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Effect of fly ash, organic manure and fertilizers on available micro nutrient in rice-wheat cropping system in *alfisols* and *vertisols*

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Abstract

Field experiment was conducted under *Alfisols* at KVK, Farm Katghora, Korba and *Vertisols* at Instructional Farm Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur during 2011, 2012 and 2013. To assess the impact of different doses of fly ash alone or in combination with manure and fertilizers on available micro nutrient in rice-wheat cropping system in *Alfisols* and *Vertisols* in the following treatments (i.e. T₁ Control, T₂- 10 t FA ha⁻¹, T₃-20 t FA ha⁻¹, T₄-STCR (based fertilizer recommendation), T₅-75% NPK ha⁻¹, T₆-100% NPK (100:60:40), T₇-75% NPK ha⁻¹+ 10 t FA ha⁻¹, T₈-75% NPK ha⁻¹+ 20 t FA ha⁻¹, T₉-100% NPK ha⁻¹+ 10 t FA ha⁻¹, T₁₀-100% NPK ha⁻¹+ 20 t FA ha⁻¹, T₁₁-75% NPK ha⁻¹+ 5 t FYM ha⁻¹, T₁₂-100% NPK ha⁻¹+ 5 t FYM ha⁻¹, T₁₃- 75% NPK ha⁻¹+ 5 t FYM+10 t FA, T₁₄- 75% NPK ha⁻¹+ 5 t FYM+20 t FA ha⁻¹, T₁₅-100% NPK ha⁻¹+5 t FYM+10 t FA ha⁻¹ and T₁₆- 100% NPK ha⁻¹+ 5 t FYM+20 t FA ha⁻¹) under Split Plot Design with factorial arrangement of crop and soil in main plot and treatment in sub plot. The available soil Fe, Mn, Zn and Cu significantly increased due to addition of fly ash in *Alfisols* and *Vertisols* in rice-wheat cropping system. The available Mn and Zn significantly influenced by interaction of soil x crop x treatments. The treatment, T₁₆ recorded highest available soil Fe, Mn, Zn and Cu and T₁ recorded lowest available Fe, Mn, Zn and Cu in soil.

Keywords: Fly ash, Available micro nutrients, rice-wheat cropping system

Introduction

The high concentration of elements (K, Na, Zn, Ca, Mg and Fe) in fly ash increased yield of agricultural crops. The major source of electrical energy is coal based thermal power plants, which produce 175 million tonnes, fly ash which would require about 40,000 hectares of land for the construction of ash ponds (Lal *et al.*, 2012) [6]. The Ministry of Power and Planning Commission estimates that the coal requirement and generation of fly ash during the year 2031-32 would be around 1800 million tonnes and 600 million tonnes respectively (Kanungo, 2013) [3]. Fly ash application @ 10 t ha⁻¹ significantly increased the cation exchange capacity, primary, secondary and trace elements like N, P, K, Ca, Mg, Cu, Zn and Mn of soil Kuchanwar *et al.* (1997) [5]. Incorporation of FYM and fly ash at 10 t ha⁻¹, in general, improved the CEC, organic carbon content, available nutrient status and decreased the soil pH Totawat *et al.* (2002) [8]. The micronutrients contents was slightly increased with use of sludge and fly ash applied plots in comparison to control Kanojia and Singh (2008) [2]. The available micronutrients, i.e. Fe, Mn, Cu and Zn were extracted by using 0.005 M diethylene triamine penta acetic acid (DTPA), 0.01 M calcium chloride dihydrate and 0.1 M triethanol amine (TEA) buffered at pH 7.3 and the concentrations of the nutrients in the filtrate were analyzed by atomic absorption spectrophotometer (Lindsay and Norvell, 1978) [7].

Available micronutrient in soil

Soil available iron

Table 1 shows that available iron in soil significantly increased due to addition of fly ash in rice-wheat cropping system in *Alfisols* and *Vertisols*. The higher available iron was recorded in rice under *Alfisols* during 2011, 2012 and pooled data. Table 2 shows that the treatment, T₁₆ recorded higher available iron and it was at par with treatments, T₁₅ and T₁₄ in 2011, 2012 and pooled data. The lowest available iron was recorded in treatment, T₁. The interaction of crop x soil x treatments was non significant.

