

## VERMICOMPOSTING OF VEGETABLE MARKET WASTE USING EISENIA FETIDA EARTHWORMS AT VADODARA CITY

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**Abstract**—With increasing population, food requirement get increased, it get much increase of vegetable sale & it required huge supply chain of vegetables from farmer's field to our home .Vegetable markets plays a key role where vegetables will buy and sale in any city. Due to improper setup for storage and ancient supply methods recognizable quantity of vegetable waste generated .Vegetable leaves & partial composted vegetables are mainly throne out as vegetable waste. As it contain rich organic value, flees generated and also animals like cow, got, dog crowded to eat this vegetable waste. Vegetable wastes from vegetable market are source of environmental pollution, global climatic changes and human health hazards. As of now most places vegetable wastes are disposed combindly with municipal solid waste. These methods of disposal and management are not satisfactory. These vegetable wastes potentially nutritious residues are soft, succulent and easily decomposable and instead of disposing or damping, it can be used as source of organic residues for utilizing the embedded nutrients through compost production. Efficient collection and Disposal of vegetable market waste is big problem. The cost of collection, transportation shortening, treatment and safe disposal are escalating. Considering this there is a need to consider vegetable wastes as resource as raw material for generation of vermicomposting bio fertilizer. This project attempts to put together available information and analyze the problem of vegetable market wastes. Proper management of vegetable market wastes can play an important role in generation of social, economic and environmental benefits

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Due to rapid urbanization and uncontrolled growth of population food need get increased, vegetable market wastes management (VMWM) has become acute in India. VMWM, through an essential service, is given low priority. Lack of financial resources, institutional weakness improper choice of technology and public apathy toward has made this service far from satisfaction. The current practices of the uncontrolled dumping of vegetable market wastes with other municipal solid wastes on outskirts of town/ cities have created a serious environmental and public health problem estimation on the quantity and characteristics of consolidate municipal solid waste and its separation with municipal solid waste & separate vermicomposting of vegetable market waste forecasting over the planning period is the key to successful management plan. The earth worms like *Eudriluseugeniae* & *Eiseniafetida* have been fortunate to degrade wastes and turn them to fertilizer which is popularly termed as vermicomposting, thus acquired product is recognized as vermicomposting. It is the resourceful technique to renovate the vegetable market waste (biological waste/organic waste) into a biological fertilizer. It is Vermicomposting is a simple biotechnological process in which earthworms are employed to convert the organic waste material into vermicomposting or excellent organic compost

