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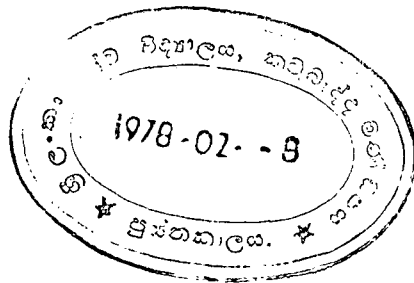
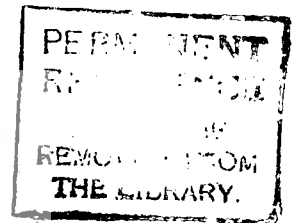
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## SYNOPSIS

Chapter I of this study deals briefly with the geographical and historical description of the Island of Sri Lanka and the Colombo District, and gives such background information including the pattern of development of the Urban Sector of the Colombo District, as is necessary to set this study in its correct perspective. Throughout this study, due to the distinct features and characteristics of the City on the one hand, and the rest of the Urban Sector of the District, on the other, and as they are in different stages of development, they have been treated separately, wherever necessary.

 Chapter II deals with the terms 'Urban' and 'Rural' and their applicability in Sri Lanka, with particular reference to the Colombo District. Urbanisation of the District is also discussed in this Chapter.

Chapter III sets out the pattern of population growth and its natural increase and migration components in the City, and in the rest of the Urban Sector of the Colombo District, during the intercensal periods 1946 to 1953 to 1963 and 1963 to 1971.

In Chapter IV, population projection for the year 1991, in respect of the City, as well as of the balance of the District's Urban Sector, within the framework of the national population growth has been made in this Chapter, also with reference to three of the recent national projections done under the Ministry of Planning and Economic Affairs. Contributing factors (1) Fertility (2) Mortality and (3) Migration have been taken into consideration.

Chapter V. In this Chapter, household formation in respect of both the City and the other urban areas of the District has been examined, the present size of households determined and the size of future households estimated.

Chapter VI. The composition, in 1971, of the housing stock, consisting of acceptable housing units, slums and shanties has been categorised. The housing need of the City and the other Urban Areas of the District in 1991, has been estimated, utilising the population projection in Chapter IV and the household projection in Chapter V.

Chapter VII. Past housing policies and the problems upto 1970 has been discussed in this Chapter. For convenience, this Chapter has been divided into three sub-periods:



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(1) Early times to Pre-War 20th Century.

(2) Post-War years till 1952 (A separate Ministry of Housing was created for the first time in October 1953).

(3) 1953 to 1970

Chapter VIII deals with the housing development since 1970 till date. Many changes in housing policy have been taking place since 1970. Observations have been made with a discussion on the policies adopted and the mode of implementation.

Chapter IX. Conclusions drawn from the contents of the earlier Chapters have been briefly set out and proposals for new directions in policy have been made.

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