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Soil available manganese

Table 1 shows that available manganese in soil significantly increased due to addition of fly ash in rice-wheat cropping system in *Alfisol* and *Vertisol*. The higher available manganese was recorded in rice under *Alfisol* during 2011, 2012 and pooled data.

Interaction between crop \times soil \times treatments reveals (Table 3) that, rice \times *Vertisol* \times treatment and rice \times *Alfisol* \times treatment, treatment T₁₆ recorded significantly highest available manganese content in soil among all the treatments in pooled data. It was at par with treatment, T₁₅ in rice \times *Vertisol* \times treatment and T₁₅, and T₁₄ in rice \times *Alfisol* \times treatment. The lowest available manganese content in soil was recorded in T₁. In case of wheat \times *Vertisol* \times treatments and wheat \times *Alfisol* \times treatment, T₁₆ recorded higher available manganese

content in soil. It was at par with T₁₅ and T₁₄ in wheat \times *Vertisol* \times treatment and wheat \times *Alfisol* \times treatment. The lowest available manganese content was recorded in T₁.

Soil available zinc

Table 4 shows that available zinc in soil was significantly increased due to addition of fly ash in rice-wheat cropping system in *Alfisol* and *Vertisol*. The higher available zinc was recorded in wheat under *Alfisol* during 2011-12 and pooled data.

Table 5 shows that the treatment, T₁₆ recorded highest available zinc in 2011, 2012 and pooled data. It was at par with treatment, T₁₅ in 2012 and pooled data. The lowest available zinc was recorded in treatment, T₁.

Table 1: Effect of fly ash alone or in combination with organic manure and fertilizers on available iron and manganese in rice-wheat cropping system in *Alfisol* and *Vertisol* at harvest.

Particular	Available iron (mg kg ⁻¹)						Available manganese (mg kg ⁻¹)					
	2011		2012		Pooled		2011		2012		Pooled	
	<i>Vertisol</i>	<i>Alfisol</i>	<i>Vertisol</i>	<i>Alfisol</i>	<i>Vertisol</i>	<i>Alfisol</i>	<i>Vertisol</i>	<i>Alfisol</i>	<i>Vertisol</i>	<i>Alfisol</i>	<i>Vertisol</i>	<i>Alfisol</i>
Rice	10.30	10.47	10.50	10.94	10.40	10.71	7.63	7.43	7.85	7.59	7.74	7.51
Wheat	9.30	10.77	9.26	10.86	9.28	10.81	6.62	7.27	6.70	7.41	6.66	7.34
	SEm \pm	CD at 5%	SEm \pm	CD at 5%	SEm \pm	CD at 5%	SEm \pm	CD at 5%	SEm \pm	CD at 5%	SEm \pm	CD at 5%
A	0.039	0.133	0.022	0.077	0.019	0.065	0.029	0.101	0.017	0.058	0.014	0.050
B	0.039	0.133	0.022	0.077	0.019	0.065	0.029	0.101	0.017	0.058	0.014	0.050
A \times B	0.055	0.189	0.031	0.109	0.027	0.092	0.041	0.143	0.024	0.083	0.020	0.070

Table 2: Effect of fly ash alone or in combination with organic manure and fertilizers on available iron in rice-wheat cropping system in *Alfisol* and *Vertisol* at harvest.

