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Methods of seed treatment of *ber* (*Zizyphus mauritiana*) to get maximum germination in the minimum period of time are described. *Ber* seeds should be treated with concentrated sulphuric acid for 45 minutes. This would be very useful to field workers trying to raise seedlings of this fruit tree to serve as the rootstock for budding improved varieties. *Ber* is one of the hardiest and profit giving fruit trees which can thrive even in the inhospitable climate of ravines.