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OBSERVATION FOR BIODEGRADABILITY TEST AS PER ISO 17088:2012/IS 17088:2008

Name of the Party :

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| 1 | Sample Details (As stated by Party): | Rectangle Take Away Hinge Box with Lid: Sugarcane Bagasse Pulp Molded Articles |
| 2 | Material Identification by FTIR : | Cellulose |

BIODEGRADABILITY TEST AS PER ISO:14855-1

3 Observation

(i) Conditions of reaction mixtures

Origin of Compost: Livestock excrement, municipal and vegetable waste

Reaction Temperature (°C) : 58±2

Dry Solid (%) : 52.6

Volatile content (%) : 13.9

CO₂ evolved during first 10days in blank vessels (mg/g of volatile content of : 82.3

Test duration (days) : 84

Reference material : Cellulose

Volume of reaction vessel (mL) : 3000

(ii) pH of test medium

S.No.	Compost Vessel	pH (Before)	pH (After)
1	Blank 1	7.6	7.8
2	Blank 2	7.8	7.8
3	Blank 3	7.9	7.7
4	Cellulose 1	7.8	7.9
5	Cellulose 2	7.6	7.6
6	Cellulose 3	7.6	7.8
7	Negative 1	7.8	7.4
8	Negative 2	7.7	7.6
9	Negative 3	7.7	7.6
10	Sample 1	8.0	7.3
11	Sample 2	7.8	7.1
12	Sample 3	7.9	7.4

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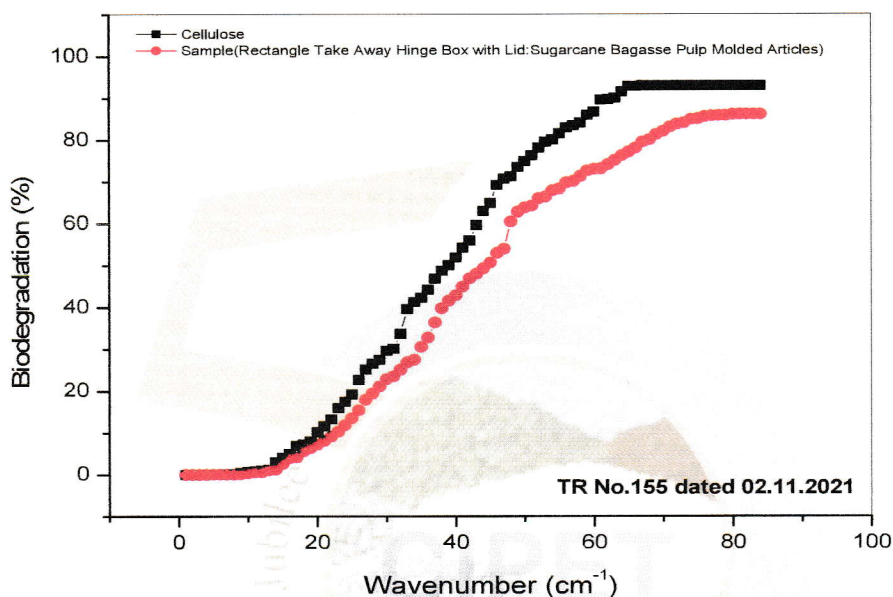
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4 Result: Percentage biodegradation relative to positive reference

Sample (Mean) : 92.6 (at the end of 84 days)

The reference Material - cellulose : ~ 100%



5 Visual Observation of Sample

Description	Week 2	Week 4	Week 6
Structure	Cut pieces	Cut pieces	Fragmented pieces
Moisture	Appropriate moisture Level	Appropriate moisture Level	Appropriate moisture Level
Colour	White	Dirty white	-
Fungal Development	None	None	None
Smell	Organic/dirt like	Organic/dirt like	Organic/dirt like

Description	Week 8	Week 10	Week 12
Structure	Fragmented film	-	-
Moisture	Appropriate moisture Level	Appropriate moisture Level	Appropriate moisture Level
Colour	-	-	-
Fungal Development	None	None	None
Smell	Organic/dirt like	Organic/dirt like	Organic/dirt like

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Wave number (cm ⁻¹)	Nature of Bond
3334	O-H covalent bond
2916	C-H stretching
1637	O-H vibrations
1427	CH ₂ symmetric vibration
1314	CH ₂ wagging
1201	C-OH in-plane
1029	C-O
896	C-O-C

Heat Flow (Normalized) Q (W/g)

Enthalpy (normalized): 283.05 J/g
Onset x: 54.60 °C

Peak temperature: 101.18 °C

Exo Up

Temperature T (°C)

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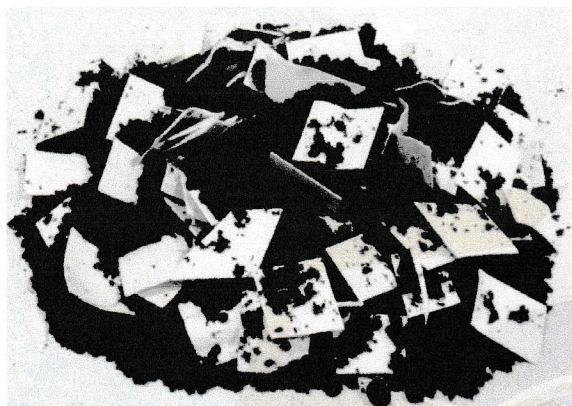
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9 Disintegration After 12 Weeks



Before Disintegration



After Disintegration

The disintegration of the supplied sample by passing through 2 mm sieve after 12 week in composting condition as per ISO 17088-2012/IS 17088: 2008 was found not more than 10% of original dry mass remain.

10 Seed Germination & Plant growth study

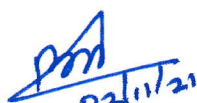


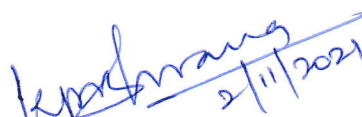
Plant Growth in Blank Compost (Control)



Plant Growth in Sample degraded Compost

Fenugreek - Dicotyledon


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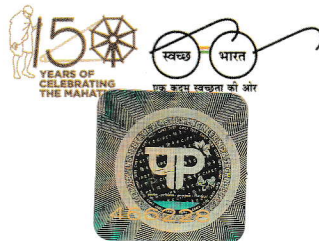
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Plant Growth in Sample degraded Compost
Onion - Monocotyledon

The percentage of seed germination rate is found to be greater than 90% for both Monocotyledon & Dicotyledon


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