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Part I. Teaching, Training, Research, Projects and Publications 1. TEACHING AND TRAINING

1.1 Degree and Training Courses

During the period under review, 5742 candidates applied for admission and were called for written selection tests for the courses offered by the Institute viz. B. Stat. (Hons.), M. Stat., M. Tech., one year Post-Graduate Diploms in SQC and OR, two-year part-lime Post-Graduate Diploms in SQC and OR (Bombay and Madras), Research Fellowships in Statistics, Mathematics and Economics, one-year evening course in Statistical Methods and Applications and the course on Operation of Data Processing Equipment. Admission tests were conducted at 12 centres all over the country and successful candidates were called for interview for final selection for admission to various courses during the scademic year 1982-83.

- 1.1.2 There were six foreign applicants who had either been sponsored by the Government or applied directly for admission to our courses. The candidates were given special admission tests conducted through the Indian High Commission or Embassies at Bangladesh, Malaysia, Chana and Kenye.
- 1.1.3 The annual examinations of B. Stat. and M. Stat. courses were held in May/June 1982. The 1982-83 academic year commenced on 12 July 1982.
- 1.1.4 One hundred and six candidates received their degrees and diplomas at the Seventeenth Convocation of the Institute hold on 28 February 1983. Further 156 candidates, who passed various regular courses of duration one year or less received certificates during the period.
- 1.1.5 The numbers of candidates admitted to the different degree, diplome and training courses during 1981-82 and 1982-83 and the results of examinations held during the period are given below.

	Courses	Number oj 1981-82		Number passed in Annual Examination 1982
1.	Courses leading to a Degree in Statistics			
1.1	Bachelor of Statistics with Honours— B. Stat. (Hons.)			
	1st year	28	23	20
	2nd year	11	20	11
	3rd year	21	11	21

	Courses	Number of 1981-82	students 1982-83	Number passed in Annual Examination 1982
1.2				
	ist year	27	41	26
	2nd year	30	25	28
1.3	Junior and Senior Research Fellows, Visiting Fellows	85	90	No formal exam.
2.	Specialised Courses in Applied Statistics leading to Diplomas:			
2.1	Statistical Quality Control and Operations Research (One year)	20	15	16
3.	Courses in Statistics for persons in Employment (jointly with C.S.O.):			
3.1	Junior Certificate Course in Statistics	19	13	13
3.2	Indian Statistical Service Probationers' Training Course	37	38	38
4.	Evening Course			
4.1	Statistical Methods and Applications			
	Calcutta	43	44	16
	Delhi	9	not held	3
4.2	Two-year Post-Graduate Diploma in Statistical Quality Control and Opera- tions Research (Bombay & Madras)			
	Bombay — 1st year	7	3	3
	2nd year	3	3	2
	Madras — 1st year	19	14	11
	2nd year	12	11	8
4.3	Six-month Evening Course in Statistical Quality Control (Bangalore & Hyderabad)			
	Bangalore - January-June Batch	29	27	8
	July-December ,	30	20	10
	Hyderabad - July-December ,,	13	27	9
	January-June ,,	20	31	16

	Courses	Number of 1981-82		Number passed in Annual Examination 1982
5.	Electronic Computer Courses			
5.1	M. Tech. in Computer Science			
	(course started from 1981 -82)			
	ist year	11	22	3
	2nd year	-	8	_
5.2	Two-year Advanced Diploma in Computer Science (course discontinued from 1981-82			
	1st year	_	~	-
	2nd year	9	-	7
5.3	Intensive Course on Programming and			
	Applications	37	39	33
5.4	Course on Operations of Automatic Data Processing Equipment	11	14	10
6.	Associateship in Documentation and			
	Information Science	10	8	not available
		541	547	318

1.2 International Statistical Education Centre (ISEC), Calcutta

The ISEC, started in 1950, is operated jointly by the International Statistical Institute and the Indian Statistical Institute under the auspices of the UNESCO and the Government of India. During the year the Centre functioned under a joint Board of Directors, consisting of Chairman: Professor C. R. Rao. Members: J. M. Gani and E. Lunenberg (ex-officio members representing the International Statistical Institute); Secretary, Department of Statistica, Covernment of India (representing the Government of India) and B. P. Adhikari and N. Bhattacharya (Alember-Secretary) representing the Indian Statistical Institute).

During the year, the Centre conducted the Regular Course of the 36th term with 25 trainees from 12 countries in South and South-East Asia, the Far East and Commonwealth Africa. The Government of India, awarded 14 fellowships for the foreign trainees.

-5 under the TCS of the Colombo Plan and 9 under Special Commonwealth African Assistance Plan (SCAAP). Three foreign trainees were awarded CFTC fellowships. Four Indian trainees and four from Sri Lank were financially supported by their respective governments. The 10-months Regular Course started on 1 June 1982. From June to September the trainees stayed at Calcutta and studied theory and applications of statistics, besides mathematics and economics. Most of the courses taught at this stage were compulsory for all trainees. During October-November, they attended a six-week programme of training in Official Statistical Systems and Procedures at New Delhi and other places. This part of the Regular Course was conducted by the CSO, Government of India. General training in Statistics was resumed at Calcutta around the middle of November and was completed by the end of January 1983. Most of the courses taught in this phase were optional and each trainee studied four or more courses chosen by him. Thereafter, the trainees entered the last phase of their training programme and each of them specialized in one area selected by him, e.g., sample surveys and data processing, economic planning, demography and vital statistics, and SQC & OR. Examinations were conducted for each of the four phases of the training programme indicated above. The certificatie-awarding ceremony was held on 29 March 1983 and all the 25 trainees were awarded Certificates of Merit in recognition of their satisfactory performance in the examinations.

In addition to the above, three trainees attended Special Courses during the period under review. Two of them had completed the Regular Course of the preceding term on 3! March 1982. One from Tanzania atlended a three-month Special Course in Statistics of Prices, Employment and Earnings during April-June 1982, with the support of a SCAAP fellowship awarded by the Government of India, and the other from Sri Lanka underwent a three-month Special Course in 'Economic Development and Planning' during the same period, and she was supported by a Government of India fellowship under the Colombo Plan. Finally, one UNDP fellow from Afghanistan joined a one-year Special Course is 'Sampling and Demography' in August 1982.

1.3 Professional Examinations in Statistics

The holding of professional examinations in statistics for external candidates on an all-India basis has been an important activity of the Institute since 1938. These examinations are based on well organised syllabi to reach high professional standards and lead to Certificates and Diplomas.

During the year under report, the Statistical Assistantship Certificate, Junior Diploma in Statistics and Senior Diploma in Statistics examinations were held at Bengalore, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Hyderabad, Lucknow and Madras centres during April and October 1982 terms.

The number of candidates who registered, appeared and passed during the terms are shawn below.

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	Number of candidates						
Examination	Registered		Appeared		Passed*		
	April	October	April	October	April	October	
Statistical Assistantship							
Certificate	25	34	13	22	5	10	
Junior Diploma in							
Statistics	25	23	15	8	none	2	
Senior Diploma in							
Statistics	11	15	8	12	2	5	

In one or more papers only, not necessarily completed the examination,

The total number of candidates who have qualified for the award of Certificates and Diplomas in these professional examinations in statistics including the results of October 1982 term are 468 and 233 respectively.

