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# Effect of Organic Manures and Biofertilizers on Yield Attributes, Yield and Economics of Mung Bean (*Vigna radiata*)

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#### ABSTRACT

**Background:** Pulses are significant in India's agricultural economy not only for their worth as human food, but also for animals because of their high protein content. Pulses have unique ability of maintaining and restoring soil fertility through biological nitrogen fixation as well as addition of ample amount of residues to the soil. Mung bean, also known as green gram (*Vigna radiata*) is a small green, and cylindrical-shaped legume that is widely cultivated in various parts of the world, including India, China, and Southeast Asia.

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**Methods:** The present study was carried out during the *summer* season of 2024 at Research Farm, School of Agriculture, OM Sterling Global University, Hisar. Seven treatment combinations comprising organic manures and biofertilizers were tested in randomized block design in three replications.

**Result:** The results revealed that the yield and yield attributes viz., number of pods per plant (15.90), length of pod per plant (10.76 cm), number of seed per pod (11.05), 1000 grain weight per plant (37.00 g) and seed yield (1197 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>); Economics viz., gross returns (128212  $\gtrless$  ha<sup>-1</sup>), cultivation (43823  $\gtrless$  ha<sup>-1</sup>), net returns (86189  $\gtrless$  ha<sup>-1</sup>) and benefit-cost ratio (3.05) were maximum in the treatment of Jeevamrutha @ 3000 I ha<sup>-1</sup> through three splits at sowing, 30 and 45 DAS + Rhizobium +PSB. Whereas, significantly minimum for all above parameters were recorded under control.

Keywords: Mung bean; organic manures; biofertilizers; yield attributes; yield and economics.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

"Pulses referred to as food legumes, and are secondary to cereals in production and consumption in India. These are drought resistant and prevent soil erosion due to their deep root system and good ground cover hence; pulses are called as "Marvel of Nature". The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends per capita consumption of pulses @ 80 g dav-1 and the Indian Council of Medical Research has recommended (ICMR) а minimum consumption of 47 g per day. The protein hunger is the major problem in the country, were majority of population adopt cereals and millet based dietary habits" (Anonymous, 2020). "Green gram is known as the "Queen of Pulses" because of its superior nutritional value. Green gram is native to East Asia, Southeast Asia and the Indian Subcontinent. Green gram grains contain 22-28% protein, 60-65% carbohydrates, 1.0-1.5% fat, minerals 3.5%, 3.5-4.5% fibre and 4.5-5.5% ash. These seeds are more flavorful, nutritious, digestible, and non-flatulent than other pulses growing in the nation. It is a good source of protein with high quality lysine (460 mg g<sup>-1</sup> N), tryptophan (60 mg g<sup>-1</sup> N) and low anti-nutritional components. It also has a high concentration of ascorbic acid and riboflavin with a value of 0.21 mg 100<sup>-1</sup> g" (Azadi et al., 2013). It is India's third most significant pulse crop, accounting for 16 and 10% of total pulse acreage and production, respectively. Green gram is grown on 4.5 million hectares in India, with a production of 2.5 million tonnes and a productivity of 548 kg per hectare (Anonymous, 2020). Green gram is mainly cultivated in the states of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, U.P., Maharashtra, Karnataka Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

"Improper application of synthetic fertilizers in agricultural field will leads to various health risks and environmental challenges. Save our

environment and our crops we have to follow eco-friendly and sustainable agriculture. Reducing the use of harmful chemicals and fertilizers decrease the ratio of this type of problems. In current era of rapidly growing population is exerting significant pressure on agriculture to meet their nutritional food requirement throughout the world and to achieve the current demand of food requirement, farmers are depending more on chemical fertilizers to achieve maximum productivity per unit area. However, the efficiency of the chemical fertilizers already reached a plateau due to their unsystematically use and resulted in poor soil fertility status of the agriculture fields. In addition to accumulation of toxic substances in the harvested produces and the cost of inorganic fertilizers is increasing enormously to an extent that they are not affordable by the small and marginal farmers. In this context, there is a need to identify the suitable substitute in place of chemical fertilizers which are economically cheaper and eco-friendly. At present, the use of organic fertilizers either bulky or liquid organic manures plays an important role to sustain the soil health as well as productivity of the crops" (Verma et al., 2018).

