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NEHRU LAUDS KRISHAK SAMAJ MOVEMENT

The work that the Bharat Krishak Samaj was doing was very useful, said the Prime Minister, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, in New Delhi on March 12.

He was addressing a group of 425 farmer-members of the Thana Krishak Samaj (Bombay) including men and women who were on a visit to the capital in the course of their Bharat Darshan Yatra. They were received at the Railway Station by Shri R. B. Deshpande, Assistant Secretary and Shri R. V. Robinson, Publicity Officer of the Bharat Krishak Samaj.

Expressing his pleasure in meeting them Shri Nehru reminded the farmers of the Nagpur Congress decisions regarding cooperatives. He said that all over the world cooperatives were playing a key role in economic development. He emphasized the importance of cooperation in India where farmers generally had small holdings of land and where much energy and labour was wasted by working on the land separately which through cooperative endeavour could be made to yield great benefits to the farmers.

The Prime Minister asked the farmers to work jointly and pointed out that rural families could benefit much through service cooperatives based on mutual consent. Shri Nehru said that under this system land would belong to individuals but work would be done jointly and their income would increase.

He referred to cooperatives in Punjab and said that they were doing a lot of good work. He said that every village should have a Cooperative, a Panchayat and a School.

The Prime Minister said that the farmers during their tour of the country, must have seen the many important projects in progress. They must also have seen the great diversity which existed in the country and yet could not have failed to see the great unity which also prevailed. Talking of industrialization he said

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Shri Nehru addressing the farmers

5th National Convention of Farmers

To be held from May 1 to 5

The Fifth National Convention of Farmers will be held at Mysore from May 1 to 5, 1959. It is expected that this year the Convention will be attended by over 3,000 farmer-representatives from all parts of the country. This will be the first time that the Bharat Krishak Samaj will be holding its National Convention outside Delhi.

The Convention will open on May 1 with meetings of the Samaj's Commodity Committees.

The Plenary Session of the Convention will be held on May 2.

Three Committees on Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Cooperation and Marketing and Finance and Organisation, into which the Convention will break up after the Plenary Session, will discuss on subsequent days the burning agricultural problems which affect the farmers in their day-to-day life.

The concluding Plenary Session of the Convention will be held on Tuesday, May 5.

An Agriculture and Rural Industries Exhibition in which the various State Departments of Agriculture and other Committees and Organisations will participate, will also be held on this occasion. The Exhibition will depict the latest advances in agricultural science in the country.

As during the previous year so this year also Railway Concession Certificates will be available from the Secretary of the Krishak Samaj in the respective States to all delegates attending the Convention. The delegates will be provided with free lodging and will have to pay for their meals to the contractor.

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T. C. M. ADVISER JOINS BHARAT KRISHAK SAMAJ

Mr. John H. Webb has joined the Bharat Krishak Samaj as Farm Organisation Adviser. Mr. Webb who has had wide experience in all phases of farm organisation served as Executive Secretary of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, for several years.

Mr. Webb was associated with the Gem Valley Dairymen's Association, Thatchar, Idaho and served as Principal of Telluride School, Grace, Idaho for seven years.

The services of Mr. Webb have been placed at the disposal of the Samaj by the Technical Cooperation Mission of the U.S.A.

SAMAJ BIDS FAREWELL TO DR. PARKER

Indian agriculture will prosper and India will progress only when she has strong farmer's organisation like Bharat Krishak Samaj, said Dr. F. W. Parker, Chief Agriculturist, of the U.S. International Cooperation Administration's Technical Cooperation Mission in India who is going to the Food and Agriculture Organisation as Assistant Director-General.

He was speaking at a farewell party given by the Bharat Krishak Samaj on March 11, in Krishi Bhavan at New Delhi.

Among those present on this occasion were Mrs. Parker, Dr. P. S. Deshmukh, President, Bharat Krishak Samaj and Members of the Governing Body of the Samaj, Mr. John Webb, Farm Organisation Adviser of the Bharat Krishak Samaj, other T.C.M. officials, Members of Parliament and officers of Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

DELHI FARMERS' CONVENTION

Delhi Krishak Samaj will hold its Second Convention on March 29, 1959 at Najafgarh.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh, Minister for Agriculture and President, Bharat Krishak Samaj will inaugurate the Plenary Session of the Convention.