2. RESEARCH WORK

A brief account of the progress of research in different divisions and units of the Institute is given below.

2.1 THEORETICAL STATISTICS AND MATHEMATICS

2.1.1 Calcutta

The list of published papers and technical reports give a detailed idea of the work done in this Division in various disciplines of mathematics and statistics. During the period, members of the Division have been engaged in research in the following areas: Stochastic Procassee, Probability Theory, Probabilistic Number Theory, Asymptotic Theory, Multivariate Analysis, Decision Theory, Inference about Stochastic Processes, Sampling Theory, Design of Experiments, Combinatorial Mathematics and Graph Theory, Descriptive Set Theory and Mathematical Logic, Measure Theory Harmonic Analysis, Functional Analysis, Algebraic Topology, General Topology, Topological Automata, Sediment Transport.

Among its other activities, the Division held a Summer School in Recent Developments in Statistical Methodology in Dharwar, Karnataka from 9 May to 24 May 1983,

2.1.2 Delhi

Studies were carried out in the following fields: Mathematical Theory of Scattering. Stochastic Integrals and their applications to Quantum Mechanics, Rational Homotopy Theory and related topics in Differential Geometry, Algebraic and different Differential

Topology, Quantum Mechanics and Stochastic Processes, Operation Research in Games Theory, Optimal Designs combining independent estimates, Linear Models and Shorted Operators.

2.1.3 Bangalore

Recent applications of ergodic theory to information theory and coding theory are under study. Asymptotic problems in coding theory are studied in relation to similar problems in topological entropy theory. Another topic under study is the relationship between testing of statistical hypotheses and certain results in Source Coding Theory.

2.2 APPLIED STATISTICS SURVEYS AND COMPUTING

- 2.2.1 Research activities in the Division include both theoretical investigation of methodology and applications of the existing methods to the solution of practical real life problems which has social relevance. During the year 1982-83 research was conducted in the following broad areas:
- (f) Applied Statistics: Topics in design of experiments, combinatorics, multivariate analysis and psychometrics are covered. The principal areas of research in the design of experiments and combinatorics are orthogonal arrays, optimality consideration of block designs under mixed effects model, rebustness of designs and characterisation problems in graphs. Optimality and rebustness properties of estimation and testing procedures are under study in the context of the general linear model set up. Research is also carried out in the area of multivariate analysis, growth curve models, analysis of covariance structures and analysis of qualitative data.
- (ii) Survey methodology: Areas covered are randomised response techniques, optimal sampling strategies and use of unbiased product-type estimators.
- (iii) Camputing: The main research activities in the area of computer science are in the field of Data Base Management and Fault Tolerant Computing. Work is continuing on the development of 'A Programme Package for Analysis and Management of Statistical Data', which involves the development of a data base management system. This system allows the users to define data structure similar to that used in survey data, editing of data in this data base creating tables of different types. The language design was completed in 1979-80. The overall theoretical design of the system was completed last year. Preliminary work on implementation of the different phases of the projects was completed during 1982.

Studies on consecutive retrieval property in files, integrity in data bases and prevention of deadlocks are under close attention. Two custom-tailored data base management systems for survey data and time series data are under development. The emphasis in fault tolerant computing is on the design of self diagnosable systems under different constraints. In addition, tools for diagnosis of sequential and combinatorial circuits are also being investigated.

- (b) A study on Immunological Profiles of Malaria Infested Area in Ajodhya Hills and Jhalda of Purulia district had been conducted in 1981-82 and the project was terminated on 31 March 1982. Analysis of data collected was in progress.
- 2.2.2 Projects and surveys undertaken during the year are as follows: (a) Survey of foreign tourists in India, 1982-83 (sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation); The basic objectives of this study are to collect and interpret all information necessary for promotion of tourism in India. On the basis of this sample survey, an attempt will be made (1) to study the socio-economic and demographic profiles of foreign tourists, (2) to make an analysis of their expenditure patterns during their stay in India, (3) to study their preferences with respect to mode of internal travel, choice of accommodation and other aspects of living, (4) to analyse difficulties, if any, during their stay in India and (5) to assimilate their suggestions for improving the tourist services. Field work for this survey started on 2 April 1982 and continued till 3 March 1983.
- (b) Survey of Jarmers (sponsored by ILO): The survey was completed in December 1982. The monograph entitled "Expansion of Employment Through Local Resources Mobilisation" has been published by the Asian Regional Team for Employment Promotion (ARTEP) of the ILO.
- (c) Development of a selection test for the recruitment of statistical officers: Members of the Division particupated in Expert Committees for acceleration of data processing for the National Sample Survey Organisation.

2.3 PHYSICAL AND EARTH SCIENCES

2.3.1 Chemistry

Study of soil humus: Investigation on the distribution and composition of humus substances in soils of West Bengal has been continued during the period. Electrometric, electrokinetic and spectrophoto metric studies of the humic acid, fulvic acid and humin constituents of humis were undertaken. Dissociation constents of humic acid were calculated fitting potentiometric data to modified. Hasselbach-Henderson equation. The values thus obtained were shown to near correlation with natural hydro-thermal condition under which individual humus substances are developed.

Absorptive interactions of soil constituents: Absorption behaviour of humic acid samples towards micronutrients, e.g. copper and zinc, antibiotics, e.g. terracycline and surface-active reagents have been studied. The work is being continued.

2.3.2 ELECTRONICS

2.3.2.1 Digital Electronics

(i) Development of Microcomputer systems: This is an on-going project. A general prupose Microcomputer has been developed around motorola 6800 Micro-

processor, chip. The system is being updated by a 6809 chip which has hardware multiplier, dynamic address translation facilities and more powerful instruction sets.

A 16 bit microcomputer using Intels 8086 microcomputer has also been developed.

- (2) Design and development of a dedicated signal processing system using F.F.T.: This is an on-going project. A microprocessor based on-line F.F.T. processor has already been developed around the existing M6800 processor. Work is in progress to reduce the total FFT computation time using the updated version of M6800 system with M6809 chin.
- (3) Development of microprocessor based special purpose system: With the availability of general purpose system in the laboratory, several microprocessor based special purpose system have been develped. They are (a) Microprocessor based line voltage monitoring system, (b) Microprocessor based and the frequency monitoring system, (c) Microprocessor based PROM programmer, and (d) Microprocessor based off-line paper tape preparation unit.
- (4) Data Acquisition System: A 6800 microcomputer based data acquisition system is being developed which will be able to monitor eight analog variables, convert them to digital form, process the information and then take on-line action if necessary. A high speed analog multiplexer and a 12 bit A/D converter has been connected with the 6800 microcomputer for acquisition of analog information.
- (5) Development of software packages: A simple CAI packages "Tutor" which allows the new user to interactively learn about the motorola 6800 microcomputer has been implemented on the M16800 system itself. A process scheduler module which will ultimately convert the M16800 microcomputer into a multiuser system, has been developed. Further software development along this line is under way.
- (6) Theoretical research on computer science: Theoretical works are being carried out on area of (a) Fault Tolerant Computing, (b) Microprogramming, (c) Computer Architecture, (d) Logic Design and (e) Graph Theory and combinatories. Several neeful results have been obtained in these areas.

