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Effect of Phosphorus Levels through Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) Packages on Phosphorus Availability and Phosphorus Fractions in Soil under Groundnut Crop

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ABSTRACT

The field experiment was conducted at College of Agriculture, Shivamogga during *kharif* 2015-2016. The total quantity of P and plant-available P often differ greatly fraction in acidic soils. Assessing available P is fundamental aspect to managing P in many of these soils. The objectives of this study were to effect of phosphorus levels through integrated nutrient management (INM) packages on status of phosphorus in soil under groundnut crop. The results revealed that significantly higher availability of phosphorus was recorded in treatment (T₉) whereas, lower phosphorus availability was found in treatment (T₁) at different stages of the crop growth stages. Significantly higher amount of all inorganic and organic forms of P in soil were recorded in application of higher dose of P i.e.50 kg ha⁻¹ (T₆). The percent contribution of different phosphorus fractions *viz.*, Saloid-P Al-P, Fe-P, Reductant Soluble-P, Occluded-P, Ca-P, Organic-P to Total-P, the lowest contribution to total-P from Occl-P (3.20 %), Ca-P (3.46 %), followed by Saloid-P (6.16 %), Red-P (9.83 %). The contribution from org-P (51.96 %) to total-P found to be highest, but Al-P (13.73 %) and Fe-P (13.16 %) was observed to be similar per cent contribution to total-P.

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Introduction

In soils, applied phosphate fertilizer enter into complex reactions with the various constituents of soils such as Fe, Al, Ca, Mg and get quickly converted to less soluble or insoluble forms as a result 20-25 per cent of applied phosphatic fertilizer is utilized by the crop in a season indicating low phosphorus use efficiency and buildup of P in soil is very common in the soils. The fixation of P is a pH dependent chemical reaction that makes it unavailable to crops.

Phosphorus availability in acid soils is low because of its fixation by iron and aluminium oxides which often limit the plant growth.

Further, phosphorus occurs in soils in both inorganic and organic forms. The inorganic phosphorus forms are largely associated with aluminium, iron and calcium compounds which act as major forms phosphorus in soils. On the contrary, the occluded and reductant soluble forms of phosphorus are interrelated

and contribute to the pool of plant available phosphorus in soils.

Integrated use of phosphorus fertilizers with FYM and bio-fertilizers like P solubilising bacteria for instance *Pseudomonas striatus*, enhancing the more P solubility and availability in soils. The INM practices increases available nutrients, facilitates slow release of nutrients and thus reduces nutrient losses. As such, P status is not poor in soils but its availability to plants from soil is meager as it is present mostly in unavailable or fixed forms. Therefore, efforts need to be made to solubilize unavailable P forms to plant available forms.

Keeping these views and facts in mind, a field experiment was conducted at College of Agriculture, Navile, Shivamogga during 2015-2016 on sandy loam soil to study the effect of phosphorus levels through integrated nutrient management (INM) packages on status of phosphorus in soil under groundnut crop.

Materials and Methods

A field experiment was conducted to investigate the effect of phosphorus levels through integrated nutrient management (INM) packages on status of phosphorus in soil under groundnut crop during the *kharif* 2015-16 under rainfed condition at College of Agriculture and ZAHRS, Shivamogga, comes under University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga and belongs to Southern Transition Agro-climatic Zone of Karnataka (Zone No. 7). The experimental site is situated at 14°0' to 14°1' North latitude and 75° 40' to 75° 42' East longitude with an altitude of 650 meters above the mean sea level. Groundnut crop variety (G2-52) was selected as a test crop. The experiment comprised nine treatment combinations with three phosphorus levels *viz.*, 20, 30 and 50 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹ applied

through inorganic P fertilizer (75 %) and FYM (25 %) along with PSB bio fertilizer which are laid out in Randomized Completely Block Design (RCBD) with three replications. The treatment details are given below.

