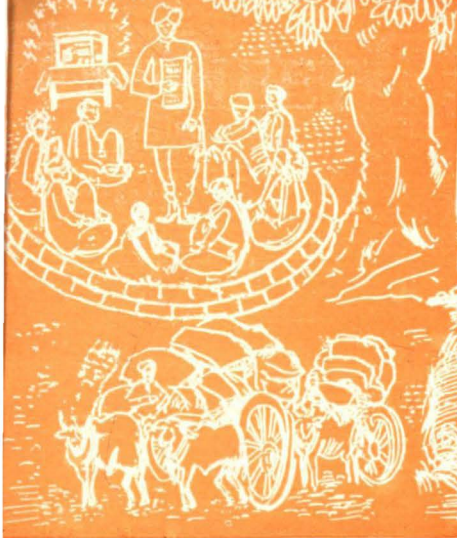


# farmers' forum, India

## FORUM NEWS

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The Governing Body of the Forum meeting at New Delhi

### MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF FARMERS' FORUM

The Governing Body of the Farmers' Forum, India met on January 27, 1957 at New Delhi under the Presidentship of Dr. P. S. Deshmukh. It considered the Report submitted by Shri George H. Wilson and the Report of the Agricultural Delegation to China and decided that they should be thoroughly examined by a sub-committee.

It considered a letter received from Shri Robert N. Anderson, Agricultural Attache to the U. S. Embassy containing proposals of the committee, which has been established by the American Farm Bureau Federation to launch a "People to People Programme" suggested by President

Eisenhower. The points included in this programme are, Farm trainees Programme, Farmers' Exchange Programme, Tour of Farmers, Letter Writing, Encouraging Trade with Under-developed Countries, Exchange of Publications etc., intended to be sponsored by farmers in various countries. The Farmers' Forum decided to take part in these programmes whenever they are sponsored.

It also discussed in detail the formation of Commodity Committees on the following 11 subjects, adopted the rules of procedure for these Committees and approved the names of the members suggested for the Committees :

1. Sugarcane; 2. Cotton; 3. Jute and other Fibres; 4. Tobacco; 5. Co-

### THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION OF FARMERS IN DELHI

The Third National Convention of Farmers will be held under the auspices of the Farmers' Forum, India from March 20 to 25, 1957 at Talkatora Gardens, New Delhi.

Alongwith the Convention will also be held the Second Convention of the Bharatiya Gramin Mahila Sangh and the Young Farmers' Association, India. It is also proposed to hold an "Agricultural and Rural Industries Exhibition" which will depict the recent advances made in the agricultural sciences in our country and also the techniques and new appliances evolved in the field of rural industries.

The Convention this year has some special features. It starts with the holding of the meetings of the Commodity Committees which have been constituted under the Farmers' Forum to initiate a close study of the problems facing the growers of individual commodities and to devise suitable methods for overcoming the same. Another and a more important feature of this year's Convention is the Seminar on the "Role of Farmers' Organization in Agricultural and Community Develop-

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ment and Plantation Crops; 6. Cereals and Pulses; 7. Oilseeds; 8. Fruits and Vegetables; 9. Cooperation and Marketing; 10. Milk and Dairying; 11. Animal Husbandry. The Governing Body also approved the formation of a Committee on Plant Protection.

It noted the financial position of the Forum and also approved the programme of the Third National Convention of Farmers to be held at New Delhi from March 20 to 25, 1957.

### Third National Convention

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ment in India" in which the Directors of Agriculture and the Development Commissioners of States as well as other experts in Agriculture and farmers will participate.

Like the preceding two Conventions there will be delegates and visitor-delegates. The delegates will be selected by the President and the Secretary of the Krishak Samaj in each State with the help, wherever necessary, of the State Department of Agriculture. They will include all members of the All India Farmers' Council from the State, a representative of farmers from each district, additional number of small farmers, young farmers, women farmers, *Krishi Pandits* and State prize holders for the preceding year. Apart from these regular delegates, any other farmer who intends to attend the Convention and take part in the Seminar will be treated as a visitor-delegate and will be allowed to make use of the Railway Concession which is allowed to all other delegates.

