

joint efforts of Vegetable Congress and the Forum wherein Smt. K.K. Shah, wife of the Tamil Nadu Governor also participated.

On the passing away of Mr. David, the Executive Secretary of the Forum in April, 1971, Shri S.E. Kothandram, B.Sc. Ag., Retired Deputy Director of Agriculture, Madras has been appointed as Executive Secretary of the Forum.

Mysore Pradesh Krishak Samaj

Mysore Krishak Samaj is working quite actively with cooperation from the concerned Depts. of the State Govt., University of Agril. Sciences as well as from the institutions and cooperatives concerned with development of Agriculture. The work of Organizing Krishak Samaj has been taken in hand on priority basis. The Executive Committee members are associated with the Distt. Samaj Units. The monthly magazine in Kannada is published regularly with more information and articles. A delegation of the Executive Committee Members of the Samaj met the Governor of Mysore on 16th Sept. 1971 and presented a Memorandum and expressed the difficulties in implementing the programmes drawn by the Samaj and sought necessary help. A cheque for Rs. 1001/- towards Bangla Desh Refugee Relief Fund collected by the members of the Samaj was presented to the Governor.

The Forum has taken up an enrolment drive but due to lack of conveyance (Vehicle) it is not encouraging. However, 106 Life Members and 486 Active Life Members were enrolled during this period.

The Samaj hopes the Govt. will give necessary grants to the Samaj,

The Samaj has appealed to the public for donations for the building programme. They have also approached the Commissioner of Income Tax requesting him to exempt levy of tax on amounts donated to the building fund of the Samaj. The State Samaj has decided to organise Taluka Level Seminars to discuss the questionnaire drawn by the Samaj on the terms of reference of the Agricultural Commission. It is envisaged to have a State level Workshop discussion for 3 days to consider the recommendations of the Taluka and District Seminars and draw up the final recommendations and for presentation to the National Commission on Agriculture.

The Seed Growers Conference was held on 11-6-1971 at Bangalore sponsored by the Dept of Agriculture, Mysore. It is generally agreed to organise State Level Seed Growers Association.

The Live-stock Breeders' Association has decided to take steps to develop Bangalore as a Live-stock Market on systematic lines to help make available true and reliable breeds of live-stock to the farmers in Mysore and outside. This will help the dairy farmer with cow-breed and poultry farmer with white leghorns.

The Farmers Forum Coop. Cold Storage Society has commissioned the Cold Storage Plant during this month and has started receiving produce like apples, potatoes etc. It has a total capacity of 800 tons.

The Mysore Pradesh Krishak Samaj is in close negotiation with the Institute of Agricultural Technologists, Bangalore in connection with the enlisting for the technical teams to look after the Farm Consultancy and Planning cells to be

started at State level, District level and Taluka level during the year.

The Vice-Chairman of National Commission on Agriculture, Shri B. Shivaraman, I.C.S. and four Members, viz. Dr. H.R. Arakeri, Dr. Bhattacharyya, Capt. Randhir Singh and M.V. Krishanappa, M.P. visited the Samaj office and had informal discussion on the role of Farmers' Forum in the Agricultural Development and other matters of interest. A function was arranged in honour of the visiting guests, to facilitate the discussion.

Under the Farmers Exchange Programme, Shri Malla Reddy Krishipandit and Member of Samaj visited USA. The Samaj organised a trip of nine life members to go to Europe and United Kingdom under the I.C.I. tour through travel agents.

Rajasthan Krishak Samaj

Rajasthan Krishak Samaj as usual is very actively cooperating, coordinating the various programmes of Agricultural production in the State. The Samaj is grateful to the Rajasthan Govt. for the annual grant of Rs. 10,000/-, although it is very meagre compared to the needs of the programmes of the State Samaj. At present there are 150 District and Panchayat Level Units of the Krishak Samaj which are active and working for the cause of farmers in the respective areas. The Samaj has organised Seminars and Conventions from time to time. The farmers convention at Chothpura (Chittorgarh) was organised under the Presidentship of Ex. Chief Minister, Shri Mohan Lal Sukhadia. Another farmers Convention was organised at Mahrukudia where farmers attended in large numbers under the Presidentship of Shri Nathu Ramji Mirdha, the President

of Rajasthan Krishak Samaj, which concentrated their discussion on various social evils and the ways to eradicate them, the problems of farmers Organization and the problems of agricultural production and the difficulties of farmers in increasing food production in the State.

