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## I. INTRODUCTION

Ridge gourd (*Luffa acutangula* (L.) Roxb.) is an important cucurbitaceous vegetable crop widely grown in tropical and subtropical parts of the world. It belongs to genus *Luffa* of Cucurbitaceae and has a chromosome number  $2n=26$ . The genus derives its name from product 'loofah' which is used in bathing sponge, doormats, pillows and also cleaning utensils. In addition to culinary properties, it has therapeutic properties and is used for extraction of fibres [1]. Ridge gourd, being predominantly monoecious, is a cross pollinated crop and provides ample scope for utilization of the hybrid vigour. During recent years, the exploitation of hybrid vigour and selection of parents on the basis of combining ability have expanded a new alley in crop improvement. These studies are generally used to assess the performance of lines in hybridization programme and to understand the gene action involved in different characters.

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## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The experimental material consists of 20 parents viz. KRG-1, KRG-2, KRG-3, KRG-4, KRG-5, KRG-6, KRG-7, KRG-8, KRG-9, KRG-10, KRG-11, KRG-12, KRG-13, KRG-14, KRG-15, KRG-16, KRG-17 used as lines and three testers namely ASJ, ASM and PN and one standard check Naga. An experiment was carried out at Vegetable Science Department, K. R. C. College of Horticulture, Arabhavi, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot during summer and kharif, 2012. The experiment consists of 20 parents and 51 hybrids and were evaluated in randomized block design with two replications. A spacing of 1.2 m × 0.9 m was followed and other cultural practices were followed as per the package of practices of UAS, Dharwad [2]. Observations on five randomly selected plants were recorded for various growth, earliness, yield and quality parameters. The Line × Tester analysis is one of the most appropriate methods in preliminary screening of the breeding material for combining ability and data was analyzed as per the Kempthorne [3] to determine general and specific combining ability.

## III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The analysis of variance (Table 1) for genotypes showed significant differences for all the characters. The estimates of mean sum of squares due to parents showed significant differences for all the characters except node to first female flower, per cent fruit set, number of fruits per vine and fruit yield per vine indicating the presence of sufficient variability among the parents studied. The magnitude if variance due to sca was greater than gca for all the characters and GCA: SCA less than unity also confirmed the preponderance of non-additive gene action for all the traits. These results are close conformity with Purohit[4] and Neeraja [5].

The estimates of gca effects of each parents are presented in Table 2. Among the 20 parents, seven parents showed significant and positive gca effects for fruit yield per vine, the highest was observed in the line KRG-3 (0.29) followed by KRG-11 (0.12), KRG-10 and KRG-2 (0.08). The parent KRG-3 was found to be good general combiner for all the character except number of

leaves 90 days after sowing (DAS), days to first female flower appearance, node to first female flower appearance, sex ratio, per cent fruit set, average fruit weight and flesh thickness.

The line KRG-5 (-2.99) and tester PN (-1.84) exhibited negative and significant *gca* effects for days to first female flower appearance. For days to first harvest significant and highest *gca* effects was observed in the parent KRG-5 (-5.62) followed by KRG-3 (-4.28) and PN (-1.69). These results are in agreement with Ahmed *et al.* [6]. The parents *viz.* KRG-5 and PN exhibited the significant and negative *gca* effects for both days to first female flower appearance and days to first harvest so, these parents may be used in breeding programme for earliness.

The female parent KRG-11 exhibited the maximum and significant *gca* effects for number of leaves at 90 DAS (6.77) and number of branches at 90 DAS (2.09) whereas the male parent ASJ for number of leaves at 90 DAS (6.43) and number of branches at 90 DAS (0.37) exhibited positive and significant *gca* effects. None of the parents exhibited positive and significant *gca* effects for per cent fruit set. For average fruit weight the line KRG-12 (75.28) exhibited maximum and significant *gca* effects whereas, KRG-1 (5.40) exhibited significant and maximum *gca* effects for fruit length. The line KRG-3 was the good general combiner for number of fruits per vine (1.20), fruit diameter (0.59), fruit yield per vine (0.29), fruit yield per plot (4.34) and fruit yield per hectare (13.52) whereas, KRG-2 exhibited the maximum and significant *gca* effects for flesh thickness (0.50).

However parents KRG-2, KRG-3, KRG-4, KRG-11, KRG-16, ASM and PN exhibited significant *gca* effects for the most of the traits. Due to predominant role of non-additive gene action for yield and its components, it is difficult to bring together desirable genes by pedigree method. In this situation formation of central gene pool by bringing together the multiple parents having the good *gca* effects suggested by Jensen [7] might prove to be useful.

