MANIFESTO OF THE KRISHAK PROJA SAMITI

1. Full responsible Government for India with adequate and effective safeguards for Mussalmans and with that in view work for the immediate replacement of the present Provincial Constitution and the proposed Central Constitution by Democratic full Self Government.

2. To protect and advance the political and religious and other rights and interests of the Indian Mussalmans.

3. To promote friendship and union between the Mussalmans and other communities of India.

4. To maintain and strengthen brotherly relations between the Mussalmans of India and those of other countries.

5. Abolition of the present Zemindari System (Permanent Settlement) which is highly detrimental to the interest of the people at large by legal and constitutional means.

PROGRAMME

1. To protect the religious rights of the Mussalmans. In all matters of purely religious character due weight shall be given to the opinions of Jamait-ul-Ulema Hind and the Mujahids.

2. To make every effort to secure the repeal of all repressive laws, e.g. the Bengal Criminal Law Amendment Act, the Public Security Act etc.

3. To resist all measures which are detrimental to the interest of Bengal and of India, which encroach on the fundamental
liberties of the people and lead to economic exploitation of the country.

4. To reduce heavy cost of the provincial administrative machinery and allocate substantial funds for the nation-building departments.

5. To encourage development of industries including cottage industries through (a) immediate steps for the fixing up of a minimum price for jute, (b) the organisation of marketing and sale of local commodities on a provincial scale, (c) the adoption of Indian products to be used for all Government purposes and (d) the provision of loans, against the security of the Government for the expansion of large scale and heavy industries.

6. To regulate currency, exchange and prices in the interest of 'the economic development of the country'.

7. To stand for the social, educational and economical uplift of the rural population, e.g. State provision and control of public utilities and social welfare services.

8. To sponsor measures for the relief of agricultural indebted mass by raising loans, if necessary.

9. To make elementary education free and compulsory immediately without the imposition of any fresh tax or cess on the tenantry.

10. To protect and promote Urdu language and script but with proper safeguards for the 'development of the vernacular'.
11. To devise measures for the amelioration of the general conditions of the Mussalmans specially of Bengal.

12. To take steps to reduce the heavy burden of taxation, particularly on the poor.

13. To create a healthy public opinion and general political consciousness throughout the country.

14. Thorough overhauling of the Bengal Tenancy Act in the interest of agriculturists ensuring the vesting of proprietary rights in the tillers of the soil and including, (i) the abolition of the Zemindars' right of 'nazar' and 'salamy' right of pre-emption, (ii) Tenants' right of mutation of name without additional payment, (iii) Reduction of rate of rent.

15. To take adequate and effective measures against illegal exactions by the Zemindars, money-lenders and their representatives.

16. To take steps for securing from the Government of India the entire amount realised on account of the duty on jute and to earmark the amount for expenditure on the improvement of agriculture and rural sanitation.

17. To adopt measures for the improvement of agriculture and cattle.

18. To provide for adequate water supply in villages.

19. To resuscitate the dead and dying rivers of Bengal.

20. To take steps for the adequate representation of Muslims and the Scheduled Castes in the Services with a view to ensuring
justice to all the communities.

21. To derive ways and means for the solution of the unemployment problem.

22. To introduce measures for the amelioration of the condition of labourers by the provisions of minimum wages, and control of the condition of sanitation and housing.