

Identification of Non-edible Seeds as Potential Feedstock for the Production and Application of Bio-diesel

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Abstract Increasing demand of conventional source of fuel has made people to consider on alternative fuels that can substitute the present demand by some percentage. This paper presents the state of the art in this area by reviewing number of contributions from the all three disciplines i.e. Botany, Chemistry and Engineering are taken together to critically review the work done in this field of Bioenergy. Large number of survey and work is done in identification of non-edible seeds as potential feed stock from which oil can be extracted. Experimental investigation has been done by several researchers in production of Bio-diesel from oil extracted, trans-esterified and studied different properties of fuel produced. This fuel and it's different blends with diesel are used by engineers to understand the performance of engine. Number of experimental work is done using fuel available from non-edible oils feedstock to investigate performance of this biodiesel using compression ignition engine. In this review, the findings reported by different researchers have been summarized to portrait the use of non-edible seeds for the production, mathematical model and application of bio-diesel.

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1. Introduction

For the industrial and economic growth, there should be enough supply of electricity and transport facility in the country. The fossil fuels used are non-renewable and due to continue use, they will deplete in the future and there will be energy crisis in the world. The use of fossil fuels also pollutes the environment and causes environmental problems like global warming, greenhouse effect, air pollution etc. Moreover, important fossil fuels like oil and gas are concentrate in some of the countries, resulting the remaining countries like India have to completely depends on such countries which are producing oil and gas. Due to Globalization, developing countries like India and China, the consumption of petroleum products and natural gas increases year by year at unbelievable rate. In India oil provides energy for 95% of transportation for which domestic supply of crude will satisfy only about 22% of the demand and the rest will have to be met from imported crude[1]. As a result, the import bill also increases. This adversely affects the economy of country. The cost of the diesel fuel increases due to increase in crude oil price which necessitate taking appropriate policy decisions in the

country to fulfil future demand. Therefore, biodiesel is being considered to be alternative fuel to the diesel in the country[2]. In view of energy and environmental problems associated with the use of fossil fuels in power generation and for transportation, an increasing attention is being paid worldwide by the scientists and engineers alike for the utilization of renewable energy sources. Considering the demand of fossil fuels and the effect on climate, it is high time to think about alternate source of energy which can not only substitute the conventional energy sources but also keep the environment pollution free and long term solution. There are various types of renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, hydropower, ocean thermal energy, geothermal energy, wave energy, biomass and bio energy etc. It is very necessary to develop the source of renewable energy and increase its utilization to reduce dependency on fossil fuels and environmental pollution issues. These renewable energy sources will be very important in the future when fossil fuels are depleted. The biomass and bio-energy is one of the important renewable energy sources. Biodiesel may be produced from various sources such as vegetable oil/plant oil both edible as well as non-edible oils. Production of Bio-diesel from edible oil crops is not desirable as there are many concerns regarding the use of food crops as feedstock for fuel production and has created famous debates about food v/s fuel[1]. The high price of biodiesel derived from food grade vegetable oils makes it non-viable to compete economically with fossil -

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based diesel. Less expensive, non-edible vegetable oil / plant oil as potential feedstock for biodiesel production[3], is one of the key re-source of the renewable bioenergy.

2. Identification of Non-edible Seeds

A fuel produced from natural, renewable sources such as vegetable oil, seeds and fats is the best alternative to present source of energy produced from fossil resource. Initially, the most commonly used oils for the production of Bio-diesel were soya bean, sunflower, palm, rapeseed, canola, cottonseed and jatropha[4]. Use of such edible oil for the production of Bio-diesel is unfeasible in India because of a vast gap between demand and supply of such oils. Thus in India only those oils can be utilized for the production of Bio-diesel which comes under the class of the non-edible seeds, which might not compete with edible. An additional necessity of such non-edible seeds is that it must be able to cultivate it on large scale on non-cropped marginal lands and waste lands. There is a long list of trees, shrubs and herbs

available plentifully in India, which can be used for extracting oil and producing bio-diesel as fuel from them. There are many plants in India; however there are 77 non-edible Indian plants, which contain 30% or more oil in their seed, fruit or nut[5]. Table 1 show the list of botanical name of 77 species which are identified as potential non-edible seeds, fruit or nut can be explored for production of Bio-diesel in India.

After its earlier plans to begin mandatory blending of bio-diesel with fossil diesel by the year 2005 failed to take off due to inadequate production of biodiesel caused by near complete reliance on one species, *Jatropha* carcass, India decided to broad base its feedstock and land choices in order to achieve 17% blending by year 2017[6]. Among all other alternative towards diesel substitution in Indian automobile sector as compared to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), Compressed Natural Gas in combination with Hydrogen etc. Biodiesel based on non-edible oil is best[7], due to following reasons:

- Non-edible oil species, which can grow on wasteland.

Table 1. Botanical name of non-edible species[5]

