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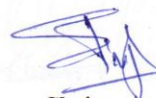
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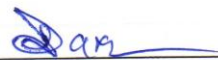
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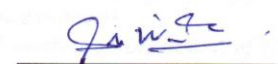
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations	Full form	Abbreviations	Full form
%	Per cent	kmph	Kilometre per hour
@	At the rate	MH	Maleic hydrazide
B:C	Benefit cost ratio	IAA	Indol acetic acid
cm	Centimeter	NS	Non significant
DAS	Days after sowing	q	Quintal
DAT	Days after transplanting	⁰ C	Degree Celsius
<i>et al.</i>	And co-worker/ and others	Rs	Rupees
Fig.	Figure	SEm _±	Standard error of mean
g	Gram	spp.	Species
GA	Gibbrelic acid	No.	Number
GA3	Gibbreline	m ⁻²	Per meter square
ha	Hectare	t	Tonnes
ha ⁻¹	Per hectare	<i>viz.</i>	For example
hrs	hours	mm	Millimetre
i.e.	That is	g kg ⁻¹	Gram per kilogram
K	Potassium	ml	Millilitre
kg	Kilogram	NAA	Nepthalic acetic acid
kg ⁻¹	Per kilogram	v	Volume
lit ⁻¹	Per litre	Kg/ m ²	Kilogram per metre square
m	Metre	ml/ kg	Millilitre per Kilogram
mg	Milligram	g l ⁻¹	Gram per litre
N	Nitrogen	t ha ⁻¹	Tonne per hectare
P	Phosphorus		

INTRODUCTION

CHAPTER-I

INTRODUCTION

Coriander generally known as “Dhania” (*Coriandrum sativum*) belongs to family Apiaceae. Coriander is one of the important spices in our day-to-day life. Its leaves are popular for garnishing of variety of Indian dishes. The leaves have a strong odour while its fruits have a warm and spicy aroma. It is widely cultivated in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, U.P., etc. It is mainly used as a condiment for its medicinal properties as well as spice for culinary purposes. It is an annual herb and a native of Southern Europe and the Middle East. Green coriander (also called cilantro or Chinese, Mexican or Japanese parsley) has been called the most commonly used flavoring agent in the world due to its usage across the Middle East into all of southern Asia as well as in most parts of Latin America (Perseglove et al., 1981 and Singh and Singh, 1996).

Coriander is an important spice crop having a prime position in flavorings food. Coriander is the most widely used favoring herb in the world, its fresh leaves are used in salads, soups, vegetables etc. due to its aromatic flavor. The fresh green stem, leaves and fruits of coriander have a pleasant aromatic smell. The entire plant, when young, is used in preparing chutneys and sauces and the leaves are used for flavoring curries and soups. The seeds are extensively employed as condiment with or without roasting in the preparation of curry powders, pickling spices, sausages and seasonings. They are used for flavoring pastry, cookies, buns, cakes and tobacco products (Shankaracharya and Natrajan 1971). Coriander seeds are generally used after mild roasting. There are two types of coriander viz large seeded (fruited) and small seeded. Large seeded coriander (seed diameter three to five mm)

is grown as a spring crop in northern temperate climates, or as a winter crop in areas with a Mediterranean climate. This has an essential oil content of 0.5 to one per cent. Small seeded coriander is produced mainly in more moderate temperature zones. Hundred grams of coriander seed contains nearly 6.3% moisture, 1.3% protein, 0.3% volatile oil, 19.6% fat, 31.5% crude fibre, 24% carbohydrates, 5.3% mineral matter, 0.26 mg vitamin B1, 0.23 mg vitamin B2, 3.2 mg niacin and 12 mg vitamin C (Gupta et al., 1977). Volatile oils such as linalool are responsible for the aroma of coriander. The essential oil of coriander should contain 60-70 per cent linalool. Immature seedlings of small seeded coriander (cilantro) are harvested as a spicy addition to salads or for flavoring of meats, soups and stews. The oil is one of the oldest spice extract known, as it is mentioned for flavoring gin and liquors, soft drink, pickle, sausages, cigarette and cosmetics (Shankaracharya and Natrajan 1971).

The global production of coriander seed is estimated to be around 6 lac tonnes. The major global producers are India, Morocco, Canada, Romania, Russia and Ukraine. The other producers are Iran, Turkey, Israel, Egypt, China, US, Argentina and Mexico. The global trade in coriander is estimated to be around 0.85 - 1 lac tonnes year⁻¹. While, India, Turkey, Egypt, Romania, Morocco, Iran and China are the major exporters Middle East, South-east Asia, USA, UK and Germany are the major importers. India is the biggest producer, consumer and exporter of coriander in the world (John, 1994). Area, production and productivity of coriander in India are 5.30 lac ha 4.82 lac million tonnes and 0.9 million tonnes ha⁻¹ respectively (Anonymous, 2011). Rajasthan (54%) and Madhya Pradesh (17%) are the two largest producing states in the country contributing over two-thirds to the

country's total production. In Chhattisgarh coriander covers an area of 4090 ha and production of coriander is about 1010 tonne (Anonymous, 2011).

The crop is generally grown as rainfed crop, either pure or mixed with other crops in mid land situation. It can be grown on a fairly wide range of soils, but is best adapted to well drained loam and sandy loam soils. It is also cultivated in sandy loam soils of northern India and in red sandy loams of Chhattisgarh (Bala Shanmugam et al., 1988). In certain areas, it is grown as irrigated crop (Sharma and Bhati, 1984). The time of sowing varies in different localities but in Chhattisgarh, it is often cultivated in winter (rabi) as pure crop from October to January. Coriander for seed cultivation is grown as a rabi crop with sowing undertaken during October - November and new crop arrivals seen in February - March. Coriander germinates very slowly, and may take as long as 21 days to emerge. It does not compete well with weeds, especially perennial weeds, and should be planted on clean land. Plants can suffer flower blast if very hot, dry conditions occur at bloom. Crops can be severely affected by blossom blight.

Germination represents a dynamic period in the life cycle of plants as a seed makes the transition from a metabolically quiescent to an active and growing entity. Seed germination is one of the basic aspects of eco-physiological studies, because functionally a seed is device for reproduction, perpetuation and multiplication of a particular species so as to ensure its continuation. Seed germination represents the termination of a developmental phase and the commencement of a growth phase. Germination is a separate developmental phase in life cycle of the higher plants. This phase is preceded by embryogenesis and seed development which is followed by seedling growth and development. Thus, a seed has a

specific programme for germination consisting differential gene activation, distinct from programmes for embryogenesis and for seedling development. The germination percentage of coriander is less due to structural property of the seed itself, so it is necessary to treat the seeds to increase the germination. Many organic and inorganic substances are used for seed treatment in coriander. Some of the organic substances are *Calotropis* spp, *Azadirachta* spp, *Prosopis* spp. cow urine, *Pseudomonas florescence* and inorganic substances are SAAF.

The process of breaking, scratching, mechanically altering or softening the seed coats to make permeable to water and gases is known as scarification. Mechanical scarification is generally done by pounding seeds in a large sized mortar with pestle. Scarified seeds make injury to the seeds and induces susceptible to pathogenic organisms hence, scarification is done at the time of sowing or a few days before sowing in coriander. As germination involves hydration or imbibitions as the first step, soaking seeds helps in carrying out the initial steps of germination. The most common soaking material is water and cow-dung extract is also found to improve germination.

Allelopathic effects of *Calotropis* on different agricultural crops have not been well studied. Extracts of different plant parts viz. root, stem, leaf and stem of *Calatropis* affect germination and seedling vigor of many agricultural crops have been reported (Oudhia and Tripathi 1997, 1999; Oudhia et al., 1997, 1998a, b). However, the germination at higher concentrations of leaf extract of *Calotropis procera*, decreases germination percentage and also delays it (Zahrani and Robai, 2007). Neem tree has superb pharmaceutical and pesticide controlling qualities and is also eco-friendly. The azadirachtin compound in neem has been recognized as an effective insecticide that is biologically selective, not harming the useful

pest- predators but keeping almost 250 harmful ones at bay. Scientists recommend coating urea with neem cake to kill nitrifying bacteria. Neem also contains salanin, a chemical substance that is a potent pest controller and is said to be far more effective than the chemically produced diethyl-toluamide that is a part of most of the lethal synthetically produced pesticides. Now a day's leaf extract of neem is used for seed treatment of various crops as it has selective insecticidal property. *Prosopis* of Fabaceae family also known as, mesquite (*Prosopis juliflora*) is reported to be both invasive and allelopathic. It is found to inhibit germination or growth of many plant species growing in its vicinity, through the release of allelopathic substances into the environment (Humaid and Warrag, 1998 and Pandit et al., 1995). The genus *Pseudomonas* is one of the most diverse Gram negative bacterial genera, isolated from sources ranging from plants to soils and water. *Pseudomonas* is characterized by their ability to grow in simple media at the expense of a great variety of simple organic compounds, without needing organic growth factors. Because of the infectious nature of these bacteria, they can actually be used to combat other agricultural pathogens. Since the 1980s, certain types of *Pseudomonas* bacteria, such as *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, have been applied directly to soils and seeds in order to prevent the growth of crop pathogens. This practice of deterring one type of pathogen with another is generally referred to as biocontrol. Another member of the *Pseudomonas* genus which has biocontrol properties is *Pseudomonas chlororaphis*, which itself produces an antibiotic which is active against certain fungi that attack plants.

As per Ayurvedic literatures cow urine (gomutra) is useful in curing controlling number of diseases. Cow urine also contains antioxidant and it has antimicrobial properties (Jarald et al., 2008). Due to these properties it can be used for seed treatment.

At present very meager work has been done on seed treatment of coriander with organic and inorganic substances especially under agro-climatic conditions of Chhattisgarh plains so keeping the above points in view the present investigation entitled **“Effect of seed treatment with organic and inorganic substances on germination and foliage yield of coriander in rabi season of Chhattisgarh plains”** was undertaken during rabi season of 2012-13 at Horticulture Research cum Instructional farm, Department of Horticulture, College of Agriculture, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur with the following objectives:

1. To study the effect of various seed treatments on germination of coriander.
2. To study the effect of seed treatment on foliage yield of coriander.
3. To find out economical seed treatment method for coriander.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

CHAPTER-II

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Seed treatment with organic and inorganic substances has a potential use in horticulture. Though several workers have reported the influence of seed treatment of coriander, the information on the use of organic and inorganic substances for seed treatment of coriander is very scanty. Therefore, the available information on the use of organic and inorganic substances for seed treatment in coriander and other crops have been reviewed and described under following heads:-

2.1 Effect of seed treatment on germination and growth parameters

Vasyuta *et al.* (1978) reported that of the various seed treatments tried, 18 h at 10 deg + 6 h at 30 deg without any previous seed treatment gave 81-92% germination compared with 6-35% in the control where the seeds were heat-treated and then held at 18-22 degree .

