

REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INDIAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1973-74

The Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics, founded in 1947 is a scientific body, the aims of which are to promote research in Statistical theory and its applications to agriculture, animal husbandry, agricultural economics and allied fields. The membership of the Society is drawn from all parts of India as well as from abroad and extends over agricultural departments, institutions and Universities besides agricultural statisticians, economists and other workers interested in the development of statistics. In addition to its regular membership, the Society is maintaining an additional mailing list of subscribers to the journal. The Society continues to supply its publication free of charge to the national libraries. In order to enable bonafide students to get the benefit of the Society's activities and publications, provision has been made to enrol student members at a reduced rate of membership fee. The Society's membership during the year 1973-74 was 280 and the number of subscribers to its journal was 250.

The Society publishes a scientific journal every year and so far has published 26 Volumes. The Hindi supplement continues to be a feature of the journal. Its high standard has been maintained due to the efforts of the Editorial board. The members of the present editorial board are Dr. V.S. Huzurbazar, Prof. A.R. Kamat, Dr. B.D. Tikkiwal, Dr. D. Singh, Dr. M.N. Das, and Dr. Prem Narain. The Society is thankful to the Editorial board. One of the important publications of the Society is "Sampling Theory of Surveys with Applications," by Dr. P.V. Sukhatme. All the copies of the revised edition by Dr. P.V. Sukhatme and Dr. B.V. Sukhatme have been sold. It has been decided to bring out second revised edition of this important publication as it is in great demand. This book has also been translated in foreign languages. Some of the ad hoc publications of the Society are "Contributions in Statistics and Agricultural Sciences", Symposia volume containing the papers presented at the symposia on 'Measurement of Green Revolution' and 'Statistical Assessment of Intensive Cattle Development Programme'. Another important publication entitled "Statistical Methods for Animal Sciences" is being released very shortly.

The research unit set up in the Society continues to work for research and development of agricultural statistics in the country. The studies undertaken earlier by this unit are "Intercensal estimates of livestock numbers", "Trend in growth of bovine, other livestock and poultry population of India", "Studies on the yield rates of high yielding varieties of major cereal crops", "Optimum fertilizer doses for cereals and grain to straw ratio" and "Investigations into the statistical base for planning for the development of livestock in India". The Society is thankful to the Research Direction Committee which is guiding the research activities of the Society.

The problem of finance for scientific activities of the Society and printing of journals could be solved to certain extent through grants in aid received from the central and state Governments and other organisations. The Society wishes to acknowledge gratefully the financial assistance received from the Government of India, Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Government of Maharashtra. The Society is particularly grateful to Shri Ram Saran, Economic and Statistical Advisor to the Government of India for his keen interest in the development and continuation of the research unit of the Society.

The Society organises its conference annually in different parts of the country. The last (27th) Conference of the Society was held from 25th to 28th April, 1974 in New Delhi along with the 1st Annual Conference of Agricultural Research Statisticians which was organised by the Institute of Agricultural Research Statistics. It was inaugurated by Shri A.P. Shinde, Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of India and was presided over by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Director General, I.C.A.R. Prof. S. Chakravarty, Member, Planning Commission gave 'Technical Address' on 'Population and Economic Development'. The symposia on (1) Prices of Agricultural Products and (2) Recent Developments in Sample Survey Techniques were organised during the conference. Shri S.C. Choudhri, Chief of National Sample Survey Organisation, Government of India and Prof. A.R. Kamat, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Poona presided over these two symposia respectively. A popular lecture is organised every year in memory of Late Dr. Rajendra Prasad who was the founder president of the Society. This memorial lecture was delivered at the last conference by Shri S.C. Choudhri and the topic of his lecture was "Towards Anatomy of Unemployment". Prof. M.V. Mathur, Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi presided over the Memorial lecture. There were Technical sessions for presentation of contributed research papers. During the last Conference another lecture in memory of

late Dr. Panse was also organised. This lecture was delivered by Prof. V.K.R.V. Rao, Director, Institute for Social & Economic Change, Bangalore. The topic of his lecture was "New Challenges before Indian Agriculture" and it was presided over by Dr. P.V. Sukhatme.

The railway authorities, as in the past, gave concession to the members of the Society and delegates attending the conference of the Society in Delhi. The Society records its grateful thanks to the railway authorities.

A statement of audited accounts of the Society for the year 1973-74 has been prepared. The audit has been carried out by a professional auditor as usual. In the Research unit of the Society the expenditure incurred during the year (ending March, 1974) was Rs. 38,269.22 as against the grant of Rs. 36,492.35 received from the Govt. of India. The deficit will be met by the Ministry during the current year. The income and expenditure account of the Society for the year ending 30th June, 1974 showed an amount of Rs. 1,480.38 in excess of income over expenditure. Similarly in the journal account of the Society there was surplus of Rs. 2,196.55 during the year.

The work of the Society during the year was made possible through the active help of the members of the Executive Council of the Society and the Editorial Board. The Society is also thankful to Dr. B.B.P.S. Goel for the help in preparing the Hindi supplement of the journal. In the end I have to thank the staff of the Society for their devoted work.

The Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics, New Delhi
Income and Expenditure Account (Journal) for the Year Ending 30th June, 1974

<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Current Year.</i>		<i>Income</i>	<i>Current Year</i>	
	<i>Rs.</i>	<i>Ps.</i>		<i>Rs.</i>	<i>Ps.</i>
To Opening Stock.	7,885.06		By Subscription for Journal.	8,426.12	
To Printing Charges.	11,785.80		By Sales of Back Volumes and arrears of Subscription realised.	5,227.98	
To Staff Salaries (Proportionate).	2,767.88		<i>By Grants-in-Aid.</i>		
To Other Expenses (Proportionate).	2,067.63		I.C.A.R., Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.	5,000.00	
To Surplus transferred to Balance Sheet.	2,196.55		Maharashtra Government.	1,000.00	
			<i>By Closing Stock (At cost and as certified by the Secretary).</i>	7,048.82	
	26,702.92			26,702.92	

64, Regal Buildings,
 New Delhi-110001.
 Dated : November 11, 1974.

