

Rohtak District Krishak Samaj

A meeting of the Rohtak District Krishak Samaj was held on 2nd August, 1964 which passed a number of resolutions.

In one resolution profound condolence was expressed in the untimely demise of the late Prime Minister Shri Jawaharlal Nehru.

In other resolutions it was said:

Due to Wheat Zones in our province, the wheat is sold at Rs. 15 per maund. The result is that the peasants no longer feel encouraged to grow more wheat. Hence these Wheat Zones be abolished forthwith and the price of one maund of wheat should not be less than Rs. 20.

In Rohtak District, due to floods, vast areas of standing crops have been destroyed. Relief may immediately be sent to them and no tax like revenue, rent, water tax, taccavi for fertilizers etc. be collected. There

should be no restrictions on the movement of wheat from one place to another.

The price of sugarcane does not commensurate with the labour and expenditure on its production. In the sugar factory area, sugarcane is forcibly taken from the peasants. This should be stopped. Moreover it is very strange that the producers of sugar get 250 grams per head while the city dwellers get one kilo per head. There is much discontent among the farmers due to this discrimination.

The meeting recommended that the fertilizers, insecticides, diesel oil and agricultural implements be supplied at cheaper rates. Electricity be used for production purposes and its rate be less than at present. Insurance for crops be arranged.

The peasants were exhorted to start a campaign for *Vanamahotsava*.

Khargone District Krishak Samaj

A meeting of Khargone District Krishak Samaj was held on July 27, 1964 which passed several resolutions.

In a condolence resolution a glowing tribute was paid to the sacred memory of late Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru. In the resolution it was said that Shri Nehru always kept in view the best interests of the peasants.

Then it was unanimously decided to send the following suggestions to the President of the Market Committee:

(a) In weighing, smaller weights should be used (b) Grains and groundnuts should be weighed in the market under the strict supervision. (c) The weighing charges should be charged from the purchasers and not from the producers. (d) The market should open at 9 A.M. (e) The mar-

ket taxes are too high. They should be decreased.

It was decided to get prepared a book giving details about the Life Members. The help from District Agriculture Officer should be sought.

It was suggested that for the one-year training course for gardening, Hindi knowing staff should be employed.

It was demanded that as the B. K. S. is the only organization which always keeps the farmers' interest in view, one room in Krishi Vikas Bhawan situated in the market may be given to it for its office. Moreover, it was demanded that the duration for loan for purchasing tractors be extended. It may be paid in 10 or 15 years. The interest on that loan should also be less.

Balurghat District Krishak Samaj's Demands

On the occasion of his visit to the District Farmers' Forum office, Balurghat on 8 July Sri R. Ghosh,

Commissioner, Agriculture & Community Development was presented with the following suggestions made

by Sri J. Mazumder, President, District Farmers' Forum, Member, Indian Central Oilseeds Committee and Member, Rice Committee, I.C.A.R.—

appointment of cropwise specialists at the district level ;

arrangement for soil mapping;

village-wise Crop-Survey which will help the Agricultural Department to report the correct figures for crop yield;

in the District, acreage under potato cultivation is increasing every year. Per acre yield is also considerably increased. It is very difficult to get improved seeds from cold storage in Calcutta owing to transport difficulty. In view of this a Cold Storage is essential ;

the improved variety of potato should be popularised amongst the farmers ;

fallow lands in the district, specially in Islampur area, covering several thousand acres, may be utilised for multiplication of Dhaincha seeds;

Animal Husbandry, Veterinary, Fishery, Co-operation and Agriculture should come under one Commissioner with separate Directorate;

enactment of strict laws to prevent cattle trespass in the absence of which double or tripple cropping is impossible ;

establishment of one poultry Farm on District level;

arrangement for artificial insemination to improve the local breeds both in milk production and draught;

the advantages and concession to purchase poultry and cattle feed extended to the suburban districts of Calcutta by the Government may be extended to this district also ;

a scheme for green fodder cultivation on some vested lands may be formulated and extended in every *Anchal* of the district;

the number of veterinary hospitals with arrangement of in-patients should be increased ;

veterinary and animal husbandry courses may be included in the curriculum of the Higher Secondary science courses ;

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