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## Effect of foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on growth, nitrogen uptake and soil available nutrients of black gram (*Vigna mungo* L.)

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### Abstract

The field experiment was carried out on “Studies on effect of foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on growth and available nutrient of black gram” during *kharif* 2020- 2021 at College of Agriculture, Latur. The experiment was laid out in randomized block design with nine treatments and three replications. The growth and uptake of nutrient attributes of black gram were significantly influenced due to foliar application of black gram. The treatment T<sub>9</sub> (RDF + foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 @ and 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at 25, 35 and 45 DAS, respectively), recorded significantly increased plant height, number of branches plant<sup>-1</sup> (8.98) and number nodules plant<sup>-1</sup> (22.33), leaf area (680 cm<sup>2</sup>) and leaf area index (2.27), over rest of treatments. of black gram increased significantly due to the treatment foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 @ and 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at 25, 35 and 45DAS, respectively along with RDF. The pH, EC and calcium carbonate content in experimental soil was not significant due to different treatment of soluble fertilizers. However, organic carbon content in soil was significantly improved due to treatment T<sub>9</sub> (RDF + foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 @ and 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at 25, 35 and 45DAS, respectively). Significantly highest uptake of N (54.81 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>), P (6.86 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) and K (25.44 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) in seed and straw of black gram were recorded due to treatment T<sub>9</sub> (RDF + foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 @ and 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at 25, 35 and 45 DAS, respectively).

**Keywords:** Water soluble fertilizers, growth, nutrient uptake, organic carbon and available nutrient

### Introduction

Black gram or urad bean [*Vigna mungo* L.] is a major pulse crop in India, belong to the leguminaceae. India is said to be the origin of black gram and it has been cultivated in India since ancient times. It can be boiled or eaten whole, ground into flour and used to make porridge or baked into bread and biscuits. Green pods are also edible South in India most popular food preparation *viz.* idly and dosa are prepared by mixing rice and black gram flour. It is the chief constituent of ‘papad’ and also of ‘bari’. Black gram contains a 24% protein, 60% carbohydrates, 1.3% fat. It is high in vitamins A, B<sub>1</sub>, and B<sub>3</sub>, and contains trace amount of thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, and vitamin C. It includes between 78 and 80% nitrogen in the form of albumin and globulin. The mineral composition includes calcium (286 mg), iron (15.67 mg), magnesium (553 mg), phosphorus (785 mg), potassium (2035 mg), sodium (79 mg), zinc (6.93 mg), copper (2.031 mg), manganese (3.161 mg), protein (52.18g) and Vitamins like Vit A (2.141 mg), C (2.62 mg), B<sub>1</sub> (0.273 mg), B<sub>2</sub> (0.254 mg), B<sub>3</sub> (1.447 mg), B<sub>6</sub> (0.906 mg), B<sub>9</sub> (0.281 mg), B<sub>12</sub> (216 mg) and vitamin B<sub>15</sub> (0.906 mg) (Swaminathan *et al.*, 2020) [8]. Black gram contains 348 calories per 100 gram. As a result, it is the most affordable source of protein for the poor and vegetarians. Dal-chawal (pulse-rice) or dal-roti (pulse-wheat bread) is an important component of the normal Indian diet. However, because it is an essential source of human food, it is also utilized as nutritious fodder, particularly for milch animals. Black gram is also used to treat diabetes, sexual dysfunction, neurological problems, hair disorders, digestive system abnormalities, and rheumatic illnesses. It is prized for its ease of digestion. Growing black gram itself is a mini-fertilizer factory because it has unique characteristics of maintaining and restoring soil fertility through fixing atmospheric nitrogen in symbiotic association with *rhizobium* bacteria present in root nodules. It is used as a nutritive fodder especially for milch animals. (Tiwari and Shivhare, (2016) [11] and also used as a green manure crop. It possesses very good root system which binds soil particles and thus prevents soil erosion. It proved to be an excellent rotation

