# OVERVIEW OF CLEANER TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS



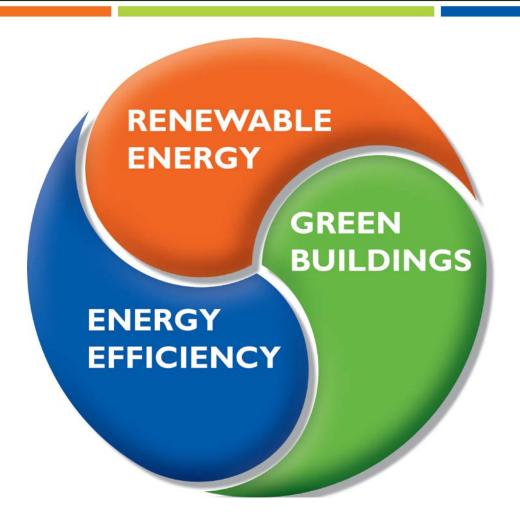
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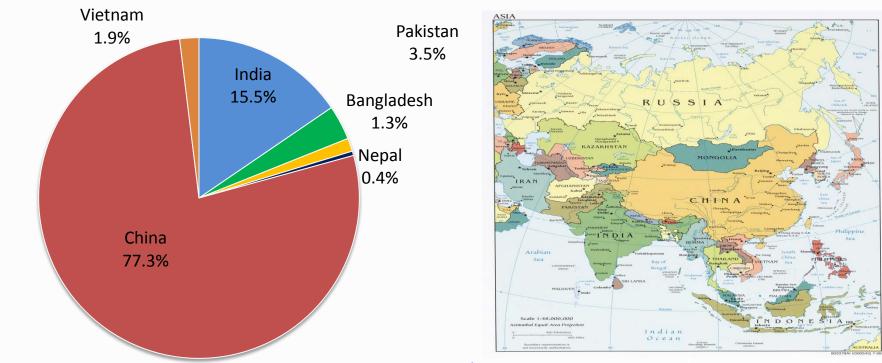
- Brick Sector Experience
  - Around 20 years of sectoral experience
  - Performance measurement of brick kilns
    - Energy, air pollution, black carbon,...
  - Technology assessment
  - Formulation and implementation of cleaner brick production programmes
  - Knowledge products
  - Training and capacity building
  - Experience in Asia & Africa
    - India, Vietnam, Nepal, Bangladesh, Rwanda, South Africa





#### **Brick Production Scenario - Asia**





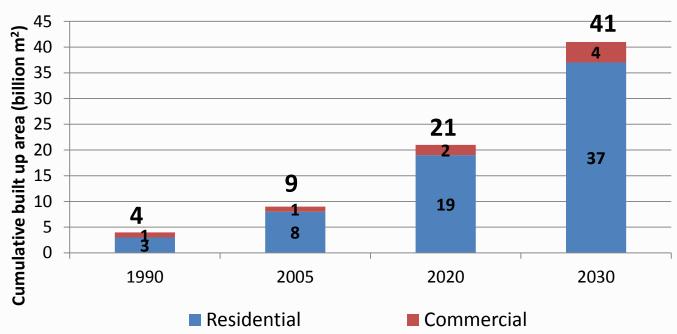
Total brick production in Asia: 1300 billion bricks/year

Asia is the most populous continent. It is estimated that 80% of the global brick production takes place in Asia. Highly populated regions - China & South Asian countries are some of the major producers of bricks.

#### India - Building sector growth



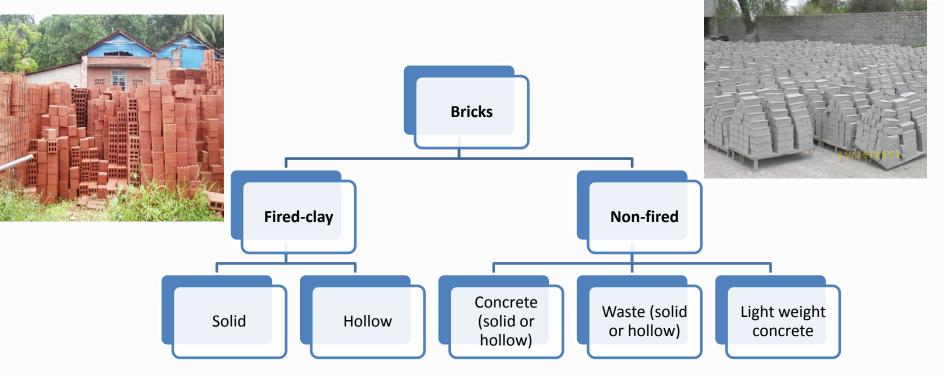




The building sector is growing rapidly – population growth, economic growth, urbanisation, smaller family size etc. The building stock in India is expected to double in next two decades and so would be the demand for bricks/walling materials.

