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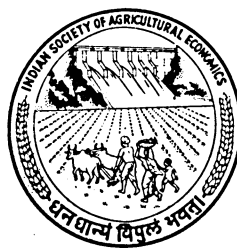
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The Fifty-eighth Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics has been scheduled to be held from 21st to 23rd December, 1998 under the auspices of Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri (District Ahmednagar), Maharashtra. The following subjects are selected for discussion at this Conference:

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We regret, it has not been possible to publish, in full length, a large number of papers because of the time constraint and the exorbitant increase in the cost of printing. We do hope the contributors whose papers could not be published in full would appreciate our difficulty and bear with us. We are grateful to all the paper-writers for sending their papers and to the Rapporteurs for preparing their Reports embodying the main points made in the papers and also outlining the issues for discussion.

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