

Pharmacognostic Study of Kapikacchu (*Mucuna pruriens* (L.) DC.)—Root and Seed

M.B. Yelne¹ and P.C. Sharma²

Received on 20th Nov., 1990

The roots and seeds of 'Kapikacchu', an important Ayurvedic plant drug, are used in a number of Ayurvedic preparations. The roots are effective in kidney disorders, dropsy and disorders of nervous system, whereas seed is well known for its aphrodisiac property and also used to cure leucorrhoea, menstrual disorders and paralysis. The present communication deals with detailed pharmacognosy of its root & seed. This study includes physico-chemical observations on root and morphological, macro-microscopical and physico-chemical investigations of the seed.

1. Assistant Research Officer (Pharmacognosy).
2. Assistant Director Incharge.
Jawaharlal Nehru Ayurvedic Medicinal Plants Garden and Herbarium, Kothrud, Pune-411029.