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Effect of integrated nutrient management on green gram (*Vigna radiata*) growth and productivity, soil health and It's economics: An overview

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Abstract

The combination of organic manures and inorganic Fertilizers has been demonstrated to be effective not only in sustaining consistently greater crop yield and for ensuring crop production stability, but also increase the soil microorganisms and improve physic-chemical properties of soil. INM serves as a source of energy, organic carbon, and accessible nitrogen. It also has a significant long-term impact of soil and succeeding crops. The main objective of INM is therefore to achieve eco-friendly or sustainability of soil health and its practices by combining the complementary qualities of both sources, thereby reducing the massive use of chemical Fertilizers and accumulating a balance between fertilizer inputs and crop nutrient requirements, maintaining soil fertility, optimizing the level of yield, maximizing profitability, and subsequently reducing environmental pollution.

Keywords: INM, eco-friendly, biofertilizers, FYM and inorganic fertilizers

Introduction

Indian population is predominantly vegetarian and protein requirement for the growth and development of the human being is mostly met with pulses. As per recommendation of WHO minimum requirement of pulses is 80 g capita⁻¹ day⁻¹. India is the largest producer of pulses and cultivated over 29 million hectares of area and recorded the highest ever production of 25.23 Million tones during 2017–2018 (MoA&FW, India 2018) [27]. Green gram is a leguminous crop that stores atmospheric nitrogen in root nodules, thereby considerably reducing the usage of chemical fertilizers in farm applications. Green gram is an excellent source of protein (24.5%) with high quality of lysine (460 mg/g N) and tryptophan (60 mg/g N). It contains also Remarkable quantity of ascorbic acid and riboflavin (0.21 mg /100 g) (Azadi *et al.* 2013) [6]. The presence of antinutritional factors such as tannins (366.6 mg/100 mg), phytic acid (441.5 mg/100 g), hemagglutinin, trypsin inhibitors, proteinase inhibitors, and polyphenols (462.5 mg/100 g) were reported in mung bean, which affect the digestion and bioavailability of full nutrition (Mubarak 2005) [29]. Mung bean is an annual crop that is highly branched and is about 60–76 cm tall (Oplinger *et al.* 1990) [31]. A regular depletion of nutrient is a threat to the area of sustainable agriculture. Moreover, at the present context, a proper combined use of organic and inorganic nutrient source is essential to keep stable soil health (Tan, Lal, and Wiebe 2005) [46]. The increased demand of food grain production up to 2050 about 400 Mt. India's annual consumption of chemical fertilizers in nutrient terms (NPK), has increased from 0.7 lakh MT in 1951-52 to 265.9 lakh MT 2017-2018, while per hectare consumption of chemical fertilizers, which was less than 1 kg ha⁻¹ in 1951-52 has risen to a level of 145.0 kg/ha in 2017-2018 and Consumption ratio of NPK fertilizers in India is about (6.1:2.5:1) in 2017-2018 for crop production (Anonymous, 2017-18) [4]. A single source of fertilizer is not sufficient to satisfy the requirement of a crop and also single fertilizer does not assist as a substitute for another nutrient, but they counterpart each other (Hazra 2016) [17]. Strong and convincing evidence indicates that INM practice could be an innovative and environment friendly practice for sustainable agriculture worldwide (Jat *et al.* 2015) [18]. Although, chemical fertilizer is playing a crucial role to meet the nutrients need of the crop, the imbalance and continuous use of chemical fertilizers has adverse effect on soil physical, chemical and biological properties thus affecting the sustainability of crop production, besides causing environmental pollution (Virmani, 1994) [53].