Mandal *et al.* (1987) studied that the highest germination in *Coriandrum sativum* (80%) and *F. vulgare* (82%) was obtained with seeds soaked for 6 and 8 h, respectively, and aged naturally; the corresponding germination in the controls was 15 and 20%.

Badgular and Warhal (1988) observed that soaking seeds of *Coriandrum sativum* in warm water, 10 p.p.m. IAA, 20 p.p.m. NAA or 50 p.p.m. GA increased germination percentage and leaf yield. Wrapping treated seeds in polyethylene film or in gunny bag cloth for 24 h before sowing further enhanced germination percentage and leaf yield.

Banafar (1994) conducted the experiment for enhancement in germination and emergence of coriander [*Coriandrum sativum*] seeds. At 28 DAS, maximum field

emergence was recorded in water-soaked seeds (71.33 %), followed by 100 p.p.m. GA₃ and NAA-treated seeds and dry seeds showed 55.13% emergence. MH slightly increased emergence up to 14 days, but gave similar results to dry seeds at 28 DAS. Scarification with acid at 5 or 10% also initially enhanced emergence but had no benefit on the overall percentage at 28 DAS. A higher acid concentration reduced emergence considerably.

Vasugi and Thangaraj (1998a) studied that the effect of seed treatment with plant extracts and *Azospirillum* on field emergence and seedling vigour was studied in *Coriandrum sativum* in Tamil Nadu, India. A combined seed treatment with plant extracts (2.0% leaf extract of *Prosopis* + *Calotropis*) and *Azospirillum* led to significantly earlier and increased field emergence and increased seedling vigour compared with untreated seeds.

Vasugi and Thangaraj (1998b) reported that coriander seeds were soaked for 16 h at 25 °C in 1 or 2% aqueous extracts of mature leaves of *Acacia sp.*, *Albizia amara*, *Calotropis gigantea*, *Prosopis juliflora* or *Pongamia glabra* and all their combinations. The combination of 2% *Calotropis gigantea* and 2% *Prosopis juliflora* gave the highest percentage germination (86%) and vigour index (1978) as compared with the untreated control (66% and 1509, respectively).

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Gandhikumar and Raguchander (2001) revealed that seed germination was significantly lower when seeds were treated with either fungal preparation over the untreated

control. Fungal preparations reduced the shoot and root lengths significantly over the control. Among the two treatments, seed treatment with toxin more strongly inhibited seed germination as well as seedling growth than with spore suspension.

Haroun and Shehri (2001) studied the morphological and cytogenetic effects of *Calotropis procera* extract on *Vicia faba L.* The control plants being normal while treated ones are significantly affected. Four concentrations (5, 15, 30, and 60%) of this extract were applied for 3 duration time. For treated seeds, low doses caused increase in mitotic index (MI) and exhibit stimulatory effect on percentage of germination and plant height. On the other hand high concentrations gave rise to substantial reduction in MI, percentage of germination and plant height and all were found dose and time dependent. In contrast, all parameters tested for treated roots were found negatively affected with no exception and found more harmful and effective compared to seed treatment experiment.

Subramanian and Vijayakumar(2001) revealed that application of 100% N with seed treatment and soil application of *Azospirillum* recorded the highest germination percentage of 95.78. The same treatment recorded the highest vigour index, plant height at 80 days after sowing and dry matter production. The highest level of N (1.22%), P (0.11%) and K (1.46%) in the plant tissue was also noticed in 100% N combined with *Azospirillum* seed and soil application. Among the different combinations, 100% N combined with seed treatment and soil application of *Azospirillum* recorded the highest grain yield and oleoresin content.

Pradeep *et al.* (2003) recorded that the essential oils, especially clove oil, stimulated seedling growth (seedling emergence, number of leaves, leaf size, root-shoot length, vigour

and biomass) and reduced the incidence of seedling diseases. Cardamom oil resulted in enhanced germination and emergence in Italian millet and coriander.

Saravanapriya and Sivakumar (2005) conducted field experiment for the management of *Meloidogyne incognita* infecting tomato with five botanicals, viz. leaves of *Calotropis gigantea* (Linn.), *Tagetes erecta* Linn. And *Azadirachta indica* A. Juss. ; seeds of *Citrullus lanatus* (Thunb). Matsumura & Nakai and *Areca catechu* Linn. Results showed statistically significant increase in both seed germination as well as seedling establishment in all the treatments when compared with control. Seed treatment with dry powder of *Calotropis gigantea* leaves gave the highest germination (98.0%) and high percentage of established seedlings (99.6%). Root dip treatment with leaf extract of *Calotropis gigantea* resulted in significant reduction of the soil nematode population at 45 DAT and at harvest (87.3% and 90.0%, respectively) and lowest gall index (1.7) with increase in fruit yield, 23.9%.

Alves *et al.* (2005) observed that seed germination percentage and germination index increased with increasing manure levels in the absence of mineral fertilizers, reaching 90% and 5.0, respectively, at the highest manure rate. In the presence of mineral fertilizer, these values were 82% and 4.5, respectively, with manure at 8 kg/m².

Zahrani and Robai (2007) studied the effect of dry leaf water extraction (5, 10, 20, 40 and 60%) of *Calotropis procera* Decne. plants on the germination of Barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.), Wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.), and Cucumber (*Cucumis sativus*) L., Fenugreek (*Trigonella foenum graecum* L.) and Alssana (*Senna occidentalis* L. Link) was investigated. The results showed that the germination delayed at the higher concentrations, and the final

germination percentage was decreased by increasing leaf extract concentration. The most affected seeds of the tested plants were *Senna occidentalis* seeds, which were inhibited at the last two treatments (40 and 60%). Generally, the radicle and Plumule growth was sensitive to different levels of leaf extraction whereas, the radicle length was decreased by increasing the extract concentration; it died at the higher concentrations (40 and 60%) for Alssana seeds. Plumule emergence and growth stimulated by the lower concentration (5%) for Alssana Cucumber and Fenugreek more than control treatment, and then the plumule length decreased with increasing the concentration in leaf extracted of *Calotropis procera* plants.

Ghasemi *et al.* (2011) studied that the effect of different concentrations (0, 5, 10, 20, 40 and 60%) of dry leaf water extraction of *Calotropis procera* on the germination of cucumber (*Cucumis sativus*), tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum*), and eggplant (*Solanum melongena*). The results showed that leaf extract of milkweed reduced germination percentage in studied plants. In treatment of 60%, germination percentages of seeds of cucumber, tomato and eggplant were 17.77, 84.44 and 93.33, respectively, while seed germination of these plants in control treatment (distilled water) were 100, 97.77 and 100 %, respectively. Therefore, the greatest and the least inhibitory effects of leaf extract on percentage of seed germination were belonged to cucumber and eggplant, respectively.

Effect of different levels of leaf extraction on seed germination of cucumber, tomato and eggplant. In all plants, the highest reduction in plumule length observed in treatment of 60%.

Hamid *et al.* (2012) observed that the dual culture studies of four biocontrol agents in pea revealed that *Trichoderma harzianum* exhibited highest inhibition percentage of 78.60 followed by *Trichoderma viride* (75.72%), *Gliocladium virens* (69.52%)

and *Pseudomonas fluorescense* (68.37%). *Pseudomonas fluorescense* was the only biocontrol agent which showed zone of inhibition in dual culture. Seed treatment with biocontrol agents revealed the highest germination percentage in pots treated with *Trichoderma harzianum* and carbendazim (90% each) followed by *Trichoderma viride* (86%), *Pseudomonas fluorescense* (83%) and *Gliocladium virens* (82%) while it was 61 per cent in control. *Trichoderma harzianum* treated seeds took least 7.26 days to germinate followed by *Trichoderma viride* (7.32 days), carbendazim (7.34 days), *Pseudomonas fluorescense* (7.37 days) and *Gliocladium virens* (7.53 days) as against 7.88 in control. Disease incidence and severity was lowest in the pots treated with carbendazim (14.64 and 4.98%) followed by *Trichoderma harzianum* (21.30 and 10.94%), *Trichoderma viride* (25.30 and 12.02%), *Pseudomonas fluorescense* (29.28 and 14.98%) and *Gliocladium virens* (38.64 and 17.58%) whereas in control it was 54.64 and 32.02%, respectively.

Kanaga *et al.* (2012) studied the effect of aqueous extracts of Neem (*Melia azadirachta*) on germination percentage of test plants. Neem aqueous extract slightly inhibited seed germination of cow pea (90, 70 and 60%) over control, whereas very little or no significant effect on germination of horse gram. Root and Shoot elongation of test plants seedlings was more adversely affected than seed germination due to the allelochemicals. *Melia azadirachta* aqueous extracts significantly inhibited the root and shoot elongation of test plants. Root elongation of horse gram was reduced about 3.7 cm by Neem extracts respectively. Root elongation of cow pea was more adversely affected about 3.4 cm than horse gram due to the allelochemicals. The aqueous extracts exhibited highest inhibition of shoot elongation (3.2cm) in cow pea. About 3.6 cm reduction in horse gram by Neem

aqueous extract was recorded. Shoot elongation in cow pea was more adversely affected by the aqueous extracts as compared to horse gram seedlings.

2.2 Effect of seed treatment on yield attributes and yield

Taylor *et al.* (1975) reported that when the pathogen (*Pseudomonas spp.*) from decayed coriander seed heads was spray inoculated on coriander plants at the flowering or immature seed stage the resulting heads showed dark discoloured streaks on the green seed or were blackened and bore shrunken seeds.

Taylor and Dudley (1980) reported that a *Pseudomonas spp.* which on serological and biochemical characters falls in P. Group IA (similar to *Pseudomonas syringae*, infected the inflorescences and caused seed decay of coriander.

