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### A NOTE ON THE EFFECT OF SALT SOLUTION SPRAY ON THE GERMINATION OF SEED IN RICE

In order to hasten the maturity of paddy grain when cultivated in Kayal lands an experiment was conducted at the college of Agriculture Vellayani during the summer season of 1976. The experiment was conducted in a completely Randomised Design having 5 treatments and 4 replications. Three salt spray concentrations (10%, 15% and 20%) were used in addition to a control and water spray treatments. The rice variety *Triveni* having 95-100 days duration was used for the experiment. Salt solution and water were sprayed on the 75 day of sowing when grain setting was over. Salt solution sprayed crops exhibited visual symptoms of maturity about 12 days ahead of the control and water sprayed crop. The salt sprayed crops were harvested 12 days in advance. The effect of different treatments on the germination capacity of the seed was further assessed by keeping the seed sample for germination for 7 days. The germination percentages are 94.5, 91.00, 95.25, 89.75 and 96.20 in control, water spray, 10% salt solution, 15% salt solution and 20% salt solution respectively, (F test not significant).

It is seen that the different treatments could not effect the germination capacity of seeds significantly. So it is evident that grains collected from salt sprayed crops can be safely used as seed. Ramiah *et al* (1974) also reported that salt solution spray had no effect on the viability of seeds.

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10 മുതൽ 20 ശതമാനംവരെ വീര്യമുള്ള ഉപ്പുലായനി ത്രിവേണി എന്ന നെല്ല് വിതച്ച 75 ദിവസം കഴിഞ്ഞു പാടത്തു തളിച്ചപ്പോൾ വിളവെടുപ്പിനുള്ള സമയം 12 ദിവസം കുറഞ്ഞുകിട്ടി. പ്രസ്തുത ലായനി തളിച്ച പാടങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും ശേഖരിച്ച വിത്തിന്റെ ലായനി തളിക്കാത്ത നെല്ലിനെപ്പോലെതന്നെ മുളക്കുന്നതായും കണ്ടു.

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