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Impact of Integrated Nutrient Management on Growth, Yield and Economics of Garden Pea in Kandhamal District of Odisha, India

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ABSTRACT

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An experiment was carried out in the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kandhamal for finding out the effect of integrated nutrient management in the form of soil amelioration through liming, application of nutrients through inorganic and organic sources on the growth and yield of garden pea (*Pisum sativum* var. hortense L.). The results revealed that, combined application of 20 kg sulphur and 01 kg boron along with incorporation of lime @ 0.2 LR, soil test based NPK and FYM @ 05 t ha⁻¹ resulted maximum height of the plant (96.8 cm), number of branches per plant (4.56), number of nodules per plant (42.4), numbers of pods per plant (24.7), single pod length (8.44 cm), number of grains per pod (7.43), weight of green pods per plant (34.8 gm), shelling percentage (51.5) and green pod yield (102.8 q ha⁻¹). This treatment also came out with highest net return (Rs. 1,14,680/- ha⁻¹) and a benefit cost ratio of 1: 3.30.

Introduction

Garden pea (*Pisum sativum* var. hortense L.) is one of the popular winter vegetable crops commercially grown during Rabi season in India and provides variety of protein rich vegetarian dishes for humans. It is usually grown for its green pod containing immature seeds which are cooked alone or mixed with other vegetables and is also processed for freezing, canning and dehydration to meet the

consumer's requirement during off-season. This crop occupies 459 thousand hectare area in India and shares 21 percent production of the world (Dhall, 2017). The district Kandhamal in the state of Odisha is favourable for vegetable cultivation due to its agro climatic condition. The district is predominantly inhabited by tribal people who are resource poor & marginal farmers. They are cultivating different crops in traditional methods and most of them are cultivating

garden pea in small patches as it is one of most remunerative crops in the district. However, soil acidity and poor nutrient management are the major constraints for getting optimum yield of this crop in the district. Nutrient application trend in this district is very poor (8.3 kg ha^{-1}) and farmers are generally use lower rate of farmyard manure with rare or no use of secondary and micronutrients.

The major growth-limiting factors associated with acid soil infertility include toxicity of Aluminium (Al) and Manganese (Mn), deficiencies or low availability of certain essential elements including Calcium (Ca), Magnesium (Mg), Phosphorus (P), Boron (B), and Molybdenum (Mo) and very low microbial activity (Thakuria et al 2016). Legume vegetable crops such as pea are sensitive to soil acidity and liming is only option for increasing yield in such soil conditions.

Moreover, from an extensive survey, it was found that, the soils of Kandhamal district are more deficient in S (82.5%) and B (79.2 %) (Nayak and Jena, 2014). Due to these factors, the average productivity of this crop in the district is 68 quintals green pods ha^{-1} .

The productivity of this crop can be increased by adopting the integrated nutrient management practices through application of lime, organic manure, soil test based fertilizer application. However, the information on the requirements for an appropriate combination of nutrients through various sources viz., inorganic fertilizers and organics, including secondary and micronutrient in garden pea is meager in acidic soils of Kandhamal condition. Hence, the present investigation was conducted to assess the effect integrated nutrient management practices on yield attributes, productivity and profitability of garden pea in Kandhamal District of Odisha.

