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Yield Stability in Pigeon pea Hybrids [*Cajanus cajan* (L.) Millsp.] Under Varying Agro-Climatic Regions

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Summary: Twelve pigeonpea genotypes comprising ten hybrids and two controls were evaluated at three environments during rainy season of 2012-13, to study genotype × environment interaction for yield and related traits. Analysis of variance in each environment and on a pooled basis expressed a significant difference among genotypes for yield and yield contributing characters except for 100 seed weight. Genotype × environment (linear) interactions were found significant for days to 50% flowering, plant height, primary and secondary branches per plant, pods per plant, seeds per pod, grain yield per plant and yield (kg/ha) except days to maturity and 100 seed weight. The regression and GGE biplot methods were used for analysis. Both methods identified ICPH 2671, ICPH 2740, ICPH 3933 and ICPH 3762 as stable hybrids. The GGE biplot explained higher proportion of the mean sum of squares of the G×E interaction and was more informative with regards to environments and their genotypic performance than the regression method. Hybrids ICPH 2671, ICPH 2740, ICPH 3762 and ICPH 3933 showed stability for the yield and yield components and could be recommended for cultivation.

Key words: *Cajanus cajan*, G×E interaction, GGE biplot, hybrids, pigeon peas, yield stability

Introduction

Pigeonpea (*Cajanus cajan* (L.) Millsp.) is an important pulse crop of the semi-arid tropics of the Indian subcontinent, Africa and Caribbean region. The global production of pigeon pea is 4.32 million tons from an area of 5.32 m ha with a productivity of 813.2 kg/ha (FAO, 2012). India is the largest producer and consumer of pigeon pea with an area of 3.86 m ha followed by Myanmar (0.64 m ha), Malawi (0.19 m ha), Kenya (0.13 m ha) and Uganda (0.09 m ha). In pigeon pea, development of a stable cytoplasmic nuclear male-sterility (CMS) system (Saxena et al. 2005, 2010), identification

of fertility restorer (Saxena et al. 2011, and Dalvi et al. 2008) by exploiting partial natural out-crossing (Saxena & Sharma 1990) and existence of significant standard heterosis (Kyu et al. 2011) have opened a new research avenue for enhancing yield through hybrid breeding. This CMS system has been reported to be highly stable in diverse environments (Dalvi et al. 2010, Sawargaonkar et al. 2011). Genotype and its interaction with prevailing environment is the crucial factor, which determine the final yield. Stability of performance across diverse environments and high productivity are most desirable attributes of a crop variety (Wanjari et al. 1988). It is necessary to screen and identify phenotypically stable genotype for yield which could be more or less uniform under different environments. In pigeon pea it can be emphasized that G×E interaction underlines the very success of scientific crop improvement

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programme related to stability of genotypes. In the regression method, data were subjected to the combined analysis of variance followed by the procedure outlined by Eberhart & Russel (1966). The second analysis was genotype main effects and genotype \times environment interaction (GGE) methodology, which is composed of two concepts, the biplot concept (Gabriel 1971) and GGE concept (Gauch & Zobel 1996, Yan et al. 2000). The present study was aimed at understanding the G \times E interaction of pigeon pea hybrids and varieties over the geographical locations for yield and yield attributes.

