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Editorial

Agriculture & Annual Plan

The retarded progress during the last two years in the field of agriculture has forced the government to reshuffle the Fourth Five Year Plan. Now the Annual Plan for the year 1968-69 is being prepared which will be executed in the light of the output in the field of agriculture in the current Rabi Crop.

Our Prime Minister Mrs. Gandhi stated in the Rajya Sabha in the last session about the continuance of plans in India. She made it clear that the changing economic situation of the country would lead our way and the planning will be chalked out and translated on the yearly basis. The better returns from the harvest of the current year crop (1967-68) will decide the fate of our nation. If the economy is well established the fourth plan will again take its own place.

When the Fourth plan was put up before the National Development Council for approval and furtherance, the economic situation of the country was quite tense. The continuing set back in agricultural production up to 1966-67 disturbed the whole fourth plan outline. Pakistan aggression, low production and currency devaluation and other such problems retarded our progress in every sphere.

Fortunately, now we are returning to normal situation. Our lot will be decided by the bumper production of the current Rabi crop. The industries based on the agricultural production will only flourish, when we get a better crop this year. In order to avoid the pausity in the development of the country, it is necessary to continue our plans.

Still there is a danger of inflationary pressure on our people. The soaring prices and money inflation will remain unchecked for sometime. But the increased farm output will bring the economic stability and prosperity to our farmers. The importance of agriculture has been increasingly realised in our plans.

The distribution of fertilizers, improved seeds and credits should be main features of our next agricultural schemes, which have been incorporated in the annual plan. The new varieties of different seeds and hybrids have revolutionized our agriculture and it has shown the path of prosperity. Therefore, the multiplication and distribution of new seeds must be carefully planned and operated so that every farmer in the country could get the benefits of agricultural science as early as possible.

Farmers' Convention at Nizamabad

The Nizamabad Distt. Farmers' Forum Convention was held at Nizamabad on 20th and 21st October, 1967 under the Presidentship of Shri P. Thimma Reddy, President, Andhra Pradesh Krishak Samaj and State minister for agriculture. Besides a large number of farmers it was attended by Shri Silam Siddha Reddy Minister for Irrigation, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.

On the occasion of the Convention an Agricultural Exhibition was held and stalls were put up by Agriculture, Veterinary and Fisheries Department of the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and the Panchayat Samati. A number of firms dealing with agriculture machinery, fertilizers and pesticides also participated in the Fair.

The Convention passed the following resolutions :

The Convention expressed deep concern over the silting up of the Nizamsagar Reservoir, thereby the capacity of the Reservoir has fallen from 26000 million cubic feet to about 15000 million Cft. The Convention urged the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh to take up the work of silt remover of Nizamsagar, enhancing its storage capacity and increasing the carrying capacity of the main canal and repairs and remodelling of the various distributaries and sluices as early as possible to save the ryots from heavy loss.

The Convention urged the Govt. of A. P. to survey the availability of water resources of natural streams and nallahs and to construct lift irrigation for the supply of water to the cultivators.

The Convention also urged the Government to undertake the survey and exploration of available underground water resources of Nizamabad District at an early date.

The Convention urged the Govt. to undertake the repairing of the tanks in the Nizamabad District immediately. It also urged that in the

parts of the District which are not served by the Nizamasagar canal system and minor irrigation projects to take up well digging projects and to provide pump sets and electricity for this purpose on priority basis.

The Convention urged the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh to fix a minimum rate of Rs. 125.00 per tonne for sugarcane supplies made to the Nizamabad Coop. Sugar factory in view of very high rates of sugar, gur and khandasari prevailing in the open market.

The Convention also requested the Govt. of A. P. not to impose any restrictions either on the export inter district movement and on price of gur.

The Convention urged the Government of Andhra Pradesh to fix the procurement price of paddy at least to the level of those fixed in Maharashtra State in view of the rise in the price of fertilisers and other inputs.

The Convention urged the Government to scrap the monopoly of export of Maize given to the District Cooperative Marketing Society, Nizamabad but to allow free exports by any one and should have no objection on allowing its free trade.

