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INTRODUCING THE DISTRICT

The District of West-Dinajpur is a product of the partition of Bengal in August, 1947.

Since then the district has undergone several significant changes in its geographical contents. Its area has been expanded and administrative structure reorganised.

The district lies between $25^{\circ}10'55''$ and $26^{\circ}35'15''$ north latitude and $87^{\circ}48'37''$ and $89^{\circ}0'30''$ east longitude. The district is bounded on the north west by the district of Darjeeling, on the north and north-east by Dinajpur and Rangpur districts of Bangla Desh, on the south and south-east by Rajsahi and Bogura districts of Bangla Desh, on the south-west by the district of Malda and on the west by the Purnea district of Bihar. The river Mahanada forms its northern boundary. The river also forms a portion of the boundary on the south-west between Malda and West Dinajpur.

The district consists of three subdivisions, namely, Balurghat or Sadar, Raiganj and Islampur with their headquarters bearing their respective names, the district headquarters, being at Balurghat. The sadar subdivision covers the police-stations Gangarampur, Kumarganj, Tapan, Balurghat and Hilli; the Raiganj subdivision consists of the police-stations Raiganj

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Hemtabad, Kaliaganj, Kushmandi, Itahar and Bansihari and the Islampur subdivision covers the polic-stations of Chopra, Islampur, Goalpokhar, Chakalia and Karandighi.

There are seven towns of which the two viz., Balurghat and Raiganj are being administered by the Board of Municipal Commissioners and the other five viz., Kaliaganj, Islampur, Gangarampur, Hilli and Dal Khola are urban non-Municipal areas.

In the district the total number of Mouzas are 3365 of which 192 are uninhabited.

The district of West-Dinajpur lies just outside the tropics and its climate approximates more that of Bihar than that of the central districts of West Bengal. The climate is characterised by hot summer, profuse rains, humid atmosphere all through the year. The days begin to be hot in a normal year from the middle of February and continues till the middle of June. Monsoon generally sets in the middle of June when the rainy season commences. The heaviest rain usually falls in July and August and sometimes even as early as the middle of June. January is the coldest month. During the cold spell the minimum temperature goes down to 4° or 5° centigrade.

The main rivers of the district are the Nagan, Punarbhaba, Mahananda, Tangan and Atrai.

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The population of the district was according to 1971 census 1859887 out of which 967937 are males and 891950 are females. The scheduled caste and scheduled tribe population constitute 23. 10. and 11. 89 percent respectively of the total population.

Out of the total population of the district 22.1 percent were literate according to 1971 census. The percentage of literacy among males and females were 31.1 and 12.4 respectively.

Majority of the people of West-Dinajpur depends on agriculture as their principal source of livelihood. The principal crops in the district are paddy, jute, wheat, kalai, barley and mustard.

Mention may be made of some of the places of interest in the district.

Kardaha—Traditionally Kardaha is the place where Krishma cut off the 998 hands of Bana Raja and burnt them. Kardaha forms one of the important Zemindari Kutcheries of the Dinajpur Raj and has several ruins and temples. It is now an important grain mart. It is situated about 11 km. west of Tapan police station on the east bank of the Punarbhaba, about 13 km. south of Gangarampur.

Mahipaldighi—This is a large tank by the side of the Maldah-West Dinajpur town road about 12km. east of Kushmandi. The tank supposed to have been dug by Mahipal Raja and called after his name. On the banks several small places of worships, both of the Hindus and Muslims.

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Symbols used in the book

· ·	=	Not available
—	=	Nil or negligible
P	=	Provisional
R	=	Revised
I	=	Incomplete

WEST-DINAJPUR AT A GLANCE

Description	Year	Unit	Particulars
Administrative set up :			
District headquarters	—	—	Balurghat
Subdivision	1974	Number	3
Police-station	"	"	16
Inhabited villages	1971	"	3,173
Block	1974	"	16
Anchal Panchayat	"	"	144
Gram Panchayat	"	"	991
Area and Population :			
Area	1971	Sq. Kilometres	5206
Population	"	Number	1,859,887
Density	"	Per Sq. Km.	357
Sex ratio :			
Male	"	Percent	52.0
Female	"	"	48.0
Ratio of population :			
Rural	1971	Percent	90.7
Urban	"	"	9.3
Workers	"	"	28.0
Non-workers	"	"	72.0

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Description	Year	Unit	Particulars
Agriculture and irrigation :			
Cropped area	1967-68	'000 hectares	596.9
P. C. of irrigated area to cultivated area	,,	Percent	3.5
Yield rate of :			
Rice	1973-74	Kgs. per hectare	937
Tea	1972	,,	867
Vital statistics :			
Birth rate	1971	per 1000 population	6.0
Death rate	,,	,,	3.6
Infant mortality rate	1973	per 1000 live births	33.4
Medical facilities :			
Hospitals, dispensaries, health centres and clinics	1974	Number	81
Family planning centres	,,	,,	18
Hospital beds	,,	,,	570
Hospitals beds per lakh of population	1971	,,	28

XII

Description	Year	Unit	Perticulars
Literates :			
Male	1971	Percent	31.1
Female	"	"	12.4
Total	"	"	22.1
Industry :			
Registered working factories	1974	Number	31
Employment in :	As on		
State Govt. Offices	31.3.72	"	7786
Registered working factories	31.12.74	Number	1,804
Tea plantations	31.3.72	"	533
Employment situation :	As on		
No. in live register	31.12.74	Number	25,968
Electricity :	As on		
Towns electrified	31.3.74	Number	7
Villages electrified	"	"	241
Co-operative :			
Societies	1973-74	Number	535
Members	"	"	85,254
Working capital	"	000' Rs.	49,987
Transport and communication :			
Post and Telegraph offices (Combined)	1973 74	Number	8
Radio licenses issued	"	"	31,288
Road length :			
Metalled (including surfaced)	1973-74	Kilometres	803
Un-metalled (including unsurfaced)	"	"	865
Motor vehicles on road	1974	Number	580

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CHAPTER - I

RAINFALL AND CLIMATE

Monthly normal rainfall in the district varies from 2 millimetres in the month of December to 352 millimetres in the month of August. In 1973 the maximum rainfall was recorded in the month of September while in 1974 the month of July experienced the haviest rainfall. Tables 1.3 and 1.4 reveal the monthly temperature of Balurghat centre.

Geographical location of the West Dinajpur district and its Headquarters.

TABLE 1:1

Name of the District	Latitude		Longitude	
	North	South	East	West
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
West Dinajpur	26°35'15" N	25°10'55" N	89°0'33" E	87°48'37" E

TABLE — conclud.

Name of the district	Name of the district Headquarters	Latitude N	Longitude E
(1)	(6)	()	(8)
West Dinajpur	Balurghat	25°13' N	88°4 ' E

Source : District Census Handbook 1961

Monthly rainfall in the district of West Dinajpur

Centre : BALURGHAT

TABLE : 1·2

Millimetres

Month	Normal	Actual					
		1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
January	9	—	17	28	—	15	4
February	16	..	20	4	14	48	—
March	17	35	..	..	27	34	—
April	41	98	..	156	4	28	62
May	140	130	95	184	73	246	246
June	305	161	..	390	210	455	288
July	342	332	472	355	223	297	491
August	352	264	160	258	221	131	311
September	282	392	159	334	171	643	331
October	118	55	82	151	77	151	..
November	10	9	—	46	2	9	..
December	2	—	—	—	—	8	..
Total for the year	1634	..	..	..	1022	2065	..

Source : Meteorological Department
Govt. of India

Maximum and minimum temperature by month
Centre : BALURGHAT

Month	Centigrade			
	1969		1970	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
January	28	8	26	8
February	34	8	31	9
March	37	13	39	14
April	34	17	39	18
May	40	20	43	20
June	37	23	36	23
July	34	24	36	23
August	34	23	36	24
September	36	23	35	23
October	34	20	33	20
November	32	11	32	11
December	28	10	29	8
For the year	40	8	43	8

Maximum and minimum temperature by month
Centre : BALURGHAT

TABLE : 1.3 contd.

Centigrade

Month	1971		1972	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
(1)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
January	28	9	27	..
February	32	9	30	..
March	37	13	37	..
April	35	17	40	14
May	36	18	42	19
June	35	15	39	20
July	35	17	37	24
August	33	17	35	24
September	35	..	35	23
October	33	..	35	20
November	30	..	31	15
December	29	5	31	9
For the year	37	5	42	14

Maximum and minimum temperature by month
Centre : BALURGHAT

TABLE : 1.3 conclud. Centigrade

Month	1973		1974	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
(1)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
January	28	8	26	6
February	32	12	33	7
March	39	13	36	13
April	42	18	40	19
May	35	20	37	18
June	36	23	36	22
July	35	23	35	22
August	35	24	35	23
September	34	22	35	20
October	34	20	..	..
November	31	15	..	..
December	28	10	..	..
For the year	42	8	40	..

Source : Meteorological Department,
Govt. of India

Mean maximum and mean minimum temperature by month
Centre : BALURGHAT

TABLE : 1·4

Centigrade

Month	1969		1970	
	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Mean Max.	Mean Min.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
January	25	10	24	11
February	28	12	29	13
March	33	18	33	18
April	36	22	37	22
May	34	24	37	25
June	33	25	33	25
July	32	26	33	25
August	32	25	33	26
September	32	25	32	25
October	32	23	31	23
November	29	17	30	17
December	27	13	27	11

Mean maximum and mean minimum temperature by month
Centre : BALURGHAT

TABLE : 1.4 Contd.

Centigrade

Month	1971		1972	
	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Mean Max.	Mean Min.
(1)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
January	26	12	25	..
February	27	13	25	..
March	33	17	32	..
April	31	21	36	16
May	33	23	38	22
June	33	18	35	25
July	32	18	34	26
August	32	19	33	25
September	32	..	34	25
October	31	..	33	22
November	29	..	30	17
December	27	6	28	12

Mean Maximum and mean minimum temperature by month

Centre : BALURGHAT

TABLE 1·4 Concl'd.

Centigrade

Month	1973		1974	
	Mean Max.	Mean Min.	Mean Max.	Mean Min.
(1)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
January	25	11	25	10
February	29	14	28	11
March	32	17	32	17
April	39	23	34	23
May	33	23	34	21
June	32	25	34	24
July	33	26	33	24
August	33	25	33	25
September	32	24	34	23
October	31	23	..	..
November	29	18	..	..
December	27	12	..	..

Source : Meteorological Department,
Govt. of India

CHAPTER—II**AREA AND POPULATION**

West Dinajpur district having an area of 5,206·0 sq. km. and population of 1,859,887 (as per 1971 Census) is ranked 8th and 10th respectively in area and population among all the districts of the State. In the decade 1961-71 growth of population was to the extent of 40 per cent.

Nintyone per cent. of the population of the district lived in villages as against 75 per cent. in the State of West Bengal as a whole in 1971. In 1961, 248 persons were occupying one square kilometre of area on an average in the district. The 1971 Census reveals that the number of persons occupying one square kilometre of area on an average has increased to 357 though the density in the district was much below the State average of 504 in 1971.

In the rural areas of West Dinajpur there were 928 females per one thousand males as per Census 1971, while in the urban areas there were 863 females per one thousand males.

In 1971, the child population (age group 0-14 yrs.) constituted 46·4 per cent. of the total population as against 43·6 per cent (Table 2·5) in 1961.

Date relating to economic activity of the people are presented in tables 2-7 & 2-8. Eighty six per cent. of the total working force of the district were engaged in agricultural activities in 1971. The working force participation ratio of the male to female was found to be 95 : 5 in 1971.

The Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe population accounted for 23 per cent, and 12 per cent. respectively of the total population in the district of west Dinajpur (Table 2-9) in 1971. The high concentration of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe population was in the police stations of Raiganj and Balurghat.

II—AREA AND POPULATION

Administrative units of the district of West Dinajpur

TABLE: 2-1				Number
Subdivision and Police Station	Block	Panchayat		Mouiza
		Anchal	Gram	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Islampur Subdivision		44	291	980
Chopra	Chopra	8	60	1156
Islampur	Islampur	9	58	1147
Goalpokhar	Goalpokhar-I	11	66	1196
Chakalia	Goalpokhar-II	8	50	201
Karandighi	Karandighi	8	57	280
Raiganj Subdivision		55	392	1296
Raiganj	Raiganj	13	85	224
Hemtabad	Hemtabad	5	27	116
Kaliaganj	Kaliaganj	9	69	192
Kushmandi	Kushmandi	8	78	231
Itahar	Itahar	11	70	252
Bangshihari	Bangshihari	9	63	281

II—AREA AND POPULATION

Administrative units of the district of West Dinajpur

TABLE : 2·1 contd.				Number
Subdivision and Police Station	Block	Panchayat		Mouza
		Anchal	Gram	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Sadar Subdivision		45	308	1089
Gangarampur	Gangarampur	10	62	203
Kumarganj	Kumarganj	8	55	218
Tapan	Tapan	11	72	279
Balurghat	Balurghat	11	89	311
Hilli	Hilli	5	30	78
District		144	991	3365

II—AREA AND POPULATION

Administrative units of the district of West Dinajpur

TABLE : 2·1 contd.