The crosses having desired significant specific combining effects are presented in Table 3. Out of 51 crosses, 16 crosses exhibited positively significant and 15 crosses exhibited negatively significant *sca* effects for fruit yield per vine. Maximum and positively significant *sca* effects was observed in the cross KRG-9 x ASJ (0.24) followed by KRG-10 x PN (0.22), KRG-6 x ASM (0.16) and KRG-3 x ASJ (0.14).

The highest positive *sca* effects was exhibited (Table 3) by the cross KRG-11 x PN (90.46) followed by KRG-6 x PN (70.63) for number of leaves per vine. For number of branches significant *sca* effects and maximum *sca* effects (1.86) were exhibited by KRG-3 x ASM followed by KRG-11 x PN (1.68) and KRG-15 x PN (1.45). For days to first female flower appearance, the cross KRG-15 x ASJ (-7.35) followed by KRG-15 x PN (-

6.82) and KRG-11 x ASM (-6.32) exhibited maximum negative and significant *sca* effects. Among the crosses only cross KRG-9 x ASJ (-5.31) was exhibited negative and significant *sca* effects for node to first female flower appearance which is desirable.

The cross KRG-12 x PN (-8.67) followed by KRG-17 x PN (-7.83) exhibited significant in desirable direction (negative) for sex ratio. For per cent fruit set the cross KRG-16 x PN (12.38) exhibited positive and significant *sca* effects. None of the testers and crosses exhibited positive and significant *sca* effects for number of fruits per vine. For average fruit weight maximum and significant *sca* effects was observed in the cross KRG-4 x ASM (85.99) followed by KRG-13 x PN (81.08) and KRG-6 x ASJ (75.70) whereas, the highest positive and significant *sca* effects was exhibited by the cross KRG-1 x ASJ (8.20) followed by KRG-12 x PN (5.48) and KRG-14 x ASM (4.45) for fruit length. Maximum and significant *sca* effects was observed in the cross KRG-12 x PN (1.10) for fruit diameter. Two crosses KRG-6 x ASJ (0.85) followed by KRG-1 x ASM (0.69) exhibited the positive and significant *sca* effects for flesh thickness.

It was interested to record that out of 51 crosses, showing high specific combining ability effects, two crosses were the product of one parent having a high general combining ability, one cross was the product of one parent having a low general combining ability and remaining one cross involved the both parents having high general combining ability. Similar results were also reported by Neeraja [5] in ridge gourd. The crosses involving parents with good general combining ability effects can be exploited effectively by conventional breeding procedure like pedigree method. However the crosses one good combiner and other average or poor combiner could produce desirable transgressive segregators if additive genetic system was operative in good combining parents and epistatic effects also act in the same direction.

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*Table 1* : Analysis of variance (mean sum of squares) of Line × Tester analysis for various characters in ridge gourd

