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The paper presents results of a 7-yr trial on plantation of *Tripsacum laxum*, commonly known as *Gautamala* grass, at Ootacamund (Nilgiris). Good growth was observed even in sub-soil. The growth was very much stunted in soils full of boulders. The rainfall requirements are above 100 cm. Though grows even in ill drained soil, it prefers well-drained soil at moist locations. Planting this grass in exposed sub-soil gave good yields. The grass also proved successful as a vegetative barrier on Puertorican terraces.