Treatment details

T₁: RDNK + 20 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹, T₂: RDNK + 75 % of 20 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹ through chemical fertilizers (CF) + 25 % through FYM, T₃: T₂ + PSB, T₄: RDNK + 30 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹, T₅: RDNK + 75 % of 30 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹ through chemical fertilizers (CF) + 25 % through FYM, T₆: T₅ + PSB, T₇: RDNK + 50 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹, T₈: RDNK + 75 % of 50 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹ through chemical fertilizers (CF) + 25 % through FYM and T₉: T₈ + PSB

The initial properties of experimental site were determined by following standard procedures. The experimental site was Sandy loam (72.54 % sand, 10.25% silt, 17.21% clay). The soil was acidic in reaction pH : 5.47, EC: 0.078 dS m⁻¹, OC : 4.82 g kg⁻¹, CEC: 9.3 c mol (p+) kg⁻¹ and the status of available N, P and K were 207.43, 142.48 and 191.06 kg ha⁻¹, respectively. Exchangeable Ca and Mg were 2.70 and 1.50, respectively and available sulphur were 8.40 mg kg⁻¹. The initial values of soil P fractions (mg kg⁻¹) were as Saloid -P: 8.21, Al-P: 57.65, Fe-P: 50.98, Reductant Soluble-P: 48.95, Occluded -P: 6.52, Ca-P: 8.41 and organic P: 237.55 and total -P: 418.27. Analysis of inorganic phosphorus fraction was carried out standard procedure outlined by (Peterson and Corey, 1966). The analysis of variance to factorial randomized block design to test difference among treatments was carried out as per the procedure described by Panse and Sukhatme (1985).

Results and Discussion

Data pertaining to available of phosphorus status in soil at different crop growth stages of

groundnut as influenced by different levels of P with and without FYM and PSB treatment is given in table 1.

The data on available phosphorus in soil recorded at 30, 60, 90 DAS and at harvest of the crop showed significant variations among the treatments due to influence of phosphorus levels through integrated nutrient management (INM) packages. The available P status of soil decreased as the crop growth stages advanced and at harvest the status of available P was found to be low. The treatment supplied with higher dose of P i.e., 75 % of 50 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹ through CF + 25 % through FYM + PSB recorded higher phosphorus availability in soil to the tune of 147.67, 138.32, 131.58 and 129.92 kg ha⁻¹ at 30, 60, 90 DAS and at harvest stage, respectively. But, it was statistically on par with treatment supplied with 75 % of 30 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹ through CF + 25 % through FYM + PSB which recorded to extent of 136.92, 133.11, 124.92 and 118.60 kg ha⁻¹ at 30, 60, 90 DAS and harvest stage respectively. Significantly lower P status was recorded due to application of lower dose of P i.e., 20 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹ in T₁ treatment (112.09, 109.01, 108.31 and 106.57 kg ha⁻¹ at 30, 60, 90 DAS and harvest stage, respectively).

Application higher dose P along with FYM and PSB resulted in the solubilisation and mobilization by ligand exchange reaction of negative charged organic acids with phosphate ions on aluminium and iron phosphate minerals and finally releases the phosphate ions into solution. The treatment T₆ with 30 kg ha⁻¹ P applied along with FYM and PSB showed less availability compared to higher dose of P applied. This may be due to more uptake of phosphorus which reduces the concentration of P in soil solution. Application of PSB helps in realising P from native P as well as protecting fixation of added P and rendering more available P. The

results are in accordance with the findings of Ramesh Chander *et al.*, (2011). Significantly lower P status was recorded due to application of lower dose of P i.e., 20 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹ in T₁ (106.57 kg ha⁻¹ at harvest stage). It might be attributed to less availability of P and their less utilization by the crop. Applied P, might have enter in to fixation and adsorption on soil colloids; this mechanisms are relevant to P losses (Vogeler, *et al.*, 2009).

The results on Saloid-P, Al-P, Fe-P and Red-P content of soil as influenced by different P levels application through INM packages are presented in tables 2 and 3. At harvest stage, among the imposed treatments, treatment T₇ (50 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹) recorded significantly higher Saloid-P (34.69 mg kg⁻¹) content in soil. But it was statistically on par with T₉ treatment supplied with 75 % through CF of 50 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹ + 25 % through FYM + PSB (32.52 mg kg⁻¹). Saloid-P fraction in soil found significantly lower content in T₁ treatment (17.14 mg kg⁻¹) supplied with 20 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹ alone. Additions of P fertilizers increased Saloid-P it might be due to physically adsorbed on soil particles Singaram and Kothandaraman (1993). These results are in agreement with findings of Patel *et al.*, (1992) and Singh and Gupta (1995) who reported that the irrespective application of P fertilizers sources tended to increase the content of Saloid-P.