Materials and Methods

The materials used in present study comprised 12 pigeon pea genotypes (ICPH 3933, ICPH 2671, ICPH 2740, ICH 3477, ICPH 4490, ICPH 3494, ICPH 2751, ICPH 3491, ICPH 3762, ICPH 3461 and two varietal controls Maruti and Asha) developed at the International Crops Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Patancheru (Andhra Pradesh). Ten medium duration hybrids, developed by crossing five CMS lines (ICPA 2043, ICPA 2047, ICPA 2048, ICPA 2078 and ICPA 2092) containing A_4 cytoplasm (Saxena *et al.*, 2005) and six different fertility restorer (ICPL 87119, ICPL 20093, ICPL 20096, ICPL 20098, ICPL 20108 and ICPL 20126) were evaluated under three environments. The trials were conducted during the rainy season of 2012-2013, using randomized complete block design (RCBD) with two replications. The genotypes were planted at three different locations - Patancheru, Andhra Pradesh (17°53' N, 78°27' E and 545.0 m), Ranchi, Jharkhand (23°17' N, 85°19' E and 625.0 m) and Sehore, Madhya Pradesh (23°12' N, 77° 05' E and 498.7 m) of three different sowing dates viz., 29 June 2012, 11 July 2012 and 16 August 2012. Each plot consisted of six rows of 3 meter length. Row to row and plant to plant spacing was kept of 75 cm and 50 cm, respectively. Data on grain yield and yield contributing characters were recorded from five randomly selected plants in each plot from the middle four rows. The basal fertilizer dose 20N:60P (kg/ha) was applied and recommended package of practices was adopted for an optimum crop growth (Mula et al. 2010). Statistical computations and estimations were carried out using GENSTAT software (version 9.0) mainframe computer system at International Crops Research Institute Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) Patancheru, Hyderabad (A.P.), India. Each location in a given season was considered as

an individual environment. Data obtained from each location was analysed separately by running a single analysis of variance and thereafter data were pooled for analysis of variance to perform the combined analysis of genotypes across locations. Analysis of variance was carried out to partition the variation due to genotypes, environment and genotype by environment interaction. Two analysis procedures were used for the distribution of genotypes in different ecological environments, one suggested by Eberhart & Russell (1966) and another GGE biplot by Yan et al. (2000). These methods were deployed to investigate the response of the genotypes to environments for days to 50% flowering, days to 75% maturity, plant height (cm), number of primary branches/plant, number of secondary branches/plant, number of pods/plant, number of seeds/pod, grain yield/plant (g), 100 seed weight (g), grain yield/plot (g) and grain yield (kg/ha). The comparison of the two analytical procedures was made with respect to stability of the test lines.

Results and Discussion

Phenotypically stable varieties are usually sought for commercial production of crop plants. The present investigation was carried out to collect information on newly developed pigeon pea hybrids and control for their stability in diverse different environments. All 12 pigeon pea genotypes significantly differed from each other indicating thereby substantial variation among the means. Mean performance of genotypes for each of the characters over the three locations is presented in Table 1.1 to 1.3. Overall, the highest grain yield was recorded at Ranchi followed by Patancheru and Sehore. Hybrid ICPH 2671 produced highest grain yield/plant (72.8 g) followed by ICPH 4490 (65.5 g) and ICPH 3461 (65.3 g). All the hybrids were significantly superior compared to the controls Maruti and Asha for grain yield (kg/ha). ICPH 2740 recorded significantly superior for grain yield (1674.0 kg/ha) followed by ICPH 2671 (1634.9 kg/ha) and ICPH 4490 (1692.4 kg/ha). Pooled analysis of variance also revealed significant differences among genotypes for all the traits. The G \times E interactions were also significant for all the traits except days to maturity and 100 seed weight (g) which indicated differential response of genotypes to the environments (Table 2). Phad et al. (2005) also found significant G \times E interaction for yield and its related traits of pigeon pea. Mean sum of square due to environment (linear) was significant for all the traits except days to 50% flowering and 100 seed weight. The

Table 1.1. *Per se* performance for yield and yield attributing characters of hybrids and elite cultivars at ICRISAT, 2012-13