| | | | |
|----|---|----|---|
| 1 | Anacardiaceae <i>Rhus succedanea</i> L. Annonaceae | 40 | <i>Mappia foetida</i> Milers Illiciceae <i>Illicium verum</i> Hook Labiatae |
| 2 | <i>Annona reticulata</i> L. Apocynaceae | 41 | <i>Satureja hortensis</i> L. |
| 3 | <i>Ervatamia coronaria</i> (Jacq.) Stapf | 42 | <i>Perilla frutescens</i> Britton Lauraceae |
| 4 | <i>Thevetia peruviana</i> Merr. | 43 | <i>Actinodaphne angustifolia</i> |
| 5 | <i>Vallaris solanacea</i> (Roth) Kuntze | 44 | <i>Litsea glutinosa</i> Robins |
| 6 | Balanitaceae | 45 | <i>Neolitsea cassia</i> L. |
| 7 | <i>Balanites roxburghii</i> Planch. Basellaceae | 46 | <i>Neolitsea umbrosa</i> Gamble Magnoliaceae |
| 8 | <i>Basella rubra</i> L. | 47 | <i>Michelia champaca</i> L. Malpighiaceae |
| 9 | <i>Canarium commune</i> L. Cannabinaceae | 48 | <i>Hiptage benghalensis</i> Kurz Meliaceae |
| 10 | <i>Cannabis sativa</i> L. Celastraceae | 49 | <i>Aphanamixis polystachya</i> Park |
| 11 | <i>Celastrus paniculatus</i> L. | 50 | <i>Azadirachta indica</i> |
| 12 | <i>Euonymus acanthocarpus</i> Franch. | 51 | <i>Melia azadirach</i> L. |
| 13 | <i>Euonymus acanthocarpus</i> var. <i>lushanensis</i> (F.H.Chen & | 52 | <i>Swietenia mahagoni</i> Jacq Meni spermaceae |
| 14 | M.C.Wang) C.Y.Cheng Combretaceae | 53 | <i>Anamirta cocculus</i> Wight & Hrn Moraceae |
| 15 | <i>Terminalia bellirica</i> Roxb. | 54 | <i>Broussonetia papyrifera</i> Vent Moringaceae |
| 16 | <i>Terminalia chebula</i> Retz. Asteraceae | 55 | <i>Moringa concanensis</i> Nimmo |
| 17 | <i>Vernonia cinerea</i> (L.) Less. Corylaceae | 56 | <i>Moringa oleifera</i> Lam Myristicaceae |
| 18 | <i>Corylus avellana</i> L. Cucuribitaceae | 57 | <i>Myristica malabarica</i> Lam Papaveraceae |
| 19 | <i>Momordica dioica</i> Roxb. ex Willd. Euphorbiaceae | 58 | <i>Argemone Mexicana</i> Fabaceae |
| 20 | <i>Aleurites fordii</i> Hemsl. | 59 | <i>Pongamia pinnata</i> Pierre Rhamnaceae |
| 21 | <i>Aleurites moluccana</i> Wild | 60 | <i>Ziziphus mauritiana</i> Lam Rosaceae |
| 22 | <i>Aleurites Montana</i> Wils | 61 | <i>Princepia utilis</i> Royle Rubiaceae |
| 23 | <i>Croton tiglium</i> L. | 62 | <i>Meyna laxiflora</i> Robyns Rutaceae |
| 24 | <i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i> Hausskn. ex DC. | 63 | <i>Aegle marmelos correa</i> Roxb Salvadoraceae |
| 25 | <i>Jatropha curcas</i> L. | 64 | <i>Salvadora oleoides</i> Decne |
| 26 | <i>Joannesia princeps</i> Vell. | 65 | <i>Salvadora persica</i> L. Santalaceae |
| 27 | <i>Mallotus phillippinensis</i> Arg | 66 | <i>Santalum album</i> L. Sapindaceae |
| 28 | <i>Putranjiva roxburghii</i> | 67 | <i>Nephelium lappaceum</i> L. |
| 29 | <i>Sapium sebiferum</i> (L.) Roxb. | 68 | <i>Sapindus trifoliatum</i> L. |
| 30 | Flacourtiaceae | 69 | <i>Schleichera oleosa</i> Oken Sapotaceae |
| 31 | <i>Hydnocarpus kurzii</i> Warb. | 70 | <i>Madhuca butyracea</i> Mac |
| 32 | <i>Hydnocarpus wightiana</i> Blume Guttiferae | 71 | <i>Maduca indica</i> JF Gmel |
| 33 | <i>Calophyllum apetalum</i> Blanco | 72 | <i>Mimusops hexendra</i> Roxb Simaroubaceae |
| 34 | <i>Calophyllum inophyllum</i> L. | 73 | <i>Quassia indica</i> Nooleboom |
| 35 | <i>Garcinia indica</i> Choisy | 74 | <i>Ximenia Americana</i> L. Sterculaceae |
| 36 | <i>Garcinia echinocarpa</i> Thwaites | 75 | <i>Pterygota alata</i> Rbr Ulmaceae |
| 37 | <i>Mesua ferrea</i> L. | 76 | <i>Holoptelia integrifolia</i> – not a promising plant Urticaceae |
| 38 | <i>Garcinia Morella</i> Desr | 77 | <i>Urtica dioica</i> L. Verbenaceae |
| 39 | <i>Mesua ferrea</i> L. Icacinaceae | 78 | <i>Tectona grandis</i> L |

- Can be cultivated as agro-forestry crops.
- Hardy plants have superior survivability under drought conditions.
- Yielding of seeds can be obtained over long period

3. Production of Oil and its Methyl Esters from Non-edible Seeds

Oil extracted from non-edible seeds cannot be directly used as fuel in automobile engine due to higher viscosities of oils. Moreover problems like injector coking, more engine deposits, ring sticking and thickening of engine lubricant are observed using straight vegetable oil as fuel. There are many ways and procedures to convert seed oil in diesel like fuel but trans-esterification is the one of the best process for production of biodiesel.

Table 2. Properties of biodiesel as per ASTM – DIN standard and diesel

| Property | Unit | Diesel | ASTM D 6751 | DIN EN 14214 |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|--------------|
| Density at 15°C | kg/m ³ | 850 | 875-900 | 860-900 |
| Viscosity at 40°C | mm ² /s | 2.60 | 1.9-6.0 | 3.5-5.0 |
| Flash point | °C | 70 | >130 | >120 |
| Pour point | °C | -20 | - | - |
| Water content | % | 0.02 | <0.03 | <0.05 |
| Ash content | % | 0.01 | <0.02 | <0.02 |
| Carbon residue | % | 0.17 | - | <0.3 |
| Sulphur content | % | - | 0.05 | - |
| Acid value | mg KOH/g | 0.35 | <0.8 | <0.5 |
| Iodine value | - | - | - | - |
| Saponification value | - | - | - | - |
| Calorific value | MJ/kg | 42 | - | - |
| Cetane number | - | 46 | - | - |
| Cloud Point | °C | - | - | - |
| Lubricity | µm | - | - | - |
| Induction Period-IP | hours | - | 3.0 min | 6.0 min |

Sixteen major Tree Borne Oilseeds (TBOS) species that are considered suitable for planting on marginal lands are *Jatropha curcas L.* (Ratanjyot), *Simmondsia chinensis L.* (Jojoba), *Pongamia Pinnata (L.) Pierre* (Karanja), *Schlichera Oleosa Merr.* (Kusum), *Azadirachta indica A. Juss.* (Neem), *Calophyllum Inophyllum L.* (Punnakka), *Ceiba pentadra Gaertn* (Kapok), *Sapindus mukorossi Gaertp.* (Soapnut), *Moringa oleifera Lam.* (Drum stick), *Cleome viscosa L.* (wild mustard), *Brassica juncea L* *Balanites roxburghii Planch* (Desert Date), and *Aegle marmelos (L.) Correa ex Roxb* (Bael Tree), *Raphanus satiyus L.* (Turnip oil), *Gossypium hirsutum L.* (cottonseed), *Thlaspi arvense L.* (Pennycress). The new National Biofuel policy of 2008 seeks to explore the full potential for biofuels in India not only from wastelands but also from natural forest and other private forest lands[1].

Fuel properties of oil extracted from different seeds and its methyl ester are compared with standard established by USA – American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM D6751) and German Institute for Standardization – Deutsches Institut fur Normung (DIN EN 14214). Different

standard fuel properties as per ASTM and DIN of biodiesel are enlisted in table 2 along with the standard value of conventional fuel diesel.

