

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## Name

*The name of the Society shall be*

**“INDIAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS”**

## *Objects*

The objects of the Society shall be to promote the study of and research in statistics and applications thereof to agriculture, Animal Husbandary, Agricultural Economics and allied subjects, by :

- (a) holding conferences, seminars, symposia for the discussion of these subjects ;
- (b) organising lectures and courses ;
- (c) publishing Journal, proceedings of seminars and conferences, summaries, monographs and books devoted to these subjects ;
- (d) cooperating with other institutions having similar objectives ;
- (e) securing and managing funds for the furtherance of the Society's objects ;
- (f) undertaking, organising and co-ordinating research in problems of agricultural statistics and maintaining a research unit for the purpose ;
- (g) providing financial and other assistance to research workers ; and
- (h) taking such other actions as are calculated to assist and promote the objectives of the Society.

## *Membership*

The membership of the Society shall be open to all persons and institutions interested in the objectives of the Society. It will consist of :

- (a) Patrons
- (b) Life-members
- (c) Ordinary members

(d) Permanent Institutional members

(e) Ordinary Institutional members

(f) Honorary members and

(g) Student members

(a) Any person making a lump-sum contribution of Rs. 5,000.00 or more will be a patron, subject to the approval of the Executive Council named hereafter. Patrons shall have all the rights and privileges of ordinary members during their life-time.

(b & c) Candidates for life membership or ordinary membership shall be nominated by any two members (life or ordinary) of the Society and be admitted to membership on paying the prescribed fee and their names being approved by the Executive Council.

(d & e) Institutions wishing to become members should apply to the Secretary along with the membership fee. They will be enrolled after the approval of the Executive Council.

(f) Eminent persons interested in the objects of the Society shall be recommended by the Executive Council for Honorary membership and elected as such at a meeting of the General Body of the Society by a majority of at least four-fifths of the members present and voting at the meeting.

(g) Student membership will be open only to bonafide students enrolled at recognised institutions and possessing a bachelor degree of a recognised university. The annual rate of subscription for student membership will be half of the rate prescribed for an ordinary member. An application for student membership in the prescribed form obtainable from the Secretary of the Society should be accompanied by a certificate from the head of the Institution where the student is enrolled, testifying that he is a bonafide student of the Institution. Membership is renewable every year and student member should furnish a certificate from the head of the Institution testifying that he is a student at the time of renewal. A student member will not enjoy voting right but will enjoy all other

facilities like ordinary members. Such a member will also not hold any office of the Society. Ordinary membership cannot be converted into a student membership.

### *Subscription*

The rates of subscription for various categories of members will be as follows :

<i>Life membership</i>	Rs.400.00 (Inland) U.S. \$ 100.00 (Foreign) or equivalent
<i>Ordinary membership</i>	Rs. 40.00 per annum (Inland) U.S. \$ 10.00 (Foreign) or equivalent
<i>Permanent membership</i>	Rs. 1000.00 (Inland) U.S. \$ 250.00 (Foreign) or equivalent
<i>Ordinary Institution membership</i>	Rs. 75.00 per annum (Inland) U.S. \$ 24.00 (Foreign) or equivalent
<i>Subscribers to Journal</i>	Rs. 75.00 per volume (Inland) U.S. \$ 24.00 (Foreign) or equivalent

Student membership : half the rate for ordinary individual membership.

Besides the subscription, enrolment fee for Rs. 10.00 will have to be paid by everyone enrolling as ordinary student member.

Life membership fee may be paid in 2 or 3 instalments within the year of enrolment as member, *i.e.* from 1st January to 31 December.

Any ordinary member of the Society may convert his membership into a life membership on payment of a composition fee which will be calculated as follows :

For members in India : Rs. 400.00 minus a rebate of 50% of the subscription already paid subject to a maximum of Rs. 160.00. Thus maximum composition fee will be Rs. 240.00.

For foreign members \$ 100.00 (U.S.) or its equivalent minus a rebate of 50% for every year's subscription already paid subject to a maximum of \$ 40.00. Thus minimum composition fee will be \$ 60.00.

