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Synopsis

Addendum

BANGLADESH

A. Area

A.1. Total area utilized for agriculture

Total land area 35.28 million acres

Area utilized for agriculture in millions of acres

Year	Absolute figure	Percentage of country's total area
1967/68	21.73	61.6
1968/69	21.62	61.2
1969/70	21.76	61.6
1970/71	21.36	60.5
1971/72	20.37	57.7

A.2. Land utilization

Area in million acres

Year	Forest	Not available for cultivation	Cultivable wastes	Current fellow	Net cropped area
1967/68	5.54	6.24	1.03	0.72	21.73
1968/69	5.54	6.49	1.03	0.79	21.62
1969/70	5.54	6.50	0.74	0.73	21.76
1970/71	5.50	6.56	0.74	1.12	21.36
1971/72	5.51	6.56	0.73	2.10	20.37

Note: In a normal year, approximately 15 per cent of the cultivable land is affected by flood.

A.3. Area under principal crops in '000 acres

Crop	Year				
	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	1971/72	1972/73
Rice	24,073	25,486	24,494	22,975	23,795
Wheat	290	296	311	314	297
Jute	2,170	2,465	2,200	1,775	2,215
Cotton	13	15	7	9.7	7.8
Sugar cane	407	399	347	346	317
Tea	105	107	110	110	110
Tobacco	113	113	108	101	116
Groundnut	83	80	70	60	56.6
Condiments and spices	420	406	406	-	-

A.4. Area under single, double and triple crop area in '000 acres

Year	Single cropped area	Double cropped area	Triple cropped area	Net cropped area 1+2+3	Total cropped area 1+2x2 +3x3
	1	2	3	4	5
1969/70	12,028	8,391	1,344	21,763	32,840
1970/71	12,348	7,855	1,158	21,361	31,531
1971/72	12,575	6,856	940	20,373	29,110

B. Population

Percentage of total population engaged in agriculture

Year	Total agricultural labour force	Percentage of total population
1951	10,715,467	23.7
1961	14,872,004	29.2

C. Production

C.1. Production volume in '000 tons

Crop	Year				
	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	1971/72	1972/73
Rice	11,165	11,816	10,967	9,774	9,930
Wheat	92	103	110	113	89.5
Jute ^{a/}	5,754	7,171	6,670	4,193	6,514
Cotton ^{a/}	13	15	7	9.7	7.8
Sugar cane	7,297	7,418	5,686	5,684	5,318
Tea ^{b/}	62.9	66.8	69	26.4	53
Tobacco ^{b/}	89.6	90.9	105.1	76.5	88.4
Groundnut	52.0	52.0	42.0	33.0	31.0
Condiments and spices	385	378	377	-	-

^{a/} Production in bales:

1 bale of jute = 0.1785 ton = 400 lb.

1 bale of cotton = 0.175 ton = 392 lb.

^{b/} Production in million pounds.

C.2. Share of GDP derived from agriculture

Gross Domestic Products (1972/73 prices)

Value in million Taka

Sector	Bench-mark GDP		Estimated GDP for 1972/73	
	Value	Percentage	Value	Percentage
Agriculture, livestock, forestry and fisheries	28,830	57.6	24,070	56.1

Note: (i) Bench-mark GDP relates to average of three years from 1968/69.

(ii) At the official rate of exchange £1 sterling = 18.97 Taka.

D. Exports

D.1. Volume of and value of exports of main agricultural commodity

(a) Jute and tea

(Value in million taka)

(Volume of jute in million bales)

(Volume of tea in million pounds)

Year	Jute			Total value	Tea	
	Raw jute Volume	jute Value	Jute goods Value		Volume	Value
1965/66	4.45	978	592	1,570	6.40	10
1968/69	3.24	749	660	1,409	-	-
1969/70	3.51	766	771	1,537	-	-
1970/71	2.20	519	729	1,248	-	-
1971/72	1.97	643	611	1,254	-	-
1972/73	2.33	1,047	1,430	2,477	41.80	67.50

Note: The above figures are excluding exports to Pakistan.

(b) Other exports in millions of taka

Commodity	Year		
	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71
Fish	14.90	15.50	20.00
Spices	2.20	3.10	2.00
Cotton, raw and waste	1.00	0.90	1.30

(c) Exports to Pakistan (sea-borne) in millions of taka

Commodity	Year		
	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71
Tea	257	243	274
Jute manufacture	158	159	121
Betelnuts	9	-	2

D.2. Share of agricultural products in total exports

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E. Imports

E.1. Volumes and value of agricultural imports

Volume = tons
Value = '000 taka

Commodity	1968/69		1969/70		1970/71		1971/72		1972/73	
	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value
Rice	66,000	45,089	119,920	137,967	335,498	222,660	395,360	260,162	249,687	261,277
Wheat	738,827	261,827	880,272	318,908	830,667	328,164	311,852	125,318	1,059,959	953,832
Edible oil	..	39,935	..	..	..	..	733,311	..	..	..
Raw cotton	..	1,100	..	2,100	..	..	3,000	..	..	..
Spices	..	1,300	..	800	1,700
Tobacco	123

E.2. Share of agricultural products in total imports

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