

# Vetiver

## Area Under Cultivation

In India, it is found growing wild in the forests of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. It is also found in some parts of Assam, Jammu, Bihar, Orrisa, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. It is found in semi-wild state in East Godavari and Kurnool districts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and its cultivation is picking up in parts of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana.

**Botanical Name** : *Vetiveria zizanioides*

**Family** : Poaceae

**Plant Discription** :

It is a tall perennial grass of 1.5 to 2m height. It has a small stout rhizomatous stolon giving rise to spongy fibrous root system which grows 20 to 30 cm deep. The clumps form dense tuft bearing erect linear narrow leaves. The inflorescence is a long panicle.

**Centre of Origin** : Indian subcontinent

**Pollination System** : Cross pollinated

**Chromosome No.** :  $2n=20$