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## Evaluation of sulphur and zinc levels on physiological characters of Indian mustard [*Brassica juncea* (L.) *czern and cosson*] under Malwa region

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### Abstract

A field study was studied on the nutrient managements through different inorganic sources of Sulphur and Zinc in order to achieve the maximum crop growth rate, relative growth and absolute growth rate at different duration and at harvest stage. Amongst the different treatments for the different parameters viz., maximum crop growth rate, relative growth and absolute growth rate. The findings of present study indicated that growth attributes of crop significantly influence by integrated use of inorganic fertilizers during the period. Significantly at 30, 45 and 60 DAS the maximum crop growth rate, relative growth and absolute growth rate was recorded with Sulphur levels S<sub>4</sub> (60 Kg/ha) in plot T<sub>4</sub>. Similarly, for the Zinc at 30, 45 and 60 DAS the best treatments maximum crop growth rate, relative growth and absolute growth rate was recorded with Zinc levels Z<sub>4</sub> (7.5 Kg/ha) in plot T<sub>8</sub> under Malwa region of Madhya Pradesh.

**Keywords:** Growth, inorganic, mustard, nutrient, physiological, sulphur, zinc

### Introduction

Rapeseed-mustard belongs to the *Cruciferae* which is the major oilseed crop of India. The Indian Mustard is considered to be the second highest oil seed crop in India. On its accountability the Mustard is next to the Soyabean in terms of oil seed crops in India. The Indian Mustard is widely grown in Central parts of India. Some of the Indigeneous species of India viz., Indian Mustard (*Brassica juncea*), brown Sarson (*Brassica campestris* var. brown Sarson), yellow Sarson (*Brassica campestris* var. yellow Sarson), Toria (*Brassica campestris* var. Toria) and Taramira (*Eruca sativa*). Some of the non-traditional species are Gobhi Sarson (*Brassica napus*), white Sarson (*Brassica alba*) and Ethiopian Sarson (*Brassica carinata*).

Human consumption and sole dependence on mustard seed oil is well documented around north India, as it is generally used in cooking purpose. Mustard seeds is vitally used as condiments, pickles, flavouring agents. Indian mustard is generally grown in *Rabi* season due to its nature of adaptness and suitability in residual moisture conditions (Mukherjee, 2010) [5]. Mustard oil cake is used as high nutrition food in animal diet. Since mustard seeds contain a quite higher amount of quality protein. For human diet generally 55g edible mustard oil is essential. Globally, in terms of oil sector India accounts 7% of the total global share production, 12% in terms of consumption and 20% share of the oil imports from India (USDA, 2018) [12] which is after the United States, Brazil, China.

The places where the mustard is easily grown in Madhya Pradesh viz., central plateau and Chambal valley region. The district such as Bhind, Morena, Gwalior, Sheopur, Shivpuri. In Madhya Pradesh Mustard is well occupied in regions as stated above and has made significant achievements which indeed is termed as 'Yellow revolution'.

'Morena' district in Madhya Pradesh, shares an area 0.53 mha, production 0.077 mt and productivity of 1453 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (SEA, 2018) [8]. In the last decades 'Morena' district have continued to rule and lead amongst the other states of its territory to take the state production share 27%, b hind 26%, Gwalior 7%, Mandsaur 6% and other remaining districts accounts to state production share 23%. Comparing other states of India 'Rajasthan' have the highest area 2.12 mha, production 2.45mt and productivity of 1155 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>. Gujarat on the other hands have the highest productivity 1363 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> in 0.22 mha area with 0.3mt of production annually.

Sulphur is considered to be the most vital nutrients for growth and development for the oil seeds crop particularly in 'Mustard'. Sulphur is known for its physiological functioning's such as synthesis of cysteine, methionine, chlorophyll content in oil crops.

Sulphur is regarded to be the key factor for the synthesis of certain vital vitamins viz., (B, Biotin and Thiamine) for the metabolism of carbohydrates, protein, and oil formation of flavour in crucifers'.

'Zinc' is well known for the proper growth and development in the plant system and also replenishing the vital requirement of Zinc in the soil. The basic knowledge of 'Zinc' and its dynamics in soil must be clearly understood in order to trace out the deficiency mechanism. Zinc deficiency distribution and factors responsible for the 'Zinc' deficient soil must be treated out very carefully by application of 'Zinc' amendments mainly fertilizers that can hold the recommended nutrients into the soil by increasing the Zinc uptake mechanism.

