Research Article

Studies on Phyllody Disease of Sesame (Sesamum indicum L.): Symptomatology and Transmission

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Abstract

Sesame (*Sesamum indicum* L.) belongs to family pedaliaceae, which have basic chromosome number 2n =26 and originated in India. It is oldest oilseed crop. High yield and quality of oil, sesame is often called as the "Queen of oil seeds". The crop is affected by sesame phyllody disease. In the study of symptomatology the main symptoms that observed in field were floral virescence, drying of effected phyllody flower, flower proliferation and appearance ofwitches broom etc. Investigations were carried out on the symptomatology of phytoplasma associated with phyllody disease. Out of the three transmission techniques studied *viz.*, sap, seed and insect transmission result showed that sesame phyllody is a insect transmitted disease and the vector is *Orosius albinctius* with transmission (83.33%).

Key words: Phyllody, phytoplasma, proliferation, virescence and witches broom

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