



Influence of P & K with and without *Rhizobium japonicum* and Phosphorous Solubilizing Bacteria on Growth and Yield Sustainability of Soybean in Black Soil

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ABSTRACT

An experiment was conducted to study during kharif season of 2016 and 2017 at Sehore (M.P.). The experiment was laid out in Randomized block design with three replication having Ten treatments viz. Control (T₁), Bradyrhizobium japonicum alone(T₂), Local check (KRIBHICO–rhizobium culture(T₃), T₂+ P₆₀ kg/ha through SSP(T₄), T₂ + K₃₀ kg through MOP(T₅), T₂ + PSB 10 g/kg seed treatment(T₆), T₂ + P₃₀ kg/ ha + PSB 10 g/kg seed treatment(T₇), T₂ + K₁₅kg /ha + PSB 10 g/kg seed treatment(T₈), T₂ + T₈ (T₉) and P₆₀ kg/ ha+ K₃₀ kg/ha (T₁₀). On the basis of results obtained on various parameters as per approved synopsis following summary and conclusions have been drawnout: Growth characters such as no. of branches/plant, dry weight/plant, number and dry weight of root nodules attained significantly higher values with the application of P₆₀ kg/ ha+ K₃₀ kg/ha (T₁₀) as compared to other treatments followed by (T₅ and T₆). Yield and yield attributing characters such as no. of pods/plant, seed index and seed yield attained significantly higher values with the application of P₆₀ kg/ ha+ K₃₀ kg/ha (T₁₀) as compared to other treatments followed by (T₅ and T₆). Number of pods per plant was noted higher in the treatment P₆₀ kg/ ha+ K₃₀ kg/ha (T₁₀) as compared to other treatments followed by (T₅ and T₆). Appreciably higher seed index was noted under P₆₀ kg/ ha+ K₃₀ kg/ha (T₁₀) as compared to other treatments followed by (T₅ and T₆). Application of P₆₀ kg/ ha+ K₃₀ kg/ha (T₁₀) as compared to other treatments followed by (T₅ and T₆) gave significantly higher N, P, K, Zn, B & Mo in straw and seed as compared to other treatments and control. Application of P₆₀ kg/ ha+ K₃₀ kg/ha (T₁₀) as compared to other treatments followed by (T₅ and T₆),also improved the content of N, P, K, Zn, B and Mo in soil at harvest of soybean.

Key words: Soybean, Rhizobium, Kharif, FYM

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INTRODUCTION

Soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merrill] is one of the important grain legume crop of India, which not only helps in maintaining soil fertility but it is also a rich source of protein (38 to 42%) and oil (18-20%). Its cultivation has become popular in Madhya Pradesh due to the establishment of processing units and high remunerative prices. Singh and Kumar reported that the treatment have FYM @ 5 t per ha+V.C. @ 2.5 t per ha+V.W. @ 10 per cent+50 per cent NPK gave maximum nodule number (49 and 53/plant), highest nodule dry weight (384 and 372 mg/plant) and plant dry weights (30.33 and 40.33 g/plant). Konthoujam *et al.*, reported that the application of 75% RDF + vermicompost @ 1 t ha⁻¹ + PSB recorded the highest plant height, number of nodules per plant and dry weight of nodules per plant over control.

Soybean, being a Leguminous crop has got capacity of fixing N₂ through Rhizobium bacteria which forms nodules on the roots of this crop. Nodule rhizobia can fix nitrogen actively only if the plant is adequately supplied with all the mineral elements essential for active growth. In this respect elements like P, Ca, Mo, Fe, Zn and Co play an important role. Hence, supplementation of micronutrients along with Rhizobium + PSB inoculation in soybean cultivation may increase biological nitrogen fixation and P availability in soybean crop and there by its productivity.

Seeds of legumes when inoculated with manganese and molybdenum mixed with rhizobium culture increased the yield and protein content⁵. The application of Zinc and molybdenum in Soybean increased the grain yield and seed index. They have also started that the nodule rhizoid can fix nitrogen only of the plant is adequately supplied with all the minerals elements essential for active growth. In this context, zinc molybdenum, boron and biofertilizers play an important role enhancing biological inoculation in Soybean. Recent investigations carried out by Jain and Thakur⁵. indicates that only 15-20% of the applied fertilizer phosphorus is utilized by the crop to

which it is applied and rest gets chemically fixed in the soil and becomes unavailable to plants. *Rhizobium* is known to fix atmospheric N₂ in the root nodules of legume crops whereas phosphorus solubilizing bacteria solubilizes the fixed or unavailable form of phosphorus and make available to crops. Hence, there use may prove beneficial in increasing soybean production in the state.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Growth character as affected by different treatments:

Number of nodules per plant at 40 & 60 DAS

Treatments influenced the number of nodules per plant significantly. Maximum number of nodules per plant was recorded under the treatment T₁₀, followed by T₆, T₅ and T₄, respectively at both stages. However, number of nodules per plant under the treatments T₆, T₅ and T₄ were found at par. Number of nodules per plant under treatment T₁₀ was significantly higher over the remaining treatments. Minimum number of nodules per plant was observed with control. The findings of, Ibrahim *et al.*⁴, Anonymous¹ and Jain and Thakur⁵ are in close agreement with these results

Dry weight of nodules per plant (mg) at 40 & 60 DAS

Treatments influenced the dry weight of nodules per plant significantly. Maximum dry weight of nodules per plant was noted under the treatment T₁₀. The other treatments in the decreasing order of dry weight of nodules per plant were T₆, T₅, T₄, T₉, T₈ and T₇ per plant respectively at both the stages. However, dry weight of nodules per plant under the treatments T₁₀, T₆, T₅, T₄, T₉, T₈ and T₇ were found at par. Minimum dry weight of nodules per plant was observed with control. The findings of, Ibrahim *et al.*⁴, Anonymous¹ and Jain and Thakur⁵ are in close agreement with these results.

