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Effect of Exposures to subfreezing temperature on the survival and subsequent growth of *Eleusine indica* (L.) Gaertn.

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percentage reduction in height, which is quite conspicuous even in seedlings which were exposed only for 0.5 hr/day.

In many plants short exposures of 1 to 2 min. to low temperature (-5 to -10°C) have been reported to cause obvious injury a few hours after transfer to green-house.

On the other hand, many plants native to cold climates are able to survive sub-freezing temperatures¹⁰ as low as -62°C². The susceptibility of *E. indica* to such short exposures of sub-freezing temperature suggests that the species is a native of tropics because such plants are highly susceptible to low temperature²⁴. The plants of this species occurring in temperate countries may have reached there through the agency of man, as evident by their occurrence at ports and docks¹², and have since undergone acclimatization.

It may also be mentioned that after the recovery period, the seedlings were transferred to large manured pots for further observations. No seedling except that of 0.5 hr/day treatment could survive. These plants flowered 14-18 days earlier than the non-treated plants.

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