2.3.2.2 Theoretical Physics

Studies relating to the geomerical aspects of super-symmetry, internal symmetry of hadrons and grand unification have been pursued. Some problems related to multiparticle production phenomena have been investigated. High energy heavy ion reaction has also been investigated on the basis of results obtained in multiparticle production analysis. The dynamical deviation of Baryon-Baryon potential has also been achieved. The quantum measurement with special reference to stochastic spacetime has been investigated.

Using operator techniques eigen values for anharmonic oscillators of the type have been studied thoroughly. In plasma physics explosive instabilities have been

investigated in case of four and five wave interactions. Also a modified K.B.M. perturbation technique has been applied to nonuniform plasma problems.

2.3.2.3 Fluid Mechanics

- (a) Trajectories of particles of different size and density in a hydrocyclone spirit or was studied theoretically. The distribution of perticles obtained in this way will be used to solve the two-phase boundary layer flow in the hydrocyclone.
- (ii) The cold flow problem for opposed jet used for flame stabilization was studied. The stability of the vortices in a two-dimonsion flow was analysed. The resuls obtained will be used to trace the streamlines for a flow with solid body vortices and compared with experimental results.
- (iii) A work has been undertaken to simulate human finger prints with the help of different distributions of vortices, sources and sinks and a steady flow. This has been taken up with a view to minimize the number of parameters in identifying different types of finger prints.
- (iv) Non-linear stability analysis has been studied for two different problems viz. asymptotic suction profile in the presence of uniform magnetic field and Ekmann foundary layer on a porous plate in the presence of suction and injection. Stability of the spiral poiseuille flow will be studied by using the bifurcation theory.
- (v) To study theoretically the response of sea surface on an inclined continental bed due to a storm generated in the deep sea.
- (ii) To develop numerical models of tidal estuaries a joint research scheme between ISI and Calcutta Port Trust has been taken up.

2.3.3 ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION SCIENCES

- (i) Theoretical and experimental investigation of Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence techniques: Various types of Statistical, Syntactic and Fuzzy ret theoretic algorithm for machine recognition of diverse patterns mainly of biological origin such as hand written character ECG, finger print, etc. have been developed.
- (a) Symmetry analysis by computer: Some work in connection with the symmetry analysis for both open and closed curve and figure have been developed and already been published in the leading international journals.
- (b) Syntactic Pattern Recognition: Some work on the recognition of hand written connected numerals using syntactic technique have been completed and the result had been published.
- (c) Statistical pattern recognition: Some important works on estimation of Bayes error probability for noisy and imprecise measurement have been done. These works have already been published in the internal journals.

- (d) Fuzzy set theoretic approach for pattern recognition: A good amount of work on pattern recognition using fuzzy set theoretic approach has already been completed and reported in various technical journals. A new approach to the estimation of fuzzy membership function has been developed.
- (ii) Theoretical and experimental investigation of the methodologies for image analysis and image undetstanding system:
- (a) Image analysis and Image data compression: Some useful shepe analysis algorithms for two tone images have been developed and the results had already been published in technical journals. The works on image data compressing is going on. Some has already been communicated for publication.
- (b) Image restoration, enhancement and edge detection: Some preprocessing algorithms for image restoration, enhancement and edge detection have been developed. Some of these results have already been published and others have been communicated. The work on image understanding system is in progress.
- (iii) Studies on automatic speech recognition and speech processing: Works on phoneme structure of some Indian language and their application in ASR are under investigation. Linear prediction coefficient (L.PC.) analysis has been applied and the results have been reported to the different conferences. Syntactic approach in ASR is under investigation.
- (iv) Theoretical and experimental investigation on digital communication and data compression: Data compression with a class of linear map has already been developed and also published in the related internetional journal. A microprocessor based communication model is being developed.
- (v) Research in biomedical signal processing for diagnostics and development of a patient monitoring system: Characteristics of biomedical signals have been studied and results reported. The nature of the biomedical signals under different condition is under investigation. A project sponsored by the Electronic Commission, Government of India is now at the completion stage. The system under development meant for noise free display of E.C.G. signal and can be used for rural areas. A fuzzy approach for medical diagnostics have also been undertaken.
- (iv) Studies on Cybernetics and System Theory: Several studies in this field such as Generalised Fuzzy Set Theoretic Approach for biological systems, application of possibility theory in Man-Machine system are in continuation and results obtained at various stages have been reported. Some works on power systems modelling using fuzzy approach have been undertaken. A work on fuzzy linguistic approach for the decoupling of a large multivariate system in the reference of power plant operation has been done, and the results have been already communicated.

2.3.4 GEOLOGY

(i) Programme of geological research in the Pranhita-Godavari Valley: Progress was made in the following areas:—

Structural analysis of the Proterozoic rocks of Andhra Pradesh (Pakhal) and central Rajasthan (Delhi); stratigraphy and sedimentation of Procambrian rocks; stratigraphy and sedimentology of the Albaka sequence and its comparison with the Pakhal sequence; origin of marine arkose sedimentation; geology of the Gondwana of the northern part of the Pranhita-Godavari Valley, Condwana stratigraphy of the Manthani doab and adjoining areas, carbonate units in the late Triassic Maleri Formations stratigraphy of the Upper Gondwana sequence with special reference to sodimentology of Jurassic rocks; studies on trace fossils from Yerrapalli, Maleri and Kota Formation study of Triassic dicynodonts; discovery of new vertebrates from the triassic beds; study of a giant amphibitian from the Triassic beds; review of the genus Lepidotes, with special reference to the species from Kota Formation; Inter-trappean micro-vertebrates and their palaeogeo-graphic implications; some upper Cretaceous vertebrates from India

2.3.5 PHYSICS

- (i) Studies on the mechanical properties of human tissues and organs: It is an on-going project. Creep, stress-relaxation and bysterisis studies of human skin samples under uniaxial loading, the correlation of the teosile breaking load of human umbilical cord with the weight of the baby at birth, the bursting strength of hydrocele and ternial sars and the hardness of human finger nail for both normal and pathological specimens deserve particular mention. The results of the studies so far obtained have been reported.
- (ii) Study on the methods and applications of the control theory to electrical machines and power systems: The study was taken up during the year.

2.3.6 FLUME PROJECT

Data obtained from flume experiments on size distributions of sediments deposited from suspension have been analysed and interpreted. Flume experiments show that some frections of all grain sizes in suspension deposit simultaneously when the flow velocity is decreased. A mathematical model is established for calculation of pattern of deposition for different grain sizes.

Experiments are also being conducted to study (i) the effect of sand bod roughness on the size distribution in suspension, and (ii) the weight frequencies of different grain sizes in suspension while we add successively the amount of material of different sizes in the flume in such a meaner that the initial bed roughness should be same.