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Block	Inhabited villages	Town	
			Muni- cipal	Non-Mu- nicipal
(1)	(2)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Islampur Subdivision		852	—	2
Chopra	Chopra	136	—	—
Islampur	Islampur	124	—	1
Goalpokhar	Goalpokhar I	164	—	—
Chakalia	Goalpokhar II	190	—	—
Karandighi	Karandighi	238	—	1
Raiganj Subdivision		1267	1	1
Raiganj	Raiganj	220	1	—
Hemtabad	Hemtabad	113	—	—
Kaliaganj	Kaliaganj	191	—	1
Kushmandi	Kushmandi	227	—	—
Itahar	Itahar	242	—	—
Bangshihari	Bangshihari	274	—	—

II—AREA AND POPULATION

Administrative units of the district of West Dinajpur

TABLE : 2·1 conclud.

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Block	Inhabited villages	Town	
			Muni- cipal	Non-Mu- nicipal
(1)	(2)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Sadar Subdivision		1054	1	2
Gangarampur	Gangarampur	198	—	1
Kumarganj	Kumarganj	211	—	—
Tapan	Tapan	270	—	—
Balurghat	Balurghat	299	1	—
Hilli	Hilli	76	—	1
District		3173	2	5

Sources ; (1) Census of India, 1971
Series 22, West Bengal Part-II-A.
(2) Directorate of Panchayats,
West Bengal.

*Area, population and density of population of the district of
West Dinajpur, 1971*

TABLE—2.2

Subdivision and Police station	Area in sq. Km.	Population (Number.)	Density per sq.Km.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Islampur Subdivision	1,751·8	571,614	326
Chopra	378·4	101,570	268
Islampur	345·2	133,949	388
Goalpokhar	372·8	116,653	313
Chakalia	266·4	97,210	365
Karandighi	389·0	122,232	314
Raiganj Subdivision	2071·7	731,922	353
Raiganj	482·8	208,274	431
Hemtabad	191·6	62,000	324
Kaliaganj	311·6	122,407	393
Kushmandi	310·5	95,165	306
Itahar	427·6	142,855	334
Bangshihari	347·6	101,221	291

*Area population and density of population of the district of
West-Dinajpur,*

TABLE : 2·2 conclud.

Subdivision and Police Station	Area in Sq. Km.	Population (Number)	Density per Sq. Km.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Sadar Subdivision	1,516·7	556,351	367
Gangarampur	328·4	115,867	353
Kumarganj	286·9	86,217	301
Tapan	441·1	121,564	276
Balurghat	372·2	189,138	508
Hilli	88·1	43,565	494
	(a) 5,340·2	18,59,887	(a) 348
District	(b) 5,206·0		(b) 357

(a) According to Director of Land Records,
West Bengal

(b) According to Surveyor General of India.

Source : Census of India, 1971
Series 22, West Bengal
Part II—A

*Growth of population by sex and area in the
district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 2·3

Number

year	Total popula- tion	Index with 1901 as base	Male	Female
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1901	741,284	100	386,432	354,852
1911	791,512	107	412,237	379,275
1921	695,536	94	360,542	334,994
1931	769,089	104	399,896	369,193
1941	851,523	115	443,277	408,246
1951	993,645	134	527,461	466,184
1961	1,323,797	179	694,372	629,425
1971	1,859,887	251	967,937	891,950

*Growth of population by sex and area in the
district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 2·3 conclud.

Number

year	Number of Female per 100 males	Urban	Rural	P.c. of rural population to total population
(1)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1901	92	—	741,284	100·00
1911	92	—	791,512	100·00
1921	93	—	695,536	100·00
1931	92	5,907	763,182	99·23
1941	92	6,952	844,571	99·18
1951	88	4,1940	951,705	95·78
1961	91	98,969	1,224,828	92·52
1971	92	173,690	1,686,197	90·66

Source : Census of India, 1971
Series 22, West Bengal, Part II—A

*Distribution of rural and urban population by sex
in the district of West-Dinajpur, 1971*

TABLE: 2·4			Number
Subdivision and	Rural		
Police Station	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Islampur Subdivision	287,981	262,296	550,277
Chopra	53,647	47,923	101,570
Islampur	62,261	55,973	118,234
Goalpokhar	61,129	55,524	116,653
Chakalia	50,520	46,690	97,210
Karandighi	60,424	56,186	116,610
Raiganj Subdivision	345,860	321,702	667,562
Raiganj	87,097	77,986	165,083
Hemtabad	32,390	29,610	62,000
Kaliaganj	52,849	48,389	101,238
Kushmandi	48,701	46,464	95,165
Itahar	73,170	69,685	142,855
Bangshihari	51,653	49,568	101,221

*Distribution of rural and urban population by sex
in the district of West-Dinajpur, 1971*

TABLE : 2·4 contd.

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Rural		
	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Sadar Subdivision	240,846	227,512	468,358
Gangarampur	52,012	49,046	101,058
Kumarganj	44,487	41,730	86,217
Tapan	62,067	59,497	121,564
Balurghat	62,869	59,181	122,050
Hilli	19,411	18,058	37,469
District	874,687	811,510	1,686,197

*Distribution of rural and urban population by sex
in the district of West-Dinajpur, 1971*

TABLE : 2.4 contd.		Number	
Subdivision and	Urban		
Police Station	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Islampur Subdivision	12,128	9,209	21,337
Chopra	—	—	—
Islampur	8,848	6,867	15,715
Goalpokhar	—	—	—
Chakalia	—	—	—
Karandighi	3,280	2,342	5,622
Raiganj Subdivision	34,135	30,225	64,360
Raiganj	22,862	20,329	43,191
Hemtabad	—	—	—
Kaliaganj	11,273	9,896	21,169
Kushmandi	—	—	—
Itahar	—	—	—
Bangshihari	—	—	—

*Distribution of rural and urban population by sex
in the district of West-Dinajpur, 1971*

TABLE: 2.4 contd.

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Urban		
	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Sadar Subdivision	46,987	41,006	87,993
Gangarampur	7,849	6,960	14,809
Kumarganj	—	—	—
Tapan	—	—	—
Balurghat	35,947	31,141	67,088
Hilli	3,191	2,905	6,096
District	93,250	80,440	173,690

*Distribution of rural and urban population by sex
in the district of West-Dinajpur, 1971.*

TABLE : 2.4 contd.

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Total		
	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Islampur Subdivision	300,109	271,505	571,614
Chopra	53,647	47,923	101,570
Islampur	71,109	62,840	133,949
Goalpokhar	61,129	55,524	116,653
Chakalia	50,520	46,690	97,210
Karandighi	63,704	58,528	122,232
Raiganj Subdivision	379,995	351,927	731,922
Raiganj	109,959	98,315	208,274
Hemtabad	32,390	29,610	62,000
Kaliaganj	64,122	58,285	122,407
Kushmandi	48,701	46,464	95,165
Itahar	73,170	69,685	142,855
Bangshihari	51,653	49,568	101,221

*Distribution of rural and urban population by sex
in the district of West-Dinajpur, 1971.*

TABLE : 2.4 conclud.

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Total		
	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Sadar Subdivision	287,833	268,518	556,351
Gangarampur	59,861	56,006	115,867
Kumarganj	44,487	41,730	86,217
Tapan	62,067	59,497	121,564
Balurghat	98,816	90,322	189,138
Hilli	22,602	20,963	43,565
District	967,937	891,950	1,859,887

Sources : (1) Census of India, 1971
Series 22, West Bengal Part-II-A.

*Distribution of population in the district of
West Dinajpur by age group, 1971.*

TABLE : 2·5

In Thousand

Age group (years)	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
0-14	435·0	427·1	862·1
15-19	85·9	67·1	153·0
20-24	61·4	66·2	127·6
25-29	68·5	70·2	138·7
30-39	122·0	108·1	230·1
40-49	91·3	69·0	160·3
50-59	55·7	44·4	100·1
60 and above	48·1	39·8	87·9
Age not Stated	00·1	00·1	00·2
All ages	968·0	892·0	1860·0

Source : Census of India, 1971

*Distribution of population by sex in different towns
of the district of West Dinajpur, 1971*

Table : 2.6

Town	Municipal Non-Municipal (M/NM)	Population (Number)		
		Male	Female	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Balurghat	M	35,947	31,141	67,088
Raiganj	M	22,862	20,329	43,191
Kaliaganj	NM	11,273	9,896	21,169
Islampur	NM	8,848	6,867	15,715
Gangarampur	NM	7,849	6,960	14,809
Hilli	NM	3,191	2,905	6,096
Dalkhola	NM	3,280	2,342	5,622

*Distribution of population by sex in different towns
of the district of West Dinajpur, 1971*

TABLE : 2·6 conclud.

Town	P. C. to total population	
	Male	Female
(1)	(6)	(7)
Balurghat	53·58	46·42
Raiganj	52·93	47·07
Kaliaganj	53·25	46·75
Islampur	56·30	43·70
Gangarampur	53·00	47·00
Hilli	52·35	47·65
Dalkhola	58·34	41·66

Source : Census of India, 1971

Series 22, West Bengal, Part II-A

Distribution of population according to different categories of workers and non-workers in the district of West Dinajpur, 1971

TABLE : 2·7

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Industrial categories of workers			
	Cultivators	Agricultural Labourers	Livestock , Forestry, Fishing, Hunting and Plantations Orchards and allied activities	Mining and quarrying
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Islampur				
Subdivision	97,392	51,922	1,017	16
Chopra	18,318	8,325	724	—
Islampur	24,175	9,731	60	14
Goalpokhar	22,450	9,351	16	1
Chakalia	15,048	11,807	97	—
Karandighi	17,401	12,708	120	1

Distribution of population according to different categories of workers and non-workers in the district of West Dinajpur, 1971

TABLE : 2.7 contd.

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Industrial categories of workers			
	Cultivators	Agricultural Labourers	Livestock, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting and planta- tions Orchards and allied activities	Mining and quarrying
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Raiganj				
Subdivision	120,343	53,218	813	10
Raiganj	25,018	15,689	479	4
Hemtabad	11,331	5,724	18	—
Kaliaganj	21,106	7,505	16	—
Kushmandi	19,558	6,334	7	3
Itahar	24,982	10,723	181	1
Bangshihari	18,348	7,243	52	2

*Distribution of population according to different categories
of workers and non-workers in the district of West Dinajpur, 1971*

TABLE : 2.7 contd.

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Industrial categories of workers			
	Cultivators	Agricultural Labourers	Livestock, Mining Forestry and Fishing, quarrying Hunting and Planta- tions Orchards and allied activities	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Sadar Subdivision	79,136	41,787	1,175	125
Gangarampur	16,733	8,334	375	99
Kumarganj	14,492	7,856	86	2
Tapan	20,377	11,111	128	4
Balurghat	21,440	11,059	520	20
Hilli	6,094	3,427	66	—
District	296,871	146,927	3,005	151

Distribution of population according to different categories of workers and non-workers in the district of West Dinajpur, 1971

TABLE : 2·7 contd.

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Industrial categories of workers		
	House hold industry	Manufacturing other than house hold industry	Construction
(1)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Islampur			
Subdivision	1,658	2,067	205
Chopra	179	394	15
Islampur	244	729	63
Goalpokhar	516	317	19
Chakalia	232	139	35
Karandighi	487	488	73
Raiganj Subdivision	2411	3,311	684
Raiganj	1079	1,813	430
Hemtabad	163	85	4
Kaliaganj	772	542	173
Kushmandi	230	106	12
Itahar	19	575	13
Bangshihari	148	190	52

*Distribution of population according to different categories
of workers and non-workers in the district of West Dinajpur, 1971*

TABLE : 2·7 contd.

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Industrial categories of workers		
	House hold industry	Manufacturing other than house hold industry	Construction
(1)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Sadar Subdivision	2946	3,565	414
Gangarampur	609	630	107
Kumarganj	385	195	2
Tapan	174	558	28
Balurghat	709	1,832	263
Hilli	1,069	350	14
District	7,015	8,943	1,303

Distribution of population according to different categories of workers and non-workers in the district of West Dinajpur, 1971

TABLE : 2.7 contd.

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Categories of Workers		
	Trade and Commerce	Transport storage and communication	Other services
(1)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Islampur Subdivision	4,670	1,153	6,043
Chopra	686	158	985
Islampur	1,787	479	1,883
Goalpokhar	600	122	1,041
Chakalia	471	149	741
Karandighi	1,126	245	1,393
Raiganj Subdivision	7,112	2,698	13,446
Raiganj	4,056	1,593	7,544
Hemtabad	106	80	478
Kaliaganj	2,118	750	2,218
Kushmandi	210	42	639
Itahar	383	77	1,621
Bangshihari	239	156	946

Distribution of population according to different categories of workers and non-workers in the district of West Dinajpur, 1971

TABLE : 2·7 contd.

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Categories of Workers		
	Trade and commerce	Transport storage and communication	Other services
(1)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Sadar Subdivision	7,552	2,099	11,387
Gangarampur	1,599	259	1,309
Kumarganj	272	52	798
Tapan	513	113	1,157
Balurghat	4,477	1,504	7,329
Hilli	691	171	794
District	19,334	5,950	30,876

Distribution of population according to different categories of workers and non-workers in the district of West Dinajpur, 1971

TABLE : 2·7 contd.

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Total workers	Non workers	Total Population
(1)	(12)	(13)	(14)
Islampur subdivision	166,143	405,471	571,614
Chopra	29,784	71,786	101,570
Islampur	39,165	94,784	133,949
Goalpokhar	34,433	82,220	116,653
Chakalia	28,719	68,491	97,210
Karandighi	34,042	88,190	122,232
Raiganj Subdivision	204,046	527,876	731,922
Raiganj	57,705	150,569	208,274
Hemtabad	17,989	44,011	62,000
Kaliaganj	35,260	87,147	122,407
Kushmandi	27,141	68,024	95,165
Itahar	38,575	104,280	142,855
Bangshihari	27,376	73,845	101,221

Distribution of population according to different categories of workers and non-workers in the district of West Dinajpur, 1971

TABLE: 2-7 conclud.