Subject to our report of even date.
 For C.S. Bhatnagar & Co.,
 Sd/-
 (C.S. BHATNAGAR)
 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT.

The Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics, New Delhi
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ending 30th June, 1974

Expenditure	Current Year		Income	Current Year	
	Rs.	Ps.		Rs.	Ps.
To Salaries.	3,690.50		By Life Membership Fees.		100.00
Less: Transferred to Journal Account	2,767.88	922.62	By Ordinary Membership Fees.		5,222.00
<i>To Other Expenses.</i>			By Interest on S.B. Account.		645.17
Postage.	1,302.60		By Interest on Fixed Deposits.		3,481.52
Printing & Stationery.	388.83		By Miscellaneous Income.		135.35
Bank Charges.	61.75		By Conference Registration Fees.		310.00
Conveyance Expenses.	187.90		By Income from Advertisement (Souvenir)		3,700.00
General Charges.	265.89		By Grant from I.C.A.R. for Symposia papers adjusted.		3,000.00
Cycle Repairs & Expenses.	25.30		<i>By Stock in hand or Symposia Volumes (At token value)</i>		1.00
Audit Fees.	450.00				
Entertainment Expenses.	40.90				
	2,723.17				
Less: Transferred to Journal A/c. 75%	2,067.63	655.54			
<i>To Annual Conference & Silver Jubilee Expenses.</i>					
Conference Expenses.		6,974.90			
Silver Jubilee Expenses.		—			
To Loss due to theft of Cycle.		—			
To Loss on sale of Panses Book.		118.20			
To printing charges of symposia Volumes and papers.		6,282.00			
<i>To Depreciation w/off.</i>					
Furniture. 10 %	75.40				
Cooler. 15 %	86.00	161.40			
To Excess of Income over Expenditure % to General Reserve.		1,480.38			
		16,595.04			16,595.04

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The Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics, New Delhi
(Research Unit)
Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st March, 1974

<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Current Year</i>		<i>Income</i>	<i>Current Year</i>	
	Rs.	Ps.		Rs.	Ps.
To Establishment.	31,333.82				
To Office Rent.	6,000.00				
To Printing Charges of Research papers.	702.00		By Grant-in-Aid received from Govt. of India, Ministry of Food & Agriculture.	34,000.00	
To General Charges.	314.07				
To Stationery & Printing.	525.48		By Credits w/off.		220.00
To Staff Conveyance, T.A. etc.	—				
To Audit Fees.	300.00		By Excess of Expenditure over Income c/o to Balance Sheet.		6,801.37
To Electric Charges.	211.40				
To Telephone Bill.	672.00	40,058.77			
To Conference and Symposium.		—			
To Silver Jubilee Expenses.		—			
<i>To Depreciation w/off.</i>					
Furniture.	165.00				
Duplicator.	105.00				
Calculator.	410.00				
Wall Clock.	32.00				
Typewriter.	206.00				
Cycle.	44.60	962.60			
To Surplus for the year c/o to Balance Sheet.		—			
		41,021.37			41,021.37

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New Delhi-110001,
Dated : 29.10.74.

Checked and certified correct in accordance with the books,
vouchers and informations supplied to us.

For C.S. Bhatnagar & Co.,

Sd/-

(C.S. BHATNAGAR)

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT.

Re : Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics (Research Unit)
New Delhi.

*Utilisation Certificate of Grant-in-Aid Sanctioned by the
Ministry of Food & Agriculture vide their letter
No. 2-15/66/Econ dated 26.7.1966.*

Subject to the remark made hereunder we certify that the Government Grant of Rs. 34,000/- detailed as under for conducting Research Work in Statistics has been utilised to the extent shown hereunder as per conditions mentioned in the letter of Ministry of Food & Agriculture dated 26.7.1966 and for the payments it was sanctioned.

(A) As against the revised budget submitted for Rs. 46,421.16 the Grant of Rs. 34,000/- was sanctioned and received as under :—

(i) 9.5.73	Rs. 6,000.00
(ii) 19.7.73	Rs. 13,000.00
(iii) 19.12.73	Rs. 15,000.00
	<u>Rs. 34,000.00</u>

Add : Unspent amount with the Society as on 31.3.73.	Rs. 2,492.35
	<u>Rs. 36,492.35</u>

(B) The total expenditure incurred by the Society is summarised as under :—

Total expenditure as per Income & Expenditure Account.	Rs. 40,058.77
Less : Expenses debited but not paid till 31st March, 1974.	Rs. 3,097.15
	<u>Rs. 36,961.62</u>
Add : Expenses payable last year but paid during the year.	Rs. 1,307.60
	<u>Rs. 38,269.22</u>

(C) *Deficit for the year ended 31.3.1974 Rs. 1,776.87.*

(Rs. 38,269.22 less Rs. 36,492.35)

(Payments less Receipts)

Note :— The abstract of Research Unit papers read in the conference were published in volume XXV(I) of June, 1973 and hence the cost of 26 pages at Rs. 27/- amounting to Rs. 702/- has been debited to this account. Note regarding this contingent liability was made in our last years certificate.

For C.S. Bhatnagar & Co.,

Sd/-

(C.S. BHATNAGAR)

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