At harvest stage of groundnut, among the levels of P applied, the treatment T₇ (50 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹) was recorded significantly higher content of Al-P, Fe-P, Reductant Soluble-P, Occluded-P fraction (90.63 mg kg⁻¹, 86.95 g kg⁻¹, 64.80 mg kg⁻¹, 21.09 mg kg⁻¹, respectively). The significantly lower value of Al-P fraction was recorded in T₃ (51.77 mg kg⁻¹, 63.64 mg kg⁻¹, 63.81 mg kg⁻¹, 3.56 mg kg⁻¹, respectively) supplied with 75 % of 20 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹ through CF + 25 % through FYM + PSB.

Table.1 Effect of phosphorus levels through INM packages on available P₂O₅ status of soil at different growth stages of groundnut

Treatments	Available P ₂ O ₅ (kg ha ⁻¹)			
	30 DAS	60 DAS	90 DAS	Harvest
T ₁ : 20 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹	112.09	109.01	108.31	106.57
T ₂ : 75 % of 20 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹ through CF + 25 % through FYM	115.16	113.30	112.26	109.09
T ₃ : T ₂ + PSB	118.63	116.57	114.33	111.57
T ₄ : 30 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹	122.82	119.40	116.68	113.59
T ₅ : 75 % of 30 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹ through CF + 25 through FYM	124.00	123.41	118.74	115.56
T ₆ : T ₅ + PSB	136.92	133.11	124.92	118.60
T ₇ : 50 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹	140.09	128.57	125.62	123.70
T ₈ : 75 % of 50 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹ through CF + 25 % through FYM	144.95	132.21	128.77	125.88
T ₉ : T ₈ + PSB	147.67	138.32	131.58	129.92
S Em ±	2.40	1.76	1.07	1.31
CD (P=0.05)	7.20	5.30	3.20	3.93

CF: Chemical Fertilizers, PSB: Phosphorus Solubilising Bacteria, DAS: Days After Sowing
RDNK and FYM @ 10 t ha⁻¹ common to all treatments

Table.2 Effect of phosphorus levels through INM packages on distribution of P fractions in soil at harvest stage of groundnut

Treatments	P Fractions (mg kg ⁻¹)			
	Saloid- P	Al – P	Fe- P	Red- P
Initial status	8.21	57.65	50.98	48.95
T ₁ : 20 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹	17.14 (3.53)	59.48 (12.29)	70.65 (14.59)	59.28 (12.23)
T ₂ : 75 % of 20 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹ through CF + 25 % through FYM	21.42 (4.50)	54.68 (11.46)	66.38 (13.93)	57.92 (12.15)
T ₃ : T ₂ + PSB	23.68 (4.27)	51.77 (9.33)	63.64 (11.49)	55.68 (10.04)
T ₄ : 30 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹	26.44 (4.53)	78.40 (13.40)	79.51 (13.58)	63.81 (10.91)
T ₅ : 75 % of 30 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹ through CF + 25 % through FYM	28.25 (4.70)	75.79 (12.59)	76.14 (12.65)	56.41 (9.36)
T ₆ : T ₅ + PSB	30.63 (4.65)	71.56 (12.70)	72.99 (12.94)	53.79 (9.57)
T ₇ : 50 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹ through CF	34.69 (6.16)	90.63 (13.73)	86.95 (13.16)	64.80 (9.83)
T ₈ : 75 % of 50 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹ through CF + 25 % through FYM	31.77 (5.02)	84.37 (13.31)	83.07 (13.12)	62.48 (9.89)
T ₉ : T ₈ + PSB	32.52 (5.22)	82.21 (13.21)	81.81 (13.14)	61.03 (9.81)
S Em ±	0.92	2.12	1.75	1.72
CD (P=0.05)	2.97	6.36	5.24	5.17

CF: Chemical Fertilizers, PSB: Phosphorus Solubilising Bacteria.
RDNK and FYM @ 10 t ha⁻¹ common to all treatments
Values in parenthesis (:): Percent contribute to Total -P