Shri Gopi Nath Aman will inaugurate the meetings of the Subject Committees.

Shri Govind Ballabh Pant, Home Minister, will address the open session of the Convention.

Delhi Krishak Samaj Farmers' Council will also be formed on the occasion of the Convention.

KRISHAK SAMAJ CHALLENGE CUP

Mrs. G. Brown of Rajpur Road, Delhi, was awarded the Krishak Samaj Challenge Cup for the best large private vegetable garden in the Flower and Vegetable Show organised by the Delhi Agri-Horticultural Society at

the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, on February 28.

SHRI KAK WINS FIRST PRIZE

A "ram" belonging to Shri V. N. Kak won the first prize at the Rajasthan Sheep Show held at Jaipur and also for the best animal in the show.

Shri Kak is the Zonal Organiser of the Bharat Krishak Samaj and a member of the Governing Body.

5th NATIONAL CONVENTION OF FARMERS Farmers Desiring to Attend, Hurry Up

The farmers desiring to attend the Fifth National Convention of Farmers at Mysore from May 1 to 5, 1959 should hurry up and apply with their names for the Railway Concession Certificates which will enable them to purchase a return ticket to Mysore and back.

The Railway Concession Certificates will be available only from the following Secretaries and Officers of their respective areas and will not be sent directly from the Central Office of the Bharat Krishak Samaj.

Andhra : Shri Mohan Reddy, Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Farmers' Forum, Hacca House, Hyderabad.

Assam : Shri A. Y. Ahmed, Organising Secretary, Assam Farmers' Forum, C/o Director of Agriculture, Assam, Shillong.

Bihar : Shri Hanuman Bhagat, Secretary, Bihar Krishak Samaj, C/o Shri Chandrika Ram, Deputy Minister for Agriculture Bihar, Patna.

Bombay : Shri Anil Jhaveri, Hony. Genl. Secretary, Bombay State Krishak Samaj, Lalbhai Shettno Vandoh, Pankor Naka, Ahmedabad-1.

Kerala : Shri K. P. Amrithanatha Aiyer, Working President, Kerala Farmers' Forum, P. O. Monkomp, Distt. Alleppey.

Madhya Pradesh : Shri M. C. Bondriya, Secretary, M. P. Krishak Samaj, Lakherapura, Bhopal.

Madras : Shri R. Srinivasan, Secretary, Madras Farmers' Forum, 36-B, Mount Road, Madras-2.

Mysore : Shri A. Seshadari Aiyer, Secretary, Mysore Farmers' Forum, Cenotaph Road, Bangalore-2.

Orissa : Shri P. D. Dixit, Dy. Director of Agriculture and Joint Secretary, Orissa, Krishak Samaj, Cuttack.

Punjab : Shri Ranbir Singh, Dy. Director of Agriculture & Secretary, Punjab Krishak Samaj, Patiala.

Rajasthan : Shri Ram Singh, Secretary, Rajasthan Krishak Samaj, New High Court Building, Jaipur.

Uttar Pradesh : Shri Sher Singh, Dy. Director of Agricultural Information and Joint Secretary, U. P. Krishak Samaj, Chota Chattar Manzil, Lucknow.

West Bengal : Shri Debnath Das, Secretary, Paschim Bango Krishak Samaj, Raj Bhavan, Calcutta.

Himachal Pradesh : Shri R. S. Parmar, Secretary, H. P. Krishak Samaj, Baghal House, Simla.

Manipur : Rajkumar Snayaima Singh, Secretary, Manipur Krishak Samaj, Thengameiband Road, Imphal.

Tripura : Shri C. K. Das, Secretary, Tripura Krishak Samaj, C/o Director Agriculture, Agartala.

Delhi : Shri J. N. Bhardwaj, Secretary, Delhi Krishak Samaj, Delhi State Cooperative Bank Building, 31, Faiz Bazar, Delhi-7.

Jammu & Kashmir : Shri S. K. Kaul, Convenor, J. & K. Krishak Samaj, Hotel Road, Srinagar.

