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Estimate the status of soil fertility and relationship beetween soil properties in *Vertisols* of Jaijaipur block in district Janjgir-Champa of Chhattisgarh

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Summary

The aim of the study was to assess the soil fertility status of Jaijaipur block in Janjgir-Champa district of Chhattisgarh covering 105 villages during 2011-2012. The geo—referenced surface (0-0.15m) soils samples were systematically collected from village by using Global Positioning System where 279 samples identified as *Vertisols* The samples were analyze for DTPA-extractable zinc, copper, iron, manganese, and available nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium content for delineation of the fertility status in relation to salient physico-chemical characteristics and categorized as low, medium and high as per criteria followed in the soil testing laboratory. It characterized slightly acidic to slightly alkaline in soil reaction, soluble salt content came under safe limit for all crops. The organic carbon level exhibited low to medium. The *Vertisols* of the area showed low in available N and P, and medium to high level in available K. where micronutrient showed sufficient except Zn. Significant and positive correlations observed between soil pH and available N, P and negative significant observed in Mn and Zn. Electrical conductivity exhibited significant and positive relationship with available K and negative significant observed in Mn. Organic C showed significant and positive correlation with available N and P and negative significant observed in Mn.

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