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46TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY

The 46th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics will be held under the auspices of Sukhadia University at Udaipur (Rajasthan) from 27th to 29th December, 1986. Dr. G. Parthasarathy, Hon. Director, Agro-Economic Research Centre, Andhra University, Waltair (A.P.), has been elected to preside over the Conference.

The major theme "Agricultural Development Strategy: The Next Stage" has been selected for discussion at the Conference, which has been split into three sub-themes. The scope of each of the three sub-themes is spelt out in the Indicative Outline given below. Research papers on these sub-themes are invited from members and other paper-writers for discussion at the Conference. Papers not exceeding ten pages each (typed in double space on one side only) including tables and references along with their Summaries (not exceeding 200 words) should be submitted in *triplicate* and should reach the Society's Office not later than *31st July, 1986*.

INDICATIVE OUTLINE

Agricultural Development Strategy: The Next Stage

Postulating that the objective of agricultural development strategy is growth with equity, we can say the strategy adopted since the advent of Green Revolution, has achieved a reasonable degree of success in regard to the objective of growth but has made insignificant impact on equity.

The question to ask now is: what should be the nature of change that is needed to achieve the two objectives simultaneously? The emphasis here is on the needed change rather than on the review of the past. The latter will provide the backdrop. More concretely, the search for modification in the strategy can be apportioned broadly between three of its principal components.

1. *Science and Technology Policy*: New Thrusts, their emphasis and direction, alterations, adjustments.

Some broad areas of technology where policy emphasis may need to be reviewed are:

- (a) Science and Technology for Dryland Farming
- (b) Fertilizer Use
- (c) Irrigation and Water Management

2. *Policies pertaining to Agrarian Structure and Agrarian Institutions:*

- (a) Land Reform
- (b) Credit
- (c) Marketing
- (d) Extension and Input Supply

3. *Macro Policies:*

- (a) Prices
- (b) Subsidies and Taxation
- (c) Special Programmes, like IRDP, NREP, etc. emphasizing positive assistance and 'reverse' discrimination.

Note:—Under each of the above, modalities or mechanisms of implementation should be considered. These will include mechanics of implementation and/or management, agricultural development administration, decentralisation, peoples' participation, training and motivation of implementing personnel, voluntary agencies, group or community action; information and communication.