Maheswari and Sundarababu (2001) studied the effect of Calotropis leaf extract at 5,10,15 per cent concentration on root penetration and at 10 and 15 per cent as soil and foliar application on population suppression of root knot nematode was studied under glass house condition. Maximum inhibition of penetration was observed on the first day itself at 15 per cent (0.6% penetration). When the leaf extract was applied as soil and foliar treatment at 10 and 15 per cent concentration, maximum shoot and root weight with more pods were observed in soil application at 15 per cent concentration followed by 10 per cent. Nematode population was minimum at 15 per cent soil application (88.5% and 72% reduction over control) followed by 10 per cent (87.1 and 79.3%) in root and soil application at 15 per cent.

Capecka *et al.* (2003) studied the effect of presowing conditioning and fungicide application on seedling vigour and seed yield in coriander. Matri-conditioning with Micro Cel-E (seed:carrier:water ratio of 2:1:4) and osmo-conditioning in PEG 6000 solution (280

g/kg) under lighted conditions at 15 °C for 7 and 6 days, respectively, significantly increased seed and seedling vigour compared with the untreated control.

Bardin *et al.* (2004) observed that coating sugar beet seeds with *Pseudomonas fluorescens* 708 and flax or pea straws increased the efficiency of the bacterial strain for the control of Pythium damping-off.

Marwat and Azim Khan (2006) conducted experiment in NWFP Agricultural University Peshawar (Pakistan). Grinded leaves of *Prosopis juliflora*, *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* and *Acacia nilotica* were soaked in tap water for 5 hr at room temperature. Results showed that germination percentage and plant height of both species were significantly affected by different concentrations. *Prosopis* showed stimulatory effect on germination of both the species. In wheat, maximum germination and plant height of 52.50 % and 32.22 cm, respectively was recorded in *Prosopis* treated pots as against 15 and 31.50 cm in control however in *Eucalyptus* @ 150 g l⁻¹ also 15% germination of wheat was recorded. Similarly, for wild oats, maximum germination percentage and plant height of 47.5 % and 51.9 cm was recorded in *Prosopis* treated pots. Low concentration of *Prosopis* proved stimulatory as compared to higher concentrations.

Siddiqui *et al.* (2009) conducted experiment on *Prosopis juliflora* aqueous leaf extract, prepared by 25 g and 50 g powder of dry leaf dissolved in 500 ml of double distilled water, tested for their allelopathic effects on seed germination and radicle length of *Triticum aestivum* var-Lok. Allelopathic effect of leaf extract of different concentrations (25 g/500 ml (C1) and 50 g/500ml (C2) of *Prosopis juliflora* and its possible allelopathic effect tested in a laboratory experiment (Bundelkhand University, Jhansi). The experiment was conducted

in sterilizes Petri dish with a 24 h, 48 h, 72 h, 96 h and 120 h time interval for seed germination and 24 h, 48 h and 72 h for radicle length on an average of 25° C. Aqueous effect caused pronounced inhibitory effect on seed germination and root length of receptor plant. Seed germination and root length results indicated that the inhibitory effect was proportion to the concentration of the extract. Inhibitory effect was much pronounced radicle length rather than germination. Hence, it could be concluded that the mesquite leaf aqueous extract contain water-soluble allelochemicals. This could inhibit the seed germination and reduce radicle length of wheat. It is suggested that wheat should not be planted close to *Prosopis juliflora* due to adverse effects on its growth.

Usha *et al.* (2009) showed strong antifungal activity of a concoction brewed from *Datura stramonium*, *Calotropis gigantea*, *Azadirachta indica* (neem) and cow manure (T₁) followed by methanol-water (70/30 v/v) extracts of *Datura stramonium*, *Calotropis gigantea* and *Azadirachta indica* (T₂) against *Fusarium mangiferae*. Optimal control of floral malformation was found in trees sprayed with T₁ followed by T₂ at bud break stage and again at fruit set stage when compared with the control. All the malformed buds or panicles completely dried two days after foliar spray with T₁ or T₂.

Singh *et al.* (2010) conducted the field experiment at Raigarh, Chhattisgarh and observed the effect of rhizobacteria on disease suppression, growth promotion and yield of coriander and fennel. The application of these two rhizobacteria FK-14 (*Pseudomonas putida*) and FL-18 (*Macrobacterium paraxidum*) as seed and soil application was found to be significantly superior to their exclusive application and that of other agents like *Trichoderma*.

Salam and Kato-Noguchi (2010) investigated the allelopathic potential of aqueous methanol extract of neem leaves on seed germination and seedling growth of different plants viz. cress (*Lepidum sativum* L.), lettuce (*Lactuca sativa* L.), alfalfa (*Medicago sativa* L.), wild buckwheat (*Eriogonum compositum* Douglas ex Benth.), sand fescue (*Festuca myuros* L.), timothy (*Phleum pratense* L.), barnyardgrass (*Echinochloa crus-galli* [L.] Beauv and *Echinochloa colonum* [L.] Link.). Germination, root and shoot growth of all test plant species were inhibited at concentrations greater than 0.001 g dry weight equivalent extract/ml except timothy and *E. colonum*. Inhibitory activity was dependent on the extract concentrations and the higher extract concentration had the stronger inhibitory activity. The effectiveness of the extract was much higher on the root growth than the shoot growth of test plants. Comparing in the extract concentrations required for 50% inhibition, germination of sand fescue was the most sensitive and root and shoot growth of cress was the most sensitive to the extract.

Refshauge *et al.* (2010) used an Australian isolate of *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *coriandricola* (*Psc*) to study aspects of dispersal of the pathogen and infection of coriander and reported that of the 50 inoculated plants, 47 died (94%). Plants in the control treatment did not develop any disease symptoms. The total plant biomass of *Psc*-inoculated plants was lower compared to the control plants. ANOVA demonstrated that total dry weight, shoot and root dry weights and the root-to-shoot ratios were significantly reduced at the 4th and 5th weeks after inoculation. No significant difference was detected between plants inoculated with the wild-type and the rif mutant strains of *Psc*.

Raghavendra *et al.* (2010) revealed that pooled alkaloid extract (PAE) isolated from fractionation of methanol extract of leaves of *Prosopis juliflora* and treatment sorghum seeds were treated with this extract treatment of seeds significantly reduced percent incidence of moulds and mould induced biodeterioration up to 180 days storage along with significant increase in seed germination and seedling vigor up to 90 days. Carbohydrate, protein, lipid and dry matter losses were also not observed in the treated seeds while significant loss of all the parameters was observed in untreated control seeds. The result of the present study is highly encouraging in developing herbal remedy for seed borne fungal diseases and biodeterioration of grains during storage.

Sangeetha and Muthukumar (2011) reported that seed treatment of chilly with liquid formulations of *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (1.0% AS) @ 10 ml/kg and 15 ml/kg of seed was found to be most effective in reducing the pre and post emergence damping off both in pot culture and field study. The treatments also increased the plant growth and vigour index of chilli seedlings.

Rakib and Mustafa (2012) revealed that the treatment of cucumber seeds and soil with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* suspension induced significant reduction in virus accumulation in the plants as proved by absorbance values of ELISA-reactions. Minimum absorbance values of ELISA reactions at 405 nm were found to be 0.160 and 0.298 for seed and soil treatments, respectively when compared with 1.190 for samples from CMV-inoculated plants (control). The inhibition activity of *Pseudomonas fluorescens* against CMV (cucumber mosaic virus) continued to be significant up to 20 days of virus inoculation with absorbance values of ELISA-reactions (0.460 and 0.930) for seed and

soil treatment, respectively. The results indicate that *Pseudomonas fluorescence*'s able to induce systemic resistance against CMV in the plants.

Getachew *et al.* (2012) studied the allelopathic effects of the invasive *Prosopis juliflora* on seed germination and seedling growth of *Acacia nilotica* (L.) Willd. ex Del., *Acacia tortilis* (Forssk.) Hayne, *Cenchrus ciliaris* L. and *Enteropogon rupestris* (J.A. Schmidt) A. Chev. *P. juliflora* was recorded in all habitat types in highest density and observed affecting the plant diversity there in. Its growth characteristics and dense thicket formation restrict light to the ground flora and hence diminishes plant diversity. Leaf, bark and root aqueous extract of *P. juliflora* at 0, 0.5, 0.8, 1, 2 and 6% were prepared and their effect studied on germination percentage and seedling growth of the study plant species. Germination of *Acacia nilotica* and *Acacia tortilis* was not affected by all aqueous extracts of different organ parts of *Prosopis juliflora* while leaf and root extracts at higher concentrations inhibited germination of *Cenchrus ciliaris* and *Enteropogon rupestris*. Shoot and root growth of the study species were inhibited by leaf and root at higher concentrations. Seed germination of all species except *Acacia nilotica* was inhibited by soil amended with decaying plant parts and under canopy soil.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

CHAPTER –III

MATERIALS AND METHOD

The experiment entitled “**Effect of seed treatment with organic and inorganic substances on germination and foliage yield of coriander (*Coriandrum sativum* L.) in rabi season of Chhattisgarh plains**” was conducted during the winter season of 2012-13. The details of the materials used and methods followed are given below.

3.1 Location of experiment site

Field experiment was carried out during Rabi season of 2012-13 in the Horticulture Research cum Instructional Farm, Department of Horticulture, College of Agriculture, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur (C.G.).

3.2 Geographical situation

Raipur is situated in the central eastern part of Chhattisgarh and lies at 21⁰ 16' N latitude and 81⁰ 26' E longitude with an altitude of 289.59 m above the mean sea level.