"Organic matter acts as a reservoir of plant nutrients, chiefly N, P and S and it improves cation exchange capacity of soil (Brady and Weil, 2008). "In Agriculture manures such as farmyard manure, vermicompost, poultry manure, *etc.* are used as sources of nutrients. These manures assist in maximizing crop output and desired quality while also ensuring balanced nutrient proportions, closing the current large gap between nutrient removal and supply, and improving response efficiency. Among the organic manures, FYM is rich in organic matter, and it is a good source of plant nutrients. It helps to buffer soils against rapid chemical changes. FYM can potentially be used as a source of energy for soil microorganisms, improvement in physical properties of soil, organic carbon and available nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium were found due to long term application of FYM and fertilizer" (Babhulkar et al., 2000).

"Vermicompost is created by vermicomposting of organic material through interactions between earthworms and microorganisms. The continued use of chemical fertilizers causes health and environmental hazards such as ground and surface water pollution by nitrate leaching" (Eswaran and Mariselvi, 2016). "Stimulation of plant growth mainly depends on the biological characteristics of vermicompost, the plant species used and the conditions of cultivation. Poultry manure (PM) has gained attention as a potential source of organic fertilizer because of its high nutrient content and relatively low cost. PM, which is rich in nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and other essential nutrients, has been shown to improve soil fertility, increase crop yield and enhance the quality of agricultural products" (Mutale-Joan et al., 2020).

"Organic concoctions like Jeevamrutha which is a microbial culture prepared from the on-farm inputs like cow dung, urine, jaggery and pulses flour has been found a suitable formulation in natural farming to meet the nutritional demands of the crops. Jeevamrutha is a traditional fermented liquid organic concoction commonly used as soil microbial enhancer in natural farming. Bio-fertilizers, a component of integrated nutrient management are considered to be cost effective, eco-friendly and renewable source of non-bulkv. low cost of plant nutrient supplementing chemical fertilizers in sustainable agriculture system in India" (Babhulkar et al., 2000). Their role assumes a special significance in the present context of high costs of chemical fertilizers. Considering these above facts, the present study was conducted to assess the effect of organic manures and biofertilizer on yield attributes, seed yield and economic of mung bean (Viana radiata).

### 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The present study was carried out during *the summer* season of 2024 at Research Farm, School of Agriculture, OM Sterling Global University, Hisar. Situated in the subtropics at 29°10' N latitude and 75°46' E longitudes at an elevation of 215.2 meters above mean sea level in Haryana, India. The place has a typical semiarid climate with severe cold during winter and

hot, dry desiccating winds during summer. During crop growing period the weekly highest and lowest maximum mean temperature were recorded 37.1 °C and 14.2 in 3rd and 17th and highest and lowest minimum mean temperature were recorded 4.9 °C and 18.8 in 3rd and 17th meteorological standard weeks, respectively. The weekly mean lowest and highest wind velocity was 1.6 km hr<sup>-1</sup> and 5.5 km hr<sup>-1</sup> in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> standard weeks, respectively. The weekly mean minimum and maximum relative humidity was recorded 55.5 % and 99.6% in morning during 3<sup>rd</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> standard weeks and 18.1 % and 79 % in evening during 15<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> standard weeks, respectively. Weekly mean maximum and minimum sunshine of 9.1 hrs and 1.7 hrs per day were recorded on 17<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> weeks. respectively. The data show that the total amount of rainfall received during the crop growing period was 9.0 mm. The soil of the experimental field was sandy loam in texture. low in organic carbon and available nitrogen, medium in available phosphorus and high in available potassium. The experiment consisting of seven treatment combinations viz., T1 (control), T2. (Farmyard Manure (FYM) @ 10 t/ ha), T<sub>3</sub> [Vermicompost (VC) @ 5 t/ ha], T<sub>4</sub> [Poultry Manure (PM) @ 5 t/ha], T<sub>5</sub> (50% FYM @ 5 t/ha + 50% VC @ 2.5 t/ha +Rizobium+PSB), T<sub>6</sub> (50% FYM @ 5 t/ ha + 50% PM @ 2.5 t/ha + Rizobium+PSB) and T7 (Jeevaamrtha @ 3000 I ha<sup>-1</sup> through three splits at sowing, 30 and 45 DAS+ Rizobium+PSB) comprising of organic manures and biofertilizer were tested in randomized block design in three replications.

