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discussed previously. It further pointed out that private sector had very limited opportunity to participate in the Mahaweli Urban Centres as presently planned although its potential far exceeded current capacity. It was also significant that small business had less opportunity in the urban plans of the Mahaweli Urban Centres.

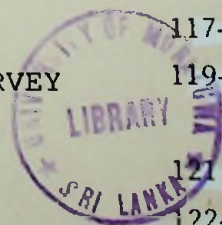
In its Chapter six a policy framework for the promotion of private investment in the context of planning of the Mahaweli Urban Centres has been discussed. In this connection it has been identified a significant elements of an integrated planning policy especially with regard to Land Policy and human settlement strategies.

Chapter seven comprises the conclusions and recommendations of the study.

A Bibliography has also been compiled and included at the end of the study.

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## DEFINITIONS

- Family size :- Consist one or more person who take independent decisions with respect to spending their income with dependants. A spending unit is either the whole household or part of it.
- Tenant :- A person who does the periodical payments to land owner or leasehold for use of land or premises.
- Kadamandiya :- Is a place where the masses living in hinterland gather to meet friends or collect day to day needs as the place is located central to the majority as conveniently by means of accessibility.
- Private Sector)  
Urban Services) :- The activities engaged by private sector to help a system to continue functioning.
- Dependant )  
population) :- All persons either sex who are below 15 of age and above 64 years of age.

## ABBREVIATIONS

AMP	Accelerated Mahaweli Programme
CLO	Crown Land Ordinance
Dept.	Department
EIED	Employment Investment & Enterprise Development
GCEC	Greater Colombo Economic Commission
GCE/AL	General Certificate of Education/Advance Level
GCE/OL	General Certificate of Education/Ordinary Level
GNP	Gross National Products
Govt.	Government
Ha	Hectares
IRR	Internal Rate of Return
LDO	Land Development Ordinance
MASL	Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka
MEA	Mahaweli Economic Agency
MECA	Mahaweli Engineering & Construction Agency
P.	Page
RK.	Rock
RPM	Resident Project Manager
SLAAS	Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science
SLBDC	Sri Lanka Business Development Centre
SPD	Settlement Planning Division
Sq Km	Square Kilometres
T & CP	Town & Country Planning
UDA	Urban Development Authority
UNDP/FAO	United Nations Development Programme/Food and Agriculture Organisation