3.3 Climatic condition

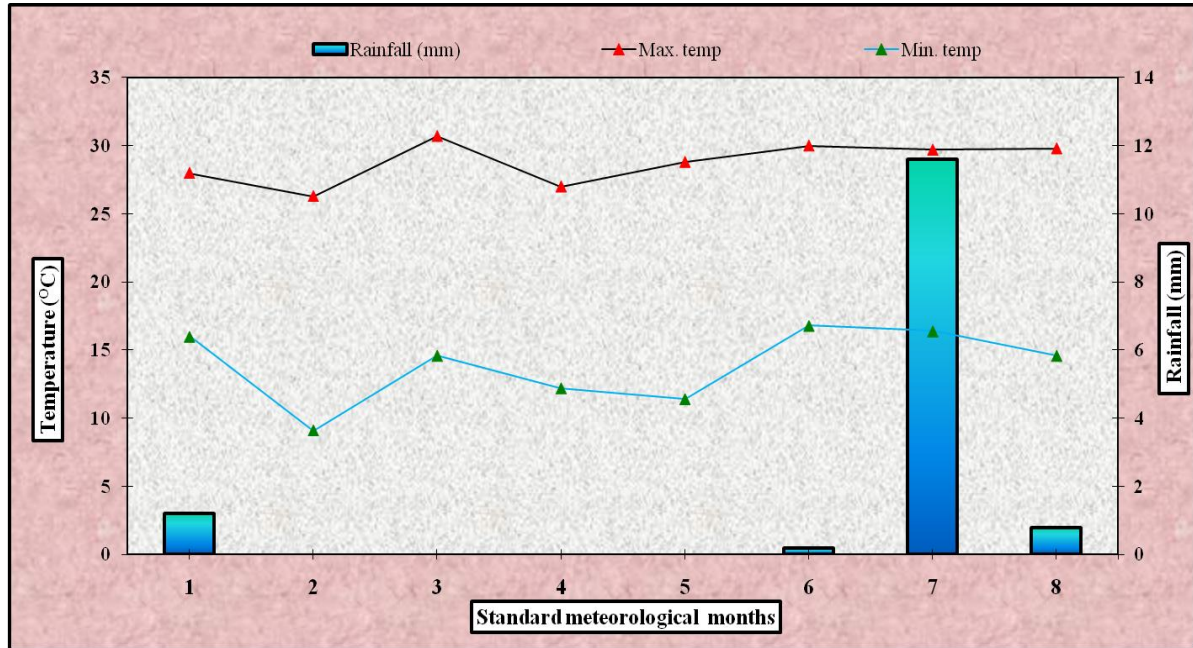
The climate of Raipur region is sub-humid to semi arid. The source of rainfall is South-western monsoon. The average annual rainfall is 1326 mm (based on 80 years mean), of which mostly it is concentrated during the period from June to September and very little during October to February. May is the hottest and December is the coolest month of the year. The pattern of rainfall particularly during June to September months has great variations from year to year. The weekly maximum temperature raises upto 46°C during summer and minimum temperature drop down as low as 6°C during winter season. The

relative humidity is high from June to October and wind velocity is high from May to August with its peak in June-July months.

3.4 Weather condition during crop growth period

The weather data recorded during the course of investigation are presented in Appendix-1 and depicted through Fig. 3.1 and 3.2. The coriander crop received about 13.80 mm of rainfall during its growth period. The maximum temperature during the crop growth period varied between 30.70 °C in the third week of January to 26.30 °C in the second week of January, whereas the minimum temperature varied between 9.10 °C in the second week of January to 16.80 °C in the second week of February. The average maximum temperature for different months varied from 29.58 °C to 28 °C, while monthly average minimum temperature ranged between 12.98 °C to 14.80 °C.

The monthly relative humidity throughout the crop season varied between 81.0 to 87.0 per cent at morning and 24.0 to 57.0 per cent in evening hours. The open pan evaporation mean values ranged from 2.4 to 4.3 mm/day, whereas, the bright sunshine varied from 3.3 to 9.9 hours/day. The monthly wind velocity ranged between 1.1 to 2.5 kmph.



3.1: Weekly meteorological observations during crop period (3 January to 23 February 2013)

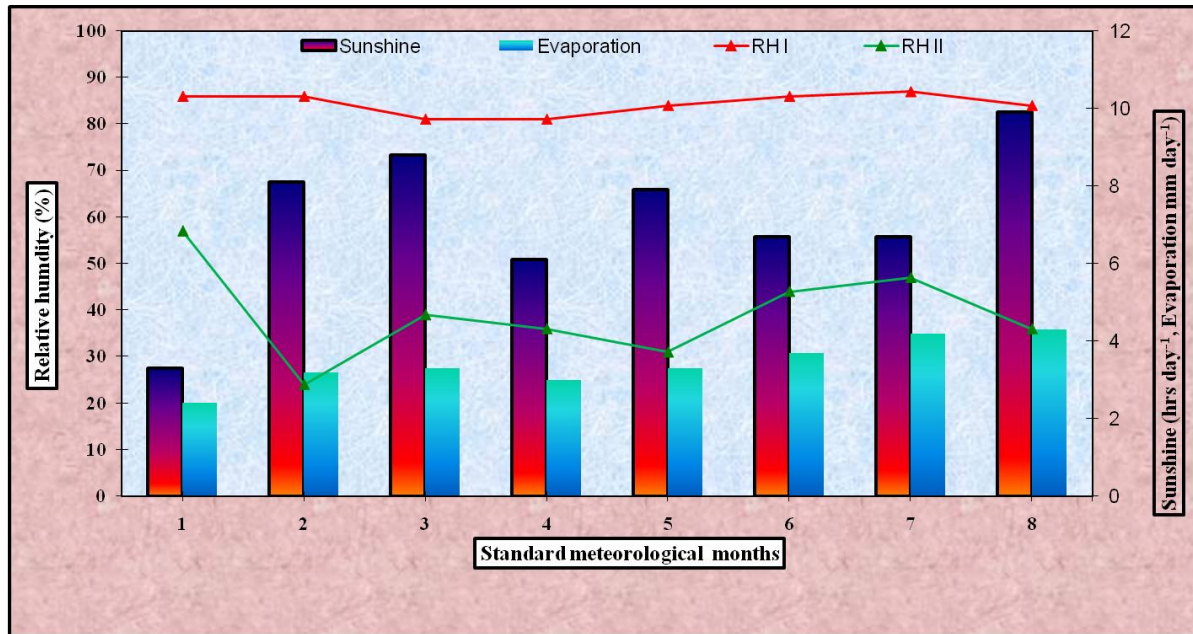


Fig 3.2: Weekly meteorological observations during crop period (3 January to 23 February 2013)

3.5 Physico-chemical properties of soil

In order to determine the mechanical and chemical composition of experimental plot, soil samples were collected randomly from the experimental site upto 20 cm depth with the help of soil auger. A composite sample was drawn from mixed representative samples by dividing repeatedly till the amount of representative samples remain about 250 g and then it was used for analysis. The detailed physico-chemical properties of the soil are presented in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1: Physico-chemical analysis of the experimental soil

Properties	Analysis Values	Group/ Class	Method used
A. Mechanical composition			
Sand (%)	22.65	Silt loam	International Pipette method (Black and Evans, 1965)
Silt (%)	57.70		
Clay (%)	19.68		
B. Chemical properties			
1. Available N (kg ha ⁻¹)	177.05	Medium	Alkaline permanganate method (Subbiah and Asija, 1956)
2. Available P ₂ O ₅ (kg ha ⁻¹)	14.53	Low	Olsen's method (Olsen <i>et al.</i> , 1954)
3. Available K ₂ O (kg ha ⁻¹)	379.92	High	Flame photometric method (Hanway and Heiddle, 1952)
4. Soil reaction (1: 2.5 soil : water)	6.52	Neutral	Glass electrode pH meter (Piper, 1967)
5. EC (dsm ⁻¹ 25°C)	0.19	Neutral	Solubridge method (Black and Evans, 1965)

3.6 Experimental details and design

3.6.1 Experimental details

Crop	: Coriander (<i>Coriandrum sativum</i>)
Variety	: Selection- 51
No. of Replications	: Three
No. of Treatments	: Fifteen
No. of Experimental plots	: Fourty five
Experimental Design	: Randomized Block Design (RBD)

3.6.2 Experimental design

The experiment was laid out in randomized complete block design with three replications. Each replication consists of 15 treatments. The treatments in each block were allotted randomly as illustrated in Fig. 3.3. Plants were spaced 10 cm apart in rows of 15 cm and the net plot size was 2.10 m X 2.00 m The recommended dose of fertilizer (RDF) added at the rate of 60:40:40 kg N:P₂O₅:K₂O per hectare. Similar cultural practices were adopted to raise healthy crop in all the experimental plots.

3.6.3 Treatment Details:

Seed treatment

T₁: Control

T₂: Soaking seeds in plain water for 12 hrs

T₃: Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs

T₄: Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine solution for 12 hrs

T₅: Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs

T₆: Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Prosopis sp.* for 12 hrs

T₇: Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Azadirachta sp.* for 12 hrs

T₈: Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g/lit water) for 12 hrs

T₉: Soaking seed in plain water for 12 hrs + *P. fluresence* (10g/kg seed)

T₁₀: Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + *P. fluresence* (10g/kg seed)

T₁₁: Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + *P. fluresence* (10g/kg seed)

T₁₂: Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluresence* (10g/kg seed)

T₁₃: Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Prosopis sp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluresence* (10g/kg seed)

T₁₄: Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Azadirachta sp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluresence* (10g/kg seed)

T₁₅: Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g/lit water) for 12 hrs + *P. fluresence* (10g/kg seed)

3.7 Experimental material

3.7.1 Organic and inorganic substances used

1. Plain water
2. Cow urine
3. *Pseudomonas fluorescence*
4. SAAF
5. *Calotropis sp.*
6. *Prosopsis sp.*
7. *Azadirachta sp.*

Cow urine was obtained from the dairy of college of agriculture, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV) Raipur. *Pseudomonas fluorescence* culture was obtained from the Department of Agricultural Microbiology, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV) Raipur. SAAF was obtained from AICRP of tuber crop store of Department of Horticulture, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV) Raipur. *Calotropis sp.*, *Prosopsis sp.* and *Azadirachta sp.* were taken from the Horticulture Research cum Instructional farm, Department of Horticulture, college of agriculture, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV) Raipur, for use in the experiment.

3.7.2 Seed treatment

Two seed lots for each treating material was taken and soaked in water for 12 hrs or with other leaf extracts, cow urine and SAAF solution and after soaking the seed, one lot of

seed was sown directly in the prepared field and another lot was sown after treating it with the culture of *Pseudomonas fluorescense*.

3.8 Cultural practices

The details regarding the various cultural practices carried out during the course of this investigation are furnished as under:

3.8.1 Preparation of field and experimental plot

Ploughing was done with MB plough followed by harrowing to break the clods. Previous crop debris and weeds were removed. Plots of 2.1 m X 2.0 m were prepared and applied with well decomposed FYM at the rate of 12 tonnes ha⁻¹. The FYM was incorporated 15 days before sowing and were mixed well with the soil. Allocation of treatments to each plot was done randomly.