During the experiment, the standard package of practices was considered for mung bean crop. The plot size maintained was 3.6 m\*2.0 m high yielding MH 1142 variety was taken for the study. The plant to plant spacing was 10 cm and row to row spacing was 30 cm. The farmyard manure, poultry manure and vermicompost doses were calculated according to the treatment for each plot. FYM, poultry manure and vermicompost were applied 15 days before sowing and incorporated five days before sowing in respective plots as per treatment specification. prepared Jeevamrutha solution was by thoroughly mixing cow dung (fresh) (10 kg) + cow urine (10 liters) + jaggery (2 kg)+ pulse flour (cow pea) (2 kg) + sajiv soil (1 kg) + water (200 liters) in a container and stirred well. Allowed the mixture to ferment for 7 days under tree shade. The mixture was stirred twice (morning and evening) every day in a clockwise direction. The container was kept under a well-ventilated open shed. The mouth of the container was tied with thin cotton cloth to enable proper aeration in the container and after preparation applied as per treatments. Rhizobium and PSB inoculation: 25 g of jaggery was boiled in one half liter water and then cooled, 50 g of culture was mixed in jaggery solution. The required quantity of seed was thoroughly mixed with the paste of culture to inoculate them with Rhizobium/PSB, then the seeds were allowed to dry in shade and after dried applied as per treatments. Weeding, hoeing and plant protection measures were carried out as per recommendations at appropriate times.

Data were recorded on yield attributes and yield *viz.*, number of pods per plant, length of pod per plant (cm), number of seed per pod, 1000 grain weight per plant, seed yield and economics *viz.*,

cost of cultivation, gross returns, net returns and benefit-cost ratio as per standard procedure. Data collected during the study were statistically analyzed by using the technique of analysis of variance (ANOVA) described by Cochran and Cox, (1959).

#### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 3.1 Yield Attributes and Yield

Data on various yield attributing characters and yield *viz.*, number of pods per plant, pod length (cm), number of seeds per pod, 1000 grain weight per plant (g) and seed yield by various organic manures and biofertilizers treatments are presented in Table 1 and depicted in Fig. 1.

 
 Table 1. Effect of organic manures and biofertilizers on yield attributes and grain yield of mung bean crop

Treatments		Seed			
	Number of pods per plant	Pod length (cm)	Number of seeds per pod	1000 grain weight per plant (g)	yield (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )
T <sub>1</sub> : Control	10.67	6.40	8.13	29.67	824
T <sub>2</sub> : Farmyard Manure (FYM) @ 10 t/ ha	13.00	8.20	9.33	30.67	1101
T <sub>3</sub> : Vermicompost (VC) @ 5 t/ ha	13.67	8.80	9.40	32.00	1114
T₄: Poultry Manure (PM) @ 5 t/ ha	14.00	8.93	9.73	32.67	1141
T₅: 50 % FYM @ 5 t/ha + 50 % VC @ 2.5 t/ha +Rizobium+PSB	14.13	9.61	9.87	34.33	1135
T <sub>6</sub> : 50 % FYM @ 5 t/ha+50 % PM @ 2.5 t/ha + Rhizobium +PSB	14.53	9.50	10.40	35.00	1136
T <sub>7</sub> : Jeevamrutha @ 3000 I ha <sup>-1</sup> through three splits at sowing, 30 and 45 DAS + Rhizobium +PSB	15.90	10.76	11.05	37.00	1197
SE (m) ±	0.17	0.22	0.10	0.41	6.69
CD at 5 %	0.54	0.68	0.30	1.27	20.85