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Total workers	Non workers	Total Population
(1)	(12)	(13)	(14)
Sadar Subdivision	150,186	406,165	556,351
Gangarampur	30,054	85,813	115,867
Kumarganj	24,140	62,077	86,217
Tapan	34,163	87,401	121,564
Balurghat	49,153	139,985	189,138
Hilli	12,676	30,889	43,565
District	520,375	1,339,512	1,859,887

Source : Census of India, 1971

Series 22, West Bengal, Part II—A

*Distribution of population according to different categories of
workers and non-workers by sex in the district of
West-Dinajpur, 1971*

TABLE : 2·8

Industrial Categories	Population (Number)			P.C. of Col (4)
	Male	Female	Total	to total Population
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1. Workers :	495,701	24,674	520,375	27·98
i) Cultivators	291,978	4,893	296,871	15·96
ii) Agri-Labourers	132,503	14,424	146,927	7·90
iii) Live stock, Forestry, fishing, hunting, and plantations, orchards and allied activities	2,582	423	3,005	0·16
iv) Mining and quarrying	149	2	151	0·01
v) Household industry	5,706	1,309	7,015	0·38

*Distribution of population according to different categories of
workers and non-workers by sex in the district of
West-Dinajpur, 1971*

TABLE : 2-8 conclud.

Industrial Categories	Population (Number)			P.C. of Col (4) to total Population	
	Male	Female	Total	(4)	(5)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(5)
vi) Manufacturing other than house- hold industry	8,365	578	8,943		0.48
vii) Construction	1,283	20	1,303		0.07
viii) Trade and Commerce	19,028	306	19,334		1.04
ix) Transport storage and communication	5,870	80	5,950		0.32
x) Other services	28,237	2,369 2,639	30,876		1.66
2. Non-workers	472,236	867,276	1,339,512		72.02
Total population	967,937	891,950	1,859,887		100.00

Source : Census of India 1971
Series 22, West Bengal
Part II—A

*Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe population by sex
in the district of West-Dinajpur, 1971*

Subdivision and Police Station	Scheduled Caste		
	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Islampur Subdivision	25,838	23,328	49,166
Chopra	5,698	5,229	10,927
Islampur	4,748	4,056	8,804
Goalpokhar	2,914	2,618	5,532
Chakalia	6,444	5,827	12,271
Karandighi	6,034	5,598	11,632
Raiganj Subdivision	135,362	122,412	257,774
Raiganj	36,680	30,575	67,255
Hemtabad	12,535	11,335	23,870
Kaliaganj	33,126	29,908	63,034
Kushmandi	22,124	21,026	43,150
Itahar	19,458	18,595	38,053
Bangshihari	11,439	10,973	22,412

*Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe population by sex
in the district of West-Dinajpur, 1971*

TABLE : 2.9 contd.

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Scheduled Caste		
	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Sadar Subdivision	63,266	59,372	122,638
Gangarampur	12,976	12,074	25,050
Kumarganj	10,800	10,246	21,046
Tapani	17,598	16,508	34,106
Balurghat	17,411	16,423	33,834
Hilli	4,481	4,121	8,602
District	224,466	205,112	429,578

*Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe population by sex
in the district of West-Dinajpur, 1971*

TABLE : 2.9 contd.

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Scheduled Tribe		
	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Islampur Subdivision	19,199	18,192	37,391
Chopra	3,043	2,778	5,821
Islampur	1,946	1,771	3,717
Goalpokhar	3,521	3,304	6,825
Chakalia	3,663	3,510	7,173
Karandighi	7,026	6,829	13,855
Raiganj Subdivision	35,690	34,054	69,744
Raiganj	7,504	6,636	14,140
Hemtabad	2,150	1,937	4,087
Kaliaganj	2,773	2,678	5,451
Kushmandi	4,517	4,410	8,927
Itahar	7,183	7,082	14,265
Bangshihari	11,563	11,311	22,874

*Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe population by sex
in the district of West-Dinajpur. 1971*

TABLE : 2.9 conclud.

Number

Subdivision and Police Station	Scheduled Tribe		
	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Sadar Subdivision	58,270	55,912	114,182
Gangarampur	10,470	9,688	20,158
Kumarganj	9,328	8,875	18,203
Tapan	15,754	15,554	31,308
Balurghat	18,230	17,528	35,758
Hilli	4,488	4,267	8,755
District	113,159	108,158	221,317

Source : Census of India, 1971.

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Population by religion in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 2·10

Number

Religion	1961		1971	
	Population	P. C. to total Population of the district	Population	P. C. to total Population of the district
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Hindus	792,534	59·87	1,172,930	63·06
Muslims	521,758	39·41	667,547	35·90
Christian	8,491	0·64	17,750	0·95
Sikhs	18	0·00	116	0·01
Budhists	*	—	167	0·01
Jains	904	0·07	970	0·05
Others	92	0·01	407	0·02
Total				
Population	1,323,797	100·00	1,859,887	100·00

* Included in "Others"

Source : Census of India, 1971
 Paper 2 of 1972, Series I-India
 (2) Census of India, 1961

CHAPTER—III

VITAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Vital and public health statistics have been dealt with in this chapter.

The data on live-births, deaths, still-births and infant deaths are presented in table 3.1, While the rates of live-births per 1000 mid-year population were found to be 13.5 (P) and 6.01 (P) in the years 1970 & 1971 respectively, the rates of deaths in the two years were 5.6 (P) and 3.6 (P) respectively.

Information about medical and family planning facilities available in the district is given in tables 3.3 and 3.4. The district has one medical institution for 19928 population and 28 hospital beds per lakh of population in 1971.

III VITAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH

*Live-births, deaths, still-births and infant deaths by sex
in the district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 3·1

Number

	Y E A R		
	1969	1970 (P)	1971 (P)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Estimated mid-year population	1612897	1807349	1873282
Live-births :-			
Male	8,816	6,360	5,845
Female	7,991	5,513	5,350
Total	16,807	11,873	11,195
Rate (1)	16·3	13·5	6·0
Deaths :-			
Male	3,353	2,759	3,582
Female	2,634	2,113	3,112
Total	5,987	4,872	6,694
Rate (1)	5·8	5·6	3·6
Still-births :-	173	149	86

TABLE : 3·1 contd.

Number

	Y E A R		
	1969	1970 (P)	1971 (P)
	(1)	(2)	(3)
No. of infant deaths :-			
Male	410	345	..
Female	347	281	..
Total	757	626	538
Rate (2)	4·50	52·7	48·1

TABLE : 3:1 contd.

Number

(1)	Y E A R		
	1972 (P)	1973 (P)	1974 (P)
	(5)	(6)	(7)
Estimated mid-year population			
Live-births :-			
Male	5,333	4,406	
Female	4,701	4,087	
Total	10,034	8,493	
Rate (1)	..	..
Deaths :-			
Male	3,022	1,951	
Female	2,335	1,600	
Total	5,357	3,551	
Rate (1)	..	..
Still-births	65	55	

TABLE : 3·1 conclud.

Number

	Y E A R		
	1972 (P)	1973 (P)	1974 (P)
	(1)	(5)	(6)
No. of infant deaths :-			
Male	227	160	
Female	201	124	
Total	428	284	
Rate (2)	42·7	33·4	

(1) Rate per 1000 population

(2) Rate per 1000 Live-births

Source : Directorate of Health Services,
West-Bengal

Deaths by various causes in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 3·2

Number

Causes of deaths	Year					
	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Cholera	43	—	..	..	..	..
Small pox	1	—	..	..	..	..
Dysentery	218	195	..	..	..	..
Malaria	2	2	..	..	..	..
T. B.	56	186	..	..	..	..
Other causes	6,393	5,604	..	..	..	..
All causes	6,713	5,987	4,872	6,694	5,357	3,551

Source : Directorate of Health Services,
West-Bengal

Medical facilities available in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 3.3

Number

Year	Medical		Institutions		Total	
	Hospitals	Health Centres	Clinics	Dispensaries	Total	Beds
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1965	3	32	14	34	83	390
1966	3	35	14	34	86	418
1967	3	37	14	34	88	464
1968	3	38	14	34	89	474
1969	4	38	14	34	90	494
1970	4	39	14	34	91	504
1971	4	41	15	34	94	522
1972	4	41	16	21	82	664
1973	4	37	10	28	79	570
1974	4	39	10	28	81	570

Sources (1) Directorate of Health Services
West Bengal

(2) C.M. O.H. Balurghat

Number of family planning centre in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 3.4

Number

Year/Subdivision and Police station	Family planning centre		
	Public	Private	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1968	18	..	18
1969	18	..	18
1970	18	—	11
1971	18	—	18
1972	18	—	18
1973	18	—	18
1974	18	—	18
1974 :-			
Islampur Subdivision	5	—	5
Chopra	1	—	1
Islampur	1	—	1
Goalpokhar	1	—	1
Chakalia	1	—	1
Karandighi	1	—	1

Number of family planning centre in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE: 3·4 conclud.

Number

Year/Subdivision and Police station	Family planning centre		
	Public	Private	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Raiganj Subdivision	7	—	7
Raiganj	2	—	2
Hemtabad	1	—	1
Kaliaganj	1	—	1
Kushmandi	1	—	1
Itahar	1	—	1
Bangshihari	1	—	1
Sadar Subdivision	6	—	6
Gangarampur	1	—	1
Kumarganj	1	—	1
Tapan	1	—	1
Balurghat	2	—	2
Hilli	1	—	1

Sources (1) State Family welfare planning
Bureau, West Bengal

(2) District Family planning
Office, Balurghat

*Patients treated in hospitals and dispensaries in the
district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 3.5 Number

Year	Indoor	Outdoor	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1965	2,260 ★	476,773	..
1967	1,144	126,573	127,717
1968	..	..	..
1969	..	..	148,203
1970	..	148,993	..
1971	..	197,646	..
1972	8,329	675,382	683,711
1973 (P)	22,150	909,117	931,267
1974 (P)	17,286 (I)	815,719 (I)	833,005 (I)

* Based on 20% Sample

(I) Incomplete

Sources : (1) C.M.O.H., Balurghat &
A. G. Hospital, Raiganj

(2) Directorate of Health Services
West Bengal

CHAPTER—IV**EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL STATISTICS**

This chapter presents data on educational and cultural statistics.

In 1965-66 the total number of educational institutions (general) including schools and colleges in the district was 1603 and the total number of students attending such institutions was 142,013. Eight years after, in 1973-74, the number of educational institutions and the number of students increased appreciably, the corresponding figures being 2083 (P) and 234,634 (P).

The number of teachers in different types of educational institutions in the district in the years 1965-66 and 1969-70 to 1973-74 presented in table 4.3.

Number of primary schools including junior basic, pre-primary and pre-basic schools and their scholars for the years 1968, 1969 and 1969-70 to 1973-74 in the district is given in table 4.4.

Table 4.5 gives the percentage of literates to the total population in the district. In 1971, 22.1 percent. of the total

population of the district was literates which was much below the State average of 33.0. Urban literacy in the district (55.6) was, almost at par with the percentage of literacy for the urban areas of the State as a whole (55.9 %).

Information on libraries, reading rooms and adult education centres as well as cinema-houses and talkies in the district is given in tables 4.6 and 4.7.

Number of periodicals published in the district was 5 in 1971-72, 15 in 1972-73 and 16 in 1973-74.

IV EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL STATISTICS

Educational institution by types in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE: 4.1

Number

Type of institution	1965-66	1969-70	1970-71 (P)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
A. General Education	1,603	1705	1706
1. School	1,601	1702	1702
i) Primary a)	1,440	1516	1517
ii) Middle b)	93	97	92
iii) High c)	48	51	55
iv) Higher Secondary/ Multipurpose	20	38	38
2) College	2	3	4
B. Professional and Technical Education	5	..	..
1. School	4	..	..
i) Engineering/Technical	3	..	..
ii) Teachers' Training	1	..	..
iii) Others	—	..	..
2. College	1	..	..
i) Engineering	—	..	..
ii) Teachers' Training	1	..	..
iii) Others	—	..	..

IV EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL STATISTICS

Educational institution by types in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 4.1 contd.

Number

Type of Institution	1965-66	1969-70	1970-71 (P)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
C. Special Education	471	..	..
1. School	471	..	..
2. College	—	..	..
All Institutions	2,079	..	..

IV EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL STATISTICS

Educational institution by types in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 4·1 contd.

Number

Type of Institution	1971-72 (P)	1972-73 (P)	1973-74 (P)
(1)	(5)	(6)	(7)
A. General Education	1985	1983	2083
1. School	1981	1979	2079
i) Primary a)	1789	1773	1871
ii) Middle (b)	93	107	96
iii) High (c)	60	60	73
iv) Higher Secondary/ Multipurpose	39	39	39
2. College	4	4	4
B. Professional and Technical Education	..	..	..
1. School	..	..	..
i) Engineering/Technical	..	..	..
ii) Teacher's Training	..	..	..
iii) Others	..	..	..
2. College	..	..	..
i) Engineering	..	..	..
ii) Teachers' Training	..	..	..
iii) Others	..	..	..

IV EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL STATISTICS

Educational institution by types in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 4-1 conclud.

