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Question:

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Answer:

Given : $D = 150 \text{ mm}$ or $R = 75 \text{ mm} = 0.075 \text{ m}$; $\mu = 0.05$

$N = 100 \text{ r.p.m}$

$\omega = 2\pi \times 100/60$

$= 10.47 \text{ rad/s}$;

$W = 20 \text{ kN} = 20 \times 10^3 \text{ N}$;

We know that for uniform pressure distribution, the total frictional torque,

$$T = \frac{2}{3} \times \mu W R = \frac{2}{3} \times 0.05 \times 20 \times 10^3 \times 0.075 = 50 \text{ N-m}$$

\therefore Power lost in friction,

$$P = T.\omega = 50 \times 10.47 = 523.5 \text{ W} \text{ Ans.}$$
