APPENDIX

1. Questionnaire
2. Desk Simulation
3. Bibliography
QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF INFORMATION NEEDS OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS.

A. User's Need

Section 1. Particulars about the User

Name :
Qualification :
Designation :
Age :
Length of Professional Experience :
Sex :

Section 2. Subject Interest

Please tick ( ) in the box against the subject of your interest.

Agriculture
Agricultural Engineering
Forestry
Basic Sciences

Horticulture
Veterinary and Animal Science (Includes poultry and Fisheries)
Home Science
Section 3. Types of Documents

Please indicate which type of documents do you prefer the most to refer. Kindly indicate with a tick mark ( ) in only one of the following boxes.

- Books
- Annual Reviews
- Proceedings of Symposia/Conferences
- Bibliographies
- Dictionaries/Encyclopaedias
- Journals
- Reports
- Thesis/Dissertations
- Standards
- Any other (Please specify)

Section 4. Subject Specialisation

Please describe your area of specialisation by writing every unit idea (concept) as a separate subject.

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Section 5. Aspects of Information

5.1. Geographical Factor

Information published in and about Indian experience in agriculture is

a. entirely useful and enough
b. partially useful
c. of no use

5.2. Recency Factor

a. Do you prefer recent information Yes/No
b. What exactly do you mean by recent information (what is the period covered by you when you are looking for information)

Nascent ideas One year
1-5 years 5-10 years
10-20 years 20-30 years

5.3. Climate Factor

a. Do you generally require information pertaining to some specific climate zone. Yes/No
b. If 'Yes' what climate is considered important (please indicate your order of preferences. eg. 1st preference by 1)

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<td>Tropical</td>
<td>Sub-tropical</td>
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<td>Temperate</td>
<td>Arid</td>
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<td>Semi-Arid</td>
<td>Others (please specify)</td>
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5.4. Service Factor

a. Do you get - no matter from where - all the required information?

- Yes
- Partially
- No

b. Please indicate how soon do you expect the information (Please indicate your preferences. eg. 1st preference 1, 2nd preference 2,...)

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<td>One day</td>
<td>One week</td>
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<td>One fortnight</td>
<td>One month</td>
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<td>Three months</td>
<td>Six months</td>
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5.5. Facilities Factor

a. Do you think you miss information owing to the lack of facilities in identifying and searching documents. Yes/No

b. If 'Yes', please indicate your order of preference against the facilities you need.

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<th>Publicity about the publication</th>
<th>Availability of primary documents (eg. books, journals etc.)</th>
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<td>Availability of secondary documents. (eg. abstracts, indexes)</td>
<td>Access to international databases.</td>
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<td>Others (Please specify)</td>
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5.6. Language Factor

a. Would you require information published in foreign languages other than English? Yes/No

b. If yes, please indicate your preference against each of the enumerated languages.

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<td>French</td>
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<td>Dutch</td>
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5.7. Cause Factor

Why do you consult printed documents? Indicate your order of preference against

To Frame Hypothesis

To Avoid Duplication

To Design Research Project

To Support Theory

To Identify Specific Problem (Literature Survey)

Any Other (please specify)

5.8. Search Method Factor

How do you search the required information in a library? Indicate your preferences

Consulting the Reference Librarian

Searching Library Catalogue

Referring the Subject Bibliographies

Library's Information Files

Through Abstracts

Through Indexes

Directly Referring Journals

Any Other Method (Please Specify)
Section 6. Information Resource Centres

Please indicate the order of preference in which you prefer to consult the following resource centres.

1. Personal Collection.
2. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Library.
3. Other Libraries in the City.
4. Other Libraries Outside the City.
5. Documentation Centres in India. (Eg. INSDOC)
6. Documentation Centres Outside India.
7. Learned Societies. (Eg. ICAR)
8. Other Professional Friends.
B. Users Perception of the Library

1. Does the library have adequate number of books on your subject area? Yes/No

2. Does the library have adequate number of journals on your subject area? Yes/No

3. If you have all the particulars such as author and title of a book, do you

   - directly go to the shelf where books on the subject are likely to have been kept? Yes/No

   - approach through the catalogue? Yes/No

   - approach librarian? Yes/No

4. Consider that the book you need is on loan, what do you do?

   - Take some other book on the subject

   - Try next time

   - Request the librarian to buy another copy

   - Forget about it

   - Consult the librarian
5. Consider you get reference for a journal article, but your library does not subscribe to that journal. Then what do you do?

- Request a professional contact in some other university
- Seek librarian's help
- Forget about that article

6. Were there any instances where you have recommended purchase of a book or subscription of a journal? Yes/No

Case I: 'Yes'

a. Were these documents obtained? Yes/No

b. If 'No', were you informed why your request was not honoured? Yes/No

c. If 'Yes' strike what is not relevant.

1. I checked for the reason.

OR

ii. Librarian volunteered.

What was the reason?

1. Financial Crunch
2. Material not Relevant
3. Material not available
4. Any other (please specify)
Case II: 'No'

Do you know that your suggestions could be useful in building the library?

Yes/No

7. Do you prefer to approach library staff for some help in searching information?

Yes/No

If 'No' why?

- They are always busy; I don't want to disturb them
- I had asked them sometimes, but they could not help
- How can librarian know about information about my subject?
- I know how to find my information.