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Evaluation of Chilli (*Capsicum annuum* L.) Genotypes for Growth, Yield and Quality Characters under Allahabad Agro Climatic Conditions

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ABSTRACT

Among the Vegetable crops, Chilli is the one of the important fruit or spices crop. An experiment was conducted at research field, Department of Horticulture, Allahabad, during the year 2014-2015, the experiment was laid out in a Randomized Block Design having ten treatments of "Evaluation of Chilli (Capsicum annuum L.) genotypes for growth yield and quality characters under Allahabad Agro Climatic Conditions." Seventeen genotypes were used to study the genetic variability, heritability, genetic advance and correlation for growth and yield contributing characters in chilli at Eighteen different characters viz. plant height (cm), number of branches per plant, plant spread (E-W, N-S), days to flower anthesis, days to 50% flowering, days to first harvest, fruit length (cm), fruit diameter (mm), fruit weight (g), number of fruits plant⁻¹, number of seeds fruit⁻¹, seeds weight fruit⁻¹, green fruit yield plant¹, 100 seeds weight fruit yield hectare⁻¹(q), ascorbic acid (mg/100g), fruit TSS (Brix⁰) were taken into consideration parameter studied, The result revealed that the genotype in terms of yield G₁₂ is highest fruit yield per plant (1432.83 g), and fruit yield per hectare (36.42 q/ha).

Key words: Chilli, Capsicum annuum L., Genotypes, Growth and Yield.

INTRODUCTION

Chilli or pepper (*Capsicum annuum* L.) belongs to family Solanaceae, which is emerging as one of the commercial vegetable crops at the global level, and is probably most important vegetable after Tomato². Chilli also known as hot pepper was introduced into India from Brazil in the 16th century by Portuguese¹⁶.

The pungency is due to the present of a crystalline volatile alkaloid called capsaicin

(8-methyl-N vanillyl-6-enamide). Chilli is a rich source of vitamin C (143.7 μ g). It also contains vitamin A (292.04 IU), vitamin K (14 μ g), vitamin E (0.69 mg), and other minerals per 100g of chilli fruits. It is also a good source of chilli oleoresin, which is the total flavour extract of dried and ground chillies. The natural colour extracts of chilli are also finding their increased value in place of artificial colours in the food items.

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India is a major producer, exporter and consumer of chilli. In India, it is grown throughout the country but principal chilli growing states Andhra Pradesh is the largest chilli growing state followed by Karnataka and Maharashtra. Andhra Pradesh contributes 28 per cent of area and 62 per cent of production followed by Karnataka with 17 per cent of area and 12 per cent of production. India is the largest exporter of chillies in the world⁴.

In Uttar Pradesh chillies are mostly grown in eastern districts *viz.*, Ballia, Azamgarh, Mirzapur, Basti, Faizabad & Ghazipur. Majority of farmers are still growing local cultivars. Besides soil and climatic factors the cultivar itself is very important in respect of its performance regarding earliness, disease resistance and yield. Many cultivars have been developed and recommended by various research institute and State Agricultural Universities but the adoptability and yielding capacity of the cultivars is not the same in all regions. So there is a pressing demand for a suitable variety in Allahabad climatic conditions. Hence, an experiment was conducted at Department of Horticulture, SHUATS, and Allahabad, to evaluate different chilli genotypes for growth, yield and quality attributes

MATERIAL AND METHOD

The present investigation "Genetic variability and correlation studies on growth, yield and characters in different genotypes of chilli (Capsicum annum L.) Under Allahabad agroclimatic condition" was conducted during the kharib season of the year 2014-15. The planting materials for the present study comprised of the 17 genotypes (released varieties, breeding lines and local collection) which were collected from different sources (Table-1). The data recorded during the course of investigation was subjected to analysis by Randomized block design with three replications as par the method of analysis of variance (ANOVA) technique in respect of the various characters was done¹³.