| Sl. No. | Character                      | Replications | Genotypes | Parents   | Parents vs Crosses | Crosses    | Lines     | Testers   | Line × Tester | Error  |
|---------|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|--------|
|         | Degree of freedom              | 1            | 70        | 19        | 1                  | 50         | 16        | 2         | 32            | 70     |
| 1       | Number of leaves on 90 DAS     | 2992.11      | 2713.58** | 2253.55** | 2652.41**          | 2889.63**  | 4336.66NS | 1707.65NS | 2239.98**     | 159.91 |
| 2       | Number of branches at 90 DAS   | 18.316       | 3.23**    | 3.25**    | 2.97**             | 3.23**     | 4.46NS    | 4.47NS    | 2.53**        | 0.163  |
| 3       | Days to first female flowering | 43.94        | 47.98**   | 54.95**   | 6.92NS             | 46.15**    | 55.74NS   | 89.01NS   | 38.68**       | 11.57  |
| 4       | Node to first female flower    | 3.71         | 15.02*    | 12.73NS   | 2.08NS             | 16.15*     | 11.69NS   | 37.93NS   | 17.02*        | 9.40   |
| 5       | Days to first harvest          | 156.34       | 39.32**   | 46.36**   | 0.88NS             | 35.99**    | 38.41NS   | 129.45*   | 28.93**       | 14.29  |
| 6       | Sex ratio (%)                  | 21.93        | 60.05**   | 68.32**   | 17.33NS            | 57.77**    | 42.18NS   | 259.45*   | 52.95*        | 30.66  |
| 7       | Per cent fruit set             | 474.76       | 99.19*    | 93.23NS   | 62.95NS            | 102.19*    | 73.07NS   | 45.91NS   | 120.26*       | 62.94  |
| 8       | Number of fruits per vine      | 12.30        | 1.23**    | 0.76NS    | 22.22**            | 0.98*      | 1.35*     | 3.54**    | 0.65NS        | 0.64   |
| 9       | Average fruit weight (g)       | 108.86       | 4412.09** | 3415.40** | 35021.75**         | 29533.38** | 4480.72NS | 1076.19NS | 4462.62**     | 285.14 |
| 10      | Fruit length (cm)              | 5.70         | 40.10**   | 41.02**   | 358.34**           | 33.39**    | 46.25*    | 104.96*   | 22.49**       | 7.85   |
| 11      | Fruit diameter (cm)            | 0.008        | 0.81**    | 0.98**    | 0.84NS             | 0.74**     | 0.76NS    | 1.87NS    | 0.67*         | 0.39   |
| 12      | Fruit yield per vine (g)       | 0.003        | 0.054**   | 0.069NS   | 0.108**            | 0.108*     | 0.073*    | 0.037NS   | 0.035**       | 0.002  |
| 13      | Fruit yield per plot (kg)      | 3.48         | 1.78**    | 1.44**    | 16.58**            | 1.61**     | 1.95**    | 0.43NS    | 1.51**        | 0.22   |
| 14      | Fruit yield per hectare (q)    | 297.56       | 152.38**  | 123.37**  | 1417.86**          | 138.10**   | 167.06NS  | 37.59NS   | 129.90**      | 18.74  |
| 15      | Flesh thickness (cm)           | 0.07         | 0.48**    | 0.53**    | 0.42NS             | 0.46**     | 0.56NS    | 1.13NS    | 0.37*         | 0.22   |

*Table 2 : General combining ability effects of parents for growth, earliness, yield and quality parameters in ridge*

