Causes of building failure

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The most common factors that cause building failure.

- Structural layout.
- Quality of material and construction practices
- Lack of earthquake resistance features

Deficiencies in structural layout

- Irregular distribution of load bearing members in plan. (opening front and back)
- Non-uniform distribution of stiffness in plan. (i.e. L,E,H)
- Lack of rigid floor.

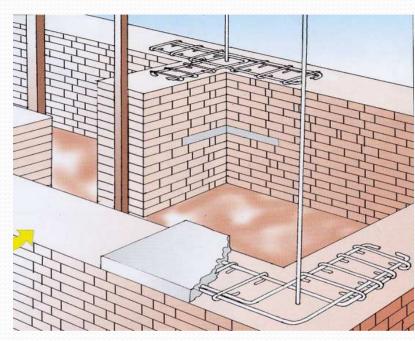
Quality of material...

- Stone and brick laid on weak mortar.(i.e. weak binder)
- Low strength of material.
- Quality material but inferior technologies.
 - Not curing...
 - Verticle joint not filled by mortar...
 - Too much water in concrete.
 - Improper placement of reinforcement bars
 - Improper compaction..etc.

Lack of earthquake resistant

features

- No tie beam or band.
- No stitching..
- No vertical joint
- No anchorage.
- No proper joint at T joint, L joint etc.
- Very long wall/no construction joint/break
- Hight too high..etc



Now ...

Let's think !!

how can we improve the earthquake resistance quality of school building?