Only those members will be entitled to the benefit of conversion who have made upto date payment towards their ordinary membership fee.

If the subscription is sent by cheque, the collection charges should be added to the amount of the cheque. When sent by M.O., the M.O. commission should not be deducted from the amount of subscription.

The membership may cease if the subscription is in arrears for two years. During this period the members will continue to be treated as members but, issues of the Journal may not be sent to such members for the period for which membership fee has not been paid. Should a defaulting member wish to re-enroll, he may do so as a new member provided.

(a) he pays arrears for one year, or

(b) he becomes a life member by paying the full fee (Rs. 400.00) notwithstanding any past payments made.

#### *Privileges of Members*

Ordinary members will have the right to vote at all meetings of the Society and will also have the right to propose candidates for admission to the Society. They will be entitled, provided that their subscription is not in arrears to the Journal of the Society.

Life members will have the right to vote at all meetings of the Society, to propose candidates for admission to the Society and shall be entitled to receive the Journal of the Society.

Member Institutions shall be entitled to send one or more representative to the Conferences and meetings. However, only one representative authorised by the Institution shall exercise the privileges of an ordinary member of the Society.

Honorary members shall enjoy all the privileges of ordinary members without having to pay the subscription.

#### *Executive Council*

There shall be an Executive Council which shall carry on the affairs of the Society. It will consist of a President, an Executive President, a Sessional President two or more Vice-Presidents, an Honorary Secretary, two or more Honorary Joint Secretaries, an Honorary Treasurer and nine members elected by the General Body.

The Secretary, the Joint Secretaries and the Treasurer shall be elected from the place where the headquarters of the Society are located.

The members of the Executive Council shall be elected every year.

The Secretary and the Joint Secretaries shall be responsible for recording the proceedings of the General Body Meeting of the Society and of the Council and for conducting the business of the Society.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall keep accounts, shall receive and disburse money and operate accounts of the society in the bank on behalf of the Society according to the directions of the Council.

The financial year of the Society shall begin on the first of April, each year.

#### *Meetings of the Society and Election of Office-Bearers*

The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held at the time and place to be fixed by the Executive Council. Not less than one month's notice for these meetings shall be given to members and institutions. Extraordinary General Meetings of the Society may be convened by the President or Executive President on the recommendation of the Executive Council or on requisition sent by one-third of the number of members on the rolls. All elections to the Executive Council shall take place at the Annual General Meeting of the society, the interim vacancies being filled up by the Executive Council.

The accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by a professional auditor appointed by the General Body.

#### *Meetings of the Council, Committees, etc.*

The meetings of the Council shall be held periodically at the discretion of the President, Executive President, or Vice-Presidents or at the request of one third of the members of the Council. Six members shall form a quorum.

#### *Society's Journal*

The Society shall publish a Journal. Its Editorial Board will be appointed by the Executive Council. A member of the Editorial Board need not necessarily be a member of the Executive Council

*Withdrawal or Removal of Members*

A member may withdraw from the Society by signifying his desire to do so in a letter addressed to the Secretary. The Society, however, shall not be liable to return any fee that may have been paid by the member in advance.

A member who has withdrawn and whose subscription is not in arrears shall automatically recover the privileges of membership without re-enrolment, if he rejoins the Society within a year of withdrawal. He shall be liable to pay all dues as if he had not withdrawn at all.

The Council shall have the power to remove any member of the Society from its rolls.

*Amendment to the Rules*

The above Rules may be amended at any Annual General Meeting or at any Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society called for the purpose, by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

A proposal for the amendment of these Rules may be made either by the Council or by any member. It must reach the Secretary in writing in time for circulation to all members of the Society at least one month before the annual or extra-ordinary general meeting.

The Council may, with the sanction of the Society, frame or alter bye-laws for the working of the Society not inconsistent with the Rules.

*Head-quarters*

The headquarters of the Society shall be at New Delhi.