

EFFECT OF MODIFIED AND SPLIT APPLICATION OF SSP ON AVAILABILITY OF PHOSPHORUS AT DIFFERENT GROWTH STAGES OF TRANSPLANTED RICE (*ORYZA SATIVA* L.)

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Abstract: A field study was carried out at instructional farm of Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology, Kumarganj, Faizabad during *Kharif* season, 2010-11 to evaluate the effect of modified phosphatic fertilizer on apparent recovery and phosphorus content in soil and transplanted rice. The experiment was comprised with nine treatments i.e. (T₁) control, (T₂) 100% RDPF, (T₃) 50% basal +50% top dressing in one split at tillering stage, (T₄) 50% basal+50% top dressing in two split 25% at tillering and 25% at PI stage, (T₅) mahua oil coated SSP, (T₆) neem oil coated SSP (T₇) gypsum coated SSP, (T₈) cow dung coated SSP and (T₉) poultry manure coated SSP. These were replicated as thrice under randomized block design. Rice variety NDR-359 was taken as test crop. The experimental soil having pH (1:2.5) 8.8, EC 0.41 dSm⁻¹, organic carbon (0.27%), available nitrogen (188.54), P₂O₅ (16.64) and K₂O (254.83) kg ha⁻¹. The availability of phosphorus significantly increased with the application of phosphorus at all crop growth stages in soil over the control. The maximum available phosphorus was obtained with the application of phosphorus coated with gypsum at tillering, panicle initiation, milking and harvest stages (32.60, 29.20, 24.30 and 19.70 kgPha⁻¹), respectively which was significantly superior over mahua oil, cow dung, poultry manure coated and all split application and at par with neem oil coated SSP.

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