TRIPURA FARMERS DECIDE TO FORM KRISHAK SAMAJ

"If farmers were well organised and helped in the implementation of agricultural development schemes, then only could they be sure to help improve their as well the country's economic status", said Shri K. D. Sharma, Secretary, Bharat Krishak Samaj, inaugurating the first Convention of Tripura Farmers on March 8 at Anandnagar.

The meeting was presided over by Shri Nivaran Chandra Ghosh and was largely attended by farmers and officials of the Agriculture and Development Departments. Shri R. K. Dev Burman, Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Shri Naithani, Director of Agriculture, were also present on the occasion.

The meeting was addressed among others by Shri Patnaik, Chief Commissioner.

The farmers hailing from ten districts of the Union Territory of Tripura discussed at the meeting various difficulties confronting them in increasing agricultural production and its proper marketing.

The meeting unanimously decided to form the Tripura Krishak Samaj, with the Chief Commissioner as its President.

MANIPUR KRISHAK SAMAJ

The first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Manipur Krishak Samaj was held on March 7, 1959 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office under the presidentship of Shri C. H. Naire, I.F.A.S. Development Commissioner, Manipur. Twelve Members representing the Tehsils, Development Block areas and the Hill Sub-Divisions attended the meeting.

The Executive Committee unanimously decided to organise branches of the Manipur Krishak Samaj in the Tehsils, Development Block areas and the Hill Sub-Divisions. Further the Committee decided to enroll at least 1,000 members before April 10, 1959. The Committee also decided to extend wholehearted co-operation in connection with the Kharif Campaign launched by the Manipur Administration.

MADHYA PRADESH FARMERS' CONVENTION

LEADERS LAY STRESS ON COOPERATION

"I am very happy that the Krishak Samaj is progressing in the right direction", said Shri H. V. Pataskar, Governor of Madhya Pradesh inaugurating the State Farmers' Convention

The Convention was held under the auspices of the Madhya Pradesh Krishak Samaj from February 28 to March 2 at Rasalpara, ten miles from Indore. Thousands of people including farmers, delegates from all districts, agricultural experts and officers of the Government attended the Convention.

Among those present on the occasion were Dr. P. S. Deshmukh, President, Bharat Krishak Samaj, Dr. K. N. Katju, President, Madhya Pradesh Krishak Samaj, Shri Takhatmal Jain, General Secretary of the Congress, Shri Mandloi, Revenue Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Mishrilal Gangwal, Finance Minister of the State and Shri S. S. N. Mushran, Vice-President of the Madhya Pradesh Krishak Samaj.



Addressing the farmers, Shri Pataskar said that to solve the agricultural problems of the country the Bharat Krishak Samaj was established in 1954. The State

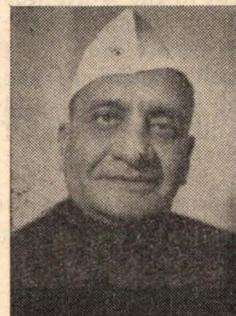
Krishak Samaj is a branch of this organisation and has launched a 24-point development programme to increase agricultural production and to raise the standard of living of the farmers.

He suggested that agricultural produce should be sold through co-operatives at fair prices thus eliminating middlemen and traders.

He urged establishment of co-operatives to help the farmers in learning scientific methods of farming and securing credit and also satisfaction of their day to day needs. He said that small and big cultivators could increase the output by joint efforts by pooling their resources on cooperative basis. He explained that it did not involve loss of one's right over his land.

The Governor said that the State Samaj was advancing vigorously under the able guidance of Shri Mushran and added that Dr. Deshmukh had set a great example of self-reliance by organising the farmers to solve their problems.

Earlier, Shri Bhagwat Sabu, Chairman of the Reception Committee, welcomed the guests and the delegates.



Dr. P. S. Deshmukh in his address told the farmers that he was aware of the problems of the farmer. He warned them that the crop was expected

to reach the market after harvest and a fall in prices was feared. He advised that they should form committees through their organisation and procure fair prices for their produce.

Shri Takhatmal Jain asked the farmers to improve their lot through co-operatives. He said that the ceiling on land proposed in Madhya Pradesh was on the land income up to Rs. 7,200 per annum and only a few out of the 40,00,000 registered cultivators in the State would be affected by the ceiling. Excess land giving income over and above Rs. 7,200 would be taken over by the Government and distributed to the agricultural cooperative societies for cooperative farming.

