

Farmers' Convention at Nizamabad

The Nizamabad Distt. Farmers' Forum Convention was held at Nizamabad on 20th and 21st October, 1967 under the Presidentship of Shri P. Thimma Reddy, President, Andhra Pradesh Krishak Samaj and State minister for agriculture. Besides a large number of farmers it was attended by Shri Silam Siddha Reddy, Minister for Irrigation, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.

On the occasion of the Convention an Agricultural Exhibition was held and stalls were put up by Agriculture, Veterinary and Fisheries Department of the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and the Panchayat Samati. A number of firms dealing with agriculture machinery, fertilizers and pesticides also participated in the Fair.

The Convention passed the following resolutions :

The Convention expressed deep concern over the silting up of the Nizamsagar Reservoir, thereby the capacity of the Reservoir has fallen from 26000 million cubic feet to about 15000 million Cft. The Convention urged the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh to take up the work of silt remover of Nizamsagar, enhancing its storage capacity and increasing the carrying capacity of the main canal and repairs and remodelling of the various distributaries and sluices as early as possible to save the ryots from heavy loss.

The Convention urged the Govt. of A. P. to survey the availability of water resources of natural streams and nallahs and to construct lift irrigation for the supply of water to the cultivators.

The Convention also urged the Government to undertake the survey and exploration of available underground water resources of Nizamabad District at an early date.

The Convention urged the Govt. to undertake the repairing of the tanks in the Nizamabad District immediately. It also urged that in the

parts of the District which are not served by the Nizamsagar canal system and minor irrigation projects to take up well digging projects and to provide pump sets and electricity for this purpose on priority basis.

The Convention urged the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh to fix a minimum rate of Rs. 125.00 per tonne for sugarcane supplies made to the Nizamabad Coop. Sugar factory in view of very high rates of sugar, gur and khandasari prevailing in the open market.

The Convention also requested the Govt. of A. P. not to impose any restrictions either on the export inter district movement and on price of gur.

The Convention urged the Government of Andhra Pradesh to fix the procurement price of paddy at least to the level of those fixed in Maharashtra State in view of the rise in the price of fertilisers and other inputs.

The Convention urged the Government to scrap the monopoly of export of Maize given to the District Cooperative Marketing Society, Nizamabad but to allow free exports by any one and should have no objection on allowing its free trade.

The Convention urged the Government to announce the prices of various farm commodities before the sowing season so that the cultivators can have a better idea as to the return they may get from their crop.

The Convention urged the Government of the necessity to consult the representatives of growers in formulating their agricultural policies which is in practice all over the world except in our country.

The Convention also urged the Government to provide additional fleet of tractors and farm implements to the cultivators for ploughing and other operations. It also requested the Government to establish a well equipped workshop for servicing and repairs of tractors, power-sprayers,

oil engines and other implements of the cultivators at reasonable charges.

It also urged the Government to provide various improved implements which will save labour and assist the performance of operations in time so as to root up the yields and be made available to the growers on subsidised rates.

The Convention urged the Government to start a soil testing laboratory at Government Experimental Station, Rudrur for the benefits of the farmers of the District of Nizamabad.

The Convention urged the Government to establish a Research Station at Armoor for undertaking work on turmeric and maize.

The Convention urged the Government to start agro-based industries in Nizamabad for the manufacture of starch, glucose and other maize products. It also emphasised the need to start a fruit and other food and vegetable preservation unit in the District.

The Convention urged the Andhra Pradesh Government to take up the matter with the Government of India for permission for importing agricultural chemicals and insecticides freely so that they are available at reasonable rates to the growers.

A farmer records high yields of Wheat

Shri Onkar Ghabroo Mati, a senior member of the executive body of Sendhwa Krishak Samaj (Madhya Pradesh) who hails from W. Nimad recorded 30 quintal 48 kilograms per acre yield of wheat in his field this year. His position was first among the other competitors.

The State Government gave him a cash award of Rs. 300/-. The award was given by the State Revenue Minister, Shri Balwant Rao Sangle. Out of this amount, Shri Onkarlal Ghabroo Mati donated Rs. 51/- to the Sendhwa Krishak Samaj office. This spirit of social service is really appreciable.