Number

Type of Institution	1971 72 (P)	1972 73 (P)	1973-74 (P)
(1)	(5)	(6)	(7)
C. Special Education
1. School
2. College
All Institutions

- a) Including Junior Basic, Pre-primary/Pre-basic Schools
 b) Including 2 class & 4 class Junior High Schools
 c) Including Senior Basic Schools

Source : Directorate of Public Instructions,
West Bengal

*Students by sex in different types of educational institution
in the district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 4·2

Number

Type of Institution	1965-66		1969-70	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
A. General				
Education	98,776	43,237	139241	65267
1. School	97,158	42,696	136851	64450
i) Primary (a)	72,917	32,971	104193	52165
ii) Middle (b)	6,274	2,109	7813	2298
iii) High (c)	9,880	44,52	10094	4202
iv) Higher Secondary/ Multipurpose	8,087	3,164	14751	5785
2. College †	1,618	541	2390	817
B. Professional and				
Technical Education	..	60	..	..
1. School	..	60	..	..
i) Engineering	21	—	..	..
ii) Teachers' Training	..	60	..	..
iii) Others	—	—	..	..

*Students by sex in different types of educational institution
in the district of West-Dinajpur*

Type of Institution	Number			
	1965-66		1969-70	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
2. College	..	..	..	..
i) Engineering	—	—	..	..
ii) Teachers' Training	..	..	..	..
iii) Others	—	—	..	..
C. Special				
Education	11,703	3,235	..	..
1. School	11,703	3,235	..	..
2. College	—	—	..	..
All Institutions	..	..	..	..

*Students by sex in different types of educational institution
in the district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 4.2 contd.

Type of Institution	Number			
	1970-71 (P)		1971-1972 (P)	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
(1)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
A. General				
Education	131,533	60,043	..	..
1. School	129,216	59,213	152,998	71,827
i) Primary (a)	95,530	46,845	118,917	56,542
ii) Middle (b)	7,487	2,015	7,984	3,167
iii) High (c)	10,876	4,529	11,045	5,888
iv) Higher Secondary/ Multipurpose	15,323	5,824	15,052	6,230
2. College †	2,317	830	..	..
B Professional &				
Technical Education	..	..	..	..
1. School	..	..	..	..
i) Engineering	..	..	..	..
ii) Teachers' Training	..	..	..	..
iii) Others	..	..	..	..

*Students by sex in different types of educational institution
in the district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 4.2 contd.		Number			
Type of Institution	1970-71 (P)		1971-72 (P)		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
(1)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	
2. College	
i) Engineering	
ii) Teachers' Training	
iii) Others	
C. Special					
Education	
1. School	
2. College	
All Institutions	

*Students by sex in different types of educational institution
in the district of West-Dinajpur*

Type of Institution	Number			
	1972-73 (P)		1973-74 (P)	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
(1)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
A. General				
Education	159,663	76,216	153,768	80,866
1. School	157,353	75,667	151,511	80,045
i) Primary (a)	121,171	58,861	114,475	62,829
ii) Middle (b)	9,649	3,757	8,785	3,826
iii) High (c)	11,438	5,974	12,873	6,107
iv) Higher Secondary/ Multipurpose	15,095	7,075	15,378	7,283
2. College †	2,310	549	2,257	821
B. Professional & Teahchnical Education	..	..	..	..
1. School	..	..	..	..
i) Engineering	..	..	..	..
ii) Teachers' Training	..	..	..	..
iii) Others	..	..	..	..

*Students by sex in different types of educational institution
in the district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 4.2 conclud.

Type of Institution	Number			
	1972-73 (P)		1973-74 (P)	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
(1)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
2. College
i) Engineering
ii) Teachers' Training
iii) Others				
C. Special Education				
1. School				
2. College				
<hr/>				
All Institutions				

a) Including Junior Basic, Pre-primary/Pre-basic Schools

b) Including 2 class & 4 class Junior High Schools

c) Including Senior Basic Schools

† Including all institutions excepting schools

Source : Directorate of Public Instructions,
West Bengal

*Teachers in different types of educational institution
in the district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 4.3 Number

Type of Institution	1965-66	1969-70	1970-71 (P)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
A. General Education	4,998	..	..
1. School	4 934	5,768	6,322
i) Primary a)	3,665	4,255	4,679
ii) Middle b)	363	344	412
iii) High c)	470	485	544
iv) Higher Secondary/ Multipurpose	436	684	737
2. College	64	..	..
B Professional & Technical Education	..	..	..
1. School	..	..	..
i) Engineering	14	..	..
ii) Teachers' Training	2	..	..
iii) Others	..	..	..

- a) Including Junior Basic, Pre-primary/Pre-basic Schools
 b) Including 2 class & 4 class Junior High Schools
 c) Including Senior Basic Schools

*Teachers in different types of educational institution
in the district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 4.3 contd.

Type of Institution	Number		
	1965-66	1969-70	1970-71 (P)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
2. College	6	..	..
i) Engineering	—	..	..
ii) Teachers' Training	6	..	..
iii) Others	—	..	..
C. Special Education	..	..	..
1. School	529	..	..
2. College	..	..	..
All Institutions	..	..	..

*Teachers in different types of educational institution in
the district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE: 4.3 contd.

Type of Institution	Number		
	1971-72 (P)	1972-73 (P)	1973-74 (P)
(1)	(5)	(6)	(7)
A. General Education	..	7,221	8058
1. School	7,053	7,096	7,919
i) Primary a)	5,245	5,236	6,016
ii) Middle b)	439	462	420
iii) High c)	590	598	660
iv) Higher Secondary/ Multipurpose	779	800	823
2. College		125	139
B. Professional and Technical Education	..	..	..
1. School	..	..	..
i) Engineering	..	..	..
ii) Teachers' Training	..	..	..
iii) Others	..	..	..

a) Including Junior Basic, Pre-primary/Pre-basic Schools

b) Including 2 class & 4 class Junior High Schools

c) Including Senior Basic Schools

*Teachers in different types of educational institution
in the district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 4.3 conclud.

Number

Type of Institution	1971-72 (P)	1972-73 (P)	1973-74 (P)
(1)	(5)	(6)	(7)
2. College
i) Engineering
ii) Teachers' Training
iii) Others
C. Special Education
1. School
2. College
All Institutions

- a) Including Junior Basic, Pre-primary/Pre-basic Schools
- b) Including 2 class & 4 class Junior High Schools
- c) Including Senior Basic Schools

Source : Directorate of Public Instruction
West Bengal

*Number of institutions and scholars in primary education by
Police Station in the district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 4-4

Number

Year/ Subdivision and Police Station	Institutions		
	For Male	For female	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1968	1,393	5	1,398
1969	1,366	5	1,371
1969-70	..	..	1,516
1970-71	..	..	1,517
1971-72	1636	5	1,641
1972-73	1,776	5	1,781
1973-74	1,864	5	1,869
1973-74 :-			
Islampur Subdivision	496	—	496
Chopra	101	—	101
Islampur	121	—	121
Goalpokhar	86	—	86
Chakalia	81	—	81
Karandighi	107	—	107

*Number of institutions and scholars in primary education
by Police Station in the district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 4.4 contd.

Number

Year/ Subdivision and Police Station	Institutions		Total
	For Male	For Female	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Raiganj Subdivision	768	2	770
Raiganj	215	2	217
Hemtabad	60	—	60
Kaliaganj	127	—	127
Kusmundi	108	—	108
Itahar	143	—	143
Bangshihari	115	—	115
Sadar Subdivision	600	3	603
Gangarampur	127	—	127
Kumarganj	105	—	105
Tapan	143	—	143
Balurghat	175	3	178
Hilli	50	—	50

Number of institutions and scholars in primary education by
Police Station in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 4.4 contd.

Number

Year/ Subdivision and Police Station	Scholars		
	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1968	75,769	35,073	110,842
1969	92,116	46,546	138,662
1969-70	104,193	52,165	156,358
1970-71	95,530	46,845	142,375
1971-72	99,182	48,122	147,304
1972-73	113,335	58,086	171,421
1973-74	110,976	59,348	170,324
1973-74 :-			
Islampur Subdivision	28,812	10,273	39,085
Chopra	6,884	2,012	8,896
Islampur	7,713	3,649	11,362
Goalpokhar	3,928	1,033	4,961
Chakalia	4,171	1,459	5,630
Karandighi	6,116	2,120	8,236

*Number of institutions and scholars in primary education by
Police Station in the district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 4-4 contd.

Number

Year/ Subdivision and Police Station	Scholars		
	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Raiganj Subdivision	46,512	25,666	73,178
Raiganj	13,773	8,699	22,472
Hemtabad	4,366	2,479	6,845
Kaliaganj	6,456	3,738	10,194
Kusmundi	5,953	3,141	9,094
Itahar	9,201	4,831	14,032
Bangshihari	6,763	3,778	10,541

**Number of institutions and scholars in primary education
by Police Station in the district of West-Dinajpur**

TABLE : 4 4 conclud.

Number

Year/ Subdivision and Police Station	Scholars		
	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Sadar Subdivision	35,652	22,409	58,061
Gangarampur	7,896	5,212	13,108
Kumarganj	5,430	3,831	9,261
Tapan	8,213	4,590	12,803
Balurghat	13,589	8,434	21,023
Hilli	524	342	866

Note : (1) Primary institution includes Basic, State Spl. Cadre, sponsored Pre-primary and Jnior Basic, schools.

- (2) Figures of this table may not agree with the figures of the table 4.1 and 4.2 due to refernce of the year and internal adjustment.
- (3) Institutions ~~are~~ under col. 3 are exclusively for the girls and the same under col. 2 are both for boys & girls.

Source : District Inspector of Schools, Balurghat

*Percentage of literacy in rural and urban areas in the
district of West-Dinajpur by sex, 1971*

Subdivision and Police Station	Percent		
	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Islampur Subdivision	44.1	26.3	36.4
Chopra	—	—	—
Islampur	44.5	26.9	36.8
Goalpokhar	—	—	—
Chakalia	—	—	—
Karandighi	42.9	24.6	35.3
Raiganj Subdivision	63.7	50.2	57.4
Raiganj	66.4	52.5	59.9
Hemtabad	—	—	—
Kaliaganj	58.2	45.7	52.4
Kushmundi	—	—	—
Itahar	—	—	—
Bangsihari	—	—	—

*Percentage of literacy in rural and urban areas in the
district of West-Dinajpur by sex, 1971*

TABLE : 4.5 contd.

Percent

Subdivision and Police Station	Urban		Total
	Male	Female	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Sadar Subdivision	65.9	51.1	59.0
Gongarampur	51.7	33.0	42.9
Kumarganj	—	—	—
Tapan	—	—	—
Balurghat	69.9	55.9	63.4
Hilli	54.5	43.5	49.3
District	62.2	47.9	55.6

*Percentage of literacy in rural and urban areas in the
district of West-Dinajpur by sex 1971*

TABLE : 4.5 contd.

Percent

Subdivision and Police Station	Rural		
	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Islampur Subdivision	20.7	4.0	12.7
Chopra	24.8	5.6	15.8
Islampur	19.7	3.2	11.9
Goalpokhar	18.2	2.2	10.6
Chakalia	22.4	4.7	13.9
Karandighi	19.0	4.6	12.1
Raiganj Subdivision	29.3	9.3	19.7
Raiganj	30.8	11.6	21.7
Hemtabad	30.5	9.0	20.2
Kaliaganj	29.5	8.1	19.3
Kushmundi	26.1	6.8	16.7
Itahar	29.5	9.0	19.5
Bangsihari	28.4	9.7	19.3

TABLE : 4.5 contd.

Percent

Subdivision and Police Station	Rural		
	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Sadar Subdivision	34.1	13.7	24.2
Gangarampur	30.4	11.6	21.3
Kumarganj	37.5	15.0	26.6
Tapan	29.0	10.2	19.8
Balurghat	38.4	17.3	28.2
Hilli	37.9	16.6	27.7
District	27.8	8.8	18.7

*Percent of literacy in rural and urban areas in the district
of West-Dinajpur by sex 1971*

TABLE : 4.5 contd.

Percent

Subdivision and Police Station	Total		
	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Islampur Subdivision	21.6	4.8	13.6
Chopra	24.8	5.6	15.8
Islampur	22.8	5.8	14.8
Goalpokhar	18.2	2.2	10.6
Chakalia	22.4	4.7	13.9
Karandighi	20.3	5.4	13.2
Raiganj Subdivision	32.4	12.8	23.0
Raiganj	38.2	20.0	29.6
Hemtabad	30.5	9.0	20.2
Kaliaganj	34.5	14.5	25.0
Kushmundi	26.1	6.8	16.7
Itahar	29.5	9.0	19.5
Bangsihari	28.4	9.7	19.3

TABLE : 4.5 concld.

Percent

Subdivision and Police Station	Total		
	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Sadar Subdivision	39.3	19.4	29.7
Gangarampur	33.2	14.3	24.1
Kumarganj	37.5	15.0	26.6
Tapan	29.0	10.2	19.8
Balurghat	49.9	30.6	40.7
Hilli	40.3	20.4	30.7
District	31.1	12.4	22.1

Source : Census of India, 1971
Series 22, West-Bengal., Part-II. A.

*Libraries reading rooms and adult education centres in
the district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE: 4-6

Number

Year/Subdivision and Police Station	Public Library	Free Reading Room	Adult Education Centre
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1968-69	68	43	107
1969-70	81	50	107
1970-71	81	52	109
1971-72	94	71	109
1972-73	107	92	111
1973-74	117	93	50
1973-74 :-			
Islampur Subdivision	32	18	12
Chopra	6	4	2
Islampur	7	4	4
Goalpokhar	8	3	2
Chakalia	5	3	2
Karandighi	6	4	2

*Libraries reading rooms and adult education centres in
the district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 4·6 conclud.

