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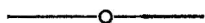
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P R E F A C E

This issue of the Journal contains the papers and proceedings of the 23rd Annual Conference of the Society held at Bombay during 25th to 28th December, 1963. Over 200 members and delegates from Central and State Governments, Universities, Research Institutions and other organisations attended the Conference. The subjects discussed at the Conference were :

1. Agricultural Exports and Economic Development.
2. Nature and Role of Risk and Uncertainty in Agriculture.
3. Regional Variations in Agricultural Development and Productivity.

On the concluding day, a current topic on "Economic Implications of Democratic Socialism" was also discussed at a general session of the Agricultural Economics Conference, Indian Economic Conference and Labour Economics Conference.

As an unusually large number of papers was received and discussed on the second and third subjects, it has not been possible to include all the papers submitted for the Conference, mainly because of prohibitive cost of printing. The important points contained in all the papers have however found place in the reports of the Rapporteurs on each subject. There was a lively participation in group discussions on each subject. The Rapporteurs' final Reports and the Summary of Group Discussions are printed in this issue.

We take this opportunity to thank the University of Bombay for organising the Conference under their auspices. We are very grateful to Dr. R. V. Sathe, Vice-Chancellor of the University and Chairman of the Reception Committee and to Professor M. L. Dantwala and Dr. D. T. Lakdawala, Honorary Local Secretaries of the Conference and their colleagues who had made excellent arrangements for the Conference and to the members of the Reception Committee for their generous hospitality.

15th April, 1964.

D. G. KARVE
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