2.4 BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

2.4.1 Anthropometry and Human Genetics

- (i) Impact of allitude on human populations: Demographic and anthropometric data were being collected on the Lepohas of Kalimpong subdivision.
- (ii) Study on the relationship between socio-economic condition, nutrition and health: Collection of data continues.
- (iii) Remedial study on Portuguese decendentry of Mirpur Village, Midnapore district, West Bengal: Demographic and anthropometric data collected in two villages shows microlevel differences among as well as within communities in demographic traits.
- (iv) Micro-evolutionary dynamics among the Mehars of Maharashtra: Analysis of data so far led to certain salient findings. The data are being further analysed.
- (v) Genetic survey of some endogamous groups of Eastern India with special reference to Gm. Inv. Gc. and the markars systems: (a) Iso-electric focussing technique for servicing of red cell isozymes and serum proteins was introduced for a number of systems. The data collected have led to certain findings on analysis. (b) Indo-Soviet collaborative anthropogenetic survey of 16 endogamous groups of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh was conducted and about 1600 blood samples collected are under analysis.
 - (vi) Study of physical growth of Bengali boys: Data are under collection.
- (vii) Pattern of fertility and reproductive wastages by parity and social class: Study of data collected was completed.
- (viii) Bioanthropological study of migrant African group, the Siddhis of India: Analysis of data is in progress.
- (i.x) Bioanthropological stadies among Nandtwallas and Dhangars: Analysis of data is in progress.

2.4.2 BIOCHEMISTRY

(t) Plant inorganic pyrophosphates: Different methods of one step purification of A. blitum L. inorganic pyrophosphates have been investigated. These include the affinity chromatographic separation of the enzymeprotein through pyrophosphate linked hexamethylene diamine Sepharose matrix and chromatefocusing technique using poly buffer ion exchanger and suitable pH gradient producing resin. The enzyme has also been purified by disc gel electrophoresis technique.

- (ii) Correlation of Cyanomethaamoglobin and Ozyhaemoglobin levels in adult human beings: To examine if any relationship exists between the technically compticated measurement of cyanomethaemoglobin and the simpler ozyahemoglobin (and other haematological parameters), about 300 blood samples collected by finger pricking were examined in the field for oxyhaemoglobin and theemstorit value samples collected for cyanomethaemoglobin have been brought in the laboratory and estimated for cyanomethaemoglobin (spectrophotometrically). The above blood samples were also examined for differential leucocyte count and total serum protein as a part of another project (in collaboration with AHGU) to examine the nutritional status of the population. Further, the samples are in the process of screening electrophoretically for abnormal haemoglobins.
- (iii) A study on dietary intake pattern body measurement parasitic load and other health indicators among the immates of two old-age homes in Calcutta city (in collaboration with AHIGU): The object of the study was to evaluate the health status of Calcutta elderly populations and the offect of socio-cultural factors on the same. Analysis of dietary intake inta in one old age home shows that the dietary intakes of this sedentary group are not deficient by I.C.M.R. recommendations.
- (iv) Impact of allitude on human population (in collaboration with AIIGU): 205 bhood samples collected from the Lepcha population in Nimbong area of Kalimpong abub-division in North Bengal by finger pricking were examined for oxybaemoglobin, haematocrit values, total serum protein and differential leucocyte count in the field laboratory itself and portions brought to the laboratory in Calcutta for screening them electrophoretically for abnormal haemoglobins. The 205 samples collected for cyanomethaemoglobin were also brought and estimated spectrophotometrically.
- (v) Distribution of intestinal parasites in West Bengal (in collaboration with AHGU): Analysis of 382 faces samples examined earlier of a Mahishya population in a village in Howrah district was done to investigate whether differential prevalences in the intestinal parasitic infestation occurred in relation to the micro-cultural differences among the three economic sub-groups of the said population. The results show that such inter-economic sub-group differences do exist, particularly, among the children samples. Statistical design of the wider all-West Bengal, based on preliminary studies and available informations is under preparation.

2.4.3 BOTANY

(3) Crop Improvement: The rice breeding programme undertaken previously for evolving high-yielding rice varieties from indigenous germ plasm was continued. Two indigenous rice varieties selected for improvement are contemplated to be put for lield trials during 1983-84 for comparison of performance with that of eight modern dwarf high yielding rice varieties. The performance trial of one improved indigenous rice variety 'Subarus' ovolved by the unit previously was put to fieldtrials at 1ST experimental farm at Ciriddib. Bibar. The average grain, straw and biological yields.

(quintal/hectare) were 35.1, 97.0 and 132.1 respectively. Further, multilocational field trials are contemplated during 1983-84 with this variety in different agroclimatic conditions to determine its adaptive behaviour. This variety was also put to performance trial on the farmers' fields in different locations (Panskura Blocks 1 and II, Ghatal and Daspur Blocks and in cloven villages ndopted by Arabari Social Forest) of Midnapur district. Because of severe draughts in West Bengal in 1982 which caused agricultural catestrophe, most of the trials on the farmers' fields failed to generate performance data of 'Subarna' rice variety. However, only a few farmers baving access to artificial irrigation reported highly satisfactory performance of this variety.

- (ii) Intra-specific and inter-specific interactions in crop plants: This Programme of study undertaken with an sim at generating a dependable data base on the relative performances of varietal and species mixtures to those in monculture to establish their biological validity, performance stablity and economic returns was continued. Eleven varietal mixture of rice, eleven mixed cropping systems with cereal/pulse combinations and one cereal/cereal mixture were studied during 1982-83 The results indicate that component-specific and mixture-type dependent neighbour effects occur. Some show cooperative interaction offering scope for agricultural exploitation for augmenting per unit of cropped production area.
- (iii) Behaviour and ecology of field rodent: In continuation of previous study several paddy fields in ISI experimental farm were excavated for retrieval of hoarded paddy ear-heads to determine pre-harvest loss of winter rice due to rodent. Other behavioural studies are in progress.
- (iv) Deforestation: nature, cause and consequences: Collection of preliminary data on species composition of Arabari Forest (Midnapore district, West Bengal) is in progress and collection of data on mushroom consumption behaviour of the population of the eleven adopted villages and use of construction inputs of thatched roofs of houses along with other socio-economic parameters of the population through a household survey has been completed.

2.4.4 CROP SCIENCE

- (i) General problems on levo- and dextro-rotatory situations present in different plant structures: Alternate phyllotaxy usually leads to spiral arrangements of leaves in a palm crown and accordingly the palm may be of left-spiralled or right-spiralled one. Datta collected are under processing.
- (ii) Exploratory work on the family Arecaeca (Palmae): The study relates to the external and internal morphotogy of different commonly cultivated (economical and ornamental) palms.
- (iii) Studies in the field of natural history of animals, birds, insects, etc.: The studies include the general behavioral and ecological studies.

