

tion is equal in all the four corners, then the farmer who has such a harvest will suffer some evil, like some one will be sick or some one in the family may die.

Species of paddy: *Khera*

In the month of *Jestha* (May/June), the seeds are sown, and in the month of *Asadh* (June/July), the rice saplings are planted, and in the month of *Mangsir* (November/December), the paddy is harvested. As the level of water is less, the paddy needs to be weeded. It can also be given fertilizers. I had personally used three kilos of urea and 2.5 of DAP in the paddy fields. As the paddy grains have *tunda* there is less possibility of disease and pest problems. But this year, the paddy was infested with both disease and pests, and I had to use the pesticides called *chelamin* and *metacid*. After taking all these measures, the harvest was three *maund* (120 kilos) per each *katha* of land.

This variety of rice is important from a religious point of view. In the worship of our family God, *Gobin Maharaj*, this variety of rice is absolutely needed and no other variety will do. The cooked rice from this species is equally delicious. From the rice straws, the floor mats are made and even the cattle have a special preference for this type of rice straw. This variety needs less fertilizer.

