

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations proposed are as follows :

- 1, It is recommended that planning of townships in the Mahaweli programme be conceived as "integrated planning" of the physical, social and economic dimensions. Such a definition is legally provided for in the Urban Development Authority Law No, 41 in 1978 and may be adopted in the planning policy of the Mahaweli Development plan.
- 2, It is also recommended that development policy be stated in respect of urban planning and that it should include the social component in explicit terms.
- 3, It is further recommended that an Urban Settlement Planning Division be established in the agencies responsible for development in the Mahaweli project areas so that plans will be prepared by professionally qualified town planners.
- 4, It is also recommended that a Strategic Planning Division be established in the Mahaweli Authority for formulating policy guide lines and planning standards, taking into account the finding of social research,
- 5, It is strongly recommended that a full level research regarding the social aspects of urban settlements be undertaken,



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- 6, There should be a community development officer for each new township and he should be assigned the task of community development activities in the area of Authority.
- 7, It is also recommended that planning procedures be established in formulating urban plans and this should include public participation at various stages.
- 8, It is further recommended that townships already existing be further studied as focii of social change. In this respect, policy must incorporate towns as centres of modernity and places of non-farm activity.
- 9, The social linkage between urban and rural population should also be identified in terms of traditional, cultural practices and be reflected in the plan.
- 10, It is strongly recommended that development policies should be devised to accommodate low income families.
- 11, It is further recommended that mass media should be effectively used to mobilise public participation for development planning.



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