crop, increasing the production of the primary crop as well. It is primarily grown in a cereal-pulse cropping system to save soil nutrients and utilize left-over soil moisture, particularly following rice production. It is a short-season pulse crop, usually flowering within 30-60 days of sowing and ripening within 60-90 days. It is typically grown as a *kharif* crop, although it also works well as a catch crop in the summer. Foliar application of nutrients is preferable to soil application since it requires less fertilizer. Fertilizer prices are increasing on a daily basis, so it is vital to cut Fertilizers costs by using foliar fertilizer application to boost legume crop production. During the last three years, Maharashtra has a persistent dry spell lasting 15 to 35 days during the *kharif* season. It has a negative impact on the growth and yield of *kharif* crops. According to the research, foliar nutrition with N, P and K helps increase drought resistance in plants and lowers water loss through evapo-transpiration. The greater advantage in supplying the N, P and K as foliar spray was observed in many pulse crops by considering significantly foliar fertilization with major nutrients through water soluble fertilizer on pulse crop like black gram. Very vigor work was carried out in this regard hence it is necessary to conduct present investigation entitled "Studies on effect of foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on growth and yield of black gram

### Materials and Methods

The experiment was carried out at department of SSAC Research Field, College of Agriculture, and Latur during *kharif* season 2020-2021 on black gram variety TAU-1. The details of the material used to "studies on effect of foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on growth and uptake of black gram". Randomized Block Design (RBD) was followed with 9 treatments each replicated thrice. The treatment details are [T<sub>1</sub> – Control, T<sub>2</sub> - RDF (25:50:00), T<sub>3</sub> - RDF+ FS 19:19:19 @ 0.5% at 25 DAS, T<sub>4</sub> - RDF + FS 00:52:34 @ 1% at 35 DAS, T<sub>5</sub> - RDF+ FS 13:00:45 @ 1% at 45 DAS, T<sub>6</sub> - RDF+ T<sub>3</sub> + T<sub>4</sub>, T<sub>7</sub> - RDF +FS T<sub>4</sub> + T<sub>5</sub>, T<sub>8</sub> - RDF + FS T<sub>3</sub> + T<sub>5</sub>, T<sub>9</sub> - RDF+ FS T<sub>3</sub> + T<sub>4</sub> + T<sub>5</sub>]. The experiment

was laid out in Randomized Block Design with three replications. The size of each plot treatment was 3 m x 2.7 m. There are four factors which are Recommended Dose of Fertilizers (25:50:00), Foliar spray (19:19:19), Foliar Spray (00:52:34), Foliar Spray (13:00:45). The variety TAU-1of black gram was sown on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 by maintaining a spacing of 30×10 cm<sup>2</sup>. The growth parameters were plant height, number of leaves per plant, number of branches per plant, root nodules, uptake of nutrient and chemical analysis of soil available nutrients. The results were statistically analyzed as per the "statistical methods for Agricultural workers" by Panse and Sukhatme (1985) [7].

### Results and Discussion

#### Effect of foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on biometric observations of black gram.

##### Plant height

Plant height was measured at different stages *i.e.* 30, 45 and at 60 DAS. The data regarding plant height is presented in table 1 and showed that plant height was affected significantly due to foliar application of water soluble fertilizers at 30, 45 and 60 DAS. The treatment T<sub>9</sub> (RDF + foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 @ 1.0% and 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at 25, 35 and 45 DAS, respectively) increased plant height significantly at 30 (29.73 cm), 45(50.40 cm), and at 60 DAS (53.11 cm) over the rest of treatment. However, the treatments T<sub>6</sub>, T<sub>7</sub> and T<sub>8</sub> were at par with each other. Similarly the treatments T<sub>2</sub>, T<sub>4</sub>, and T<sub>5</sub> were at par with each other. Significantly lowest plant height was recorded in control (16.52 cm) treatment at all the growth stages except at 30 DAS. This rise in plant height could be attributed due to foliar nutrition with water soluble fertilizers, which aids in the acceleration of several metabolic processes, resulting in increased apical growth. Similar results were also reported by, Singh *et al* (2021) [7], which revealed that the growth attributes such as plant height (60.28 cm) was maximum with 75% RDF + foliar application of 2% DAP + 2% urea +2% WSF.