#### **Types of Bricks & Products**





Bricks can be of many types. Traditionally solid clay (both fired and non-fired) were the main types. Now a variety of bricks made from cement, waste materials (e.g. flyash from power plants) along with hollow fired clay bricks are being used. The share of non fired bricks is  $\sim 10\%$  of the total fired clay brick production

## Fired Clay bricks manufacturing in India













#### **Brick Firing Technologies**



#### **Traditional Technologies**







Down-draught Kiln



Clamp

#### **Alternate Technologies**



Zigzag Kiln



Hoffman Kiln



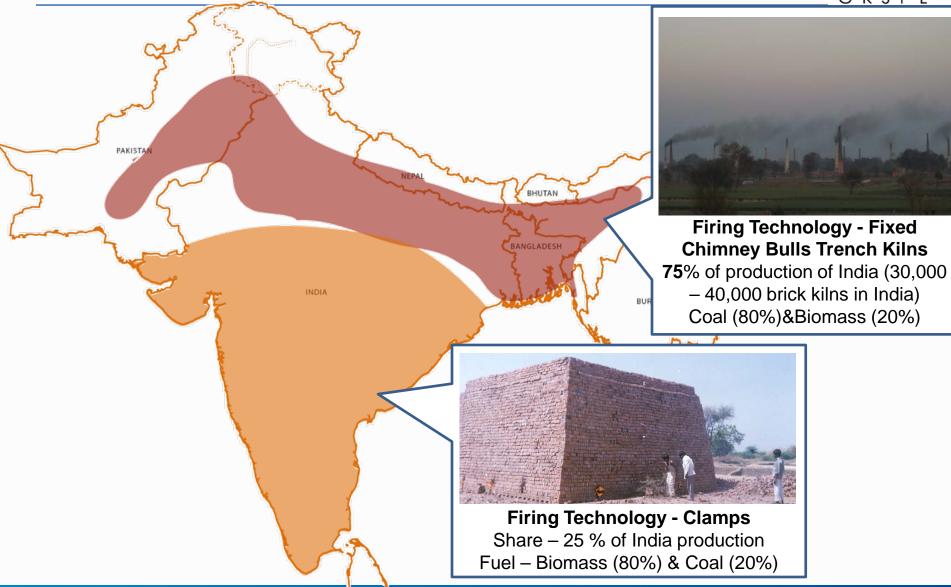
Vertical Shaft Kiln



Tunnel Kiln

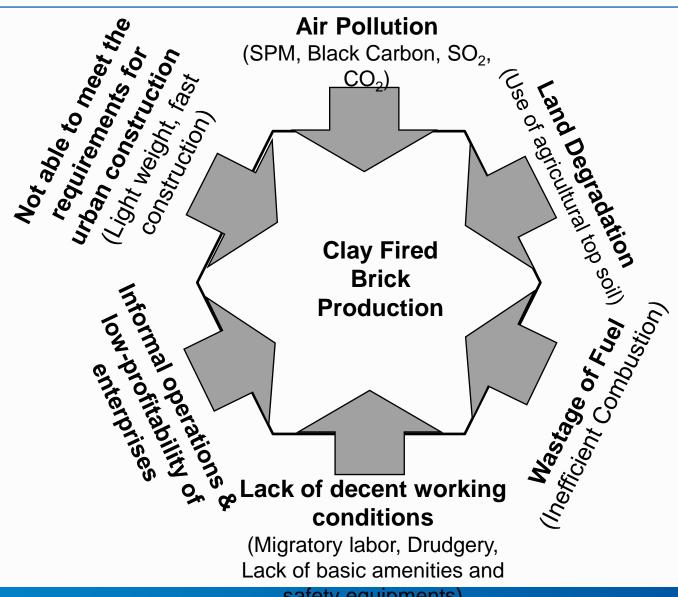
#### **Prevalent Brick Firing Technologies**