| Sl.<br>No.     | Parent   | Number of leaves at 90 DAS | Number of branches at 90 DAS | Days to first female flowering | Node to first female flower | Days to first harvest | Sex ratio | Per cent fruit set | Number of fruit per vine | Average fruit weight (g) | Lines             |                     |                           |                           | Fruit yield per hectare (q) | Flesh thickness (cm) |
|----------------|----------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
|                |          |                            |                              |                                |                             |                       |           |                    |                          |                          | Fruit length (cm) | Fruit diameter (cm) | Fruit yield per vine (kg) | Fruit yield per plot (kg) |                             |                      |
| 1              | KRG-1    | -28.73**                   | -0.78**                      | -2.32                          | -1.41                       | -0.78                 | -0.87     | 2.92               | -0.03                    | -10.18                   | 5.40**            | 0.04                | 0.07**                    | -0.01                     | -5.21**                     | -0.19                |
| 2              | KRG-2    | -7.60                      | 0.55**                       | -1.82                          | -2.11                       | -0.28                 | -0.91     | -1.31              | 0.14                     | -35.10**                 | 2.76*             | 0.56*               | 0.08**                    | -0.34                     | 4.71**                      | 0.50*                |
| 3              | KRG-3    | 2.37                       | 1.29**                       | -2.49                          | -1.37                       | -4.28**               | -3.33     | 4.37               | 1.20**                   | -12.76                   | 2.56*             | 0.59*               | 0.29**                    | 4.34**                    | 13.52**                     | 0.3                  |
| 4              | KRG-4    | -5.90                      | -0.15                        | -2.46                          | -0.97                       | -0.78                 | 0.33      | -1.39              | 0.17                     | 22.50**                  | 1.80              | 0.33                | 0.01                      | -0.84**                   | -0.64                       | 0.01                 |
| 5              | KRG-5    | -17.70**                   | -0.71**                      | -2.99*                         | -0.67                       | -5.62**               | -3.38     | -0.31              | 0.34                     | -14.67*                  | -3.50**           | -0.12               | 0.04                      | -5.68**                   | -2.95                       | -0.13                |
| 6              | KRG-6    | 0.77                       | -0.85**                      | 2.68                           | -0.01                       | 0.55                  | 2.29      | 1.33               | -0.46                    | 28.61**                  | -4.62**           | -0.57*              | -0.07**                   | 0.49*                     | -3.88*                      | 0.21                 |
| 7              | KRG-7    | 11.10*                     | -0.48*                       | 0.34                           | 1.13                        | 0.05                  | 0.60      | 3.49               | -0.36                    | -39.86**                 | -4.20**           | 0.31                | -0.02                     | -0.01                     | -4.21*                      | 0.31                 |
| 8              | KRG-8    | 5.24                       | -0.28                        | -2.16                          | 0.43                        | -1.28                 | 0.48      | -3.47              | 0.1                      | -11.31                   | -1.47             | 0.05                | 0.07**                    | -1.18**                   | -0.38                       | 0.21                 |
| 9              | KRG-9    | -34.06**                   | -1.11**                      | -0.99                          | 2.79*                       | -0.55                 | 2.25      | 1.48               | -0.33                    | 5.48                     | -1.70             | -0.15               | -0.08**                   | 0.49*                     | -5.51**                     | 0.23                 |
| 10             | KRG-10   | -11.03*                    | 0.09                         | -2.82                          | -1.94                       | -0.95                 | 4.18      | 2.48               | 0.14                     | 4.88                     | -1.00             | 0.00                | 0.08**                    | -1.01**                   | 7.04**                      | -0.06                |
| 11             | KRG-11   | 66.64**                    | 2.09**                       | 6.18**                         | 2.13                        | 2.55                  | 1.33      | 4.57               | 0.70*                    | -12.62                   | 0.26              | 0.26                | 0.12**                    | 2.49**                    | 6.11**                      | -0.04                |
| 12             | KRG-12   | 24.64**                    | 0.99**                       | 0.18                           | 1.03                        | -1.12                 | 0.96      | -8.15*             | -0.3                     | 75.28**                  | 0.46              | 0.27                | -0.08**                   | -1.14**                   | -4.35*                      | 0.34                 |
