

A. INTRODUCTION.

1. GENERAL Stamp (1953) Allen (1948)

In the report of the first conference of Colonial Government Statisticians (1950), it was stated that "there was complete agreement on the urgent need for the fullest possible information on agricultural output. The dependence of the people in most underdeveloped territories on agricultural resources make it essential that every endeavour should be made to ensure that adequate statistics are available for planning the development of these resources".

In these underdeveloped countries, surveys in agriculture are a comparative innovation and a number of agricultural development schemes have failed due to lack of adequate background knowledge.

For efficient planning of any improvement or development scheme some type of agricultural or land utilisation survey should be previously undertaken, the type being determined by the information required and the resources available.