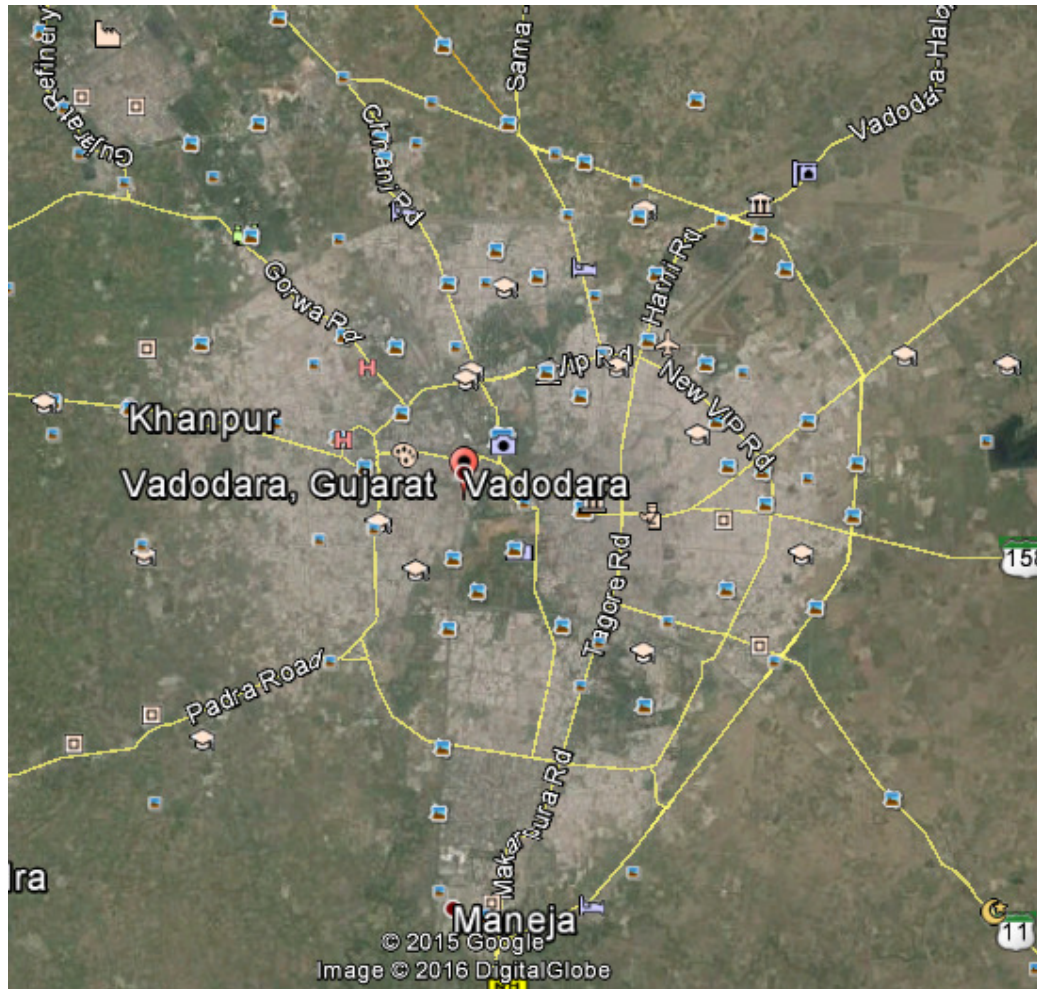


FIG. 1: VADODARA CITY

## II. The Objectives of the present studies are summarized as follows

1. To judge the suitability of *EiseniaFetida* species of earthworm to treat the Vegetable Market waste.
2. To judge the suitability of vermicomposting technology or safe disposal of organic waste.
3. To know about the rate of vermicomposting.
4. To assess the quality of compost obtained from Vegetable waste.
5. To optimize the operating parameters for vermicomposting of Vegetable waste

## III. ADVANTAGE OF VERMICOMPOSTING

1. Vermicomposting appears to be generally superior to conventionally produced compost in a number of important ways.
2. Worm shaw number of other possible uses on farms, including value as a high quality animal feed as well as there are Therapeutic uses of Earthworms.
3. Vermicomposting and vermi-culture offer potential to organic farmer as sources of supplemental income.
4. From vegetable waste, lower emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> and other gases than from conventional fossil-fuel

generation

**Table1.Comparison between per capita MSW generation in low, middle and high income countries.**

Country	Per Capita Urban MSW Generation (kg/day)	
	1999	2025
Low income countries	0.45-0.9	0.6-1.0
Middle income countries	0.52-1.1	0.8-1.5
High income countries	1.1-5.07	1.1-4.5

**Table 2 per Capita Waste Generation Rate**

Original Classification	Classification for this Study	Population Range(2001 Census)		No. of Cities	Per Capita kg/day
Class 1	Metropolitan	5,000,000	Above	6	0.605
	Class A	1000,000	4,999,999	32	0.448
	Class B	700,000	999,999	20	0.464
	Class C	500,000	699,999	19	0.487
	Class D	400,000	499,999	19	0.448
	Class E	300,000	399,999	31	0.436
	Class F	200,000	299,999	58	0.427
	Class G	150,000	199,999	59	0.459
	Class H	100,000	149,999	111	0.445
Class 2		50,000	99,999	6	0.518
Class 3		20,000	49,999	4	0.434
Class 4		10,000	19,999	1	0.342
	TOTAL			366	

## V. EARTHWORM

### 4.1 Eisenia Fetida

*Eisenia fetida*, popularly known as red wiggler, red worm, tiger worm etc is perhaps the most widely used earthworm for vermicomposting. The species has also been in wide usages for various toxicological studies as test worm. Mature individuals can attain up to 1500 mg body weight. Each mature worm on an average produces one cocoon every third day and from each cocoon on hatching within 23 day emerge from 1 to 3 individuals. Require moderate temperatures from 13-35°C. While tolerances and preferences vary from species to species. Earthworms can tolerate cold and moist conditions far better than hot and dry conditions. For *Eisenia fetida* temperatures above 10°C (minimum) and 15°C be maintained for maximizing vermicomposting efficiency and above 15°C (minimum) and preferably 20°C for vermiculture. High temperatures (35°C) may mortality.



FIG. 2. *EISENIA FETIDA*

## V. LIFE CYCLE OF EARTHWORMS

Vermicasting can be stored in the bags, protected from the sun, for a period up to one year. However most farmers apply Vermicasting to the soil within a month to 'grow' this bio fertilizer by feeding with cow manure and crop residues. Vermicasting has an immediate effect on the crop due to the stock of balanced plant nutrients in readily available form. Vermicasting also has vitamins, antibiotics, and plant growth hormones. These give a big boost to the plants within a matter of days. Vermicasting has immobilized beneficial soil microorganisms which start multiplication and their beneficial effects soon as they are applied to the soil and mulched with organic residues. This microbial activity also triggers the native earthworms which may be present in the soil, though in small numbers. The cocoons associated with the vermicasting hatch within a month, if the conditions in the soil are favorable. Adequate mulch and watering is required. Temperature and moisture, which promote effective seed germination, will also promote hatching and growth of earthworms. Cow, sheep, horse and similar fibrous manures serve as excellent BATCH food for the young earthworms. These should be provided in a 25 mm layer, below the mulch of cellulose residues. Earthworms attain sexual maturity within two months and start multiplying their numbers, if provided with adequate food and moisture. They, however, stop reproduction on achieving a certain density peculiar to their species. Selective predation of earthworms by birds, moles, wild boars and other animals ensures continuous reproduction and other animals ensure continuous reproduction and upgradation.



no quality of earthworms suitable to the local environment. Hence one should not bother too much about the predator of the earthworms. They have a useful role to play in consuming lazy and ineffective earthworms.