**Table 1:** Effect of foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on plant height (cm) of black gram

Treatment	Mean plant height (cm)		
	30 DAS	45 DAS	60 DAS
T <sub>1</sub> :Control	16.52	32.0	34.76
T <sub>2</sub> :RDF (25:50:00)	19.15	35.20	38.60
T <sub>3</sub> :RDF+ FS 19:19:19 @ 0.5% at 25 DAS	21.79	38.40	42.75
T <sub>4</sub> :RDF+ FS 00:52:34 @ 1% at 35 DAS	19.28	36.4	41.59
T <sub>5</sub> :RDF+ FS 13:00:45 @ 1% at 45 DAS	19.67	37.1	41.62
T <sub>6</sub> :RDF+ T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>4</sub>	26.16	46.7	46.09
T <sub>7</sub> : RDF + T <sub>4</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	25.87	46.9	46.56
T <sub>8</sub> : RDF +T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	26.94	47.0	48.55
T <sub>9</sub> : RDF+ T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>4</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	29.73	50.4	53.11
S.Em ±	0.88	1.06	1.25
CD at 5%	2.63	3.19	3.74

##### Number of leaves plant per plant

The number of leaves plant<sup>-1</sup> were counted at 30, 45 and 60 DAS and the data is presented in table 2 and significantly influenced due to foliar application of water soluble fertilizers. The treatment T<sub>9</sub> (RDF + foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 @ 1.0% and 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at 25, 35 and 45DAS, respectively), increased number of leaves plant<sup>-1</sup> significantly at 30, (20.91), 45(35.71), and 60 DAS

(6.84) over the rest of treatment. However the treatments T<sub>2</sub>, T<sub>4</sub>, T<sub>5</sub> and T<sub>7</sub> were at par with each other at 30 DAS. and the treatments T<sub>6</sub>, T<sub>7</sub>, and T<sub>8</sub> were at par with each other at 45 DAS & at 60 DAS Significantly lowest number of leaves plant<sup>-1</sup> were recorded in control at all growth stages *i.e.*, 30(10.33), 45 (15.67) and at 60 (3.58) DAS. Further data revealed that the number of leaves plant<sup>-1</sup> were decreased drastically at 60 DAS, it might be due to shedding of leaves at

maturity. The higher number of leaves plant<sup>-1</sup> might be due to improvement in morphological characters like plant height and number of branches led to more of leaves. Additional application of nitrogen through foliar application influenced vegetative growth in plant and reduced fertilizer

loss resulted in higher number of leaves plant<sup>-1</sup>. These results were in collaboration with Koneni (2016) [4] that the soil application of 50 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> ha<sup>-1</sup> along with foliar application of BOOST-52 (0:52:34) at 30 and 45 DAS recorded significantly higher number of functional leaves (6.35plant<sup>-1</sup>).

**Table 2:** Effect of foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on number of leaves plants<sup>-1</sup> of black gram

Treatment	Mean of No of leaves plant <sup>-1</sup>		
	30 DAS	45 DAS	60 DAS
T <sub>1</sub> : Control	10.33	15.67	3.58
T <sub>2</sub> : RDF (25:50:00)	12.26	21.39	3.74
T <sub>3</sub> : RDF+ FS 19:19:19 @ 0.5% at 25 DAS	14.17	27.07	3.90
T <sub>4</sub> : RDF + FS 00:52:34 @ 1% at 35 DAS	13.54	26.67	4.05
T <sub>5</sub> : RDF+ FS 13:00:45 @ 1% at 45 DAS	13.13	26.00	4.10
T <sub>6</sub> : RDF+ T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>4</sub>	18.32	31.99	6.65
T <sub>7</sub> : RDF + T <sub>4</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	13.47	30.21	6.68
T <sub>8</sub> : RDF + T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	16.40	31.47	6.70
T <sub>9</sub> : RDF+ T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>4</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	20.91	35.77	6.84
S.Em±	0.63	1.03	0.03
CD at 5%	1.89	3.10	0.10