| 13             | KRG-13   | -31.90**                   | -0.15                        | -2.49                          | -0.07                       | 4.72**                | -6.57**   | -5.32              | -0.66                    | 17.18*                   | -1.70             | -0.64*              | -0.14**                   | 4.16**                    | 1.79                        | -0.61                |
| 14             | KRG-14   | -23.06**                   | -0.35*                       | 4.51**                         | 0.73                        | 3.88*                 | -1.59     | 1.94               | -0.43                    | -22.24**                 | 0.20              | -0.33               | -0.10**                   | 3.82**                    | -5.45**                     | -0.49*               |
| 15             | KRG-15   | 4.64                       | 1.02**                       | 5.68**                         | -0.87                       | 0.55                  | 3.2       | -1.42              | -0.03                    | 3.15                     | -0.60             | -0.16               | -0.07**                   | 0.49*                     | -1.28                       | -0.15                |
| 16             | KRG-16   | -2.96                      | -0.11                        | 0.84                           | -0.07                       | 1.38                  | 1.11      | 1.27               | -0.46                    | 16.84*                   | 3.50**            | -0.26               | -0.12**                   | 1.32**                    | -0.06                       | -0.24                |
| 17             | KRG-17   | 47.67**                    | 0.02                         | 0.18                           | 1.26                        | 0.88                  | -0.09     | -2.49              | 0.27                     | -15.20*                  | 1.96              | -0.18               | -0.09**                   | 0.82**                    | 0.74                        | -0.20                |
|                | S.Em±    | 5.16                       | 0.16                         | 1.39                           | 1.25                        | 1.54                  | 2.26      | 3.24               | 0.33                     | 6.84                     | 1.14              | 0.26                | 0.02                      | 0.19                      | 1.77                        | 0.19                 |
|                | CD at 5% | 10.29                      | 0.32                         | 2.77                           | 2.49                        | 3.07                  | 4.51      | 6.46               | 0.66                     | 13.64                    | 2.27              | 0.52                | 0.04                      | 0.38                      | 3.53                        | 0.38                 |
|                | CD at 1% | 13.66                      | 0.42                         | 3.68                           | NS                          | 4.08                  | 5.98      | NS                 | 0.87                     | 18.11                    | 3.02              | NS                  | 0.05                      | 0.5                       | 4.69                        | 0.5                  |
| <b>Testers</b> |          |                            |                              |                                |                             |                       |           |                    |                          |                          |                   |                     |                           |                           |                             |                      |
| 1              | ASJ      | 6.43**                     | 0.37**                       | 1.19*                          | 1.07*                       | 2.14**                | 2.31*     | 0.94               | -0.37*                   | 4.6                      | 1.93**            | -0.08               | -0.04**                   | -0.05                     | -0.43                       | 0.02                 |
| 2              | ASM      | 1.17                       | -0.03                        | 0.66                           | -0.03                       | -0.45                 | 0.75      | -1.3               | 0.15                     | 1.68                     | -0.42             | -0.19               | 0.01                      | -0.08                     | -0.77                       | -0.19*               |
| 3              | PN       | -7.60**                    | -0.35**                      | -1.84**                        | -1.04                       | -1.69*                | -3.06**   | 0.36               | 0.22                     | -6.27*                   | -1.51**           | 0.26*               | 0.03*                     | 0.13                      | 1.2                         | 0.17*                |
|                | S.Em±    | 2.17                       | 0.07                         | 0.58                           | 0.53                        | 0.65                  | 0.95      | 1.36               | 0.14                     | 2.9                      | 0.48              | 0.11                | 0.01                      | 0.08                      | 0.74                        | 0.08                 |
|                | CD at 5% | 4.33                       | 0.14                         | 1.16                           | 1.06                        | 1.30                  | 1.89      | NS                 | 0.28                     | 5.78                     | 0.96              | 0.22                | 0.02                      | NS                        | 0.16                        | 0.16                 |
|                | CD at 1% | 5.75                       | 0.19                         | 1.54                           | NS                          | 1.72                  | 2.52      | NS                 | NS                       | 1.27                     | NS                | 0.03                | NS                        | NS                        | NS                          | NS                   |