Entry name	Days to 50% flowering	Days to 75% maturity	Plant height	Primary branches plant ⁻¹	Secondary branches plant ⁻¹	Number of pods plant ⁻¹	Number of seeds pod ⁻¹	Grain yield plant ⁻¹ (g)	100 seed weight (g)	Grain yield plot ⁻¹ (g)	Grain yield (kg/ha)
ICPH 3933	121	177	189	18	69	233	3.57	66.40	11.59	1081.0	1207.7
ICPH 2671	117	178	178	30	90	345	3.30	71.98	11.57	1466.0	1628.8
ICPH 2740	123	176	188	25	84	365	3.59	71.57	10.54	1478.0	1642.2
ICPH 3477	120	178	205	21	75	214	3.32	58.22	11.53	1298.0	1442.2
ICPH 4490	122	175	199	20	77	216	3.44	59.81	10.90	1244.5	1382.7
ICPH 3494	123	192	206	24	81	223	3.91	46.87	10.97	861.5	957.3
ICPH 2751	123	179	192	20	85	286	3.38	66.78	10.90	1223.5	1359.5
ICPH 3491	123	179	203	23	75	213	3.84	43.62	11.56	1137.5	1263.4
ICPH 3762	119	175	192	21	74	384	3.43	70.41	9.44	1428.0	1586.6
ICPH 3461	128	175	186	22	82	266	3.23	62.70	10.02	1355.5	1506.1
Controls											
Maruti	114	174	174	19	69	217	3.57	39.43	10.15	921.0	1023.8
Asha	128	178	170	18	68	237	3.35	41.23	9.82	1023.0	1136.6
Mean	122	178	190	22	77	267	3.50	58.0	10.70	1210.0	1345.0
Range	114-128	174-192	170-206	18-30	68-90	213-384	3.2-3.91	39.4-72	9.4-11.5	861.5-1478	957.3-1642.2
SEM±	0.60	1.20	8.02	1.78	1.09	20.44	0.11	3.28	0.39	96.63	107.37
CD at 5%	1.80	3.60	24.0	5.34	3.27	61.32	0.33	9.85	1.19	289.89	322.11
CV (%)	2.66	2.32	5.95	11.53	1.99	10.84	4.79	7.98	5.77	11.29	11.29

Table 1.2. *Per se* performance for yield and yield attributing characters of hybrids and elite cultivars at Ranchi, 2012-13

Entry name	Days to 50% flowering	Days to 75% maturity	Plant height	Primary branches plant ⁻¹	Secondary branches plant ⁻¹	Number of pods plant ⁻¹	Number of seeds pod ⁻¹	Grain yield plant ⁻¹ (g)	100 seed weight (g)	Grain yield plot ⁻¹ (g)	Grain yield (kg/ha)
ICPH 3933	117	205	210	27	104	295	3.49	66.6	11.6	1738.1	1931.2
ICPH 2671	126	206	206	27	157	496	3.46	76.4	10.5	1631.2	1812.5
ICPH 2740	131	209	219	30	117	339	3.41	69.0	11.3	1882.5	2091.6
ICPH 3477	119	210	211	28	105	264	3.87	66.2	11.6	1203.7	1337.5
ICPH 4490	125	208	223	26	106	316	3.59	78.3	11.6	1995.0	2216.6
ICPH 3494	125	207	193	26	97	225	3.57	54.3	11.2	1295.6	1439.5
ICPH 2751	126	211	188	24	90	277	3.57	61.9	12.1	1128.7	1254.1
ICPH 3491	122	209	219	23	98	234	3.86	52.4	11.9	1438.1	1597.9
ICPH 3762	124	212	211	28	98	267	3.42	60.0	10.7	1593.7	1770.8
ICPH 3461	116	211	198	27	95	346	3.39	69.2	10.6	1338.7	1487.5
Controls											
Maruti	128	201	214	21	114	287	3.80	38.7	9.6	1010.6	1122.9
Asha	122	204	193	29	133	240	3.71	40.0	10.2	938.2	1042.5
Mean	123	208	207	26	110	299	3.60	61.0	11.08	1433.0	1592.0
Range	116-131	201-212	188-223	21-30	90-157	225-496	3.39-3.87	38.7-78.3	9.6-12.1	938.2-1995.0	1042.5-2216.6
SEM±	2.50	1.85	5.87	2.95	13.59	45.08	0.10	1.92	0.37	97.68	108.48
CD at 5%	7.50	5.55	17.61	8.85	40.77	135.24	0.30	5.76	1.11	293.04	325.44
CV (%)	2.80	1.25	3.99	15.71	17.51	21.26	3.93	8.80	4.78	9.60	9.60

