

Good Governance & Local Government in Sri Lanka

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Abstract

This paper concerned good governance & local government in Sri Lanka. Local government is the part of the government which deals mainly local affairs, administered by authorities subordinate to the state government but elected independently by the qualified residents. Modern democratic system is the most appropriate system from the point of view of good governance. Good governance is seen to bring in happiness and welfare of the people. It also associated with efficient and effective administration in a democratic in framework. With this there will be effective measures to prevent and combat corruption, support for leadership development, sharing the lower level power, empower men and women & decision making. Sri Lanka is a republic and a unitary governed by a semi presidential system. Sri Lanka has a long history in practicing local government system. Local government is the third and lowest level of government in Sri Lanka after the central government and Provincial councils. They are responsible for the providing a variety of local public services. Local authorities are divided into three deference groups Municipal Council, Urban Council & Pradeshiya Sabha. Both primary and secondary data are used in the study. Primary data have been collected through methods such as questionnaire survey, key informant interview, focus group interview, and were collected via observation. Sources of secondary information include project reports, official documents and published research reports. The Study was done with reference to Uwa and Western provinces in local authorities. The study for qualitative and quantitative methods used.

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