Fig. 1. Effect of organic manures and biofertilizers on yield attributes studies of mung bean

Significantly higher number of pods per plant (15.90) was recorded under treatment T<sub>7</sub> Jeevamrutha @ 3000 I ha-1 through three splits at sowing, 30 and 45 DAS+ Rhizobium +PSB) as compared to other treatments viz., T<sub>6</sub> (50% FYM @ 5 t/ha+ 50% PM @ 2.5 t/ha + Rhizobium +PSB) (14.53); T<sub>5</sub> (50% FYM @ 5 t/ha + 50% VC @ 2.5 Rhizobium +PSB) t/ha + (14.13);T<sub>4</sub> [Poultry Manure (PM) @ 5 t/ ha] (14.00), T<sub>3</sub> [Vermicompost (VC) @ 5 t/ ha] (13.67); T<sub>2</sub> [Farmyard Manure (FYM) @ 10 t/ ha] (13.00); T<sub>1</sub> (10.67), respectively (control) during the year of study. Significantly lower number of pods per plant was recorded under treatment control (T<sub>1</sub>).

Significantly higher pod length (10.76 cm) was recorded under treatment T<sub>7</sub> (Jeevamrutha @ 3000 l ha<sup>-1</sup> through three splits at sowing, 30 and 45 DAS+ Rhizobium +PSB) as compared to other treatments *viz.*, T<sub>6</sub> (50% FYM @ 5 t/ha+50% PM @ 2.5 t/ha + Rhizobium +PSB) (9.50 cm); T<sub>5</sub> (50% FYM @ 5 t/ha + 50% VC @ 2.5 t/ha + Rhizobium +PSB ) (9.61cm); T<sub>4</sub> [Poultry Manure (PM) @ 5 t/ha] (8.93 cm), T<sub>3</sub> [Vermicompost (VC) @ 5 t/ha] (8.80 cm); T<sub>2</sub> [Farmyard Manure (FYM) @ 10 t/ha] (8.20 cm); T<sub>1</sub> (control) (6.40 cm), respectively during the year of study. Significantly lower pod length was recorded under treatment control (T<sub>1</sub>).

Significantly higher number of seeds per pod (11.05) was recorded under treatment  $T_7$  (Jeevamrutha @ 3000 l ha<sup>-1</sup> through three splits at sowing, 30 and 45 DAS+ Rhizobium +PSB) as compared to other treatments *viz.*,  $T_6$  (50% FYM @ 5 t/ha+50% PM @ 2.5 t/ha + Rhizobium +PSB) (10.40);  $T_5$  (50% FYM @ 5 t/ha + 50% VC @ 2.5 t/ha + Rhizobium +PSB ) (9.87);  $T_4$  [Poultry Manure (PM) @ 5 t/ ha] (9.73),  $T_3$  [Vermicompost (VC) @ 5 t/ ha] (9.40);  $T_2$  [Farmyard Manure (FYM) @ 10 t/ ha] (9.33);  $T_1$  (control) (8.13), respectively during the year of study. Significantly lower number of seeds per pod was recorded under treatment control ( $T_1$ ).

Significantly higher 1000 grain weight per plant (37.00 g) was recorded under treatment  $T_7$  (Jeevamrutha @ 3000 l ha<sup>-1</sup> through three splits at sowing, 30 and 45 DAS+ Rhizobium +PSB) as compared to other treatments *viz.*,  $T_6$  (50% FYM @ 5 t/ha+50% PM @ 2.5 t/ha + Rhizobium +PSB) (35.00 g);  $T_5$  (50% FYM @ 5 t/ha + 50% VC @ 2.5 t/ha + Rhizobium +PSB ) (34.33 g);  $T_4$  [Poultry Manure (PM) @ 5 t/ ha) (32.67 g],  $T_3$  [Vermicompost (VC) @ 5 t/ ha] (32.00 g);  $T_2$  [Farmyard Manure (FYM) @ 10 t/ ha] (30.67 g);  $T_1$  (control) (29.67 g), respectively during the year of

study. Significantly lower 1000 grain weight per plant was recorded under treatment control (T<sub>1</sub>).