### No. of branches per plant

Branching is the important character of crops which bears the pods plant<sup>-1</sup> and ultimately enhanced the yield of crop. The data regarding effect of foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on mean number of branches plant<sup>-1</sup> at stages *i.e.* 30, 45 and 60 DAS were presented in table 3 and result that the number of branches plant<sup>-1</sup> in black gram was influenced due to foliar application of water soluble fertilizers. The significantly highest number of branches plant<sup>-1</sup> were observed with treatment T<sub>9</sub>: (RDF + foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 and 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at 25, 35 and 45 DAS, respectively), The treatment T<sub>9</sub> recorded significantly higher number of branches plant<sup>-1</sup> at 30 DAS (6.33), 45 DAS (8.98), and 60 DAS (8.27) over the rest of the treatments. Significantly lowest number of branches plant<sup>-1</sup>

was observed in control treatment T<sub>1</sub> at the 30 DAS (3.26), 45 DAS (4.22), and 60 DAS (3.54). Among treatment differences T<sub>6</sub>, T<sub>7</sub>, and T<sub>8</sub> were at par with each other in case of mean number of branches plant<sup>-1</sup> at stages of black gram. The higher number of branches plant<sup>-1</sup> might be due to hastening various metabolic process *viz.*, photosynthesis, symbiotic biological N<sub>2</sub> fixation process and higher nutrient availability at the initial stage of the crop. Similar result findings with Takankhar *et al.* (2017) [9] conducted field study and indicated that number of branches plant<sup>-1</sup> (6.00), dry matter of chickpea (6.11 g) were significantly improved due to treatment T<sub>8</sub> (RDF + 19:19:19 @ 1.0% at vegetative stage, RDF+ 00:52:34 @ 1.0% at flowering stage and RDF + 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at grain filling stage).

**Table 3:** Effect of foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on number of branches plant<sup>-1</sup> in black gram

Treatment	Mean Number of branches plant <sup>-1</sup>		
	30 DAS	45 DAS	60 DAS
T <sub>1</sub> : Control	3.26	4.22	3.54
T <sub>2</sub> : RDF (25:50:00)	4.11	5.89	4.85
T <sub>3</sub> : RDF+ FS 19:19:19 @ 0.5% at 25 DAS	5.08	6.91	6.16
T <sub>4</sub> : RDF + FS 00:52:34 @ 1% at 35 DAS	4.80	6.08	4.57
T <sub>5</sub> : RDF+ FS 13:00:45 @ 1% at 45 DAS	4.75	6.11	4.40
T <sub>6</sub> : RDF+ T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>4</sub>	5.73	7.76	7.09
T <sub>7</sub> : RDF + T <sub>4</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	5.77	7.69	7.26
T <sub>8</sub> : RDF +T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	5.74	7.66	7.25
T <sub>9</sub> : RDF+T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>4</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	6.33	8.98	8.27
S.Em±	0.05	0.28	0.18
CD at 5%	0.17	0.83	0.53

### Root nodules

The data on number of root nodules plant<sup>-1</sup> at different stages *i.e.* 30 and 45 DAS, as influenced by foliar application of water soluble fertilizers is presented in table 4. The numbers of nodules plant<sup>-1</sup> were significantly influenced by different treatments of water soluble fertilizers in black gram. Results showed that the significantly highest number of root nodules plant<sup>-1</sup> were observed with the treatment T<sub>9</sub> (RDF + foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 @ 1.0% and 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at 25, 35 and 45 DAS, respectively), at 30 DAS (21.13) & 45 DAS (22.33) over the rest of the