3.1. *Jatropha Curcas L. (Ratanjyot)*

Jatropha curcas L., non-edible seed from which oil (JO) was extracted and its methyl ester (JOME-biodiesel) was produced from it had given a yield of 97%[8]. *Jatropha curcas L.*, tree or shrub grows practically all over India under a variety of agro-climatic conditions and it is commonly found in most of the tropical and subtropical regions of the world. Free Fatty Acid (FFA) shows 16 components such as Oleic, Linoleic, Palmitic, Stearic, Palmitoleic, Linolenic, Arachidic, Margaric, Myristic, Caproic, Caprylic, Lauric, Capric, Saturated, Monounsaturated, and Polyunsaturated. Esterification was performed using acid catalyst (5% H₂SO₄) and methanol (20% of oil), while trans-esterification reaction was carried out for 2 hours keeping molar ratio of methanol to oil at 6:1 and sodium hydroxide concentration of 0.7 weight percentage of oil. Kinematic viscosity and cetane values are slightly higher than diesel, which is favorable for combustion. Higher flash point is advantageous for fuel transportation. It was observed that the calorific value of JOME is 37.2 MJ/kg, which is low compared to diesel fuel of 42 MJ/kg. JOME has higher cloud and pour point than conventional diesel which helps them working in cold environment. The various properties were found to be comparable with diesel and Table 3 shows the fuel properties of JO and JOME. When compared with various standards as per table 2 are in well accordance with them.

Table 3. Fuel properties of jatropha oil and its methyl ester[8]

| Property | Unit | JO | JOME |
|----------------------|--------------------|------|-------|
| Density at 15°C | kg/m ³ | 918 | 880 |
| Viscosity at 40°C | mm ² /s | 35.4 | 4.84 |
| Flash point | °C | 186 | 162 |
| Pour point | °C | -6 | -6 |
| Water content | % | 5 | Nil |
| Ash content | % | 0.7 | Nil |
| Carbon residue | % | 0.3 | 0.025 |
| Sulphur content | % | 0.02 | Nil |
| Acid value | mg KOH/g | 11.0 | 0.24 |
| Iodine value | - | 101 | 104 |
| Saponification value | - | 194 | 190 |
| Calorific value | MJ/kg | 33 | 37.2 |
| Cetane number | - | 23 | 51.6 |

Recently, Shah et al.[9] have explored the use of Zirconium based heterogeneous catalysts to synthesis *Jatropha* oil biodiesel (JBD) and to take advantages of the solid nature as well as reusability of the environmentally friendly heterogeneous catalyst. In order to compare JBD was also synthesized using conventional sodium metoxide (NaOMe) homogenous catalyst). Best yield was obtained using heterogeneous catalyst (ZH3). Synthesized JBD by both homogenous and heterogeneous catalysts were characterized by FTIR, and Diesel Fuel Properties like viscosity and density Table 4. Viscosities of synthesized all

JBD were in agreement with ASTM D-6751 (100%-BD) and ASTM D-975 (100%-Diesel). Except density of blended mixture, all other fuel properties studied are in agreement with ASTM D-975 (100%-Diesel). 5% This study provides the economic pathway for the synthesis of eco-friendly biodiesel.

Table 4. Fuel properties of jatropha oil, homogeneous and heterogeneous catalyst[9]

| Parameters/Oil or BD | JO | BD-ZH ₃ | BD-ZS ₃ | BD-SM |
|---------------------------------|------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Yield in % | - | 95 | 92 | 90 |
| FT-IR for -C=O cm ⁻¹ | 1745 | 1741 | 1741 | 1741 |
| Viscosity (cSt) | 53 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 3.8 |
| Density (g/ml) | 0.92 | 0.88 | 0.85 | 0.88 |

3.2. Simmondsia Chinesis L. (Jojoba)

The jojoba plant seeds contain 50 to 60 % by weight of non-edible oil which is suitable for production of biodiesel[10]. It is a perennial shrub belonging to Simmondsiaceae family that is native to the Mojave and Sonoran deserts of Mexico, California, Arizona and western part of India. Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) spectra were recorded on a Thermo Nicolet Nexus 470 FTIR system with a Smart ARK accessory containing a 45 ZeSe trough in a scanning range of 650 – 4000 cm⁻¹ for 32 scans at a spectral resolution of 4 cm⁻¹. The fatty acid profiles of jojoba oil and its methyl ester are Myristic, Palmitic, Stearic, Arachidic, Behenic, Palmitoleic, Oleic, Vaccenic, Gondoic, Erucic, Nervonic, Linoleic, Linolenic, Arachidonic and Docotetrasenoic. Acid – catalyzed pretreatment of jojoba oil was carried out as higher acid value and base catalyst lead to soap formations and consequently, increase in the formation of emulsions, which may impact on the yield of biodiesel. Transesterification of pretreated oil was done by adding freshly cut sodium metal into methyl alcohol, after which this mixture was heated at 65°C for 4 hour with stirring at reflux. Table 5 shows the properties of jojoba oil and its methyl ester which has the potential as an alternative nonfood feedstock for biodiesel production and different properties are in acceptable range when compared with standards describe in table 2. Viscosity is high as compare to diesel which may affect the flow of fuel. Lower pour point

may help in using it in cold climatic conditions. Its lubricity property may be advantageous in using it as good lubricant.

Table 5. Fuel properties of Jojoba oil and its methyl ester[10]

| Property | Unit | Jojoba Oil | Jojoba Oil Methyl Ester |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Viscosity at 40°C | mm ² /s | 25.00 | 6.67 |
| Cloud Point | °C | 8 | -13 |
| Pour point | °C | 5 | -16 |
| Lubricity | µm | 151 | 165 |
| Induction period | Hour | 60 | 0.35 |
| Acid value | mg KOH/g | 0.68 | 1.37 |
| Iodine value | - | - | 108 |
| Cetane number | - | - | 69 |

The majority of biodiesel fuels are produced from vegetable oils or animal fats by transesterification of oil with alcohol in the presence of a catalyst. In this study, a new class of biofuel is explored by acetylation of fatty alcohols from Jojoba oil. The fatty alcohol component of jojoba wax esters primarily consists of cis-11-eicosen-1-ol and cis-13-docosen-1-ol, with eicosenoic, erucic, and oleic acids composing the acid component. Jojobyl methyl acetate (JMA)[11] was produced using direct acetylation of purified jojobyl alcohol obtained during preparation of Jojobyl methyl esters (JME)[10] as discussed in earlier part.. Important fuel properties of JMA (Table 6), were evaluated using standard methods. A comparison was made with previously reported JME and relevant biodiesel fuel standards, such as ASTM D6751 and EN 14214. These results were comparable to JME with the exception of the higher kinematic viscosity and CP in the case of JMA. Blends (B5 and B20)- (Table 7), of JMA in ultralow sulfur diesel fuel (ULSD) were also evaluated for the fuel properties and compared to an equivalent set of blends of JME in ULSD and relevant petro diesel fuel standards such as ASTM D975 and D7467. Blends of JMA in ULSD displayed similar low temperature properties to neat ULSD and blends of JME in ULSD. This research demonstrates utilization of a by-product as feedstock for biofuel preparation and establishes a new innovative class of biofuel, which can be prepared via the acetylation of fatty alcohols.

