Studies on genetic variability, heritability and genetic advance in segregating generations of rice (Oryza sativa L.)

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SUMMARY
Genotypic and phenotypic coefficient of variation, heritability and genetic advance as per cent of mean were estimated in the F1 and F2 segregating populations of six crosses for six yield and yield component characters. The F2 populations of the cross P1 ´ P1 showed high PCV, GCV coupled with high heritability estimates and high genetic advance as percentage of mean for number of filled grains per panicle, 100 grain weight, biomass per plant and grain yield per plant. Similarly, the F1 population of the cross P1 ´ P1 exhibited high genetic parameters for number of productive tillers per plant and grain yield per plant. These populations could well be subjected to simple pure line selection to improve grain yield per plant.

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