

Among others who addressed the meeting were Shri Jagjit Singh Mann, Organising Secretary, Panjab Krishak Samaj, Ch. Attar Singh, President, District Krishak Samaj and Rao Gajraj Singh.

The District Magistrate of Gurgaon, Shri Ratan Singh, opened an Agricultural Exhibition on this occasion.

The Convention passed a number of resolutions and urged the Government to fix the prices of agricultural commodities in consultation with the farming community where two-third members should be from the Krishak Samaj.

The meeting welcomed the decision of the Government regarding State trading in foodgrains and stressed that two-thirds of the purchases should be effected through the cooperative marketing societies of growers.

The meeting felt that the terms and conditions for advancing loans for agricultural purposes should be relaxed and more loans should be advanced for purchasing pumping sets and tractors and for sinking wells. It was recommended that the time limit for purchase of tractors after advancing loan should be increased to six months in view of the unavailability of tractors and the time limit for producing a certificate for exemption from customs duty should be increased to two months.

The meeting urged that the Krishak Samaj should be given full representation on market, block development, district development and agricultural loan advancement committees.

EAST KHANDESH KRISHAK SAMAJ

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the District Krishak Samaj of East Khandesh was held on March 17 under the chairmanship of Dr. P. S. Deshmukh.

The meeting discussed among other things questions relating to improvement of work of the Samaj in the district and arrangements for railway concession for farmers desiring to attend the Mysore Convention.

Fifth National Convention of Farmers

MYSORE

May 1 to 5, 1959

Programme

Friday, May 1

- 7.00 a.m. ... Registration of Delegates begins.
- 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. ... Meeting of the Commodity Committees on:
1. Plantation crops
 2. Tobacco
 3. Sugarcane
 4. Oilseeds
 5. Fruits & Vegetables
 6. Cereals & Pulses.
- 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. ... Commodity Committee Meetings continued.

Saturday, May 2

- 9.00 a.m. ... Meeting of the All India Farmers' Council.
- 3.00 p.m. ... Inauguration of the Plenary Session of the Fifth National Convention of Farmers.

Sunday, May 3

- 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. ... Meetings of the Committees on:
1. Agriculture and Animal Husbandry
 2. Cooperation & Marketing.
- 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. ... -do-

Monday, May 4

- 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. ... Meeting continued.
- 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. ... -do-

Tuesday, May 5

- 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. ... Meeting of the Finance & Organisation Committee.
- 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. ... Concluding Plenary Session of the Convention.

AMRAVATI DISTRICT KRISHAK SAMAJ

The District Krishak Samaj of Amravati has appealed to the farmers to help in accelerating the activities of the Samaj.

A circular issued by the District Samaj has appealed to the members to undertake immediately enrolment of members and organization of meetings to discuss problems vital to the interest of agriculturists.

The circular has asked the taluk branches to nominate delegates for the Mysore Convention and send their names to the District Krishak Samaj.

It says that the Samaj is formulating a scheme for helping cultivators to get credit, improved seed, and information on improved agricultural practices and to remove the difficulties regarding weights and measures and the prices of commodities, etc.