3.8.2 Sowing

Seeds were split into two halves before sowing. They were sown in rows in well prepared beds and covered gently with fine soil. Immediately after sowing, the beds were irrigated and thereafter light irrigation was provided at an interval of two days for two weeks. The seeds germinated in about 10 – 12 days after sowing. The plants were thinned to the required spacing 30 DAS.

3.8.3 Fertilizer application

Fertilizer dosage recommended for coriander is 60:40:40 kg/ha (N: P₂O₅:K₂O). Nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium were applied in the forms of urea, single super phosphate and murate of potash, respectively. Whole amount of phosphorus and potash and

half of the nitrogen were applied as basal at the time of sowing, whereas, half amount of nitrogen was given in split at 30 DAS. Soon after fertilization light irrigation was given.

3.8.4 Weeding and irrigation

The experimental plots were irrigated twice a week until the crop came to full bloom and once a week there after depending on the moisture status of the soil. Weeds were removed manually as and when they emerged.

3.8.5 Harvesting

When foliage became lush green in colour and before flowering, plants were uprooted from the ground. After uprooting plants were kept in shade to prevent the wilting of leaves.

3.8.6 Details of cultural schedule

The details of the cultural operations adopted in the experimental plot from preparatory tillage to harvesting are given in Table 3.2.

Table 3.2: Cultural schedule of experiment

S.No.	Cultural operation	Implement / method used	Date
1	Ploughing and harrowing	Tractor drawn cultivator and disc harrow	01-01-2013
2	Soil sampling	Soil auger	01-01-2013
3	Planking	Tractor drawn planker	02-01-2013
4	Layout preparation	Manual	02-01-2013
5	Seed treatment (for 12 hrs)	Manual	02-01-2013
7	Fertilizer application and sowing		03-01-2013
9	Weed management	Hand weeding	04-02-2013
11	Harvesting	Manual	22-02-2013

3.9 Observations

Twenty plants from each plot were tagged randomly for recording the observations.

3.9.1 Growth parameters

3.9.1.1 Days taken for first emergence

Observations for first emergence of seeds were recorded from each plot.

3.9.1.2 Days taken for fifty per cent emergence

Observation for fifty per cent emergence of seeds was recorded from each plot.

3.9.1.3 Days taken for hundred per cent emergence

Observation for hundred per cent emergence of seeds was recorded from each plot.

3.9.1.4 Germination percentage

The germination was tested on a paper medium (roll towel) in a germination chamber maintained at 20° C with continuous light (Anon. 1985). Hundred seeds were sown for each treatment. The number of normal seedlings emerged after twelve days of sowing.

3.9.1.5 Plant height (cm)

At harvest, twenty plants were selected randomly from each plot and were labeled for recording observations. Plant height was measured from the ground level to the growing tip of the main branch at harvest. Observations recorded from twenty plants (from each plot) were used to calculate the average height (cm).

3.9.1.6 Number of plants plot⁻¹

Number of plants was counted from each plot.

3.9.1.7 Plant population ha⁻¹

Number of plants were counted from each plot and converted into the plant population per hectare.

3.9.2 Yield attribute and yield

3.9.2.1 Plant weight (g)

At harvest, the tagged plants were uprooted and weighted.

3.9.2.2 Dry weight of 100 g fresh foliage (g)

100 g fresh foliage was taken from each plot and air dried for 72 hours. Foliage were put in separate paper bags and dried in hot air oven at 60⁰C till constant weights were recorded.

3.9.2.3 Foliage yield plot⁻¹ (kg)

Foliage yield plot⁻¹ was recorded by uprooting the plants and weighing it by electronic balance.

3.9.2.4 Foliage yield Green (q ha⁻¹)

Foliage yield from each plot was noted down, then calculated in quintal hectare⁻¹ with appropriate multiplication factor.

3.9.2.5 Foliage yield Dry (q ha⁻¹)

Foliage yield from each plot was noted down, then calculated in quintal hectare⁻¹ with appropriate multiplication factor.

3.10 Economics

The economics of coriander crop production pertaining to each of the treatment has been worked out in terms of cost of cultivation. Gross return (Rs. ha⁻¹) was obtained by

converting the harvest into monetary terms at the prevailing market rate during the course of studies for every treatment. Net return (Rs. ha⁻¹) was obtained by deducting cost of cultivation from gross return. The benefit: cost ratio was calculated with the help of following formula:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Net return} = \text{Gross return} - \text{Cost of cultivation} \\ (\text{Rs ha}^{-1}) \quad (\text{Rs ha}^{-1}) \quad (\text{Rs ha}^{-1}) \end{array}$$

$$\text{Benefit: cost ratio} = \frac{\text{Net return (Rs ha}^{-1}\text{)}}{\text{Total cost of cultivation (Rs ha}^{-1}\text{)}}$$

3.11 Statistical analysis

The data obtained on various parameters were tabulated and subjected to statistical analysis. The design used was Random Block Design the influence of treatment was tested with 'F' test, wherever 'F' test shown their significance, the levels of treatment were compared by critical difference at 5% level of probability (Gomez and Gomez, 1984). The skeleton of analysis of variance and formula used for various estimations are given below:

Table 3.3: The skeleton of the analysis of variance

Source of Variation	DF	SS	MSS	F Cal	F Tab (5%)
Replication (r)	(r-1)	RSS	RMS	RMS/EMS	-
Treatment (t)	(t-1)	TrSS	TrMS	TrMS/EMS	-
Error	(r-1)(t-1)	ESS	EMS		
Total	rt-1	TSS			

The following formula was used for standard error, critical difference and coefficient of variance estimations.

$$(a) \text{ S.Em}\pm = \sqrt{\frac{\text{EMS}}{t}}$$

$$(b) \text{ C.D.} = \text{S.Em} \times \sqrt{2} \times t_{\text{error d.f. at 5\%}}$$

$$(c) \text{ C.V. (\%)} = \frac{\sqrt{\text{EMS}}}{\overline{\text{GM}}} \times 100$$

Where,

r	=	Number of replication	M.S.S.	=	Mean sum of square
t	=	Number of treatment	S.Em±	=	Standard error of mean
D.F.	=	Degree of freedom	EMS	=	Error mean squares
S.S.	=	Sum of square	C.D.	=	Critical difference

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

CHAPTER-IV

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Present investigation entitled “**Effect of seed treatment with organic and inorganic substances on germination and foliage yield of coriander in Rabi season under Chhattisgarh plains**” was carried out at Horticulture Research cum Instructional Farm, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur (C.G.) during *Rabi* season of 2012-13. The data recorded on various aspects of crop growth, yield attributing characters, productivity and economic parameters are analyzed and the results and discussion are briefly described in chapter with figures, facts, cause and effect relationship along with established scientific views of different research workers.

4.1 Growth studies of coriander

4.1.1 Days taken for first emergence

The data pertaining to days taken for first emergence are presented in Table 4.1. Days taken for first emergence of coriander were significantly influenced by different treatments. Significantly minimum days taken for first emergence was recorded under the treatment soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs + *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₂ (9.00). The maximum days taken for first emergence were recorded under the treatment Control T₁ (12.67) and soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Prosopis sp.* for 12 hrs + *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₃ (12.67).

Table 4.1: Days taken for first emergence of coriander as affected by seed treatment

Treatment	1ST Emergence (Days)
T ₁ : Control	12.67
T ₂ : Soaking seeds in plain water for 12 hrs	12.00
T ₃ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	10.67
T ₄ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	11.33
T ₅ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis sp.</i> for 12 hrs	9.33
T ₆ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopis sp.</i> for 12 hrs	10.67
T ₇ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta sp.</i> for 12 hrs	10.67
T ₈ : Soaking seeds in SAASF solution (2g/lit. water) for 12 hrs	11.67
T ₉ : Soaking seed in plain water for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	11.00
T ₁₀ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	10.00
T ₁₁ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	12.00
T ₁₂ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	9.00
T ₁₃ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopis sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	12.67
T ₁₄ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	9.67
T ₁₅ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g/lit. water) for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	10.33
SEm ±	1.20
CD (P=0.05)	3.46

4.1.2 Days taken for fifty percent emergence

The data pertaining to days taken for fifty percent emergence are presented in Table 4.2. Days taken for fifty percent emergence of coriander were significantly influenced by different treatments. Minimum days taken for fifty percent emergence was recorded under the treatment soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs + *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₂ (14.00); however it was found comparable with treatment soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs (T₅) (13.33). The maximum days taken for fifty percent emergence were recorded under the treatment Control T₁ (17.00) and soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₁ (14.00).

Table 4.2: Days taken for fifty per cent emergence of coriander as affected by seed treatment

Treatment	50% Emergence (Days)
T ₁ : Control	17.00
T ₂ : Soaking seeds in plain water for 12 hrs	16.33
T ₃ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	14.33
T ₄ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	15.67
T ₅ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis sp.</i> for 12 hrs	13.33
T ₆ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopsis sp.</i> for 12 hrs	14.33
T ₇ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta sp.</i> for 12 hrs	15.33
T ₈ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g/lit. water) for 12 hrs	14.67
T ₉ : Soaking seed in plain water for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	14.67
T ₁₀ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	16.67
T ₁₁ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	14.00
T ₁₂ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	14.00
T ₁₃ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopsis sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	13.00
T ₁₄ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	15.33
T ₁₅ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g/lit. water) for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	16.33
SEm ±	1.20
CD (P=0.05)	3.47

4.1.3 Days taken for hundred percent emergence

The data pertaining to days taken for hundred percent emergences are presented in Table 4.3. Days taken for hundred percent emergence of coriander were significantly influenced by different treatments. Significantly minimum days taken for hundred percent emergence were noted under the treatment soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs + *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₂ (15.33). The maximum days taken for hundred percent emergence were recorded under the treatment Control T₁ (18.67), soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₁ (18.00) and soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Prosopis sp.* for 12 hrs + *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₃ (18.33).

