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GROWTH OF SOLANUM MELONGENA IN EFFLUENT OF OKHLA INDUSTRIAL AREA

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ABSTRACT

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Effluent; Pollutant; Seed germination; Solanum *melongena*; Effluent Tolerance Index (ETI). The objective of the present work was to observe the effects of the effluents on one of the crop plants. The physico-chemical parameters of the effluent sample show that the pollution level is high in the effluent which was collected from Okhla Industrial Area Phase-I, New Delhi. In this study we have found that, the growth of Solanum *melongena* was good at 25% concentration of the effluent for 15, 30,45 and 60 days in the soil without any treatment, soil with cow dung treatment and soil with the Neem treatment. In this study ETI (Effluent Tolerance Index) showing the continuous decrease with the increase in concentration of effluents reduces the growth of Solanum *melongena*. The study suggests that the effluent may be used for agricultural purposes after taking the suitable dilution of the effluents.

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INTRODUCTION

Industrial effluents can be considered as a potential source of irrigation water and nutrients for the growth of agricultural crops in areas where industrial effluents are being discharged. However, proper treatment and removal of toxic substances are necessary before using industrial effluents for irrigation purpose (Ivy et. al. 2015). Rapid growth of industries in par with the threatening population lasted to the high discharge of industrial wastewater spoiling ground water quality, soil and vegetation in that area (Babyshakila et. al. 2009). The most important effluent discharging industries are thermal power plants, paper mills, textiles, distilleries, fertilizer unit, electroplating plants, tannery industries, sugar mills, sago factories, oil refineries, pesticide and herbicide industries. Industrial effluents containing heavy metals pose a threat to the ecosystem (Amathussalam et al. 2002). The environmental pollution due to toxic metals has begun to cause concern now in most major cities. The toxic metals entering the ecosystem may lead to geoaccumulation, bioaccumulation and biomagnifications (Lokeshwari et.al. 2006). Normally wastewater is used for irrigation purposes in many countries which are suffering from low availability of water (Al-Ansari et. al. 2013., Arora et. al. 2008). Pollution is a matter of great concern because of its adverse effects on human health,

animals, plants and various exposed materials (Nawaz et. al. 2006). Industrialization play an important role in the development process but the wastewater disposal has become a global dilemma for the industries because of generation of high volume of effluents, limited space for land based treatment & disposal and high cost of treatment technologies (Kumar & Chopra). Effluents affect the time of flowering and fruiting number of fruits, weight of fruits and effect on vascular bundles (Uaboi-Egbenni et. al. 2009). The utilization of industrial effluents for irrigation of crop plants is a highly beneficial solution to control the pollution (Medhi et. al. 2008). Industrial waste water contains very poisonous salts, alkalis, acids, odour, gases, heavy metals, insecticides etc. These polluted wastes are thrown into the canals, streams or rivers affecting the quality of water, making the water unfit for irrigation purposes and for other uses (Malik et. al. 2003). Seed germination is a fascinating process. The industrial effluents possess various organic and inorganic chemical compounds. The presence of these chemicals will show detrimental effects on the development of plant, germination process and growth of seedlings (Wins and Murugam. 2010, Vijaakumari and Kumudha. 1990, Vijayarengan and Lakshyamanachary. 1993). Treated industrial effluents can be used for irrigation purposes but when the effluent is used without any treatment, toxic substances present in the effluent reduces crop growth and

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gives severe adverse effect on soil properties (Medhi *et. al.* 2008). Effluent released with high temperature can raise the temperature of water bodies, reducing the solubility of oxygen in the water and increasing the pH value of the receiving body (Ara begum *et. al.* 2010, Rao *et. al.* 1983). Irrigation water quality not only affect the growth of crops, but also has long term effects on soil health, grain quality, fodder quality and health of consumers (Garg & Kaushik. 2007).

MATERIALS AND METHOD

In the present study attempts have been made to investigate pollutants of wastewater effluents of Okhla Industrial Area Phase-I, New Delhi and their effects on growth of Solanum melongena. The present study was conducted with five different concentrations of effluent sample collected from industrial area phase-I New Delhi situated at 28.5223° N Latitude and 77.2849⁰ S Longitude. The physico-chemical properties of the effluent were analyzed by the procedure of APHA (1992) in the Environmental Science Laboratory, Department of Applied Sciences and Humanities, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India from 02 May 2017 to 02 August 2017. The sets were made by dissolving calculated amount of effluents in tap water i.e. Tc, T_{25} , T_{50} , T_{75} , T_{100} and by maintaining the ratio of effluent and tap water as-0:100, 25:75, 50:50, 75:25, 100:0 respectively as shows in table -1.

