

## **CONTROL OF DRY ROT OF POTATO FROM BOTANICAL PROTECTANTS, ALLIUM CEPAL.**

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### **ABSTRACT:**

Potato is important food crop used in daily consumption, is get affected by fungi and cause dry rot diseases. In order to control, different botanicals, Phyto protectants were tested against, *Fusarium coeruleum* causing dry rot of potato was tested. Potato variety Kufari Chandramukhi were treated with crude extract of bulb of *Allium cepa*, and found effective to check growth of *Fusarium coeruleum*.

It is found that if concentration of *Allium cepa* is increased, the linear growth of causal agent, Fungi *Fusarium coeruleum* were decreased.

**KEY WORDS:** Potato dry rot, *Fusarium coeruleum* (lib.), protectants.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Potato (*Solanum tuberosum* L) is most important nutritive food crop. Contains protein, carbohydrates, Vitamins, and trace elements. It is a part of cotton industry for sizing cotton paper industries used for alcohol production (Chaddah 1994).

In view of above properties, it offers a permanent solution of twenty-first century's problems like hunger, malnutrition and unemployment (Khurana 2006)

Potato are used as alternative source of human consumption, it is used as baked, boiled, fried form in kitchen. Then nutritive value of potato is very good it control the weight, and kept slim. It contains high quality of protein, it is rich in carbohydrates, and provide rich edible energy.

The potato get affected by many pests and diseases, among these phytophagous and storage diseases are important. The tuber diseases are Black scurf, common scab, Brown rot, and dry rot are common, potato dry rot is most important disease caused by *Fusarium coeruleum* (Lib, Sacc.) The symptoms of the diseases are shrinkage's, and dryness of content of tuber, and it became heavy in weight due to dryness, and farmers get heavy economic loss. (Robert, 1940, Gadewar, 1989; Khurana, 1998; Wakle and Kaeppa, 2000)

Potato rot can be controlled by various systematic and non-systemic fungicides and chemicals. The application of chemicals may be producing hazards, (Shirma, 2001.) All agricultural production system and practices which are economically sound, and socially acceptable, and that contribute the better quality of life for the farmers, farm workers, and their families, and general users. (Khurana, 2002).

Hence, present work has been carried out by application of botanical protectant, i.e., the crude extract of *Allium cepa* for control of dry rot of potato.

### **MATERIAL AND METHOD**

The extract of *Allium cepa* was prepared in 10% alcohol. One gram of leaf was crushed with minimum volume of 10% alcohol in sterile, mortar and pestle, under aseptic condition the final volume was made up to 100ml with 10% alcohol.

The potato slice with 10mm thickness and 75mm diameter were prepared from fresh potato of *Kufra Chandramukhi* variety. The slices were dipped into different concentrations of *Allium cepa* extracts 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 percent concentrations for 5 minutes. Slices were kept in sterile petri plates on the size 5mm mycelia mat of *Fusarium coeruleum* (Lib). Sacks were inoculated aseptically. The slice with distilled water was served as control. All plates were kept for incubation at room temperature for 8 days. The plates were observed at 24hrs interval and reading of increasing in growth of *Fusarium coeruleum* (Lib). Sacks were measured and recorded in terms of mm (Wakle and Kareppa 2000).

TABLE : Effect of *Allium cepa* L. on linear growth of *Fusarium coeruleum* (Libb.) sack.

Conc. %	Linear growth mm							
	Incubation period (days)							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.0	15.66	17.3	20.00	25.33	29.33	34.00	38.66	42.00
1.5	13.33	17.00	18.33	22.33	26.33	31.33	35.66	38.33
2.0	10.66	14.33	15.66	18.66	21.66	24.33	27.33	31.66
2.5	7.33	11.66	13.66	15.33	18.33	18.33	21.66	24.66
3.0	4.66	8.33	11.33	11.66	12.66	12.66	16.33	16.33
3.5	2.33	4.66	6.33	6.33	7.63	6.36	8.66	9.63
4.0	00.0	1.33	2.66	1.36	2.33	1.36	1.63	2.66
4.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
control	15.33	23.66	33.33	45.66	53.66	60.33	68.66	75.00
SE+-	0.15	.35	0.41	0.90	1.25	1.30	1.41	1.54
CD=0.01	0.88	1.78	3.19	4.14	6.51	8.20	8.45	9.00

## **RESULT**

From the above table it is seen that botanical protectants are non toxic non hazardous and eco friendly for control the growth of dry rot of potato. The crude extract of *Allium cepa* was tested against the *Fusarium coeruleum* (Libb.) sacc. Casual agent of dry rot of potato. It was found most effective to inhibit the growth of *Fusarium coeruleum* (Libb.) sacc. From different concentrations tested at the 4% concentration the complete growth of *Fusarium coeruleum* was arrested (Sharma 1999., Sarvamangala et al., 1993., Sobit et al., 1995., Harendra et al., 1995., Sharma 2001, Shrivastava 1997).

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