

Pretesting SurveyDefinitions(1) Household:

A household is a single person or a group of persons who live together and have common cooking arrangements. It is not necessary that they be related to each other. Servants, boarders and other relatives who live and have their meals with the family are also members of the household.

(2) Agricultural Holding:

An Agricultural holding consists of all the land and/or livestock used wholly or partly for agricultural production irrespective of title, size, legal form or location and is operated under one management and as one technical unit, that is with certain means of production for the unit as a whole without their definite allocation to any part of it.

By technical unit is meant all that land which has the same means of production such as labour force, machinery and animals.

An agricultural holding may be a land holding and/or a livestock holding.

(3) Agricultural Operator:

An agricultural operator is the person responsible for operating the holding. He may carry out the operations by himself or with the assistance of others or direct the day to day operations.

In respect of livestock any person who is actually responsible for the management of livestock in the same way that a land operator is responsible for his holding was considered as an operator.

(4) A parcel of land:

A parcel of an operational holding is a piece of land in the operational holding which is surrounded by land or water belonging to another operational holding or by land or water not belonging to any operational holding such as public road, crown, forest, river etc.

(5) Home Garden:

A dwelling house and the surrounding land meant mainly for residential purposes and having any form of cultivation was considered a home garden.

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(6) Agricultural Work:

By agricultural work is meant any farm work necessary for the operation of an agricultural holding. It will include the physical work of carrying out various agricultural operations on the farm as well as other work such as planning of farm work, keeping of farm accounts etc. It will also include work done outside the holding not necessary for the operation of the holding such as bringing of fertilizer and other farm necessities to the holding, taking produce to the market etc.

(7) Land Owned:

Land owned for the purpose of the Census means both land legally owned which would be the land over which the holder possesses title of ownership and consequently the right to determine to what use it should be put as well as the right of transfer, and land held in owner-like possession. Land is said to be held in owner-like possession when the holder operates it in owner like way even though he does not possess title of ownership.

(8) Major Plantation Crops:

Major Plantation Crops are Tea, Rubber, and Coconut. Even if these are interplanted with other crops temporary or permanent the whole area covered by these crops are treated as crops coming under the category of Major Plantation crops.

(9) Estate:

Estate for the purpose of the Census is defined as a holding of size 20 acres and above with at least ten resident labourers.

(10) Asweddumized Paddy Land:

By asweddumized paddy land is meant all the land which are ridged bounded and otherwise prepared for the cultivation of paddy.

(11) Temporary Crops:

Temporary crops are those which come into bearing within a relatively short period of time usually less than twelve months and have to be destroyed once harvesting takes place.

(12) Holder:

Holder is the person who bears the economic responsibility and the financial risk of the agricultural operation.