Table 1.3. *Per se* performance for yield and yield attributing characters of hybrids and elite cultivars at Schore, 2012-13

Entry name	Days to 50% flowering	Days to 75% maturity	Plant height	Primary branches plant ⁻¹	Secondary branches plant ⁻¹	Pods plant ⁻¹	Seeds pod ⁻¹	Grain yield plant ⁻¹ (g)	100 seed weight (g)	Grain yield plot ⁻¹ (g)	Grain yield (kg/ha)
ICPH 3933	112	162	178	18	98	237	3.45	55.3	11.0	1390.0	1544.5
ICPH 2671	118	173	187	29	143	374	4.11	70.0	10.9	1317.0	1463.4
ICPH 2740	113	166	172	20	118	207	3.89	52.3	9.7	1159.5	1288.4
ICPH 3477	116	174	217	22	106	297	4.48	55.5	10.5	1270.0	1411.2
ICPH 4490	121	186	196	23	108	262	3.61	58.3	11.6	1160.0	1288.4
ICPH 3494	119	179	202	26	111	222	4.03	46.6	11.9	1125.0	1250.0
ICPH 2751	110	172	198	24	102	280	3.65	62.6	10.5	1129.5	1255.0
ICPH 3491	111	170	182	18	117	225	4.09	46.9	11.5	1012.0	1124.5
ICPH 3762	109	167	190	23	98	251	3.66	57.2	11.0	1055.0	1172.3
ICPH 3461	129	180	221	28	160	286	4.13	64.1	9.6	1318.5	1465.0
Controls											
Maruti	110	165	170	14	92	189	3.62	33.4	9.1	643.5	714.5
Asha	112	175	172	15	101	196	3.35	36.0	9.1	875.5	972.8
Mean	115	172	190	22	113	252	3.84	53.0	10.53	1121.0	1245.0
Range	109-129	162-186	170-221	14-29	92-160	189-374	3.35-4.48	33.4-70.0	9.1-11.9	643.5-1390.0	714.5-1544.5
SEM±	0.7	4.7	5.13	1.73	8.00	14.47	0.13	3.85	0.42	101.27	112.53
CD at 5%	2.1	14.1	15.39	5.19	24.00	43.41	0.39	11.55	1.26	303.81	337.59
CV (%)	1.37	3.89	3.80	11.28	9.98	8.11	4.90	10.23	5.64	12.77	12.77

Table 2. Analysis of variance of yield and its attributing traits in pigeon pea genotypes

Source of variation	Df	Days to 50% flowering	Days to 75% maturity	Plant height (cm)	Primary branches / plant (no.)	Secondary branches / plant (no.)	Pods / plant (no.)	Seeds / pod (no.)	Grain yield / plant (g)	100 seed weight (g)	Grain yield (kg/ha)
Genotype	11	37.86**	1.69	425.36**	31.23**	27.35**	17.69**	0.15*	387.41**	1.51**	163779.76**
Environ.+ (G×E)	24	6.80	757.05	239.66	15.05	23.84	7.57	0.06	36.80	0.34	71327.4
Environment (linear)	1	14.22	18144.33**	2201.82**	176.457**	493.79**	353.09**	0.48**	384.53**	0.01	76335.71
G × E (linear)	11	25.58*	1.10	412.53**	28.36**	34.36**	15.36**	0.20*	175.20*	0.26	97589.05*
Pooled deviation	12	5.41*	1.10	99.44**	6.69*	4.46*	3.23**	0.04*	26.7*	0.28	26251.53*
Pooled error	33	2.34	0.50	4.61	2.16	1.30	0.50	0.01	11.37	0.15	11963.95

*, ** significant at 0.05 & 0.01 respectively

G×E (linear) and pooled deviation (non-linear) components were highly significant for all the traits except days to maturity and 100 seed weight (g), this demonstrated that genotypes respond differently to variation in environmental condition. The seasonal variation in these characters may be due to climatic or soil factor differences among environments during pod formation.