#### Issues in Clay fired brick production

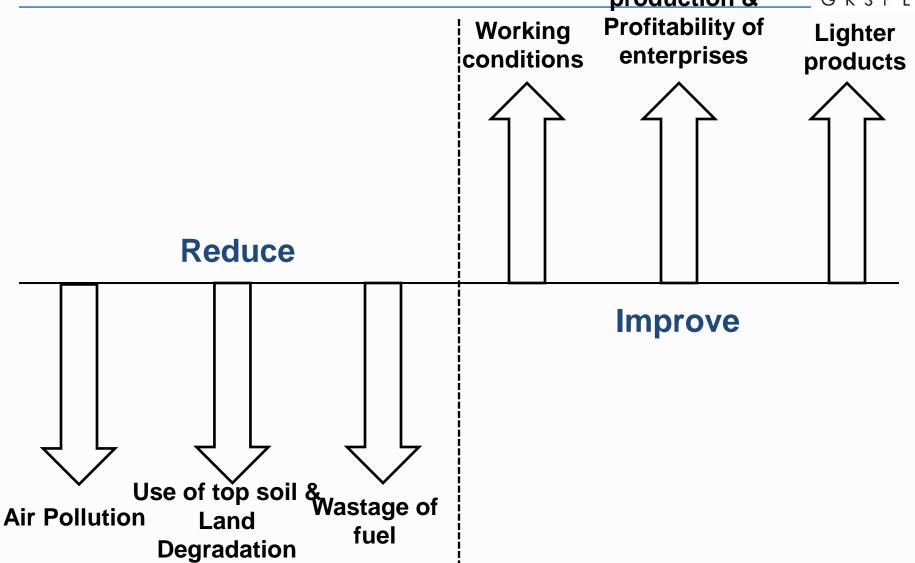




#### Path for Clay-Fired Brick Industry Industrial

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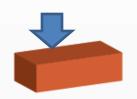
#### Technological ladder for Cleaner Clay-Brick Production



Zigzag firing & Solid Bricks

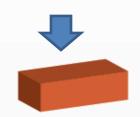
Baseline –
Fixed
Chimney Bulls
Trench Kiln &





- Retrofitting of FCBTK to Zigzag
- Other processes remain same



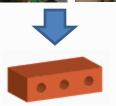


Zigzag firing & Perforated Bricks

- Use of extruders for moulding
- Drying in shade







Tunnel Kiln & Hollow Block

- Use of extruders for moulding
- Use of artificial Dryers
- Fully mechanized process