The Railway Concession Certificates will be available this year from the Secretary or the Convener of the State Krishak Samaj and all intending visitor-delegates to the Convention are requested to approach the Secretary of the Krishak Samaj or the Director of Agriculture of the State for any information in connection with the Convention or the Concession Certificates.

#### LOCAL STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE FARMERS' FORUM

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh, President of the Farmers' Forum, India has constituted the Local Standing Committee of the Farmers' Forum. It consists of besides the President, Dr. Syed Mahmud, Minister, Ministry of External Affairs and Vice-President of the Forum, Shri K. D. Sharma, Secretary; Maharani Mahinder Kaur of Patiala; Sardar Lal Singh, M. P.; Shri V. N. Kak; Shri S. M. Wahi; Shri Bishan Man Singh; Chowdhry Brahm Perkash, Rana Jang Bahadur Singh and Shri P. U. Oza.

This Committee will look after the day to day working of the Forum.



Shri Chester Bowles addressing the members of the Forum

#### SHRI CHESTER BOWLES MEETS FORUM MEMBERS

Shri Chester Bowles, former U. S. Ambassador to India, who visited New Delhi recently, met the members of the Governing Body of the Farmers' Forum and the Young Farmers' Association, India.

Addressing the members Shri Chester Bowles said that he was a member of two great American Farm Organizations, viz., the Grange and the Farm Bureau Federation. He said that the farms in U. S. A. were large and machines were extensively used to cut down the high costs of labour. He praised the Extension Service of U.S.A. which had been helping the farmers, and their household in every field and said that the Department of Agriculture in the United States was the second largest Department of the Government after the Postal Department.

Shri Bowles said that in U. S. A. the slogan "back to the farm" was becoming more and more popular and the movement was gaining importance.

He said that huge areas of the world were under-developed and could not produce enough food, thus leaving millions of people underfed and under-nourished. There were other areas, especially countries

like the U. S. A. and Canada which were actually suffering from such huge surpluses of agricultural commodities that they had to destroy millions of tons of food every year. He proposed the idea of a World Bank of Agricultural Commodities, where, he said, all the worlds' surplus countries could bank their extra food while those countries that badly needed food could come to the Bank and draw out their food requirements, in exchange for other commodities which the surplus countries required. This, he hoped, would be a reality in the not too distant future. A workable plan of this kind could bring more peace and consolation to the war-torn world. He asked the Indian farmers to work for this goal.

Shri Bowles advocated the idea of farmers' exchange programme among various countries to enrich the agriculturist and the agriculture of the different nations.

#### WEST BENGAL FARMERS' CONVENTION

The First Convention of the Farmers of West Bengal will be held at Kalyani on February 19 and 20. The Convention will be inaugurated by Dr. P. S. Deshmukh, Union Minister for Agriculture and President, Farmers' Forum, India.

## FARMERS' FORUM INDIAS' COMMODITY COMMITTEES

The Farmers' Forum, India has formed Commodity Committees on Sugarcane, Cotton, Jute and other Fibres, Tobacco, Coconut and Plantation Crops, Cereals and Pulses, Oilseeds, Fruits and Vegetables, Co-operation and Marketing, Milk and Dairying and Animal Husbandry. The names of the office-bearers and members of the various Committees are as under. Further names will be announced later.

### Sugarcane

*Chairman:* Shri Dip Narain Sinha, Minister for Cooperation, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry, Bihar. *Secretary:* Shri K.D. Sharma. *Members:* Shri Ram Komal Sahi (U.P.), Shri Virendra Verma, M. L. A. (U.P.), Shri P. N. Mehta (U. P.), Shri Nand Kishore Narain (Bihar), Shri Lal Singh. M. P. (Punjab), Shri Ranga Reddy (Andhra), Shri Balasahib K. Patil (Bombay), Shri P. S. Rajagopala Naidu, M. P. (Madras). *Advisers:* Shri P. P. Chandra, Secretary, Indian Central Sugarcane Committee New Delhi; Shri N. L. Dutt, Director, Sugarcane Research Institute, Coimbatore (Madras); Shri K. L. Khanna.