The Convention urged the Government to announce the prices of various farm commodities before the sowing season so that the cultivators can have a better idea as to the return they may get from their crop.

The Convention urged the Government of the necessity to consult the representatives of growers in formulating their agricultural policies which is in practice all over the world except in our country.

The Convention also urged the Government to provide additional fleet of tractors and farm implements to the cultivators for ploughing and other operations. It also requested the Government to establish a well equipped workshop for servicing and repairs of tractors, power-sprayers,

oil engines and other implements of the cultivators at reasonable charges.

It also urged the Government to provide various improved implements which will save labour and assist the performance of operations in the field so as to root up the yields and be made available to the growers on subsidised rates.

The Convention urged the Government to start a soil testing laboratory at Government Experimental Station, Rudrur for the benefits of the farmers of the District of Nizamabad.

The Convention urged the Government to establish a Research Station at Armoor for undertaking work on turmeric and maize.

The Convention urged the Government to start agro-based industries in Nizamabad for the manufacture of starch, glucose and other maize products. It also emphasised the need to start a fruit and other food and vegetable preservation unit in the District.

The Convention urged the Andhra Pradesh Government to take up the matter with the Government of India for permission for importing agricultural chemicals and insecticides freely so that they are available at reasonable rates to the growers.

A farmer records high yields of Wheat

Shri Onkar Ghabroo Mati, a senior member of the executive body of Sendhwa Krishak Samaj (Madhya Pradesh) who hails from W. Nimad recorded 30 quintal 48 kilograms per acre yield of wheat in his field this year. His position was first among the other competitors.

The State Government gave him a cash award of Rs. 300/-. The award was given by the State Revenue Minister, Shri Balwant Rao Sangle. Out of this amount, Shri Onkarlal Ghabroo Mati donated Rs. 51/- to the Sendhwa Krishak Samaj office. This spirit of social service is really appreciable.

Shri Mohan Wahi, who is the Vice-President of International Federation of Agricultural Producers and Dr. D.A. Bholay, Secretary of Bharat Krishak Samaj are attending the United Nations Conference of Trade and Development being held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi since February 2, 1968.

International Federation of Agricultural Producers nominated Shri Wahi and Dr. D. A. Bholay as delegates for the U.N.C.T.A.D. besides Mr. Savari, Secretary General of IFAP. The Second Conference of UNCTAD will continue till March, 25 in New Delhi. It will discuss the problems of Trade and Development in developed and developing countries of the World.

Dr. Deshmukh's Birthday Celebrations in Amraoti

Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh birthday celebrations were observed all over the country through all State Krishak Samaj offices.

Shri Narayanrao Watane at Amraoti, Maharashtra State declared a scheme of Farmers Training College at Asegaonpurna to be started in memory of Dr. Punjabrao to conduct short term courses for the benefit of farmers. Earlier a prayer was recited before the statue of Dr. Punjabrao in his memory. On the same day in the evening a public meeting was called at Joshi Hall, Amraoti. Rao saheb Kundkar, the Chairman of Amraoti Zila Parishad Presided. Shri Watane enlightened the audience with his speech on national and international aspects of his work in connection with farmers and Krishak Samaj.

The President of Bharat Krishak Samaj Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha recently returned from New York after attending the session of the General Assembly of United Nations. In U. S. A. our President discussed many current agricultural and farmers problems with the U. S. farm leaders about India. He had also discussions with the office bearers and members of the Farmers & World Affairs Organization of Philadelphia.

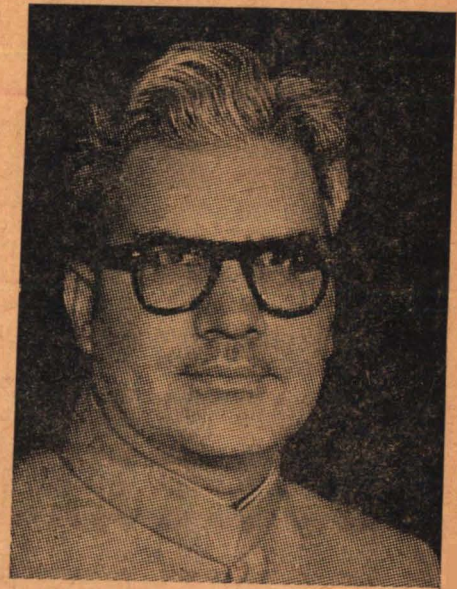
Shri Mirdha and the Secretary of Bharat Krishak Samaj, Dr. D. A. Bholay attended the Seminar in New Delhi conducted by the Jute Mills Association. The President spoke about the problems and the condition of jute growers. He appealed to the Jute Mill owners to cooperate in improving the plight of those farmers who are growing jute for their mills. If so happens, the mill owner will get more production of raw jute to feed their mills.