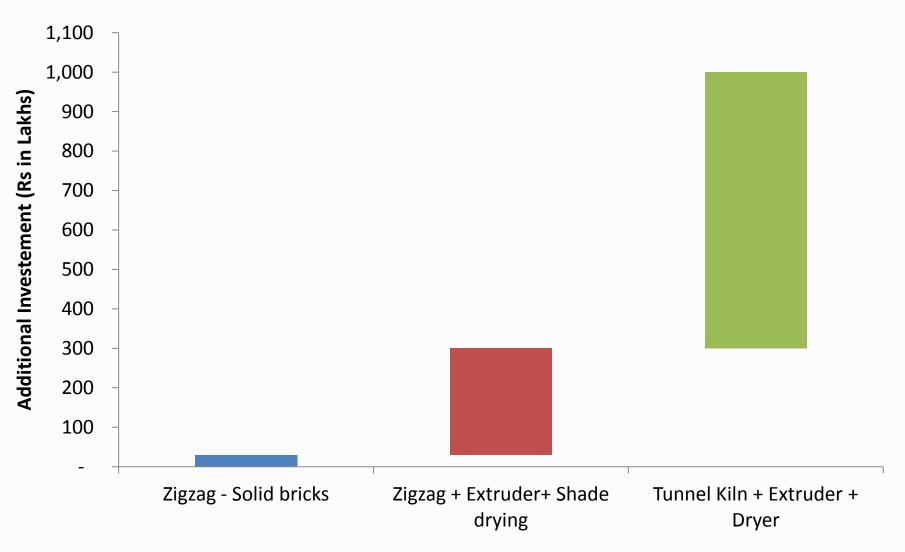






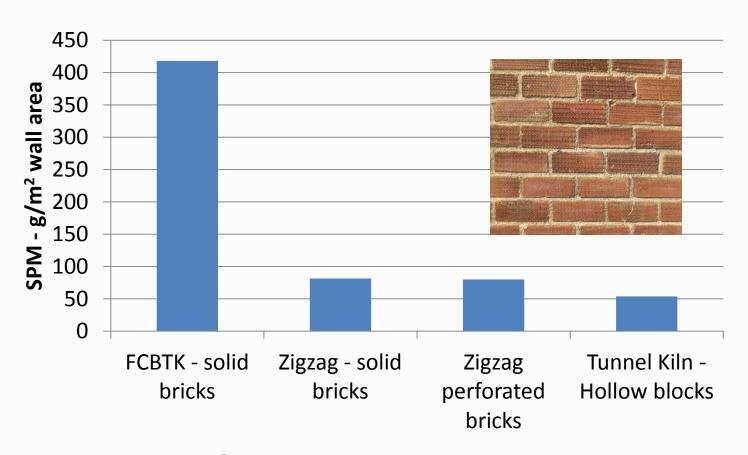
#### Investment required





#### **Suspended Particulate Matter**

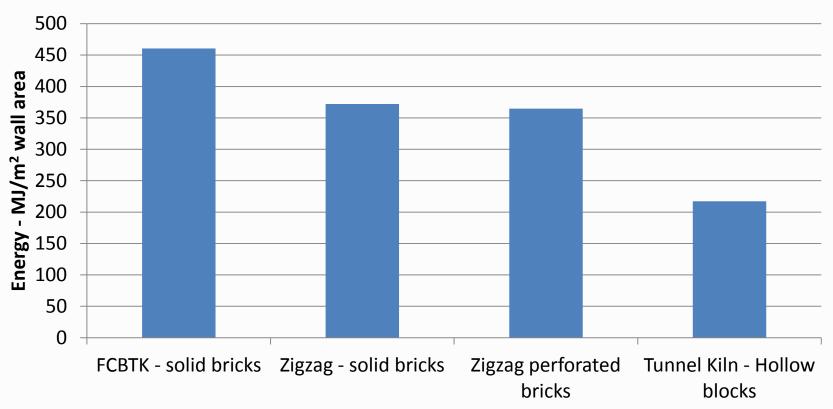




Conversion from FCBTK to well designed and well operated Zigzag firing technology will reduce the SPM emissions by more than 80%.

#### **Energy Consumption**

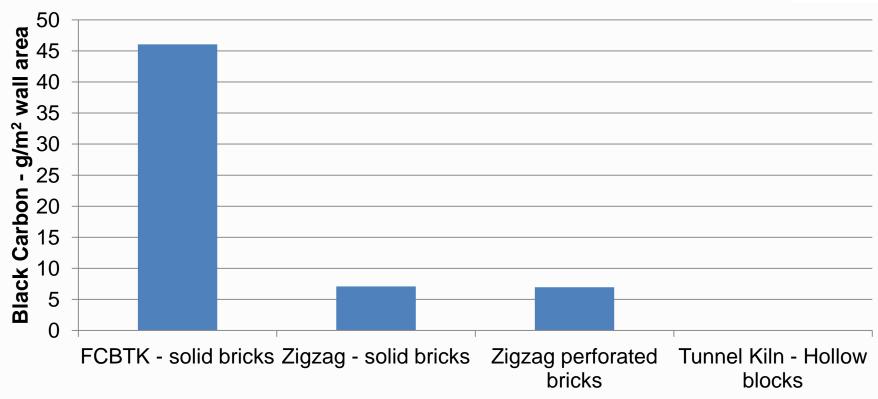




More than 40% reduction in energy consumption from current baseline to hollow block production.

#### **Black Carbon emissions**





Conversion of FCBTK to Zigzag firing can reduce 85% of the Black Carbon emissions from brick production

#### **Issues Addressed**



Parameters	Technological solutions		
	Zigzag kiln, soild brick	Zigzag perforated brick	Tunnel kiln, Hollow Blocks
Less Air Pollution	✓	✓	$\checkmark$
Less Land Degradation	X	Partial	<b>✓</b>
Less wastage of fuel	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Decent working conditions	X	Partial	<b>✓</b>
Profitability	<b>✓</b>	?	?
Lighter products	X	X	<b>√</b>

#### **Conclusions**



- Technological solutions exists and a step-wise approach to technology change may be adopted
  - Improved kilns
  - Use of waste materials & internal fuel
  - Hollow products
- Need for a national mission to transform brick industry
  - Building regulations in large urban centres that promote use of hollow clay-fired & non-fired bricks
  - Support to brick makers for making available technology, finance and dedicated zones for building materials production
  - Brick industry has contributed ~Rs 1000 crore in the National Clean Energy Fund – this needs to be utilised for the transformation of the brick industry



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