The role of Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) enhances the crop yields in various cropping systems ensuring long-term sustainability of the system (Aulakh, 2010) [5]. Biofertilizers when added as a component of INM is considered to be cost effective, eco-friendly and renewable source of non-bulky, low cost of plant nutrient supplementing chemical fertilizers in sustainable agriculture system in India (Priya *et al.* 2019) [36]. India is the largest producer and importer of the leguminous crop (Shakya *et al.* 2008) [40]. Legume plants are also capable of adding sufficient amount of plant residues to the soil system (Meena 2014) [25]. INM acts as a source of energy, organic carbon, and available nitrogen for the growth of soil microbes and improvement of physical properties of soil, and also have great residual effect on subsequent crops (Selim 2020) [39]. The important enzymes in the soil are mainly amylase, arylsulfatase, cellulase, chitinase, dehydrogenase, phosphatase, and urease which are released from plants, animals, organic compounds, and microorganisms and soils (Gupta *et al.* 1993) [16]. All these organic acid and enzymes played a vital role in soil biological processes and improve soil health.

Effect of INM on growth and productivity of Green gram

Integration of organic manure and chemicals fertilizer materials has been found to be promising not only in maintaining higher productivity of crops but also providing stability in crop production, besides improving soil physical conditions (Verma *et al.* 2012) [51]. Abhilasha *et al.* (2022) [2] Observed that application with 50% Vermicompost + 50% Poultry manure significantly resulted in higher values of growth and yield attributes as well as yields in Green gram under Bundelkhand region. Mishra, (2023) [28] Reported that use of Poultry Manure 75% + DAP 25% significantly increase plant height, number of branches plant⁻¹, dry weight, number of nodules plant⁻¹, number of grain pod⁻¹, number of pod per plant, grain yield, straw yield of Green gram. The Combined application of 75% RDF from urea+2tFYM ha⁻¹ + PSB + Rhizobium was recorded maximum growth and yield of green gram (Patel *et al.* 2016a) [34]. R. A. Singh (2007) [37] results found that the combined application of 20 kg N, 50 kg P₂O₅ and 10 t ha⁻¹ FYM results show significantly effect on growth, grain yield and yield attributes of Green gram over control. Integrated application of 100% RDF + Vermicompost @ 1.0 t ha⁻¹ + Rhizobium noted that significantly increases all growth and yield parameters its closely followed by 75% RDF + 1tVermicompost + Rhizobium treatment (Tyagi and Singh 2019) [48]. A research was conducted by (Kalal, 2020) found that recorded significantly higher growth parameter, yield attributes, yield and economics of summer Green gram due to application of 100% RDF + biocompost @ 2.5 t ha⁻¹ + PSB. Abbas *et al.* (2011) [1] it was found that application of organic and chemical fertilizers that significantly effect on growth, nodulation, and seed & stover yield of Green gram due to application of RDF (NPK) and Rhizobium inoculation performed better than all other treatments. Application of FYM and inorganic fertilizer increased the grain and biological yield (38.2, 50.6%, 44.1 and 43.2%, respectively) in the two years (Biyani *et al.* 2014) [9]. Combined application of nutrients through 75% RDF + 2.5 t ha⁻¹ Vermicompost + Rhizobium + PSB significant improved in plant height at harvest, yield attributes, production, nutrient content (Meena *et al.* 2015) [26]. Dhakal *et al.* (2015) [11] also observed that Significant improvement in LAI, number of trifoliolate, SPAD

