

Hitherto unreported leaf-spot disease of an Ayurvedic Medicinal Plant 'KASMARD'- *Cassia tora*, caused by *Phoma Sorghina*

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Cassia tora L. (Leguminosae) is an Ayurvedic medicinal plant, and is known as 'Pawar'. It is found abundantly everywhere during rainy season in India. In Ayurvedic system 'Dadrughnivati' is prepared by the plant which is one of the successful antifungal agents. During the survey of fungal disease of medicinal plants, the author came across a severe leaf spot disease of *Cassia tora* on 9.8.86 in South Civil lines, Chhindwara. The causal organism was found to be *Phoma sorghina* (Sacc.) Boerema, Dorenbosch and Van Kesteren.

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