Table.3 Effect of phosphorus levels through INM packages on distribution of P fractions and Total-P in soil at harvest of groundnut

Treatments	P Fractions (mg kg ⁻¹)			
	Occl - P	Ca – P	Org- P	Total - P
Initial status	6.52	8.41	237.55	418.27
T ₁ : 20 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹	8.71 (1.80)	7.10 (1.47)	262.23 (54.10)	484.58
T ₂ : 75 % of 20 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹ through CF + 25 % through FYM	5.33 (1.11)	5.34 (1.12)	265.90 (55.73)	476.97
T ₃ : T ₂ + PSB	3.56 (0.64)	3.62 (0.66)	353.33 (63.57)	555.28
T ₄ : 30 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹	14.12 (2.41)	15.63 (2.68)	308.54 (52.50)	586.45
T ₅ : 75 % of 30 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹ through CF + 25 % through FYM	11.46 (1.90)	13.00 (2.16)	341.20 (56.64)	602.25
T ₆ : T ₅ + PSB	9.78 (1.73)	10.81 (1.92)	310.70 (54.97)	564.32
T ₇ : 50 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹	21.09 (3.20)	22.88 (3.46)	344.97 (51.96)	661.94
T ₈ : 75 % of 50 kg P ₂ O ₅ ha ⁻¹ through CF + 25 % through FYM	18.56 (2.93)	18.56 (2.93)	335.58 (52.80)	634.40
T ₉ : T ₈ + PSB	8.71 (2.51)	16.47 (2.64)	332.94 (53.47)	622.59
S Em ± RDNK and FYM @ 10 t ha ⁻¹ common to all treatments	0.84	0.72	13.79	14.37
CD (P=0.05)	2.51	2.18	41.33	43.10

Al-P fraction content in soil increased with increasing levels of P application. However, the Al-P content decreased with increasing levels of organic residue. The contribution of Al-P to Total -P over the percentage of Saloid -P might be ascribed to higher total aluminium content of soil. Relative increase of Al-P indicated the strong effect of fertilization on this form of phosphorus. Similar results were also reported by Singh and Gupta (1995), Bahl and Singh (1997) and Verma (2002). Application of DAP resulted in the formation of more Fe-P in the soil as the soluble MCP of DAP would have been converted to Fe -P and Al-P. The reduction of Fe-P with P solubilisers compared to phosphate fertilizers causing reduction in Fe-P Setia and Sharma (2007). This results are corroborates with the findings of Eresha *et al.*, (2015), The reduction of Red- P with FYM application which might be due to FYM ascribed to dissolution of iron oxide coating with organic acids released during decomposition of FYM causing reduction of Red - P in soil. These results are in line with Singaram and Kothandaraman (1991). The fixation and transformation of native and added P to Occl-P is generally low (Ranjit, 2007).

Application of different levels of phosphorus through INM packages significantly influenced on Calcium-P, Organic and Total-P fraction at harvest stage of groundnut. At harvest stage, treatment T₇ (50 kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹) recorded significantly higher Ca- P (22.88 mg kg⁻¹, 353.33 mg kg⁻¹, 661.94 mg kg⁻¹).

The content of Ca-P was lesser than Fe-P, Al-P and Occl-P. It can be inferred that the less content of Ca-P in the surface soil may be due to low soil pH Eresha *et al.*, (2015). Addition of organic residue increased food for microorganisms, during decomposition of organic residue release of low molecular weight organic acids in soil. Which convert

non-labile P in to labile P and enhances soil solution P, there by decreases in Al- P and Ca-P while increase the availability of P in soil. Similar results were also reported by Eresha *et al.*, (2015) and Dotaniya *et al.*, (2014).

Application of FYM increased the organic carbon in soil which is positive relationships with Org.-P, thereby increase the Org.-P fraction in soil (Anil Kumar *et al.*, 2013) and (Manimaran, 2015).

The combined use of inorganic and organic P fertilizers like FYM along with phosphate solubilising bacteria like *Pseudomonas striatus* reduces the inorganic phosphorus forms. By adoption of INM packages increases the availability of phosphorus in soil by solubilization and mobilization of native build up P in soil and reduces the phosphorus fixation with iron, aluminium and calcium metal ions in soil.

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