Stability Analysis of Hybrids

Hybrids ICPH 2671, ICPH 2740, ICPH 2751 and ICPH 3933 with regression coefficients near unity had average stability and were consistent for high grain yield/plant in all the three environments. Three hybrids ICPH 3933, ICPH 2671 and ICPH 3494 were stable for days to 50% flowering, while most of the genotypes were stable for maturity except ICPH 4490 and ICPH 3494 in different three locations (Table 3a). ICPH 2671 and ICPH 4490 were stable for primary branches/plant and ICPH 2671, ICPH 2740, ICPH 3477, ICPH 4490, ICPH 3494, ICPH 2751, ICPH 3491 and 3762 were found to be stable for number of secondary branches/plant, ICPH 2671, ICPH 2740, ICPH 3461 and ICPH 2751 suitable hybrids for pods/plant (Table 3b). The two hybrids ICPH 2671 and ICPH 2740 had a highest grain yield of 1634.9 kg/ha and 1674.0 kg/ha respectively, followed by ICPH 4490 having grain yield of 1629.4 kg/ha and was also found to be stable among the tested hybrids (Table 3b). Hybrid ICPH 2671 was found stable for most of the yield and its attributing characters except secondary branches/plant. Varied response of genotypes to different environments to yield characters including grain yield/plant was also reported by Ghodke et al. (1992), Manivel et al. (1998), Kalaimagal & Ravikesavan (2003) and Thanki et al. (2007).

GGE Biplot Method

GGE ranking biplot of stability and mean performance for grain yield, the GGE biplot method was used for interpreting the result (Fig. 1). In this graph the first two PC's (principal components) explained 89.63% (PC1=73.85% and PC2 =15.79%) of the total variation among the data (Fig. 1) Both PC1 (73.85%) and PC2 (15.79%) were high for grain yield/plant. Genotype G2 (ICPH 2671) and G3 (ICPH 2740) exhibited highest mean and were stable, while G12 (Asha) and G11 (Maruti) had low mean and unstable. In terms of stability, the GGE Biplot identified G2 (ICPH 2671), G3 (ICPH 2740), G1 (ICPH

Table 3. (a) Estimates of stability parameters for yield & yield attributing characters of pigeon pea genotypes