| Genotypes Name | Notation | Sources | ources Genotypes Name | | Sources | |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| AVT-II 2013 CHIVAR-1 | G1 | IIVR, Varanasi | LCA 334 (C) | G ₁₀ | IIVR, Varanasi | |
| CHIVAR-2 | G ₂ | IIVR, Varanasi | Kashi Anmol | G ₁₁ | IIVR, Varanasi | |
| CHIVAR-3 | G ₃ | IIVR, Varanasi | Pant chilli-4 | G ₁₂ | GBPAU, Pantnagar | |
| CHIVAR-4 | G_4 | IIVR, Varanasi | IIHR-2006 | G ₁₃ | IIHR, Bangalore | |
| CHIVAR-5 | G ₅ | IIVR, Varanasi | VNR-332 | G ₁₄ | Chhattisgarh | |
| CHIVAR-6 | G ₆ | IIVR, Varanasi | ACS-06-2 | G ₁₅ | Gujarat Anand | |
| CHIVAR-8 | G ₇ | IIVR, Varanasi | Badaygi dabbi | G ₁₆ | Karnataka | |
| CHIVAR-9 | G ₈ | IIVR, Varanasi | Badaygi kaddi | G ₁₇ | Karnataka | |
| KA-2 (C) | G9 | IIVR, Varanasi | | 1 | 1 | |

Table 1: Name of Genotypes and their sources

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 Table 2: Mean performance of chilli genotypes for different characters like growth, quality and yield

| parameters | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| SI. No. | Genotypes | Plant Height (cm) 150 DAT | Number of branches 150 DAT | Plant spread E-W (cm) 150 DAT | Plant spread N-S (cm) 150 DAT | Days to flower Anthesis | Days to 50% flowering | Days to first harvest | Fruit Length (cm) | Fruit Diameter (mm) | Fruit weight (g) |
| | | DAI | | DAI | DAI | | | | | | |
| 1 | G_1 | 81.61 | 38.59 | 57.71 | 53.30 | 28.45 | 30.87 | 66.24 | 6.41 | 0.56 | 2.22 |
| 2 | G ₂ | 48.16 | 37.67 | 40.41 | 40.81 | 29.71 | 27.08 | 58.24 | 7.92 | 0.85 | 2.50 |
| 3 | G ₃ | 40.36 | 38.20 | 38.83 | 38.46 | 25.56 | 32.45 | 60.71 | 5.25 | 1.49 | 2.90 |
| 4 | G_4 | 44.46 | 34.19 | 37.54 | 38.90 | 27.16 | 34.08 | 63.96 | 5.84 | 1.15 | 4.25 |
| 5 | G ₅ | 54.82 | 41.33 | 47.63 | 41.80 | 30.47 | 33.09 | 61.91 | 9.66 | 1.22 | 4.17 |
| 6 | G ₆ | 39.22 | 28.53 | 35.89 | 34.79 | 27.40 | 30.70 | 54.23 | 8.91 | 0.79 | 2.63 |
| 7 | G ₇ | 34.85 | 31.44 | 36.11 | 36.48 | 30.11 | 38.01 | 64.69 | 9.42 | 0.95 | 2.85 |
| 8 | G ₈ | 35.41 | 37.85 | 36.80 | 38.53 | 31.11 | 36.27 | 60.15 | 10.24 | 1.43 | 4.65 |
| 9 | G ₉ | 44.70 | 45.06 | 40.22 | 41.07 | 30.83 | 36.99 | 75.26 | 7.29 | 1.47 | 3.67 |
| 10 | G ₁₀ | 50.55 | 37.58 | 37.75 | 37.81 | 35.34 | 34.07 | 73.47 | 8.82 | 0.75 | 3.82 |
| 11 | G ₁₁ | 64.93 | 48.27 | 40.56 | 40.75 | 31.74 | 40.05 | 55.36 | 6.27 | 0.87 | 2.73 |
| 12 | G ₁₂ | 74.45 | 35.18 | 34.48 | 39.65 | 40.28 | 44.08 | 89.45 | 7.72 | 0.75 | 6.98 |
| 13 | G ₁₃ | 50.86 | 37.27 | 28.61 | 42.66 | 36.16 | 30.68 | 52.42 | 5.17 | 0.99 | 5.32 |
| 14 | G ₁₄ | 118.28 | 43.52 | 75.78 | 75.87 | 45.28 | 37.72 | 52.53 | 11.07 | 0.92 | 7.43 |
| 15 | G ₁₅ | 58.49 | 44.50 | 35.36 | 32.31 | 43.38 | 49.82 | 74.53 | 12.80 | 2.98 | 5.51 |
| 16 | G ₁₆ | 39.32 | 30.44 | 35.22 | 31.09 | 30.86 | 40.72 | 56.42 | 10.04 | 1.26 | 3.37 |
| 17 | G ₁₇ | 40.15 | 32.59 | 38.76 | 35.53 | 34.66 | 43.85 | 58.38 | 11.46 | 0.50 | 4.43 |
| | GM | 54.15 | 37.78 | 41.04 | 41.17 | 32.89 | 36.51 | 63.43 | 8.49 | 1.11 | 4.08 |
| | F test | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| | SEm (+) | 0.60 | 0.57 | 1.14 | | 0.54 | 1.13 | 0.73 | 0.22 | 0.16 | 0.32 |

