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Survey of Different Locations for Prevalence of Wilt Disease of Gladiolus

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Gladiolus is one among the most popular commercial cut flowers of commercial importance in the world market ranked forth (Bose and Yadav 1989). A survey for the incidence of wilt of gladiolus (*F. oxysporum* f.sp. *gladioli*) was carried out at 12 locations comprising five tahsils of Aurangabad district during 2016-17. The highly prone areas of wilt of gladiolus under polyhouse in Aurangabad district were Naygaon and Bhoyagaon (10.00% each), followed by Fardapur (09.50%). The average district mean per cent incidence of wilt of gladiolus under protected condition (polyhouse) in Aurangabad was recorded 07.95 per cent.

Introduction

Gladiolus (*Gladiolus hybridus* L.) is one of the such cut flower which has tremendous potential in the international and national market with a trade value of more than 98.2 million dollars (Anonymous 2016). In India gladiolus is mostly grown in state like Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Orissa, Chattisgarh, Haryana, Maharashtra, Uttarkhand, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Sikkim (Anonymous 2016). In Marathwada region of Maharashtra gladiolus is being grown under several units and open cultivation with a production of 9.8 lakh cut flowers per annum, valuing 148 lakh rupees, as per 2015-16 estimates (Anonymous, 2016). At present the

area under cut flower in India 80 thousand ha. with 472 thousand tonnes production (Anonymous 2016).

The low productivity of gladiolus is attributed to productivity constrains. Among these biotic factor particularly diseases play an important role in the limiting the production of gladiolus. Gladiolus is affected by a number of diseases which are caused by fungi, bacteria, nematodes and viruses. The corm rot of wilt of gladiolus is one of the most important fungal diseases caused by *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp. *gladioli* (Mirza and Shakir 1991). The literature reveals that the yield losses caused due to wilt of gladiolus become very severe now a day and causes 60-70 per

cent plant mortality. According to Bruhm (1995) and Protstnko (1958) above 35% annual loss was estimated in Germany and 60 – 80 % annual loss in Russia. In India 7.12- 64.23 % disease incidence was recorded at Himachal Pradesh. This fungus has been distributed throughout the world and particularly prevalent in cool as well as warm climate and significant loss was reported.

The wilt of gladiolus caused by *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp *gladioli* is a serious problem in open as well as protected cultivation especially polyhouse. The information are lacking on study and their management in protected condition.

Materials and Methods

Survey for wilt of gladiolus in Aurangabad District

Survey was conducted in polyhouse units and open field, gladiolus growing of Aurangabad district to record the incidence of wilt. From each Taluka / Block four villages were chosen for recording incidence of disease. The disease incidence was recorded by counting the number of plants showing wilt disease symptoms such as corm rotting, yellowing of leaves, wilt of plants and the total number of plants present. In each field rows were selected randomly and the number of plants showing typical wilt symptoms and total number of plants were recorded. Percent disease incidence was calculated by using formula given by Mayee and Datar (1985).

Percent disease incidence =

$$\frac{\text{No. of affected Plant}}{\text{Total No. of Plant}} \times 100$$

During survey characteristic symptoms of wilt disease, variety, method of corm storage,

plant protection measure adopted by farmer etc. were recorded and also samples were collected for isolation of pathogen.

Results and Discussion

Prevalance of wilting of gladiolus under protected cultivation (polyhouse) in different locations at Aurangabad district of Marathwada region

A survey for the incidence of wilt of gladiolus (*F. oxysporum* f.sp. *gladioli*) was carried out at 12 locations comprising five tahsils of Aurangabad district during 2016-17 and results are presented in (Table 1).