Materials and Methods

The present study was carried out in the KVK instructional farm during the Rabi seasons of 2016-17 and 2017-18 under irrigated medium land condition. Before sowing the crop, composite soil samples representing the whole field and after harvest plot wise samples were collected for determining the nutrient status. The organic carbon, pH, available N, P and K were analyzed as per the methods described by Jackson (1973). The experimental soil was sandy clay loam in texture, acidic in reaction (pH 5.2) and was low in organic carbon content (4.2 g kg^{-1} soil), low in available Nitrogen (232.8 kg ha^{-1}), medium in available Phosphorus (21.3 kg ha^{-1}), high in available Potassium (301.6 kg ha^{-1}), low in available Sulphur (8.6 kg ha^{-1}) and low in Boron (0.42 ppm). The experiment comprised 04 treatments viz. T₁: Farmers' practice (No management practices for soil acidity, application of 20:40:0 $\text{kg N:P}_2\text{O}_5:\text{K}_2\text{O ha}^{-1}$ and FYM @ 01 t ha^{-1}), T₂: Application of soil test based fertilizer dose, FYM @ 05 t ha^{-1} and lime @ 0.2 LR, T₃: T₂ + application of 20 $\text{kg Sulphur ha}^{-1}$ and T₄ : T₃ + application of 01 kg Boron ha^{-1} . The treatments were replicated five times and the experiment was laid out in randomized block design (RBD). Recommended dose of FYM was incorporated manually into the soil one week prior to sowing and lime as paper mill sludge (PMS) was applied @ 0.2 LR and mixed into the soil as per the treatments. Similarly, sulphur @ 20 kg ha^{-1} in the form of elemental sulphur and boron @ 01 kg ha^{-1} in the form of borax were applied as basal dose in the respective treatments. Hybrid garden pea cultivar 'GS-10' was used as the test crop and was sown at a seed rate of 20 kg ha^{-1} with a row spacing of 30 cm and plant to plant spacing of 10 cm. The pods of garden pea were harvested in three pickings at weekly intervals. All the recommended cultural practices were adopted to raise the crop. A sample of ten plants were

randomly tagged in each treatment and replication for recording data on different growth parameters like plant height (cm), branches/plant, nodules/plant and yield related attributes like pods/plant, pod length (cm), grains/pod, weight of green pods/plant (gm), shelling percentage and green pod yield ($q\ ha^{-1}$). The shelling percentage was calculated by using the formula as follows.

$$\text{Shelling percentage} = \frac{\text{Weight of green seeds from 100 pods (gm)}}{\text{Weight of 100 pods (gm)}} \times 100$$

Economics of garden pea cultivation were calculated by considering the prevalent local market price. The benefit: cost ratio for each treatment was calculated by dividing the total monetary benefits by cost of production. The data thus collected was subjected to analysis of variance, using the method proposed by Panse and Sukhatme (2010).

Results and Discussion

The growth parameters, pod yield and other yield attributes and economics of this experiment on garden pea showed similar results in two consecutive years. Hence, the pooled data are taken in account for discussion.

Growth parameters

The effect of integrated nutrient management on the growth parameters of garden pea is depicted in Table-1. The results showed that, maximum amount of growth parameters like plant height (96.8 cm), no. of branches/plant (4.56) and no. of nodules/plant (42.4) were achieved in T_4 followed by T_3 , T_2 and T_1 and also all the parameters in T_4 were significantly higher than the other treatments. Prasad and Prasad (2003) and Singh et al.,(2005) reported that, the amount of N, P & K added through chemical fertilizers coupled with the supply of S was found effective for better plant health

and higher yield of garden pea. The increase in growth and growth related attributes of garden pea crop is due to application of sulphur and boron which are responsible for enhancing the metabolism regulation and enzymatic processes including photosynthesis, respiration and symbiotic nitrogen fixation. Improvement in nodule formation and growth of the plants could be due to sulphur and boron for increasing leghaemoglobin pigment formation in nodules. This result is in uniformity with the findings of other workers (Quddus et al., 2018, Parry et al 2016, Azevedo et al., 2002, Hamdaoni et al 2003 and Khana and Gupta 2005).

Yield and yield attributes

The findings of the investigation revealed that, maximum increase in the yield parameters like number of grains /pod (7.43), pods/plant (24.7), pod weight /plant (34.8 g), single pod length (8.44 cm) and shelling percentage (51.5%) were attained in T_4 followed by T_3 and T_2 . However, the lowest mean values of the yield attributing parameters like number of grains /pod (5.13), number of pods / plant (15.2), weight of pods/plant (23.7 g), single pod length (5.42 cm) and shelling percentage (43.4 %) were recorded in T_1 (farmers' practice).

