

## **Haryana Prant**

### **Krishak Samaj**

An ad hoc committee of the Kisans of Haryana on 2nd October, 1966 passed a resolution to organise Haryana Prant Krishak Samaj with headquarters at Rohtak. The ad hoc committee has also been nominated with Ch. Suraj Mal, Ex-minister, Hissar as Chairman and Capt. Charan Singh as Secretary

## **Kerala Farmers' Forum Convention**

The Tenth Annual Convention of the Kerala State Farmers' Forum is to be held at Palghat on the 29th & 30th October, 1966. The Governor of Kerala is inaugurating it while Shri A.M. Thomas, Union Minister of Defence Production and the President of Bharat Krishak Samaj will preside. The State is rendering all help to make the Convention a success. Its several heads of departments with the technical men to educate the farmer with the know-how in the latest methods of agriculture with improvised machines, implements and seeds with their exhibitions would be participating in it.

The Convention aims to study the problems of the farmer and the soil he cultivates, at all block and panchayat areas and search for finding the need of the farmers, redressing his grievances and to promote production through the latest methods in agriculture.

## **Punjab Farmers Forum Executive Committee Meets**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Farmers' Forum, Punjab was held on 18th September 1966 at Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Sir Buta Singh, Senior Vice-President, Farmers' Forum, Punjab. The meeting passed several resolutions unanimously. Some of these resolutions are reproduced below :

The meeting expressed its great disappointment on the fixation of the flour price of Paddy at Rs. 35/- only, as it was extremely unjust and unfair, keeping in view the cost of the production and the rising prices of Agricultural inputs and the consumer goods needs by the farmers. The least price recommended was Rs. 45/- per Quintal for Paddy.

The meeting expressed its very serious concern over the news regarding Government's proposal to form single state Zone for procurement and movement of foodgrains. The State of Punjab being a surplus State, it was apprehended that the proposed move, if implemented, will tend to divert the farmers towards growing cash crops instead of foodgrains crops thereby adversely affecting the grow more food campaign. The Forum suggested that the present food zone needs to be enlarged so as to cover the State of Bihar also.

The meeting decided that in order to effectively discharge the increased work load of activities and to revitalise the movement, the following change in the office set up be made:

1. Col. Sir Buta Singh, Senior Vice President ; to work as President.
2. Capt. Rattan Singh, M.L.A. To work as General Secretary and to organise District Units within three months.
3. S. Paramplal Singh ; To work as Jt. Secretary to supervise and assist in the office work and to provide guidance to the Dist. Units.
4. S. Gursham Singh, Director of Agriculture, Punjab. To work as State Secretary in place of Dr. Amrik Singh Cheema.

5. Dr. Amrik Singh Cheema. As first patron of the Farmers Forum, Punjab.

It was decided that the Punjab Farmers Forum may be divided into 2 units i.e. Haryana and Punjab and the Assets and liabilities between the two organisations may be calculated in proportion to the number of Life Members from the respective States. Capt. Charan Singh from Haryana and Ch. Ajit Singh President Distt., Farmers Forum Jullundur, were nominated to work out the distribution of Assets and liabilities.

It was unanimously resolved that the control of Panchayati Raj Training Centre, Ferozepur which was functioning under the care of this Organisation for the last two and a half years, should not be, under any circumstances, transferred to the control of the Zila Parishad as suggested by the Zila Parishad, Ferozepur.

It was unanimously decided that the Government of Punjab be approached for the allotment of one more Panchayati Raj Training Centre, for District Bhatinda where the present Panchayati Raj Training Centre, Ferozepur was already working in 6 of its blocks.

It was decided that a small demonstration farm attached to the Panchayati Raj Training Centre, Ferozepur for which a Power Tiller has already been purchased from the Forum, may be developed to impart training about latest and improved practices of Agriculture to the rural functionaries receiving such training in the Institution. The farm should, however, be run on no profit no loss basis.