value of green leaf chlorophyll, dry matter accumulation, yield, HI and nutrient content of Green gram were recorded highest due to application of 75% RDF + 2.5 t ha⁻¹ Vermicompost + Rhizobium + phosphorus solubilizing bacteria. Doifode *et al.* (2012) [12] reported that growth and yield were significantly improved due to combine seed treatment with Rhizobium and PSB along with R.D.F. (20:40 N: P kg ha⁻¹) and 2.5 t ha⁻¹ FYM. The combined applications of 100 kg DAP + 2 t ha⁻¹ Vermicompost + Rhizobium was significantly maximum grain yield of Green gram (Jat *et al.* 2012) [19]. Bhatt *et al.* (2013) [8] result was found that application of 1t ha⁻¹ Vermicompost, producing maximum seed yield (11.5 q ha⁻¹) and 23.7 q ha⁻¹ Straw yield. Combined application of 50% RDF + 2.5 t FYM + Rhizobium + PSB, results are show significantly maximum seed yield (987.12kg ha⁻¹) and straw yield (3212.87kg ha⁻¹) more nutrient uptake in grain and straw of Green gram (Tripathi *et al.* 2014) [47]. Pandey *et al.* (2019) [31] was found that produced maximum Plant height, no. of leaves & pod, no. of branches, root nodules yield of grain and straw yields Green gram under application of 75% NPK + 5t FYM ha⁻¹ + PSB+ Rhizobium. The growth, yield attributes parameters of Green gram was recorded significantly maximum under the combined application P₂O₅ 80kg ha⁻¹ and PSB(Singh *et al.* 2018) [44]. Kavita *et al.* (2018) [22] results revealed that yield attributes and yields were significantly influenced by the application of different organic nutrient management, 25% nitrogen through FYM + 25% nitrogen through vermicompost+ Rhizobium+ PSB @5ml/l produced significantly higher pods plant⁻¹ and seeds pod⁻¹ as well as seed yield in Green gram. Application of 10:40:20 NPK kg ha⁻¹ + 10 kg ha⁻¹ N through poultry manure + GA-3 75 + 75 PPM was observed significantly maximum yield and yield attributes of Green gram (Gadi *et al.* 2017) [13]. Combined application of 75% RDF from urea + 2t FYM ha⁻¹ + Rhizobium + PSB regularly improve the growth and yield of Green gram (Patel *et al.* 2016) [33].

Effect of INM on soil health

INM improve the Organic Carbon and available NPK and S content in the soil (Singh *et al.* 2011) [42]. Ali *et al.* (2009) [3] reported that the application of OM significantly increased the rhizospheric microbial population (Bacteria, Fungi and Actinomycetes) and available soil N, P and K in Green gram. Barkha, (2020) [7] observed that combined application 50% RDF + biocompost @ 2.5 t/ha + PSB @ 2.5 l/ha recorded significantly higher nutrient uptake (NPK) and available nutrient status in soil. Application of 100% RDN from Vermicompost significantly better response increased root nodules over control (Naveen *et al.* 2012) [30]. Gorade *et al.* (2014) [15] it was found that for obtaining higher yields by sustaining soil fertility in terms of available N and P₂O₅, in Green gram with application of RDF (25: 50: 00 N: P₂O₅: K₂O kg ha⁻¹) along with seed treatment of Rhizobium and PSB bio-fertilizers @ 25 g each kg⁻¹ seeds. Application 20kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹ from SSP + PSB inoculation @5ml kg⁻¹ seed the highest nodule dry weight (35mg plant⁻¹), followed by 40kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹ from SSP (Rathour *et al.* 2015) [38]. Dhakal *et al.* (2016) [10] results was showed that application of 100% RDF + 2.5 t ha⁻¹ vermi-compost and 100% RDF + rhizobium + PSB in Green gram, was recorded significant higher in number of nodules plant⁻¹ (80.97), dry weight of nodules (32.89 mg plant⁻¹) and also improve the nutrient content, available NPK and organic carbon in soil. Gohain *et al.* (2017) [14] reported

