

# INDIAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE  
YEAR 1966-67

On behalf of the Council of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics, I have great pleasure in presenting the report of the activities of the Society for the year ending 30th June, 1967. The Society's membership during the year was 217. Six of the members are Honorary members, seven patrons, 62 life members and 142 ordinary members. The membership is drawn from all parts of India as well as from abroad and extends over agricultural, and other Government departments, institutions and universities besides agricultural statisticians and other workers interested in the development of statistics. In addition to its regular membership, the society is maintaining a list of subscribers to its journal which includes important research institutions in India and abroad. The number of foreign and Indian subscribers was 193 during the year.

As regards the publication programme of the Society, No. 1 of the current year's Vol. 19 (1967) has already been published. The second number of the volume has also been printed and is under issue. The publication of the journal has been brought thus upto date with the co-operation of M/s. R.K. Printers, Delhi. The Society hopes that it will continue to maintain timely publication of its journal. With the high standard that the journal maintains through the efforts of its editors and contributors, the Society continues to receive frequent requests for the exchange of the journal with the publications of similar renowned institutions throughout the world. But the Council of the Society confines this exchange to a limited number of carefully selected publications. There are at present 22 journals which are received in exchange and are kept at the library of the Institute of Agricultural Research Statistics, Library Avenue, New Delhi-12 and are available to the members of the Society.

The Hindi supplement continues to be a feature of the journal. This represents an attempt on the part of the Society at precise

expression of the scientific discussion on the subject of statistics in the national language.

The problem of adequate finances for scientific activities of the Society and printing of the journal continues to receive the attention of the Executive Council of the Society. The cost of printing such a technical journal being high, its publication is sustained mainly through the grants-in-aid received from the Central and State Governments and other national organisations. During the year under report grants were received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Maharashtra, Gujarat and the National Institute of Sciences of India. The Society wishes to acknowledge gratefully the financial assistance received from these organisations.

The Society's publication on "Sampling Theory of Surveys with Applications" by Dr. P.V. Sukhatme continues to be well received. This important book on sampling theory has been revised and will be published soon jointly by the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics and Asia Publishing House. The price of the revised edition of the book is likely to be high. We are however glad to inform that the Government of India have agreed to sanction a suitable amount to the Society for the sale of the book to bona fide students and research workers at a subsidised rate.

As reported last year the Society intends to publish a book on Animal Husbandry methods. The writing of the book is near completion.

As reported last year, an important recent activity of the Society is the setting up of research unit of the Society in a separate rented building near the Institute of Agricultural Research Statistics. This activity has been possible through grant of Rs. 30,000 from the Government of India for the year 1967-68. An additional amount of Rs. 10,000/ is likely to be made available to the Society to undertake a separate research project. The Society is very much grateful to the Government of India for these grants. The Society is also grateful to Shri J.S. Sarma, Economic and Statistical Adviser to the Government of India for his keen interest in setting up the unit and its development and continuation.

Under the project a research Statistician assisted by computational staff has been appointed. Analysis of available data on live-stock statistics has been taken up with a view to working out economics of livestock. Shri V.N. Amble, Dy. Statistical Adviser,

Institute of Agricultural Research Statistics, is providing guidance for the present problem. A research direction Committee has been formed to formulate problems and guide research activities of the Society. It is proposed to augment such research activity from next year. The journals received by the Society in exchange are being removed to the Society's office. The Society also acquired some equipments in the form of calculating and duplicating machines. Members may use them if required.

In appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Dr. V.G. Panse, the Council decided that a felicitation volume comprising of articles contributed by noted statisticians, agricultural economists and allied workers should be got ready for presentation to him on the occasion of his sixty-second birthday. We are glad to inform that a good number of articles has been received from eminent persons and the volume has been presented to him. The Society is very much thankful to those who have contributed to the volume.

The 20th Annual Conference of the Society was held at Waltair from 10th to 12th January, 1967. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. P.V.G. Raju, Minister of Cultural Affairs, Andhra Pradesh. The Vice-Chancellor Andhra University welcomed the delegates. Dr. S.R. Sen, Additional Secretary, Planning Commission, Government of India, delivered a technical address on "Growth and instability in Indian Agriculture". During the conference two symposia on (i) Measurement of benefits from major and minor irrigation projects, (ii) Measurement of availability of nutrients from fodders, grasslands and grazing were organised. The first symposium was presided over by Prof. K. Nagabhusanam, Head of Deptt. of Statistics, Andhra University and the second by Dr. N.D. Kehar, Ex-Director of I.V.R.I., Izatnagar.

To perpetuate the memory of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, who was the President of the Society for 16 years from its inception, the Society instituted a lecture called "Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Lecture" which is to be delivered on the occasion of the annual conference of the Society. The first lecture was delivered by Dr. W.D. Hopper of the Ford Foundation under the title 'Mainsprings of Agricultural Growth' at the 18th Annual Conference of the Society held at Trivandrum. The second lecture was delivered by Dr. P.V. Sukhatme, Chief of Statistics Division, F.A.O. at the 19th Annual Conference held at Cuttack and the subject matter of his talk was "Self-sufficiency in Food Production--Can India achieve it?" The

third lecture entitled "Vicissitudes of Indian Agricultural Statistics" was delivered by Shri S. Subramaniam, Chairman, Tariff Revision Committee at the 20th Annual Conference of the Society held at Waltair.