2.4.5 EMBRYOLOGY

- (f) Differentiation and Morphogenesis: The problem of adhesion of cell blastomores in Linnaea bas been studied at biochemical and scanning electron microscopic level. The effect of tunicamycin has been tested at the molecular level by measuring the changes in incorporation of 14C-Manusce and 14C-N-Acetylglucosamine into glycoproteins. Tunicamycin has no effect on the former and this is in line with certain findings notably, those of lennars who worked with sea urchin. The results with 14C-N-Acetylglucosamine are difficult to evaluate at the moment and work is continuing. Glycorol, a cryoprotectant, has been reported to exert an effect at the cell membrane. 1-2% glycarol seems to inhibit the cell cement ine mbryonic Linnaea. Here, too, a great deal of variability has been moticed but consistently a very strange effect has been observed, namely, the advanced abnormal trochophore splits up into two sepearate parts. Some of these results have been recorded cinepioto-micrographically.
- (ii) Wildlife Ecology: Pheromones and olfaction in leopards were studied. Analysis of pheromone molecules have been performed. A number of DNP-slitchydes have been prepared as standards. TIC and GLC processing was done.
- (iii) Blo-Mathematical and Bio-Statistical Studies in Transcription and Translation during Embryogenests: Cellular growth morphogenesis and differentiation during embryogenesis have been further investigated by mathematical and stochastic models. The roles of diffusion of certain macromolecules through cellular gap junctions on the aspects of differentiation and morphogenesis has been investigated. Diffusion drives the system into instability and a cross diffusion acting alone or along with self-diffusion gives rise to a stationary dissipative structure. Stochastic methodology has been explored to investigate gene activities and RNA synthesis. A computer simulation closely agrees with the approximate analytical solutions of the stochastic differential equations.

2.4.6 ENTOMOLOGY

(f) Investigations on the breeding of Anopheles app. In two suburban localities (Baranagar and Dum-Dum): Samples of Anopheles larvae (all states) were collected from 100 different sites of Dum-Dum municipality. Malaria-carrying species (Anopheles annularis) were observed only on three occasions during monsoon in 1982. Collections round the year show that one species (Anopheles subpletus) is already urbanished and is the dominating species of Anopheles of the locality (as in Calcutta).

2.4.7 LEAF PROTEIN

A brief account of the broad areas of continuing research work is given below.

(a) Screening of local land and aquatic plants to select promising species for systematic agronomic and biochemical work.

- (b) Agronomical trials on winged bean, a high protein crop are carried out to study the growth habit and yield potential of the crop in this agroclimatic region.
- (c) Studies on the by-products obtained during leaf protein production with the object of utilizing fibre and when as fodder and growth medium respectively.
- (d) Biochemical and nutritional work on the effect of storage on leaf protein concentrates (L.P.C.) as also studies on the possible toxicity and their removal from LPC obtained from non-conventional plants.

2.5 SOCIAL SCIENCES

2.5.1 Demography Research

- (i) Evaluation of Family Planning Acceptance 1980-82: The project was taken up in 1980 in respect of 72 sample villages of 5 districts away from Calcutta. Data collection was completed last year. Further work in various topics of research is in progress.
- (ii) Literacy development among females in rural areas of Maldah and West Dinajpar: The study showed that literacy percentages of females in family life decreased with increase of distance from Calcutta. Negligible percentages of scheduled tribe women were found literate.
- (iii) Development of Education in rural areas around Paira: A project has been taken up in rural Bihar on education development in the state. Planning of the survey and selection of villages have been completed. Survey work has been taken up.
- (iv) Socto-economic survey on constraints to development: A socio-economic study on the present condition and development potential of the Basanti Police Station areas, in the wider perspective of the Sundarbans, West Bengal, was initiated in May, 1981. The study is aimed at identifying the constraints to development and making policy prescription for regional development. Data collection has been completed.
- (v) Three parameter nuptiality curve and its application to Indian data: The three parameter nuptiality curvey has been fitted to the Indian nuptiality data separately for males and females. It appears Coale's method of fitting is not suitable for Indian data. An alternative method based on computer search out programme has been applied and found satisfactory with Indian data.

Preliminary analysis shows substantial difference in the nuptiality patterns between the two sexes.

Apart from the above, the following studies were completed and led to speciafic findings:

- (vi) Availability of family planning service to the rural population.
- (vii) Sterilization acceptance in rural areas away from Calcutta,
- (viii) Occupation mobility in rural areas around Calcutta 1978.
- (ia) Disperities of consumer expenditure.
- (x) Indian demographic problems and prospects.
- (xi) Change in female work participation after marriage and husband-wife occupational correspondence.
 - (xii) Socio-demographic aspects of divorcees in Benga).
 - (A) Primary education and related social indicators.

2.5.2 ECONOMICS, ECONOMETRICS AND PLANNING

- A. (t) Economic theory: Research in economic theory continued on classical and post-classical theoreies of value and distribution, nature and evolution of technology, analytical representation of productive process in various sectors and associated process of investment, accumulation and innovation, theory of rent, marketed surplus and agricultural pricing. A number of Ph.D. thesis are nearing completion on the topics.
- (ii) Econometric methods: Studies in this area have analysed statistical problem in the estimation of single equation econometric models and orising from (a) hele-roscedastic disturbances, (b) transformation of variables,(c) errors in variables, (d) ontission of regressors and misspecification of the equation; (a) Bayesian inference; and (f) time series analysis and forecasting.
- (iii) Measurement of poverty, inequality and income distribution: Some studies in progress in this area concern issues relating to measurement of poverty, inequality and tax progression. One study examined the procedure for measuring incidence of undernutrition advocated by Professor Sukhatmo.
- (iv) Regional planning: Research work in progress in this area seeks to cover the following aspects: (a) manufacturing industrialisation and regional production functional analysis in India; (b) monotization of agricultural products and regional surplus-deficit analysis in India; (c) spatial linkago and growth centre analysis in eastera region of India, and (d) synthetic statistical analysis for regional planning in Nopal.

B. APPLIED ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

(i) Consumer behaviour and level of living: Inter-regional and inter-temporal variation in the level of living is being studied on the basis of the 28th round of NSS

household budget data. The processing of the data on the ISI computer is in progress.

Another study of consumer expenditure pattern using NSS time-series data (7th to 28th round) has been undertaken. As a part of this study, system of demand equations is being used.

- (ii) Agriculture: As part of a broader study of Government policy in respect of pricing, production, procurement and distribution of agricultural commodities, acreage response functions are being estimated for particular crops from state-level timeseries data.
- (iii) Industry: A study on the measurement of productivity in selected manufacturing industries using annual survey of industries data since the mid-sixties is in progress. Another study seeks to analyse trends in the mark-up factor for manufactured products during the Plan period for major individual industries as well as for output of manufactures as a whole.
- (iv) Labour: Data collected in the ICSSR—sponsored survey of unorganised transport workers in Calcutta is under scrutiny and tabulation at ISI computer in Calcutta.
- C. Rural Survey: Survey of two clusters of villages in the Memari Block of Burdwan district to study the potentialities and institutional constraints of rural development was taken up during the poriod. Information on assets held by households, agricultural practices and occupational characteristics of the households in the villages were collected. Data on the use of mechanised equipments like tractors, power-tillers were also collected.

A bouch mark survey of the Integrated rural Development Project in two blocks in Coochbehar continued during the period.

- D. Other Surveys: (i) A project on the 'Relative Prices of Food and the Rural Poor—the Case of India' sponsored by the International Lebour Office, Geneva, was taken up in February 1983. The main objective of the study is to analyse the impact of changes in the relative price of fuod-vis-a-vis non-food items on the levels of living of the rural people. Some preliminary findings have already been reported to ILO.
- (ii) As a preliminary step to an All—India survey to estimate the consumption of finished steel in the small-scale unorganised manufacturing sector in India, proposed by the Planning Commission, a feasibility study was conducted in February/March 1983. A report has been prepared and submitted along with a project proposal for the main survey. The survey will be taken up in Delhi and Calcittle on receipt of approval from the sponsoring authority.

