

Bell pepper

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The lexical variants presented in the note below are arranged according to their frequency of occurrence in the survey data—from most frequent to least frequent.

The vegetable ‘bell pepper’ is referred to by various names in different parts of Maharashtra: *šimla mirči*, *ḍ^hābbu mirči*, *ḍ^hobḷi mirči*, *b^hopḷa mirči*, *p^hop^heri mirči*, *b^hoṅgi mirči poṅgli mirči*, *čapaṭa mirči*, *sarkari mirči*, *m^hatari mirči*, *ḍagər mirči*, *ṭapori mirči*, *b^heṇḍi mirči*, etc. Words such as *ḍ^hābbu*, *ḍ^hobḷi*, *b^hopḷa*, *moṭ^hi*, *jaḍi*, *ṭapori* refer to the shape of the bell pepper whereas the words *šimla mirči*, *wilayati mirči*, *bambaiči mirči*, *bāṅgali mirči*, *kāšmiri mirči* refer to regions. Apart from this, more words were elicited for the vegetable ‘bell pepper’. Let’s look at them in detail.

The word *šimla mirči* was reported all over Maharashtra. It was mainly reported in Vidarbha and north Maharashtra. It was reported infrequently in Konkan and Marathwada regions whereas it was reported rarely in western Maharashtra. Phonetic variations of this word include *šimla*, *simla*, *šimli*, *simli*, *čimla*, *čimli*, *č^himla*, *šipla*, *šāmla*, *šimga*, *šila*, etc.

The word *ḍ^hābbu mirči* was widely reported in Kolhapur, Satara, Sangli, Solapur, Sindhudurg, Ratnagiri, and Latur districts. It was also observed in Chandrapur, Wardha, Parbhani, Nanded, Aurangabad, Dhule, Nandurbar, and Pune districts. Phonetic variations of this word include *ḍ^hābu*, *ḍ^hāb^hu*, *ḍ^hābbi*, *ḍ^hābi*, *ḍ^hebu*, *ḍ^hābbuna*, *ḍābbu*, *ḍābu*, etc.

The word *ḍ^hobḷi mirči* was reported everywhere in Maharashtra except Kolhapur, Sangli, Gondiya, and Gadchiroli districts. This word was widely reported in Pune, Palghar, Nashik, Beed, Ahmednagar, and Aurangabad districts. However, it was reported infrequently in remaining western Maharashtra and northern Maharashtra whereas it was reported rarely in remaining Marathwada and Vidarbha region. A large number of phonetic variations were observed for this word: *ḍ^hobḷi*, *ḍ^hābuḷi*, *ḍ^hābuli*, *ḍ^habuḷi*, *ḍ^hābḷi ḍ^habḷi*, *ḍ^haboḷi*, *ḍ^hāmbri*, *ḍ^haṅḍi*, *ḍ^hobri*, *ḍ^hobḍi*, *ḍ^hombri*, *ḍ^hemri*, *ḍ^hobri*, *ḍ^homši*, *ḍ^hombri*, *ḍ^habori*, *ḍ^homḷa*, *ḍ^hobḍi*, *ḍ^hobla*, *ḍ^hobo*, *ḍ^hobḷāja*, *ḍ^hopli*, *ḍ^hopla*, *ḍ^hebḷi*, *ḍ^hebiy*, *ḍ^howḷi*, *ḍ^hobi*, *ḍ^hāburli*, *ḍ^hob^hḷi*, *ḍ^hopḷi*, *ḍ^hopḷa*, *ḍ^holla*, *ḍ^holli*, *ḍobli*, *ḍāboḷi*, *ḍābri*, etc. The word *ḍ^hobri mirči* was reported by respondents of the Mahadev koli community of Raigad district.

The word *b^hopḷa mirči* was reported widely in Konkan region. It was reported rarely in Satara, Gadchiroli, Bhandara, Nagpur, Yavatmal, Amravati, Nandurbar, Dhule, Nashik



districts, etc. Phonetic variations of this word include *b^hopla*, *b^hopli*, *b^hopli*, *b^hopla*, *b^hopda*, *b^hoplo*, *b^hobdi*, *b^hobri*, *b^hopa*, *b^hobra*, *b^hobli*, *b^hob^hi*, *b^himri*, *bobri*, *b^hopi*, *b^hobi*, *bobdi*, *b^hoplo*, *b^hoplyo*, *bohopli*, etc.