 Table 1 Different dilution levels of the industrial effluent with different ratios.

S.N	Volume of effluent %	Volume of tap water %	Concentration V/V Effluent:Water	Final Concentration of the effluent	Symbol
1	0	100	0:100	0	Tc
2	25	75	25:75	25	T ₂₅
3	50	50	50:50	50	T ₅₀
4	75	25	75:25	75	T ₇₅
5	100	100	0:100	100	T ₁₀₀

Industrial effluent of different concentrations was used to investigate the effect of industrialeffluent and to observe growth of Solanum melongena-Variety PK-123) which was bought from Indian Agriculture research Institute (IARI), PUSA, New Delhi. During experiment, seeds of Solanum melongena were collected and sterilized by 0.1 % of mercuric chloride solution which helped to remove the microbes. Pot culture experiment was carried out to study the effect of industrial effluent on the growth of Solanum melongena (Fig-01). Earthen pots were filled with air dry soil. The collected effluent was considered as 100 percent concentration. Different dilutions of effluent viz 0, 25, 50 75 percent were prepared from 100 percent concentration of effluent by adding tap water. Earthen pots filled with dry soil were prepared for separate treatment with Neem and cow dung. Three replications were maintained for each level of concentration of effluent. One set of earthen pot was arranged without applying any effluent (as control). Tap water was used in control. The pots were irrigated with respective concentrations of effluent and kept for 60 days. After a gap of 15, 30, 45 and 60 days, the root length, shoot length, fresh weight and dry weight were recorded.

Effluent Tolerance Index (ETI)

The effluent tolerance index was calculated using the formula determined by Turner & Marshal. 1972, Bhale.*et al*.2011.

 $ETI = \frac{Mean \ length \ of \ root \ \& \ shoot \ in \ effluent}{Mean \ length \ of \ largest \ root \ \& \ shoot \ in \ the \ control}$



Fig 1 Pot culture for the growth of Solanum melongena.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The physicochemical characteristics of the effluent are presented in Table-2.

Table 2 Physico-Chemica	l characteristics	of the effluents.
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S.N	Parameters	value
1.	Colour	Dark brown
2.	Temperature(Celsius)	30
3.	pH	8.0
4.	$EC(\mu S)$	1.54
5.	TDS(mg/l)	670
6.	BOD(mg/l)	244
7.	COD(mg/l)	432
8.	Alkalinity(mg/l)	50
9.	Chloride(mg/l)	2223
10.	Sulphate(mg/l)	72
11.	Phosphate(mg/l)	0.928

The effluent had dark brown color and was found alkaline in nature (pH 8.0). The electrical conductivity (EC) value and temperature were recorded as 1.54 μ S/ cm and 30°C. The values of BOD, COD, TDS, Alkalinity, chloride, Sulphate and phosphate of the collected effluent were determined as 244, 432, 670, 50, 2223, 72and 0.928 mg/L respectively. The values of BOD, COD and Chloride ions exceeded the ISI tolerance limit, which affect the water quality of receiving bodies and thus were found unfit for irrigation purpose. The results for root length of Solanum melongena with sets of soil treatments using different effluent concentrations are shows in table-3.

Table 3 Root Length (mm/plant) of Solanum melongenagrown under different concentrations with different soiltreatments. (n=3. Mean ± SD)

Soil Treatment	Effluents	Age of the plants (days after sowing)				
	concentration	15 30		45	60	
-	0%	60.0±1.802	92.3±0.288	98.5±0	110.5±0.5	
Soil without	25%	66.3±1.040	98.3±0.288	100.5±0	111.5±0.5	
any Treatment	50%	67.8±2.254	97.1±0.288	98.5±0.866	110.3±0.577	
	75%	65.1±0.577	95.8±0.577	98.5±0	109.6±0.577	
	100%	60.1±0.763	96.0±0.886	98.1±0.288	109.6±0.763	
	0%	61.0±1	94.1±0.577	99.0±0.866	112.0±0	
Soil with cow	25%	67.0±0.5	100.5±0	104.5±0	113.1±0.288	
dung treatment	50%	68.1±2.362	97.8±0.577	104.0±0	112.1±0.577	
	75%	64.0±0	97.6±0.288	101.1±0.288	111.8±0.577	
	100%	62.0±1	96.1±0.288	100.3±0.288	110.5±0.5	
	0%	60.6±0.577	94.8±0.577	99.1±0.577	111.6±0.577	
Soil with Noom	25%	66.3±0.577	98.8±0.288	100.8±0.288	112.3±0.288	
Treatment	50%	68.6±2.516	97.6±0.577	99.8±0.763	110.5±0.5	
Treatment	75%	65.0±0.5	96.8±0.288	99.1±0.763	108.6±1.154	
	100%	61.0 ± 2.0	95.6±0.763	98.6±0.577	108.5±0.866	

