effect of sand on Chabahar-Zahedan railway route and

Ways to improve it

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**Abstract:** Since Iran is a developing country, the expansion of communication

routes across the country is essential. Due to the fact that in some areas proper

materials for roads substructure does not exist, the cost of transportation and high-

quality materials from other areas require multiple investments. Improvement of

loose substrates of the road superstructure and so-called problematic soils and

materials of the subbase and base courses by adding upgrading materials is one of

the successful techniques in road construction. By using conventional improvement

materials such as lime, cement, fly ash, pozzolan and ..., are recommended for

improving the substrate, base, and subbase. Therefore, it is necessary to test and

evaluate the amount of effectiveness and the way of application of this type of

materials. In this paper, we seek to provide an appropriate solution to solve this

problem. Here we study the improvement of railway substructure layers and study

the geotechnical characteristics of this type of soil for mixing with dune sand to

improve its bearing capacity.

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1. Introduction

Nowadays, the importance of railways, highways and freeways for the development of human

societies is not overlooked. The amount of roads available in each country is one of the