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Journal Name:	International Journal of Plant & Soil Science
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Title of the Manuscript:	A Study on the Farmers' View on the Incidence and Infestation of Muga Silkworm by Ants
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PART 1: Review Comments

<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	Muga silk worm rearing is one of the major livelihoods for farmers in the study location, so this is an important study. Ants cause major attack to the muga silkworms, hence it is better to gather opinions of active farmers that will give insights about measures to be taken.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Suggestion is given for improvement.	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	Yes, it is comprehensive.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	Yes	
Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound for several reasons. Firstly, it employs a well-defined methodology, including a comprehensive survey conducted across multiple villages, ensuring a diverse and representative sample of farmer perspectives on ant infestation in Muga silkworm rearing. The identification of the primary predator species, <i>Oecophylla smaragdina</i> , and the documentation of its impact, particularly on early larval instars, is supported by clear data on the incidence and extent of crop loss.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. -	Not sufficient, discussion should be improved by adding better literature to refer with.	
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