

Progress of Jalgaon Zone

Shri V. H. Chaudhary, a worker of Jalgaon, during the tenure of his stay there from 1966-67 to 67-68 toured extensively. His tour covered 53 villages of Yaval Taluq, 35 of Raver Taluq, 47 of Edalabad Taluq, i. e. he brought home the salient features of the project to the village folk. He toured 120 villages once and undertook tours of 9 villages twice while he frequently paid visits to 6 villages where, he thought, publicity was needed most.

Film Show

The Education worker Shri Chaudhary organized about 145 meetings. In all 7200 men and 50 women heard him and he and other speakers apprised them of the techniques of modern agriculture as well as the imperative need for family planning. In a year 38 film shows were arranged. They were witnessed by over 25000 people. The spectators included women and children, numbering approximately 3000 each.

Personal Contact

In all the above 3 Talukas the worker personally got in touch with 350 families and persuaded them to change with the changing time. He convinced the farmers, by visiting 26 farms, that the new varieties of new techniques would alone deliver the goods.

Family planning

In the field of family planning, he distributed 43000 condoms 1300 Jellies and 5000 foam tablets to the villagers in collaboration with the family planning workers. Farmers and ladies were told about the use of these things. He referred 1958 men for Vasectomy and 186 women for Tubectomy to the Rural Health and Family Planning clinics. 197 Women were advised to use loop in order that the interval between the births may be quite adequate. 4 ladies complained of certain ailments after operation. These cases were referred to the Doctors who cured them lest absurd news about these measures should gain currency.

Exhibition & Seminars

Two Rural exhibitions of the measures of family planning were held in collaboration with the Panchayat Samiti, government officials and rural leaders. About 1000 people witnessed the exhibition. Two seminars were organized, in each of which 40 people participated. These efforts benefitted 1784 people which indicates the success of this project. In the field of agriculture 300 farmers availed themselves of the new techniques revealed by the rural workers and this resulted in the upliftment of their standard of living.

Publicity Literature

17,200 pamphlets on family planning were distributed, Booklets and leaflets numbering 2000 were also

distributed. 75 posters were stuck at such places where maximum number of people could glance over. 25 posters on agriculture were also demonstrated on permanent places.

Agriculture Marches Ahead

In a short span of one year, 1981 people were convinced of the imperative need to adopt measures of family planning and they agreed to do it. 300 farmers parted with the traditional methods of cultivation and adopted new measures. Following data speak of the success of this switchover;—

<i>Production before the Project</i>	<i>Production after the Project</i>
Jowar 4 Qtls. per acre	8 Qtls. per acre
Bajra 3 " "	8 " "
Wheat 6 " "	12 " "
Cotton 3 " "	4 " "
Ground nut 2.5 " "	4.5 " "

The increase in production was the outcome of the use of high yielding hybrid varieties, adequate irrigation facilities, fertilizers, pesticides. The success of this project is attributable to the constant publicity that it received.

Success In Family Planning

Before the Project came into existence, in a few years' period 494 people were sterilized. Within a year after the Project started 1785 people were operated upon for sterilization. Before the project, in all 1532 ladies used loop spread over a number of years, but in one year after the project 1980 ladies had it.

Workshop on Wheat

The seventh All India Wheat Research workshop concluded its 6th day session at Pantnagar on 2nd September, 1968. It recommended :

(a) establishment of a national summer nursery at Mukteswar (U.P.) The workshop was of the opinion that Mukteswar was ideal place for carrying out research work on wheat throughout the year.

(b) The workshop does not recommend any new variety for release this year.

(c) It was of this view that Kalyan Sona was the best variety evolved so far.

(d) The triple dwarf wheat variety has so far not shown superiority to Kalyan Sona. The workshop, therefore, recommended further trials with triple dwarf before this is released for general cultivation.

The Deputy Director General of Indian Council of Agricultural Research Shri A.B. Joshi presided.