

FIVE THOUSAND FARMERS ATTEND GAYA MEETING

Inaugurating the meeting of the District Krishak Samaj, Gaya (Bihar) on December 7, 1958, Dr. S.K. Sinha, Chief Minister, Bihar called for honesty and hard labour for increasing agricultural and industrial production.

The meeting was held at Jahana-bad and was largely attended by about 5,000 farmers hailing from all parts of the district and adjoining areas. It was presided over by Shri Birchand Patel, Minister for Agriculture and President, Bihar Krishak Samaj. Among others present in the meeting included Shri S. M. Omair, MP; Shri Latifur Rahaman, MLA; Shri Shahajehan Khan, MLA; Shri Khalish, MLA; Shri B. P. Akhaury, Director of Agriculture and the officers of the Department of Agriculture.

The Chief Minister in his address made a vigorous plea for increasing food production without which the country's development was not possible. He advised the farmers to work hard in their fields, prepare green manures themselves in the absence of chemical fertilizers as Sindri Fertilizer Factory was unable to cope up with the required needs.

Shri Birchand Patel in his presidential address asked the farmers to organise themselves properly through the Bharat Krishak Samaj, which was the true organization of the farmers. He further said that the Samaj must be an organization of *kisans* manned and run by *kisans*.

Shri Vijay Kumar Singh, Secretary, Gaya Krishak Samaj in his report requested the Government, on behalf of the farmers of the district, to take necessary measures for providing *bunds* on Poonpoon, Sahri and Morhan rivers which cause much misery to the farmers.

PURNEA FARMERS WANT MINIMUM PRICE FOR JUTE

The District Krishak Samaj, Purnea (Bihar) held a meeting in which it appealed to the Government to take immediate action when jute prices fall and fix minimum price of different varieties and qualities of jute. It also recommended the establishment of a District Advisory Com-

mittee to safeguard and promote the interests of jute growers and traders. The meeting appealed to all the members to make the Rabi Production Campaign successful.

SARAN FARMERS TO HELP IN RABI DRIVE

The Executive Committee of District Cooperative Federation, Saran (Bihar) has asked its members to give their best cooperation in intensifying Rabi Production Campaign launched by the Government and supported by the Bharat Krishak Samaj.

The Federation also expects that the Central Cooperative Banks and the Cane Development and Cane Marketing Unions would help their members with their resources as far as possible in this objective.

BIKANER KRISHAK SAMAJ

The District Krishak Samaj, Bikaner (Rajasthan) has decided to support the Rabi Production Campaign programme in the district and adjoining areas. This decision was taken on the appeal of the Bharat Krishak Samaj to help and co-operate in increasing production in the *rabi* season.

BURDWAN FARMERS CONFERENCE

The next conference of the District Krishak Samaj, Burdwan (West Bengal) will be held on February 9 and 10, 1959. On this occasion an Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition will also be held in which emphasis would be laid on displaying the progress and achievement of co-operative movement in various sectors.

BULDANA KRISHAK SAMAJ

A meeting of District Krishak Samaj, Buldana (Bombay) was held in which the following office bearers were elected: *President*: Shri P.P. Patil; *Vice-President*: Shri A. M. Desmukh; *Secretary*: Shri N.B. Patil; *Assistant Secretary*: Shri R. N. Deshpande and *Treasurer*: Shri R. D. Bhonde.

The meeting also discussed the grow more food programme and how the farmers can actively help in it.

EAST KHANDESH FARMERS URGE FIXATION OF PRICES

The District Krishak Samaj, East Khandesh (Bombay) held a meeting in Yawal under the Presidentship of Shri V.B. Patil, *Krishi Pandit* and requested the Government to fix prices of agricultural products and other necessary articles required for production before the sowing period. The delegates felt that in this way the agriculturists would be able to decide as to which cropping scheme should be adopted in each ensuing year.

Among the important subjects discussed in the meeting were manures and fertilizers, plant protection methods, credit, seed multiplication, agricultural implements and irrigation facilities.

The meeting decided to expand the activities of the Krishak Samaj in all *taluks* of the district and a sub-committee was appointed to consider this matter in detail.

The meeting stressed the need of including a representative of the Bharat Krishak Samaj on the Import Export Board of the Government of India.

TRIVANDRUM KRISHAK SAMAJ

A meeting of farmers was held by the District Krishak Samaj, Trivandrum (Kerala) which was addressed by Dr. P.S. Deshmukh, President, Bharat Krishak Samaj. Dr. Deshmukh explained to the gathering the methods of increasing production in the light of the Chinese method. He also explained the role the Krishak Samaj can play in coordination with the NES and Agriculture Department to successfully implement various development schemes.

Shri K. P. Amrithanatha Aiyar, Working President, Kerala Krishak Samaj; Shri V. S. K. Namburi, Secretary and Shri G. Subramaniam, District Convener also addressed the meeting.

FARMERS MEETING ON RABI DRIVE

Shri S. S. N. Mushran, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Cooperation, Madhya Pradesh and Vice-President State Krishak Samaj,