

## Foraging behaviour of honey bees in niger flowers, *Guizotia abyssinica* Cass. in North Zone of Chhattisgarh

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### ABSTRACT

The foraging activity of *Apis cerana indica* was found higher in first week of November 2011 and 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December 2012 (33.83 bees/5min/m<sup>2</sup>). Its maximum visitation was found at 1100hrs (66.06 bees/5min/m<sup>2</sup>). The maximum foraging activity of *Apis dorsata* was observed at 1100hrs (11.75 bees/5min/m<sup>2</sup>) whereas, the lowest was observed at 1700hrs (0.50 bee/5min/m<sup>2</sup>). The higher foraging activity of *Apis florea* was noticed at 1300hrs (4.00 bees/5min/m<sup>2</sup>) and was found least at 0900hrs (0.56 bee/5min/m<sup>2</sup>).

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