In this study it was found that the root length in soil without any treatment was highest at 50% for 15 days but for 30, 45, 60 days 25 % concentration showing highest growth. Same results were observed in Soil with cow dung treatment and soil with Neem treatment, as in soil without any treatment. The results for shoot length of Solanum *melongena* with different sets of soil and effluent concentrations are shown in Table-4

Table 4 Shoot Length (mm/plant) of Solanum melongenagrown under different concentrations with different soiltreatments. (n=3. Mean ± SD)

Soil Treatment	Effluents'	Age of the plants (days after sowing)						
	concentration	15	30	45	60			
	0%	57.6±1.892	115.1±0.288	181.0±0.866	298.1±0.288			
Soil without any	25%	69.3±0.577	119.3±1.154	183.3±0.288	305.0±0			
Trootmont	50%	68.3±0.577	115.6±1.154	182.1±0.288	303.0±1.732			
Treatment	75%	60.8±2.753	114.3±0.577	181.5±0.5	301.6±2.08			
	100%	60.0±1.732	114.3±0.577	180.3±0.577	300.0±1			
	0%	58.6±0.577	117.3±0.577	185.3±1.154	302.3±1.154			
Soil with cow	25%	70.6±1.527	119.6±0.577	187.1±0.577	309.6±0.577			
dung treatment	50%	69.6±0.577	118.0 ± 0	186.8 ± 0.288	308.3±0.577			
	75%	63.0±1	116.6±0.577	185.3±0.577	307.3±0.577			
	100%	60.0±1	116.3±0.577	184.5±0.866	306.3±0.577			
	0%	58.6±0.288	118.0 ± 1	182.0±0	300.6±0.577			
Coil with Moom	25%	70±1.732	118.3±0.288	184.1±0.288	307.3±0.577			
Treatment	50%	68.3±1.527	116.6±0.577	183.5±0.5	306.3±0.577			
Treatment	75%	65.3±2.516	116.3±1.15	182.3±0.577	305.0±1			
	100%	61.0±1	115.3±0.577	181.0±0	304.0±0			

The results show that the shoot length is highest in 25 % concentration of the effluents in all sets of soil samples. The reduction in the shoot length was also observed with the increase in the concentration of the effluents. The Effluent tolerance index (ETI) values for root and shoot are shown in Table-5.

 Table 5 Effluent Tolerance Index (ETI)

Soil Treatment	Effluents'	Age of the plants (days after sowing)				
	concentration		15	30	45	60
		Root	1.105	1.065	1.020	1.009
	25%	Shoot	1.203	1.036	1.012	1.023
Soil		Root	1.130	1.052	1.000	0.998
without	50%	Shoot	1.185	1.004	1.006	1.016
any		Root	1.085	1.037	1.000	0.991
Trootmont	75%	Shoot	1.055	0.993	1.002	1.011
meatiment	100%	Root	1.001	1.040	0.995	0.991
	10070	Shoot	1.041	0.993	0.996	1.006
Soil with		Root	1.098	1.068	1.055	1.009
Soli with	25%	Shoot	1.204	1.019	1.009	1.024
treatment		Root	1.116	1.039	1.050	1.000
ucaiment	50%	Shoot	1.187	1.005	1.008	1.019
		Root	1.049	1.037	1.021	0.998

	75%	Shoot	1.075	0.994	1.000	1.016
		Root	1.016	1.021	1.013	0.986
	100%	Shoot	1.023	0.991	0.995	1.013
		Root	1.094	1.042	1.017	1.006
	25%	Shoot	1.194	1.002	1.011	1.022
Soil with		Root	1.132	1.029	1.007	0.990
Neem	50%	Shoot	1.165	0.998	1.008	1.018
Tractor		Root	1.072	1.021	1.000	0.973
Treatment	75%	Shoot	1.114	0.983	1.001	1.014
		Root	1.006	1.008	0.994	0.972
	100%	Shoot	1.040	0.974	0.994	1.011

In this study highest effluent tolerance index values are recorded at 25 percent of effluent concentration and the effluent tolerance index generally decreased for root and shoot with the increase in effluent concentration. This decrease in effluent tolerance index shows that, the growth reduces if the concentration of the effluent increases. The fresh weight (Gram/Plant) of Solanum *melongena* is shown in table-6.

Table 6 Fresh weight (Gram/Plant) of Solanum *melongena*grown under different concentrations of effluent with differentsoil treatments. (n=3. Mean \pm SD).