Table 6. Physical Properties of Jojoba oil(JO), After Pre-treatment (APT-JO), Jojoba Oil Methyl Ester (JME), Jojobyl Alcohol (JA) and Jojobyl methyl acetate (JMA)[10]

| Property | Unit | Jojoba Oil (JO)[9] | APT-JO[9] | Jojoba Oil Methyl Ester (JME)[9] | Jojobyl Alcohol (JA)[10] | Jojobyl methyl acetate (JMA)[10] |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Viscosity at 40°C | mm ² /s | 25.00 | 21.06 | 6.67 | 10.79 | 7.64 |
| Cloud Point | °C | 8 | 7 | -13 | 10 | 2 |
| Pour point | °C | 5 | 4 | -16 | 7 | -16 |
| Cold filter plugging point | °C | 20 | 20 | -14 | 9 | -10 |
| Lubricity | µm | 151 | 20 | 165 | 139 | 212 |
| Induction period | hour | 60 | 34 | 0.35 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Acid value | mg KOH/g | 0.68 | 0.60 | 1.37 | 0.57 | 1.22 |
| Iodine value | - | ND | ND | 108 | ND | ND |
| Cetane number | - | ND | 74 | 69 | ND | ND |
| Onset Temperature | °C | 188 | 184 | 176 | 161 | 177 |
| Signal Maximum Temperature | °C | 208 | 206 | 202 | 200 | 206 |
| High Heating Value | MJ/kg | ND | ND | 40.574 | 42.450 | 40.603 |

Table 7. Physical Properties of Jojoba Oil Methyl Ester (JME), Jojobyl methyl acetate (JMA) at 5 vol% with Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel (ULSD), and their comparison[11]

| Property | Unit | ULSD | JME[9] 5 % Blend | JMA[10] 5 % Blend | JME[9] 29 % Blend | JMA[10] 20% Blend |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Viscosity at 40°C | mm ² /s | 2.34 | 2.45 | 2.49 | 2.96 | 2.92 |
| Cloud Point | °C | -18 | -15 | -15 | -15 | -16 |
| Pour point | °C | -23 | -25 | -22 | -21 | -22 |
| Cold filter plugging point | °C | -16 | -16 | -15 | -16 | -21 |
| Lubricity | µm | 493 | 320 | 270 | 222 | 189 |
| Induction period | hour | >24 | 21 | 17 | 17 | 15 |
| Acid value | mg KOH/g | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.12 | 0.16 | 1.64 |
| Onset Temperature | °C | 198 | 196 | 194 | 188 | 186 |
| Signal Maximum Temperature | °C | 213 | 211 | 216 | 205 | 212 |

3.3. Pongamia Pinnata (L.) Pierre (Karanja)

Karanja seed kernels contain 27-39% of oil which can be used for production of its methyl ester. Karanja is a tree grown in parts of India and Australia. The potential availability of the oil is estimated to be 55,000 tons per year[12]. Fatty acid profile for karanja oil and its methyl ester are Palmitoleic, Stearic, Oleic, linoleic, linolenic, arachidic, gondoic, erucic, and nervonic. Different methods used for the production of biodiesel from Karanja are direct use, micro emulsion, pyrolysis and trans esterification. Acid catalyzed transesterification uses Bronsted acid but H₂SO₄ is commonly used. Base catalyzed transesterification uses alkaline metal alkoxides give higher yield in short reaction time as compare to acid catalyst. The calorific value of biodiesel obtained from Karanja is 39656 kJ/kg, as compared to calorific value of conventional diesel which is 43405 kJ/kg. This reflects that heat content of the biodiesel obtained from Karanja oil is nearly 90% that of biodiesel.

3.4. Schlichera Oleosa Merr. (Kusum)

Schlichera Oliosia seed kernels contain 40.3% of yellowish brown colored oil[13]. Kusum is widely available in sub-Himalayan region, Chattishgarh, throughout central and southern India, Burma, Ceylon, Java and Timor. FFA composition shows 16 components such as Myristic acid, Palmitic acid, Palmitoleic acid, Oleic acid, Linolelaidic acid, Cis Linoleic acid, alpha-Linolenic acid, Eicosenoic acid, Eicosadienoic acid, Heneicosanoic acid, Behenic acid, Erucic acid, Lignoceric acid and Docosaheaxenoic acid. Alkaline-catalyzed esterification process could not produce biodiesel from high FFA oils from seeds of Kusum. A two-step esterification method is developed to produce biodiesel from Kusum from high FFA vegetable oil. The acid-catalyzed pretreatment process reduces the high FFA content of the crude oil to about 2% FFA. In second stage oil is transesterified using alkaline catalyst. The fatty acid composition was investigated by GC/MS after methylation. The flash point of biodiesel is higher than that of diesel but viscosity and density are found to be close to that of diesel. The performance of the biodiesel can be improved if the

concentration of esters in biodiesel is lower. Table 8 shows important properties of unrefined Schlichera oleosa oil and its methyl esters when compared with standard as per table 3.1 are in well accordance with them.

Table 8. Fuel Properties of Kusum Oil and its methyl ester[12]

| Property | Unit | Kusum Oil | Kusum Oil Methyl Ester |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Density at 40°C | kg/m ³ | 860 | 850 |
| Viscosity at 40°C | cSt | 40.36 | 14.2 |
| Flash point | °C | 225 | 150 |
| Fire point | °C | 231 | 157 |
| Calorific value | MJ/kg | 38.14 | 41.65 |

3.5. Azadirachta Indica A. Juss. (Neem)

Table 9. Fuel Properties of NOME using acid and alkali catalyst[14]

| Property | Unit | NOME acid catalyst | NOME alkali catalyst |
|-------------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Density at 15°C | g/cc | 0.78 | 0.81 |
| Viscosity at 40°C | cP | 5.3 | 4.9 |
| Heating Value | MJ/kg | 39.1 | 39.4 |
| Cetane number | - | 46 | 46 |
| Carbon mass | wt% | 76.7 | 76.7 |
| Hydrogen | wt% | 12.1 | 12.1 |
| Oxygen | wt% | 11.15 | 11.15 |
| Sulphur | wt% | <=0.004 | <=0.004 |

Neem seeds are obtained from trees and collected, de-pulped, sun dried and crushed for oil extraction. The seeds have 45% of oil from which Neem oil methyl ester (NOME-biodiesel) can be produced[14]. Neem is a tree in the mahogany family Meliaceae which is abundantly grown in varied parts of India. The Neem grows on almost all types of soils including clayey, saline and alkaline conditions. FTIR test of non-esterified and esterified neem oil was carried out using MATSEN equipment. The fatty acid found in oil are Oleic acid, Palmitic acid, Linoleic acid, Stearic acid, Arachidic acid and Myristic acid. The catalyst used for preparation of biodiesel using neem oil is alkali and acid. It was found that the yield of methyl ester increases to maximum of 92% which was at temperature 55°C and yield start decreasing drastically once the temperature goes

beyond 60°C. Different properties of Neem oil methyl ester using acid catalyst and alkali catalyst are compared in table 9. Out of all properties cetane number was found to be 46 which is almost same as diesel, as high cetane number could lead to engine performance problems. As sulphur content was found to be less than 0.004 compared to diesel which is very less resulting into nontoxic. The ester of this oil can be used as environment friendly alternative fuel for diesel engine creating a greener environment in the future.