| Sl. No. | Genotypes | No of Seeds Fruit ⁻¹ | 100 seeds weight (g) | Seeds weight Fruit ⁻¹ (g) | Ascorbic acid (mg/100gm) | Total soluble solids (Brix ⁰) | No of Fruit plant ⁻¹ | Fruit yield plant ⁻¹ (g) | Fruit yield ha ⁻¹ (q) |
|------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | G1 | 72.33 | 0.41 | 0.25 | 131.51 | 8.84 | 35.67 | 79.36 | 2.64 |
| 2 | G_2 | 82.36 | 0.55 | 0.51 | 143.49 | 6.85 | 152.40 | 380.55 | 10.50 |
| 3 | G ₃ | 42.90 | 0.41 | 0.15 | 168.95 | 9.92 | 145.50 | 422.59 | 11.56 |
| 4 | G_4 | 36.87 | 0.53 | 0.15 | 167.07 | 8.16 | 89.93 | 381.08 | 10.52 |
| 5 | G ₅ | 52.53 | 0.42 | 0.23 | 149.56 | 7.97 | 79.33 | 330.58 | 9.26 |
| 6 | G ₆ | 77.62 | 0.40 | 0.31 | 153.64 | 7.89 | 54.67 | 143.72 | 4.59 |
| 7 | G ₇ | 55.67 | 0.43 | 0.20 | 165.42 | 6.82 | 115.67 | 330.25 | 9.25 |
| 8 | G ₈ | 64.44 | 0.51 | 0.50 | 163.23 | 7.55 | 124.67 | 579.23 | 15.48 |
| 9 | G ₉ | 68.22 | 0.51 | 0.29 | 147.62 | 7.43 | 201.00 | 736.92 | 19.42 |
| 10 | G ₁₀ | 34.15 | 0.55 | 0.18 | 151.49 | 7.69 | 134.33 | 513.08 | 13.82 |
| 11 | G ₁₁ | 49.00 | 0.25 | 0.21 | 150.94 | 8.74 | 195.32 | 533.53 | 14.33 |
| 12 | G ₁₂ | 79.02 | 0.59 | 0.39 | 144.12 | 8.85 | 205.25 | 1432.83 | 36.82 |
| 13 | G ₁₃ | 68.53 | 0.39 | 0.37 | 147.12 | 7.44 | 134.85 | 717.95 | 18.94 |
| 14 | G ₁₄ | 64.61 | 0.51 | 0.22 | 150.19 | 6.92 | 153.40 | 1150.96 | 29.44 |
| 15 | G ₁₅ | 50.28 | 0.37 | 0.16 | 159.40 | 7.56 | 72.67 | 400.75 | 11.01 |
| 16 | G ₁₆ | 73.09 | 0.46 | 1.03 | 127.02 | 6.92 | 74.10 | 250.16 | 7.25 |
| 17 | G ₁₇ | 78.32 | 0.73 | 1.02 | 130.85 | 7.63 | 33.40 | 148.37 | 4.70 |
| | GM | 61.76 | 0.47 | 0.36 | 150.09 | 7.83 | 118.14 | 501.22 | 13.50 |
| | F test | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| | SEm (+) | 0.85 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 2.32 | 0.19 | 2.28 | 29.71 | 0.93 |

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RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The Data obtained during investigation on various growth, yield and quality parameters were subjected to statistical analysis and are interpreted with help of 'F' test and CD values. Observation was recorded on the five plants, randomly selected for different genotypes and used for calculating the mean performance for different traits. Analysis of variance showed significant differences among the genotypes for the 26 characters studied. Analysis of variance showed significant differences among the genotypes for the at 5% and 1% significance. The mean sum of square due to genotypes for different characters are presented in Table 1-3.

