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POLICIES AS APPLIED IN SRI LANKA; WITH  
SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE SETTLEMENT PROGRAMME  
OF THE MAHAWELI DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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## SYNOPSIS

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In Sri Lanka, different concepts and various policies have been adopted in the planning of settlements. Under the Mahaweli Development Project, the strategies adopted were different compared to the early settlement schemes and to the multi-purpose projects. Hence, an evaluation of such policies becomes very essential. With this end in view; the policies adopted in Sri Lanka have been examined against the policy of the Mahaweli Development Project. After evaluating the present policies, certain proposals and recommendations could be made. Therefore, it would help the formulation of an appropriate settlement planning policy for the Mahaweli Development Scheme.

This study comprises of seven chapters. Chapter One discusses the settlement planning concepts and types in general and their relevance to Sri Lanka.

Chapter Two deals with some of the important land policies and their influence on settlements.

Some experiences in settlement planning in Sri Lanka and the settlement planning process in the Mahaweli Development Scheme have been highlighted in chapter three.

Chapter four of this study has been devoted to the settlement planning policies, giving more emphasis to the policies adopted in the Mahaweli Development Project.

The settlement planning policies in the Mahaweli Development Project have been analysed in detail and evaluated in chapter Five.

Chapter Six comprises the conclusions to the study and broad proposals and specific recommendations have been made in chapter seven.



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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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LDO	- Land Development Ordinance
DEPT.	- Department
CO-OP	- Co-operative
Acs.	- Acres
Ha.	- Hactare
UNDP	- United Nations Development Programme
	Food and Agriculture Organization
MDB	- Mahaweli Development Board
UDA	- Urban Development Authority
RPM	- Resident Project Manager
U.M.	- Unit Manager

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