Addressing the State level farmers convention in Jaipur which was organised by Rajasthan State Krishak Samaj, Shri Mirdha stressed on so many problems and needs of the day, which should be met by the government in the interest of farmers.

He said that the price policy of the Government should be on long term and stable basis. The rate of interest on the credit should be reduced so that farmer may not be burdened. The total cost of irrigation should not go high. Similarly the cost of implements and their maintenance should also be within the reach of a common farmer.

To boost the industrial output it is necessary that the farm output should be increased. The farming must be treated as industry and all the facilities given to the industrial sector should be given to farmers.

There should be adequate and assured supply of inputs like fertilizers, seeds, manures and other agricultural inputs within the reach of small farmers.



Shri R.N. Mirdha

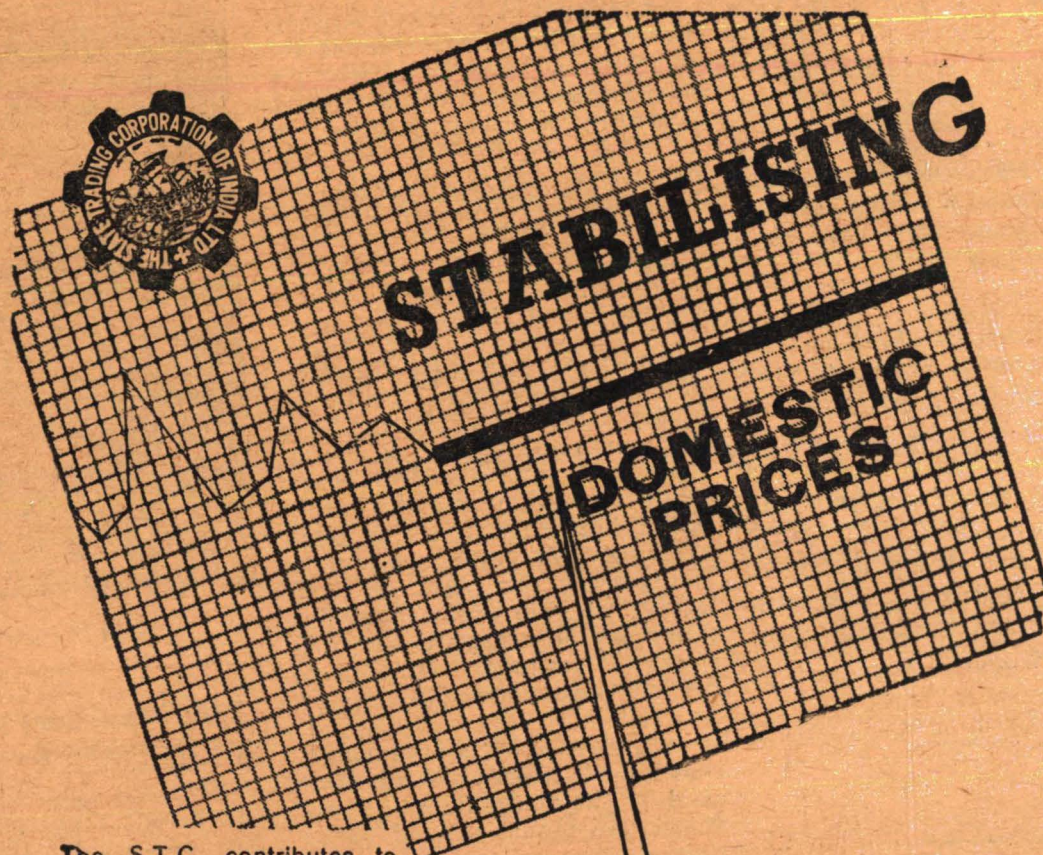
Life Members of B.K.S. get Republic Day Awards

The well known journalist of Orissa Shri Radhanath Rath has been awarded the title of Padma Bhushan on the Republic Day of 1968. Being journalist, he enjoys the high status amongst farmers as well. He is the life member and governing body member of Bharat Krishak Samaj.