The pod yield of garden pea in T_4 ($102.8\ q\ ha^{-1}$) significantly increased by 8.4, 17.9 and 41.4 per cent over T_3 , T_2 and T_1 , respectively. This might be due to application of lime along with balanced fertilization, which helped in translocation of photosynthates resulting in better pod formation as well as grains. These results supported the findings of Shivran et al (2000). Also the initial microbial population helped in mobilizing the unavailable pool of nutrients in soil, thereby triggering the acquisition of optimum nutrient supply across critical crop stages (Singh et al., 2016 and Pandey et al., 2006, Jaipaul et al., 2011, Sephehya 2015).

Table.1 Effect of INM treatments on the growth parameters of garden pea

Treatments	Plant height (cm)	Number of branches/ plant	Number of nodule / plant
T₁ : Farmers practice	61.4	3.41	25.2
T₂	74.6	3.98	32.5
T₃	82.5	4.29	37.6
T₄	96.8	4.56	42.4
S.Em(±)	0.58	0.17	0.51
C.D.(0.05)	1.78	0.51	1.57

Table.2 Effect of INM treatments on yield attributes and green pod yield of garden pea

Treatments	Single pod length (cm)	No. of grains/pod	No. of pods /plant	Weight of green pod/plant	Shelling %	Green pod yield (q ha ⁻¹)
T₁: Farmers' practice	5.42	5.13	15.2	23.7	43.4	72.7
T₂	6.56	5.85	19.3	29.2	46.7	87.2
T₃	7.19	6.37	21.4	31.8	48.4	94.8
T₄	8.44	7.43	24.7	34.8	51.5	102.8
S.Em(±)	0.12	0.09	0.31	0.39	0.54	0.51
C.D.(0.05)	0.38	0.26	0.96	1.21	1.67	1.58

Table.3 Effect of INM treatments on economics of garden pea

Treatments	Cost of cultivation (Rs/ha)	Pooled pod yield(q/ha)	Gross return (Rs/ha)	Net return (Rs ha ⁻¹)	B:C ratio
T₁: Farmers' practice	42800	72.7	116320	73520	2.7
T₂	47400	87.2	139520	92120	2.9
T₃	48000	94.8	151680	103680	3.1
T₄	49800	102.8	164480	114680	3.3

Net return = gross return – cost of cultivation

Improvement in pod yield and related attributes in garden pea due to sulphur and boron application could be attributed to fulfilment of crop demand by higher assimilation and translocation of photosynthesis from leaves to seeds and with increasing sulphur and boron, the process of tissue differentiation from somatic to reproductive, meristematic activity and development of floral primordia might have increased resulting in more flowers and higher

seed yield. Similar observations have also been reported by other workers in garden pea and other crops (Nasreen and Farid, 2003, Parry et al 2016 and Kumar et al 2012).

Economics

The economics of the experimentation was calculated based on the existing market price of the green pods. The economics in terms of gross and net return for each treatment were

worked out. Among the treatments, maximum net return of Rs. 1,14,680/- ha⁻¹ and cost benefit ratio (1:3.3) was recorded in T₄ (Table 3). This might be due to reclamation of soil acidity along with balanced fertilization including boron and sulphur increased the pod yield. This treatment combination (T₄) was found to be the most economical than other treatments. Whereas, the lowest net return of Rs. 73,520/- ha⁻¹ and cost benefit ratio (1:2.7) were recorded with the farmer's practice (T₁). Parry et al (2016) reported that maximum net return of Rs.1,41,243/- ha⁻¹ was observed due to combined application of 30 kg sulphur and 2 kg boron ha⁻¹ along with RDF in garden pea. Dubey *et al* (2012) also reported that, combined application of organic and inorganic fertilizers increased the net benefit and cost benefit ratio in garden pea cultivation.

Based on this study, it is concluded that, combined application of 20 kg sulphur and 01 kg boron along with incorporation of lime @ 0.2 LR, soil test based NPK and FYM @ 05 t ha⁻¹ is an optimum nutrient combination for enhancing growth, pod yield, other yield attributes and profitability of garden pea in acid soils of Kandhamal district of Odisha.

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