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## PREFACE .

This volume is complementary to Volume I of "Agricultural Wages in India" and contains the statistical tables referred to therein. The presentation of data collected in suitably designed tables is as important in a fact finding enquiry as the collection of data itself.

2. The first stage of the Agricultural Labour Enquiry, viz., the General Village Survey was conducted in 812 villages selected on the principle of stratified random sampling in 27 States all over the Indian Union, some of the States being demarcated into a number of homogenous zones. In all, 16 Tables for each State as well as 16 Zonal Tables for each Zone were designed in consultation with the various State Governments, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the Departmental Committee of Economists and Statisticians of the Cabinet Secretariat and others. The tabulations were made manually by the Statistical Unit of the Ministry of Labour. The scope and significance of the various tables have been explained at pages 9 and 10 in Chapter I, Volume I and need not be repeated here.

3. In addition, six All-India tables showing a comparative analysis of some of the more important data as among the different States have been included in this Volume.

4. In order that there may not be any inconvenience to readers while reading Volume I and with a view to economising as much space as possible, an attempt was made to include as text tables in the body of the relevant State chapters in Volume I as much of the data contained in the zonal and State tables as possible. In this Volume, only those tables which could not be conveniently incorporated as text tables in Volume I have been included. Tables for the States of Bilaspur, Coorg and Manipur have not been included as the relevant information was furnished in the text of the respective chapters in Volume I. The Zonal tables have not been printed as their volume was considerable and as the State tables contained most of the information in a condensed form.

5. The All-India and the State Tables have been serially numbered. In all, there are 182 such Tables. Tables 1 to 6 relate to All-India, 7 to 86 to Part A States, 87 to 144 to Part B States and 145 to 182 to Part C States excluding Bilaspur, Coorg and Manipur. These are briefly described below :—

### (i) All India Tables.

- (a) Table 1 shows details of land utilisation in the sample villages in the different States.
- (b) Table 2 gives details of land tenure systems obtaining in the different States.
- (c) Table 3 deals with distribution of families in the sample villages in each State according to occupation.
- (d) Table 4 shows the population, total number of families and the average size of the family in the sample villages in each State.
- (e) The average wage rates obtaining in 1949-50 for men, women and children engaged in different agricultural operations are given for each State in Table 5. Wages paid in kind and perquisites allowed, were evaluated in terms of cash at the ruling retail prices while arriving at the average wage rates.
- (f) Table 6 shows the average retail prices per maund of important cereals and pulses for the years 1938-39 and 1949-50 in the different States.

### (ii) State tables.

Table 7 to 182 relate to—

- (a) distribution of villages according to area and population ;
- (b) distribution of families by occupation ;
- (c) land utilisation ;
- (d) area under principal crops ;
- (e) average number of hours worked and rates of wages for various types of payments according to nature of agricultural operations in 1938-39 and 1949-50 separately for men, women and children ; and
- (f) frequency distribution of wage quotations according to daily wages in 1949-50 separately for men, women and children.

There were, however, certain variations as between the different States in this matter. The above six types of tables for all the States are not included in this volume. For instance, the Table regarding distribution of families by occupations has not been included for the States of Bombay, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Madras, Orissa, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh as the Table has already found a place in Volume I in the relevant chapters. Moreover, in the case of Part B and C States the number of tables was generally less as compared with those for Part A States. This has been clearly indicated in the list of Tables.

6. I take this opportunity to acknowledge with grateful thanks the assistance I received from all members of the Statistical Unit for their hard work in preparing these tables so carefully.

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