that application of Rhizobium + PSB, V.C @ 0.7 t ha⁻¹ was recording significantly higher Soil available N and K status after harvest as well as seed and straw NPK uptake. Verma *et al.* (2017)^[50] observed that application of Rhizobium + PSB + 20 kg N ha⁻¹ gave significantly higher number of nodules (25.10 plant⁻¹) and dry weight of nodules (24.10 mg plant⁻¹). S. Krishnaprabu (2018)^[24] reported that RDF along with rhizobium and PSB (seed inoculation) @600 g ha⁻¹ with foliar application of DAP @2% and NAA @40 ppm ha⁻¹ and combined with salicylic acid @ 100 PPM ha⁻¹ at 30 and 45 DAS. Integrated nutrient management not only increased the yield of Green gram but also increased the nutrient uptake besides improving the physico-chemical and biological properties of soil which provide better soil environment for growth. The N, P and K uptake in system was higher when the crop was given under above said treatment combinations. Use of biofertilizer source helped in maintaining soil fertility in terms of available nutrients. Singh *et al.* (2019)^[43] Reported that application of 75% RDF + PSB + 2.5t ha⁻¹ Vermicompost+ Rhizobium, significantly gave the maximum Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium content and uptake by Green gram and available N, P and K in soil. (Vigneshvarraj, 2020)^[52] results of the study clearly indicated that the integrated application of recommended dose of NPK + Zn enriched composted coir pith (ZnECCP) @ 6.25 t ha⁻¹ along with Rhizobium @ 2.0 kg ha⁻¹ through soil and foliar spray of pink pigmented facultative methylotrophs (PPFM) 1.0 percent twice at pre flowering and flowering stage enhanced the growth and yield and nutrient uptake of Green gram. (Kalaiyarasi 2019)^[20] observed that Application of 75% RDF and bio-fertilizers with vermicompost and castor cake markedly increased the available nutrient content in soil. Integration of organic either in the form of crop residue, organic manure or amendment has a significant effect on BD of agricultural soils and soil aggregation, soil structure, soil moisture retention capacity and infiltration rate (Sharma *et al.* 2015)^[41].

Effect of INM on economies of Green gram

Tripathi *et al.* (2014)^[47] was reported that consequently resulted maximum gross return (33500 Rs), net return (19578 Rs) and B: C ratio (2.41) with 100% RDF + Rhizobium + PSB (972.12kg ha⁻¹). Meena *et al.* (2015)^[26] observed that the highest and comparable net returns were obtained with the application of 100% RDF + Rhizobium + PSB (INR 52894.73). Keerthi *et al.* (2015)^[45] conducted an experiment during 2013 and 2014 at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. Which recorded highest net return (57,806 Rs ha⁻¹) and B: C ratio (2.43) associated with application of RDF, 12.5 t of FYM and 25 kg ZnSO₄ as basal and foliar spraying of 1% KNO₃ at 50 percent flowering. Highest Gross monetary returns, Net monetary returns and B: C ratio were observed with the application of 50kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹ along with foliar application of BOOST-52 (0:52:34) 30 and 45 DAS (Swathi *et al.* 2015)^[45]. Tyagi *et al.* (2015)^[49] reported that Gross return of (62125Rs ha⁻¹) was the highest with the application of 100% RDF + 1.0 t Vermicompost ha⁻¹ + Rhizobium. Highest net return (39741Rs ha⁻¹) was recorded with 100% RDF + 2 t FYM ha⁻¹ + Rhizobium, while the maximum B: C of 1.97 with the application of 100% RDF + Rhizobium. Kavita *et al.* (2018)^[22] observed that Gross monetary returns, Net monetary returns and B: C in Green gram was maximum (39332Rs ha⁻¹), (15392 Rs ha⁻¹) and 1.64 respectively)

application 25% nitrogen through FYM + 25% nitrogen through Vermicompost + Rhizobium + PSB @ 5ml/l). Singh *et al.* (2018)^[44] observed that Experiment results revealed that maximum gross returns (Rs 72371.00 ha⁻¹), net returns (Rs 50873.00 ha⁻¹) and B: C ratio (2.37) was recorded under treatment (60 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹+ PSB) for Green gram crop. Singh *et al.* (2019)^[43] reported that combined application of 75% RDF + PSB + 2.5t ha⁻¹ vermicompost + Rhizobium found best option for achieving higher net returns (Rs ha⁻¹ 28905) and B: C ratio 0.79 from Green gram.

Conclusion

Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) increases crop yields as compared with conventional practices, increases water and nutrients use efficiency and the economic returns to farmers, while improving grain quality and soil health and sustainability. INM not only increased the yield of Green gram but also increased the nutrient use efficiency and minimize the loss of nutrient their effect on improving the physico-chemical and biological properties of soil which provide better soil environment for crop growth.

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