

EVALUATION OF TURMERIC GERMPLASM UNDER TELANGANA CONDITIONS

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Abstract: The present investigation entitled “Germplasm evaluation of Turmeric (*Curcuma longa* L.)” was undertaken to evaluate the performance of different types of germplasm of turmeric under Telangana conditions. The experiment was carried out during kharif from 2017-18 and 2018-19 at Turmeric research station, Kammarapally, Nizamabad District, Telangana. Mahalanobis D^2 statistics revealed that considerable genetic diversity exists within and among the four clusters. The characters Rhizome length (58%) Size of mother Rhizomes (58%), showed that the variation among genotypes. In addition to genetic divergence, considering the mean performance and horticulturally desirable attributes, five genetically distant lines viz., Selam, Acc-94, Tekurpet, Lakadong, and Kasturiavidi, were selected as parents from cluster II, cluster III, cluster IV and cluster V for development of hybrids.

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