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Question:

Find the width of the belt, necessary to transmit 7.5 kW to a pulley 300 mm diameter, if the pulley makes 1600 rpm and the co-efficient of friction between the belt and pulley is 0.3. Assume the angle of contact as 180° and the maximum tension in the belt is not to exceed 8 N/mm width.

Answer:

Given

$$P = 7.5 \text{ kW} = 7500 \text{ W} \quad d = 300 \text{ mm} = 0.3 \text{ m}$$

$$N = 1600 \text{ rpm} \quad \alpha = 180^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180} = \pi \text{ rad}, \quad \mu = 0.3$$

$$T_{\max} = 8 \text{ N/mm width.}$$

velocity of belt

$$V = \frac{\pi d N}{60} = \frac{\pi \times 0.3 \times 1600}{60}$$
$$= 25.13 \text{ m/s}$$

Power transmitted

$$P = (T_1 - T_2) V$$

$$7500 = (T_1 - T_2) \times 25.13$$

$$\therefore T_1 - T_2 = 298.45 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

we know that;

$$2.3 \log \left(\frac{T_1}{T_2} \right) = \mu \alpha$$

$$\log \left(\frac{T_1}{T_2} \right) = \frac{0.3 \times 3.142}{2.3}$$
$$= 0.4098$$

$$\therefore \frac{T_1}{T_2} = 2.569 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

from eqⁿ (1) & (2)

$$T_1 = 488.67 \text{ N}, T_2 = 190.21 \text{ N}$$

\therefore Max Tension in belt

$$= 488.67$$

$$\therefore \text{width of belt} = \frac{T_{\max}}{T_{\max}/\text{mm of width}}$$

$$= \frac{488.67}{8}$$

$$\text{width } b = 61.08 \text{ mm --- Ans.}$$