Seed yield was significantly influenced by different organic manures and biofertilizers. Amona the treatments. treatment  $T_7$ (Jeevamrutha @ 3000 I ha<sup>-1</sup> through three splits at sowing, 30 and 45 DAS+ Rhizobium +PSB) recorded significantly maximum seed vield (1,197 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) as compared to other treatments viz., T<sub>6</sub> (50% FYM @ 5 t/ha+50% PM @ 2.5 t/ha + Rhizobium +PSB) (1136 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>); T<sub>5</sub> (50% FYM @ 5 t/ha + 50% VC @ 2.5 t/ha + Rhizobium +PSB) (1135 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>); T<sub>4</sub> [Poultry Manure (PM) @ 5 t/ ha] (1141 kg ha-1); T<sub>3</sub> [Vermicompost (VC) @ 5 t/ ha] (1114 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>); T<sub>2</sub> [Farmyard Manure (FYM) @ 10 t/ ha] (1101 kg ha-1); T1 (control) (824 kg ha-1), respectively. Whereas, significantly lower seed yield was recorded under control (T<sub>1</sub>).

The larger number of pods plant<sup>-1</sup> and seeds pod<sup>-1</sup> could be due to the maximal nutritional enrichment, as well as good vegetative development and photosynthetic translocation. Organic treatments may have provided the crop with micro and macro nutrients as well as growthpromoting chemicals, resulting in an increasing the number of pods plant<sup>-1</sup> and seeds pod<sup>-1</sup>. Due to the cumulative effect of yield attributes, like number of pods plant<sup>-1</sup>, number of seeds pod<sup>-1</sup> and slight improvement in test weight which were the important yield attributes having significant positive correlation with seed yield. Crop yield is the result of a complex interaction of physiological and biochemical processes that alter the anatomy and morphology of growing plants. According to Natarajan (2002), foliar spraying jeevamrutha was beneficial in the majority of crops. The present trend of increase in seed yield with application of organics and biofertilizers were also observed by Patel et al., (2013), Shariff et al., (2017). "The improvement in yield attributes and yields with panchagavya and jeevamrutha treatment could be attributed to the fact that cow excrement in panchagavya acts as a medium for the growth of beneficial bacteria, and cow urine offers nitrogen, which is necessary for crop growth" De Britto and Girija, (2006). These findings were in line with the finding (Patil et al., 2012). Combined application of panchagavya at 4% as foliar spray and ieevamrutha at 500 L ha-1 as soil application recorded significantly higher pod yield and haulm yield of soybean as against the yield under recommended dose of fertilizers (Patel et al., 2018). Application of jeevamrutha at 1000 L ha-1 and panchagavya at 7.5% recorded significantly higher yield attributes like number of pods plant<sup>-1</sup>, number of seeds pod<sup>-1</sup>, seed weight g plant<sup>-1</sup> and ultimately higher grain yield and haulm yield of cowpea as compared to control (Sutar et al., 2019). Similar results was also observed by Shwetha (2008) who reported 25-35% increase in seed yield of soybean with the application of beejamrutha, jeevamrutha and panchagavya along with different organic manures (Palekar, 2006). Devakumar et al. (2008) reported the "beneficial effects of jeevamrutha which was attributed to high microbial population and enzymes which in turn might have availability and uptake of nutrients and growth hormones which ultimately have resulted in better yield of crops". "Due to the beneficial effect of jeevamrutha cause more vigorous and extensive root system of crops leading to increased vegetative growth means for more efficient sink formation and greater sink size. greater carbohydrate translocation from vegetative plant parts to the grains and higher dry matter accumulation during grain filling period. It also increased biological efficiency of crop plants and enhanced the level of soil enzymes activities and promoted the recycling of soil nutrients in the ecosystem, improve the absorptive power of cations and anions present on soil particle and that may be released slowly during the crop growth and improvement in soil structure existence of favorable nutritional to environment under the influence of organic liquid manures which had a positive effect on reproductive vegetative and arowth which ultimately led to realization of higher values for growth attributes leading to higher yield of crop" (Balakumbahan et al., 2010; Kumar et al., 2011).

