APPENDIX -VII

Bharatiya Kisan Sangh

Concluding Resolution No. 4
By Maganbhai Patel Pradesh Secretary

Subject: A brief evaluation on the Resolutions passed at 5th Regional conference.

The 5th Regional conference of Bhartiya Kishan Sangh Gujarat Pradesh was held at Gandhinagar during 1999 January 10 to 12.

The Conference passed unanimously 6 resolutions on the various subject relating to the situation prevailing in the state and the country. It is essential to evaluate briefly, for the action taken and progress achieved during last three years since the last conference. It will be helpful for proper guidance and movement towards the goal, in future.

Resolution No. 1 Swadeshi Movement
We have resolved that a total support is extended for Swadeshi Movement by the farmers from Gujarat. Accordingly the boycott is continued against the Products of Multinationals Foreign Companies. Government is also being asked to come out of the vicious circle.

The organization had arranged a Farmers Rally and a National Farmers Rally. Guidelines and directions were provided for the workforce at all levels in the state. Peoples awareness programme were also organized by signature campaigning. The sale of product of Multinationals could be controlled in the villages but there is no much impact in the cities. During the years under review the quantitative controls were lifted on 1429 Products. The productions from other countries like China and Western Countries are being dumped in Indian Market. They government has taken very scattered step here and there, but as an organization we feel that such steps are inadequate. We still insist for stern steps on the regulations by the govt.
Resolution No. 2  
**Patent Act**

Under the patent Act resolution, it was resolved to request the central govt. for withdrawing the patent Bill from the Parliament urgently.

To oppose the bill, under the auspice of Swadeshi Jagran, our organization has actively participated at a very big Rally in Delhi and extended full cooperation. About 60 vehicles with 3800 workers participated from our Region. Respected Dattopant Thengadi addressed the gatherings.

It is to be noted with grief that despite the bitter opposition by all of us the government passed the Bill and enacted the law under the pressure from W.T.O. At this stage, it is required to be clarified that over the issue of W.T.O. government as well as main opposition party are on the same wavelength. Therefore the responsibilities of non-allied, non-political and nationalist organizations like ours, are intensive, serious and somewhat mandatory. The responsibility for the workforce, at every stage of action, has increased tremendously. We are required to work hard with speed and acuteness.

Resolution No. 3  
**Prohibition on slaughter of Cow pedigree**

Under this resolution our feelings were expressed to the state as well as central govt. for (implementing) enactment of the Law, prohibiting the slaughter of cow pedigree, in total.

Central govt. also expressed the intention for declaring the cow as a 'National Animal'. It was demanded to close down all the slaughter houses, private and mechanical, with immediate effect. Till date there is no specific information for concrete action in the matter, taken by the central govt.

Only a 'Board of Animal Welfare' is set up. The state govt. in this respect moved ahead by one good step. A separate commission "Gau Seva Ayog" is setup by providing it a separate office and independent functioning. Shri Chinubhai Patel, a renowned "Gau Bhakt" is the chairman for the Ayog. He took over very actively and performed very well for establishing the importance of cow in the society. The Five by Products like Milk, Ghee, Chhas, Dung and Urine are popularized as medicines for various diseases. The Publicity materials to glorify their use are also circulated.
The transportation Department of the State has issued directives and circulars for taking stern action against transportation for the illegal slaughtering of the Animals. Unless the Laws, as per our requirement and wish, are made applicable, the present provisions to prevent such slaughtering will remain inadequate. Both the govt. should take fast action over this issue.

Resolution No. 4  Remunerative Price for Agricultural Produce
For this resolution it was suggested by us to the state as well as central govt. for setting up a new arrangement, after making appropriate changes in the prices. The State Government was asked to forward their recommendation by the Central Government. The State Government has already complied with. It was heard, about setting up of "Rajya Khet Nirdharan Fund". (State Agriculture ascertainment Fund) However there is no information regarding any action taken by the State Government.

There is tremendous unrest among the farmers on the issue of Agricultural prices. The situation is very explosive and emotions are acute. The agreement for W.T.O. has created miserable position for the farmers. They find themselves undecided, over the issue. Therefore it is time to take proper and prompt steps, by the government in the overall interest of the farmers. The farmers are ruined and desperate, day by day the psychology "to leave the farming" is spreading like a campaign. The young generation of the farmers is unwilling to continue the traditional occupation of his farmer- father. We, again solicit for taking extensive and exclusive steps, by both the govt.

Resolution No. 5  Provisions for Legal Actions against Crop-spoiling and Farm theft
The resolution was passed for very serious subject. The state govt. was requested to enact a stern Law. The offence should be made Registerable with compulsion. It should also be made non-bailable and provisions for heavy penalty and stern punishment should be enacted.

We state with sorrow that the state govt. till date has not taken any action for it. We do not find its intention for it. We occasionally had written reminders to Home Minister over this issue. It is very strange that such a serious problem still remains unattended, despite repeated reminders. We understand the negative approach taken by the officials but representative of the people should not ignore such issues.
We, once again remind them by writing a letter but be prepared for the agitation.

Resolution No. 6  **Consolidation and compilation of Laws relating to Agricultural Land**

Through this resolution we had demanded for evaluation of laws, under which the obsolete Laws are to be discarded and useful Acts are to be consolidated. An extensive law with simple language should be drafted.

There is a partial progress on this issue. The State Legal Commission reported for discarding 41 Acts (laws) out of which govt. has responded positively. 19 Revenue Acts are cancelled due to such cancellation the farmers will be benefited. Still more is to be done, the procedures are still in progress.

Here, we tried to brief about the 6 resolution passed and the action taken and progress achieved. We solicit the cooperation and constructive support to carry out the organizational activities for the welfare of the entire farmers community.