### Cotton

*Chairman:* Raja Surinder Singh, Nalagarh (Punjab). *Secretary:* Shri K. D. Sharma. *Members:* Shri Satwant Singh (Punjab), Shri Basant Lal Agarwal (U.P.), Shri N. J. Deshmukh (Bombay), Shri N. S. Patil (Bombay), Shri A. K. D. Balaramraja (Madras). *Advisers:* Dr. B. L. Sethi, Secretary, Indian Central Cotton Committee, Bombay; Shri R.L. Sethi, Director, Institute of Plant Industry, Indore (Madhya Pradesh).

### Jute

*Chairman:* Shri B. N. Sarkar, Retired Director of Agriculture, Bihar. *Secretary:* Shri K. D. Sharma. *Members:* Shri Iswar Lal Ghose, President, District Farmers' Forum, Malda (West Bengal), Shri N. Basu, Secretary, Young Farmers' Association, India, Shri Chaitanya Kumar Das (Tripura), Shri Umraud-din (Assam), Shri S. C. Barua, (Assam), Shri Sureshwari Prasad Bhanjdeo (Orissa). *Advisers:* Shri K. N. Agha, Secretary, Indian Central Jute Committee, Calcutta; Dr. B. C. Kundu, Director, Jute Agricultural Research Institute, Barackpore (West Bengal).

### Tobacco

*Chairman:* Dr. M. D. Patel, Director, Institute of Agriculture, Anand (Bombay). *Secretary:* Shri K. D. Sharma. *Members:* Shri J. Sivaram Prasad (Andhra), Shri J. Raghotham Reddy (Andhra), Shri Hanuman Bhagat (Bihar), Shri G. Natarajan (Madras), Shri Ansaruddin Ahmed (West Bengal), Shri Bishan Man Singh (U. P.), Shri R. K. Sholapurkar (Bombay). *Advisers:* Dr. M. S. Patel, Secretary, Indian Central Tobacco Committee, Madras; Dr. N. R. Bhatt, Director, Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry, Godavari, (Madras).

### Coconut and Plantation Crops

*Chairman:* Shri K. P. Amrithanatha Aiyar (Kerala). *Secretary:* Shri K. D. Sharma. *Members:* Shri M. C. Paul (Kerala), Shri K. Seetharamiah, (Mysore), Shri D. N. Mukerji (West Bengal), Shri G. Ramamurthi (Andhra), Shri V. R. Hedge (Bombay) Shri N. Lingan (Madras), Shri Gokulananda Satapathy (Orissa). *Advisers:* Dr. P. J. Gregory, Secretary, Indian Central Coconut Committee, Ernakulam (Kerala); Shri B. S. Vardarajan, Secretary, Indian Central Arecanut Committee, Kozikhode (S. India).

### Cereals & Pulses

*Chairman:* Shri Satwant Singh (Punjab). *Secretary:* Shri K. D. Sharma. *Members:* Shri P. C. Mitra (Bihar), Shri B. N. Sarkar (West Bengal), Shri Jafar Ali (U. P.), Shri B. J. Trivedi (Bombay), Shri S. K. Swami (Madras), Shri Narainlal G. Ujaone (M. P.), Shri Ram Singh (Rajasthan). *Advisers:* Dr. S. M. Sikka, Head of the Division of Botany, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi; Shri R. L. M. Ghose, Director, Rice Research Institute, Cuttack (Orissa); Dr. P. C. Raheja, Head of the Division of Agronomy, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.