Treatments		Available iron (kg ha ⁻¹)					
		2011		2012		Pooled	
T ₁	- Control	8.37		9.09		8.73	
T ₂	- 10 t FA ha ⁻¹	9.03		10.04 ^d		9.54 ^f	
T ₃	- 20 t FA ha ⁻¹	9.31		10.24 ^c		9.78 ^e	
T ₄	- STCR	10.00 ^c		10.04 ^d		10.02 ^d	
T ₅	- 75%NPK ha ⁻¹	9.63		9.78 ^d		9.70 ^e	
T ₆	- 100% NPK ha ⁻¹	9.94		10.00 ^d		9.97 ^e	
T ₇	- 75%NPK ha ⁻¹ +10 t FA ha ⁻¹	10.03 ^c		10.19 ^c		10.11 ^d	
T ₈	- 75%NPK ha ⁻¹ +20 t FA ha ⁻¹	10.39 ^c		10.36 ^c		10.38 ^c	
T ₉	- 100%NPK ha ⁻¹ +10 t FA ha ⁻¹	10.48 ^b		10.61 ^b		10.54 ^c	
T ₁₀	- 100%NPK ha ⁻¹ +20 t FA ha ⁻¹	10.81 ^b		10.80 ^b		10.80 ^b	
T ₁₁	- 75% NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM ha ⁻¹	10.56 ^b		10.35 ^c		10.45 ^c	
T ₁₂	- 100%NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM ha ⁻¹	10.73 ^b		10.47 ^c		10.60 ^b	
T ₁₃	- 75%NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM+10 t FA ha ⁻¹	10.77 ^b		10.82 ^b		10.79 ^b	
T ₁₄	- 75%NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM+20 t FA ha ⁻¹	10.93 ^a		10.99 ^a		10.96 ^a	
T ₁₅	- 100%NPKha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM+10 t FA ha ⁻¹	11.08 ^a		11.13 ^a		11.11 ^a	
T ₁₆	- 100%NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM+20 t FA ha ⁻¹	11.31 ^a		11.32 ^a		11.31 ^a	
		SEm \pm	CD at 5%	SEm \pm	CD at 5%	SEm \pm	CD at 5%
	C	0.122	0.342	0.117	0.327	0.098	0.275
	A \times C	0.173	0.483	0.165	0.462	0.139	0.389
	B \times C	0.173	0.483	0.165	N/A	0.139	0.389

Table 3: Effect of fly ash alone or in combination with organic manure and fertilizers on available manganese in rice-wheat cropping system in *Alfisol* and *Vertisol* at harvest.

Treatments		Available manganese (mg kg ⁻¹)			
		Rice		Wheat	
		<i>Vertisol</i>	<i>Alfisol</i>	<i>Vertisol</i>	<i>Alfisol</i>
T ₁	- Control	7.390 ^e	6.518	5.543	6.672 ^h
T ₂	- 10 t FA ha ⁻¹	7.625 ^e	6.767	5.700	6.838 ^g
T ₃	- 20 t FA ha ⁻¹	7.680 ^e	6.978	5.928	7.035 ^f
T ₄	- STCR	7.553 ^d	6.745	5.733	6.828 ^g
T ₅	- 75%NPK ha ⁻¹	7.510 ^d	6.582	5.568	6.778 ^g
T ₆	- 100% NPK ha ⁻¹	7.547 ^d	6.695	5.627	6.818 ^g
T ₇	- 75%NPK ha ⁻¹ +10 t FA ha ⁻¹	7.635 ^e	6.768	5.925	7.027 ^f
T ₈	- 75%NPK ha ⁻¹ +20 t FA ha ⁻¹	7.705 ^e	7.365	6.357	7.235 ^e

T ₉	-	100%NPK ha ⁻¹ +10 t FA ha ⁻¹	7.753 ^c	7.802 ^d	7.768 ^c	7.423 ^d
T ₁₀	-	100%NPK ha ⁻¹ +20 t FA ha ⁻¹	7.823 ^c	7.910 ^d	7.885 ^c	7.563 ^c
T ₁₁	-	75% NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM ha ⁻¹	7.643 ^c	8.027 ^c	5.770	7.468 ^d
T ₁₂	-	100%NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM ha ⁻¹	7.695 ^c	8.075 ^c	5.830	7.562 ^c
T ₁₃	-	75%NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM+10 t FA ha ⁻¹	7.908 ^b	8.295 ^b	7.988 ^b	7.850 ^b
T ₁₄	-	75%NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM+20 t FA ha ⁻¹	7.958 ^b	8.477 ^a	8.215 ^a	8.038 ^a
T ₁₅	-	100%NPKha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM+10 t FA ha ⁻¹	8.153 ^a	8.540 ^a	8.328 ^a	8.100 ^a
T ₁₆	-	100%NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM+20 t FA ha ⁻¹	8.280 ^a	8.685 ^a	8.480 ^a	8.238 ^a
SEm±			0.106			
CD at 5% level			0.298			

