

## *Cuscuta reflexa* Roxb.



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**Accession No. :** CPUH 10539

**Common/Local Name (s):** Akash Bel, Amar Bel, Giant Dodder.

**Family:** Convolvulaceae.

### **Botanical Description:**

Parasitic, leafless vine, green in colour, profusely branched, stem and branches fleshy, cover host plant completely, thin hook-like structure suckers juice from the host plant branches, leaves are long, flowers are white in color and are sessile, fragrance is pleasant, arranged in small clusters, fruits are small and have 3-4 seeds.

**Flowering/ Fruiting:** April-May/June-July.

**Part Used:** Whole Plant.

**Cultivation:** Wild.

**Longitude:** 76°30'08"E.

**Latitude:** 31°41'05"N.

**Altitude:** 860m.

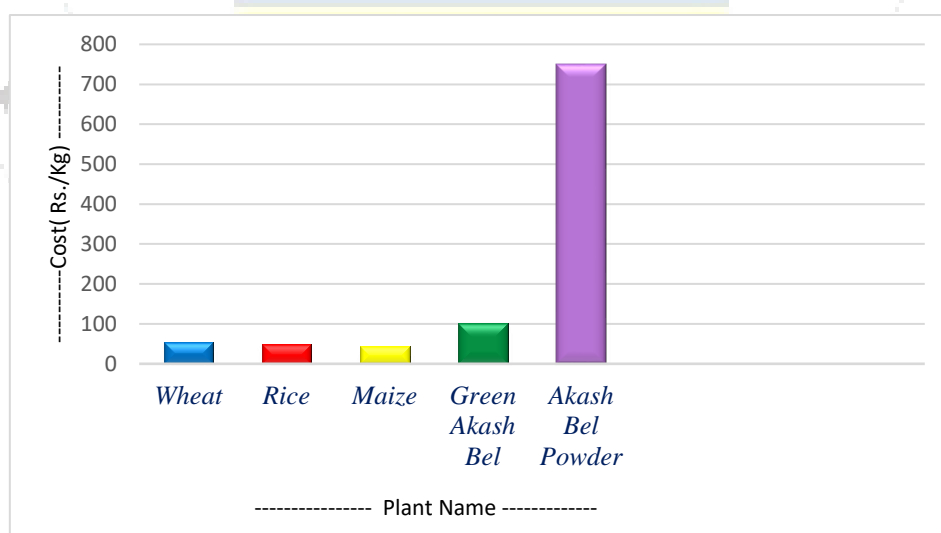


Fig. 4.36 Economic potential of *Cuscuta reflexa* in comparison to conventional crops