The State Samaj organised 'Bharat Darshan' tour of the progressive farmers of the State in May and June 1971 when the farmers visited a number of State, National Irrigation Projects, Agricultural Universities and Research Stations and had observation and discussions on improved agricultural practices in different parts of the country. The Samaj organised meetings to honour the members of the Samaj for their new responsibilities and requested them to help the cause of the farmers especially, Shri Ram Niwasji Mirdha, who has become Minister of State of Home Affairs, Shri Raj Bahadur, who has become the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; Shri Motilalji Chaudhry (Ex. Secretary) on being elected as the Chairman of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation; Shri Barakthulla Khan, on his taking up as the Chief Minister of Rajasthan and Shri Punam Chandji Vishnoi, on his taking the responsibility of Education Ministership of Rajasthan.

Samaj organised usual games, and competitions in order to encourage the Rural Youth. The Samaj is publishing the "Rajasthan Krishi Samachar" magazine for the benefit of the farmers in the State. Since April to December, 1971 about 1000 Ordinary Members were enrolled in the State. It intends to undertake in future programmes of organising self supporting Institutions for the distribution of improved seeds, fertilisers, insecticides and pesticides, Petrol and Diesel Oil

etc. for the benefit of the farmers, so also to encourage Institutions for the production of Cattle Feed and Agricultural implements and to organise cooperative structures for the sale, purchase, trade and processing of agricultural products of the farmers in the area.

In spite of the difficulties experienced by the Rajasthan Krishak Samaj, it is bound to keep in tune with the programmes and aspirations of the farmers in the State so as to be in confidence of the farmers of the State.

U.P. Krishak Samaj

With the renewed enthusiasm after the Gauhati Convention, the U.P. Krishak Samaj has marched ahead with its activities and the Membership campaign in the State under the able guidance of Shri Chaturhuj Sharma, the Acting President and Shri Mohanlal Verma, the secretary of the State Samaj. Shri Ch. Charan Singh who resigned from the Presidentship of the U.P. Krishak Samaj, however, assured his continued interests and guidance to the working of the Samaj. During the period April to October 1971 fifty three new Life Members to the Samaj were enrolled. A special campaign is also in progress in which existing members of the State Samaj could also be enrolled as Life Members of the Samaj by paying the difference in the membership subscription to regularise the Life Membership of the Samaj.

The Executive Committee as the State Samaj decided that every Member of the All India Farmers and the Presidents of the Districts Krishak Samaj Units must enrol within the year at least 25 Life Members of Bharat Krishak Samaj and 25 subscribers for the State

Samaj magazine 'KRISHAK VANI' and explore the advertisement at least worth Rs. 200/- for the "Krishak VANI".

During the Kharif seasons 1971 Uttar Pradesh has suffered serious damage because of heavy floods which is estimated to the tune of Rs. 124 crores in almost all the Districts of the Samaj. The heavy damage done to agriculture and crops has come as a serious setback to the farmers in the State. The U.P. Krishak Samaj has collected and distributed the essential agricultural inputs worth Rs. 1000/- to the farmers in the flood affected areas. All the District Krishak Samaj units are advised to properly assess the extent of losses and coordinate the relief work to the farmers in the flood affected areas. The State and Central Governments were approached to extend necessary help to the farmers through the U.P. Krishak Samaj.

The State Samaj is chalking a detailed programme for the Inter-State Exchange of Farmers under the scheme of the Bharat Krishak Samaj and also independently. Besides efforts are also made to contact the neighbouring countries like Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim, Ceylon, Malaysia etc. for the Farmers Exchange Programme.

Jammu & Kashmir Krishak Samaj

The Executive Committee of the Jammu & Kashmir Krishak Samaj has been reconstituted recently under the Presidentship of the Minister of Agriculture, Dy. Minister for Horticulture is the Chairman. Besides the Progressive farmers, Agricultural Production Commissioner, Director of Agriculture, Director of Horticulture, Director of Animal Husbandry, Registrar of Cooperative