Number of branches per plant

Treatments influenced the number of branches per plant significantly. At maturity stage, maximum number of branches per plant was

recorded under the treatment T₁₀, followed by T₆, T₉ and T₄. However, number of branches per plant under treatments T₁₀ and T₆ were found statistically same. Minimum number of branches per plant was observed with control. The findings of, Ibrahim *et al.*⁴, Anonymous¹ and⁵ are in close agreement with these results

Dry weight per plant at maturity

Treatments influenced the dry weight per plant significantly. At maturity stage, maximum dry weight per plant was recorded under the treatment T₁₀, followed by T₆, T₉ and T₄. However, dry weight per plant under the treatments T₁₀, T₆ and T₉ were found at par. Minimum dry weight per plant was observed with control.

Studies on growth character as affected by different treatments (mean values of two years)

Treatment		Number of nodules / plant		Dry weight of nodules / plant(mg)		Branches / plant	Dry weight / plant (g)
		40 DAS	60 DAS	40 DAS	60 DAS		
T ₁	Control	62.51	61.46	35.95	41.18	3.17	8.21
T ₂	<i>Bradyrhizobium japonicum</i> alone	70.62	69.22	44.66	49.71	3.71	11.55
T ₃	Local check (KRIBHICO–rhizobium culture)	64.75	63.66	37.99	43.14	3.46	9.75
T ₄	T ₂ + P 60 kg/ha(SSP)	76.81	75.73	51.30	56.47	4.55	13.31
T ₅	T ₂ + K 30 kg (MOP)	78.66	77.75	52.28	54.46	4.25	13.33
T ₆	T ₂ + PSB 10 g/kg seed treatment	80.55	79.45	56.30	61.44	4.98	14.85
T ₇	T ₂ + P 30 kg/ ha + PSB 10 g/kg seed treatment	69.34	68.21	47.15	52.10	3.90	12.26
T ₈	T ₂ + K 15kg /ha + PSB 10 g/kg seed treatment	75.47	74.67	49.30	54.41	4.11	12.92
T ₉	T ₂ + T ₈	76.28	75.24	50.70	55.80	4.70	14.11
T ₁₀	P 60 kg/ ha+ K 30 kg/ha	90.55	89.47	60.46	65.55	5.24	15.25
S.E(m) ±		0.37	1.37	2.78	4.78	0.40	0.55
CD at 5%		1.11	3.97	8.38	13.84	1.22	8.21

Yield and yield attributing character as affected by different treatments:

Number of pods per plant

The treatment T₁₀ gave the maximum number of pods per plant which was significantly higher to the rest of the treatments. It was followed by treatments T₆, T₉ and T₅. However, treatments T₁₀ and T₆ were at par. The lowest significant number of pods per plant was noted with control.

This may be attributed to the fact that the plant of soybean generally tenders up to 70-80 DAS and therefore, the fair availability of nutrients including micronutrients in the

soil and thus, the maximum translocation of nutrients might have been occurred from different parts of plant and get accumulated in the seed and thus, add towards the enhanced dry weight at harvest. The findings of, Ibrahim *et al.*⁴, Anonymous¹ and⁵ are in close agreement with these results.

Seed index (g)

Treatments T₁₀ gave the maximum seed index. It was followed by the treatments T₆, T₉ and T₅. However, the treatments T₁₀, T₆, T₉ and T₅ gave the seed index statistically the same. The minimum seed index was produced by control.

Yield and yield attributing character as affected by different treatments (mean values of two years)

Treatment		No. of pods / plant	Seed index (g)	Seed yield (q ha ⁻¹)	Straw yield (qha ⁻¹)
T ₁	Control	29.14	8.81	16.74	34.75
T ₂	<i>Bradyrhizobium japonicum</i> alone	31.28	10.95	22.02	36.60
T ₃	Local check (KRIBHICO–rhizobium culture)	31.13	10.44	22.20	31.91
T ₄	T ₂ + P 60 kg/ha(SSP)	33.86	11.24	22.64	37.60
T ₅	T ₂ + K 30 kg (MOP)	35.61	11.70	22.67	36.10

T ₆	T ₂ + PSB 10 g/kg seed treatment	41.30	12.14	25.80	38.21
T ₇	T ₂ + P 30 kg/ ha + PSB 10 g/kg seed treatment	33.60	12.32	23.29	35.75
T ₈	T ₂ + K 15kg /ha + PSB 10 g/kg seed treatment	33.61	11.31	23.77	36.41
T ₉	T ₂ + T ₈	38.92	11.84	25.59	37.10
T ₁₀	P 60 kg/ ha+ K 30 kg/ha	42.04	12.51	26.87	36.14
	S.E(m) ±	1.52	0.35	0.40	2.00
	CD at 5%	2.50	1.04	0.96	6.17

Seed yield (q ha⁻¹)

Treatment T₁₀ was approved significantly superior over rest of the treatments. The minimum seed yield was produced by control could be attributed because of better utilization of nutrients due to the fair availability of nutrients remained in the soil for plant uptake and better nitrogen fixation phenomenon and thereby increased uptake of nutrients specially N, P & K by soybean plant which accelerated the seed index hence the increased seed yield of soybean. The results obtained by Ibrahim *et al.*⁴, (2000-2009) and⁵. Have also observed the similar results on straw yield of soybean.

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