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(54)Title: PROCESS OF SYNTHESIZING BIOCONTROL- CHITOSAN-SILICA NANOCOMPOSITE PESTICIDE AND CONTROL OF BACTERIAL WILT IN TOMATO

(57) Abstract: The present invention discloses a process of synthesizing chitosansilica nano-composite biological control agent and process for control of bactreial wilt (Ralstonia solanacearum) in Tomato. The inventions concerns synthesis of chitin (1) to Chitosan- nanoparticles (2) and then Chitosan-Silica nanocomposite (3) which in turn is synthesized to Bio-nanocomposite (4) as shown in Fig.1 below. The said Chitosan immobilized silica nanocomposites are used to deliver biological control agents comprising R. solanacearum Bacteriophage in controlling R.solanacearum in tomato. The invention discloses a process of adsorption of biological control agents on the nanocomposites carriers enhances germination and growth vigour of toamto plants. Also disclosed is a method for reducing damage to tomato plants caused by Ralstonia solanacearum consisting of applying a composition of a chitosan-silica nanocomposites (3) in concentration of at least 0.5%, wherein tomatoes are planted within 20 days of the application of the nanocomposition to the soil.