Table 4.3: Days taken for hundred per cent emergence of coriander as affected by seed treatment

Treatment	100% Emergence (Days)
T ₁ : Control	18.67
T ₂ : Soaking seeds in plain water for 12 hrs	17.33
T ₃ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	16.00
T ₄ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	17.33
T ₅ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis sp.</i> for 12 hrs	15.67
T ₆ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopis sp.</i> for 12 hrs	16.67
T ₇ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta sp.</i> for 12 hrs	17.00
T ₈ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g/lit. water) for 12 hrs	16.33
T ₉ : Soaking seed in plain water for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	17.67
T ₁₀ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	18.33
T ₁₁ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	18.00
T ₁₂ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	15.33
T ₁₃ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopis sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	18.33
T ₁₄ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	17.00
T ₁₅ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g/lit. water) for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	16.33
SEm ±	1.24
CD (P=0.05)	3.59

4.1.4 Germination percentage

The data related to Germination percentage are presented in Table 4.4. The maximum germination percentage (78.53) was registered under soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescense* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₂ as compared to other treatments, however it was found at par with soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs T₃ (75.71), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs T₅ (76.60), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Prosopis spp.* for 12 hrs T₆ (74.15), soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescense* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₀ (76.13), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Azadirachta spp.* for 12 hrs + *Pseudomonas fluorescense* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₄ (70.65) and soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g lit⁻¹ water) for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescense* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₅ (71.33). Minimum Germination percentage was registered under Control T₁ (57.62).

Similar findings have also been reported by Vasugi and Thangaraj (1998a). Vasugi and Thangaraj (1998b) found the combination of 2% *Calotropis gigantea* and 2% *Prosopis juliflora* gave the highest vigour index (1978) as compared with the untreated control (66% and 1509, respectively).

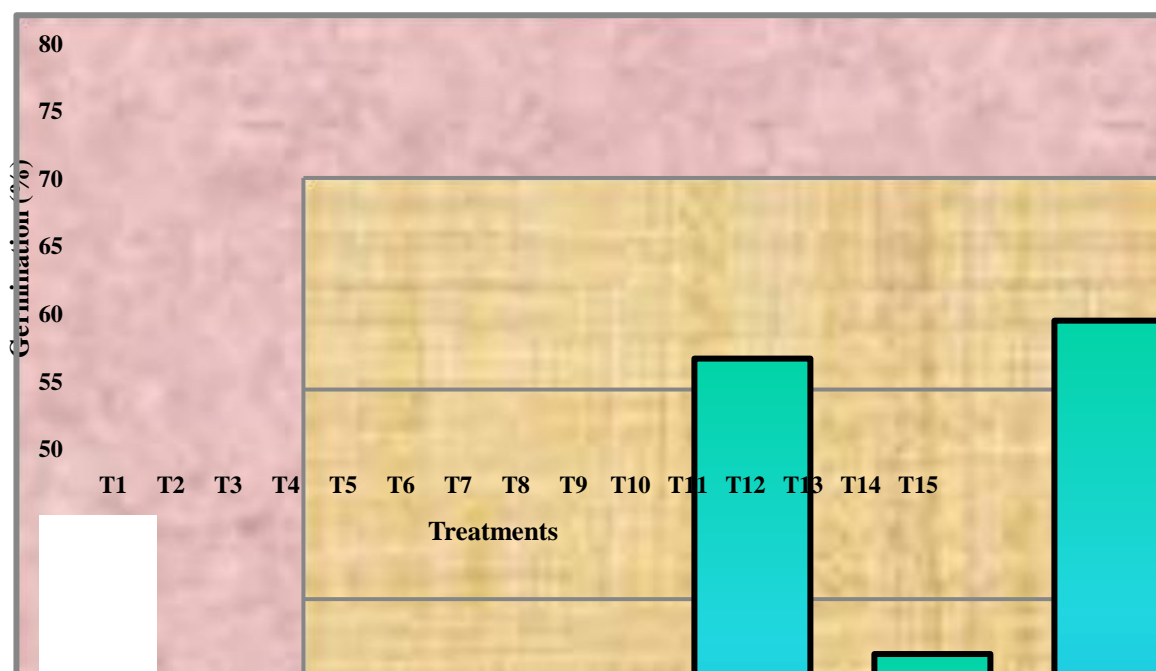


Fig 4.1: Germination percentage of coriander as affected by seed treatment

4.1.5 Plant height (cm)

Plant height of coriander was observed at harvest stage and data pertaining to plant height are presented in Table 4.5. Plant height of coriander was significantly influenced by different treatments. Taller plants (31.78 cm) were observed in treatment Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs T₅ as compared to other treatments, however it was found comparable to Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs T₃ (28.2 cm), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Prosopis sp.* for 12 hrs T₆ (27.92 cm), soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₀ (29.01 cm) and soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₂ (30.41 cm). The minimum plant height was registered under Control T₁ (23.51 cm).

The taller plants under the treatment 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs T₅ were due to the minimum concentration of effect of leaf extract. Similar results have been found by Zahrani and Robai (2007). Minimum plant height of control plot was registered due to poor root growth of emerged seedlings.

Table 4.5: Plant height of coriander as affected by seed treatment

Treatment	Plant height (cm)
T ₁ : Control	23.51
T ₂ : Soaking seeds in plain water for 12 hrs	25.71
T ₃ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	28.20
T ₄ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	25.42
T ₅ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis sp.</i> for 12 hrs	31.78
T ₆ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopsis sp.</i> for 12 hrs	27.92
T ₇ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta sp.</i> for 12 hrs	26.13
T ₈ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g/lit. water) for 12 hrs	26.33
T ₉ : Soaking seed in plain water for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	24.42
T ₁₀ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	29.01
T ₁₁ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	27.18
T ₁₂ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	30.41
T ₁₃ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopsis sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	25.28
T ₁₄ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	25.49
T ₁₅ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g/lit. water) for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	25.32
SEm ±	1.58
CD (P=0.05)	4.56

4.1.6 Number of plants plot⁻¹

The data pertaining to number of plant plot⁻¹ are presented in Table 4.9. The maximum number of plant plot⁻¹ (1095) was registered under Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescense* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₂ as compared to other treatments, however it was found comparable with Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs T₃ (1082.67), Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine solution for 12 hrs T₄ (982.67), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs T₅ (1087.67), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Prosopis spp.* for 12 hrs T₆ (1060.33), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Azadirachta spp.* for 12 hrs T₇ (951), soaking seeds in SAFF solution (2g lit⁻¹. water) for 12 hrs T₈ (992), soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescense* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₀ (1088.67), soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescense* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₁ (991.67), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Azadirachta spp.* for 12 hrs + *Pseudomonas fluorescense* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₄ (1010.33) and Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g lit⁻¹. water) for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescense* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₅ (1020). The minimum number of plant plot⁻¹ was recorded under Control T₁ (824).

Table 4.6: No. of plants plot⁻¹ of coriander as affected by seed treatment

Treatment	No. of plants plot ⁻¹
T ₁ : Control	824
T ₂ : Soaking seeds in plain water for 12 hrs	907.33
T ₃ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	1082.67
T ₄ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	982.67
T ₅ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis sp.</i> for 12 hrs	1087.67
T ₆ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopis sp.</i> for 12 hrs	1060.33
T ₇ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta sp.</i> for 12 hrs	951
T ₈ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g/lit. water) for 12 hrs	992
T ₉ : Soaking seed in plain water for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	928.33
T ₁₀ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	1088.67
T ₁₁ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	991.67
T ₁₂ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	1095
T ₁₃ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopis sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	925.67
T ₁₄ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	1010.33
T ₁₅ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g/lit. water) for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	1020
SEm ±	54.44
CD (P=0.05)	157.70

4.1.7 Plant population ha⁻¹

Plant population ha⁻¹ of coriander was recorded at harvest and data are presented in Table 4.10. The maximum plant population ha⁻¹ of coriander was recorded under Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₂ (2607143) as compared to other treatments, however it was found comparable with Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs T₃ (2577778), soaking seeds in 50% cow urine solution for 12 hrs T₄ (2339683), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs T₅ (2589683), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Prosopis sp.* for 12 hrs T₆ (2524603), soaking seed in SAAF solution (2g lit⁻¹ water) for 12 hrs T₈ (2361905), soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₀ (2592063), soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₁ (2361111), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Azadirachta spp.* for 12 hrs + *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₄ (2405556) and soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g lit⁻¹ water) for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₅ (2428571). The minimum number of plant ha⁻¹ was recorded under Control T₁ (1961905).

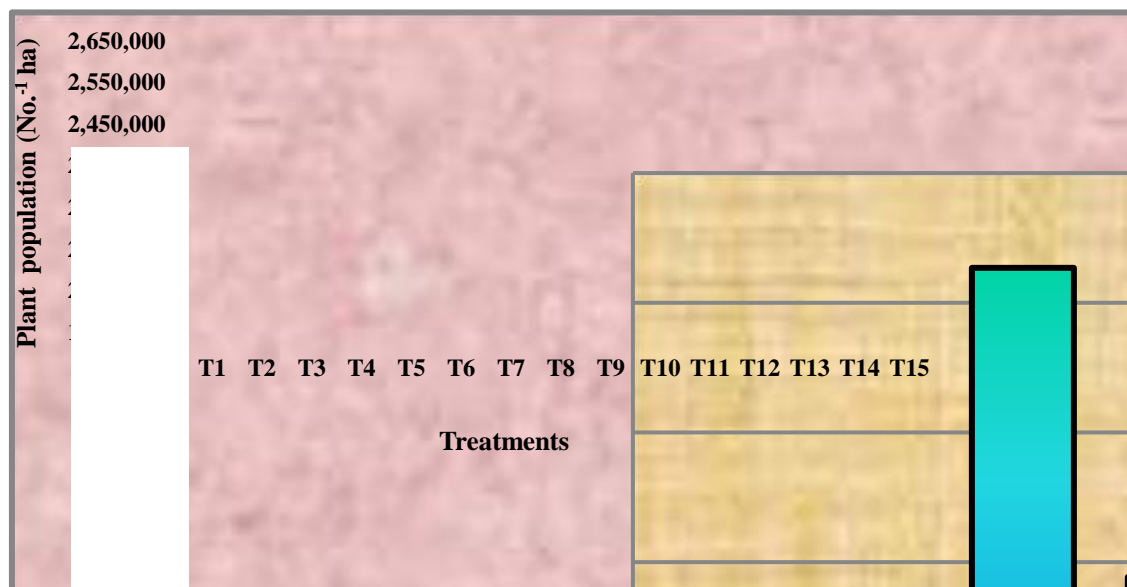


Fig 4.2: Plant population of coriander as affected by seed treatment

Table 4.7: Plant population ha⁻¹ of coriander as affected by seed treatment

Treatment	Plant population ha ⁻¹
T ₁ : Control	1961905
T ₂ : Soaking seeds in plain water for 12 hrs	2160317
T ₃ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	2577778
T ₄ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	2339683
T ₅ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis spp.</i> for 12 hrs	2589683
T ₆ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopis spp.</i> for 12 hrs	2524603
T ₇ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta spp.</i> for 12 hrs	2264286
T ₈ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g lit ⁻¹ water) for 12 hrs	23619057
T ₉ : Soaking seed in plain water for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	2210317
T ₁₀ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	2592063
T ₁₁ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	2361111
T ₁₂ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis spp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	2607143
T ₁₃ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopis spp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	2203958
T ₁₄ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	2405556
T ₁₅ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g lit ⁻¹ water) for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	2428571
SEm ±	100451.68
CD (P=0.05)	290996.98

4.2 Yield attributes and yield

4.2.1 Weight plant⁻¹ (g)

Weight plant⁻¹ of coriander was observed at harvest stage and data pertaining to plant height are presented in Table 4.6. Significant variation in weight plant⁻¹ was observed due to different treatments. The maximum weight plant⁻¹ (9.99 g) of coriander was recorded under the treatment Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₂ as compared to other treatments, however it was found statistically at par with treatments soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs T₅ (8.86 g) and soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₀ (8.54 g). The minimum weight plant⁻¹ was recorded under control T₁ (6.35 g).