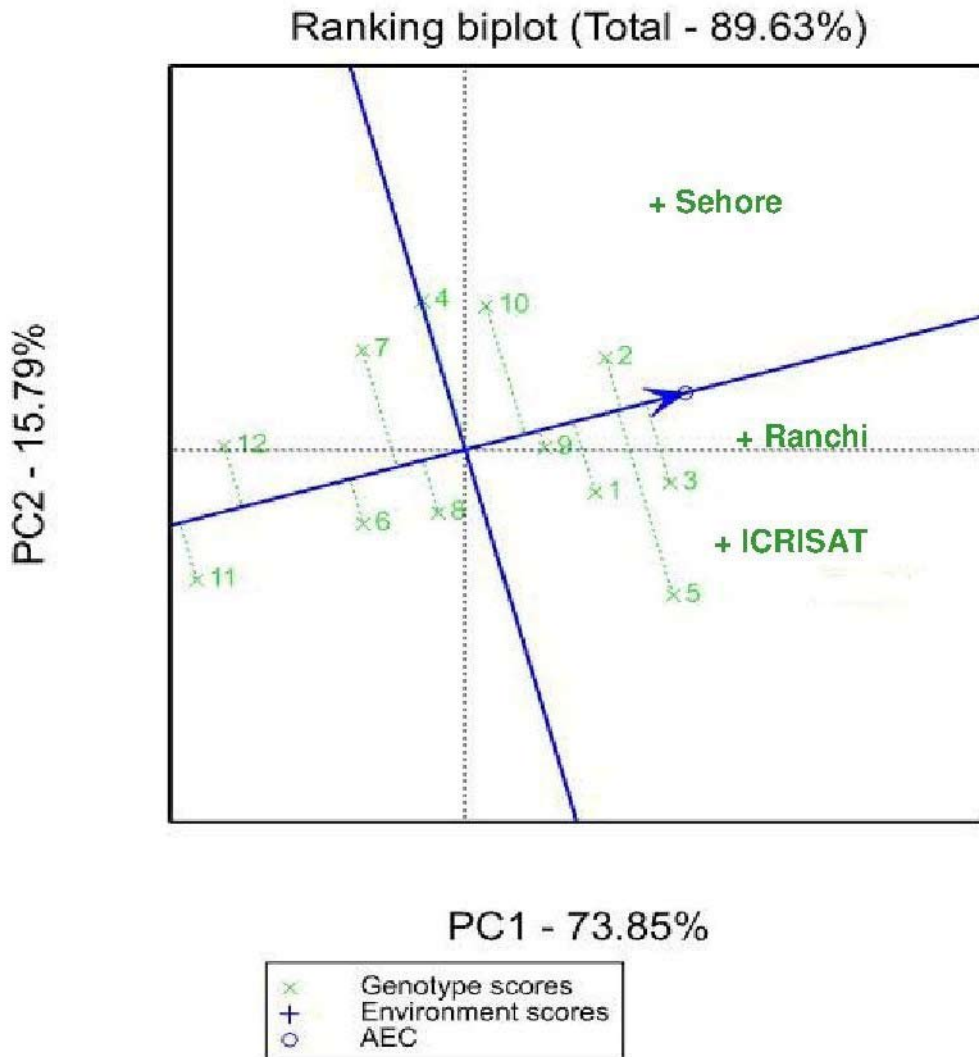
Genotypes	Days to 50% flowering				Days to 75% maturity				Plant height (cm)				Primary branches / plant (no.)			
	X	bi	S ² di	X	bi	S ² di	X	bi	S ² di	X	bi	S ² di	X	bi	S ² di	
ICPH 3933	117	0.88	-0.23	21.40	1.85*	-4.62	181.66	1.00	0.12	192.61	1.55	-0.55				
ICPH 2671	120	0.98	0.03	28.79	1.02	0.75	185.50	0.97	-0.42	190.80	1.41	2.38				
ICPH 2740	122	0.75	4.73	25.30	1.64	-8.62	183.83	1.03	-0.49	193.18	1.31	-1.26				
ICPH 3477	118	5.21*	2.23	24.00	1.36	3.88	187.33	1.00	-0.35	211.06	0.98	-1.29				
ICPH 4490	123	-1.50	4.73	22.80	0.97	1.10	189.66	0.97	2.53*	206.26	1.51	-1.30				
ICPH 3494	122	0.87	0.07	25.23	0.33	2.15	192.83	0.96	4.76**	200.70	-0.65	-0.99				
ICPH 2751	120	0.37	2.23	22.70	0.37	1.96	187.16	1.02	-0.49	192.73	-0.45	-0.04				
ICPH 3491	119	1.87	-6.23	21.16	0.63	6.60	186.33	1.01	-0.48	201.28	1.55	0.68				
ICPH 3762	117	1.62	3.47	24.28	1.30	2.60	184.66	1.04	-0.28	197.65	1.17	-1.29				
ICPH 3461	124	-1.87*	5.77	25.81	0.32	-16.03*	188.66	1.01	1.91	202.10	-0.31	26.69*				
Controls																
Maruti	117	1.52	-2.35	18.04	0.96	7.92	180.16	0.96	-0.33	186.36	2.54*	3.65				
Asha	121	0.37	0.25	20.57	2.57	0.53	185.66	0.96	-0.43	178.41	1.33	10.39*				
Mean	120	1.00	-	23.34	0.99	-	186.12	0.99	-	196.09	1.00	-				
S.E.(m) ±	2.13	0.19	-	1.35	0.28	-	4.95	0.12	-	7.05	0.73	-				