2.5.3 NATIONAL INCOME RESEARCH

(i) Preparation of long-term series of capital formation and national income in India from 1857 to 1900. The study is infounded for estimating the two series for the

period between 1857 and 1900. Estimation of capital formation in the public sector at current prices has been completed by March 1982. The estimation of the corresponding series at constant prices is expected to no completed within the next few months. Necessary data were collected from the National Library and other libraries in Culcutta and from the National Archives in New Delhi.

(ii) Studies on size distributions of income, accupational wage-differentials and related enquiries: Income distributions among carners in different industry-occupation groups and in different sectors of the oconomy are being analyzed. Studies on the intercomporal and inter-regional variation in the distributions of income in the public sector, both in Central and State Government services are nearing completion.

A sample survey on wage earnings of employees in different categories of occupations in the small-scale industries in the Calcutta Corporation area was tarted in February 1983. Two enquiry schedules—one enterprise schedule and mother worker schedule have been drafted. The sample of industrial units to be covered has been drawn from the registers of small-scale industries maintained by the Directorate of Small-Scale Industries in West Bengal. 200 enterprises for tilling in the enterprise schedule and 800 workers engaged in these enterprises for worker schedule are proposed to be covered. Data are being collected on wage earnings of sample workers from the employer managers and also from the workers themselves.

(iii) National accounting and other related studies on economic growth: Estimation of the financial resources for planning in West Bengel, in particular, corresponding to alternative rates of growth of the state domestic products, has been proposed.

An attempt is being made to estimate capital formation, capital-stock and consumption expenditure in West Bengal both at current and constant prices from 1980-61 onwards. A paper on the associated problems of estimation will be ready by November 1983.

- (w) Estimation of generalized capital formation: The review of literature on human capital formation has been completed. Indices of educational activities were constructed for the period form 1900 to 1975 for all-India by the method of principal components. Attempts have been made to study the inter-dependence of GDP, physical capital and human capital formation and to study the inter-state dispatities in human capital formation in two different time periods.
- (v) Construction of Indices of Development: The standard measure for economic development is per capital GDP, but, as is well-known, aconomic development is multidimensional in character. An attempt is being made to construct different types of indices of development using data on 23 variables for 115 countires.

2.5.4 LINGUISTIC RESEARCH

The programme of fundamental and applied research is grouped as follows:
(i) Study of the phonetic structures of purjor Indian languages and application of the

results in the areas of (1) speech and language habilitation of hearing impaired children (2) second language teaching and (3) cultivation of mother-tongue; (ii) studies on bilinguaslism and retention, of mother tongue and (iii) statistical processing of linguistic data.

- (i) Phonetic structures of Indian languages :
- (a) Bengoli phonetics: With regard to the project on articulatory norms in school-going children, the data collected from schools in the Calcutta area were statistically processed and studies are in progress on stability of speech sound and norms for six age groups.

Studies on the suprasegmentals (procedic feature) of the Bengali language are in progress.

(b) Hindi phonetics: Studies are in progress on the suprasegmentals (prosodic features) of the Ilindi language, in collaboration with experts on the Hindi language.

The Kostic methodology for speech habilitation of hearing impaired children is being adopted for the Hindi language in collaboration with experts in the National Council of Educational Research and Training, Delhi.

- (c) Telugu phonetics: Studies are in progress on the suprassgmentals (prosodic features) of the Telugu language in collaboration with experts from the Department of Linguistics, Osmania University, Hydrabad.
- (d) Oriya phonetics: With regard to the study of the articulatory and accoustic phonetic structure of the Oriya language, data on Oriya speech sounds collected in Bhuvaneswar and Calcutta have been spectrographically recorded.
- (ii) Studies on bi-lingualism and retention of mother-tongue: Data collected from two hundred families with Bengali as their mother tongue settled in Telugu speaking areas, Hyderabad and Secunderabad, on motivation in language choice in the fields of education and vocation were recorded on magnetic tape.
- (iii) Statistical approach to linguistic problems: Statistical studies are in progress and further studies planned on quantitative linguistic and phoentic data from both Indian and European languages, Bengali, Hindi, Telugu, Punjabi, Oriya, Serbo-Croat and English.

2.5.5 PRE-CENSUS POPULATION STUDIES

Research work was continued in search, collection, compilation and analysis of quantitative historical data and socio-economic variables. The major projects were: (a) Pre-census population studies; (b) Economic changes in rural India and (c) Editing of manuscripts of the Statistical Survey by Francis Buchanan.

2.5.6 PSYCHOMETRY

(i) Development of an intelligence test battery for hard of hearing children: On the basis of the findings of a pilot study the test for measuring the intelligence level of hard of hearing children was revised. The revised form has been printed and data are being collected from different parts of India. Along with this experimental battery several standardised non-verbal intelligence tests viz., Raven's Progressive Matrices, Alexander Block Design Test, Goodenough's Draw-z-Man Test are also used. In addition to this, a questionnaire is being used to collect biographical information relating to degree and history of hearing impairment, etc.

On the basis of findings on analysis of the data the lest battery and the total procedure would be revised and finalised.

- (ii) Isolation of personality pattern and success: Three groups of data were aualysed to form clusters on the basis of distance-function and by applying Q-technique. The final report is likely to be ready by the end of 1983.
- (iii) Popular views of Mental Health: Processing of data relating to concaptions of mental health continued.
- (iv) Rorscharch Psychogram through Computer Programming: The study aims at drawing a computer model of scoring and interpretation manual of Rorscharch Psychogram. The scoring guide and interpretation manual devised with the nid of modern computers can replace the existing system of assessment of personelity through Rorscharch Psychogram and also minimise the labour and further increase the objectivity by making inter-scores differences negligible. The work has been completed.
- (v) Development of a scale for measuring monagerial skill: The objective of the study is to develop a suitable tool for assessing managerial skill. It is planned to develop the scale in forced-choice method. 100 trials have been formed by matching the items in terms of preference values and the experimental version of the inventory is ready. Data collection using this inventory from tillerent places of India has been started. Scoring key of the scale will be finalised on the basic iterative item analysis.

2.5.7 SOCIOLOGY

- (i) Problems of deforestation: The objective of the study is to identify and quantify the factors influencing the process of deforestation and its consequences on the geographic character of land and species of plants and socio-oconomic characteristics of the population depending on forest economy. The work on the project is in progress. Analysis of data has started.
- (ii) Social Ecology of Sundarban: The objective of the study is to explore the possibilities and polentialities of the symbiotic relationship between the societal groups and their natural resources.

An enquiry to explore the feasibility of the study on the basis of available materials has been completed and a report is under preparation.