Formerly he was Minister for Agriculture and forestry in Orissa Government and still he is working to uplift the lot of farming communities.

Another Republic Day award holder is Shri Manibhai Bhimbhai Desai from Gujarat. He hails from a small village Dhamdhanca, District Surat and is the life member of Bharat Krishak Samaj. He has been awarded 'Padmashri' for his meritorious social services.

The Secretary Bharat Krishak Samaj is really proud of such worthy life members and congratulates them on behalf of the life members. He hopes that they will take more interest in the Samaj activities in future.



The S.T.C. contributes to the stability of the price index by entering directly into the trading of selected commodities, and also by helping in their production and marketing. In this way the S.T.C. stabilises prices of goods to prevent economic exploitation of farmers and small industrialists. State trading also ensures price protection for the consumer by eliminating profiteering and spiralling of prices.

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Punjab Krishak Samaj

Adopts New Methods

The Executive Committee of the Farmers' Forum Punjab, held at Chandigarh in December 1967. Col. Sir Buta Singh was in the Chair.

The worthy President, Punjab Krishak Samaj, brought to the notice of members that the meeting of the day had been specifically summoned on the 27th of December 1967 because it was the birth day anniversary of our founder President of the Bharat Krishak Samaj, late Dr. Punjab Rao Deshmukh. The President paid his homage and glowing tributes to the memory of Dr. Deshmukh who had spent his entire life devoting his attention to the cause of the farming community. He was an eminent educationalist and so many educational institutions at Amraoti and other places in Maharashtra were founded and financed by him that they remained a befitting memorial by him. He was the gem of a Parliamentarian, a real friend of the farmers and an inspired patriot. On this 69th Birth Anniversary of the late Dr. Deshmukh after his death let us all resolve to carry forward the supreme ideals which he cherished. Let us show courage and determination to strengthen the Organisation of Bharat Krishak Samaj founded by Dr. Sabej on sound and strong footing and let us serve the cause of the farming community as best as we can. S. Jagjit Singh Mann also paid his tributes to the late Dr. Deshmukh mentioning that Dr. Sahib was the Champion of the Indian Farmers and with that end in view he had founded the Bharat Krishak Samaj and a host of other organisations like Young Farmers Association, India, Farmers Cooperatives Bank of India Agricultural Machinery Association of India, etc. etc.

The President narrated briefly his impressions of his recent visit to the United States under the project of mutual exchange of farmers. Shri Piara Singh, Assistant Secretary,

narrated his experiences of his recent visit to the Federal Republic of Germany and United Kingdom.

Discussing the ways and means to strengthen the Organization and to frame a programme of working of the Organisation for the year 1968-69, it was agreed that :—

- (1) A legislative wing of the Farmers' Forum in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha be organised in order to express the point of view of the farming community on the floor of the house in so far as the various agricultural policies of the Government affected them.
- (2) It was proposed that a memorandum regarding the problems of the farming community should be drafted and presented to the Chief Minister, Minister for Agriculture, and other responsible people in the Punjab Government.
- (3) It was resolved that the Government of Punjab should be approached to invite at least one representative of the Farmer' Forum Punjab on various Committees such as Sugarcane Central Board, Cotton and Oilseeds Central Board and Committees for the fixation of prices of cereal crops appointed from time to time.
- (4) It was also resolved that the Government should be approached to appoint a Committee of Specialists also including the farmers represented by the Farmers' Forum Punjab in order to work out the cost price of various commodities like wheat rice, maize, sugarcane and thereafter fix and announce the floor price and support prices of such commodities well in advance of the sowing of such crops so that a farmer might be able to decide for himself about what crops

Shri H. G. Patil Gets Vice-Chancellorship

The life member of Bharat Krishak Samaj and the honourable member of the Governing Body of the Bharat Krishak Samaj, Shri H.G. Patil has been nominated the Vice-Chancellor of the proposed first Agriculture University of Maharashtra.

