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<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	<p>The article is an original research work describing the physico-chemical properties of soil under rice-based cropping systems. It contributes to research on soil health. Overall, it is a good article and can be accepted with the following suggested revisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The title of the paper would be better suited as: An insight into the physico-chemical properties of soil under rice-based cropping systems.</li><li>2. The keywords are traditionally written in alphabetical order separated by semicolons. The author(s) may please take a note of it.</li><li>3. In the Introduction section, 2<sup>nd</sup> line; <i>Rice output has increased globally, from 148 Mha in 2002 to 164 Mha in 2011</i>, the source of this information needs to be quoted.</li><li>4. In the Materials and Methods Section, a few photographs of the experimental set-up, soil samples, etc. should be included for better understanding and along with the name, the latitude and longitude of the specific place should be mentioned for easier identification.</li><li>5. In section 3.1, 5<sup>th</sup> line has incorrect way of in-text citation. The author(s) should rectify. Either quote the last name of first author, et al., etc. here or insert the reference number at the end of the sentence.</li><li>6. In table 4, the 2<sup>nd</sup> last row should be standard deviation (SD).</li><li>7. The paper has a few minor grammar mistakes and formatting issues in the manuscript that need to be resolved. Some of them have been commented upon by the reviewer in text for the author(s) to take note of.</li><li>8. The average weather conditions like temperature, rainfall, humidity, etc. during the conduct of experiments need to be mentioned in the manuscript.</li></ol>	
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