3.6. Calophyllum Inophyllum L. (Punnakka)

Punnakka oil is produced from the tree called punna which belongs to the family clusiaceae and the tree is medium to large size with shining leaves and golden seeds. Punnakka oil is obtained by crushing the seeds and kernels are separated for drying in sun, the kernels of the seeds have high oil content of 75%[15]. This tree is found in many countries especially in coastal areas. Free Fatty Acid profile for Punnakka oil contains Palmatic acid, Hydnocarpic acid, Stearic acid, Oleic acid, Linoleic acid, Linolenic acid and Lignocerate acid. The optimum condition for esterification process was obtained and found that methanol to oil ratio of 0.65 v/v, acid catalyst concentration of 0.75% v/v of oil, reaction temperature of 60°C, reaction time of 60 minutes and settling time of 90 minutes. This was the first stage and in second stage catalyst concentration is for optimum condition above which the conversion efficiency is reduced.

This will help in production of low cost punnakka oil for biodiesel production. Table 10 shows the various properties of Punnakka oil.

Table 10. Fuel Properties of Punnakka Biodiesel[15]

| Property | Unit | Punnakka Oil | Punnakka Biodiesel |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Viscosity at 40°C | mm ² /s | - | 5.6 |
| Flash point | °C | - | 146 |
| Acid value | mgKOH/g | - | 0.5 |
| Calorific Value | MJ/kg | - | 37.5 |
| Specific gravity | - | - | 0.875 |

3.7. Ceiba Pentadra Gaertn. (Kapok)

The seeds contain 22-25% wt/wt oil contents. Kapok is a tree in a family of Malvaceae and locally known as Kekabu in America, West Africa and some part of India. It produces between 500 to 4000 fruits in one time, with each fruit containing 200 seeds. Kapok seed oil methyl esters were analyzed for fatty acid profile using Gas Chromatography Mass Spectroscopy. Palmatic acid, Capric acid, Linoleic acid, Oleic acid, Stearic acid, Sterculic acid and Arachidic acid were observed during the test. The pretreatment of kapok oil is done by acid esterification until the acid value is less than 2 mg KOH/g of oil or below 1% of FFA content before preceded to transesterification reaction[16].

The fuel properties were in well accordance with standards as compared with table 2 but further research and development is required to improve its fuel properties. Table 11 enumerates the fuel properties of Kapok seeds oil. The

low temperature properties of Kapok Oil methyl ester can be improved by using different type of additives. The induction period that is oxidation stability was determined to be 12.3 hour which was beyond the standard values.

Table 11. Fuel Properties of Kapok Oil Methyl Ester[16]

| Property | Unit | Kapok oil | Kapok Oil Methyl ester |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Density at 25°C | kg-m ⁻³ | - | 0.86 |
| Viscosity at 40°C | mm ² -s ⁻¹ | - | 1.8 |
| Flash point | °C | - | 148 |
| Pour Point | °C | - | 4.4 |
| Cloud Point | °C | - | 4 |
| Sulphur content | wt% | - | 0.024 |
| Acid Value | mgKOH/g | - | 1.37 |
| Higher Heating Value | MJ/kg | - | 39.4 |
| Induction Period | Hr | - | 0.22 |

3.8. Sapindus Mukorossi Gaertp. (Soapnut)

Soapnut seed kernels oil content is in range of 50-55% of seed weight which is identified as non-edible oil[17]. It grows wild from Afghanistan to China, ranging in altitudes from 200 to 1500 m also in India. Fatty acid methyl ester was characterized using gas chromatography with flame ionization detection using 50% cyanopropyl polysiloxane phase. The fatty acid of biodiesel produced from soapnut oil obtained by gas chromatography are palmitic acid, patmitoleic acid, stearic acid, oleic acid, linoleic acid, alpha or gamma linolenic acid, arachidic acid, eicosenic acid, behenic acid, erucic acid, Lignoceric acid and others. Acid catalyzed transesterification with H₂SO₄ in methanol was used to produce its fatty acid methyl ester.

3.9. Moringa Oleifera Lam. (Drum Stick)

Drum stick seeds contain between 33 and 41% w/w of vegetable oil. They are most widely known and are indigenous to sub-Himalayan regions of northwest India, Africa, Arabia, South east Asia, the Pacific and Caribbean Islands and South America. Thus they are available in large content.[18]. The fatty ester profile of the drum stick oil as determined by gas chromatography gives Palmitoleic, Stearic, oleic, linoleic, linolenic, arachidic, gondoic, erucic, nervonic, behenic acid, and polyunsaturated fatty acid. Drumstick oil was pre-treated with acid to reduce its acid value to 0.953. After acid pre-treatment biodiesel can be produced by a standard transesterification procedure in which methanolysis of *M. oleifera* oil was conducted by a standard procedure employing a 6:1 molar ratio of methanol to vegetable oil for 1 hour at 60°C with 1 wt% NaOCH₃ as catalyst. It high content of oleic acid (>70%) results into high cetane number of approximately 67, one of the highest found for a biodiesel fuel. The heat of combustion of MOME (*M. oleifera* methyl ester) is 40,092 kJ/kg which is comparatively more than European standard of 35,000 kJ/kg. MOME displayed a cloud point 18°C and pour point of 17°C, these values are rather high and resemble those of palm oil which also contains even higher amounts of saturated fatty acids.

The kinematic viscosity at 40°C of MOME was determined to be 4.83 mm²/s agrees well with the viscosity values of both ASTM D6751 and EN 14214 given in table 2. Table 12 shows the fuel properties of drum stick methyl ester.

Table 12. Fuel Properties of Drum Stick methyl ester[18]

| Property | Unit | Drum Stick oil | Drum Stick Methyl ester |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Viscosity at 40°C | mm ² -s ⁻¹ | - | 4.83 |
| Lubricity | µm | - | 138.5 |
| Pour Point | °C | - | 17 |
| Cloud Point | °C | - | 18 |
| Cetane number | - | - | 67.07 |
| Higher Heating Value | MJ/kg | - | 40.0 |
| Induction Period | hr | - | 3.61 |

Table 13. Fuel Properties of Wild Mustard Oil from different states of India like Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan[19]

| Property | Unit | Delhi | Haryana | Rajasthan |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------|---------|-----------|
| Acid value | mgKOH/g | 58.1 | 48.3 | 43.4 |
| Viscosity at 40°C | mm ² /s | 30 | 30 | 31 |
| Density at 15°C | g/cm ³ | 0.92 | 0.92 | 0.92 |
| Sp. Gravity at 15°C | Ratio | 0.92 | 0.92 | 0.92 |
| Refractive index at 20°C | Ratio | 1.47 | 1.47 | 1.47 |
| Carbon residue | % mass | 0.46 | 0.48 | 0.50 |
| Lubricity | µm | 92 | 92 | 139 |
| Saponification value | mgKOH/g | 214 | 213 | 210 |
| Calorific value | MJ/kg | 39.5 | 39.6 | 39.6 |

3.10. Cleome Viscose L. (Wild Mustard)

After drying wild mustard in sun, its seeds yield varied between 22-26% of the fresh pod weight[19]. The seeds of Cleome viscose is available in large quantity from states like Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi also areas of Aravali range. These plants grow in abundance in July after a monsoon rain and have life of about 13-15 weeks. The fatty acid profile obtained by gas chromatography contains palmitic acid, stearic acid, oleic acid, linoleic acid, saturated fatty acid and unsaturated fatty acids. Oil was extracted in hexane using the Soxhlet apparatus after mechanically crushing it. The use of H₂SO₄ as a catalyst facilitated both transesterification and esterification in the synthesis of biodiesel from the high acid value C. viscosa oil. The biodiesel produced from this oil fulfils the ASTM and Indian Standard requirements for vegetable oil-based biodiesels except in terms of oxidation stability. Thus this plant found to be potential short duration plant resource of non-edible seed oil for synthesis of biodiesel. Table 13 shows different properties of oil available from different states, which shows the diversity in fuel properties at different location of same country.