### Oilseeds

*Chairman:* Shri Bishan Man Singh (U. P.). *Secretary:* Shri K. D. Sharma. *Members:* Shri K. P. Pande, M. L. A. (Madhya Pradesh), Shri Vasant Rao V. Patil (Bombay), Shri Baburao Kulkarni (Bombay), Shri Rasik Behari Sinha (Bihar), Syed Himmat Ali (Rajasthan), Shri Chandrashekar Patil, M. L. A. (Mysore), Bawa Harnam Singh Sodhi (Punjab). *Adviser:* Dr. R. Sankaran, Secretary,

Indian Central Oilseeds Committee, Hyderabad.

### Fruits & Vegetables

*Chairman:* Shri Lal Singh, M. P. (Punjab). *Secretary:* Shri K.D. Sharma. *Members:* Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh (Uttar Pradesh), Shri Kulwant Singh (Punjab), Shri H. G. Patil (Bombay), Shri Horen Jones (Assam), Shri D. S. Narkhede, (Bombay), Syed Hussain (Bihar), Shri R. K. Chowdhry (West Bengal). *Advisers:* Dr. Sham Singh, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner, New Delhi; Shri Victor Sane, Fruit Development Adviser, Government of Uttar Pradesh; Dr. Pushkar Nath, Director Central Potato Research Institute, Simla.

### Cooperation and Marketing

*Chairman:* Shri Manilal B. Nanavati, President, Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, Bombay. *Secretary:* Shri K.D. Sharma. *Members:* Shri Harishchandra G. Patil (Bombay), Shri P. S. Rajagopala Naidu, M. P. (Madras), Shri L. C. Jain, Secretary, Indian Cooperative Union, New Delhi; Shri B. J. Patel, Secretary, All India Cooperative Union, New Delhi; Shri G. S. Dhillon (Madhya Pradesh), Shri B. N. Sarkar, (West Bengal), Shri S. M. Wahi (Delhi). *Advisers:* Dr. M. B. Ghatge, Agricultural Marketing Adviser, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, New Delhi; Shri M. P. Bhargava, Director of Cooperation, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, New Delhi.

### Milk and Dairying

*Chairman:* Shri Harishchandra G. Patil (Bombay). *Secretary:* Shri K. D. Sharma. *Members:* Dr. V. H. Patil (Bombay), Shri R. R. Pandit (Bombay), Shri Anil Jhaveri (Bombay), Shri Dibya Lochan Shekar Deo (Orissa), Shri Ram Singh (Rajasthan), Shri Rattan Singh (Punjab), Shri B. L. Suri (Uttar Pradesh). *Advisers:* Dr. K.C. Sen, Director of Dairy Research, National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal (Punjab), Shri L. C. Sikka, Dairy Development Adviser, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, New Delhi.

### Animal Husbandry

*Chairman:* Shri V. N. Kak (Rajasthan). *Secretary:* Shri K. D. Sharma. *Members:* Shri Altaf Hussain (Uttar Pradesh), Shri R. N. Mutto (U. P.) Shri Suryopal Tiwari (Madhya Pradesh), Shri E. K. Sankara Verma Raja (Madras),

Shri Udai Singh Pawar (Bombay), Shri Anil Jhaveri (Bombay) Shri Bishan Man Singh (U. P.). *Advisers* : Dr. R. Bhatia, Fisheries Development Adviser, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi ; Dr. R. L. Kaura, Cattle Utilization Adviser, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi.

### FARMERS' WEEK IN KERALA

A Farmers' Week and Convention was celebrated in Kerala State under the auspices of the State Farmers' Forum from January 5 to 12. It was inaugurated on January 5 by the Adviser to the State Government and was presided over by Shri G. Parimeswaram Pillai, President of the Central Cooperative Bank. Shri K. P. Amrithanatha Aiyar, Working President of the Kerala Farmers' Forum, explained the objects of the Forum and how it could be used to coordinate the activities of the various Departments of Rural Welfare with those of the farmers' organization in villages. The meeting was addressed by several leading farmers who after the meeting were taken around the Velleyani Agricultural College and the exhibition of improved implements, fertilizers and seeds etc.

