

B.Tech. Civil (Water Resources Engineering)

Term-End Examination

June, 2010

**ET-537(B) : AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATION
AND MANAGEMENT**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Note : *Attempt any Seven questions. All questions carry equal marks. Write answers in your own language.*

1. (a) Give the different purposes for which agricultural credit is provided. Also discuss the criteria for each purpose/area, in this regard. 5
- (b) What are the main characteristics of distribution of land holding in India? Also explain its importance in relation to eligibility for rural credit. 5
2. (a) How was co-operative banking introduced in India? What is the present status and scope of co-operative banking. 5
- (b) Discuss the increasing role of commercial banks in agriculture. Also highlight the potential threats to farmers from commercial banking. 5

3. (a) What are the three major problems in agricultural marketing ? Also discuss suitable approaches to analyse and solve these problems. 5
- (b) Discuss advantages of grading and packaging in fruit and vegetable marketing. Give suitable examples. 5
4. (a) Give a brief status of growth in animal husbandry sector in India. How is it complementary to agricultural sector ? 5
- (b) What are the main advantages and limitations of Cattle Insurance ? Discuss. 5
5. (a) "Voluntary co-operatives and people's participation are important aspects of extension". Examine the problems of extension programmes in India in the light of above statement. Also suggest remedies. 5
- (b) What role has been played by National Seed Project in providing quality seeds to farmers ? 5
6. (a) What is the status of skills in rural India ? Write importance of training in skill development. List five important areas which need attention of training institutes. Give reasons also. 5
- (b) What is the significance of rural woman labour in agriculture ? List three agricultural or rural household (outdoor) activities exclusively done by women. What strategy do you suggest to remove drudgery ? 5

7. Write an essay on *cyclone hazards in India - possible remedies.* **10**
 8. How is minimum support price for agricultural produce fixed ? What is inter-crop price parity ? What are your suggestions to improve the situation so that farmer is better benefitted ? **10**
 9. What do you mean by ceiling on land holding ? What are minimum farm size norms ? How much are these norms justified in the light of present day demand of mechanized agriculture ? **10**
 10. What are the major threats to agricultural production in India ? What legislative reforms do you suggest with respect to land reform, price control and insurance to improve agricultural production ? **10**
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