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VOTE OF THANKS

By

SHRI B. D. JATTI

Chief Minister

Government of Mysore

I am happy and proud to have the privilege of proposing this vote of thanks to our beloved Prime Minister, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, for his inspiring address inaugurating the Conference. In doing so, I must first say how grateful and happy all of us in Mysore State feel because Mysore has been chosen as the venue of this great Conference. It is for us the most memorable occasion. For us, in this part of the world, agriculture is tremendously important. The two Five-Year Plans bear ample evidence of the immense importance we attach to secure the maximum possible increase of agricultural production. But in the attainment of this end as well as of other ends, we have striven to be particular about the means employed. In every one of these projects we have undertaken, emphasis has been laid upon the willing and enthusiastic co-operation of the people, and this co-operation, I am happy to say, is forthcoming in abundant measure. We firmly believe that Indian agriculture will not for long remain backward. Our agricultural scientists have been busy and our extension workers are now geared to a supreme effort. The role of agricultural economists is indeed vital in this context of our development. A sober economic assessment of our endeavour is indeed an indispensable necessity for purposeful agricultural planning. We in Mysore are trying to forge ahead with our programme for food production, intensifying efforts where necessary and bringing in fresh lands under cultivation wherever possible. As a result of the fervent appeal by our Prime Minister who is concerned with an insight into our agricultural problems which are too well known to need repetition, the Government of India have asked the States to carry out a drive for increased food production in the next *rabi* season. We have drawn our plans and work is already under way towards the implementation of this special programme. The holding of this Conference in this city will encourage and help us in our efforts.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I should not wish to detain you any longer except to say that on behalf of you all and on behalf of myself, we are most deeply indebted to Shri Jawaharlal Nehru for having found time amidst his pre-occupations of State to come to Mysore and to inaugurate this Conference. The valuable and thought-provoking ideas he has put before us in his illuminating address will, I am sure, serve to guide and inspire the deliberations of this Conference.

Jai Hind.



Conference Hall — Lalitha Mahal, Mysore