Soil available copper

Table 4 shows that available copper in soil was significantly increased due to addition of fly ash in *Vertisol* and *Alfisol* in rice-wheat cropping system. The higher available copper was recorded in wheat under *Alfisol* during 2011-12 and pooled data.

Interaction between crop × soil × treatments reveals (Table 6) that, rice × *Vertisol* × treatment and rice × *Alfisol* × treatment, T₁₆ recorded significantly highest available copper content in soil among all the treatments. It was at par with treatment, T₁₅ and T₁₄ in rice × *Vertisol* × treatment, rice × *Alfisol* × treatment. In case of wheat × *Vertisol* × treatments and wheat

× *Alfisol* × treatment, T₁₆ was recorded higher available copper content in soil. It was at par with T₁₅ in wheat × *Vertisol* × treatment and wheat × *Alfisol* × treatment. The lowest available copper content was recorded in T₁.

The available micronutrient (Fe, Mn, Zn, and Cu) in soil increased with increasing doses of fly ash alone or in combination with organic manure and fertilizer. This might be due to fact that fly ash contains sufficient amount of the micronutrients, hence good source of micro nutrients. The above results are also in conformity as reported by Kene *et al.* (1991), Deshmukh *et al.* (2000) [1] and Kuchanwar *et al.* (1997) [5].

Table 4: Effect of fly ash alone or in combination with organic manure and fertilizers on available zinc and copper in rice-wheat cropping system in *Alfisol* and *Vertisol* at harvest.

Particular	Available Zinc (mg kg ⁻¹)						Available Copper (mg kg ⁻¹)					
	2011		2012		Pooled		2011		2012		Pooled	
	<i>Vertisol</i>	<i>Alfisol</i>	<i>Vertisol</i>	<i>Alfisol</i>	<i>Vertisol</i>	<i>Alfisol</i>	<i>Vertisol</i>	<i>Alfisol</i>	<i>Vertisol</i>	<i>Alfisol</i>	<i>Vertisol</i>	<i>Alfisol</i>
Rice	0.97	1.04	1.06	1.03	0.95	1.03	0.83	0.98	1.18	1.25	1.07	1.11
Wheat	0.99	1.09	1.12	1.12	1.07	1.11	1.02	1.08	1.03	1.17	1.02	1.13
	SEm±	CD at 5%	SEm±	CD at 5%	SEm±	CD at 5%	SEm±	CD at 5%	SEm±	CD at 5%	SEm±	CD at 5%
A	0.003	0.011	0.004	0.015	0.004	0.012	0.006	0.020	0.005	0.018	0.004	0.013
B	0.003	0.011	0.004	0.015	0.004	0.012	0.006	0.020	0.005	0.018	0.004	0.013
A×B	0.005	0.016	0.006	0.021	0.005	N/A	0.008	0.028	0.007	0.026	0.005	0.018

Table 5: Effect of fly ash alone or in combination with organic manure and fertilizers on available zinc in rice-wheat cropping system in *Alfisol* and *Vertisol* at harvest.