Number

Year/Subdivision and Police Station	Public Library	Free Reading Room	Adult Education Centre
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Raiganj Subdivision	39	29	21
Raiganj	7	6	4
Hemtabad	4	3	2
Kaliaganj	10	6	4
Kusmundi	6	5	3
Itahar	7	5	4
Bangsihari	5	4	4
Sadar Subdivision	46	46	17
Gangarampur	6	6	4
Kumarganj	7	7	3
Tapan	6	6	4
Balurghat	20	20	4
Hilli	7	7	2

Source : District Social Education
Office, Balurghat

Cinema houses and talkies in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 4·7

Year/Subdivision and Police Station	No. of Cinema houses and talkies	Sitting Capacity (No.)	Total tax Collected (Rs.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1965-66	3	2,148	· ·
1968-69	8	· ·	· ·
1969-70	10	· ·	· ·
1970-71	22	15,895	360,644
1971-72	22	15,790	630,801
1972-73	18	13,271	384,515
1973-74	29	20,769	679,776
1973-74 :-			
Islampur Subdivision	8	6,745	92,210
Chopra	—	—	—
Islampur	3	3,200	73,724
Goalpokhar	3	2,245	7,039
Chakalia	—	—	—
Karandighi	2	1,300	11,447

Cinema houses and talkies in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 4·7 conold.

Year/Subdivision and Police Station	No. of Cinema houses and Talkies	Sitting Capacity (No.)	Total tax Collected (Rs.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Raiganj Subdivision	11	6,846	323,159
Raiganj	4	2,759	236,647
Hemtabad	—	—	—
Kaliaganj	4	2,537	80,409
Kushmundi	—	—	—
Itahar	1	500	2,636
Bangsihari	2	1,050	3,467
Sadar Subdivision	10	7,178	264,407
Gongarampur	4	3,030	26,635
Kumarganj	—	—	—
Tapan	2	1,100	10,301
Balurghat	3	2,548	218,480
Hilli	1	500	8,991

Source : Collectorate,
Balurghat. West-Dinajpur

*Newspapers and periodicals published in the district of
West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 4·8

Number

Year/Language	Periodicity				Total
	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Others	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1968-69	—	3	1	2	6
1969-70	—	3	1	2	6
1970-71	—	3	1	1	5
1971-72	—	3	1	1	5
1972-73		4	1	2	7
1973-74	—	4	1	2	7
1973-74 :-					
Bengali	—	4	1	2	7

Sources : (1) Publicity officer, Balurghat
 (2) Collectorate, Balurghat
 (3) Offices of the S.D.O.,
 Raiganj and Islampur

CHAPTER—V AGRICULTURE

West Dinajpur is predominantly an agricultural district with 90·7 percent of its population living in rural areas and 24·0 percent being engaged directly on agriculture and allied occupations according to census 1971, Amongst the working population 57·0 percent were cultivators, 28·2 percent agricultural labourers and 14·8 percent belonging to other categories in 1971.

This chapter presents data on some important aspects of agriculture such as land utilisation, area under and production of principal crops, forests, area irrigated and consumption of fertiliser.

Table 5·1 gives the distribution of total area of the district according to land-use for the years 1960-61 and 1964-65 to 1967-68. Area under and production of principal crops of the district for the years 1967-68 to 1973-74 are shown in tables 5·2 & 5·3

In 1973-74 the forests covered an area of 1297 (P) hectares of the district of which 466 hectares were under reserved forests and 428 hectares under protected areas.

The data relating to area irrigated by different sources are presented in table 5.5. The total area irrigated in the district was 17.9 thousand hectares in 1967-68 which was nearly 3 percent of the total gross cropped area. Area irrigated by govt. canal was 1.8 thousand hectares in 1973-74. Figure relating to fertilisers consumed has been presented in table 5.6.

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*Land utilisation : Distribution of total area of the district
of West-Dinajpur according to land use*

TABLE : 5·1

Thousand Hectares

Year	Total geographical area according to village papers	Area under forest	Area not available for cultivation	Other uncultivated land excluding current follow
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1960-61	555·4	0·6	65·0	25·9
1964-65	555·4	0·8	64·9	21·3
1965-66	555·5	0·7	60·8	23·4
1966-67	555·4	0·8	56·9	20·5
1967-68	555·4	0·8	56·9	20·4

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*Land utilisation : Distribution of total area of the district
of West-Dinajpur according to land use*

TABLE : 5-1 conclud.

Thousand Hectars

Year	Current follow	Net area sown	Area sown more than once
			(8)
(1)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1960-61	16.9	447.0	84.1
1964-65	4.5	463.9	98.1
1965-66	3.3	467.2	107.5
1966-67	1.6	475.6	123.2
1967-68	2.7	474.6	122.3

Source : Directorate of Agriculture,
West Bengal

Area under principal crops in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 5.2

Thousand Hectares

Crop	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Food grains :—			
1. Rice	399.3	430.9	454.9
Aus	91.9	112.2	111.3
Aman	305.6	317.1	342.1
Boro	1.8	1.6	1.5
2. Wheat	3.7	5.8	9.8
3. Barley	13.2	14.5	17.3
4. Maize	0.5	0.4	1.7
5. Other cereals	0.4	0.8	1.0
Total cereals	417.1	452.4	484.7
6. Gram	5.7	5.6	3.1
7. Tur	2.1	1.8	1.4
8. Other pulses	38.6	36.4	31.4
Total pulses	46.4	43.8	35.9
Total food grains	463.5	496.2	520.6
Oil Seeds :—			
1. Rape and Mustard	31.3	28.0	24.4
2. Linseed	3.4	2.5	2.0
3. Other oil seeds	0.1	0.2	0.3
Total oil seeds	34.8	30.7	26.7

TABLE : 5·2 contd.

Thousand Hectares

Crop	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Fibres :—			
1. Jute	74·8	42·5	67·2
2. Mesta	11·7	10·5	14·5
3. Other fibres	—	—	—
Total fibres	86·5	53·0	81·7
Miscellaneous crop :			
1. Sugar Cane	1·4	2·3	2·0
2. Potato	4·0	4·5	3·8
3. Tobacco	0·3	0·5	0·5
4. Tea	· ·	· ·	· ·
5. Chillies (dry)	1·7	2·1	2·1
Total Miscellaneous crop	· ·	· ·	· ·

TABLE : 5.2 contd.

Thousand Hectares

Crop	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
(1)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Food grains :—				
1. Rice	462.4	480.0	427.0	440.3
Aus	122.3	122.6	116.2	115.6
Aman	337.3	353.4	303.1	314.9
Boro	2.8	4.0	7.7	9.8
2. Wheat	19.8	20.6	39.5	27.8
3. Barley	11.6	9.4	13.5	12.8
4. Maize	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7
5. Other cereals	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.8
Total cereals	495.4	511.1	481.2	482.4
6. Gram	3.8	2.9	10.0	8.1
7. Tur	1.5	1.2	1.2	2.3
8. Other pulses	36.4	30.2	38.1	33.9
Total pulses	41.7	34.3	49.3	44.3
Total food grains	537.1	545.4	530.5	526.7
Oil Seeds :—				
1. Rape and Mustard	22.9	20.1	22.9	20.3
2. Linseed	2.6	2.5	12.0	13.6

TABLE : 5.2 contd.

Thousand Hectares

Crop	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
(1)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
3. Other oil seeds	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5
Total oil seeds	25.7	22.9	35.2	34.4
Fibres :—				
1. Jute	61.4	63.1	58.9	51.1
2. Mesta	19.6	22.5	17.1	27.9
3. Other fibres	—	—	—	—
Total fibres	81.0	85.6	76.0	79.0
Miscellaneous crop :—				
1. Sugar cane	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.9
2. Potato	3.2	3.0	4.5	5.0
3. Tobacco	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5
4. Tea	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
5. Chillies (dny)	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.8
Total Miscellaneous crop	8.0	7.9	9.4	9.5

Sources : (1) Directorate of Agriculture
West Bengal

(2) Tea Board

Production of principal crops in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 5·3

Thousand Tonnes

Crop	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Food grains :—				
1. Rice	341·9	443·0	357·8	509·1
Aus	71·3	97·0	70·0	145·8
Aman	268·1	343·4	285·2	353·9
Boro	2·5	2·6	2·6	9·4
2. Wheat	2·9	10·3	21·3	50·1
3. Barley	8·0	9·9	9·3	6·8
4. Maize	0·3	0·6	2·4	0·8
5. Other Cereals	0·2	0·3	0·5	0·6
Total Cereals	353·3	464·1	391·3	567·4
6. Gram	4·4	4·8	3·7	3·6
7. Tur	1·7	2·0	1·0	1·1
8. Other pulses	16·7	23·3	14·9	18·3
Total pulses	22·8	30·1	19·6	23·0
Total food grains	376·1	494·2	410·9	590·4
Oil seeds :—				
1. Rape and Mustard	9·9	13·9	7·6	6·8
2. Linseed	2·3	0·6	0·7	0·8
3. Other oil seeds	0·1	0·1	0·1	0·1

TABLE 5 3 contd.

Thousand Tonnes

Crop	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Total oil seeds	12.3	14.6	8.4	7.7
Fibre :—				
1. Jute (1)	365.4	143.5	318.7	310.7
2. Mesta (1)	63.1	46.6	52.3	97.1
3. Other fibres	—	—	—	—
Total fibres	428.5	190.1	371.0	407.8
Miscellaneous Crop :—				
1. Sugar Cane (2)	5.2	13.7	9.9	8.9
2. Potato	14.3	22.7	15.3	17.3
3. Tobacco	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2
4. Tea (3)	..	..	..	363.0
5. Chillies (dry)	3.0	4.0	1.0	1.0

TABLE: 5.3 contd.

Thousand Tonnes

Crop	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
(1)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Food grains :—			
1. Rice	567.9	353.2	412.4
Aus	189.4	81.4	86.3
Aman	370.7	247.9	303.2
Boro	7.8	23.9	22.9
2. Wheat	447	76.6	58.5
3. Barley	6.2	5.9	5.2
4. Maize	0.8	0.5	0.7
5. Other Cereals	0.3	0.4	0.5
Total Cereals	619.9	436.6	477.3
6. Gram	1.9	5.0	3.5
7. Tur	0.4	1.4	1.1
8. Other pulses	14.9	17.0	14.1
Total pulses	17.2	23.4	18.7
Total food grains	637.1	460.0	496.0
Oil seeds :—			
1. Rape and Mustard	8.4	12.1	7.1
2. Linseed	0.8	3.1	2.4
3. Other oil seeds	0.1	0.1	0.1

TABLE : 5.3 contd.

Thousand Tonnes

Crop	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
(1)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Total oil seeds	9.3	15.3	9.6
Fibre :—			
1. Jute (1)	359.7	324.3	300.1
2. Mesta (1)	112.1	72.2	132.0
3. Other fibres	—	—	—
Total fibres	471.8	396.5	432.1
Miscellaneous Crop :—			
1. Sugar Cane (2)	7.7	8.4	8.5
2. Potato	10.0	22.0	24.0
3. Tobacco	0.3	0.5	0.4
4. Tea (3)	285.0	260.0	●●
5. Chillies (dry)	1.1	1.2	1.1

Note : (1) Thousand bales of 200 Kgs. each upto 1969-70 and of 180 Kgs. each from 1970-71 onwards

(2) Production in terms of Gur

(3) Production in thousand Kgs. and relating to calendar year

Sources : (1) Directorate of Agriculture,
West Bengal

(2) Tea Board

*Classification of forest area, out turn of forest produce and
revenue and expenditure of forest department in the
district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 5·4

	Unit	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
I Class of forest	Area in Hectares			
Reserved forests	„	436·96	643·63	421·00
Protected forests	„	364·10	364·10	458·00
Unclassed state forest lands	„	202·38	112·92	385·00
Khas forests	„	—	—	—
Leased land	„	—	—	—
Forests owned by Civil authorities	„	—	—	—
Forests owned by Corporate bodies	„	—	—	—
Forests owned by private individuals	„	—	—	—
Total	„	1003·44	1120·65	1264·00
II Forest produce	Thouesand		0·01	
Timber	cubic Metre	0·46	00·1	0·5 (a)
Fuel	„	0·70	0·11	0·13(a)
III Revenue & Expenditure	Thousand			
Revenue	Rupees	47·39	13·45	94·00 (a)
Expenditure	„	101·69	92·07	316·00 (a)

TABLE : 5.4 conclud.

	Unit	1971-72	1972-73 (P)	1973-74 (P)
(1)	(2)	(6)	(7)	(8)
I	Class of forests	Area in hectares		
	Reserved forests	„	426.00	466.00
	Protected forests	„	456.00	428.00
	Unclassed state forest lands	„	382.00	403.00
	Khas forests	„	—	—
	Leased lands	„	—	—
	Forests owned by Civil authorities	„	—	—
	Forests owned by Corporate bodies	„	—	—
	Forests owned by Private individuals	„	—	—
	Total		1264.00	1297.00
II	Forest produce	Thousand		
	Timber	cubic Metre	0.04(a)	0.13(a)
	Fuel	„	0.09(a)	0.16(a)
III	Revenue & Expenditure	Thousand		
	Revenue	Rupees	74.00(a)	..
	Expenditure	„	307.00(a)	..

