

7 July 1981

Tripartite Review Meeting

on

SRL/78/024 - Development of Integrated
National Statistical System

SRL/78/P03 - Assistance to 1981 Census

Agenda

1. Project Activities and Outputs.
2. Prospects of Achieving Project Objectives.
3. Utilization of Project Results.
4. Project Design.
5. Conclusion, Decision and/or Recommendation.
6. Others.

Programme of Work for year June 1981 to May 1982

Agricultural Census

Major part of the time during the year would be devoted to the Planning of 1982 Agricultural Census. Some preliminary work relating to the following items :

1. Preparation of an outline of the scope and content of the census
2. Obtaining comments and suggestions
3. Drawing up a tentative list of items to be included in the programme
4. Constitution of working committee
5. Drawing up of a tentative list of tables to be generated out of the census data
6. Survey plan - sampling

was done before the Expert's arrival in the country on 9 June 1981.

On reviewing the preliminary work done so far the following work programme has been drawn up for the remaining part of the year.

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Tentative time schedule</u>
1.	Drafting of questionnaire Ac-1, Ac-2 and Ac-3 and estate schedule after discussions with the concerned officials.	June 1981
2.	Pretesting of census questionnaires in selected districts of the country. Field visits for pretesting.	July 1981
3.	Preparation of a note on the experiences of pretesting. Redrafting questionnaires after discussions with concerned officers. Preliminary action for preparation of census frame.	August 1981

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Tentative time schedule</u>
4.	Drafting of instructions. Training of the field staff for the pilot census	August - September 1981
5.	Pilot census to be carried out in about 250 villages and some urban blocks spread over all the districts of the country	September - October 1981
6.	Preparation of a note listing out the problems on the basis of experiences of the pilot census. Finalising the questionnaires and instructions. Drawing up of tabulation plan. Reviewing the survey plan. Preparation of Computer programmes using the pilot census data and revision of lists of villages, estates and large farms.	November - December 1981 January 1982
7.	Printing of instructions and schedules	January - March 1982
8.	Training of field staff. Administrative arrangements. Publicity for the census programme ect.	April - June 1982

The expert would be assisting the counterpart in the country in the above work programme.

In addition FAO is proposing to hold a National Demonstration Training Centre on Agricultural Census in Sri Lanka for three weeks. Neighbouring countries would be participating. The expert would assist the Department of Census and Statistics in the work programme of the centre.

Current Agricultural Statistics.

A. Crop Forecasting System A fairly good base is already there in the country for the statistics of area and production of paddy. Time lags however exist in the preparation of estimates of area and production of paddy. The expert proposes to review the situation in consultation with the counterparts in the country and attempt to develop a crop forecasting system to ensure preparation of advance estimates of area and production of paddy.

B. Pilot survey for estimation of production of Coconut. Coconut is an important crop of the country. Estimates of production of coconut are subjective in nature and there is need to carry out regular crop estimation survey on this crop so as to get reliable data. In consultation with the counterparts in the country an attempt would be made to draw up a plan for carrying out a pilot survey for estimation of production in one of the districts in the country.