

## AGRICULTURAL SEMINAR IN KERALA

A Farmers' Week and an Agricultural Seminar is being held in the newly formed State of Kerala from the 5th to 12th of this month. The meetings would be held at different centres to suit the convenience of farmers of the various districts of the state.

The Seminar will be inaugurated on the afternoon of January 5 at the State Agricultural College at Vellayani. The Farmers' Week celebrations will be continued on the following days as under :

January 6—Kottarkhera School Building. January 7—Y.M.C.A. Kottayam. January 8—Agricultural Training Centre, Ollokkara, Trichur. January 9—Agricultural Research Station, Pattambi. January 10—Agricultural Research and Training Centre, Talipparamba. January 11—S. D. V. Hall, Alleppy. January 12—Plenary Session at S.D.V. Hall, Alleppy.

The following subjects have been chosen for discussion in the Seminar.

(1) The implementation of schemes for the improvement of agriculture with the cooperation and co-ordination of the activities of the Departments of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, National Extension Service, Community Projects, Panchayats and Co-operation.

(2) The expansion and completion of the organization of Farmers' Forum and the utilization of the Forums for agricultural development.

Apart from the above, it has been arranged to take farmers around the various Agricultural Research Stations. Exhibits and cinema shows have been arranged every evening for their education and entertainment.

## FORUM FOR WEST BENGAL

West Bengal has decided to form the Farmers' Forum at the state level. The decision was taken at a meeting of representatives of farmers from various districts of the State which was held at Calcutta on December 20 with Dr. R. Ahmed, Minister of Agriculture in the Chair. Shri K. D. Sharma, Secretary of the Farmers' Forum, India was also present on the occasion. The President appointed an Execu-

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

A Standing Committee of the Farmers' Forum, India has been constituted by the President of the Forum, Dr. P. S. Deshmukh, to keep in touch with the implementation of the various research schemes of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and also sponsor new schemes of research in the fields not being undertaken by the Council.

The following are the members of the Committee :

Shri Bishan Man Singh, (Uttar Pradesh), Shri Lal Singh, M.P., Shri Harish Chandra G. Patil (Bombay), Shri Raghotham Reddy (Andhra), Shri B. N. Sircar (West Bengal), Shri S.K. Swami (Madras),

### FARMERS' WEEK

Addressing the Fourth Conference of State Ministers of Agriculture on December 28 in New Delhi, Dr. P. S. Deshmukh, Union Minister of Agriculture and President, Farmers' Forum, India, disclosed that it was being planned to hold Farmers' Weeks or short seminars in every district or division of India apart from any that were being held at other levels. "I am glad that this idea has found acceptance and efforts are being made to hold them on a large scale in many States", he said.

Expressing his idea to hold these Weeks Dr. Deshmukh further said that the officials in the States, in the Departments of Agriculture and Development, should call a seminar of progressive farmers and enthusiastic young farmers together with some farming women and the various prize winners to meet for 3 to 7 days and discuss the outstanding problems of that particular area in respect of agriculture.

tive Committee with Shri Rash Behari Chowdhry and Shri Bijoy Lal Chatterjee as Vice-Presidents and Shri Dev Nath Das and Shri S. K. Bhattacharjee as Secretary and Joint-Secretary respectively.

The meeting also decided to hold the West Bengal Farmers' Convention in the first week of February.

Shri Satwant Singh (Punjab), Shri N. M. Deshmukh (Bombay), Shri S. K. Kaul (Jammu & Kashmir), Shri K.A. Jacob (Kerala) and Shri K. D. Sharma, Secretary of the Farmers' Forum, India who is also the convenor of the committee.

## BENGAL YOUNG FARMERS

West Bengal has decided to form the Young Farmers' Association in the State. An Executive Committee has been formed with Dr. R. Ahmed, Minister of Agriculture as President, Shri H. Bannerjee, Development Commissioner and Shri C. K. Roy, Secretary for Agriculture as Vice-Presidents, Shri Devnath Das and Shri R.K. Chowdhry have been nominated as Secretary and Joint Secretary respectively.

The Committee in its first meeting drew up a action programme for the West Bengal Young Farmers' Association.

## FARM LEADERS GOING TO U.S.A.

Twenty Indian farm leaders are going to U.S.A. under the "Farm Leaders' Study Programme" sponsored by the Technical Cooperation Mission. They will stay in U.S.A. for three months and will also participate in the Ninth Ordinary General Meeting and the Tenth Anniversary Celebrations of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers to be held in the last week of May at Purdue University in Indiana. Farm leaders will study Farm Organization, Cooperatives, Rural Credit and allied subjects.

The leaders include Shri K.D. Sharma, Secretary of the Farmers' Forum, India, Shri T. R. Neswi M.P., Col. G.S. Dhillon and Shri J. Raghotham Reddy Members of the Governing Body of the Farmers' Forum, India; Sm. Sybil Khan and Shri H. G. Patil, Members of the All India Farmers' Council and Shri S. K. Bhattacharjee, Shri B. P. Singh, Shri V. V. Patil and Shri H. T. Reddy of the Young Farmers' Association, India.

The twenty farm leaders have been divided into two groups. Shri K.D. Sharma will be the Chairman of Cooperation group and Shri T.R. Newsi, M.P., will be the Chairman of the Farm Organization group.