There were two sessions for reading contributed papers in the conference held under the chairmanship of Dr. T.V. Avadhani, Prof. of Statistics, Andhra University and Dr. G.R. Seth, Statistical Adviser, Institute of Agricultural Research Statistics (I.C.A.R.). In all 40 technical papers were presented in these two sessions.

The railway authorities as in the past gave concessions to the members and delegates attending the 20th Annual Conference of the Society at Waltair. The Society records its grateful thanks to the railway authorities.

A statement of audited accounts of the Society for the year 1966-67 is placed on the table. The audit has been carried out by a professional auditor as usual.

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. A large number of statistical experts both in India and abroad helped the Society in refereeing the papers received for publication in the journal. The Society wishes to record its thanks to all of them. The Society is also thankful to Shri 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, PUSA, NEW DELHI  
(PUBLICATION FUND ACCOUNT)  
*Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th June, 1967*

<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Current year</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Current year</i>
To Opening stock (8 copies)	Rs. 114.64	<i>By Sale of Books :</i>	
To Cost of 3 copies purchased	44.61	1. Cash Sales (11 copies)	Rs. 216.50
To Postage expenses	18.35	2. Credit Sales	_____ 216.50
To Bank Charges	1.40	By Closing Stock	
To Audit fees	75.00	By Interest on National Saving Certificates	945.00
To Income over expenditure carried over to Balance Sheet	907.50	By Interest on F.D.R.	
		By Donations	
	Total Rs. 1,161.50		Total Rs. 1,161.50

Subject to our report of even date

For C.S. Bhatnagar & Co.  
*Chartered Accountants*

THE INDIAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, PUSA, NEW DELHI :  
Income & Expenditure Account for the year Ended 30th June, 1967

<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Year</i>
To Salaries :			<i>By Membership Fees :</i>		
Less : Transferred to Journal A/c.	Rs. 1,745·00		By life Membership	Rs. 818·00	
	1,310·00		By Ordinary Membership fees	2,574·00	3,392·00
To Affiliation fees		435·00			
		476·20	<i>By Grants-In-Aid</i>		
<i>To other Expenditure :</i>			Govt. of Orissa		1,000·00
Postage, Post Box Renewal & Telephone charges	607·89		<i>By Income from Interest ;</i>		
Printing and Stationery	248·54		Interest on fixed Deposit	1,425·76	
Bank Charges	30·74		Interest Received on 12 year		
Conveyance Charges	139·55		National Saving Certificates		
Miscellaneous Expenses	—		Interest on (S.B. Account)	839·90	2,265·66
Cycle Repairs and Expenses	28·46		<i>By Miscellaneous Income</i>		
Audit fees	275·00		(due to-exchanges)		89·48
Entertainment Expenses	45·95				
Less : 75% transferred to Journal A/c.	1,376·13				
	1,032·10	344·03			

To Arrears of Membership Subscription Written off		2,322-00	
<i>To Annual Conference Expenses ;</i>			
Travelling Expenses	473-50		
Conveyance & Stationery	34-20		
Meeting Expenses	—		
Prizes	—		
Badges	138-50	646-20	
To Expenditure in connection with the Seminar on Planning of Agriculture		—	
<i>To Depreciation Written Off :</i>			
Furniture @ of 10%	28-00		
Cycle @ of 15%	25-00	53-00	
To Excess of Income over expenditure Carried over to General Reserve		2,470-71	
	Total Rs.	6,747-14	Total Rs. 6,747-14

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Income and Expenditure Account (Journal) for the year ended 30th June, 1967

Expenditure	Current year	Income	Current year
To Opening Stock	Rs. 2,150	By Subscription for Journal received	Rs. 6,311.20
To Printing charges of Journal	9,189.99	By Grant-in-Aid :	
To Packing, freight and cartage	31.91	1. National Institute of Sciences, New Delhi	500.00
To Staff Salaries (Proportionate)	1,310.00	2. Govt. of Gujarat, Ahmedabad	150.00
To Other Expenses (Proportionate)	1,032.10	3. Govt. of U.P. Lucknow	2,000.00
To Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to Balance Sheet	—	4. Govt. of Maharashtra, Bombay	1,000.00
			3,650.00
		By Closing Stock :	
		Upto Vol. XVI (At a token value)	1.00
		Upto Vol. XVI (1) (At Cost)	384.80
		Upto Vol. XVII (2) (—do—)	605.76
		Upto Vol, XVIII (1) (—do—)	538.68
		Upto Vol, XVIII (2) (—do—)	560.00
			2,090.24
			1,666.56
Total Rs.	13,718.00	By Deficiency for the year carried over to Balance Sheet	Total Rs. 13,718.00

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