*, ** significant at 0.05 & 0.01% respectively
 Where, X=mean, b_i=regression coefficient, S²d_i= deviation from regression line

Table 3. (b) Estimates of stability parameters for yield & yield attributing characters of pigeon pea genotypes

Genotypes	Secondary branches / plant (no.)			Pods/plant (no.)			Grain yield / plant (g)			Grain yield (kg/ha)		
	X	bi	S ² di	X	bi	S ² di	X	bi	S ² di	X	bi	S ² di
ICPH 3933	90.53	0.88	-0.55	255.38	0.90	-0.18	62.78	1.52	-3.62	1561.16	1.46	113660.14**
ICPH 2671	130.20	1.43	2.31	404.86	1.33	1.89	72.80	0.97	-10.44	1634.90	0.95	-9242.72
ICPH 2740	106.56	1.01	-1.26	303.80	0.70	12.53**	64.30	1.30	34.94	1674.08	1.22	-2249.03
ICPH 3477	95.66	0.93	-1.29	258.26	1.31	4.92**	60.00	1.25	-2.31	1396.93	-0.25	-10256.66
ICPH 4490	97.21	0.93	-1.30	264.71	0.99	2.49*	65.48	2.27*	68.89*	1629.46	0.91	6453.23
ICPH 3494	96.66	0.88	-0.09	223.61	0.95	-0.48	49.29	0.86	0.90	1215.61	0.81	63648.01*
ICPH 2751	92.43	0.70	-0.04	281.28	1.22	-0.50	63.77	0.01	0.45	1289.53	-0.08*	-5078.30
ICPH 3491	96.56	1.02	0.68	224.16	0.95	-0.21	47.69	0.53	17.11	1328.55	1.36	-11955.99
ICPH 3762	90.28	0.80	-1.29	300.61	1.12	11.65**	62.58	0.61	70.52*	1509.90	1.54	25249.17
ICPH 3461	112.56	1.48	26.69**	299.40	1.09	0.63	65.39	0.53	114.00**	1486.20	0.03	-11208.80
Controls												
Maruti	91.90	0.85	3.65	230.80	0.62	-0.47	37.17	0.72	-8.79	953.75	1.03	11372.20
Asha	101.10	1.05	10.39**	224.43	0.77	0.10	39.11	0.57	-8.85	1050.66	0.08	1059.71
Mean	100.14	1.00	-	272.61	0.99	-	57.53	0.92	-	1394.23	1.00	-
S.E.(m) ±	5.26	0.32	-	17.15	0.35	-	5.65	0.91	-	114.56	0.64	-

*, ** significant at 0.05 & 0.01% respectively
 Where, X=mean, b_i-regression coefficient, S²d_i - deviation from regression line



G1 (ICPH 3933), G2 (ICPH 2671), G3 (ICPH 2740), G4 (ICPH 3477), G5 (ICPH 4490), G6 (ICPH 3494), G7 (ICPH 2751), G8 (ICPH 3491), G9 (ICPH 3762), G 10 (ICPH 3461), G11 (Maruti), G12 (Asha)

Figure 1. Ranking GGE biplot of stability and mean performance of grain yield (kg/ha) of pigeon pea genotypes in three environments

3933) and G9 (ICPH 3762) as stable hybrids in three diverse locations. Discriminating power and representativeness view of the GGE biplot is an important measure of testing environment (Dehghani et al. 2006). A test environment that has a smaller angle with the AEA (average environment axis) is more representative environments of other test environments (Yan & Tinker 2006). Thus, Ranchi was the most representative environments, whereas Patancheru and Sehore with the large deviation from AEA were the desirable locations for the testing of the hybrid trials.