(a) Including figers of Malda distr ct

Source : Chief Conservator of Forests,
West-Bengal

*Area irrigated by different sources in the district of
West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 5.5

Thousand Hectares

Year	Area		Irrigated by			
	Government Canals	Private Canals	Tanks	Wells	Other sources	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1960-61	—	7.0	7.3	0.2	0.6	15.1
1964-65	—	8.1	7.3	0.2	0.6	16.2
1965-66	—	7.7	7.5	0.2	0.8	16.2
1966-67	—	7.7	8.1	0.3	1.0	17.1
1967-68	—	7.5	8.8	0.3	1.3	17.9
1968-69	—	..	..	..	..	..
1969-70	—	..	..	..	..	..
1970-71	—	..	..	..	..	..
1971-72	—	..	..	..	..	..
1972-73	0.4	..	..	..	..	..
1973-74	1.8	..	..	..	..	..

Source : Directorate of Agriculture,
West-Bengal

Fertiliser Consumed in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 5.6

Tonnes

Year	N	P	K	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1971-72	935	171	34	1158
1972-73	954	289	636	1879
1973-74	1082	460	1257	2799

Source : Agriculture and C. D. Department,
West-Bengal

CHAPTER—VI

LIVESTOCK

Data on livestock and poultries, agricultural implements and veterinary facilities available in the district are presented in this chapter.

The total bovine population of the district in 1966 was 864943 of which 806488 were cattle and 58455 buffaloes. The corresponding figures for 1972 were 857767 (P) 803128 (P) and 54639 (P).

Information on agricultural implements used in the district in the years 1961, 1966 and 1972 is given in table 6.2

Table 6.3 shows the number of veterinary hospitals and dispensaries, veterinary personnel and number of animals treated in the district.

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Livestock and poultry in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 6·1			Number
	1961	1966	1972 (P)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1. Cattle			
* Cows	225,619	229,607	200,461
Bulls and Bullocks	319,957	323,542	384,436
Young stock	251,590	253,339	218,231
Total	797,166	806,4·8	803,128
2. Bullaloes			
Cows	5,482	5,916	11,583
Bulls and Bullocks	41,751	47,181	37,188
Young stock	4,910	5,358	5,868
Total	52,143	58,455	54,639
3. Sheep	7,387	9,506	7,790
4. Goat	379,184	378,542	382,104
5. Horses and Ponnies	3,511	4,139	1,962

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Livestock and poultry in the district of West Dinajpur

TABLE : 6.1 conclud.

	Number		
	1951	1966	1972 (P)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
6. Pigs	25,180	26,670	37,907
7. Others	112	395	111
8. Poultry			
Fouls	43,9201	481,450	703,134
Duck	243,310	247,802	282,674

Sources : (1) Cattle Census Reports, West-Bengal

Live Stock Census Report, 1972

West Bengal

Agricultural implements in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 6·2

Implements	Number		
	1961	1966	1972 (P)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1. Tractor	12	58	21 (R)
2. Plough	196,666	220,080	56,595
a) Wooden	196,538	219,736	56,431
b) Iron	128	344	164
3. Harrows	..	758	..
4. Spade	..	..	..
5. Small items	..	51	..
6. Carts	51,227	60,698	19,948
7. Sugarcane crusher	170	266	127
a) Power	5	36	..
b) Others	165	230	..
8. Pumps			
a) Diesel	—	—	161
b) Others	—	—	116
9. Persian wheels	—	—	23
10. Dones	..	..	..
11. Others	..	..	..

Sources : (1) Cattle Census Report, West Bengal

(2) Live Stock Census Report, 1972,

West Bengal

Veterinary hospitals, dispensaries, veterinary personnel and cases treated in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 6.3

Number

Year/ Subdivision and Police station	Hospitals	Dispensaries	Total hospitals and dispensaries
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1965-66	2	12	14
1968-69	2	17	19
1969-70	2	17	19
1970-71	3	16	19
1971-72	4	16	20
1972-73	3	16	19
1973-74	3	16	19
1973-74 :-			
Islampur Subdivision	1	5	6
Chopra	—	1	1
Islampur	1	1	2
Goalpokhar	—	2	2
Chakalia	—	—	—
Karandighi	—	1	1

Veterinary hospitals, dispensaries, veterinary personnel and cases treated in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE ; 6.3 contd.

Year/ Subdivision and Police station	Hospitals	Dispensaries	Number Total hospitals and dispensaries
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Raiganj Subdivision	1	6	7
Raiganj	1	1	2
Hemtabad	—	1	1
Kaliaganj	—	1	1
Kushmundi	—	1	1
Itahar	—	1	1
Bangsihari	—	1	1
Sadar Subdivision	1	5	6
Gangarampur	—	1	1
Kumarganj	—	1	1
Tapan	—	1	1
Balurghat	1	1	2
Hilli	—	1	1

TABLE : 6-3 contd.

Year/ Subdivision and Police station	Number	
	Veterinary Personnel *	Cases treated
(1)	(5)	(6)
1965-66	..	20,061
1968-69	..	81,231
1969-70	..	93,722
1970-71	131	84,903
1971-72	131	100,246
1972-73	..	99,047
1973-74	138	142,856
1973-74 :-		
Islampur Subdivision	39	36,532
Chopra	6	8,972
Islampur	14	10,511
Goalpokhar	11	10,107
Chakalia	—	—
Karandighi	8	6,942

TABLE : 6.3 contd.

Year/ Subdivision and Police station	Veterinary Personnel *	Cases treated
(1)	(5)	(6)
Raiganj Subdivision	49	50,164
Raiganj	14	10,051
Hemtabad	8	7,843
Kaliaganj	8	9,852
Kushmundi	5	7,601
Itahar	9	8,896
Bangsihari	5	5,921
Sadar Subdivision	50	56,160
Gangarampur	8	8,752
Kumarganj	6	9,973
Tapan	7	9,200
Balurghat	23	20,036
Hilli	6	8,199

* Includes personnel attached to aid centres

Sources : (1) District veterinary office
Balurghat
(2) Directorate of Veterinary
Services, West Bengal

CHAPTER—VII

CO-OPERATIVE

Table 7.1 gives information on progress of co-operative movements in the district during the years from 1968-69 to 1973-74. In 1970-71 the number of credit societies in the district was 788 with a membership of 74455, the corresponding figures being 561 and 61189 for 1971-72, 539 and 65427 for 1972-73 and 535 and 85254 for 1973-74. The respective working capitals of the societies for these four years were Rs. 27,107 thousand, Rs. 27,276 thousand, Rs. 34,556 thousand and Rs. 49,987 thousand.

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Progress of Co-operative movement in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 7.1

Type of Society/ year	Number of		Rupees in thousand	
	Societies	Members	Working Capital	Loans due by individuals and other Societies
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1. Central Banks				
1968-69	2	1,259	8,624	6,867
1969-70	2	1,246	10,988	7,265
1970-71	2	1,436	11,147	2,210
1971-72	2	1,184	12,107	1,621
1972-73	2	1,187	16,102	12,398
1973-74	2	880	23,731	18,899
2. Primary Land Mortgage Banks				
1968-69	2	1,818	2,766	2,531
1969-70	2	2,019	3,170	602
1970-71	2	2,019	3,171	301
1971-72	2	2,106	2,953	201
1972 73	2	2,240	2,836	2,822
1973 74	2	2,374	3,156	2,999

TABLE: 7-1 contd.

Type of Society/ year	Number of		Rupees in thousand	
	Societies	Members	Working Capital	Loans due by individuals and other Societies
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
3. Agricultural Credit Societies				
1968-69	801	57,150	9,321	6,590
1969-70	820	71,000	12,123	3,747
1970-71	780	70,000	12,723	1,929
1971-72	552	57,000	12,131	1,252
1972-73	530	61,000	15,500	12,462
1973-74	526	81,000	22,963	19,156
4. Non Agricultural Credit Societies				
1968-69	4	679	53	36
1969-70	5	700	45	97
1970-71	4	1,000	66	119
1971-72	5	899	85	129
1972-73	5	1,000	118	98
1973-74	5	1,000	137	106

TABLE : 7-1 contd.

Type of Society/ year	Number of		Rupees in thousand	
	Societies	Members	Working Capital	Loans due by individuals and other Societies
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
5. All Credit Societies				
1968-69	809	60,906	20,764	16,024
1969-70	829	74,965	26,326	11,711
1970-71	788	74,455	27,107	4,559
1971-72	561	61,189	27,276	3,203
1972-73	539	65,427	34,556	27,780
1973-74	535	85,254	49,987	41,160

Source : Registrar of Co-operative Societies
West Bengal

CHAPTER—VIII

INDUSTRY

Available statistics on number of registered working factories, small industrial establishments (unregistered), electrification of towns and villages as well as output and investment of some selected industries in the district are presented in this chapter.

The number of registered working factories in the district was 33 in 1970 and 31 in 1974 (Table 8.1)

The number of small industrial establishments employing 5-9 persons using power and 5-19 persons without power and having investment in plant machinery not exceeding Rs. 7.5 lakhs in urban areas in the district was 36 against the state total of 7613 in the year 1971-72. Amongst the industries tobacco manufacturing was by far the most important, constituting about 22.2 per cent of the total industries in the district in the same year.

Information on the number of towns and villages electrified in the district is available in table 8.3. Out of 7 towns and 3173 inhabited villages, 7 towns and 241 villages respectively were electrified (as on 31.3.74)

Table 8.4 gives information on registered working factories employing 50 or more workers with the aid of power and 100 or more workers without the aid of power in the district for the years 1968 and 1971.

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Registered working factories in the district of West-Dinajpur

Industry Group	Number			
	1968	1969	1970	1971
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1. Processes allied to agricultures	—	—	—	—
2. Food except beverage	31	32	32	34
3. Beverage	—	—	—	—
4. Tobacco	—	—	—	—
5. Textiles	—	—	—	—
6. Footwear, other wearing apparels made up textile goods	—	—	—	—
7. Wood & Cork except furniture	—	—	—	—
8. Furniture and fixtures	—	—	—	—
9. Paper and paper products	—	—	—	—
10. Printing, publishing and allied industries	—	—	—	—
11. Leather and leather products (except footwear)	—	—	—	—
12. Rubber and rubber products	—	—	—	—
13. Chemical and chemical products	—	—	—	—
14. Products of petroleum & coal	—	—	—	—

TABLE : 8.1 contd.

Industry Group	Number			
	1968	1969	1970	1971
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
15. Non-metallic mineral products (except products of petroleum & coal)	—	—	—	—
16. Basic metal industry	—	—	—	—
17. Manufacture of metal products (except machinery & transport equipment,	—	—	—	—
18. Manufacture of machinery (except electrical machinery)	—	—	—	—
19. Electrical machinery apparatus, appliances and supplies	—	—	—	—
20. Transport and transport equipment	1	1	1	1
21. Miscellaneous industry	—	—	—	—
22. Electricity, gas and steam	—	—	—	—
23. Water and sanitary services	—	—	—	—
24. Recreation services	—	—	—	—
25. Personal services	—	—	—	—
Total	32	33	33	35

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Registered working factories in the district of West-Dinajpur

Industry Group	Number		
	1972	1273 (P)	1974 (P)
(1)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1. Processes allied to agriculture	—	—	—
2. Food except beverage	33	30	30
3. Beverage	—	—	—
4. Tobacco	—	—	—
5. Textiles	—	—	—
6. Footwear, other wearing apparels made up textile, goods	—	..	—
7. Wood & Cork except furniture	—	—	—
8. Furniture and fixtures	—	—	—
9. Paper and paper products	—	—	—
10. Printing, publishing and allied industries	—	—	—
11. Leather and leather products (except footwear)	—	—	—
12. Rubber and rubber products	—	—	—
13. Chemical and chemical products	—	—	—
14. Products of petroleum & coal	—	—	—

TABLE : 8·1 conclud.

Industry Group	Number		
	1972	1973 (P)	1974 (P)
(1)	(6)	(7)	(8)
15. Non-metallic mineral products (except products of petroleum & coal)	—	—	—
16. Basic metal industry	—	—	—
17. Manufacture of metal products (except machinery & transport equipment)	—	—	—
18. Manufacture of machinery (except electrical machinery)	—	—	—
19. Electrical machinery apparatus appliances and supplies	—	—	—
20. Transport and transport equipment	1	1	1
21. Miscellaneous industry	—	—	—
22. Electricity, gas and steam	—	—	—
23. Water and sanitary services	—	—	—
24. Recreation services	—	—	—
25. Personal services	—	—	—
Total	34	31	31

Source : Chief Inspector of Factories,
West Bengal

*Small industrial establishments (Un-registered) in the urban
areas in the district of West-Dinajpur, 1971-72*

TABLE : 8·2

Industry Group	No. of establishment	
	District	State
(1)	(2)	(3)
1. Food manufacturing industries except beverage industries	5	717
2. Beverage industries	—	22
3. Tobacco manufacture	8	685
4. Manufacture of textiles	7	1,713
5. Manufacture of foot wear, other wearing apparels & made up textile goods	4	506
6. Manufacture of wood and cork except manufacture of furniture	3	251
7. Manufacture of furniture & fixtures	—	191
8. Manufacture of paper and paper products	—	2
9. Printing, publishing and allied industries	—	545
10. Manufacture of leather and fur products except foot wear & other wearing apparels	1	40
11. Manufacture of rubber products	—	50

TABLE : 8·2 contd.

Industry Group	No. of establishment	
	District	State
(1)	(2)	(3)
12. Manufacture of chemical & chemical products	1	137
13. Manufacture of products of petroleum & coal	—	2
14. Manufacture of non-metallic mineral products except products of petroleum and coal	1	302
15. Basic metal industries	—	17
16. Manufacture of metal products except machinery and transport equipment	1	933
17. Manufacture of machinery except electrical machinery	—	295
18. Manufacture of electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances and supplies	—	193
19. Manufacture of transport equipment	2	511
20. Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	3	501
All Industries	36	7,613

TABLE : 8·2 conold.