Dr. Katju, Chief Minister and President of the State Krishak Samaj, appealed to the farmers to take to cooperative farming and urged them to understand the importance of cooperation for agricultural purposes.

Shri Mushran, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Vice-President of the State Krishak Samaj and Shri M. C. Bondriya, Secretary of the State Krishak Samaj, also addressed the meeting.

Recommendations

The Convention recommended that the State Government should announce fair prices of wheat without delay. The representatives of the Krishak Samaj should be taken into confidence before declaring the prices. Prices should be fair so that farmers might get an incentive to grow more food crops. The fact that the farmers had to pay increased prices for agricultural and domestic articles and also that they had purchased seed for sowing at Rs. 22 to 25 per maund, must be considered.

Considering the fact that the production of wheat in the State was large, the Convention requested the Government that as before the export of wheat should be extended to the Madhya Pradesh, Bombay and Rajasthan zone and the prices of

wheat should be fixed immediately according to the recommendations of the Convention for the season—according to varieties—from Rs. 16 to Rs. 20 per maund. Government should also make arrangements for the purchase and storage of the produce.

The Convention welcomed the resolution of the National Development Council regarding the formation of service cooperatives and recommended that the State Government should encourage this work speedily by forming service cooperatives and cooperatives of landless labourers.

The other important recommendations made by the Convention said that Government should make available timber and fuel at reasonable prices and in sufficient quantity to the farmers, make provision for extension of pasture lands and prevention of damage to crops by stray cattle, provide transport for compost, open agricultural schools in every block and *tehsil* for training farmers' children in scientific farming, improve irrigation facilities, grant electrical connections in places where electric power is available, supply fertilizers, provide for levelling land by bulldozers the charges for which should be realised in ten yearly instalments, exempt trolies attached to tractors from tax, arrange for extension of facilities for

agricultural development to farmers owning less than 15 acres of land and provision of loans etc. to farmers residing in cantonment areas and include Krishak Samaj representatives in all committees related to farmers and farming. *Taccavi* for agricultural development should be given in sufficient amount; provision of more facilities to farmers to get technical assistance from agricultural departments should be made and exemption from payment of revenue in the case of farmers whose crop were ruined by hails should be assured and monetary help granted.

The Convention accepted the invitation of the Jabalpur Krishak Samaj to hold the Third State Farmers' Convention at Jabalpur.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh, inaugurated an Agricultural Exhibition organised on the occasion of the Convention. Improved varieties of fruits, vegetables and flowers and various agricultural products and implements were exhibited at the Exhibition.

GURGAON FARMERS' CONVENTION

"Although the farmers were in a majority, they had no voice in the country's administration," said Dr. P. S. Deshmukh, President, Bharat Krishak Samaj, addressing the District Farmers Convention at Gurgaon held from February 28 to March 1.

The Convention was attended by over 400 delegates from all parts of the district. Dr. Deshmukh was presented by the Deputy Commissioner of Gurgaon a garland of currency notes worth Rs. 2,200/- the life membership fees of twenty farmers of the district for the Bharat Krishak Samaj.

Addressing the meeting Dr. Deshmukh laid stress on cooperative farming and warned the farmers not to be misled by anti-social elements. He said that a cooperative federation had been formed to arrange for the export of groundnut and other oilseeds and also some other commodities in order to eliminate middlemen.

Referring to State trading in foodgrains he said that under the scheme every village would be taken as a unit. He advised the farmers to form cooperatives for this purpose.

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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

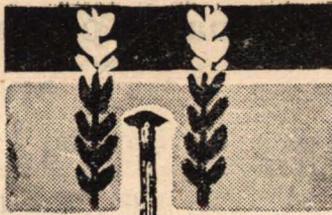
The District Krishak Samaj of Amravati has appealed to the farmers to help in accelerating the activities of the Samaj.

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.