- (iii) Structure of Social Network and Dimensions of Change: The objective of the project is to identify patterns of social network in terms of socio-economic and political relationships among various groups in society and study how as well as to what extent these patterns affect impact of development. Data analysis is under progress in collaboration with Stat-Math Division of the Institute.
- (ii) Value systems and social change: The study intends to identify socio-cultural and political value patterns among various social groups and find out how and to what extent these affect programmes of rural development. It will provide an insight into the dynamics of cultural and valuational factors in the acceptance or rejection of programmes of induced change in rural society and thus be relevant for policy formulation. Field work is in progress. Scrutiny and preliminary tabulation work on the data already collected has been taken up.
- (v) Village resurvey: Re-survey will indicate changes in rural life in terms of quantifiable variables. It will help to analyse processes of societal changes and provide comparative data overtime. Data analysis is in progress.
- (vi) Problems of social and economic adjustments of persons retiring from active workforce: The study will examine the ageing of the individual as a social unit. The main issue that would be covered are problems arising out of exclusion of individuals from active workforce. Data analysis is in progress.
- (vii) A study of group relations in Giridib and surrounding areas with special reference to the development of the scheduled castes and tribes: Data processing is in progress in regard to the study of group relations with special reference to the impact of development programme on the life and living of the scheduled groups.
- (viii) Study of registry marriage and the impact of legislation in West Bengal: The object is to study the changing character of marriage institution in West Bengal and the role played by the marriage legislation in effecting this change. It will identify the groups [avouring registry marriage, explore the social, economic, cultural and psychological forces behind accopting this and examine the nature and extent of their postmaritial adjustments in society. Exploratory inquiry among the registered couples is going on in and around Calcutta and testing of questionnaire schedule is also continuing.
- (ix) Hindu-Muslim relationship in Bengal during the 18th century with special reference to the Fakir and Sanyasi Rebellion: The Hindu-Muslim relations, which have played an important role in Indian society underwent significant changes after the introduction of British rulo. Objective of this project is to collate information and systematically analyse related to the nature and causes of these variations in specific situations after the assumption of political foothold by the English East India Company well as

connection of these variations with the broader changes in the economic base of Indian society. Analysis of materials so far collected is going on.

- (x) Conflict, structure and change: Explorations in the analysis of agrarian social systems and directed social change: This is an on-going project. Field work and data analysis are continuing.
- (xi) Politics of challenge and change: Jayaprakash Narayan and concept of total revolution: The book on the project is under preparation.

2.6 STATISTICAL QUALITY CONTROL AND OPERATION RESEARCH

- 2.6.1 As in the past years the activities of the Division were organised through comprehensive programmes under the broad classification of (i) promotion, (ii) training (iii) plan services and (iv) research. Promotional activities were conducted in public and private sectors. Inplant training of technologists, trainees, inspectors and operatives including the training programme in local languages and services continued to have sunport from a number of public and private sector organisations. The units of Bharat Heavy Effectricals Ltd.-Hyderabad, Hardwar, Bhopal and Jhansi etc. continued as servicing plants of the Division besides a number of other plants both in public and private sectors. Soveral organisations were added to the list of servicing plants during the period including all the plants nuder the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) initially for a quality survey. The Division undertook new project assignments during the period apart from rendering consultative service to factories already on its rolls. The Division has so far produced about 750 specialists and about 600 research papers, techniral literatures, manuals, etc. The Division continued liaison with various academic and technical institutions, productivity councils, societies and several other national and international bodies by way of its academic, technical and promotional activities.
- 2.6.2 During the period under review 16 plants joined the SQC service scheme. 135 technical reports were sent to factories and 8 factories discontinued. A total of 59 factories are taking consultative services as in March 1983. Special demonstrative studies involving applications of SQC and OR methods were taken up in a number of areas. Some of them are : reducing incidence of broke at major stages of tissue paper, optimisation problem at CO, welding, failure of AC coils in motor assembly, outinum sand mix and evaluation of sanupling and testing errors, inventory control of insulation items and wood stores, process capability at blade manufacturing and drilling, improvement of quality of ton switches for transformers, optimum length of tube and stock to minimise wastage, frequency of redressing notching tools and its impact on productivity and quality, reduction in wastage of copper at bars and coils manufacture, air gap variation in motors, reduction of lay-out time in printing, optimum process condition at manufacture of paraffin wax, electron beam welds, uniformity in drawing sliver, control of substance variation in paper, fixing optimum parameters for metal coating, reduction of casting rejections, reliability estimation of PDC, development of sampling plans for capacitors, development of statistical sampling prodedure for audit inspection, process

control in turning shop determination of accuracy of height and prohabilities of detection from the field of PSM-33, process capability of induction hardening of gear wheels and yield stress properties of compressor impollers during heat treatment life of different types of recirculation valves in holder feed pumps variation in concentricity readings of utility and industrial rotors, non-conformance in turbine blades, mechanical properties of high tensile bress, rejection of coppor strips of stamping machine, cause of malfunctioning of HLR safety valves, quality improvement at governor housing casting, defect analysis of sanitary wares, etc.

- 2.6.3 Implant troining programme at various factories continued. A series of training programmes for sourior executives of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltdl. continued on regular basis besides regular in plant programme for executives at various levels. One-year special programme for executives at a fairly advanced level blended with practical applications continued for third and fourth batches of trainees at Madras. Several short-term specially designed truining programmes were also conducted at different units of the Division for select group of executives from organisations in India and abroad. During the period under review 5490 managers and technologists were trained in various inplants, genral and other courses, 183 trainees underwent professional training in SQC & OR at a post-graduate level and in part-time courses in Calcutta, Bombay. Delhi, Madras, Baugaloro and Hydorabad.
- 2.6.4 Some of the areas in which applied research work was carried out include combinatorial optimisation in flowship scheduling problem, Bayesian three-decision acceptance sampling plans, reliability of cold stand-by system, generalised inverso of M-matrices, optimisation of process parameters in cement processing etc.

2.7. LIBRARY, DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

2.7.1 Central Library:

- With the addition of 2,021 books and 507 volumes of journals the total collection of the Central Library rose to 1,71,893 volumes.
- (ii) Acquisition Unit: The Unit acquired 2,021 titles, of which 1,477 were purchased and 610 were received as gift. It also acquired 509 titled for the Circulating Library.
- (iii) Technical Processing Unit: The Unit classified and catalogues 1,273 books and other documents.
- (iv) Periodicals Unit: The Unit received 2,353 periodicals, of which 734 were received against subscription, 1000 on complimentary basis and 619 on exchange arrangement with national and international organisations. The Library also acquired 56 back volumes of journals. It accessioned 507 bound volumes of journals and completed technical processing of 400 journal titles.

- (v) Membership and circulation: The total membership of the Library rose to 4,081 which includes 151 staff, NSSO staff, research scholars project assistants, 8. Stat. and M.Stat. students, ISEC trainess, etc. as well as outside students and Institute members. On loan and reference 44,392 books and journals were issued to the users. 600 readers were given special permission to use the library for a short period. 51 books and journals were borrowed from other libraries and 124 books and journals were loaned out to other libraries under the inter-library loan arrangement.
- (vi) Reprographic and Photographic Unit: 94,791 xerox copies were provided to the scientists during the year. 545 frames of photographs of different occasions, 180 frames of scientific coverage, 4,704 copies of Bromide enlargements, 1,534 frames of microfilming from drawing books, charis, journals, etc., 380 copies of photoprints, 230 copies of photostal from big maps and 631 slide for lecture were made.
- (vii) Translation Unit: The Unit translated one document from English to German and parts of two documents from German to English. Translation of a title from Japanese to English is in progress.
- (viii) Special Materials Unit: The Unit accessioned 1,568 micro-documents and 140 Russian books. A list of microfilms of the manuscripts of Francis Buchanan was prepared.
- (iz) Circulating Library: The Workers' Circulating Library acquired 500 tiles, bringing the total collection to 31,488. It issued 36,621 books to the members.

