

EDITORIAL NOTE

The Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics, a scientific body, was founded on January 3, 1947 for promoting and undertaking research in statistics and for its application to agriculture, animal husbandry, fishery, agricultural economics and allied fields. Late Dr. Rajendra Prasad (the then Minister of Agriculture, Government of India and later President of Republic of India) and Late Prof. P.V. Sukhatme were the First President and the First Secretary of the Society respectively. The Society has attained its present status due to untiring efforts as well as guidance of its Presidents in the past and present and particularly of the eminent statisticians Late Prof. P.V. Sukhatme and Late Dr. V.G. Panse.

Prof. P.V. Sukhatme as a founder of the Society, devoted a great deal of his time and energy to the popularization of statistical methods among the practitioners of agricultural, veterinary and related sciences. The Society owes him a lot for his continued guidance as well as for shouldering the responsibility of its Presidentship during 1991 and Executive Presidentship since 1970 till his demise on 28 January 1997. For perpetuating the memory of Prof. P.V. Sukhatme, the Executive Council of the Society decided to bring out a memorial volume containing invited articles from eminent persons from India and abroad on topics connected with his ideology such as agricultural statistics, genetics, nutrition, poverty, yoga etc. The volume is being published as issues No. 2 and 3 of the 51st Volume of the Journal of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics.

In order to solicit original articles of sufficiently high standard, the Society approached eminent statisticians and allied scientists both from India and abroad for contribution to this memorial volume. In response to our request, 29 articles were received and edited by a duly constituted Editorial Committee set up for this purpose. The Committee received necessary advice and support from the Chairman of the Editorial Board. The articles cover diverse areas including nutrition, genetics, poverty, agriculture, agricultural statistics, sampling theory and statistical inference.

We express our deep sense of gratitude to all the contributors. We are particularly grateful to Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Sukhatme, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, USA for providing with a complete list of publications of Prof. P.V. Sukhatme which has been included in this Volume. We are grateful to Shri S.C. Rai for preparing the Hindi Supplement of the articles. Thanks are also due to the Secretariat of the Society for their hard and devoted work. We thank M/s Computer Corner for bringing out this Volume in time.

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