Data presented in Table 1 showed that incidence of wilt of gladiolus varied from 05.00 to 10.00 per cent. The highly prone areas of wilt of gladiolus under polyhouse in Aurangabad district were Naygaon and Bhoyagaon (10.00% each), followed by Fardapur (09.50%). The lowest disease incidence was recorded at Sultanpur (05.00%) and Borgaon (06.00%) locations in Paithan tahsil of Aurangabad district. The average district mean per cent incidence of wilt of gladiolus under protected condition (polyhouse) in Aurangabad was recorded 07.95 per cent.

Tahsil wise mean disease incidence

The data from the (Table 1 and Fig.1) revealed the mean disease incidence observed in five tahsils of Aurangabad district ranged from 06.00 to 9.75 per cent. However, the highest mean disease incidence was found in Soygaon tahasil (09.75%), followed by Fulambri (09.00%), Aurangabad and Kannad (07.50% each) and the lowest mean incidence was reported in Paithan tahasil 06.00 per cent. The highest disease incidence in Nayagon and Bhoyagaon village could be due to using infected corms for sowing.

Prevalance of wilting of gladiolus in open field of different locations at Aurangabad district of Marathwada region

A survey for the incidence of wilt of gladiolus (*F. oxysporum* f.sp. *gladioli*) was carried out at 18 locations comprising six tahsils of Aurangabad district during 2016-17. The gladiolus open fields were surveyed at seedling stage and results are presented in (Table 2 and PLATE I)

Data presented in Table 2 showed that incidence of wilt of gladiolus varied from 08.00 to 21.00 per cent. The highly prone areas of wilt of gladiolus in Aurangabad district were Dabhadi (21.00%), followed by Bramhni and Wadi (20.50%) each, Ajantha (20.00%). The lowest disease incidence was recorded at Tongaon (08.00%) and Kanchanwadi (08.50%) locations in Aurangabad tahsil of Aurangabad district. The average district mean percent incidence

of wilt of gladiolus in open field at Aurangabad was recorded 15.29 per cent.

Tahsil wise mean disease incidence

The data from the (Table 2, Fig.2 and PLATE I) revealed the mean disease incidence observed in six tahsils of Aurangabad district ranged from 10.12 to 20.75 per cent. However, the highest mean disease incidence was found in Kannad tahasil (20.75), followed by Soegaon (19.32%), sillod (18.10%), Paithan (15.16%) and Fulambri (14.90%).The lowest mean incidence was reported in Aurangabad tahasil 10.12 per cent.

The highest disease incidence in Kannad tahasil of Bramhani and Dabhadi village could be due to presence of high soil pH, storage condition and using infected corms for planting. The same opinion was also expressed by Harrison (1962), Grimals skaya (1978), Gopal *et al.*, (2000).

Table 1 Per cent disease incidence of wilt of gladiolus under protected cultivation (polyhouse) at Aurangabad district

Sr.No	District	Tahsil	Village	Disease Incidence %
1	Aurngabad	1.Aurangabad	Adgaon	7.00
			Shendra	7.50
			Karmad	8.00
			Mean	7.50
		2.Soegaon	Fardapur	9.50
			Naygaon	10.00
		3.Fulambri	Mean	9.75
			Nimkheda	8.00
		4.Paithan	Bhoyagaon	10.00
			Mean	9.00
			Borgaon	6.00
		5. Kannad	Pimpalwadi	7.00
			Sultanaipur	5.00
			Mean	6.00
			Kolewadi	8.00
			Dabradi	7.00
		Average district mean	Mean	7.50
			Average district mean	7.95

Table.2 Per cent disease incidences of wilt of gladiolus in open field at Aurangabad district

Sr.No	District	Tahsil	Village	Disease Incidence %
1	Aurangabad	1.Aurangabad	Phardadi	10.00
			Toangaon	8.00
			Kanchanwadi	8.50
			Shendra	9.10
			Karmad	15.00
		Mean		10.12
		2.Sillod	Ajantha	20.00
			Bodwad	19.20
			Lihakhedi	15.10
		Mean		18.10
		3.Soegaon	Fardapur	18.15
			Wadi	20.50
		Mean		19.32
		4.Fulambri	Nimkheda	13.80
			Bhoyagaon	14.50
			Girsalwadi	16.40
		Mean		14.90
		5.Paithan	Pusegaon	12.10
			Pimpalwadi	15.80
			Sultanapur	17.60
		Mean		15.16
		6. Kannad	Bramhani	20.50
			Dabhadi	21.00
		Mean		20.75
Average district mean				15.29

