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COMPLIMENTARY URBAN POLICIES FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACCELERATED MAHAWELI
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SYNOPSIS

This study assesses the importance of a properly formulated policy frame in Planning for urban centres to make them complementary in Socio - Economic development of the agricultural settlements coming under the Accelerated Mahaweli Development Programme.

The study comprises of six main chapters and an introductory chapter which explains the purpose, and objectives of the study and the methodology on which it is carried out.

Chapter one contains two broad sections. First section discusses the theory and experiences of some previous development strategies in order to emphasise the importance and the ways of using urban component for the development of predominantly rural regions. The next section discusses the specific implication for the above in the national context of Sri Lanka.

Chapter two analyses the Socio-economic situation of the settlements under the Mahaweli Development Programme. It highlights both short and long term problems arising in the above context.

Chapter three undertakes an analysis of the impact of proposed urban centres of the programme in socio-economic development of the agricultural settlements of the area. Especially it assesses the positive impact of these centres on the problems raised in the chapter two of the study.

Chapter four contains a case study of Giradurukotte urban area (the settlements served by this particular urban centre) : It especially assesses the urban - rural complementarity in the settlement structure of the Accelerated programme.

Discussion in these four Chapters both generally and specifically emphasises the importance of a more dynamic urban component guided through an appropriate policy frame. Thus this aspect has been discussed in the fifth Chapter. It explains an appropriate procedure and a basis for policy formulation, execution, monitoring and evaluation.

Sixth and the last chapter gives main conclusions and recommendations arising from the entire study.

A bibliography containing the literature directly relevant to writing of the study is given at the end of the document.



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