**ABSTRACT**

Large quantities of agro residues dumped on the ecosystem create an environmental pollution. The main aim of this present study is to minimize the pollution creating residues and use such residues in an biotechnological manner. Since the agricultural residues are rich in lignocellulosic materials especially xylan a major polymer, using the polymer as a carbon source for the production of xylanase makes as a cheap alternative source. In this review. 1) Chemical composition 2) Xylan extraction method 3) Usage of agro residues (rich in xylan as a carbon source for xylanase production studied by few workers) are discussed.