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Genetic Variability Studies in Genetically Diverse Rice Genotypes

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ABSTRACT

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The experiment was conducted in randomized complete block design with two replications during *Kharif* 2016 at Rice Research Centre, Agricultural Research Institute, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. A total of thirty three genetically diverse genotypes were considered for the study. Analysis of variance was found to be significant for all the traits, indicate that there is existence of genetic variability for all the traits varying from lower to higher coefficients of variance. The results found that the moderate genotypic and phenotypic coefficients of variance were recorded for number of productive tillers per plant, number of grains per panicle and seed yield per plant. High heritability with high genetic advance was observed for number of productive tillers per plant, 1000 grain weight, number of grains per panicle and seed yield per plant. The traits were found to have higher values of variance and selection for such traits will be practiced based on phenotypic observation.

Introduction

Rice is a staple food for millions of people and having great importance in food and nutritional security. It is the second most widely consumed in the world next to wheat. From poorest to richest person in this world consume rice in one or other form.

Development of high yielding genotypes under such conditions require a thorough knowledge of genetic variation and yield contributing characters, the observed variability is a combined estimate of genetic and environmental causes whereas genetic

variability alone is heritable. Moreover the estimate of genetic variability across the environments with in the conditions, however result in a favorable environment to exploit complete genetic variability to exercise selection for development of yield contributing traits.

An estimate of heritability alone does not give an idea expected genetic gain in the next generation but also is considered in the conjunction with genetic advance [1—5]. Therefore, the present Investigation was made with an objective to identify the elite genotypes for yield and quality parameters.

Materials and Methods

The experimental material consisted of thirty three genotypes. Field trial were laid out in a Randomized Block Design with three replication in the spacing of 20 cm × 15 cm at *kharif*, 2016 at Rice Research Centre, Agricultural Research Institute, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad and the recommended culture practices were carried out. The observation on characters like days to 50% flowering, plant height, number of productive tillers per hill, panicle length, number of grains per panicle, test weight and seed yield per plant. The data were analyzed by using ANOVA and genetic parameters such as PCV and GCV, heritability in broad sense (h^2), and genetic advance in percent of mean were calculated.

Results and Discussion

Analysis of variance revealed highly significant differences among the genotypes for the entire test characters, indicating the existence of high variability among the varieties (Table 1). Thus, there ample scope for selection of different quantitative characters for rice improvement. The estimate

of phenotypic coefficient of variation, genotypic coefficient of variation, heritability and genetic advance as percent mean were obtained for different characters and they are presented in Table 2.

The phenotypic coefficient of variation values are lightly higher than genotypic coefficient variation indicating less influence of environment on these traits.

The results found that the moderate genotypic and phenotypic coefficients of variance were recorded for number of productive tillers per plant, number of grains per panicle, seed yield per plant. Low genotypic and phenotypic coefficients of variance were recorded for days to 50% flowering, plant height, panicle length.

These results were confirmed with the finding of Rajender *et al.*, (2013) for days to 50% flowering, plant height, Sravan *et al.*, (2012) for days to 50% flowering, number of productive tillers per plant and number of grains per panicle, Sameera *et al.*, (2015) for plant height and panicle length, Pandey *et al.*, (2012) for number of grains per panicle and seed yield per plant.

Table.1 Analysis of variance for yield, its component characters and quality parameters

Characters	Source of variation		
	Replications (d.f. = 2)	Treatments (d.f. =32)	Error (d.f. =64)
Days to 50% flowering	0.919	123.732**	1.034
Plant height (cm)	0.079	202.366**	0.079
No, of effective tillers per plant	0.125	17.691**	0.1
Panicle length (cm)	0.072	9.578**	0.142
1000 grain weight (g)	0.014	24.468**	0.223
No of grains per panicle	0.657	4151.975**	49.363
Seed yield per plant (g)	0.07	20.279**	1.853

** Significant at 0.01 level of probability

Table.2 Estimates of variability, heritability and genetic advance for yield, its component characters and quality parameters

Characters	Mean	Range		Phenotypic Variance	Genotypic Variance	PCV (%)	GCV (%)	Heritability in broad sense (h ²) (%)	Genetic Advance (5%)
		Min	Max						
Days to 50% flowering	109.38	92.33	119	41.93	40.89	5.92	5.84	97.5	11.89
Plant height (cm)	94.54	75.95	119.15	67.50	67.42	8.69	8.68	99.9	17.88
No, of effective tillers per plant	14.56	10.61	18.95	5.96	5.86	16.77	16.63	98.3	33.97
Panicle length (cm)	22.26	16.40	25.80	3.28	3.14	8.14	7.96	95.7	16.05
1000 grain weight (g)	18.33	12.64	24.81	8.30	8.08	15.71	15.50	97.3	31.50
No, of grains per panicle	190.39	94.41	250.74	1416.90	1367.53	19.77	19.42	96.5	39.30
Seed yield per plant (g)	21.76	14.93	25.18	7.99	6.14	12.99	11.38	76.8	20.56

Min.-Minimum, Max.-Maximum, PCV- Phenotypic Coefficient of Variation; GCV- Genotypic Coefficient of Variation

Heritability is a measure of extent of phenotypic variation caused by the action of genes. For making effective improvement in the characters for which selection is practiced, heritability has been adopted by genetic variability, which is transmitted from parent to offspring is reflected by heritability.

The estimate of heritability alone is not very much useful on predicting resultant effect for selecting the best individual because it includes the effect of both additive gene as well as non-additive gene.

High genetic advance only occurs due to additive gene action. So heritability coupled with genetic advance would be more useful than heritability alone.

In the present study high heritability coupled with high genetic advance was observed for traits for number of productive tillers per plant, 1000 grain weight, number of grains per panicle, seed yield per plant. High heritability coupled with moderate genetic advance were recorded for days to 50% flowering, plant height and panicle length.

These results were confirmed with the finding of Rajender *et al.*, (2013) for days to 50% flowering, Patel *et al.*, (2014) plant height, Sravan *et al.*, (2012) for number of grains per panicle, Sameera *et al.*, (2015) for number of productive tillers, seed yield per plant.

Pandey *et al.*, (2012) for seed yield per plant, Singh *et al.*, (2011) for days to 50% flowering, panicle length and number of grains per panicle.

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