**TABLE -3 LIST OF VEGETABLE MARKETS IN VAODDARA CITY**

Sr. No.	Name of Market
1	Khanderao Vegetable Market
2	Chhani Vegetable Market
3	Karadiya Vegetable Market
4	Raopura Vegetable Market
5	Sayajiganj Vegetable Market
6	Laxmipura Vegetable Market
7	Indraprastha Vegetable Market
8	Sama Vegetable Market
9	Gorwa Vegetable Market
10	Nagarwada Vegetable Market
11	Tarsali Vegetable Market
12	Sayajipura APMC Vegetable Market
13	Hathikhana Vegetable Market

## VI. COMPOSITE SAMPLE

To collect the vegetable waste first of all pick 10% of market waste in the division so the sample shall be correct. In collecting sample there must include all the type of constructions like big A.P.M.C. (Agro Process Market Committee markets where Vegetable sold by farmers to multi commodity bulk dealers) bulk vegetable Markets where 100 to 120 MT vegetables handled every day & bulk deals done, Medium Markets where 30 to 50 MT vegetables handled every day (Central Markets in Cities where Vegetable sold & purchased between big dealers & small vendors) and Small Markets where 8 to 10 MT vegetables sold by small vendors to end users (Multi location scattered small markets). The samples are collected separately i.e., wet vegetable waste (green leaves of vegetables & unused portion of vegetables like roots etc.) & dry vegetable waste (partly decomposed or one or two days older vegetables etc.). This sampling process is continued for seven days so that we can predict the average value.

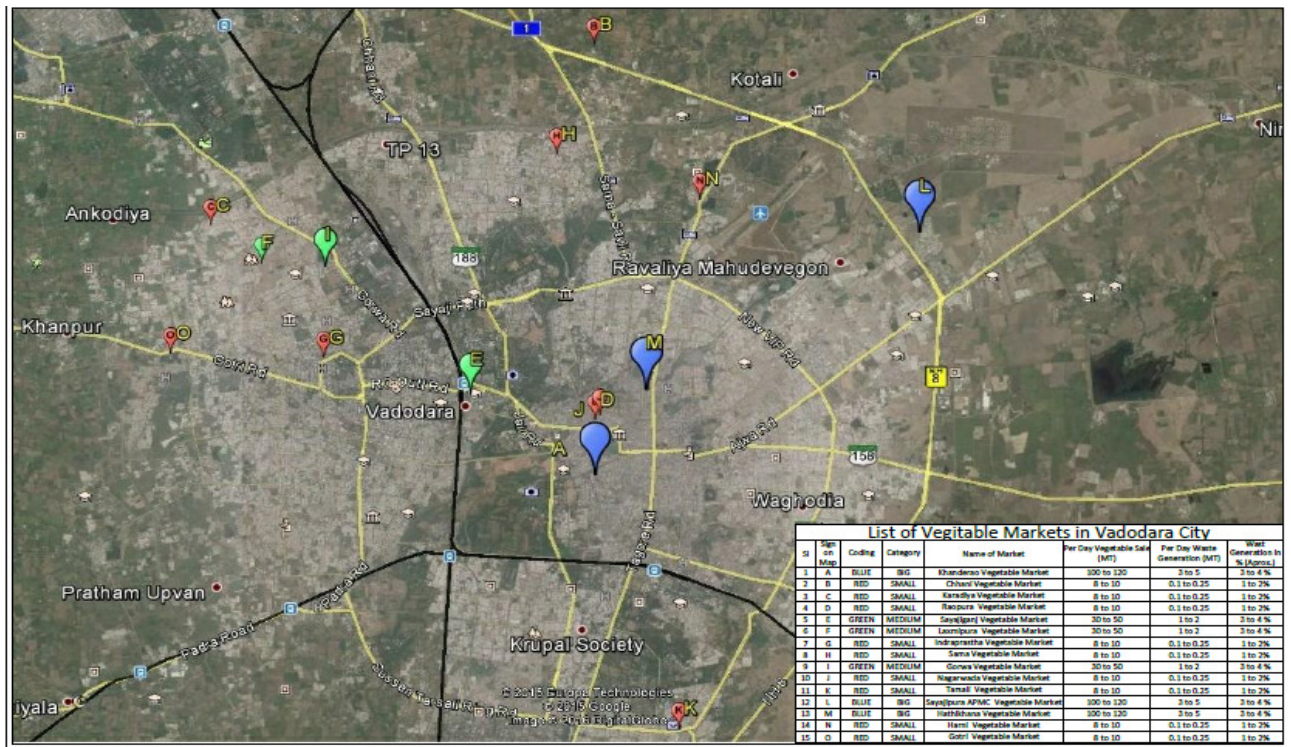


FIG.3.1 MAP SHOWING LOCATIONS OF VEGETABLE MARKET AT VADODAR

## VII. PARAMETERS SELECTED FOR SOLID WASTE ANALYSIS

1. Organics matter, COD, TOC
2. Total Nitrogen
3. Ca, Mg, Na, K
4. C/N Ratio
5. PH

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