

would have a variety of programmes for the weaker sections. And every year a report would be placed before the legislature regarding how on whether the social objectives of the programmes had been achieved. There should be an independent authority to carry out the social audit of the funds and programmes.

Tips for Safflower Growing

Always grow safflower on well drained soils. It is a drought resistant crop alright but is not tolerant to water-logging. Sowing on time, ensures more oil yields. End of October to the first week of November is the ideal time for sowing an irrigated crop. The end of September to mid-October is best time for the rainfed one. Do not apply more nitrogen than needed. Higher doses of nitrogen will lead to more vegetative growth but less oil in seeds. Avoid highly saline boron toxic soils. Better encourage cross pollination by honey bees to increase the seedset. Wind is in-effective as a pollinating agent for this crop. Protect the crop from pests and diseases. Harvest when the leaves are dry and brown, with only a little green on the flower heads.

Protect your Grain from Insects

1. Before storage, dry the grain, so that the moisture remains less than 10 per cent (2) After cleaning storage godown kachchi pakki-kothies one week before, disinfect them with 0.5 per cent malathion 50 per cent oily solution. (3) As far as possible try to use new bags ; if old bags are to be used, dry them well after dipping them in 0.5 per cent malathion solution. (4) Do not keep the bags in direct touch with the floor. To avoid moisture keep wooden planks or polythene sheets. (5) Metallic round kothies which are of one ton or half ton capacity, are best for storage. (6) For grain fumigation in farm homes EDB 3 ml ampoules should be used per quintal. But do not use EDB for fumigation of flour, groundnuts and oilseeds. (7) Do not mix any insecticide—B.H.C. etc. in the grain. (8) For rat eradication work in the home use warfarin or qumarin only. Zinc phosphide is extremely poisonous, do not use it in the home.

Place of Bullock-Carts

In our country there are about 1.50 lakh bullock carts on which about

Rs. 3000 crores have been invested by the farmers whereas total of Rs. 4000 crores are invested on Indian Railways. This picture will give the idea how far we care for the maintenance, care and improvement of railways as against the meager attention paid to rural roads and the improvement of bullock-carts in the country.

Wheat Seed to Pakistan

India has agreed to sell Pakistan 5,270 tonnes of certified wheat seed for Rs. 1.58 crores from the NSC for sowing in the coming Rabi season about 3,300 tonnes of the seed wheat will be Sonalika and RR-21, 1,200 tonnes wheat Ludhiana-711 and 770 tonnes HD-2009.

3rd Farm Journalists Seminar in Sydney

Asian agricultural Journalists association Japan is holding its 3rd Seminar at Sydney (Australia) with the help of Mr. Bill Ritchie of Australia. The second seminar was held at Teheran in 1976. This will commence from 8th October to 23rd. Indian Farm Journalist Association has also sent one delegate, Mr. Gangrade to participate. IFJA is also one of the founder members of this Asian body.

Statement of Life Members Enrolment

Name of State	As on 31-3-1978	April to 31st August, 1978
1. Andhra Pradesh	406	5
2. Assam	24	—
3. Bihar	120	—
4. Gujarat	414	4
5. Kerala	234	—
6. Maharashtra	6,125	50
7. Madhya Pradesh	2,064	10
8. Karnataka	683	8
9. Rajasthan	231	—
10. Tamilnadu	761	3
11. Orissa	602	98
12. West Bengal	66	—
13. Himachal Pradesh	120	—
14. Punjab	1,645	2
15. Haryana	1,125	—
16. Uttar Pradesh	916	25
17. Meghalaya	4	—
18. Nagaland	1	—
19. Manipur	10	—
20. Tripura	13	—