3.11. Brassica Juncea L. (Wild Mustard)

Wild mustard (*Brassica juncea* L.) oil is evaluated as a feedstock for biodiesel production. Biodiesel was obtained in 94 wt.% yield by a standard transesterification procedure with methanol and sodium methoxide catalyst[20]. Wild mustard also known as field mustard, is an annual

herbaceous plant belongs to Brassicaceae family that is an invasive agriculture paste (weed) to winter crops in southern and southern eastern Brazil.

The oil content of wild mustard oil is about 38%. Wild mustard oil had a high content of erucic (13(Z)-docosenoic; 45.7 wt.%) acid, with linoleic (9(Z), 12(Z)-octadecadienoic; 14.2 wt.%) and linolenic (9(Z), 12(Z), 15(Z)-octadecatrienoic; 13.0 wt.%) acids comprising most of the remaining fatty acid profile. The fuel properties like the cetane number, kinematic viscosity, and oxidative stability (Rancimat method) of the methyl esters was 61.1, 5.33 mm² s⁻¹ (40°C) and 4.8 h (110°C), respectively. The cloud, pour and cold filter plugging points were 4, -21 and -3°C, respectively. Other properties such as acid value, lubricity, free and total glycerol content, iodine value, Gardner colour, specific gravity, as well as sulphur and phosphorous contents were also determined and are discussed in light of biodiesel standards ASTM D6751 and EN 14214 as shown in the Table 14. Also reported are the properties and composition of wild mustard oil, along with identification of wild mustard collected in Brazil as *Brassica juncea* L. (2n = 36) as opposed to the currently accepted *Sinapis arvensis* L. (2n = 18) classification. In summary, wild mustard oil appears to be an acceptable non-edible feedstock for biodiesel production.

Table 14. Fuel properties of Wild Mustard Oil (WMO) and Wild Mustard Methyl Ester (WMMME)

| Property | Unit | WMO | WMMME |
|--|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Oil Content | Wt % | 37.9 | - |
| Gardner Color | - | 11 | 10 |
| M.Wt | g/mol | 979.57 | 327.87 |
| Specific gravity at 25°C | | 0.908 | 0.874 |
| Specific gravity at 40°C | | 0.899 | 0.863 |
| Viscosity at 40°C | mm ² /s | 41.23 | 5.33 |
| Cloud point | °C | - | 4 |
| Pour point | °C | -16 | -21 |
| CFPP | °C | - | -3 |
| Oxidative stability –Inductive Period @ 110 °C | hrs | 5.9 | 4.8 |
| Lubricity, 60 °C- Wear Scar - HFRR | m | 155 | 151 |
| Phosphors Content | mass % | 0.0003 | 0.0002 |
| Sulphur content | ppm | 18 | 11 |
| Acid value | mg KOH/g | 0.55 | 0.06 |
| Iodine value | - | 112 | 112 |
| Free glycerol | mass % | - | 0.002 |
| Total glycerol | mass % | - | 0.224 |
| Cetane number | - | - | 61.1 |

3.12. Balanites Roxburghii Planch (Dessert Date)

As these seeds have low moisture content of 8.73% which is an indication of a reasonable shelf life for the seed, because there is little or no water for the hydrolysis of the oil to take place. The average oil content obtained is about 37.2%[21]. This is a dicotyledonous flowering plant that is popularly known as “Desert date” in English. It is widely grown in desert areas such as Africa, Middle East, India and Burma. The seeds of dates are going as waste and can be utilized in extracting oil and which can be used to produce

biodiesel. Chemically, transesterification reaction involves the alkali group on the triglyceride (oil) is substituted with the methyl group of the alcohol. The base NaOH catalyst was dissolved in the alcohol to make it convenient for dispersing the solid catalyst into the oil. The percentage conversion of the oil to fatty acid methyl ester was 40.68%. The fuel quality parameters of the Desert date biodiesel such as the flash point and specific gravity are similar to those of Diesel. It is "readily biodegradable" compared with the diesel which is partially degradable. Table 15 shows fuel properties of desert date oil.

Table 15. Fuel Properties of Desert Date Oil and its methyl ester[21]

| Property | Unit | Desert date oil | Desert date methyl ester |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Specific Gravity | Ratio | 0.97 | 0.897 |
| Density | g/cm ³ | 0.95 | 0.89 |
| Flash point | °C | 176 | 163 |

3.13. Aegle Marmelos (L.) Correa ex Roxb. (Bael Tree)

The Aegle marmelos corre seeds yielded 49% oil. The molecular weight of the oil is 813.204 gram per mole based on the percentage of component fatty acids[22]. It is cultivated throughout India and also in Sri Lanka and northern Malaysia. Methyl esters of component fatty acids of Aegle marmelos corre seed oil contain Myristic acid, Palmitic acid, Oleic acid, Linoleic acid, Linolenic acid, and ricinoleic acid. Seeds were dried and oil is extracted using Soxhlet extractor with light petroleum ether for 24 hour.

This seed oil is non-edible and is found to be the alternative feed stock for the production of bio-diesel since it convenes the major specifications of the bio-diesel. By-product of transesterification process leads to production of an important industrial product such as glycerol. If many of such plants are grown in large scale on waste land, then it can be an alternative to current conventional fuel. Table 16 shows the comparison of biodiesel properties of methyl esters of seed oil of Aegle marmelos corre with other biodiesel.

3.14. Raphanus Sativus L. (Turnip oil)

Table 16. Comparison of Fuel Properties of Bael Tree seed Oil with other biodiesel[22]

| Property | Unit | Bael Tree Oil | Bael Tree Methyl ester |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Iodine value | mg/g | 85.0 | 94.0 |
| Saponification value | mgKOH/g | 187.0 | 205.0 |
| Density | g/cm ³ | 0.900 | 0.896 |
| Cetane number | | - | 51.77 |
| Higher Heating Value | MJ/kg | - | 40.04 |

Turnip oil (TO; *Raphanus sativus* L.) produces seeds that contain around 26 wt% of inedible base stock that are suitable as a potential feedstock for biodiesel production[23]. A turnip oil methyl ester (TME) was prepared from acid catalyzed pretreated TO in an effort to evaluate its important fuel properties (Table 17). TME was characterized using spectroscopic techniques like FTIR, HPLC and ¹H NMR.

