

anteed prices. Lebanese farmers, however, may sell to private buyers at regular market prices if they prefer.

These government support prices are about 21% above recent market rates for wheat and 39% above for barley. The Lebanese Wheat Bureau plans to resell the wheat it buys at regular market prices.

The losses of the Bureau will be offset by taxes of the equivalent of 91 cents per hundredweight on imports of flour and 9.1 cents a bushel on imports of wheat.

The government says the purpose of the wheat and barley price guarantee programme is to raise the income of Lebanese farmers and encourage them to plant more.

Indian Tea Salesmen

India is trying to sell more tea in the Far East.

The Indian Tea Board has sent a delegation to visit Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Indonesia, the Fiji Island and Malaya. The delegation is studying market conditions and trying to find ways to increase exports of Indian tea to these countries.

India is the world's biggest tea producer.

Japan Aids India

Japan will soon establish four agricultural demonstration farms in India.

The farms will show Japanese methods of rice cultivation. The farms also will serve as Centres for field training of Indian farmers. Sixteen Japanese farm technicians will work in India on the demonstration farms for three years. In addition Japanese farm machinery and tools will be provided.

The programme is part of a new aid agreement signed between Japan and India.

World Food Conference in 1963

A World Food Congress will be held in the United States next June. The United States will act as host for the Congress in which 100 nations are expected to participate to focus attention on the food needs of the world. The meeting will be undertaken by the Freedom from Hunger Campaign of the Food and Agriculture Organisation and will be held in Washington June 4-18. The Congress is the major event of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

New Fertilizer Factory

The compound fertilizer factory of E.I.D.-Parry Ltd. at Ennore, near Madras, which the Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries, Mr. C. Subramaniam, has inaugurated February 8, is expected, in the first stage of development, to turn out 52,000 tons of ammonium phosphate a year.

Ammonium phosphate is a "complete" fertilizer, containing all the essential plant foods—nitrogen, phosphorus and potash—in suitable proportions.

This new factory, an Indo-British collaboration, is expected to play an important role not only in the agricultural development of India but in its industrial progress also.

New Australian Agricultural Studies

India could benefit from a new type of agricultural extension course to be introduced at the University of Queensland this year.

The course is designed to provide an expert link between scientist and farmer.

Agricultural authorities in Australia believe that this link—the dissemination of latest methods and knowledge—is vital to swift, modern rural development.

Countries like India, they say, could find the course particularly useful in stepping up farm economic programmes.

The course would equip graduates with the knowledge to lead and conduct extension programmes, undertake research in the field and contribute to policy which will lead to more effective extension work in rural communities.

AWARDS FOR ENROLMENT OF MEMBERS OF B.K.S.

The President, Bharat Krishak Samaj, is pleased to announce the following awards for enrolment of Life and Ordinary members of the Samaj and other organizational work.

1. The Rolling Shield, awarded last year to the Maharashtra State Krishak Samaj, to the State enrolling the highest number of Life Members, besides a cash prize of Rs. 500/- and a Silver Cup.
2. A cash prize of Rs. 1,000/- to the District, Tehsil or an individual that enrolls 100 Life Members or a number of Life and Ordinary Members, the combined membership fee of which would amount to at least Rs. 11,000/-. Of the total membership at least 50 should be Life Members.
3. A cash prize of Rs. 500/- to the District, Tehsil or an individual that enrolls 50 or more Life Members or a number of Life and Ordinary members, the combined membership fee of which would amount to at least Rs. 5500/-. Of other total membership at least 25 should be Life Members.
4. A Certificate of appreciation to the person who enrolls at least 10 Life Members or 100 Ordinary Members.
5. Suitable prizes and certificates to persons who have taken active interest in the Samaj organizational work besides enrolment of members.

The period of competition for items 1 to 4 will be from January 14 to April 10, 1963.