Industry Group	P. C. of Col. (2) to Col. (3)
(1)	(4)
15. Basic metal industries	—
16. Manufacture of metal products except machinery and transport equipments	0·1
17. Manufacture of machinery except electrical machinery	—
18. Manufacture of electrical machinery, apparatus appliances and supplies	—
19. Manufacture of transport equipment	0·4
20. Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	0·6
All Industries	0·5

Note : Small industrial establishment covered industrial establishment employing 5-9 persons if using power and 5-19 persons without power and having investment in plant machinery not exceeding Rs. 7·5 lakhs.

Source : Bureau of Applied Economics and
Statistics (Centrally Sponsored
scheme), West Bengal

Towns and villages electrified in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 8.3

Number

	1965-66	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	
Towns	5	6	6	6	6	7	7	
Villages	15	18	18	18	18	88	241	
Subdivision and Police Station	Villages electrified upto					March		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(6)	
Islampur Subdivision				3	3	3	13	28
Chopra				—	—	—	—	5
Islampur				3	3	3	8	8
Goalpokar				—	—	—	5	8
Chakalia				—	—	—	—	—
Karandighi				—	—	—	—	7
Raiganj Subdivision				3	3	3	3	50
Raiganj				2	2	2	2	12
Hemtabad				1	1	1	1	10
Kaliaganj				—	—	—	—	7
Kushmundi				—	—	—	—	3
Itahar				—	—	—	—	10
Bansihari				—	—	—	—	8

TABLE : 8-3 conclud

Number

	1965-66	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Towns	5	6	6	6	6	7	7
Villages	15	18	18	18	18	88	241
Subdivision and Police Station				Villages electrified upto		March	
(1)			1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
			(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Sadar Subdivision			12	12	12	72	163
Gangarampur			—	—	—	—	2
Kumarganj			—	—	—	—	—
Tapan			—	—	—	—	—
Balurghat			8	8	8	57	128
Hilli			4	4	4	15	33

Source : State Electricity Board, West-Bengal

*Output and investment of selected industries in the district
of West-Dinajpur (Census sector)*

TABLE : 8.4 **Capital and value in thousand rupees**

1968			
Industry	Return Received (No.)	Productive Capital	Value of Output
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1. Rice Mills	17	3,019	4,330
2. Other Industry	3	533	1,750
Total	20	3,552	6,080
1971			
Industry	Return Received (No.)	Productive Capital	Value of Output
(1)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1. Rice Mills	..	..	..
2. Other Industry	:	..	..
Total	24	6,419	40,838

Source : Annual Survey of Industries

CHAPTER—IX

EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR

This chapter presents data on the number of workers in registered and unregistered factories, coal mines, tea plantations, registered shops and establishments and State Govt. offices in the district.

The total number of workers employed per day in the registered factories located in the district was 2051 in 1970 the corresponding figures being 2190 for 1971, 2254 for 1972, 1857 (P) for 1973 and 1804 (P) for 1974.

The largest employment was found in food except beverage industry, the average number of persons working per day being 1711 (P) in 1974.

The ^{no. of employes} ~~employments~~ in the State Govt. offices of the district was 8023 in 1968, 8805 in 1969, 6468 in 1970, 8386 in 1971, and 7786 in 1972.

IX—EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR

Workers employed in registered working factories in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 9·1

Number

Industry Group	1968	1969	1970	1971
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1. Processes allied to agriculture	—	—	—	—
2. Food except beverage	1,708	2,081	1,965	2,097
3. Beverage	—	—	—	—
4. Tobacco	—	—	—	—
5. Textiles	—	—	—	—
6. Footwear, other wearing apparels made up textile goods	—	—	—	—
7. Wood & cork except furniture	—	—	—	—
8. Furniture and fixtures	—	—	—	—
9. Paper and paper products	—	—	—	—
10. Printing, publishing and allied industries	—	—	—	—
11. Leather and leather products (except footwear)	—	—	—	—
12. Rubber and rubber products	—	—	—	—
13. Chemical and chemical products	—	—	—	—

TABLE : 9.1 contd.

Number

Industry Group	1968	1969	1970	1971
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
14. Products of petroleum & coal	—	—	—	—
15. Non-metallic mineral products (except products of petroleum & coal)	—	—	—	—
16. Basic metal industry	—	—	—	—
17. Manufacture of metal products (except machinery & transport equipment,	—	—	—	—
18. Manufacture of machinery (except electrical machinery)	—	—	—	—
19. Electrical machinery apparatus, appliances and supplies	—	—	—	—
20. Transport and transport equipment	96	96	86	93
21. Miscellaneous industry	—	—	—	—
22. Electricity, gas and steam	—	—	—	—
23. Water and sanitary services	—	—	—	—
24. Recreation services	—	—	—	—
25. Personal services	—	—	—	—
Total	1,804	2,177	2,051	2,190

TABLE: 9.1 contd.

Number

Industry Group	1972	1273 (P)	1974 (P)
(1)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1. Processes allied to agriculture	—	—	—
2. Food except beverage	2,161	1,764	1,711
3. Beverage	—	—	—
4. Tobacco	—	—	—
5. Textiles	—	—	—
6. Footwear, other wearing apparels made up textile, goods	—	..	—
7. Wood & cork except furniture	—	—	—
8. Furniture and fixtures	—	—	—
9. Paper and paper products	—	—	—
10. Printing, publishing and allied industries	—	—	—
11. Leather and leather products except footwear)	—	—	—
12. Rubber and rubber products	—	—	—
13. Chemical and chemical products	—	—	—
14. Products of petroleum & coal	—	—	—

TABLE : 9.1 conclud.

Industry Group	Number		
	1972	1973 (P)	1974 (P)
(1)	(6)	(7)	(8)
15. Non-metallic mineral products (except products of petroleum & coal)	—	—	—
16. Basic metal industry	—	—	—
17. Manufacture of metal products (except machinery & transport equipment)	—	—	—
18. Manufacture of machinery (except electrical machinery	—	—	—
19. Electrical machinery apparatus appliances and supplies	—	—	—
20. Transport and transport equipment	93	93	93
21. Miscellaneous industry	—	—	—
22. Electricity, gas and steam	—	—	—
23. Water and sanitary services	—	—	—
24. Recreation services	—	—	—
25. Personal services	—	—	—
Total	2,254	1,857	1,804

Source : Chief Inspector of Factories,
West Bengal

Employment in registered and un-registered factories coal mines, tea plantations, registered shops and establishments and State Government offices in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 9·2				Number
Sector	1968	1969	1970	1971
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1. Registered factories :				
Working factories	32	33	33	35
Average daily employment	1,804	2,177	2,051	2,190
2. Un-registered factories :				
Working factories	· ·	· ·	· ·	36
Average daily employment	· ·	· ·	· ·	287
3. Coal Mines :				
Working mines	—	—	—	—
Average daily employment	—	—	—	—
4. Tea plantations : (a)				
Tea Estate	1	1	1	1
Average daily employment	579	522	· ·	519

*Employment in registered and un-registered factories coal mines
tea plantations, registered shops and establishments and State
Government offices in the district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 9.2 contd.

Sector	Number			
	1968	1969	1970	1971
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
5. Shops, Commercial Establishments, Cinema and theatres	..	..	..	..
Average daily employment	..	..	..	..
6. Employment in State Government Offices (As on 31st March)	8,023	8,805	6,468	8,386

TABLE : 9·2 contd.			Number
Sector	1972	1973	1974
(1)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1. Registered factories :			
Working factories	34	31 (P)	31 (P)
Average daily employment	2,254	1,857 (P)	1,804 (P)
2. Un-registered factories :			
Working factories	..	..	..
Average daily employment	..	..	..
3. Coal Mines :			
Working mines	—	—	—
Average daily employment	—	—	—
4. Tea plantattions : (a)			
Tea Estate	1	1	1
Average daily employment	606	..	..

TABLE: 9.2 contd.

			Number
Sector	1972	1973	1974
(1)	(6)	(7)	(8)
5. Shops, Commercial Establishments, Cinema and theatres	..	..	..
Average daily employment	..	..	..
6. Employment in State			
Government Offices (a)	7,786	8,258	8,809

(a) As on 31st. March of the year

Note :—Un-registered factories (item 2) relate to the factories employing 5-9 persons if using power and 5-19 persons without power and having investments in plant machinery not-exceeding Rs 7.5 lakhs in urban areas.

- Sources : (1) Chief Inspector of Factories, West Bengal
 (2) Monthly Coal Bulletin
 (3) Tea Statistics
 (4) Bureau of Applied Economics & Statistics, West Bengal.

CHAPTER—X

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE

This chapter deals with the activities of employment Exchanges in the district.

Table 10.1 gives the number of applicants on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges in the district yearwise for the five years from 1970 to 1974.

Amongst the applicants the maximum number belongs to the clerical category.

The number of applicants on the Live Register of Employment Exchange in the district was 25,968 in 1974.

X EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE

Applicants on the live register of employment exchange in the district of West-Dinajpur by main occupational group

TABLE : 10·1

Number

Occupational Group	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1. Industrial Supervisory	151	142	134	158	143
2. Skilled and Semiskilled	475	412	932	475	720
3. Clerical	2,548	6,095	16,099	17,380	18,737
4. Educational	7	2	10	15	23
5. Domestic	15	—	22	27	33
6. Un skilled	2,522	2,787	3,745	8,576	6,312
7. Others	—	—	58	—	—
All groups	5,718	9,438	21,000	26,631	25,968

Sources : (1) Director, N. E. S. West Bengal

(2) Asst. Employment Officer, Raiganj

*Registration and placement effected by employment exchange
in the district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 10-2 Number

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1. Fresh registration during the year	6,735	5,106	15,144	9,745	8,814
2. Placement effected during the year	6	17	98	49	35
3. Vacancies notified during the year	35	59	114	67	47
4. On live register at the end of the year	5,718	9,438	21,000	26,631	25,968

Sources : (1) Director N. E. S. West Bengal

(2) Asst. Employment Officer, Raiganj

CHAPTER—XI

This chapter deals with wholesale prices of agricultural and animal husbandry products and consumer price index numbers for the district.

Comparative wholesale prices of certain agricultural and animal husbandry products in different markets of the district for the month of February of two consecutive years are shown in table 11.1

Consumer price index numbers by monthly expenditure levels are given for the years 1960, 1965 and 1968 to 1974 in table 11.2. The figures for 1974 in the table have been shown down to months.

In table 11.3 consumer price index numbers for industrial workers are given for the years 1968 to 1974 monthwise.

XI—PRICE

*Wholesale prices of agricultural and animal husbandry products
(average quality) in different markets of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 11·1

Rupees per unit

Commodity	Name of the Market	Unit	February	
			1973	1974
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Cereals				
Paddy (Darikesal fine)	Dhankoil hat	Quintal	102·00	90·25
„ (Panati fine)	Balurghat hat	„	72·04	78·75
„ (Kalam mixed)	Damdama hat	„	74·37	88·12
„ (Chenga & kalam)	Dhankoil hat	„	77·50	87·25
„ „	Islampur hat	„	83·75	97·50
„ „	Dalkhola hat	„	83·75	93·50
Rice (Darikesal fine)	Dhankoil hat	„	158·50	156·25
„ (Panati fine)	Balurghat	„	121·50	142·50
„ „	Balurghat assembly Centre	„	122·19	142·50
„ (Kalam mixed)	Damdama hat	„	125·00	146·25
„ (Chenga & kalam)	Dhankoil hat	„	131·25	151·87
„ „	Islampur hat	„	145·75	163·75
„ „	Dalkhola hat	„	135·75	161·25
„ (Kalam Common)	Islampur hat	„	130·75	155·00
„ „	Dalkhola hat	„	131·00	154·50

TABLE : 11.1 conclud.

Rupees per unit

Commodity	Name of the Market	Unit	February	
			1973	1974
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Pulses (whole) :—				
Urid (Black small)	Dhankoil hat	„	141.25	151.00
Spices :—				
Chillies dry	„	„	360.00	700.00
Oil seeds :—				
Mustard (Bold other than yellow,	„	„	200.00	293.75
„ „	Maharaja hat	„	200.00	335.00
Fibres :—				
Jute (Bottom)	Balurghat hat	„	145.19	113.50
„ „	Damdama hat	„	146.87	111.79
„ „	Dhankoil hat	„	155.87	112.25
„ „	Maharaja hat	„	151.37	110.47
„ „	Islampur hat	„	154.25	110.50
„ „	Dalkhola hat	„	155.75	112.75
Hide and Skin :—				
Cow hide	Dhankoil hat	each	30.00	16.75
Buffalo hide	Dhankoil hat	„	34.50	19.12
Goats skin	„	„	25.25	8.50
Miscellaneous :—				
Betal leaves	Damdama hat 1000 Nos.		13.12	15.75

Source : Directorate of Agriculture
Marketing office, West Bengal

Consumer price Index numbers by average monthly expenditure level of families in West-Dinajpur (all combined)

Base : November 1950 = 100 upto the year 1971
 1960 = 100 from the years 1972 onwards
 Centre : Balurghat

TABLE : 11·2

Year/Month	Monthly expenditure levels in rupees				
	1-100	101-200	201-350	351-700	701 & above
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1960	104·9	103·3	101·2	101·1	97·0
1965	126·9	124·1	122·6	123·1	117·1
1968	188·6	182·7	174·2	167·0	151·2
1969	185·7	181·8	173·0	165·8	152·7
1970	197·9	193·2	182·8	176·6	160·0
1971	194·2	189·3	181·1	176·5	161·9
1972	210·6	207·3	207·0	201·3	· ·
1973	243·7	237·0	230·7	221·0	· ·
1974	298·1	287·7	275·2	260·8	· ·

TABLE : 11.2 conold.