2.7.2 Delhi Centre Library

- (i) With the addition of 850 new books and 999 bound periodicals, the total collection of the library rose to 21,359. 100 reprints and 250 technical reports in microform received had also been added to the stock besides 81 publications received as gift.
- (ii) Acquisition: 850 hooks and 999 periodicals were accessioned during the period under review.
- (iii) Technical Processing: The library classified and catalogued 788 books. Six issues of the bi-monthly list of additions' were compiled and published.
- (iv) Periodicals: The library received 246 periodicals out of which 235 were received on subscription, one on exchange and 10 on complimentary basis. 7 new periodicals titles were added and 5 titles of back volumes acquired. Exchange programme has been established with the Institute of Statistical Mathematica, Tokyo, University de Paris—Suil, Contro D'Orsay, Dedex, Paris and Mathematics Research Centre, University of Wisconsion, Madison, USA.
- (v) Circulation and Stock Maintenance: The library issued 10,142 books and journals to users on loan and on reference. The total membership of the library came

- to 302. Special permission to use the library facilities were given to 132 readers. 160 publications were borrowed from local libraries and 77 publications were loaned out to other libraries on inter-library loan arrangments.
- (vi) Reprography Unit: 3,321 pages of photo-copies were provided to student, staff and research scholars.

2.7.3 Bangalore Centre Library

With the addition of 519 books and 249 bound volumes of periodicals, the total collection of the library rose to 8,536 volumes; and 133 publications were received on gratis.

- Acquisition: 519 books and 249 bound volumes of periodicals were accessioned during the period under report.
- (ii) Technical processing: The library classified 350 books and catalogues 880 books.
- (tit) Periodicals: The library received 232 periodicals, of which 30 weareceived on gratis and 202 on subscription. 3 new periodical titles were added.
- (iv) Circulation & Stock Maintenance: The library issued 6300 books and journals to users on loan and on reference. 500 books and journals were used in the library. 260 inter-library loan transactions were made with the local libraries.
- (v) Library services: The library rendered the services in addition to the above,
 viz., reference service, Monthly addition List (books), Fortnighly List of Current
 Periodicals and Reprographic Services.

2.7.4 Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC), Bangalore

(i) Research: (a) Refinement of the methodology of designing the vocabulary control device called classaurus; (b) Development of a classaurus for agriculture and related sciences and technologies; (c) Formulation of rules for specific purpose oriented Postulate Based Permuted Subject Indexing (POPSI specific) (d) Facet analysis of interdisciplinary subjects; (c) Systems approach to the recognition of Ranganathan's fundamental categories; (f) Application of forecasting techniques to library management; (g) Analysis of the classification schemes for medical sciences for the purpose of identifying compatibility between general and special schemes on the subjects concerned; (h) Design and development of depth classification versions in the field of medical sciences; (f) Planning and management of information systems and services; (f) Systems analysis of document circulation system and serial control system in libraries and information contres with a special emphasis on the identification of the various components; (k) Bibliometric studies for measuring library services and to measure the adequacy of library cellection; (f) Studies on information retrievel based on Bayes theory and Fuzay

sets; (m) Development of a computer based system for generating an 'alphabetic' classaurus; (n) Developing an alphabetic classaurus for leather technology.

- (ii) Training: The 1982-84 session of DRTC course leading to the award "Associateship in Documentation and Information Science" commenced on 2 August 1982. In all, eight candidates were admitted to the course. There were three deputed candidates. Two of the candidates joined on study leave.
 - (iii) Seminary: 18 seminars were organised and 40 seminars presented.

3. CONFERENCES, SEMINAR AND SYMPOSIA

Among different conferences, symposia, seminary and workshops organised by the Indian Statistical Institute mention may be made of the following:

- (i) A conference on "Quality Control, Reliability and Operational Research" in collaboration with Operational Research Society of India was held at Delhi from 18 February to 20 February 1982.
- (ii) A rummer school on "Recent Dovelopments in Statistical Methodology" was conducted by the Institute from 9 May to 29 May 1982 at Karnatak University, Dharwar, for university and college teachers and other research workers. An innovation at the summer school was the organization of seminars by the participating students. 25 participants attended this summer school.
- (iii) A conference on "Women, Work and Society" was held at the Delhi Centre of the Institute from 22-23 September 1982. 78 participants took part in this sysmposium of whom 8 were from abroad.
- (ic) As a part of the Goldern Jubilee celebration of the Institute an international conference on "Frontiers of Research in Agriculture" was organised and held at Calcutta from 27 September to 1 October 1982. The conference was primarily arranged in the form of invited becautees and discussions with a limited number of contributed papers. The following topics were covered at this conference : (a) Strategy for breeding field crops : critique and choices, (b) Agricultural inputs : constraints, new nitrogen sources and energy recycling, (c) Prospects of mixed cropping : intervarietal and interspecies mixture effects-experience and scope of utilization, (d) Post-harvest physiology and estimation of losses of agricultural products due to biotic and abiotic factors. (c) Tapping the non-conventional plants for protein ; agronomy, preparation, quality and scope of use, and (f) Edible mushrooms as protein source : present status and future prospects. In addition to these, three special lectures, the inaugural address on 'Statistics and Statisticians for Agricultural Research' by Professor David J. Finney. F.R.S., the second on 'The process view of nutrition and its implications for frontiers of research' by Professor P.V. Sukhatame, F.N.A. and the third on 'India's changing agriculture' by Professor II. K. Jain, F.N.A. also constituted important component of

the conference. 39 participants took part in this conference of whom 11 were from abroad.

- (p) A symposium on "Frontiers of Palaeontological and Stratigraphical Research" was held at Calcutta from 4-6 November 1982. 50 participants took part in the symposium of whom four were from aboad. 26 papers were submitted at this symposium.
- (vi) A seminar on "Combinatorics and Applications" in honour of Professor S. S. Shrikhande was held at Calcutta from 14-17 December 1982. 45 participants took part in this seminar of whom 14 were from abroad.

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 Sankhyā: The Indian Journal of Statistics, the official organ of the Indian Statistical Institute:

Series A: Volume 44, Parts 1, 2 and 3

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Two other publications, namely, (1) Statistical Quality Control and Operational Research in Indian Insustries—160 Case Studies, and (2) Organising for Quality—Prospects and Proposals, were also brought out.

The following six Proceedings are going through the press for printing :

- Proceedings of the Golden Jubilee Conference on Statistics: Applications and New Directions.
- (2) Proceedings of the Golden Jubilee Conference on Pattern Recognition.
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- (6) Proceedings of the Golden Jubilee Conference on Frontiers of Research in Agriculture.
- (ii) Technical Reports: Thirty-six technical reports from the Statistics-Mathematics group have been issued during 1982-83.

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