Treatments. Among the different treatments T<sub>3</sub>, T<sub>4</sub>, and T<sub>5</sub>, were at par with each other. Similarly the treatment T<sub>6</sub>, T<sub>7</sub> and T<sub>8</sub> were also at par with each other in case of number of root nodules at 30 DAS & 45 DAS. However, significantly lowest root nodules were observed in control treatment T<sub>1</sub> 9.60 & 12.27 at 30, 45 DAS, respectively. Similar results were also reported Bhavya *et al.* (2020) [2] showed that foliar application of mono-potassium phosphate and 19:19:19 each on green gram @ 1% at 30 and 45 DAS recorded higher number of nodules (36.92) as compare to control.

**Table 4:** Effect of foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on number of nodules plant<sup>-1</sup> in black gram

Treatment	Number of nodules plant <sup>-1</sup>	
	30 DAS	45 DAS
T <sub>1</sub> :Control	9.60	12.27
T <sub>2</sub> :RDF (25:50:00)	12.30	14.95
T <sub>3</sub> :RDF+ FS 19:19:19 @ 0.5% at 25 DAS	13.95	16.82
T <sub>4</sub> :RDF + FS 00:52:34 @ 1% at 35 DAS	13.80	17.15
T <sub>5</sub> :RDF+ FS 13:00:45 @ 1% at 45 DAS	13.08	17.09
T <sub>6</sub> :RDF+ T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>4</sub>	15.74	19.23
T <sub>7</sub> : RDF + T <sub>4</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	14.75	19.27
T <sub>8</sub> : RDF +T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	16.77	19.40
T <sub>9</sub> : RDF+ T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>4</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	21.13	22.33
S.Em±	0.54	0.61
CD at 5%	1.64	1.83

### Effect of foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on content and uptake of nutrient of black gram

#### Nitrogen uptake by black gram

The data on nitrogen uptake in seed and straw as influenced by foliar application of water soluble fertilizers after harvest of black gram are presented in table 5. It indicated that the foliar application of water soluble fertilizers influenced N uptake in seed (54.81 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) and straw (11.16) kg ha<sup>-1</sup> of black gram crop was also significantly increased due to T<sub>9</sub>. Similarly, lowest nitrogen uptake in seed (31.92 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) and straw (3.47 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) were recorded in control treatment. However in case of nitrogen uptake of cowpea, treatments T<sub>6</sub>, T<sub>7</sub> & T<sub>8</sub> were at par with each other. Similar finding were reported by Takankhar *et al.* (2018) [10] reported that foliar application of (RDF + 19:19:19 @ 0.5% at vegetative stage, RDF + 00:52:34 @ 1.0% at flowering stage and RDF + 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at grain filling stage) significantly increased the 'N' uptake in green gram.

#### Phosphorous uptake by black gram

The P uptake in seed & straw ranged between 2.55 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> to 6.86 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 2.52 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> to 8.54 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> respectively. Similar findings were also recorded treatments T<sub>9</sub> in case of uptake of P in seed and straw of black gram. Significantly highest P uptake in seed (6.86 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) and straw (8.54 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) of black gram was observed with treatment T<sub>9</sub> (RDF + foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 and 13:00:45

@ 1.0% at 25, 35 and 45DAS, respectively. This increasing N uptake might be due to increased availability of nitrogen to the crop and higher biomass production with increased photosynthesis. Similar result observed to Waghmare *et al.* (2019) [12], they revealed that application foliar spray of water soluble fertilizer 19:19:19 at 2.0% along with basal dose of (25:40:20 kg N, P<sub>5</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O) at flowering and pod development stage recorded significantly, higher uptake of phosphorous (14.6 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) in gram.

