

Table 1 Enumeration of rhizospheric and endophytic bacterial population associated with capsicum

Locations	Rhizospheric soil bacterial population ( $\times 10^5$ cfu g <sup>-1</sup> soil)			Endophytic bacterial population ( $\times 10^2$ cfu g <sup>-1</sup> root)		
	Nutrient	Jensen's	Pikovskaya's	Nutrient	Jensen's	Pikovskaya's
	Agar (NA)	Medium (JM)	Medium (PVK)	Agar (NA)	Medium (JM)	Medium (PVK)
Banikhet (Chamba)	89.5	50.5	61.5 (53.0)*	78.5	34.0	42.5 (35.5)*
Bharmour (Chamba)	68.5	42.0	45.5 (33.5)	94.0	29.0	43.5 (38.5)
Bhadra (Kullu)	61.0	34.5	43.5 (24.5)	62.5	29.0	37.5 (25.5)
Bajaura (Kullu)	75.5	44.0	49.5 (36.0)	64.0	29.0	38.0 (22.0)
Patlikhul (Kullu)	68.5	46.0	52.0 (35.0)	66.5	38.0	41.5 (24.5)
Sarahan (Kullu)	71.0	41.0	68.0 (46.0)	63.5	32.0	42.5 (26)
Theog (Shimla)	95.5	42.5	64.5 (43.5)	63.5	31.5	51.5 (31.5)
Jhalta (Shimla)	81.0	37.0	56.0 (41.0)	91.0	30.5	48.5 (34.0)
Rohru (Shimla)	80.5	40.0	64.5 (38.0)	70.5	33.0	48.0 (36.0)

Note: \*Colonies forming halozone on PVK medium