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Excess uoride is highly toxic to humans and has serious detrimental health problems. e purpose of this study was to evaluate the feasible application of silica rich reddish black Mukondeni clay soils as a convenient and cheap technology for the removal of excess uoride from ground water. Characterisation was done by XRF, XRD, SEM, BET and FTIR. CEC and PZC were determined using standard methods. Parameters optimized included: contact time, adsorbent dosage, initia concentration, competing ions, pH and temperature. Optimisation experiments were done in batch procedures. e results showed that the optimum conditions for the de uoridation of water using silica rich reddish black Mukondeni clay soils are 60 min, 1.5 g, 9 mg/L, 1.5/100 S/L ratios a pH of 2 and a temperature cofe26quilibrium isotherm regression parameter R showed that the Freundlich isotherm (0.95) gave a better t than the Langmuir isotherm (0.52), and the Dubinin-Radushkevich

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