

Title:	A process for the preparation of stable natural green colorant from the skin of fresh green pepper berries.
Abstract :	<p>The present invention provides a process for the preparation of stable natural green colorant from the skin of fresh green pepper berries. The process comprises the steps of bleaching of fresh green pepper berries in water, removing the skin from the bleached berries mechanically or manually to obtain wet mass of skin, stabilizing the above said wet mass of skin using stabilizing agent such as potassium meta bisulphite and sodium meta bisulphite, alkalizing said stabilized wet mass of skin with an aqueous solution of carbonate and bicarbonate of sodium and potassium, drying the wet mass of skin to obtain dried mass of skin using a mechanical drier and extracting the colorant from the dried mass of skin using non-polar solvent such as hexane, ethyl ether, petroleum ether and polar solvent selected from group consisting of methyl alcohol, acetone and water.</p>