Delay in material delivery" having 30 (*low medium probability*), "Late procurement of material" having 28 (*very low probability*), "Delay in manufacturing special building material" having 25 (*very low probability*).

### Equipment Related Factor Group

Probability Output of this group is determined as 23.00% demonstrating a very-low probability. The most significant factors that contribute for this group's probability are: "Lack of high technology mechanical equipment" having 27(very-low probability), "Low level of equipment operator skills" having 25 (very-low probability), "Equipment breakdown" having 23 (very-low probability).

### Labor Related Factor Group

Probability Output of this group is determined as 22.00% demonstrating a very low probability. The most significant factors that contribute for this group's probability are: "Shortage of labor" having 35 (*low-medium probability*), "Lack of skilled labor" having 30 (*low-medium probability*), "Low productivity level of labor" having 20 (*very low probability*).

### External Related Factor Group

Probability Output of this group is determined as 32.86% demonstrating a low-medium probability. The most significant factors that contribute for this group's probability are: "Delay in obtaining permits" having 55 (*low-medium probability*), "Climatic factors" having 45 (*low medium probability*), "Changes in government regulation & law" having 35 (*low medium probability*).

# > Probability of Delay

Overall schedule delay probability output for this specific project is determined as 30.71% demonstrating a **low-medium** probability.

Since the commission members also evaluated a range of 30-40% for the probability of schedule delay for that project & we found that result of schedule delay probability is in between this evaluated range that shows our results are satisfactory & reliable. Therefore, as the case study result, it is appropriate to say that the assessment model outputs are acceptable & adequate for the purpose.

### V. CONCLUSIONS

By their very nature, construction schemes are very hard to control due to its active and multifaceted atmosphere, resulting in recurrent deviations, delays and excess expenditure. The capability to evaluate the effect of field events on construction projects is critical to preparing and processing claims. Complaints about delays are one of the main sources of dispute in the civil construction engineering industry today, & one of the hardest to resolve. Accordingly, to deal with this issue of delay a delay assessment model is prepared using Fuzzy MATLAB system combined and developed with RII method which is validated by L&T personnel's on a live running project.

### LIMITATIONS OF RESEARCH

- Instead of using Crisp rating 1-5, improvement of result may be seen on changing the scale range to 1-10.
- 35 no. of respondents was responded for the questionnaire, Questionnaire was prepared at 15%

sampling error & 90% confidence level, to improve the result sampling size shall be increased (in terms of respondents), confidence level and reducing sampling error.

• The case study shall be done on high delay project instead of low-medium delay probability.

### SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT DELAY IN WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS

	Table 12 Prevent Delay in Water Supply Projects			
S. No.	Delay Causing Conditions	Recommendations		
1.	Climatic Conditions	To carry out detailed investigations according to field conditions and previous weather data.		
2.	Outside factors	To recognize and document the delays outside the control, work done by the earlier contractors must be considered.		
3.	Shortage of money	For execution of the project, make sure that requisite fund is available and also make sure that flow of cash is optimized accordingly to meet the requirements.		
4.	Schedule Deviation	For easy & controlled scheduled execution, detailed and accurate schedule is developed.		
5.	Improper Communication	Management Information System (MIS) is planned and applied accordingly.		
6.	Bad process of decision making	For improving the process of decision making, in-routine meeting is to be done. So that a proper procedure is followed throughout.		
7.	Absence of synchronization/Erroneo us entrustment of specialist	Develop a good, simple and understandable system to standardize unit coordination procedures and responsibilities. Create an organizational chart with detailed job descriptions of the responsibilities and roles of each functional unit.		
8.	Absence of check	For detecting and making record of the risks in the project and to mitigate them, a technical staff is to be kept for site inspection on site at a regular interval as specified to monitor the whole work in progress including all the works such as drawing submission, availability of resource, flaws in methodologies etc.		
9.	Lack of Planning	Understand supply and demand levels to develop detailed plans and timelines. Implement automated machine work to avoid manpower shortage such as such as automatic plastering machine, murals, precast concrete walls, etc.		
10.	Absence of Expertise	For reducing time slab of activities or of labor force, regarding new technologies and techniques the contractor must be aware of.		
11.	Absence of conveniences at site	Detailed study in respect of site condition is to be done so that management of site is done in a manner that resources can be used in a proper way as well as to increase productivity basic facilities are to be provided to workers.		
12.	Wrong supplier selection	For avoiding interruption and fights with supplier, do check their daily stock as well as quality of material before selecting supplier.		
13.	Scarcity of labor	For managing the risks of project labor effectively, initial planning is necessary for both proprietor and contractor. To increase the quality of work as well as productivity of workers, they can be awarded with incentives like best employee of the week/ month/ year.		
14.	Shortage of qualified labor	The unskilled labor is provided with training and session of skill up gradation so that they can use new techniques and technologies to increase their productivity.		

The water supply stakeholders have to emphasis on these study discoveries to avoid delay in the scheme, considering the factors contributing most of the delays.

### SCOPE FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

- Using proposed methodology of this study, further delay assessment can be done for reliable time contingencies in other specific projects like railway, airport, buildings, highways & dam schemes.
- Upcoming studies can be planned by using different model parameters such as: different no. & set of scheduled delay factors, linguistic variables, membership

functions, fuzzy rules, weight of rules, aggregation & defuzzification methods.

• This study opens up a domain of opportunities where upcoming analysts can deliver additional powerful, user-friendly software that can evaluate all the probable schedule delay factors, making fast and reliable results. This is very important for the success of the project and should be considered before the bidding stage by developing and utilizing the findings of this study."

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