The Major Fatty Acid in TO was found to be Oleic acid (28.4%), Linoleic acid (20.4%), Eucic Acid (15.5%), Linolenic acid (11.5%), Palmitic acid (8.2%), Gondoic acid (7.4%) etc. A comparison was made with soybean oil methyl esters (SME) as per biodiesel fuel standards such as ASTM D6751 and EN 14214. Except Pour Point property, SME displays superior fuel properties compared to TME. This studies demonstrated, turnip oil has potential as an alternative, non-food feedstock for biodiesel production.

Table 17. Yields and physical properties of turnip oil and turnipoil methyl ester (TME)[23]

| Property | Units | Turnip Oil | TME |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------|
| Oil Content | wt% | 26.04 | - |
| MWcalc | g/mol | 916.83 | - |
| Cloud Point | °C | 5.6 | 10 |
| Pour Point | °C | -18 | -14 |
| CFPP | °C | - | -2 |
| Oxidative stability –Inductive Period | hour | 8.0 | 1.6 |
| Viscosity at 25°C | mm ² /s | 38.6 | - |
| Viscosity at 40°C | mm ² /s | 22.8 | 5.0 |
| Viscosity at 100°C | mm ² /s | 6.1 | - |
| Viscosity Index | - | 238 | - |
| Specific Gravity, 25°C | - | 0.8939 | - |
| Specific Gravity, 40°C | - | 0.8846 | - |
| Lubricity, 60°C | µm | 111 | 201 |
| Acid value | mg KOH/g | 2.56 | 0.08 |
| Iodine value | - | 111 | - |
| Calorific Value | MJ/Kg | 38.54 | 38.75 |

3.15. Gossypium Hirsutum L. (Cottonseed)

Joshi *et al.*, [24] have currently studied the impact of the commercial additive on the Cottonseed oil methyl esters (CSME), where they have studied the low temperature operability and oxidative stability of cottonseed oil methyl esters (CSME) were improved with four anti-gel additives (Gunk, Heet, and Howe) as well as one antioxidant additive, (gossypol). Fuel properties of CSME and comparison to ASTM D6751 and EN 14214 biodiesel fuel standards are shown in Table 18.

Table 18. Yields and physical properties of cottonseed oil and cotton seed methyl ester (CSME)[24]

| Property | Units | Cottonseed Oil | CSME |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------|
| MWcalc | g/mol | 860.83 | 288.29 |
| Cloud Point | °C | 0.3 | 6.0 |
| Pour Point | °C | 0.0 | 7.0 |
| CFPP | °C | 0.6 | 6.7 |
| Oxidative stability –Inductive Period | hour | 3.5 | 13.4 |
| Viscosity at 40°C | mm ² /s | 0.0 | 4.10 |
| Lubricity, 60°C | µm | 7.0 | 150 |
| Acid value | mg KOH/g | 0.02 | 0.03 |
| Iodine value | - | - | 105 |
| Calorific Value | MJ/Kg | - | 39.395 |

Low temperature operability and oxidative stability of

CSME was determined by cloud point (CP), pour point (PP), cold filter plugging point (CFPP), and oxidative stability index (OSI). The most significant reductions in CP, PP, and CFPP in all cases were obtained with Technoll, with the average reduction in temperature found to be 3.9 8C. Gunk, Heet, and Howe were progressively less effective, as indicated by average reductions in temperature of 3.4, 3.0, and 2.8 0C, respectively. In all cases, the magnitude of CFPP reduction was greater than for PP and especially CP. Addition of gossypol, a polyphenolic aldehyde, resulted in linear improvement in OSI ($R^2 = 0.9804$). The OSI of CSME increased from 5.0 to 8.3 h with gossypol at a concentration of 1000 ppm.

3.16. *Thlaspi Arvense L. (Pennycress)*

Field pennycress (*Thlaspi arvense L.*) oil is evaluated for the first time as a feedstock for biodiesel production. Field pennycress (*Thlaspi arvense L.*), also known as stinkweed or French-weed, is a winter annual belonging to the Brassicaceae family. Native to Eurasia but with an extensive distribution throughout temperate North America, field pennycress is highly adapted to a wide variety of climatic conditions. The Brassicaceae family is a prolific source of biodiesel feedstocks, as evidenced by canola (or rapeseed, *Brassica napus L.*). Generally considered to be an agricultural pest (weed), field pennycress has potential to serve in a summer/winter rotational cycle with conventional commodity crops (such as corn or soybean), thus not displacing existing agricultural production. Field pennycress is tolerant of fallow lands, requires minimal agricultural inputs (fertilizer, pesticides, water), is not part of the food chain, is compatible with existing farm infrastructure, and has high oil content (20-36 wt %). [25] In addition, each plant may produce up to 15 000 seeds, and fields heavily infested with field pennycress are reported to yield up to 1345 kg of seed/ha. More recent results indicate that the yield from wild populations is in the range of 1120-2240 kg of seed/ha, which equates to around 600-1200 L of oil/ha versus 450 and 420-640 L/ha in the cases of Soybean and Camelina (*C. sativa L.*) oils, respectively.

Bryan et al [26] has reported, preparation of field pennycress oil methyl esters (FPME) and evaluated their fuel properties, along with a comparison with biodiesel fuel standards such as ASTM D6751 and EN 14214. Biodiesel was obtained in 82 wt % yield by a standard transesterification procedure with methanol and sodium methoxide catalyst at 60 0C and an alcohol to oil molar ratio of 6:1. Acid-catalyzed pretreatment to reduce the acid value of crude field pennycress oil resulted in a yield after methanolysis of 94 wt %. Field pennycress oil had high contents of erucic (13(Z)-docosenoic; 32.8 wt %) and linoleic (9(Z),12(Z)-octadecadienoic; 22.4 wt %) acids with other unsaturated fatty acids comprising most of the remaining fatty acid profile. As a result, the methyl esters (biodiesel) obtained from this oil exhibited a high cetane

number of 59.8 and excellent low temperature properties, as evidenced by cloud, pour, and cold filter plugging points of -10, -18, and -17°C, respectively. The kinematic viscosity and oxidative stability (Rancimat method) of field pennycress oil methyl esters were 5.24 mm²/s (40°C) and 4.4 h (110°C), respectively. Other fuel properties (Table 3.18) such as acid value, lubricity, free and total glycerol content, surface tension, as well as sulfur and phosphorus contents were also determined and are discussed in light of biodiesel standards such as ASTM D6751 and EN 14214. Also reported for the first time are cetane numbers of methyl esters of erucic and gondoic (methyl 11(Z)-eicosenoate) acids, which were found to be 74.2 and 73.2, respectively. In summary, field pennycress oil appears to an acceptable feedstock for biodiesel production.