### Materials and Methods

The present investigation conducted at Research farm, Mandsaur, Department of Agronomy, Mandsaur University, Mandsaur (Madhya Pradesh) during *Rabi* season of 2021-2022. Mandsaur (Madhya Pradesh) which is situated at latitude 24°0'4'36.61''N, longitude 75°0'4'9.46'' E and at an altitude of 442.16 meters above the mean sea level. The experiment was laid out in factorial randomized block design (FRBD) keeping three replications. The gross plot size (4.50x5.10) m<sup>2</sup> with net plot size was (3.60x4.20) m<sup>2</sup>. The treatments having different levels were having S<sub>1</sub> (0 Kg/ha) Control, S<sub>2</sub> (20 Kg/ha), S<sub>3</sub> (40 Kg/ha) and S<sub>4</sub> (60 Kg/ha). The zinc in the form of zinc sulphate were as follows Z<sub>1</sub> (0 Kg/ha) Control, Z<sub>2</sub> (2.5 Kg/ha), Z<sub>3</sub> (5.0 Kg/ha) and Z<sub>4</sub> (7.5 Kg/ha). The Mustard variety DRMRIJ-31 (Giriraj) was sown using 5kg seeds ha<sup>-1</sup> and keeping (45row x 15 plant) cm spacing. The crop was grown as per recommended package of practices. The plant growth, yield parameters were recorded in each treatments. The data from the field experiment were subjected analyzed statistically for comparing treatments following Analysis of Variance techniques (ANOVA) for FRBD design and the result were interpreted at 5% level of significance (Gomez and Gomez 1984)<sup>[8]</sup>.

$$\text{Crop growth rate} = \frac{W_2 - W_1}{P(t_2 - t_1)}$$

P = Ground area

W<sub>1</sub> = Dry weight of plant/m<sup>2</sup>.

t<sub>1</sub>; t<sub>2</sub> = time interval

Expressed in g/m<sup>2</sup>/day.

$$\text{Relative growth rate} = \frac{\ln W_2 - \ln W_1}{t_2 - t_1}$$

Where as

ln = natural log

W<sub>1</sub> = Dry weight of plant/m<sup>2</sup>

W<sub>2</sub> = Dry weight of plant/m<sup>2</sup>

$$\text{Agronomical growth rate} = \frac{h_2 - h_1 \text{ cm day}^{-1}}{t_2 - t_1}$$

### Results and Discussion

The data based on the parameter crop growth rate as depicted in (Table 1) was significant with different days. Significantly at 0-30 DAS the maximum sulphur levels was recorded 0.778 with supplemented dose of Sulphur S<sub>4</sub> (60 Kg/ha) followed by 5.182 at 30-60 DAS, and 3.438 at 60-90 days of interval.

Significantly the minimum was noted control plot T<sub>1</sub> sulphur levels S<sub>1</sub> (0 Kg/ha) at similar days were 0.557, 1.850 and 1.256 at 0-30 DAS, 30-60 DAS and 60-90 DAS for crop growth. Significantly at harvest crop growth rate was highest 4.516 on application of Sulphur S<sub>4</sub> (60 Kg/ha), whereas the minimum was recorded with control plot T<sub>1</sub> at sulphur level S<sub>1</sub> (0 Kg/ha) was recorded 2.707. In context with Zinc in the form of zinc sulphate when applied with recommended doses, the highest value obtained for crop growth rate at 0-30 DAS was 0.566, 30-60 DAS was 4.571 and 60-90 days was 2.245. Significantly at harvest crop growth rate was highest 3.388 on application of Zinc, Z<sub>4</sub> (7.5Kg/ha), whereas the minimum was recorded with control plot T<sub>1</sub> at sulphur level Zinc, Z<sub>4</sub> (0 Kg/ha) was recorded 2.760. Similar observation were also reported by (Baudh and Prasad)<sup>[11]</sup>.