Treatments		Available zinc (kg ha ⁻¹)					
		2011		2012		Pooled	
T ₁	-	Control		0.89	0.94	0.91 ^j	
T ₂	-	10 t FA ha ⁻¹		0.93	1.02	0.97 ^h	
T ₃	-	20 t FA ha ⁻¹		0.99	1.06	1.02 ^g	
T ₄	-	STCR		0.92	0.99	0.95 ⁱ	
T ₅	-	75%NPK ha ⁻¹		0.89	0.95	0.92 ^j	
T ₆	-	100% NPK ha ⁻¹		0.91	0.96	0.93 ⁱ	
T ₇	-	75%NPK ha ⁻¹ +10 t FA ha ⁻¹		0.97	1.03	1.00 ^g	
T ₈	-	75%NPK ha ⁻¹ +20 t FA ha ⁻¹		1.02	1.06	1.04 ^f	
T ₉	-	100%NPK ha ⁻¹ +10 t FA ha ⁻¹		1.04	1.12	1.08 ^e	
T ₁₀	-	100%NPK ha ⁻¹ +20 t FA ha ⁻¹		1.08	1.16	1.12 ^d	
T ₁₁	-	75% NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM ha ⁻¹		1.04	1.06	1.05 ^f	
T ₁₂	-	100%NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM ha ⁻¹		1.07	1.10	1.08 ^e	
T ₁₃	-	75%NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM+10 t FA ha ⁻¹		1.10	1.17 ^c	1.13 ^c	
T ₁₄	-	75%NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM+20 t FA ha ⁻¹		1.13	1.21 ^b	1.17 ^b	
T ₁₅	-	100%NPKha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM+10 t FA ha ⁻¹		1.18	1.24 ^a	1.21 ^a	
T ₁₆	-	100%NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM+20 t FA ha ⁻¹		1.22 ^a	1.27 ^a	1.24 ^a	
		SEm±	CD at 5%	SEm±	CD at 5%	SEm±	CD at 5%
C		0.009	0.025	0.012	0.035	0.011	0.031
A×C		0.012	N/A	0.018	0.049	0.016	N/A
B×C		0.012	0.035	0.018	0.049	0.016	0.044

Table 6: Effect of fly ash alone or in combination with organic manure and fertilizers on available copper in rice-wheat cropping system in *Alfisol* and *Vertisol* at harvest.

Treatments	Available copper (mg kg ⁻¹)			
	Rice		Wheat	
	<i>Vertisol</i>	<i>Alfisol</i>	<i>Vertisol</i>	<i>Alfisol</i>
T ₁ - Control	0.975	0.970	0.933	0.964
T ₂ - 10 t FA ha ⁻¹	1.061 ^c	1.037	0.967	1.017
T ₃ - 20 t FA ha ⁻¹	1.113 ^b	1.065	0.984	1.082
T ₄ - STCR	1.033 ^d	0.999	0.959	0.988
T ₅ - 75%NPK ha ⁻¹	0.958	0.995	0.938	0.967
T ₆ - 100% NPK ha ⁻¹	0.977	1.015	0.951	0.983
T ₇ - 75%NPK ha ⁻¹ +10 t FA ha ⁻¹	1.044 ^d	1.063	0.956	1.079
T ₈ - 75%NPK ha ⁻¹ +20 t FA ha ⁻¹	1.078 ^c	1.094	1.001	1.145
T ₉ - 100%NPK ha ⁻¹ +10 t FA ha ⁻¹	1.099 ^c	1.134	0.977	1.180
T ₁₀ - 100%NPK ha ⁻¹ +20 t FA ha ⁻¹	1.114 ^b	1.188	1.010	1.223
T ₁₁ - 75% NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM ha ⁻¹	1.035 ^d	1.200	0.992	1.151
T ₁₂ - 100%NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM ha ⁻¹	1.056 ^d	1.239	1.011	1.211
T ₁₃ - 75%NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM+10 t FA ha ⁻¹	1.127 ^b	1.302 ^b	1.079	1.206
T ₁₄ - 75%NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM+20 t FA ha ⁻¹	1.156 ^a	1.349 ^a	1.094	1.266
T ₁₅ - 100%NPKha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM+10 t FA ha ⁻¹	1.185 ^a	1.378 ^a	1.156 ^a	1.323 ^a
T ₁₆ - 100%NPK ha ⁻¹ +5 t FYM+20 t FA ha ⁻¹	1.221 ^a	1.393 ^a	1.200 ^a	1.364 ^a
SEm±	0.020			
CD at 5% level	0.055			

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