#### Potassium uptake by black gram

The K uptake in seed & straw were ranged between 13.76 to 25.44 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> to 2.80 to 8.54 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> respectively. Significantly highest K uptake in seed (25.44 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) and straw (8.54 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) of black gram was recorded with treatment T<sub>9</sub> (RDF + foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 and 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at 25, 35 and 45DAS, respectively) over the rest of treatments, Whereas the lowest uptake of K in seed (13.76 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) and straw (2.80 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) were recorded in control. However treatment T<sub>6</sub>, T<sub>7</sub> & T<sub>8</sub> were at par with each in case uptake of seed and straw of black gram. This increase in concentration and uptake of K in black gram crop might be due to foliar application of K resulted into greater availability of K through leaves. Similar finding were noted by Bansode and Math (2018) [1] they reported that two foliar sprays of @ 1.0% 19:19:19 recorded significantly higher uptake of potassium (96.87 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>).

**Table 5:** Effect of foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on nitrogen uptake (kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) of nitrogen in seeds and straw of black gram

Treatment	Seed	Straw	Seed	Straw	Seed	Straw
	N Uptake (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	N Uptake (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	P uptake (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	P uptake (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	K Uptake (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	K Uptake (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )
T <sub>1</sub> : Control	31.92	3.47	2.55	2.52	13.76	2.80
T <sub>2</sub> : RDF (25:50:00)	37.34	5.82	3.44	3.90	17.09	3.62
T <sub>3</sub> : RDF+ FS 19:19:19 @ 0.5% at 25 DAS	43.56	6.06	4.42	4.46	19.38	4.47
T <sub>4</sub> : RDF + FS 00:52:34 @ 1% at 35 DAS	39.22	6.38	4.37	4.63	18.94	4.63
T <sub>5</sub> : RDF+ FS 13:00:45 @ 1% at 45 DAS	39.76	6.58	4.67	4.97	19.84	4.98
T <sub>6</sub> : RDF+ T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>4</sub>	49.63	8.87	5.75	7.05	22.25	7.06
T <sub>7</sub> : RDF + T <sub>4</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	49.51	9.30	5.88	7.28	22.90	7.28
T <sub>8</sub> : RDF +T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	49.27	9.87	6.15	7.61	23.38	7.61
T <sub>9</sub> : RDF+T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>4</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	54.81	11.16	6.86	8.54	25.44	8.54
S.Em±	31.92	3.47	0.39	0.5	0.85	0.56
CD at 5%	37.34	5.82	1.15	1.5	2.55	1.51

## Effect of foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on available nutrient content of black gram

### Organic carbon

The experimental data on effect of foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on organic carbon content after the harvest of black gram are given in table 6. The data on organic carbon content in soil was significantly affected by various treatments of water soluble fertilizers in black gram. The minimum organic carbon was recorded in control (0.37%) & it was maximum (0.66%) in treatment T<sub>9</sub> (RDF + foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 and 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at 25 and 45 DAS, respectively). The treatment T<sub>9</sub> increased significantly the organic carbon in soil over rest of treatments except T<sub>6</sub> and T<sub>8</sub> were at par. Further it was from the data that remaining all the treatment were at par to each other. The organic matter content of soil rise due to addition of crop residues after the harvest of black gram.

### Available Nitrogen

Treatment wise available nitrogen content in the soil was determined after the harvest of black gram crop. It was clear from the results that the various treatments had a significant impact on the amount of soil-available N after the harvest of black gram. Significantly higher available nitrogen was observed in treatment T<sub>9</sub> (RDF + foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 and 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at 25, 35 and 45 DAS, respectively) over the rest of treatments followed by T<sub>8</sub>, T<sub>6</sub>, T<sub>7</sub>. However lowest nitrogen (123.7 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) was reported in treatment T<sub>1</sub> control followed by T<sub>2</sub> RDF (132.8 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>). These result similar were with findings of Patil (2021) revealed that the application of foliar application of combination of different water soluble fertilizers with RNP significantly increased the available N. The maximum available N was recorded in treatment (T<sub>9</sub>) RNP + foliar application 19:19:19 @ 0.5% + 0:52:34 @ 1.0% + KNO<sub>3</sub> @

1.0% (172.64 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) followed by (T<sub>8</sub>) RNP + foliar application 19:19:19 @ 0.5% + KNO<sub>3</sub> @ 1.0% (168.37 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) as compare to control (142.48 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>).