Shri Patil is a noted farm leader of India and he visited U.S.A. and other countries in this connection some years back. He was President of Maharashtra State Krishak Samaj for several years and devotedly worked for agriculture and farmers under the banner of Bharat Krishak Samaj. The Secretary, Bharat Krishak Samaj on behalf of the all members congratulates Mr. Patil on this new assignment.

he should raise in order to fetch maximum profits.

- (5) It was agreed that the meeting of District Farmers' Forum, Ferozepore should be convened on the 7th February, of 1968 in the district of Ferozepore and the meeting of the Executive should also be called on that occasion.
- (6) It was further proposed that such District level meetings should be held in almost all the districts and then in a year one meeting of the State Farmers' Forum in order to create the necessary enthusiasm amongst the member of the Forum.
- (7) To raise the fund of the Samaj, the Government of Punjab be approached once again to increase the grant-in-aid to the extent of Rs. 20,000/- at least and the Joint Director of Marketing be approached to allow the Market Committees of the State to contribute towards the funds of the Farmers' Forum.

Ways and means be tapped to raise more membership. The Government be approached to distribute the tested, improved, high yielding varieties of seeds to the farmers of the State through the Farmers' Forum.

Birth Day Celebrations in Orissa

A meeting of the local farmers was held at village Bahadalpur, Bhubaneswar Block in Puri District Orissa on 27-12-67 under the chairmanship of Shri Digambar Pradhan Farm Leader and Life Member to celebrate the 69th Birth Anniversary of late revered Founder-President of Bharat Krishak Samaj, Dr. Punjab Rao S. Deshmukh. At the very outset, Shri M. C. Rautaroy, Assistant State Organiser, Orissa Krishak Samaj Bhubaneswar narrated the life history of Dr. Deshmukh and his works towards ameliorating the conditions of farmers of the country. President in his speech requested all to lend their helpful hands to activate Bharat Krishak Samaj by enrolling themselves as Life Member of the Samaj. Shri Satyagopal Bhanj and Shri Nilambar Harichandran Mohapatra became Life Members on the spot.

Orissa Krishak Samaj

The Executive Committee of the Orissa Krishak Samaj met on 11-1-1968. Shri Raj Bhallabha Mishra, Minister of Agriculture, Orissa and the President of Orissa Krishak Samaj presided. It was decided to have the State Convention of Farmers during the month of May in the Dhenkanal District. It was also decided to raise funds from the generous public to construct its building at Bhubaneswar.

Fifth Convocation: The Vice-chancellor and Members of the Board of Management of the Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar invited all the life Members of Bharat Krishak Samaj from Orissa to attend the Fifth Convocation held on the 17th January, 1968. Dr. A. N. Khosla Chancellor of the University presided and Dr. John P. Lewis, Minister Director, USAID Mission in India delivered the convocation address.

Farmers' Meetings During December, 1967

In December, 1967 a Village level farmers' meeting was held in village Chhanaghar Pipli Block in Puri District. Shri Upendra Biswal, India Famous Taichung Paddy producer; Shri Lingaraj Mishra, Project

Leader, Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology and Shri M. C. Rautaroy, Assistant, State Organiser Orissa Krishak Samaj attended the meeting and explained high yielding methods of cultivation to farmers.

During December a Gram Panchayat level farmers' meeting was held in Darutheng Gram Panchayat, Bhubaneswar Block, in Puri District. Shri M. C. Rautaroy Asstt. State Organiser attended the meeting and explained high yielding methods of cultivation and Farmers' Organisation. A committee consisting of 19 members from amongst the progressive farmers of the Panchayat was formed in the meeting to safeguard the interests of the farmers and to help farmers for growing high yielding varieties of crops.

