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# ABBREVIATIONS

Following Abbreviations have been used throughout the text.

|       |   |  |
|-------|---|--|
| CBC   | = | Central Bank of Ceylon                               |
| CISIR | = | Ceylon Institute of Scientific & Industrial Research |
| CP    | = | Communist Party                                      |
| GDP   | = | Gross Domestic Product                               |
| GNP   | = | Gross National Product                               |
| GS    | = | Grama Seveka   |
| IDB   | = | Industrial Development Board                         |
| IBRD  | = | International Bank for Reconstruction & Development  |
| M     | = | Million  |
| SLFP  | = | Sri Lanka Freedom Party                              |
| UDA   | = | Urban Development Authority                          |
| UF    | = | United Front   |
| UNCRD | = | United Nations Conference for Regional Development   |
| UNP   | = | United National Party                                |



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**SYNOPSIS**

This study is concerned with the Need for Industrial Dispersal and a Regional Industrial Development Policy in Sri Lanka. The discussion in this study extends to seven chapters. Definition of the Problem, the objectives of the study and its Limitation have been discussed in Chapter one.

The Second Chapter comprises the General Characteristics such as Location, Climatic Condition, Historical Background and Population of Sri Lanka. This chapter also reviews the economic structure of the country and the role of Industry and Agriculture. It also deals with the Availability of Resources in Sri Lanka for Industrial Dispersal.

In the Third Chapter, it attempts to review the Sri Lanka's Industrial Policy in relation <sup>to</sup> regional planning under four distinct periods between (1948-1982).

Issues pertaining to two major theoretical concepts of regional planning models have been discussed in the forth chapter. The Central Place Theory and the Growth Pole Theory have been explored in an attempt to assess the possibility of their application to Sri Lanka as a strategy of regional planning.



Efforts have been made to formulate a Regional Industrial Development strategy in the Fifth Chapter. A Criterion based on numerical weightages has been incorporated in this Chapter, further a Policy Framework for Industrial Dispersal could be seen, at the end of this Chapter.

Chapter Six includes a case study, the purpose of the case study is to highlight, the Need for Industrial Dispersal and a Regional Industrial Development Policy.

Issues discussed in this study have been summarised in the Chapter Seven. Finally the conclusions and recommendations have been drawn at the end.



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