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EFFECT OF CHLORIDE AND SULPHATE DOMINATED SALINITY ON MINERALS CONSTITUENTS OF SENNA (*CASSIA ANGUSTIFOLIA* VAHL.)

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Abstract: The present experiment was conducted to study the effect of chloride and sulphate dominated salinity on mineral constituents in leaves of Senna at pod maturity stage, a pot factorial experiment based on randomized complete design with three replicates was conducted in screen house. Four varying EC levels viz. control (without salt), 4, 8 and 12 dSm^{-1} of each salinity types along with nutrients supplemented in sand filled polythene bags. The study revealed that accumulation of sodium in leaves was recorded with the increase of salinity and it was more under sulphate dominated salinity treatment. Potassium on the hand declined with the increment of salinity and the decline was relatively higher under sulphate dominated salinity. Chloride and sulphate in leaves accumulation was found in chloride dominated salinity and sulphate dominated salinity respectively with the increase of salinity levels. The minerals estimated in leaves at the pod maturity stage an increase of their salts in the growing medium. Potassium on the other hand declined due to exchange with sodium.

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