The meetings in connection with the farmers week were held at Velleyani Kottarkhera, Kottayam, Trichur, Pattambi, Taliparamba and Allepy on various dates till January 12, 1957.

The Plenary Meeting decided that Farmers' Forums should be organized in all villages as they will form the best and most effective liaison between the farmers and the departments concerned for promoting agricultural development.

### ALL INDIA CANE GROWERS' FEDERATION

The Annual Conference of the All India Cane Growers' Federation was held on January 20 at Simli in Muzaffarnagar District of Uttar Pradesh. A large number of farmers and cane growers of the district and neighbouring areas attended the Conference which was inaugurated by Dr. Sampurnanand, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

In his Presidential address Sardar Lal Singh, M. P., reiterated the demands of cane-growers and said that the price of sugarcane should be fixed on the basis of "productions' expenditure and gains".

He appealed to the cane growers to unite together for voicing their demands.

### FARMERS' TRAINING

It was decided in the last meeting of Development Commissioners at New Delhi that in the National Extension Service and Community Development areas, Agricultural Extension Officers should make arrangements in every village level worker zone for imparting training to farmers for a week. At least three representative farmers of every village should be trained in every centre.

### REORGANIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

A thorough overhaul of agricultural education is under consideration in Uttar Pradesh. A small body under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. B. Singh, Agricultural Adviser to the State Government, has been appointed to conduct a probe in the entire system of agricultural education from the primary to the post-graduate stages in the State.

The terms of reference include co-ordination between extension education and research and organizing training and education for farmers.

### NINTH MEETING OF I F A P

The Ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers will be held at Purdue University in Indiana, U. S. A. from May 20 to 30, 1957.

### WORLD GROWS RECORD RICE CROP

The world is growing more rice in 1956-57 season than ever before in history. Production for this season is expected to reach more than 430,000 million lbs., which is two per cent above last year's.

The main increases in production are in Asia where about 93 per cent of the world rice crop is harvested. There has been an increase of rice cultivation in South America also.

### BRAZIL SECOND BIGGEST SUGAR PRODUCER

Brazil has become the World's Second largest Cane Sugar producer. In 1955 Brazilian Cane Sugar production reached a total of 2,209,000 tons.

## Young Farmers

### Bombay

The State of Bombay has decided to form the Young Farmers' Association in the State under the Presidentship of Shri Mustafa Faki, Minister of Agriculture. It has been decided that the Constitution of the Association would be framed on the basis of the Young Farmers' Association, India.

### Rajasthan

Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha, Agriculture Minister of Rajasthan has declared the formation of the State Committee of the Rajasthan Young Farmers' Association. It consists of Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha as President, the Development Commissioner and Director for Agriculture as Vice-Presidents. There will be two non-official Vice-presidents including Shri V. N. Kak. Shri Gunna Ram (I F Y E 1956) has been selected as the Secretary.

### Delhi

The State Committee of Delhi Young Farmers' Association has been formed and an action programme has also been drawn up. Dr. J. C. Ramchandani, Development Commissioner of Delhi, has expressed the hope that during the current year 40 Young Farmers' Clubs will be organized throughout the state.

### Punjab

Shri N. Basu, Secretary of the Young Farmers' Association, India recently visited Chandigarh where Punjab Young Farmers' Association has formed a State Committee. The Minister of Agriculture of Punjab is its President. The Vice-Presidents are the Deputy Minister of Community Development, Shri Randhawa, Additional Development Commissioner and Shri Arjan Singh, Director of Agriculture. Shri Raghbir Singh, Farm Youth Organizer is the Secretary. A Youth Rally is being arranged in the second week of February at Nabha in which nearly 2,000 Young Farmers and Rural Youths are expected to participate.

### West Bengal

The West Bengal Young Farmers' Association is holding its State Convention, on February 19 at Kalyani, in West Bengal. A leadership training camp for rural youth leaders will be organized at Vishwa Bharati. Alongwith the the Convention a youth rally will be held.