

## **SHRI NARAYAN BHAI CHAWDA – A PROGRESIVE FARMER WITH MULTI-FERROUS INTELLECT**

### **Success in Rice production :**

Shri Narayan Bhai Chawda of village-Gomchi under Dharsiwa block of Raipur district have been declared recently as first prize winner in **All India Rice Production Competition, 1976-77**. Shri Chawda has been honoured by Krishi Pandit Award and a cash amount of Rs. 3,000/-.

### **Successful Vegetable Grower :**

The success story of Shri Chawda is given in his own version. Before this Shri Chawda has earned third prize of state level rice crop competition during the year 1974-75. Shri Chawda is a young Agricultural graduate. He did his graduation in 1964. Thirty-six years old Shri Chawda started agriculture as a producer of vegetable. He is also famous as a successful vegetable producer. He earned Champion Shield three times in annual competition organized by Local Horticultural Society. He started cultivation of rice only five years before. Shri Chawda says if there had not been high yielding dwarf varieties of rice, he might not have involved himself in rice cultivation. He says that local tall varieties cannot be profitable from economic point of view. About shifting from vegetable cultivation to rice cultivation Shri Chawda told that vegetable cultivation has problem of heavy infestation of insect pest and diseases and despite taking all care often it leads to loss. According to Shri Chawda agriculture is not only a source of livelihood but also a business.

### **Research Worker :**

To adopt scientific view in agriculture is most important aspect of Shri Chawda's personality. Besides being agriculture graduate, he eagerly wants to know about new development in agriculture and tries to bring them to his fields. Shri Chawda himself has developed annual cropping sequence for his fields by doing trials. At present he takes rice in kharif, potatoes in Rabi and bazra during summers. Shri Chawda told that duration of

winter in Chhattisgarh is very limited. Anupama variety of rice and Mausami Green variety of beans was found better under trials.

**Chairman of Seed Producers Association :**

Shri Chawda has succeeded in cultivation of Green Madhu and Punjab Golden varieties of muskmelon in a large scale by bringing seed of these varieties from Punjab. He also takes improved variety of Watermelon Ashai Chapati.

His experience is that when Farm Yard Manure is used with chemical fertilizers, the fertility of soil is not badly affected. Being a progressive farmer Shri Chawda is related with Agriculture Department, Agricultural University and many institutions working as farmer's beneficiary. At present being Chairman of Naveen Beej Utpadak Sahakari Samiti, he devotes his maximum time in programs of Samiti to enforce it.

Because of multi-ferrous intellect of Shri Chawda Agricultural Department has honoured him as Chief Guest of state level rice workshop during 1976.

**Story of success as told by Narayan Bhai :**

The main profession of my family is agriculture. Since childhood, I have remained intended towards agriculture. After doing graduation from agriculture I started cultivation after purchasing 10 hectares of land in village – Gomchi, block – Dharsiwa, district – Raipur on the banks of river Kharun. Village – Ghomchi is situated approximately 18 kms away from Raipur city. The land had many ups and downs being totally unlevelled. In 1967, the fields were leveled and prepared for rice cultivation; every field having 2000 sq meter area, neither less nor more. For irrigation electric motor pumps as fitted on the river and with facilities of lifting the water, pakka channels were prepared connecting each field. The land is having sandy clay loam soil. I decided to adopt modern scientific technology of agriculture in cultivation after developing irrigation facility and leveling of fields. I have paid study visits of almost all research institutions of India. Under the auspices of Bharat Krishak Samaj, I visited Japan also. I have very cordial relations with agriculture department of Raipur district. It is their inspiration that I do farming on the basis of findings developed on the research Institutes. Agriculture needs dedication and hard work with availability of necessary facilities.