

We have a very large collection of plants under the Plant Introduction Scheme. But are we doing anything to try and meet the need for a quick growing catch crop, especially one, which will be able to complete its life cycle between harvesting of the rabi crop and the sowing of the kharif or vice versa ? I suggest we should immediately make a collection of all likely types, especially plants like Chinna. In the U.P., they have found a very early mung type of Chinna. Have we anything like this ? When collecting seeds enough should be obtained so that a trial may be made immediately.

Hd.B. and Mr. Singh may please discuss.

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may please ask Mr. H.B.Singh to mix together small seed samples of all the plants in his collection and to sow half of it during winter and half during kharif in plot No. 13, where the bad alkaline patches have appeared. This will enable us to see which species, if any, can grow under those conditions.

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Reference our discussion of the other day when Mr. H.B.Singh was also present. I think in the case of vegetables like brinjals and lady's fingers, where we have been studying collections for more than seven or eight years, I think it is time that we found out which one or two ~~xxx~~ were worth "pushing" out. This will be very useful for our intensive cultivation work and I suggest that proper trials may be conducted during the coming season if further trials are necessary.

I had suggested some months ago that we should also pick out from the existing maize varieties some thing suitable for cultivation in Delhi. I hope Dr.Murty has been able to come to some conclusion and to multiply the seeds.

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Along the G.I.P. Railway line to Mathura, there are enormous quantities of Xanthium etc. Can we do experiments there, or alternatively infest a field here?

This would give a striking demonstration of control of weeds.

Sd/ B.P.Pal.

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