

## **Seed treatment with bio-agents : An environmental suitable approach for management of maize cyst nematode, *Heterodera zae* on maize**

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**ABSTRACT :** Maize cyst nematode, *Heterodera zae* causes significant losses in Rajasthan due to monocropping of maize, favourable soil type, environmental conditions and ignorance of management practices. Looking to its importance, present investigations were undertaken to find out the effect of bio-agents viz. *Pochonia chlamydosporia*, *Glomus fasciculatum* and *Metarhizium anisopliae* at 1, 2 and 4% w/w against maize cyst nematode, *H. zae* on maize. Results showed that *Pochonia chlamydosporia* at 4 per cent was found most effective followed by *P. chlamydosporia* at 2 per cent and *G. fasciculatum* at 4 per cent to enhance plant growth of maize and to reduced the infection of *Heterodera zae* on maize.

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