The data based on the parameter relative growth rate as depicted in (Table 2) was significant with different days. Significantly at 0-30 DAS the maximum sulphur levels was 0.026 recorded relative growth rate with supplemented dose of Sulphur S<sub>4</sub> (60 Kg/ha) followed by 0.052 at 30-60 DAS, and 0.033 at 60-90 days of interval. Significantly the minimum was noted in control plot with S<sub>1</sub> (0 Kg/ha) at similar days were 0.008, 0.010 and 0.013 at 0-30 DAS, 30-60 DAS and 60-90 DAS for crop growth. Significantly at harvest relative growth rate was highest 0.075 on application of Sulphur S<sub>4</sub> (60 Kg/ha), whereas the minimum was recorded with control plot T<sub>1</sub> at sulphur level S<sub>1</sub> (0 Kg/ha) was recorded 0.026. Similar observation were also reported by (Dubey *et al.*, 2013)<sup>[2]</sup>; (Zizala *et al.*, 2008)<sup>[14]</sup>.

In context with Zinc in the form of zinc sulphate when applied with recommended doses, the highest value obtained for relative growth rate at 0-30 DAS was 0.019, 30-60 DAS was 0.033 and 60-90 days was 0.030. Significantly at harvest crop growth rate was highest 0.053 on application of Zinc, Z<sub>4</sub> (7.5Kg/ha), whereas the minimum was recorded with control plot T<sub>1</sub> at sulphur level Zinc, Z<sub>4</sub> (0 Kg/ha) was recorded 0.047. The results are with partial agreements with the study as per (Sipai *et al.*, 2015)<sup>[9]</sup>; (Upadhyay *et al.*, 2012)<sup>[10]</sup>; (Upadhyay *et al.*, 2016)<sup>[11]</sup>; (Verma *et al.*, 2012)<sup>[13]</sup>.

The data based on the parameter absolute growth rate as depicted in (Table 3) was significant with different days. Significantly at 0-30 DAS the maximum sulphur levels was 0.821 recorded relative growth rate with supplemented dose of Sulphur S<sub>4</sub> (60 Kg/ha) followed by 1.545 at 30-60 DAS, and 1.392 at 60-90 days of interval. Significantly the minimum was noted in control plot with S<sub>1</sub> (0 Kg/ha) at similar days were 0.326, 0.412 and 0.584 at 0-30 DAS, 30-60 DAS and 60-90 DAS for crop growth. Significantly at harvest relative growth rate was highest 0.075 on application of Sulphur S<sub>4</sub> (60 Kg/ha), whereas the minimum was recorded with control plot T<sub>1</sub> at sulphur level S<sub>1</sub> (0 Kg/ha) was recorded 0.332. The results are with partial agreements with the study as per (Jat *et al.*, 2013)<sup>[4]</sup>; (Mukherjee *et al.*, 2013)<sup>[5]</sup>; (Nayak *et al.*, 2020)<sup>[6]</sup>; (Pachauri *et al.*, 2012)<sup>[7]</sup>.

In context with Zinc in the form of zinc sulphate when applied with recommended doses, the highest value obtained for relative growth rate at 0-30 DAS was 0.611, 30-60 DAS was 0.576 and 60-90 days was 1.432. Significantly at harvest crop growth rate was highest 0.870 on application of Zinc, Z<sub>4</sub> (7.5Kg/ha), whereas the minimum was recorded with control plot T<sub>1</sub> at sulphur level Zinc, Z<sub>4</sub> (0 Kg/ha) was recorded 0.433. The results are with partial agreements with the study as per (Jat *et al.*, 2013)<sup>[4]</sup>; (Mukherjee *et al.*, 2013)<sup>[5]</sup>; (Nayak *et al.* 2020)<sup>[6]</sup> (Pachauri *et al.* 2012)<sup>[7]</sup> (Zizala *et al.* 2008)<sup>[14]</sup>.

**Table 1:** Effect of different levels of Sulphur and Zinc on crop growth rate in Indian Mustard [*Brassica juncea* (L.) *czern and cosson*]

S. No	Levels of Sulphur	Crop growth rate (CGR)			
		0-30 days	30-60 days	60-90 days	At harvest
T <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub> (0 Kg/ha) Control	0.557	1.850	1.256	2.707
T <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>2</sub> (20 Kg/ha)	0.435	2.603	2.268	1.856
T <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>3</sub> (40 Kg/ha)	0.294	3.219	1.375	3.235
T <sub>4</sub>	S <sub>4</sub> (60 Kg/ha)	0.778	5.182	3.438	4.516
	SE(m)±	0.015	0.028	0.013	0.011
	C.D. (p=0.05)	0.043	0.081	0.038	0.033
Levels of Zinc sulphate		0-30 days	30-60 days	60-90 days	At harvest
T <sub>5</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub> (0 Kg/ha) Control	0.473	1.869	1.901	2.760
T <sub>6</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub> (2.5 Kg/ha)	0.523	1.875	1.973	2.795
T <sub>7</sub>	Z <sub>3</sub> (5.0 Kg/ha)	0.503	4.540	2.219	3.371
T <sub>8</sub>	Z <sub>4</sub> (7.5 Kg/ha)	0.566	4.571	2.245	3.388
	SE(m)±	0.015	0.028	0.013	0.011
	C.D. (p=0.05)	0.043	0.081	0.038	0.033

