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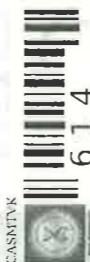
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Introduction

1.1 Definition of Statistics

Statistics has been defined differently by different 'Statisticians' from time to time. These definitions emphasize precisely the meaning, scope and limitations of the subject. The reasons for such a variety definitions may be stated as follows:

- i. The field of utility of statistics has been increasing steadily and
- ii. The word statistics has been used to give different meanings in singular (the science of statistical methods) and plural (numerical set of data) senses.

In order to have a clear grasp of the subject, we give below some selected definitions of statistics which are grouped under two main heads: 'Statistics as numerical data' and 'Statistics as Methods'. The former one is in plural sense and the latter singular sense.

1.2 Statistics as Numerical Data

- i. 'Statistics are the classified facts representing the conditions of the people in a state..... specially those facts which can be stated in numerous or in tables of numerous or in any tabular or classified arrangement' - Webster.
- ii. 'Statistics are numerical statement of facts in any department of enquiry placed in relation to each other' - Bowley.