Similar observation has been reported that plant weight of tomato and eggplant was found to be higher with higher concentration of leaf extracts of *Tricoderma peruviana* and *Calotropis procera* and with longer dip duration (Tiyagi et al., 2009).

Table 4.8: Weight plant⁻¹ of coriander as affected by seed treatment

Treatment	Weight plant ⁻¹ (g)
T ₁ : Control	6.35
T ₂ : Soaking seeds in plain water for 12 hrs	6.42
T ₃ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	8.40
T ₄ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	7.14
T ₅ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis sp.</i> for 12 hrs	8.86
T ₆ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopis sp.</i> for 12 hrs	7.47
T ₇ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta sp.</i> for 12 hrs	7.53
T ₈ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g/lit. water) for 12 hrs	7.80
T ₉ : Soaking seed in plain water for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	7.62
T ₁₀ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	8.54
T ₁₁ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	7.17
T ₁₂ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	9.99
T ₁₃ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopis sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	6.82
T ₁₄ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	7.72
T ₁₅ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g/lit. water) for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	8
SEm ±	0.51
CD (P=0.05)	1.47

4.2.2 Dry weight of foliage (g)

Dry weight of coriander was recorded at harvest and data are presented in Table 4.7. The maximum dry weight of coriander (15.78 g) was recorded under soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₀ as compared to other treatments, however it was found comparable with soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs T₃ (13.93 g), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs T₅ (14.44 g), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Azadirachta spp.* for 12 hrs T₇ (14.97 g), soaking seed in plain water for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₉ (11.51 g), soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₁ (13.92 g), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) (T₁₂) (14.08 g), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Prosopis spp.* for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₃ (13.92 g), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Azadirachta spp.* for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₄ (15.31 g) and soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g lit⁻¹ water) for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₅ (14.21 g). Minimum weight of coriander was recorded under Control T₁ (10.43 g).

Table 4.9: Dry weight of coriander foliage as affected by seed treatment

Treatment	Dry weight of foliage (g)
T ₁ : Control	10.43
T ₂ : Soaking seeds in plain water for 12 hrs	11.17
T ₃ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	13.93
T ₄ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	12.95
T ₅ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis sp.</i> for 12 hrs	14.44
T ₆ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopsis sp.</i> for 12 hrs	12.13
T ₇ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta sp.</i> for 12 hrs	14.97
T ₈ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g/lit. water) for 12 hrs	12.44
T ₉ : Soaking seed in plain water for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	11.51
T ₁₀ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	15.78
T ₁₁ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	13.92
T ₁₂ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	14.08
T ₁₃ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopsis sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	13.92
T ₁₄ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	15.31
T ₁₅ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g/lit. water) for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g/kg seed)	14.21
SEm ±	0.77
CD (P=0.05)	2.24

4.2.3 Foliage Yield plot⁻¹ (kg)

The data related to foliage yield plot⁻¹ are presented in Table 4.11. The maximum foliage yield plot⁻¹ (7.75 kg) was observed under soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₂ as compared to other treatments, however it was found at par with soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs T₃ (6.61 kg), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs T₅ (7.57 kg), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Prosopsis spp.* for 12 hrs T₆ (6.04 kg) and soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₀ (6.86 kg). Minimum foliage yield plot⁻¹ was recorded under control T₁ (4.0 kg).

Table 4.10: Foliage yield plot⁻¹ of coriander as affected by seed treatment

Treatment	Yield plot ⁻¹ (kg)
T ₁ : Control	4.0
T ₂ : Soaking seeds in plain water for 12 hrs	4.32
T ₃ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	6.61
T ₄ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	5.28
T ₅ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis sp.</i> for 12 hrs	7.57
T ₆ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopis spp.</i> for 12 hrs	6.04
T ₇ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta spp.</i> for 12 hrs	5.23
T ₈ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g lit ⁻¹ water) for 12 hrs	5.69
T ₉ : Soaking seed in plain water for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	4.90
T ₁₀ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	6.86
T ₁₁ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	5.91
T ₁₂ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis spp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	7.75
T ₁₃ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopis spp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	4.82
T ₁₄ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta spp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	5.84
T ₁₅ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g lit. ⁻¹ water) for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluresence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	5.92
SEm ±	0.62
CD (P=0.05)	1.79

4.2.4 Foliage Yield Green (q ha⁻¹)

Foliage yield green ha⁻¹ of coriander was recorded at harvest and data are presented in Table 4.12. The maximum foliage yield green ha⁻¹ of coriander was recorded under soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₂ (184.44 q ha⁻¹) as compared to other treatments, however it was found at par with soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs T₃ (156.03 q ha⁻¹), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs T₅ (180.32 q ha⁻¹), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Prosopis spp.* for 12 hrs T₆ (142.46 q ha⁻¹), soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₀ (163.25 q ha⁻¹) and soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g lit⁻¹ water) for 12 hrs + *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₅ (143.62 q ha⁻¹). The minimum foliage yield green ha⁻¹ of coriander was recorded under Minimum yield plot⁻¹ was recorded under control T₁ (95.16 q ha⁻¹).

Similar findings are reported that the botanical extracts have a positive effect on yield. Comparison of the date yield indicated that, *Calotropis spp.* treatments showed an average increase in yield over the control of 20%, respectively (Khalid et al., 2011).

Table 4.11: Foliage yield green of coriander as affected by seed treatment

Treatment	Foliage yield green (q ha ⁻¹)
T ₁ : Control	95.16
T ₂ : Soaking seeds in plain water for 12 hrs	102.94
T ₃ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	156.03
T ₄ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	125.79
T ₅ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis spp.</i> for 12 hrs	180.32
T ₆ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopis spp.</i> for 12 hrs	142.46
T ₇ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta sp.</i> for 12 hrs	124.87
T ₈ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g lit ⁻¹ water) for 12 hrs	135.55
T ₉ : Soaking seed in plain water for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	116.75
T ₁₀ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	163.25
T ₁₁ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	140.64
T ₁₂ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis sp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	184.44
T ₁₃ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopis spp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	114.76
T ₁₄ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta spp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	138.97
T ₁₅ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g lit ⁻¹ water) for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	143.62
SEm ±	14.50
CD (P=0.05)	41.99

4.2.5 Foliage Yield Dry (q ha⁻¹)

The data related to foliage yield dry ha⁻¹ are presented in Table 4.8. The maximum foliage yield dry ha⁻¹ (25.97 q ha⁻¹) was registered under soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₂ as compared to other treatments, however it was found at par with Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs T₃ (21.71 q ha⁻¹), soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs T₅ (25.88 q ha⁻¹), soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₀ (25.69 q ha⁻¹) and soaking seeds in *Azadirachta spp.* for 12 hrs + treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₄ (21.38 q ha⁻¹). Minimum foliage yield dry ha⁻¹ was registered under Control T₁ (13.56 q ha⁻¹).

Table 4.12: Foliage yield dry of coriander as affected by seed treatment

Treatment	Foliage yield dry (q ha ⁻¹)
T ₁ : Control	13.56
T ₂ : Soaking seeds in plain water for 12 hrs	15.67
T ₃ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	21.71
T ₄ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	16.11
T ₅ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis spp.</i> for 12 hrs	25.88
T ₆ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopis spp.</i> for 12 hrs	17.26
T ₇ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta spp.</i> for 12 hrs	18.72
T ₈ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g lit ⁻¹ water) for 12 hrs	14.44
T ₉ : Soaking seed in plain water for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	13.69
T ₁₀ : Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	25.69
T ₁₁ : Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	19.82
T ₁₂ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Calotropis spp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>P. fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	25.97
T ₁₃ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Prosopis spp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	16.04
T ₁₄ : Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of <i>Azadirachta spp.</i> for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	21.38
T ₁₅ : Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g lit ⁻¹ water) for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas fluorescence</i> (10g kg ⁻¹ seed)	20.15
SEm ±	1.82
CD (P=0.05)	5.27

4.3 Economics

The data on cost of cultivation, gross return, net return and benefit cost ratio from coriander as affected by seed treatment are presented in Table 4.13. The maximum cost of cultivation was recorded under treatment soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₁ and minimum was recorded under the treatment Control T₁ and soaking seeds in plain water for 12 hrs T₂. The highest gross return was obtained under treatment soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₂ followed by soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs T₅ and soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₀. The lowest values were recorded under control T₁ followed by soaking seeds in plain water for 12 hrs T₂ and soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Prosopis spp.* for 12 hrs + *Pseudomonas fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₃. The highest net return were obtained under treatment soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₂. It was followed by soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs T₅, soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₀ and soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs (T₃). The highest benefit cost ratio was recorded under soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) (T₁₂) and it was followed by soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs T₅ and soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₀. The lowest benefit cost ratio was recorded under untreated control T₁.