The word *p^hop^heri/pop^heri mirči* was widely reported in Raigad, Thane, and Palghar districts. It was reported infrequently in Jalgaon district and it was also observed in Dhule and Nandurbar districts. Phonetic variations of this word include *p^hokli*, *p^hok*, *p^hogi*, *p^hugi*, *p^huga*, *p^hugli*, *p^hop^he*, *p^hop^h*, *p^hup^hya*, *p^hap^hda*. *p^hop^hi*, *p^hap^hda*, *popoeri*, *popri*, *poplya*, *popli*, *popela*, etc.

The word *moṭ^hi mirči* was reported infrequently in Solapur, Palghar, and Latur districts. It was reported rarely in Satara, Parbhani, Buldhana, Yavatmal, Amravati, Nagpur, Aurangabad, and Nanded districts. Phonetic variations of this word include *moṭa*, *moṭ^hi*, *moṭ^ha*, *moṭi*, *moṭti*, etc. The word *waṅgi mirči* was observed infrequently in Nashik, Aurangabad, and Ratnagiri districts. Phonetic variations of this word include *waṅgi*, *waṅg*, *waṅgp^hoḍ*, etc.

The word *jaḍi mirči* was reported infrequently in Jalgaon, Dhule, Nandurbar, and Nashik districts. Phonetic variations of this word include *jaḍi*, *jali*, *j^haḍi* etc.

The word *b^hoṅgi mirči* was observed in Solapur, Satara, Sangli, and Kolhapur districts. Phonetic variations of this word include *b^hoṅgi*, *b^huṅgi*, *b^hoṅga*, *boṅgi*, *buṅgi*, *boṅgam*, *b^hoga*, etc. The word *Poṅgli mirči* was reported infrequently in Akola, Amravati and Buldhana districts. Phonetic variations of this word include *poṅgla*, *poṅglu*, *poṅgdi*, etc. The word *b^hajiči mirči* was reported in Nashik, Jalna, Nanded, and Raigad districts. It is known as *b^hajiči mirči* because bell pepper is used as a vegetable.

In addition to this, some more words were reported infrequently: The word *čapaṭa mirči* was observed in the Tadvi community of Aurangabad district; it was also observed in the Maratha and Buddhist communities of Jalgaon district. In addition, the word *čapa mirči* was reported in Buldhana district. The word *sarkari mirči* was reported by respondents of the Mannerwarlu and Maratha communities in Nanded district and Dhivar community in Chandrapur district.

The word *m^hatari mirči* was observed in the Mahadev koli community of Raigad district.

The word *ḍaḡar mirči* was received in the Gond community of Gadchiroli district. The word *ṭapori mirči* was reported in Dhule district. The words *ṭobri mirči* and *ṭombri mirči* were reported in Amravati district whereas the word *ṭomani mirči* was reported in Aurangabad



district. The word *čínʰa mirč* was observed in a Muslim community of Ratnagiri district whereas the word *čīᅇga mirči* was observed in the Dongar koli community of Raigad district.

The word *bʰeᅇᅇi mirči* was observed in the Bhil community of Jalgaon district whereas the word *bʰeᅇᅇ mirči* was observed in the Kasar community of Dhule district. The word *rəsgulla mirči* was found in Aurangabad, Dhule, and jalgaon districts among members of the Bhil, Rajput and Koli communities. The words *rəsgulla*, *rəᅇgulla*, and *rəᅇᅇgulla* were reported as its phonetic variants. The phonetic variant *rəᅇᅇgulla mirči* was reported by respondents of the Matang community in Nandurbar district.

The word *kəpsikəm* was observed in the Christian community of Sindhudurg district. The word *wilayəti mirči* was received in Chandrapur district. The words *bəmbəiči mirči* and *bəᅇgali mirči* were observed in the Wadar community of Jalana district and the Bhil community of Aurangabad district respectively. In addition, the word *kəᅇmiri mirči* was observed in the Balai community of Amravati district.

The word *dʰaᅇᅇᅇi mirči* was reported in the Andh community of Hingoli district. The words *kakᅇi mirči* and *jʰala mirči* were reported in Aurangabad district.

The word *kusriki* was observed in the Rajgond community of Amravati district. The word *kajumiri* was observed in the Samvedi Brahmin community of Palghar district. The words *hirwa mirči* and *hirwi mirči* were reported in Buldhana and Raigad districts respectively.

