

Laws, regulations and customs related to land transportation in Sri Lanka

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Abstract

The paper based on Land Transportation, Locomotive Heritage and Road Culture would be mainly focused on Railways, Tramway as well as vehicles during the last century of Sri Lanka. The legislative enactments of Ceylon indicate lots of paths in Land Transportation. When we are focusing on Railways the Governor used to appoint a person who should take care of duties and responsibilities pertaining to Railways monitoring. Hence, during the paper, the duties of this appointed officer, passenger duties and responsibilities, fare charges, the Government's role in this as well as penalty and Carrying Goods and parcels. Under Tramways, the promoters, from time to time for the purpose of making, forming, laying down, maintain and renewing, any tramway duly proclaimed and in part or parts thereof respectively, may open or break up a road, subject to lots of legislations. Tramways were used in a huge scale and it has a vast period of time in Sri Lankan Transportation history. The legal legislations pertaining to Tramways were also indicated in the early historical records. During the abstract, these scenarios would be evidently portrayed. The legislations enactments based on Vehicles have been focused on in this paper as well. Licensing of vehicles, Governor's role in Vehicles legislation, liabilities of owners of vehicles, delivery of Goods, Offences would be some of the key points in the subject of vehicles. Hence, we believe that this focus on Land Transportation would be highly pivotal in order to get a crystal clear idea. Hence, the heritage of Land Transportation is pivotal enough to get an idea about Sri Lankan land transportation techniques and legislations. Cultural perspectives pertaining to Laws, regulations and customs related to land transportation also would be focused during the research of Vehicles, Tramways and Railways.

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