Table 3 : Specific combining ability effects of hybrids for growth, earliness yield and quality parameters

| Sl. No. | Cross        | Number of leaves 90 DAS | Number of branches 90 DAS | Days to first female flowering | Node to first female flower | Days to first harvest | Sex ratio | Per cent fruit set | Number of fruits per vine | Average fruit weight (g) | Fruit length (cm) | Fruit diameter (cm) | Fruit yield per vine (kg) | Fruit yield per plot per hectare (q) | Fruit yield per hectare (cm) |
|---------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1       | KRG-1 × ASJ  | 5.30                    | 0.53                      | 1.66                           | 0.19                        | -1.30                 | -0.07     | 2.95               | 0.07                      | 19.57                    | 8.20**            | 0.24                | 0.03                      | 0.71*                                | 6.55*                        |
| 2       | KRG-1 × ASM  | 2.87                    | -0.37                     | -1.82                          | -1.30                       | -3.72                 | 1.81      | 3.45               | 0.05                      | -8.96                    | -5.75**           | 0.73                | 0.09**                    | 0.05                                 | 0.49                         |
| 3       | KRG-1 × PN   | -8.17                   | -0.15                     | 0.18                           | 1.11                        | 5.02                  | -1.74     | -6.40              | -0.12                     | -10.62                   | -2.46             | -0.97*              | -0.13**                   | -0.76*                               | -7.04*                       |
| 4       | KRG-2 × ASJ  | 21.27*                  | 0.39                      | -0.85                          | 1.89                        | 3.20                  | -2.44     | -8.87              | -0.4                      | -0.51                    | 3.14              | 0.07                | 0.01                      | -0.80*                               | -7.40*                       |
| 5       | KRG-2 × ASM  | -17.87*                 | -0.51                     | 1.18                           | -1.90                       | 0.78                  | -1.4      | 4.04               | 0.78                      | -0.66                    | 1.59              | 0.01                | 0.07*                     | 1.20**                               | 11.12**                      |
| 6       | KRG-2 × PN   | -3.40                   | 0.12                      | -0.32                          | 0.01                        | -3.98                 | 3.84      | 4.82               | -0.38                     | 1.17                     | -4.72*            | -0.07               | -0.09**                   | -0.40                                | -3.72                        |
| 7       | KRG-3 × ASJ  | -10.6                   | -1.74**                   | 2.81                           | 1.36                        | 4.70                  | 0.75      | -0.22              | -0.46                     | -43.26**                 | -3.96*            | 0.28                | 0.14**                    | -1.04**                              | -9.61*                       |
| 8       | KRG-3 × ASM  | 5.67                    | 1.86**                    | -0.66                          | 0.17                        | -1.22                 | 3.83      | -5.18              | -0.29                     | 11.95*                   | -0.61             | -0.17               | 0.07*                     | 0.95**                               | 9.23**                       |
| 9       | KRG-3 × PN   | 4.93                    | -0.12                     | -2.16                          | -1.53                       | -3.48                 | -4.58     | 5.39               | 0.75                      | 31.94**                  | 4.58*             | -0.11               | 0.03                      | 0.92**                               | 8.56**                       |
| 10      | KRG-4 × ASJ  | -1.73                   | 1.39**                    | -1.69                          | -3.04                       | -3.80                 | -2.47     | 8.13               | 0.47                      | -51.56**                 | 1.6               | -0.16               | 0.12**                    | 0.63                                 | 5.84                         |
| 11      | KRG-4 × ASM  | -1.67                   | -0.21                     | -2.66                          | 0.47                        | 1.28                  | -5.44     | -12.70*            | 0.15                      | 85.99**                  | 0.85              | 0.4                 | -0.07*                    | 0.30                                 | 2.81                         |
| 12      | KRG-4 × PN   | 3.40                    | -1.18**                   | 4.34                           | 2.57                        | 2.52                  | 7.91*     | 4.57               | -0.62                     | -34.43**                 | -2.46             | -0.24               | -0.05                     | -0.93**                              | -8.65**                      |
| 13      | KRG-5 × ASJ  | -4.33                   | -1.24**                   | 2.81                           | 1.56                        | -2.47                 | -1.05     | -1.79              | -0.10                     | 11.69                    | -1.6              | -0.27               | -0.15**                   | -0.55                                | -5.04                        |
| 14      | KRG-5 × ASM  | 5.63                    | -0.14                     | -1.16                          | -3.23                       | 1.12                  | -5.46     | 2.75               | 0.18                      | -15.72                   | -1.15             | 0.15                | 0.15**                    | 0.12                                 | 0.24                         |