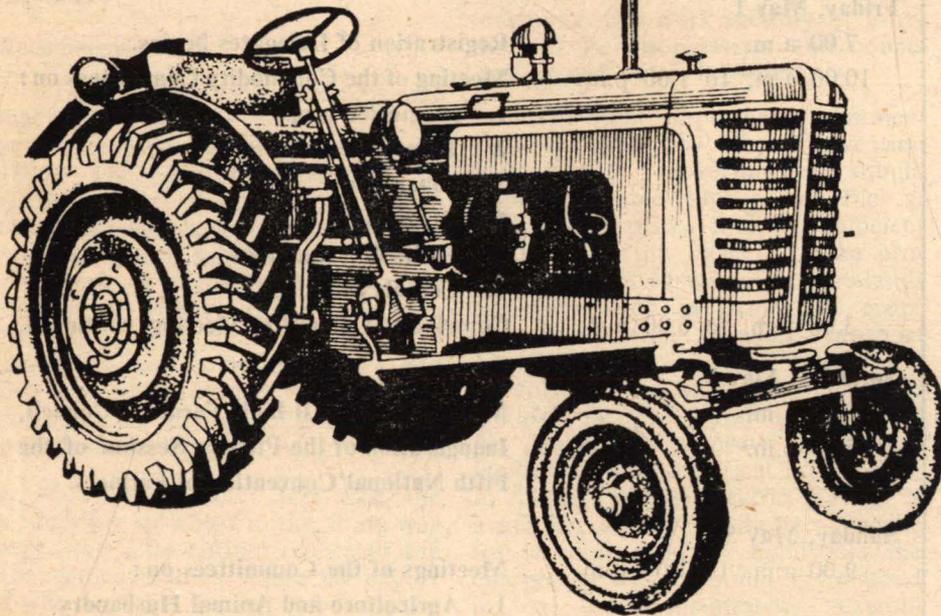
The circular has asked the taluk branches to nominate delegates for the Mysore Convention and send their names to the District Krishak Samaj.

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.

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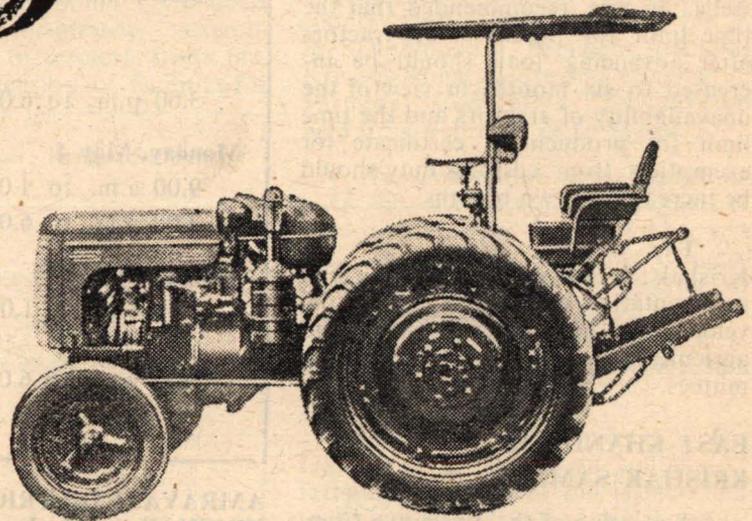


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FARMERS MEET NEHRU

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that the factories were very important but the most important thing was land and added that without agriculture factories could do nothing.

The farmers presented to Shri Nehru fruits and rice grown in their orchards and farms.

Later the group met Dr. P. S. Deshmukh, Union Minister for Agriculture and President, Bharat Krishak Samaj, Shri C. D. Deshmukh and Shrimati Durgabai Desmukh.

Addressing the farmers at the World Agriculture Fair Office, at Exhibition Grounds on Mathura Road, Dr. Deshmukh asked them to utilize the knowledge and experience gained in their tour in improving the agricultural standards of the country.

The farmers visited the Parliament, Rashtrapati Bhavan and the Indian Agricultural Research Institute besides the historical monuments and left Delhi on March 13.

DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN THIRD PLAN

A meeting was held in the Union Ministry of Food & Agriculture under the presidentship of Shri K. R. Damle, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture for considering the prospective development of agriculture in the Third Plan.

The meeting was also attended by representatives of the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Irrigation & Power.

