

## Some aspects of the biology of *Sesamia inferens*: A major stem borer pest of maize in Raipur, Chhattisgarh

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### ABSTRACT :

Biology of *Sesamia inferens* i.e., fecundity, incubation period, larval period, pupal period and longevity of adult were observed on maize hybrid NMH-777 and found that single adult female lays about 92-185 eggs in several egg masses in to the upper surface of leaf sheath. The incubation period ranged from 5-7 days with an average of 5.95 days. The total larval period of about 28 to 34 days with an average of 30.30 days were observed. The pupal stage lasts from 10-14 days, with an average of 12.00 days in February and March. The adult female live for 6 to 8 days while the males are about 4 to 6 days.

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