| 15      | KRG-5 × PN   | -1.30                   | 1.38**                    | -1.16                          | 1.67                        | 1.35                  | 6.51      | -0.96              | -0.08                     | 4.04                     | 2.74              | 0.13                | 0.00                      | 0.43                                 | 3.96                         |
| 16      | KRG-6 × ASJ  | -33.10**                | -0.01                     | 0.65                           | -1.81                       | 3.86                  | 3.00      | 2.97               | -0.70                     | 75.70**                  | -0.08             | -0.79               | -0.22**                   | -0.88*                               | -8.16**                      |
| 17      | KRG-6 × ASM  | -37.53**                | -1.21**                   | -3.32                          | 0.50                        | -2.55                 | -4.99     | -1.11              | -0.12                     | 1.21                     | -1.63             | -0.02               | 0.16**                    | 0.63                                 | 5.82                         |
| 18      | KRG-6 × PN   | 70.63**                 | 1.22**                    | 2.68                           | 1.31                        | -1.31                 | 1.99      | -1.87              | 0.82                      | -76.90**                 | 1.71              | 0.82                | 0.07*                     | 0.25                                 | 2.35                         |
| 19      | KRG-7 × ASJ  | -23.63*                 | 0.03                      | -3.02                          | -1.84                       | -2.14                 | 1.12      | 8.54               | -0.10                     | -1.14                    | 0.6               | 0.36                | -0.02                     | -0.51                                | -4.73                        |
| 20      | KRG-7 × ASM  | 35.33**                 | 0.63*                     | 2.01                           | 1.97                        | 0.45                  | -3.71     | -10.89             | 0.28                      | 4.28                     | -1.35             | -0.07               | 0.03                      | 0.46                                 | 4.25                         |
| 21      | KRG-7 × PN   | -11.70                  | -0.65*                    | 1.01                           | -0.13                       | 1.69                  | 2.59      | 2.34               | -0.18                     | -3.14                    | 0.74              | -0.29               | -0.01                     | 0.05                                 | 0.48                         |
| 22      | KRG-8 × ASJ  | -10.86                  | 0.83**                    | 1.48                           | 4.46*                       | -0.80                 | 4.06      | -0.85              | 0.34                      | 45.08**                  | 1.37              | 0.51                | 0.10**                    | 0.80*                                | 7.42*                        |
| 23      | KRG-8 × ASM  | 10.80                   | 0.43                      | -1.99                          | -2.43                       | 1.78                  | -2.89     | -2.12              | 0.21                      | -17.45                   | -0.48             | 0.03                | 0.01                      | 0.12                                 | 1.14                         |
| 24      | KRG-8 × PN   | 0.06                    | -1.25**                   | 0.51                           | -2.03                       | -0.98                 | -1.17     | 2.97               | -0.55                     | -27.63*                  | -0.89             | -0.54               | -0.11**                   | -0.32**                              | -8.56**                      |
| 25      | KRG-9 × ASJ  | 31.94**                 | 0.36                      | -6.19*                         | -5.31*                      | -8.64*                | 1.37      | -5.58              | 0.47                      | 5.61                     | 0.6               | 0.79                | 0.24**                    | 0.77*                                | 7.10*                        |
| 26      | KRG-9 × ASM  | -21.50*                 | -0.24                     | 3.34                           | 9.20**                      | 2.45                  | 3.26      | 9.37               | -0.15                     | -17.50                   | -1.05             | -0.92*              | -0.12**                   | -0.74*                               | -6.88*                       |
| 27      | KRG-9 × PN   | -10.44                  | -0.12                     | 2.84                           | -3.89                       | 6.19*                 | -4.63     | -3.79              | -0.32                     | 11.89                    | 0.44              | 0.13                | -0.12*                    | -0.03                                | -0.22                        |
| 28      | KRG-10 × ASJ | 37.30**                 | 0.65                      | 0.63                           | 5.36*                       | -1.39                 | -3.52     | 0.00               | 11.67                     | -0.8                     | -0.63             | -0.05               | 0.52                      | 4.88                                 | -0.57                        |
| 29      | KRG-10 × ASM | -19.13*                 | -0.94                     | 1.68                           | -1.57                       | 1.45                  | 6.61      | 6.01               | -0.72                     | 18.44                    | 1.05              | 0.51                | -0.17**                   | -1.64**                              | -15.20**                     |
| 30      | KRG-10 × PN  | -18.17*                 | 0.18                      | -2.32                          | 0.94                        | -6.81*                | -5.22     | -2.48              | 0.72                      | -30.11*                  | -0.26             | 0.12                | 0.22**                    | 1.11**                               | 10.32**                      |