Table 19. Yields and physical properties of pennycress oil and field pennycress methyl ester (FPME)[25]

| Property | Units | Pennycress Oil | FPME |
|--|--------------------|----------------|------|
| Oil Content | wt% | 29.0 | - |
| Cloud Point | °C | -25 | -10 |
| Pour Point | °C | -28 | -18 |
| CFPP | °C | | -17 |
| Oxidative stability –Inductive Period | hour | 5.0 | 4.4 |
| Viscosity at 40°C | mm ² /s | 40.97 | 5.24 |
| Viscosity Index | - | 224 | - |
| Specific Gravity, 25°C | - | 0.913 | - |
| Specific Gravity, 40°C | - | 0.904 | - |
| Lubricity, 60°C | µm | 125 | 125 |
| Acid value | mg KOH/g | 0.61 | 0.04 |

3.17. Mathematical Models for the Biodiesel

In Recent past, Mitra et. al.[27] has reported Mathematical Modeling for the Prediction of Fuel Properties of Biodiesel from their FAME Composition. They have compared fuel properties like viscosity, density and High Heat Value (HHV) of ten biodiesels namely Corn, Cottonseed, Linseed, Rapeseed, Safflower, Soybean, Sunflower, Palm, Mahua, and Jatropha predicted using their FAME (Fatty Acid Methyl Ester) composition by regression analysis. The results obtained are compared and found to be in good agreement with reported literature values. Recently, Muazu et al has reported Development of Mathematical Model for Predication of Biodiesel yield using Jatropha oil as non-edible feedstock[28].

4. Application of Bio-diesel from Non-edible Seeds

The fossil fuels are non-renewable and due to continue use, they will deplete in the future and there will be energy crisis in the world. Many experts believe that by the year 2070, the world will be exhausted of fossil fuels. The use of fossil fuels also pollutes the environment and causes environmental problems like global warming, green - house effect, air-pollution etc. Moreover, important fossil fuels like oil

and gas are concentrate in some of the countries, resulting the remaining countries like India have to completely depends on such countries which are producing oil and gas. The price structure of these commodities is also decided by political equations besides usual trade laws. The import of oil and gas costs valuable foreign exchange which also affects the country economy. For example, our import bill for 2011-12 has shot up to \$475 billion. Of this, nearly a third, or \$150 billion, comprises crude oil imports. The trade deficit has blown up to \$175 billion. Oil imports now comprise a gargantuan 85% of the country's total trade deficit.[29]

Oil from vegetable seeds can be used as fuel without any modification in Compression Ignition engine. The comparative studies showed that non-edible oil is good alternative fuel in India. Without changing the engine technology blending of biodiesel is an interim approach to overcome the problems of short supply and emission. Experimental findings proved that non-edible biodiesel when blended with diesel from 10-20% shows similar engine performance as engine fuelled with conventional diesel[30]. Experimentation was conducted on 4-stroke, 4-cylinder indirect injection water cooled CI engine to understand the performance of engine. The fuel used was B20 (blend of 20% neem biodiesel and 80% petroleum diesel by volume). The load was varied from no load condition to maximum of 12 kW at constant speed of 1500 RPM. It was found that brake thermal efficiency was higher for biodiesel blend as compared to diesel. Also emission of CO, NO_x, and SO₂ is less with B20 fuel compared to diesel. The flash point of B20 was higher which enhance is safety during storage and transportation[31]. Performance study of an engine using Karanj Oil (K100) and blending karanj oil with diesel name K10, K15, K20 as a fuel was carried out. Specific fuel consumption increases with the increase in blend but K15 has minimum brake specific fuel consumption due to similar properties of fuel as diesel[32]. Performance and emission study on a single cylinder diesel engine using preheated mahua oil was carried out. Due to preheating to 130°C of mahua oil viscosity of the oil is decreasing which not only enhanced the heat release rate but also improved the engine performance and emissions. NO_x emission was marginally increased but preheated mahua oil can be used as diesel substitute under emergency as well as running situations[33]. The effect of neem oil and its methyl ester on a direct injected four stroke, single cylinder diesel engine show that at full load, peak cylinder pressure is higher, peak heat release rate during premixed combustion phase is lower, ignition delay is lower for neat neem oil and neem oil methyl ester when compared with diesel at full load. The combustion duration is higher, the brake thermal efficiency is slightly lower, reduction in emission in NO_x for neem oil and its methyl ester along with an increase in CO, HC and smoke emissions[34].

Compression Ignition engine basically use diesel as fuel and are mainly used in industrial, transport and agricultural applications due to its reliability, durability and high fuel efficiency. Despite of its extensive use in industry high

smoke and NO_x emissions are major issues related to it. Unburnt hydrocarbon due to less availability of oxygen in the combustion chamber leads to emissions. An extensive study is done to increase the oxygen contain in the fuel by the means of adding additives to diesel. Biodiesel itself is having large oxygen content as compare to diesel which makes it less emissive as compare to diesel. Here are some work which shows the use of additives in diesel no such study is still observed in biodiesel. Oxygenated additive is a chemical compound containing oxygen. It enhance combustion process and reduce emission by addition in volume it also reduces the amount of crude oil consumption. Dimethyl carbonate (C₃H₆O₃) often abbreviated DMC is having oxygen content upto 53.3 wt% having lower heating value of 15.78 MJ/kg and boiling point of 90°C which are much lower than that of diesel fuel. DMC and EGM addition to diesel changes the physicochemical properties of blends. Adding this in appropriate proportion it will improve the engine performance and emission characteristics[35]. Performance and emission test was carried out on 4-stroke multi-cylinder CI engine using DMC-EGM-diesel blends. 5% blend of DMC by volume gives higher brake thermal efficiency than that of diesel. Minimum CO and NO_x emission is found for 10% blend of DMC in diesel. The blends of diesel with 15% DMC and EGM by volume is the best fraction for reduction of smoke[36].

5. Conclusions

The potential for using oil of non-edible seeds as an alternative fuel for compression ignition engine has vided scope. Different kind of biodiesel is produced from non-edible seeds such as jatropha, neem, karanj, kusum, jojoba etc. There are around 78 non-edible species identified for the production of biodiesel but testing on engine is done with only few of them. As different oil had different chemical properties enough scope is there to carry out future work using any one of the non-edible seeds identified in section 2 of this paper according to Indian perspective. One can develop transesterification process for the given seed and produce biodiesel from it. Conducting performance analysis using that biodiesel caters the final product analysis which will be used in automobile engines. Very less economical study is found in the literature. If someone identifies a non-edible seeds, then study its cropping pattern which will help him to understand the growth yield of that seeds per hectare of land. From the available growth yield what will be the oil extraction from given quantity of seeds and what will be the cost encountered in transesterification process along with the cost analysis of by-product. This complete understanding of production of biodiesel from non-edible seeds will help in commercializing the product and will also help our economy by reducing the import of crude oil. Mathematical model for transesterification as well as different fuel properties of biodiesels are also discussed.

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