Significant differences were obtained among the genotypes for all the characters it indicated adequate variability among all the genotypes.

Growth parameters

The highest plant height was recorded in genotypes *viz*. G_{14} (118.28 cm) and lowest plant height (34.85 cm) was noted in G_7 at 150 DAT. Highest number of branches was observed in the genotype G_{11} (48.27) and lowest number of branches reported in genotype G_7 (28.53) at 150 DAT. The results are in agreement with the finding of Saravaiya *et al.*¹⁴ and Patil *et al.*¹².

Earliness parameters

The highest days to flower anthesis was counted in genotype *viz*. G_{14} (45.28) and lowest days to flower anthesis 25.56, 27.16 was recorded to be which were observed in genotypes G_3 and G_4 respectively. Days to 50% flowering ranged from 49.82 (ACS-06-2) to 27.08 (CHIVAR-2) with overall mean of 36.51. Days to first harvest ranged from G_{12} (89.45) to G_{14} (52.42) with the mean of 63.43. The results are in close conformity with finding of Anu *et al.*¹, Amit *et al.*⁵ and Gupta *et al.*³

Fruit quality parameters

The Fruit length (cm) ranged from 12.80 (ACS-06-2) to 5.17 (IIHR-2006) with the mean of 8.49. The Fruit diameter (mm) ranged from 2.98 (ACS-06-2) to 0.50 (Badaygi Kaddi) with an overall mean of 1.11. The fruit weight (g) ranged from 7.43g (VNR-332) to 2.22g (CHIVAR-1) with an overall average of

4.08g. Weight of seeds fruit ⁻¹ (g) ranged from 1.03g (Badaygi Dabbi)

to 0.15 (CHIVAR-4 and CHIVAR-5) with an overall mean of 0.36. Number of seeds fruit ⁻¹ ranged from 82.36 (CHIVAR-2) to 34.15 (LCA-334(C)) with overall mean of 61.76. 100 seeds weight (g) ranged from 0.73g (Badaygi Kaddi) to 0.25g (Kashi Anmol) with an overall mean of 0.47. The results are in agreement with the finding of Mantano *et al.*⁹, Mishra *et al.*¹⁵ and Verma *et al.*¹⁷.

Quality parameters

The highest Ascorbic acid (mg/100g) was recorded in genotype; CHIVAR-3 (168.95) lowest Ascorbic acid (mg/100g) was recorded in genotype Badaygi Dabbi (127.02). The highest Total soluble solid (Brix^o) was recorded in genotype, CHIVAR-3 (9.92) lowest TSS (Brix^o) was recorded in genotype VNR-332 (6.92⁰). Such wide variation was also reported by Kumar *et al.*^{6, 7}, Manju and Sreelathakumary⁸.

Yield components

The highest number of fruits plant ⁻¹ was recorded in genotype, Pant chilli-4 (205.25) which was statistically at par with genotype viz KA-2 (C) (201.00), Kashi Anmol (195.32), VNR-332 (153.40) and CHIVAR-2 (152.40). However, lowest number of fruits plant⁻¹ was recorded in genotype Badaygi Kaddi (33.40). The highest fruit yield plant⁻¹ was recorded in genotype, which was Pant chilli-4 (1432.83g) statistically at par with genotype viz VNR-334 (1150.96g) KA-2 (C) (736.92g), IIHR-2006 (717.95g), CHIVAR-9 (579.23g) and Kashi Anmol (533.53). However, lowest fruit yield plant⁻¹ was recorded in genotype CHIVAR-1 (79.36g). The highest fruit yield hectare $^{-1}$ (q) was recorded in genotype, which was Pant chilli-4 (36.82 q/ha) statistically at par with genotype viz. VNR-334 (29.44 q/ha) KA-2 (C) (19.42 q/ha), IIHR-2006 (18.94 q/ha), CHIVAR-9 (15.48 q) and Kashi Anmol (14.33 q). However, lowest fruit yield hectare $^{-1}$ (q) was recorded in genotype G_1 (2.64 q/ha). Mishra *et al.*¹⁰.

CONCLUSION

From the present study Based on the overall performance of various genotypes under study the genotypes G_{12} (Pant chilli-4) and G_{14}

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(ACS-06-2) were found to be best under Allahabad Agro climatic conditions with respect to yield and its associated characters.

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