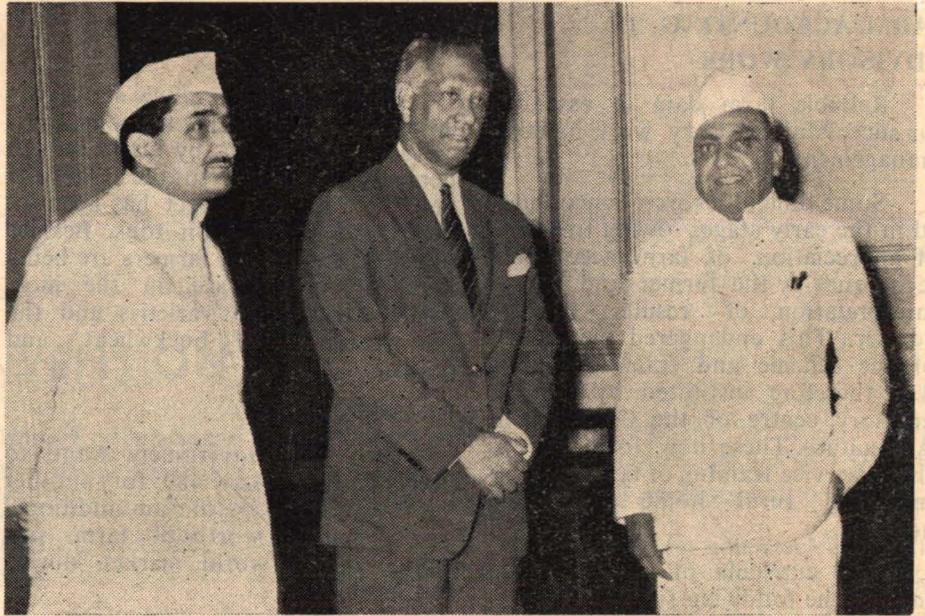
The meeting suggested giving maximum help to cultivators and recommended for making arrangements to sell the produce at fixed prices through the Cooperative Societies.

KHARIF PRODUCTION CAMPAIGN

The Government of India is proposing to start the Kharif Production Campaign in all the States and the Union Territories of Manipur, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi.

Emphasis would be given on paddy, *jawar*, maize, *bajra*, and *ragi* crops in the Campaign.

Samaj's Reception To Shri B. R. Sen



The Bharat Krishak Samaj gave a reception to Shri B. R. Sen, Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization on March 18.

The above picture taken at the reception shows (from left to right) Shri S. M. Wahi, Vice President of the Bharat Krishak Samaj, Shri B. R. Sen and Dr. P. S. Deshmukh, President of the Bharat Krishak Samaj.

The responsibility for planning and execution of the programme will be entrusted to Campaign Committees at State, regional, district, block and village levels.

The programme for Kharif Campaign lays stress on supply of improved seeds, seed treatment against diseases, green manuring and compost drive, timely and proper methods of sowing, use of fertilizers, distribution of improved agricultural implements, plant protection measures irrigation facilities, intercultural operations, collection and storage of seed, double cropping in irrigated areas, conducting result demonstrations, emphasis on Japanese method of paddy cultivation and timely supply of credit to farmers.

The programme suggests that an effort should be made to secure farmers participation in the Campaign on a mass scale by utilizing the services of non-official organizations like the Bharat Krishak Samaj and the Bharat Sevak Samaj etc.

SEED RELEASED FOR MULTIPLICATION

Two new varieties of wheat—NP 823 and NP 824—were recently released by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute for the first time to progressive farmers in Delhi for further multiplication by them over an area of 33 acres. These varieties have shown great promise in the soils of Delhi villages and have proved highly responsive to manuring. The former variety is recommended for dry farming areas and the latter for irrigated areas.

INDIAN CENTRAL SUGARCANE COMMITTEE

The 27th meeting of the Indian Central Sugarcane Committee was held from March 16 to 21 at Delhi.

The Bharat Krishak Samaj was represented in the meeting by Shri K. D. Sharma, Secretary and Shri R. B. Deshpande, Assistant Secretary of the Bharat Krishak Samaj.

LIFE MEMBERS

The life members of the Bharat Krishak Samaj are cordially invited to attend the Fifth National Convention of Farmers at Mysore.