#### 3.2 Economics

The data pertaining to economic assessment in terms of cost of cultivation, gross returns, net

returns and benefit-cost ratio are presented in Table 2 and depicted in Fig. 2.

Gross income was calculated using mung bean minimum support price of ₹ 10000/q. for grain and ₹ 1.5/kg of straw as per prevailing market price, the maximum gross returns (128212 ₹ ha-<sup>1</sup>) was incurred under application treatment of Jeevamrutha @ 3000 I ha-1 through three splits at sowing, 30 and 45 DAS + Rhizobium +PSB (T<sub>7</sub>) followed by treatments viz., T<sub>4</sub> [poultry manure (PM) @ 5 t/ ha] (122528 ₹ ha<sup>-1</sup>); T<sub>6</sub> (50 % FYM @ 5 t/ha+50 % PM @ 2.5 t/ha + Rhizobium +PSB) (121977 ₹ ha<sup>-1</sup>); T<sub>5</sub> (50 % FYM @ 5 t/ha + 50 % VC @ 2.5 t/ha +Rhizobium+PSB) (121841₹ ha<sup>-1</sup>); T<sub>3</sub> [Vermicompost (VC) @ 5 t/ ha] (119690 ₹ ha-1); T<sub>2</sub> [Farmyard Manure (FYM) @ 10 t/ ha] (118470 ₹ ha<sup>-1</sup>). While the minimum gross returns (88837 ₹ ha-1) was recorded under control  $(T_1)$ .

The maximum cost of cultivation (43823 ₹ ha<sup>-1</sup>) was incurred under application of vermicompost (VC) @ 5 t/ ha (T<sub>3</sub>) followed by treatments *viz.*, T<sub>5</sub> (0% FYM @ 5t/ha+ 50% VC @ 2.5 t/ha +Rhizobium+PSB) (43773 ₹ ha<sup>-1</sup>); T<sub>2</sub> [Farmyard Manure (FYM) @ 10 t/ ha] (43323 ₹ ha<sup>-1</sup>); T<sub>6</sub> (50 % FYM @ 5 t/ha+50 % PM @ 2.5 t/ha + Rhizobium +PSB) (43273 ₹ ha<sup>-1</sup>); T<sub>4</sub> [poultry manure (PM) @ 5 t/ ha] (42823 ₹ ha<sup>-1</sup>). While the minimum cost of cultivation (38623 ₹ ha<sup>-1</sup>) was recorded under control (T<sub>1</sub>).

The higher net returns (86189 ₹ ha<sup>-1</sup>) was incurred under application treatment of Jeevamrutha @ 3000 I ha<sup>-1</sup> through three splits at sowing, 30 and 45 DAS + Rhizobium +PSB (T<sub>7</sub>) followed by treatments *viz.*, T<sub>4</sub> [poultry manure (PM) @ 5 t/ ha] (50214 ₹ ha<sup>-1</sup>); T<sub>6</sub> (50 % FYM @ 5 t/ha+50 % PM @ 2.5 t/ha + Rhizobium

