

SOS FOR FERTILIZERS

"Peak time of manuring paddy in West Bengal..... no supply of Ammonium Sulphate due to wagon difficulties..... Grow More Food Campaign suffering..... take steps immediately."

The above telegram had been received in the Central Office of the Bharat Krishak Samaj from the Burdwan Krishak Samaj.

Immediately on receipt of the telegram, the Secretary wrote to the Secretary, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Government of India, the Extension Commissioner, Ministry of Food & Agriculture Extension Wing,

and the Ministers of Food and Agriculture and Community Development, Government of West Bengal, requesting them to take immediate necessary action in the matter.

In response to the above, the Union Ministry of Agriculture has very kindly issued orders for immediate release of Ammonium Sulphate for Burdwan District.

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10. Research in problems of well sinking and construction

The State Agricultural Department has already evolved a cheap tube well viz. coil filter point for sandy areas, which is being popularized.

11. Research on the diseases caused by deficiencies of minor elements

Research is being undertaken as and when the deficiency of minor elements is detected.

12. Fertilizer demonstration

The Government do not propose to undertake new free fertilizer demonstrations for fruits and vegetable crops.

13. Designing of tools and implements

Action is already being taken by the Assistant Agricultural Engineer (Research) to design tools and implements for carrying out cultural practices in fruit and vegetable gardens. A plant-setter has been designed for transplanting nursery plants.

14. Training of extension staff in Horticultural Operations

The Government has already taken adequate steps for training of extension staff in horticultural operations.

15. Research on pests and diseases of fruits

The State Entomologist and Mycologist will give every technical help in respect of pests and diseases of fruits.

16. Grant of subsidy for fruit production

Pesticides are being supplied at

subsidised rates in pest affected areas and the concession can be extended to fruits and vegetables also.

17. Proper utilization of funds

The State Government has assured that it will consider any concrete proposals from the Krishak Samaj for development of fruit production.

TEYNAMPET CATTLE SHOW

The Southern Regional Cattle Show, will be held at Teynampet, Madras from September 24 to 29, 1959. The Southern Regional Poultry Show will also be held in conjunction therewith from September 27 to 29, 1959. This show will be inaugurated by Shri Kamraj Nadar, Chief Minister, Madras and the prizes will be given by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N. Sanjiva Reddi.

Sponsored by the All-India Cattle Show Committee, the Show seeks to stimulate Cattle and Poultry development activities in the Southern Region comprising Madras, Andhra Pradesh, Mysore and Kerala.

Cash prizes worth Rs. 15,000/- and a large number of challenge trophies will be awarded to winners.

Besides cattle, poultry, sheep and goats, there will be a number of exhibition stalls, which will give practical demonstration for educating the masses.

Other highlights of the Show will be Bullock Cart Race, Horse Race, Draught Test, Ploughing Competition and daily programmes of variety entertainment.

Andhra Krishak Samaj Appeal

The Andhra Pradesh Krishak Samaj has appealed to all agriculturist farmers and agricultural producers to join the State Krishak Samaj as members, to make it efficient and effective.

Shri B. Mohan Reddy, Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Krishak Samaj, in an appeal has said that a vast majority of people earn their livelihood by farming. They live in highly unsatisfactory economic conditions, which bring them sometimes to the brink of starvation. Government enacts laws for the agriculturists, and is trying its best to help them by providing several facilities. But, due to some cause or other the farmers are not able to get the benefit of these facilities.

The appeal says that cost of production has not been assessed in this country, not even approximately. The very poor condition of farmers, their shabby homes and their undernourished condition itself speaks of their meagre income. The credit is another problem. They do not get on easy terms.

Shri Reddy in his appeal has stressed upon the great need for leadership among farmers as also the need of their organising themselves and working under their own organisation, democratically controlled by themselves.

Fruit Preservation Industry

The Government of India has appointed a Committee to review the progress of Fruit Preservation Industry and about the possibilities of its development in future. This Committee has recommended for compulsory examination of the Fruit Products of the Industry. It has also recommended for adopting a standard for fruit products preservation.

A target of 11,000 tons of preserved fruits has been fixed for export in 1960-61. The Committee has also recommended that the main products should be popularised in Foreign Fairs and Exhibitions.

Guna Krishak Samaj

A meeting of the Guna Krishak Samaj has decided that 100 life members of the Bharat Krishak Samaj must be enrolled from each pargana. The participating delegates were requested to pledge themselves to this work. The meeting was held on August 20, under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Director of Agriculture.