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NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT IN THE MAHABALI
DEVELOPMENT AREAS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO
SYSTEM " H"

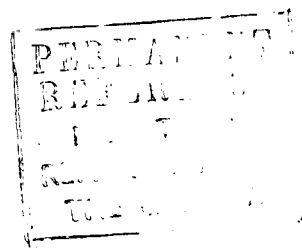
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SYNOPSIS

This study is concerned with the strategy for the development of non-farm employment in the Mahaveli development area with special reference to System 'H' which comes under Stage II of the Mahaveli Development Programme.

The discussion in this study has been carried out in three parts which comprises 6 chapters. Part I consists of 2 chapters and it introduces the background of the country, Mahaveli Development programme and non-farm sector in selected settlement schemes. The chapter I discuss the historical back ground of the country and the introduction of settlement schemes during the colonial period. It then deals with the Mahaveli Development programme and its impact on the agricultural development and employment generation. Chapter II of this study indicates how the objectives of settlement schemes were changed and it examines some critical features of the settlement schemes. The final section of the chapter discusses the non-farm sector of the selected settlement schemes.

The Part II of this study consists of 3 chapters and it analyses the theoretical background of the non-farm sector and it discuss the existing employment situation in 'H' area and the potential areas for employment generation. The chapter III of this study examines the relationship between non-farm sector and farm sector and the importance of the development of non-farm sector. The chapter IV of this study discusses the H area. It first deals with the physical characteristics of the area irrigation and settlement pattern. The population component such as planned, existing and projected population are then discussed and it examines the existing employment opportunities in the area. The final section of the chapter discuss the available resources such as natural, agricultural and infrastructure facilities.

The Chapter V of the study examine the potential areas for the creation of employment opportunities. It discuss about the industrial development, tourism, expansion of trade and business, livestock development, inland fishing , open new avenues for employment.

The Part III of this study comprises the conclusion and recommendations.



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