Fig.1 Tahsils wise disease incidence of wilting on gladiolus under protected condition (Polyhouse) at Aurangabad districts

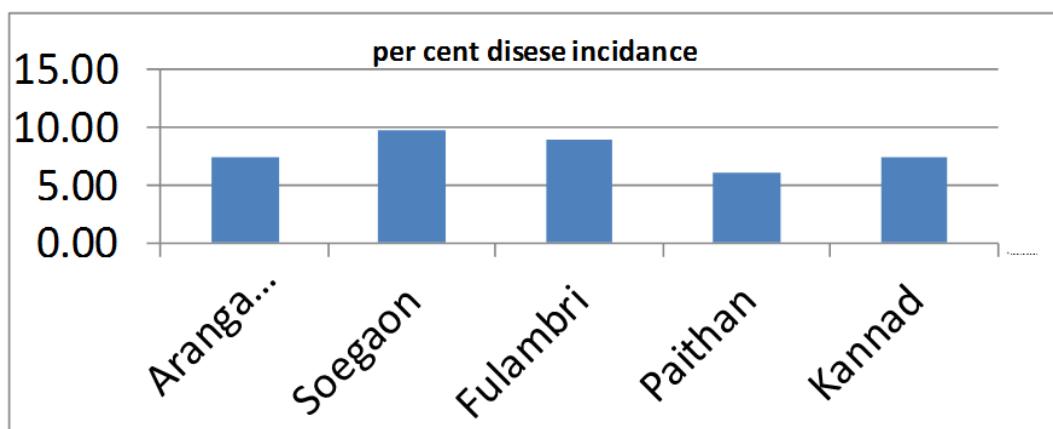


Fig.2 Tahsils wise disease incidence of wilting on gladiolus in open field at Aurangabad districts

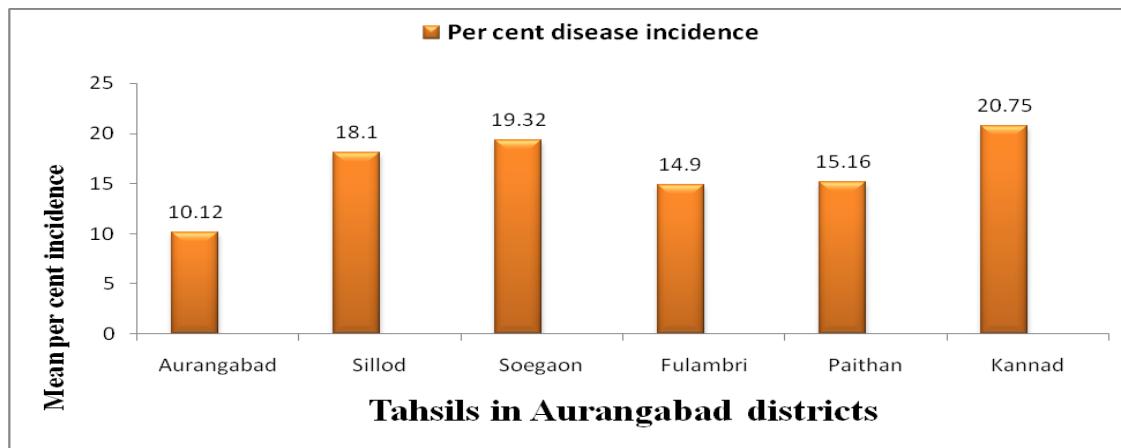


Plate.1 Survey of Gladiolus in Aurangabad District



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