Soil Treatment	Effluents	Age of the plants (days after sowing)					
	concentratior	15	30	45	60		
	0%	1.730±0.173	3.680±0.322	19.597±0.501	34.516±0.358		
Soil without	25%	1.757±0.105	3.982±0.057	20.310±0.261	36.628±0.309		
any Treatment	50%	1.741±0.093	3.650 ± 0.058	20.062±0.075	35.893±0.372		
any meannent	75%	1.643±0.063	3.482 ± 0.057	19.704±0.397	34.500±0.578		
	100%	1.588 ± 0.029	3.388 ± 0.083	20.148±0.299	33.977±0.241		
	0%	1.784±0.155	4.217±0.046	21.337±0.320	35.862±0.136		
Soil with cow	25%	1.938±0.043	4.481±0.153	22.613±0.529	37.244±0.153		
dung treatment	50%	1.761±0.070	4.184±0.063	22.156±0.220	36.716±0.557		
	75%	1.703 ± 0.081	4.095±0.064	21.279±0.393	35.929±0.073		
	100%	1.597±0.059	4.082±0.113	20.094±0.787	35.313±0.436		
	0%	1.796±0.074	4.251±0.228	20.130±0.243	35.280±0.287		
Soil with Noom	25%	1.797±0.182	4.258±0.069	21.008±0.013	36.380±0.055		
Traatmant	50%	1.799±0.074	4.207±0.267	20.130±0.131	35.540±0.444		
reatment	75%	1.683±0.075	3.997±0.064	19.812±0.737	35.125±0.031		
	100%	1.667±0.049	3.974±0.152	19.690±0.064	34.401±0.582		

In this study results shows that the fresh weight is highest at 25 % concentration of the effluents in all soil sets of the experiment at 15,30,45 and 60 days. There is low growth in control as compared to the concentration of the 25% of the effluents but growth is also lesser when the concentrations of the effluents increases. The dry weight (Gram/Plant) of Solanum *melongena* is also shown in Table-7.

Table 7 Dry weight (Gram/Plant) of Solanum melongenagrown under different concentrations of effluent with differentsoil treatments. (n=3. Mean \pm SD).

Soil Treatment	Effluents	Age of the plants (days after sowing)				
	concentration	15	30	45	60	
	0%	0.529±0.013	1.413±0.097	3.890±0.054	7.677±0.280	
Soil without any	25%	0.603 ± 0.011	1.504±0.073	4.389±0.258	7.774±0.240	
Treatment	50%	0.600 ± 0.016	1.308±0.085	4.386±0.324	7.435±0.329	
	75%	0.590 ± 0.008	1.290±0.096	4.052 ± 0.059	7.006±0.106	
	100%	0.581±0.149	1.269±0.059	4.067±0.126	6.943±0.158	
	0%	0.557±0.003	1.452±0.036	4.247 ± 0.489	7.963±0.043	
Soil with cow	25%	0.622 ± 0.009	1.500±0.026	4.595 ± 0.278	8.684±0.395	
dung treatment	50%	0.596 ± 0.006	1.315±0.096	4.163±0.051	8.089 ± 0.080	
	75%	0.584 ± 0.003	1.397±0.018	4.078 ± 0.065	8.032 ± 0.077	
	100%	0.579±0.029	1.335±0.029	4.155±0.162	7.776±0.260	
	0%	0.547±0.006	1.442±0.056	3.990±0.019	7.897±0.076	
Soil with Noom	25%	0.617±0.013	1.465 ± 0.050	4.515±0.355	7.972±0.184	
Treatment	50%	0.596 ± 0.008	1.364±0.049	4.354±0.465	7.474±0.599	
Treatment	75%	0.594±0.003	1.301±0.036	4.071±0.125	7.216±0.343	
	100%	0.576 ± 0.006	1.265±0.026	4.224±0.335	7.184±0.208	

In this study we have observed that the dry weight is highest with concentration of 25 % of the effluents for all sets of soil for 15, 30, 45, 60 days. In all sets results show the reduction in dry weight with the increase the effluent concentrations.

CONCLUSION

Results show that the mixed effluent which was collected from Okhla industrial area phase-I has considerable amount of pollutants which come from various plastic-moulding, textile, dye, printing press, electroplating, paper, chemical industries. In this study results indicate that the pollutants' concentration causes reduction in the growth of the Solanum *melongena*. The study suggests that the lower concentration of the effluents up to 25% is good for growth of plants but increase in the concentration of the effluents is harmful for proper growth of the crop plants. Appropriate dilution of the effluent should therefore be made to reduce harmful effects at the time of growth of the Solanum *melongena*.

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