**Table 2:** Effect of different levels of Sulphur and Zinc on relative growth rate in Indian Mustard [*Brassica juncea* (L.) *czern and cosson*]

S. No	Levels of Sulphur	Relative growth rate (RGR)			
		0-30 days	30-60 days	60-90 days	At harvest
T <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub> (0 Kg/ha) Control	0.008	0.010	0.013	0.026
T <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>2</sub> (20 Kg/ha)	0.023	0.049	0.028	0.060
T <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>3</sub> (40 Kg/ha)	0.014	0.020	0.020	0.044
T <sub>4</sub>	S <sub>4</sub> (60 Kg/ha)	0.026	0.052	0.033	0.075
	SE(m)±	0.005	0.007	0.002	0.003
	C.D. (p=0.05)	0.013	0.017	0.005	0.008
Levels of Zinc sulphate		0-30 days	30-60 days	60-90 days	At harvest
T <sub>5</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub> (0 Kg/ha) Control	0.013	0.029	0.012	0.047
T <sub>6</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub> (2.5 Kg/ha)	0.018	0.031	0.014	0.050
T <sub>7</sub>	Z <sub>3</sub> (5.0 Kg/ha)	0.017	0.031	0.025	0.052
T <sub>8</sub>	Z <sub>4</sub> (7.5 Kg/ha)	0.019	0.033	0.030	0.053
	SE(m)±	0.005	0.002	0.002	0.003
	C.D. (p=0.05)	0.013	0.006	0.005	0.008

**Table 3:** Effect of different levels of Sulphur and Zinc on absolute l growth rate in Indian Mustard [*Brassica juncea* (L.) *czern and cosson*]

S. No	Levels of Sulphur	Absolute growth rate (AGR)			
		0-30 days	30-60 days	60-90 days	At harvest
T <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub> (0 Kg/ha) Control	0.326	0.412	0.584	0.332
T <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>2</sub> (20 Kg/ha)	0.356	0.888	0.909	0.870
T <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>3</sub> (40 Kg/ha)	0.614	1.249	1.307	0.384
T <sub>4</sub>	S <sub>4</sub> (60 Kg/ha)	0.821	1.545	1.392	1.069
	SE(m)±	0.001	0.003	0.004	0.002
	C.D. (p=0.05)	0.002	0.008	0.010	0.006
Levels of Zinc sulphate		0-30 days	30-60 days	60-90 days	At harvest
T <sub>5</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub> (0 Kg/ha) Control	0.448	1.471	0.668	0.433
T <sub>6</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub> (2.5 Kg/ha)	0.449	1.473	0.669	0.721
T <sub>7</sub>	Z <sub>3</sub> (5.0 Kg/ha)	0.610	0.573	1.424	0.633
T <sub>8</sub>	Z <sub>4</sub> (7.5 Kg/ha)	0.611	0.576	1.432	0.870
	SE(m)±	0.001	0.003	0.004	0.002
	C.D. (p=0.05)	0.002	0.008	0.010	0.006

## Conclusion

From the present investigation it may be concluded that for obtaining a higher yields by sustaining soil fertility in terms of available N, P and K. The Mustard variety DRMRIJ-31 (Giriraj) during the *Rabi* season under Malwa region. Amongst the different treatments for the different parameters *viz.*, maximum crop growth rate, relative growth and absolute growth rate. The findings of present study indicated that growth attributes of crop significantly influence by integrated use of inorganic fertilizers during the period. It may be concluded that on application at 30, 45 and 60 DAS the maximum crop growth rate, relative growth and absolute growth rate were recorded with Zinc levels Z<sub>4</sub> (7.5 Kg/ha) in

plot T<sub>8</sub> and Sulphur levels S<sub>4</sub> (60 Kg/ha) in plot T<sub>4</sub>.

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