Year/Month	Monthly expenditure levels in rupees				
	1-100	101-200	201-350	351-700	701 & above
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1974 :—					
January	260.0	252.8	246.7	237.5	..
February	249.5	242.6	236.7	288.7	..
March	265.5	257.6	248.5	237.1	..
April	285.1	275.5	262.6	248.4	..
May	304.8	294.0	279.5	262.8	..
June	301.6	291.2	275.5	260.3	..
July	310.8	299.4	284.7	269.2	..
August	325.3	313.0	297.4	281.3	..
September	327.3	314.7	296.6	278.5	..
October	340.7	326.3	306.3	286.1	..
November	310.4	299.5	288.2	273.5	..
December	296.2	286.3	279.1	266.2	..

Source : Bureau of Applied Economics & Statistics
West Bengal

*Consumer price index numbers for industrial workers in
West-Dinajpur (Malda West-Dinajpur area)*

Base 1951—100

TABLE : 11-3

Month	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
January	171	150	167	165	169	185	246
February	171	148	165	161	174	187	249
March	165	143	168	164	175	192	253
April	174	148	171	164	178	201	262
May	180	151	174	166	182	209	277
June	177	162	180	167	187	216	276
July	174	165	176	171	192	223	286
August	174	168	177	183	199	235	290
September	171	171	179	186	199	247	306
October	163	171	179	186	198	269	309
November	157	167	177	181	196	264	284
December	153	169	171	175	191	256	276
Annual Average	169	159	174	172	187	224	276

Sources : (1) Commissioner of Labour, West-Bengal
(2) Labour Bureau, Govt. of India

CHAPTER—XII

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

Available data on transport and communication in the district have been presented in this chapter.

Information about roads maintained by P. W. D. and local bodies in the district is given in table 12.1. The district had a total road length of 1668 Kilometres excepting that maintained by municipalities in 1973-74. The road length maintained by the municipalities was 125 kilometres in the same year. Of the total roads maintained by P. W. D., 165 km. were National Highway and 128 Km. State Highway in 1973-74

The number of different types of motor vehicles plying on road in the district is available in table 12.4. In all, there were 776 vehicles in the district as on 31. 3. 74.

There were 248 post offices and 8 post and telegraph combined offices in the district in 1973-74.

XII—TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION
*Extra municipal roads maintained by P. W. D. and local
 bodies in the district of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE 12:1 Kilometres

Year	P. W. D.			Local Bodies †		
	Surfaced	Un-Surfaced	Total	Surfaced	Un-Surfaced	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1965-66	357	21	378	3	1024	1027
1968-69	752	79	831	3	1024	1027
1969-70	..	..	..	..	..	..
1970-71	..	..	..	3	1005	1008
1971-72	728	58	786	7	815	822
1972-73	679	44	723	7 (a)	815(a)	822(a)
1973-74	796	50	846	7 (a)	815(a)	822(a)

TABLE : 12:1 conclud. Kilometres

Year	Total		
	Surfaced	Un-Surfaced	Total
(1)	(8)	(9)	(10)
1965-66	360	1045	1405
1968-69	360	1103	1858
1969-70	..	..	..
1970-71	..	..	..
1971-72	873	735	1608
1972-73	686	859	1545
1973-74	803	865	1668

† Zilla Parishad & District Board

(a) Previous year's figure repeated.

Sources : (1) P.W.D., West Bengal

(2) Directorate of Panchayats, West Bengal

*Length of different classes of road maintained in the
district of West Dinajpur by P.W.D.*

TABLE : 12-2

Kilometres

Year	National	State	Major	Other	Village	Total
	High Ways	High Ways	District Roads	District Roads	Roads	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1967-68	171·63	128·00	59·00	111·91	360·46	831·00
1968-69	171·63	128·00	59·00	111·91	360·46	831·00
1969-70	..	..	..	..	..	..
1970-71	..	..	..	..	..	..
1971-72	165·00	621·00	(a)	(a)	(a)	786·00
1972-73	165·00	128·00	536·00	(b)	(b)	829·00
1973-74	165·00	128·00	553·00	(b)	(b)	846·00

(a) Figures included in col. (3)

(b) Included in col. (4)

Source : P. W. D., West Bengal

*Roads maintained by municipalities in the district of West-Dinajpur***TABLE : 12.3****Kilometres**

Year	Metalled	Un-metalled	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1965-66	12.40	14.00	26.40
1966-67	12.80	14.40	27.20
1967-68	19.21	45.36	64.57
1968-69	26.10	59.20	85.30
1969-70	31.50	68.00	99.50
1970-71	45.85	68.11	113.96
1971-72	51.36	76.45	127.81
1972-73	47.92	77.49	125.41
1973-74	51.49	73.92	125.41

Note : (1) Figures for the years 1965-66 & 1966-67 exclude roads under Raiganj Municipality

Source : Municipal offices, Balurghat & Raiganj,
West-Dinajpur

Motor vehicles on road in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 12·4 Number

Year (as on 31st March)	Motor Car			Motor cycle	Public service vehicles	
	Private	Jeep	Total		Motor cab and Contract Carriage	Stage Carriage
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1966	..	..	36	21	53	73
1967	..	..	40	21	57	74
1968	..	..	41	13	60	79
1969	..	..	44	26	60	80
1970	..	..	46	31	61	85
1971	49	21	70	32	60	91
1972	55	22	77	36	59	119
1973	67	22	89	41	69	..
1974	71	23	94	44	99	97

TABLE : 12·4 conclud. Number

Year (as on 31st March)	Goods Vehicles		Tractor	Trailer	Others	Total
	Public Carrier	Private Carrier				
(1)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
1966	127	21	4	—	22	357
1967	125	12	4	1	23	357
1968	115	15	4	2	37	366
1969	124	15	4	5	29	387
1970	135	16	7	5	43	429
1971	145	20	8	—	26	452
1972	158	21	10	—	26	506
1973	178	23	10	—	29	..
1974	184	22	11	—	25	576

Sources : (1) R.T.A., Balurghat

(2) District census Hand Book, 1961

(3) Collectorate of West-Dinajpur (M.V. Branch)

Accidents on road in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 12 5

Year	Number of accident occured	Number of Persons injured	Number of Persons killed
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1969	112	76	28
1970	130	108	41
1971	151	126	59
1972	144	53	20
1973	150	71	8
1974	99	69	30

Source : Superintendent of Police, Balurghat

Post and Telegraph Offices in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 12·6

Number

Year	Post Office	Telegraph Office	Combined Office	Broad Cast
				receiving Licences issued
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1968-69	223	—	6	..
1969-70	230	—	7	..
1970-71	234	—	7	6,945
1971-72	239	—	8	18,299
1972-73	242	—	8	29,467
1973-74	248	—	8	31,288

Note : Figures of 70-71 and 71-72 relate to Calendar year,

Source : Office of the Post Master, Balurghat

CHAPTER—XIII

JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STATISTICS

This chapter deals with the Judicial and administrative statistics.

The number of offences reported, cases tried as well as persons convicted and acquitted in the district is given in table 13.1. Offences are broadly grouped under eight classes. Figures for four consecutive years are presented to facilitate comparison.

The number of police stations and outposts and the strength of police force working in the district for maintenance of law and order are available in tables 13.2 and 13.3. There were 16 police stations with 5 outposts and 1,331 police force in the district in 1973-74.

XIII—JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STATISTICS

Offences reported, cases tried and persons convicted and acquitted for different classes of offence in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 13·1 Number (as on 31st March)

Class of Offence	Offences reported				Cases tried			
	1971	1972	1973	1974	1971	1972	1973	1974
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Murder	5	43	39	34	—	1	10	6
Dacoity	8	152	141	107	—	24	30	4
Robbery	3	61	50	83	—	10	12	16
Burglary	315	836	618	523	21	48	85	39
Rioting	55	306	318	442	3	66	220	122
Theft	401	843	980	1220	33	90	155	115
Minor offences	181	130	131	108	111	23	56	8
Others	45	1,487	2,215	· ·	9	862	1051	· ·
Total	1,013	3,858	4,492	· ·	177	1124	1619	· ·

TABLE : 13.1 conclud. Number (as on 31st March)

Class of Offence	Persons							
	Convicted				Acquitted			
	1971	1972	1973	1974	1971	1972	1973	1974
(1)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Murder	—	—	5	1	—	6	18	19
Dacoity	—	16	7	4	—	46	121	4
Robbery	—	—	1	5	—	18	25	11
Burglary	7	38	72	30	—	30	109	41
Rioting	—	53	61	19	—	537	1849	679
Theft	23	61	90	87	—	67	237	98
Minor offences	201	4	26	2	3	51	114	11
Others	7	1,086	1351	..	—	215	616	..
Total	238	1,258	1,613	..	3	970	3,089	..

- Sources : (1) Office of the Court Inspector,
Balurghat, Raiganj & Islampur
(2) Superintendent of Police, West-Dinajpur

*Police stations and outposts in different Subdivisions
of West-Dinajpur*

TABLE : 13.2 Number

Name of Subdivision	Police Station			
	1970-71	1971-72*	1972-73	1973-74
1. Islampur	5	5	5	5
2. Raiganj	6	6	6	6
3. Sadar	5	5	5	5
District	16	16	16	16

TABLE : 13.2 conclud. Number

Name of Subdivision	outposts			
	1970 71	1971-72*	1972-73	1973-74
1. Islampur	2	2	2	2
2. Raiganj	1	2	2	2
3. Sadar	1	1	1	1
District	4	5	5	5

*Calendar year

Source : Superintendent of Police, Balurghat

Strength of police force by category in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 13.3

Number

Category of Police force	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1. Superintendent	1	1	1	1	1	1
2. Addl. Superintendent	4	4	1	1	1	1
3. Deputy Superintendent	1	1	2	3	5	5
4. A.S.P./Inspector	15	15	15	15	15	17
5. Sub Inspector	122	122	148	146	133	136
6. Sergeant	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Asstt. Sub- Inspector	105	105	142	151	148	148
8. Head Constable	46	46	52	52	46	49
9. Naik (N. K.)	34	34	31	31	34	34
10. Constable	903	903	1,116	1,146	901	940
Total	1,231	1,231	1,508	1,546	1284	1,331
11. Dafadar	196	190	194	198	192	192
12. Chowkidar	1,253	1,250	1,248	1,255	1075	1,075

Sources : (1) Superintendent of Police, Balurghat, West-Dinajpur

(2) District Panchayat Office, Balurghat, West-Dinajpur

CHAPTER—XIV**LOCAL BODIES**

This chapter gives information on municipalities and the Zilla Parishad of the district.

In West-Dinajpur district, besides zilla parishad there are two municipalities. While the receipts and expenditure of municipalities are presented in table 14·1 the same for the Zilla Parishad are given in table 14·2.

XIV—LOCAL BODIES

Population, income and expenditure of municipalities in the district of West-Dinajpur

TABLE : 14.1

Name of Municipality	Date of Establishment	Population 1971	1970-71	
			Receipt (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Balurghat	1.6.51	67,088	892,684	690,950
Raiganj	1.8.51	43,191	541,025	441,514

TABLE : 14.1 contd.

Name of Municipality	1971-72		1972-73	
	Receipt (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)	Receipt (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)
(1)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Balurghat	690,278	686,031	892,684	690,950
Raiganj	624,933	510,221	541,025	441,514

TABLE : 14.1 conclud.

Name of Municipality	1973-74	
	Receipt (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)
(1)	(10)	(11)
Balurghat	690,278	686,031
Raiganj	624,933	510,221

Source : Raiganj & Balurghat Municipal offices

Income and Expenditure of Balurghat Zilla parishad

TABLE : 14·2

Name of Zilla Parishad	Date of Establish- ment	1970-71		1971-72	
		Income (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)	Income (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Balurghat Zilla Parishad	23.10.1964	4,52,583	6,26,245	5,02,309	5,61,701

TABLE : 14·2 conclud.

Name of Zilla Parishad	1972-73		1973-74	
	Income (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)	Income (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)
(1)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Balurghat Zilla Parishad	13,74,789	15,35,214	19,84,101	17,98,594

Source : Balurghat Zilla Parishad

CHAPTER—XV

STATE FINANCE

This chapter gives an account of the tax revenue collected from different sources viz. Land Revenue, Stamp, Excise, Sales. Motor spirit, Registration, Entertainment, Electricity, Agriculture and others in the district.

XI—STATE FINANCE

Revenue collected from different sources in the district of
West-Dinajpur

TABLE: 15.1

In Thousand Rupees

Year	Land Revenue	Stamp Revenue	Excise Revenue	Sales Tax	Motor Spirit Tax	Registration Fees
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1970-71	17,79	21,45	15,03	..	..	..
1971-72	16,14	15,82	18,21	..	..	4,02
1972-73	9,19	2,629	2,033	..	..	5,56
1973-74	3,473	33,65	22,31	26,19	..	6,84

TABLE: 15.1 conclud.

In Thousand Rupees

Year	Entertainment Tax	Electricity duty	Agri Income Tax	Other Taxes	Total
(1)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
1970-71	5,42	74	1,21	5,79	..
1971-72	7,01	69	1,39	6,62	..
1972-73	8,51	61	1,09	8,69	..
1973-74	9,31	77	2,38	8,81	..

N..B.—“Other taxes” include Motor vehicle tax and tank improvement tax

Sources: Collectorate and other depts, West-Dinajpur