Table 4.13 Economics of coriander as affected by seed treatment

Treatment		Cost of cultivation (Rs ha ⁻¹)			Gross return (Rs ha ⁻¹)	Net return (Rs ha ⁻¹)	Benefit :Cost ratio
		Fixed cost	Treatment cost(Rs ha ⁻¹)	Total cost			
T ₁	Control	27014	-	27014	95160	68146	2.52
T ₂	Soaking seeds in plain water for 12 hrs	27014	-	27014	102940	75926	2.81
T ₃	Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	27014	250	27264	156033	128769	4.72
T ₄	Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine solution for 12 hrs	27014	500	27514	125790	98276	3.57
T ₅	Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of Calotropis sp. for 12 hrs	27014	20	27034	180317	153283	5.67
T ₆	Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of Prosopis sp. for 12 hrs	27014	30	27044	142460	115416	4.26
T ₇	Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of Azadirachta sp. for 12 hrs	27014	30	27044	124870	97826	3.61
T ₈	Soaking seeds in SAFF solution (2g/lit. water) for 12 hrs	27014	25	27039	135553	108514	4.01
T ₉	Soaking seed in plain water for 12 hrs + <i>P. flurescence</i> (10g/kg seed)	27014	43	27057	116747	89690	3.31
T ₁₀	Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. flurescence</i> (10g/kg seed)	27014	293	27307	163250	135943	4.97
T ₁₁	Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + <i>P. flurescence</i> (10g/kg seed)	27014	543	27557	140637	113080	4.10
T ₁₂	Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of Calotropis sp. for 12 hrs + <i>P. flurescence</i> (10g/kg seed)	27014	63	27077	184443	157366	5.81
T ₁₃	Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of Prosopis sp. for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas flurescence</i> (10g/kg seed)	27014	73	27087	114760	87673	3.23
T ₁₄	Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of Azadirachta sp. for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas flurescence</i> (10g/kg seed)	27014	73	27087	138967	111880	4.13
T ₁₅	Soaking seeds in SAFF solution (2g/lit. water) for 12 hrs + <i>Pseudomonas flurescence</i> (10g/kg seed)	27014	68	27082	143620	116538	4.30

Marketable price: Foliage = Rs 1000 q⁻¹

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CHAPTER – V

SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH WORK

The present investigation entitled “**Effect of seed treatment with organic and inorganic substances on germination and foliage yield of coriander in rabi season under chhattisgarh plains**” was carried out during *rabi* season of 2012-13 at Horticulture Instructional Cum Research Farm, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, with the objective to find out suitable organic or inorganic seed treatment material for seed treatment and growing coriander under the agro-climatic condition of Chhattisgarh plain.

The soil of the experimental field was medium texture with low, medium and high in N, P and K, respectively. The climate of the region is sub humid to semi arid. The experiment composed of T1-Control, T₂-Soaking seeds in plain water for 12 hrs, T₃-Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs, T₄-Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine solution for 12 hrs, T₅-Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs, T₆-Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Prosopis sp.* for 12 hrs, T₇-Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Azadirachta sp.* for 12 hrs, T₈-Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g lit⁻¹ water) for 12 hrs, T₉-Soaking seed in plain water for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed), T₁₀-Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed), T₁₁-Soaking seeds in 50% cow urine for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed), T₁₂-Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed), T₁₃-Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Prosopis sp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed), T₁₄-Soaking

seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Azadirachta sp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed), T15-Soaking seeds in SAAF solution (2g/lit water) for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed). Experiment was laid out in Randomized Block Design with three replications. Coriander variety selection-51 was shown on 03-01-2013 at a spacing of 15 cm x 5 cm. with a seed rate of 25 kg ha⁻¹. The crop was harvested on 23-02-2013. Days taken for first emergence, fifty per cent emergence, hundred per cent emergence, germination percentage, plant height, weight plant⁻¹, number of plant plot⁻¹ and ha⁻¹, dry weight, Foliage yield plot⁻¹, foliage yield green ha⁻¹, foliage yield dry ha⁻¹, and economics at harvest and statistically analyzed.

The results are highlighted below:

1. Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed), followed by 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs were found effective in days taken for first emergence, fifty per cent emergence and hundred per cent emergence as rapid germination of coriander takes place under these treatments.
2. Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) and 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs were found effective in enhancing plant height, weight plant⁻¹ of coriander.
3. The higher number of plants plot⁻¹ and plant population ha⁻¹ were registered under the treatment Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) and it was statistically similar with soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) followed by 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.*

4. Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) was found effective in enhancing foliage yield plot⁻¹, fresh weight and dry weight ha⁻¹ and was followed by the treatment soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs. ha⁻¹.
5. Dry weight was recorded maximum under soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) and was followed by soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Azadirachta spp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed).
6. Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) was found effective in enhancing germination percentage and was followed by the treatment soaking seed 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs T₅ and 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) T₁₀.
7. Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) gave the maximum gross return, net return and benefit: cost ratio. Seed treatment of 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis spp.* for 12 hrs also gave the maximum gross return, net return and benefit: cost ratio.

Conclusion:

The present study has been conducted for one season, hence definite conclusion could not be drawn. However, on the basis of results obtained, it can be concluded that Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) have registered higher growth, yield attributes, yield and economics of *Rabi* coriander under *Vertisols* condition of Chhattisgarh plain as compared to other treatments. The next

best performing treatments were 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs and 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed).

Suggestions for future research work:

- The same experiment can be repeated for one or more years to get some concrete findings. It can also be tested under different combinations.
- Detailed investigation regarding enhanced germination through cow dung in different concentrations need to be evaluated in combination with different organic and inorganic substances.
- Studies should be conducted for allelopathic effect as well as on residual effect of newer leaf extracts in coriander.
- Detail study is needed to identify the best seed treatment under kharif and rabi coriander in different agro-climatic zones of Chhattisgarh.

ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT


The present investigation entitled “Effect of seed treatment with organic and inorganic substances on germination and foliage yield of coriander in rabi season under Chhattisgarh plains” was carried out during rabi season of 2012-13 at the Horticulture Research cum Instructional Farm, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur (C.G.). The soil of experimental field was clayey in texture, low in nitrogen, medium in phosphorus and high in potassium contents with neutral pH. The experiment was laid in randomized block design having the combination of fifteen treatments and three replications. The coriander variety selection-51 was grown as test crop.

The result of the experiment indicated that rapid emergence of coriander was taken under Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) (T₁₂). The growth characters like plant height, weight plant⁻¹ and fresh weight was maximum under Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) (T₁₂) and show at par result with 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* (T₅) Dry weight ha⁻¹ was maximum under Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) (T₁₀) and was followed by Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Azadirachta sp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) (T₁₄).

Among the yield and yield attributes number of plants plot⁻¹, plant population ha⁻¹ and foliage yield plot⁻¹ were maximum under 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) (T₁₂) and the next best treatment was Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs. ha⁻¹ (T₅).

The economic returns in terms of net return and B:C ratio were maximum under Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) (T₁₂). It was followed by Soaking seeds in 2% leaf extract of *Calotropis sp.* for 12 hrs (T₅), Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine for 12 hrs + *P. fluorescence* (10g kg⁻¹ seed) (T₁₀) and Soaking seeds in 25% cow urine solution for 12 hrs (T₃).

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APPENDICES

Appendix-I : Weekly meteorological data during crop growth period (from 06 July, 2010 to October 27, 2010)

Week No.	Month & year	Date	Temp (°C)		Rainfall (mm)	Relative humidity (%)		Vapour pressure		Wind velocity (kmp h)	Evaporation (mm)	Sun shine (Hrs)
			Max	Min		I	II	I	II			
1	January, 2013	31-06	28	16	1.2	86	57	12.	15	1.5	2.4	3.3
2		07-13	26.3	9.1	0	86	24	8	6.3	1.3	3.2	8.1
3		14-20	30.7	14.6	0	81	39	10.	11.	1.2	3.3	8.8
4		21-27	12.27	2	0	81	36	9.3	8.9	1.1	3	6.1
Average			28	12.98	1.2*	83.5	39	10.13	10.45	1.28	2.98	6.58
5	February, 2013	28-03	28.8	11.4	0	84	31	9.1	8.7	1.1	3.3	7.9
6		04-10	30	16.8	0.2	86	44	13	12.6	1.3	3.7	6.7
7		17-23	29.7	16.4	11.60	87	47	13.2	13	2.5	4.2	6.7
8		18-24	29.8	14.6	0.8	84	36	11.5	11	2.1	4.3	9.9
Average			29.58	14.8	12.6*	85.25	39.5	8.78	11.33	1.75	3.88	7.8
13.8*												
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* Total of the month ** Cumulative rainfall during the season

Appendix-II: Calculation of fixed cost of cultivation (Rs ha⁻¹) of coriander

S. No.	Particulars	Coriander		
		Input	Price (Rs)	Total cost (Rs ha ⁻¹)
1.	Land preparation			
i	Deep ploughing	1 tractor (2 hrs) ha ⁻¹	400 Rs hrs ⁻¹	800.00
ii	Harrowing	1 tractor (2 hrs) ha ⁻¹	400 Rs hrs ⁻¹	800.00
iii	Planking	1 tractor (1 hrs) ha ⁻¹	400 Rs hrs ⁻¹	400.00
2.	Sowing			
i	Seed	25 kg ha ⁻¹	80 Rs kg ⁻¹	2000.00
ii	Seed treatment	2 man days	150 Rs man days ⁻¹	300.00
iii	Sowing	15 man days	150 Rs man days ⁻¹	2250.00
3.	Fertilizer			
i	FYM	8 tonne ha ⁻¹	800 tonne ⁻¹	6400.00
ii	Urea	130 kg ha ⁻¹	5.63 Rs kg ⁻¹	732.00
iii	SSP	222 kg ha ⁻¹	6.53 Rs kg ⁻¹	1450.00
iv	MOP	67 kg ha ⁻¹	17.64 Rs kg ⁻¹	1176.00
v	Fertilizer application	4 man days	150 Rs man days ⁻¹	600.00
4.	Cultural practices			
i	Weeding	8 man days	150 Rs man days ⁻¹	1200.00
ii	Thinning	8 man days	150 Rs man days ⁻¹	1200.00
iii	Irrigation	15 hrs ha ⁻¹	200 Rs hrs ⁻¹	3000.00
	Harvesting			
i	Harvesting	15 man days	150 Rs man days ⁻¹	2250.00
A	Common cost			24558.00
B	Miscellaneous	10 % of common cost		2456.00
	Grand Total (A+B)			27014.00

Rs = Rupees, ha⁻¹ = Hectare, hrs⁻¹ = per hour, g = Gram, kg⁻¹ Per kilogram, % = Percent.

**Appendix-III: Analysis of variance table for coriander seed yield
ANOVA**

Source of variation	DF	SS	MSS	F Cal	F Tab (5%)	Result	T (5%)
Treatment	14	28058.22	2004.16	3.18	2.06	Significant	2.05
Replication	2	31.64	15.82	0.03	3.34	Nonsignificant	
Error	28	17652.54	630.45				
Total	44	45742.40					

Sem = 14.50 Sed = 20.50 CD (p=0.05) = 41.99 CV = 18.23