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## Effect of Germination on the Mineral Composition of Chickpea (Cicer arietinum) Varieties

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**ABSTRACT** Chickpea, the most important food legume of dry-land agriculture, is a good source of protein and carbohydrate etc. In the present investigation two cultivators of chickpea namely HPG-17 and C-235 were germinated at room temperature and in incubator for different periods were evaluated for the mineral composition. In both the varieties the mineral content decreased after germination when compared with the raw values. However, the HPG-17 variety was found to be better compared to C-235 variety.