Ranking Genotypes Relative to the Ideal Genotype

An ideal genotype should have the highest mean performance and be absolutely stable. Such an ideal genotype is defined by having the greatest vector length of the high yielding genotypes and with zero G×E interaction, as represented by an arrow pointing to it (Fig. 1). An ideal genotype is one with a large PC1 score represents the high yielding ability and small PC2 score represents high stability (Yan et al., 2000). Figure 1 reveals that G2 (ICPH 2671) and G3 (ICPH 2740), which fell

into the center of concentric circles, were ideal genotypes in terms of high yielding ability and stability, compared with the rest of the genotypes. In addition, G10 (ICPH 3461), G5 (ICPH 4490) and G9 (ICPH 3762), located on the next concentric circle, may be regarded as desirable genotypes. Thus, G2 (ICPH 2671), G3 (ICPH 2740), G5 (ICPH 4490) and G10 (ICPH 3461) had the highest mean yield. Thus, G12 (Asha) was highly unstable whereas G9 (ICPH 3762) was highly stable, followed by G2 (ICPH 2671), G3 (ICPH 2740), G5 (ICPH 4490) and G10 (ICPH 3491) for grain yield/ plant. Similar findings were reported by Sawargaonkar et al. (2011), Kyu et al. (2011) and Srivastava et al. (2012) by using GGE biplot method for grain yield/plant in pigeon pea. Yield performance and stability of genotypes were evaluated by an average environment coordination (AEC) method. The single-arrowed line is the AEC abscissa, it points to higher mean yield across environments (Yan & Tinker 2006). Based on the above information, ICPH 2671 (G2), ICPH 2740 (G3), ICPH 3933 (G1) and ICPH 3762 (G9), which had above average mean performance and were fairly stable were the most desirable of all the genotypes. G5 (ICPH 4490) was screened highest yielding hybrid in ICRISAT location, but unstable for other two locations. The present study showed that Ranchi is the closest to the ideal environment, while ICRISAT and Sehore are the most desirable environments. The GGE biplot explains higher proportions of the sum of squares of the G×E interaction and is more informative with regards to environments and cultivar performance than the Eberhart and Russell model.

Conclusions

In conclusion, the results of this study indicated that pigeon pea hybrids grain yield performance were highly influenced by environmental effect followed by the magnitude of genotype × environment interaction and genotypes contributed the least effect. Hybrid ICPH 2671 expressed stable performance for grain yield and other characters in three diverse environments studied by Eberhart & Russell model (1966) and GGE biplot model (Yan et al. 2000). Other hybrids ICPH 2740, ICPH 2751 and ICPH 3762 which had above average mean performance and were fairly stable of most of the genotypes were the most desirable.

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Stabilnost prinosa hibrida kajana (golubijeg graška) [*Cajanus cajan* (L.) Millsp.] u različitim agroekološkim regionima

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Sažetak: Dvanaest genotipova kajana (golubijeg graška) koji se sastoje od deset hibrida i dve kontrole su testirani u tri sredine tokom kišne sezone 2012-2013. u cilju ispitivanja interakcije genotip \times sredina za prinos i komponente prinosa. Analiza varijanse u svakoj sredini ispoljila je značajne razlike među genotipovima za prinos i komponentama prinosa, osim za masu 100 zrna. Linearne interakcije genotip \times sredina su bile značajne za broj dana do 50% cvetanja, visinu biljke, broj primarnih i sekundarnih grana po biljci, broj mahuna po biljci, broj semena u mahuni, prinos zrna po biljci i prinos (kg/ha) osim broja dana do zrelosti i masu 100 zrna. Metode regresije i GGE biplot su korišćene za analizu. Obe metode su identifikovale ICPH 2671, ICPH 2740, ICPH 3933 i ICPH 3762 kao stabilne hibride. GGE biplot je objasnio veću proporciju srednje sume kvadrata interakcije $G \times E$ i bilo je informativniji u smislu sredina i njihovih genotipskih performansi od metode regresije. Hibridi ICPH 2671, ICPH 2740, ICPH 3762 i ICPH 3933 su pokazali stabilnost za prinos i komponente prinosa i mogu se preporučiti za gajenje. **KLjučne reči:** *Cajanus cajan*, GGE biplot, hibridi, interakcija $G \times E$, kajan (golubiji grašak), stabilnost prinosa