



## **Processing steel industry Kiln dust and its use in agriculture**

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Environmental pollution due to steel industry kiln dust is well known. The kiln dust consists of considerable amount of iron and other nutritional element in a form not available to plants. On the other hand large number of horticultural and agronomical crops grown in calcareous soils are suffering from iron chlorosis. In calcareous soils chlorotic plants do not respond to inorganic iron fertilizers properly. Even though Fe-EDDHA is the only proper remedy. But that is economically beyond the reach of marginal farmers. The treatments in the prior experiment were T1- control, T2- ratio as 1:200 by weight kiln dust to sugar cane straw(k.s), T3- ratio as 1:100 k.s, T4- ratio as 1:50 k.s, T5- ratio as 1:25 k.s, T6- ratio as 1:12.5 k.s, T7- ratio as 1:6.25 k.s every of were which replicated three times. The above ratios were incubated under an aerobic condition for 60 days. Filtrate of incubated materials were sampled at 2,10,30 and 60 days after incubation as to measure pH, Ec and concentration of nutritional elements. The treatments brought about significant differences and increasing effects on pH, Ec as well as on P,Fe,Mn concentration of filtrate at different stage of sampling. The treatments effect was more pronounced in the case of iron concentration.

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