Table 3. Continued...

| S. No. | Cross        | Number of leaves 90 DAS | Number of branches 90 DAS | Days to first female flowering | Node to first female flower | Days to first harvest | Sex ratio | Per cent fruit set | Number of fruits per vine | Average fruit weight (g) | Fruit length (cm) | Fruit diameter (cm) | Fruit yield per vine (kg) | Fruit yield per plot (kg) | Fruit yield per hectare (g) | Flesh thickness (cm) |
|--------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 31     | KRG-11 × ASJ | -57.46**                | -1.54**                   | 4.15                           | -3.44                       | 2.86                  | -0.80     | 3.16               | 0.54                      | -48.98**                 | 1.04              | -0.28               | -0.04                     | -0.89**                   | -8.22**                     | 0.31                 |
| 32     | KRG-11 × ASM | -33.00**                | -0.14                     | -6.32*                         | 0.67                        | -2.05                 | -4.48     | 3.79               | -0.39                     | 27.06*                   | -0.71             | -0.41               | -0.11**                   | -0.34                     | -3.13                       | -0.11                |
| 33     | KRG-11 × PN  | 90.46**                 | 1.68**                    | 2.18                           | 2.77                        | -0.81                 | 5.28      | -6.95              | -0.15                     | 21.88                    | 0.32              | 0.69                | 0.15**                    | 1.22**                    | 11.36**                     | 0.42                 |
| 34     | KRG-12 × ASJ | 15.84                   | 0.86**                    | 3.65                           | 2.06                        | 4.03                  | 4.00      | 2.77               | -0.06                     | -45.17**                 | -7.05**           | -1.17*              | 0.16**                    | 0.67*                     | 6.18*                       | -0.96                |
| 35     | KRG-12 × ASM | 18.80*                  | 0.06                      | -0.82                          | -1.43                       | -0.88                 | 4.68      | 7.89               | -0.49                     | -3.01                    | 1.59              | 0.07                | -0.15**                   | -0.71*                    | -6.56*                      | 0.03                 |
| 36     | KRG-12 × PN  | -34.64**                | -0.92**                   | -2.82                          | -0.63                       | -3.15                 | -8.67*    | -10.66             | 0.55                      | 48.18**                  | 5.48**            | 1.10*               | -0.01                     | 0.04                      | 0.04                        | 0.93                 |
| 37     | KRG-13 × ASJ | -15.03                  | 1.29**                    | 4.82*                          | 0.96                        | -0.30                 | -5.88     | -5.14              | 0.10                      | 18.24                    | 0.2               | 0.33                | -0.01                     | 0.76*                     | 7.02*                       | -0.04                |
| 38     | KRG-13 × ASM | 11.73                   | -0.61*                    | -4.66                          | -0.33                       | 0.78                  | 2.32      | -3.28              | 0.58                      | -99.33**                 | -0.05             | -0.23               | 0.09**                    | 0.41                      | 3.83                        | 0.07                 |
| 39     | KRG-13 × PN  | 3.30                    | -0.68*                    | -0.16                          | -0.63                       | -0.48                 | 3.57      | 8.42               | -0.68                     | 81.08**                  | -0.16             | -0.1                | -0.08**                   | -1.17*                    | -10.85**                    | -0.03                |
| 40     | KRG-14 × ASJ | -11.46                  | -1.31**                   | -1.19                          | -0.34                       | -1.97                 | 3.62      | -1.19              | -0.63                     | 18.64                    | -1.40             | 0.23                | -0.08**                   | -0.90**                   | -8.35**                     | 0.17                 |
| 41     | KRG-14 × ASM | 8.20                    | 0.59*                     | 1.84                           | 2.27                        | -0.88                 | -0.26     | -6.75              | 0.85                      | -54.55**                 | 4.45*             | -0.06               | 0.04                      | 0.01                      | 0.10                        | -0.18                |
| 42     | KRG-14 × PN  | 3.26                    | 0.72*                     | -0.66                          | -1.93                       | 2.85                  | -3.36     | 7.99               | -0.22                     | 35.92**                  | -3.06             | -0.17               | 0.04                      | 0.89**                    | 8.24**                      | 0.01                 |
| 43     | KRG-15 × ASJ | 35.24**                 | -0.37                     | -7.35**                        | 1.76                        | -2.64                 | -0.05     | 5.34               | 0.77                      | -43.26**                 | 1.8               | 0.26                | 0.04                      | 0.83*                     | 7.73*                       | 0.16                 |
| 44     | KRG-15 × ASM | -0.90                   | -1.07**                   | 14.18**                        | 0.17                        | -0.05                 | -0.60     | 6.35               | -0.75                     | 60.04**                  | 1.35              | 0.24                | -0.09**                   | -0.61                     | -5.65                       | 0.14                 |
| 45     | KRG-15 × PN  | -34.34**                | 1.45**                    | -6.82**                        | -1.93                       | 2.69                  | 0.66      | -11.69*            | -0.02                     | -16.78                   | -3.16             | -0.50               | 0.05                      | -0.23                     | -2.08                       | -0.30                |
| 46     | KRG-16 × ASJ | -10.76                  | -0.24                     | -0.52                          | 0.56                        | 3.03                  | -7.47     | -3.18              | 0.20                      | 25.86*                   | -0.70             | 0.47                | 0.04                      | -0.06                     | -0.57                       | 0.40                 |
| 47     | KRG-16 × ASM | 36.90**                 | 1.06**                    | 0.51                           | -1.73                       | -0.88                 | 2.60      | -9.21              | -0.42                     | 25.26*                   | 1.05              | -0.24               | 0.04                      | 0.38                      | 3.5                         | -0.30                |
| 48     | KRG-16 × PN  | -26.14**                | -0.82**                   | 0.01                           | 1.17                        | -2.15                 | 4.87      | 12.38*             | 0.22                      | -51.12**                 | -0.36             | -0.23               | -0.08**                   | -0.32                     | -2.93                       | -0.10                |
| 49     | KRG-17 × ASJ | 32.10**                 | 0.03                      | -1.85                          | 0.33                        | -2.97                 | 3.70      | -3.54              | -0.53                     | 1.79                     | -3.00             | -0.23               | -0.03                     | -0.07                     | -0.67                       | -0.14                |
| 50     | KRG-17 × ASM | -4.33                   | 0.83**                    | -1.32                          | -1.47                       | 2.12                  | 4.13      | 7.61               | 0.25                      | -16.42                   | 0.85              | -0.02               | -0.09**                   | 0.24                      | 2.24                        | 0.01                 |
| 51     | KRG-17 × PN  | -27.77**                | -0.85**                   | 3.18                           | 1.14                        | 0.85                  | -7.83*    | -4.07              | 0.28                      | 14.63                    | 2.14              | -0.25               | 0.12**                    | -0.17                     | -1.57                       | 0.13                 |