For your railway concession certificates kindly immediately write to the Secretary of the Krishak Samaj of your State whose address is given on page 2.

No travelling allowance will be paid to any person.

Agricultural Digest

FARM ACCOUNTING IN ADVISORY WORK

Reliable farm data is essential for successful advisory work in farm management.

Some difficulties were encountered in the early stages owing to a lack of appreciation of farm accounting techniques by the farmer and of the interpretation of results by the adviser. This endangered the success of the scheme and training courses were therefore instituted by the farm advisory centre of the Chambers of Agriculture. These now form part of the in-service training of farm advisers including rural home economics advisers.

The curricula of these courses include the following subjects :

1. Practical exercises in farm accounting; preparation of annual profit and loss accounts and balance sheets; the use of profit and loss accounts for the derivation of standards of economic efficiency; the use of group study in this connection.
2. The economic structure of different farms as shown by farm accounting data.
3. Analysis of individual farm results in terms of efficiency standards.
4. Graphic representation of farm management data and its appropriate use in group work.

These training courses have proved very popular and have created a great deal of interest among farm advisers in the techniques and value of farm accounting. As a result, the overall quality of the data collected has risen considerably and the whole body of statistics built up by the Chamber of Agriculture has become an essential source of information to farm advisers.

Organising group discussions for the farmers gives them an opportunity to learn more about the significance of the data, some of which they have provided. Originally there was some reluctance among farmers to take part in these discussions but their interest steadily increased. The meetings are always carefully prepared so

World News

NEW RUSSIAN SEVEN YEAR PLAN

Russia has made a new seven year farm plan that seeks to boost agricultural production by at least 70 percent. According to the Plan the grain production target has been set at around 164 million tons. Besides boosting the output, farmers are being asked to concentrate on the most valuable hard wheat varieties and the best varieties of buckwheat and pulses.

P.L. 480

The U.S. Government wants to continue Public Law 480 for another year to dispose of an additional \$1,500 million worth of farm surpluses in the world market during that period.

The existing law expires at the end of 1959. The Administration is asking the Congress to extend it until the end of 1960. The International Federation of Agricultural Producers says that if this request is approved, it will mean that under Title 1 of the

that the material is fully intelligible to the audience and, where appropriate, graphically represented. Centrally produced visual aids are supplied by the Chamber of Agriculture to ensure clear and uniform presentation of the material.

From the experience gained over a period of ten years, during which the scheme for promoting the wider application of farm accounting in farm management advisory work has been in operation, the following conclusions have been drawn :

1. Farmers and advisers increasingly realise the value of accounts in promoting good farm practices.
2. Study of the data obtained from the farm accounting schemes is becoming an important part of the in-service training of agricultural advisers and is of great assistance in the conduct of advisory work.
3. Considerable progress has been made in the organisation and execution of simple and practicable methods of keeping records on farms.

IFAP TO MEET AT NEW DELHI

The 12th General Conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers will be held in New Delhi, India from November 27 to December 5, 1959, before the World Agriculture Fair which is scheduled to be held from December 11, 1959 to February 14, 1960.

law which authorizes acceptance of local currencies instead of dollars, the total of surpluses moved into the world market will be \$ 7,750 million.

DESERT-LOCUST INFESTATION

A warning that desert-locust infestation may spread to India is given in the latest situation summary issued by Anti-Locust Research Centre, London. The report says that the Arabian peninsula may be invaded by more swarms from eastern countries north of Arabia and in Iran, "and might spread to India, Pakistan and Afghanistan".

4. The success of the scheme is dependent upon the advisers finding really suitable farmers (or members of their families) to undertake the additional work involved in farm accounting.

5. It is essential for the adviser to assist the farmer when the latter starts to keep records and to continue to help him over difficulties in the later stages.

6. The annual accounts must be evaluated by persons properly trained in the principles of farm management.

7. Analysed results should be presented to the farmer in a form which enables him to fully understand them and which he can utilise in future farm planning. Only if he can see the value of keeping records will he continue to co-operate satisfactorily.

—“Farm Accounts—A basis for successful farm management advisory work” by Dr. H. Kuss, Chamber of Agriculture, Rhineland, Bonn, Germany, published in the ‘Fatis Review’ Vol. V, No. 6.)