On 29th December, 1967 a block level farmers' meeting was held at Sailobadabili in Kantapara Block of Cuttack District. Shri Gaurang Charan Das, Ex Chairman, Cuttack Zilla Parishad presided, and Shri Gangadhar Pradhan, Deputy Minister for Co-operation and forestry attended as chief guest. Shri Pradhan narrated how Government has given priority to Agriculture. The President in his speech stressed on the need of farmers' organization. After the discussions there was cinema show on high yielding varieties of crops.

Belgaum

Dairy Scheme in Rural Areas

With the efforts of Shri Rayanagoud Patil, Vice-President Mysore State Krishak Samaj and President Belgaum District Samaj, a Cooperative Unit of Milk Production Scheme has been taken up in rural parts of the district at TALLUR (in the hill areas) The Cooperative Society has been organised with membership of 104 and share capital Rs. 17,710/- and with assets Rs. 17,000/- worth of lands under mortgage by members of the society.

The society has purchased 37 milking buffalows and supplied to the members under their care. They collect 100 liters of milk and supply

Awards

Award of Prizes for Life Membership Enrolment and other Organizational Work :

The following awards will be for the enrolment and other organizational work :


- (a) Dr. Rajendra Prasad Rolling Sheild and Rs. 500/- to the State Krishak Samaj for enrolling the highest number of Life Members.
- (b) Cash award of Rs. 500/- to the State Krishak Samaj for enrolling the second highest number of Life Members (Minimum 250 Life Members).
- (c) Cash award of Rs. 300/- to the State Krishak Samaj for enrolling the third highest number of Life Members (Minimum 150 Life Members).
- Cash award of Rs. 500/- to the district enrolling 50 and more Life Members.
- Gold medal (14 Ct.) to the individual enrolling 100 or more Life Members.
- Silver Medal to the individual enrolling 50 and more Life Members.
- (a) Certificate to individual enrolling 25 and more Life Members.
- (b) Certificate of appreciation for outstanding organizational and other work.

to Belgaum city 40 miles away. The society has been financed by the Government of Mysore under dairy scheme. The society intends to increase milk production 15000 liters by purchasing and distributing 500 animals to 500 members. One animal to each member, and for that society has requested for loans and society has intended to take up scheme of preservation of milk and other productions. The Society has the scheme to serve 500 families in the rural parts 10 villages within the radius of 10 miles and to increase the income of its members to extent Rs. 100/-per month.


The Boatman of Padma

River Padma lay wrapped in darkness. Oar in hand, the boatman looked around. Nothing was visible, not even the sprawling trees nearby. It was a long way to that village where he hoped to sell his goods at the fair the next morning. So he untied his boat, and pushed off. He rowed and rowed—how long he did not know. So engrossed was he in planning his transactions and counting his profits that he did not even feel the weariness of rowing.


At last the dawn peered through the distant trees. "Now the fair must be in sight," he thought. And looked around. What! The same place! He rubbed his eyes and looked again. The boat had not gone far from the place he started. And then he found out what had happened. He had been rowing against strong currents which almost neutralised his speed.



Our country today is in a similar situation. After 20 years of hard and earnest efforts to improve the standard of living of our people, we have not gone far from where we started, though, of course, in certain areas we have moved a long way. Take food production, for instance. It has gone up by 17 million tons during the 14 years from 1951 to 1965 but the amount of food available for each person decreased by 0.4 oz. What about employment opportunities? Educational facilities? In these and several other development areas, our efforts have been nullified by the rapid rate of the growth of population. We add to our population more than 13 million people every year. Isn't it a formidable problem for any country to tackle?

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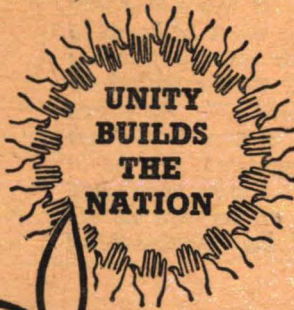

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When you have two,
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the day to celebrate
TOGETHER

We celebrate the eighteenth year of our Republic to-day. We reaffirm our pride and our faith in our great country. As we usher in the new year of our Republic, let us remember that in Unity lies our strength and it is only through Unity that we can achieve our cherished goal of peace and prosperity.

All together, let us rededicate ourselves to the task ahead, to be

One Great Country, One Great People



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