

ed but not the price of the sugar. The cheap price will force the sugar cane growers in turning their attention from sugarcane to other crops and the country will face shortage of sugar. He said the price of sugar is different in Maharashtra, and U.P. He asked to raise the price of sugar cane in U.P. up to Rs. 10/- per quintal. He read out a Resolution calling upon the Government of India to raise the price of sugar cane to Rs. 10/- per quintal.

Mr. Sahi of Orissa asked the Members on their return to their villages to explain the aims and objects of the Samaj to the farmers in the area and enrol them as Life Members of the Samaj. He also asked them to request their fellow farmers to increase their food production in the country in view of the Emergency. He appealed to them to go home and explain the BKS and asked them to increase foodgrains production. He also asked them to strengthen the Samaj.

Mr. Vermaji of Haryana said that at the time of War and Emergency the farmers are remembered. But during peace the farmers are not remembered. In 1962 there was the need of 'JAWAN' and in 1965 came the call JAI JAWAN JAI KISAN. Now also the farmer is asked to increase his production to meet the country's need. He said milk production must be increased and by which foodgrain consumption can be reduced. He asked to give more attention to Animal Husbandry, which will give milk and meat to our people and manure for agriculture. He also said the attention must be paid towards Kitchen Gardening. He said that when the farmers are giving attention to the Government, the Government must give attention to the farmers. He said there should be

the Membership of the BKS in the National Commission on Agriculture.

Shri Mushranji requested Mr. Bhagwat Saboo, the Agriculture Minister of M.P. to address the farmers. Shri Mushranji described Shri Sabooji as the son of the soil. He said that Sabooji is a practical farmer and closely associated with the Samaj and a Member of Bharat Krishak Samaj also.

### **Mr. Bhagwat Sabu's Speech**

Shri Sabooji said that he is here not as a Minister but as a member of the Bharat Krishak Samaj. When the Samaj was started he was associated with it. He used to be present on almost all the meetings of the Samaj. Whatever is BKS today, at this critical time of Emergency he said there is no need to say what is the role of the farmers since the farmers are aware of the same. He said it is due to the efforts of the farmers that we have reached self sufficiency in foodgrains.

He said about the fight of our Jawans to protect the integrity and freedom of the country. It is the role of the farmers to increase more foodgrains for the country. He said our farmers know their role but they do not get necessary requirements for them. We must train them to use the machinery. He said small farmers should also be associated in the country's needs. It will be a service, if the BKS does the same. He said the Members of the Samaj wherever he must be unite the farmers of the area and do what is needed for the country. This will be a good service of the BKS.

He also said wherever there is a Member of the Samaj, there should be a block/village level Samaj unit.

He said if we take such steps for the country and agriculture, it is sure BKS will be included in the Committees of the Government. The Government will come forward and include Samaj in various committees involving food production. He assured that if the village upto the State level Units of the Samaj do good work in Madhya Pradesh, the Samaj can do much to reach the knowledge of the farmers in the country.

He said there is wheat self-sufficiency but we must achieve the same in other fields also. He said that we must concentrate on such items. We must concentrate how to strengthen the Samaj and how we can serve the farming community for which the Samaj was founded and established. He said there should be price guarantee for all products. He said all Organizations should be strong. The Samaj, he said, should take steps so as to enthuse the small farmers to increase their food production, which will increase the food production of the country, as the big farmers are only associated in the country's food production so far. He also asked to take a Vow by all members present and the Life Members and the All India Farmers Council to take steps to strengthen the BKS and make the country strong.

Shri Mushranji thanked Shri Sabooji on behalf of the Samaj.

Shri Mushranji asked Mr. Mohammed Asir Khan, Housing Minister of M.P. to address the members. Shri Mushranji described Mr. Khan as a very good Pandit in Ramayan who could speak for hours on the Ramayana.

Mr. Mohammed Asir Khan said there is no doubt that in the last few years we have got much improve-



ment in agriculture, which is our major industry. Our coconut has improved agriculturally. We must increase not only to become self sufficient but we must be able to export to foreign countries also. He said about the shortage of irrigation facilities. He said due to this in some areas we are able to take only one crop in a year. If there are facilities for irrigation we will be able to have crops twice or even thrice when one crop is harvested now. He said fertilisers etc. are available to farmers in the country but it must be made easily available to farmers everywhere. He said farmers will be behind our Jawans and increase the food front and make our country strong. He also said the farmers must get incentive prices for their products.

Shri Mushranji thanked Mr. Khan also on behalf of the members present for sparing his valuable time to address the farmer members.

Mr. Tandon of U.P. thanked the Chairman and the four Vice-Chairmen of the Samaj on behalf of the farmers of U.P. and especially of Kanpur. He also thanked the Agricultural Minister of Orissa. He congratulated Mr. Khanuja of Madhya Pradesh and Mr. Najjur of Kolhapur, Maharashtra on being awarded Gold Medals for enrolling 10 or more Life Members of the Samaj. He said he will take steps on his return to have branches of the Samaj in all Blocks of U.P. He also wanted the Samaj to assure the Defence Minister Shri Jagjivan Ram that we do not import foodgrains. He said even at this time we will give no chance to increase the prices of foodgrains. He also said to have fisheries projects through tubewells. He asked the Haryana Krishak Samaj to supply fishes. He said the

Krishak Samaj meetings should be organised in a village. He asked on behalf of the U.P. Krishak Samaj to organise a BKS Convention or Council meeting in any village in in U.P.

## NEW CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Shri Anvikar, Chairman said that Jawans are fighting for the country and we must also do something not for ourselves but for the country. He said BKS must be organised to do good work. We must be united and organised. He said every farmer is Krishak Samaj. He said there are farmers who take loans but they do not return in time. This practice should be avoided. I know the reason but still the farmers must return the money in time so that the Government will release more loans for the farmers.

He said there should be only one word for the farmers, whether small or big. Farmers should have Cards showing their cost of production of all crops from different parts of the country. I insist that we must be organised. There is the need for Voluntary Organizations like the BKS but we must take this opportunity to take appropriate steps to strengthen and organise the Samaj. He asked all members to organise the BKS branches in all villages in the country.

Mr. Parsai, Addl. Director of Agriculture, Government of M.P. spoke about the shortage of water in Madhya Pradesh. He said that without irrigation we have increased the production of grain and Chena. We are very backward in fibre which we have to import even though we do not import foodgrains. He said we can take

steps for Soyabeans in M.P. for which the climate is good. He said about the different cultivation methods of crops in Madhya Pradesh for the information of the members. He thanked the Samaj for giving him the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Vikram Prasad of the High Yielding Varieties Programme, New Delhi said about the programme and the importance of balanced fertiliser and said it must be given to the members. He had submitted his paper on the High Yielding Varieties Programme.

The meeting adjourned for Lunch.

## Afternoon Session

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Again after lunch the Session resumed with the speech of Shri Chaturbhuj Sharma, U.P., on behalf of the BKS from U.P. He asked the BKS to give an opportunity to hold the next Session of the BKS in U.P. It was left to the U.P. Krishak Samaj to decide the venue. Capt. Charan Singh, Haryana also invited the Samaj to hold a meeting of the Governing Body or the Council meeting in Haryana. Smt. Jaya Arunachalam, Madras also said a meeting of the Samaj may be organised in Madras. Dr. Bholay thanked the U.P. and Haryana for inviting to hold a meeting of the Samaj.

## Secretary General's views

Dr. Bholay expressed the regret for the postponement of the Council proposed in October 1971 and causing inconvenience to the members. He said the Samaj will bear the expenses of those members. He said there are differences between big and small farmers but we must not highlight that there is any