ABSTRACT

Treated textile effluent, untreated textile effluent and untreated textile effluent with mixed culture of microbes were subjected to the four species of ornamental plants i.e. Tagates erecta, Helichrysum bracteatum, Helipterim roseum and Dimorphotheca sinuata to find out their growth behavior. The results showed that untreated textile effluent retarded the growth of all experimental plants. The growth of plants were restricted to 30-40 % by untreated effluent, whereas treated textile effluent showed 10-15 % reduction in growth of plants and untreated effluent with mixed culture of microbes caused 20-25 % reduction in growth as compared to control. These studies showed that the said four plant species can be effectively used for phytoremediation of textile effluents and microbes (mixed culture) facilitate this process.