Treatments	Economics (₹ ha⁻¹)				
	Gross	Cost of	Net	B:C	
	returns (₹ ha⁻¹)	cultivation (₹ ha <sup>₋1</sup> )	returns (₹ ha⁻¹)		
T <sub>1</sub> : Control	88837	38623	50214	2.30	
T <sub>2</sub> : Farmyard Manure (FYM) @ 10 t/ ha	118470	43323	75147	2.73	
T₃: Vermicompost (VC) @ 5 t/ ha	119690	43823	75867	2.73	
T₄: Poultry Manure (PM) @ 5 t/ ha	122528	42823	79705	2.86	
T₅: 50 % FYM @ 5 t/ha + 50 % VC @  2.5 t/ha +Rhizobium+PSB	121841	43773	78068	2.78	
T <sub>6</sub> : 50 % FYM @ 5 t/ha+50 % PM @ 2.5 t/ha + Rhizobium +PSB	121977	43273	78704	2.82	
T <sub>7</sub> : Jeevamrutha @ 3000 I ha <sup>-1</sup> through three splits at sowing, 30 and 45 DAS + Rhizobium +PSB	128212	42023	86189	3.05	

Table 2. Effect of organic manures and biofertilizers on economics of mung bean crop





Fig. 2. Effect of organic manures and biofertilizers on economics of mung bean crop

+PSB) (78704 ₹ ha<sup>-1</sup>); T<sub>5</sub> (50 % FYM @ 5 t/ha + 50 % VC @ 2.5 t/ha +Rhizobium+PSB) (78704 ₹ ha<sup>-1</sup>); T<sub>3</sub> [Vermicompost (VC) @ 5 t/ ha] (75867 ₹ ha<sup>-1</sup>); T<sub>2</sub> [Farmyard Manure (FYM) @ 10 t/ ha] (75147 ₹ ha<sup>-1</sup>). While the lower net returns (50214 ₹ ha<sup>-1</sup>) was recorded under control (T<sub>1</sub>).

Benefit cost ration was calculated to find out income per unit of amount invested. Higher cost return and lower cost of cultivation lead to better B:C ratio. The higher benefit-cost ratio (3.05) was under application treatment incurred of Jeevamrutha @ 3000 l ha<sup>-1</sup> through three splits at sowing, 30 and 45 DAS + Rhizobium +PSB  $(T_7)$  followed by treatments *viz.*,  $T_4$  [poultry manure (PM) @ 5 t/ ha] (2.86); T<sub>6</sub> (50 % FYM @ 5 t/ha+50 % PM @ 2.5 t/ha + Rhizobium +PSB) (2.82); T<sub>5</sub> (50 % FYM @ 5 t/ha + 50 % VC @ 2.5 t/ha +Rhizobium+PSB) (2.78); T<sub>3</sub> [Vermicompost (VC) @ 5 t/ ha] (2.73); T<sub>2</sub> [Farmyard Manure (FYM) @ 10 t/ ha] (2.73). While the lower benefit-cost ratio (2.30) was recorded under control  $(T_1)$ .

The increased net returns and B:C ratio could be explained on the basis of increased seed and straw yield under these treatments. These findings were in line with those reported by Singhal et al., (2015); (Panchal et al., 2017; Zinzala et al., 2018). The reason for increasing the gross returns, net returns and B:C ratio may be through organic sources (Tejaswini et al., 2022). Provided vital role in attaining economical harvests that emphasize the need to adopt nutrient management this results into increasing farmer's premium as well as maintain soil nutrition (Aslam et al., 2010). It was also observed that application of jeevamrutha is one of the cheap and efficient organic supplements to organic cultivation for high crop yield and profitability (Kasbe et al., 2009). These results was in conformity with the findings of Boraiah, 2013.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

Treatment  $T_7$  (Jeevamrutha @ 3000 I ha<sup>-1</sup> through three splits at sowing, 30 and 45 DAS + Rhizobium +PSB) was found most suitable in terms of yield attributes and yield *viz.*, number of pods per plant, pod length (cm), number of seeds per pod, 1000 grain weight per plant (g) and seed yield; Economics *viz.*, cost of cultivation, gross returns, net returns and benefit-cost ratio; among all treatments, it can be concluded that among the treatment tested, treatment  $T_7$  may be grown for better yield attributes, seed yield and maximum economic returns.

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