

Seed and seedbed preparation



Name of seeds	Germination procedure
Long beans	 No need to soak in water Directly sow in the grow bag After that add an adequate amount of water Germination period is 24 hours
Purul/ladies' finger	 Soak in water for six hours Sieve the seeds Keep in a warm place, wrapped in a cloth for 12 to 18 hours Sow in the grow bag Add an adequate amount of water Germination period is 24 hours
Malabar spinach	 Soak in water Clean the seeds by hand after three hours Discard the water and again soak for three hours Clean the seeds by hand, discard the water, and soak for 18 hours Keep in a warm place, wrapped in a cloth or banana /dumur leaves for 48 hours Check germination status after 24 hours
Brinjal/tomato/chilli	1. Direct plantation of saplings is done for brinjal/tomato/chili. processes of the sapling and seedbed preparation are given in annexure 1.
Red amaranthus spinach	 If the soil is moist then seeds do not need to soak in water Otherwise soak seeds for three hours Sow in grow bag Germination period is 36 hours Cover the grow bags with newspaper after sowing during day time and open them after sunset

Annexure 1:

Seed and seedbed preparation before sowing seeds in the seed bed

- **Step 1.** Plough the seed bed to make the soil finer. If the soil is saline then add super phosphate @ 10 g for a 1/1 ft area.
- **Step 2.** Soak in water for three hours and clean by hand and again soak for six hours.
- **Step 3.** Sieve the seeds by hand
- **Step 4**. Keep in a warm place, wrapped in a cloth for 24 hours
- **Step 5**. After germination sow the seeds in a seed bed with a gap of 1/5 inch
- **Step 6**. After sowing cover the seeds with 1 cm thick soil or cocopeat and cover them with newspaper
- **Step 7.** Check the status after 24 hours whether seedlings are coming out or not
- **Step 8.** Transfer the saplings at proper age into the grow bags