### Available Phosphorous

The findings regarding effect of foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on soil phosphorous availability after the harvest of crop were presented in table 6. It was clear from the results that the various experimental treatments did not affected significantly the available phosphorous in soil after the harvest of black gram crop. Available phosphorous in soil was higher 17.3 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> due to treatment T<sub>9</sub> (RDF + foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 and 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at 25, 35 and 45DAS, respectively), followed by T<sub>6</sub>, T<sub>4</sub>, and T<sub>7</sub>. Whereas lowest available phosphorous was observed in treatment T<sub>1</sub> control (14.0 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) followed by T<sub>2</sub> RDF (14.5 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) Similar findings were also reported by Jadhav S.M. (2017) [3] reported that the foliar application of DAP @ 2% along with RDF + macronutrients showed positive effect of available nutrients in soil.

### Available Potassium

The data on effect of foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on available potassium in soil of black gram are presented in table 6. It was clear from the results that the various treatments had no significant effect on the amount of soil-available potassium after the harvest of black gram. Higher available potassium (531.9 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) in soil was observed in treatment T<sub>9</sub> (RDF + foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 and 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at 25, and 45 DAS, respectively), followed by T<sub>7</sub>, (529.0 kg), T<sub>6</sub> (525.0), T<sub>8</sub> (523.6). Lowest available potassium in soil was observed in treatment T<sub>1</sub> control (510.3 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) followed by T<sub>2</sub> (513.03 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>).

**Table 6:** Effect of foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on available nutrient after harvest of black gram

Treatment	OC (%)	Available N (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Available P (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Available K (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )
T <sub>1</sub> : Control	0.37	123.7	14.0	510.3
T <sub>2</sub> : RDF (25:50:00)	0.39	132.8	14.5	513.0
T <sub>3</sub> : RDF+ FS 19:19:19 @ 0.5% at 25 DAS	0.51	146.1	15.4	517.1
T <sub>4</sub> : RDF + FS 00:52:34 @ 1% at 35 DAS	0.46	148.3	16.7	518.0
T <sub>5</sub> : RDF+ FS 13:00:45 @ 1% at 45 DAS	0.45	150.5	16.5	522.2
T <sub>6</sub> : RDF+ T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>4</sub>	0.56	157.3	17.0	525.0
T <sub>7</sub> : RDF + T <sub>4</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	0.50	156.3	16.5	529.0
T <sub>8</sub> : RDF + T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	0.59	164.3	16.3	523.6
T <sub>9</sub> : RDF+T <sub>3</sub> + T <sub>4</sub> + T <sub>5</sub>	0.66	174.7	17.3	531.9
S.Em±	0.06	2.40	-	-
CD at 5%	0.17	7.47	N.S	N.S

### Conclusion

The growth attributes like growth of black gram were increased significantly due to foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 @ % 1.0 and 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at 25, 35 and 45 DAS, respectively along with RDF. The highest uptake of nitrogen (54.81 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) were recorded with foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 @ % 1.0 and 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at 25, 35 and 45 DAS, respectively along with RDF the calcium carbonate in soil was not significantly affected due to foliar application of water soluble fertilizers whereas, organic carbon was increased significantly due to foliar application of water soluble fertilizers on black gram. Available nutrients in soil after harvest of crop were increased significantly due to

foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 @ % 1.0 and 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at 25, 35 and 45 DAS, respectively along with RDF in black gram. From the above results it can be concluded that foliar application of 19:19:19 @ 0.5%, 0:52:34 @ % 1.0 and 13:00:45 @ 1.0% at 25, 35 and 45 DAS, respectively along with RDF was found more effective in increasing the growth, nutrient uptake and available nutrient status of soil in black gram.

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