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STUDY OF AN IDENTIFIED URBAN SETTLEMENT
IN A DEMARCATED REGION IN THE SOUTHERN
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SYNOPSIS

This study is a strategy for Urban-Renewal of the urban settlements of Sri Lanka.

The first chapter is concerned with the Background for Urban-Renewal and its relevance to Sri Lanka. It highlights the applicability of the phenomenon of urban renewal in Sri Lanka with trends of decline in the manufacturing industry division by Districts, massive trends of out migration and physical obsolescence by the deteriorating state of the housing stock by Districts. Using appropriate indicators which are presumed to indicate the extent of decline it categorises some districts as 'deprived' Districts.

The Second chapter identifies the pattern of growth of urban settlements and its relation to the Deprived Districts. It demarcates a planning region comprising of two districts of 'deprivation', with a relatively better off one for analysis of its urban settlements.

Chapter Three deals with a cumulative analysis of the twenty three urban settlements for Renewal in the demarcated Planning Region : This analysis includes a settlement pattern analysis, a demographic analysis, Physical analysis, a socio-economic analysis and an Environmental Analysis. The analysis helps to evaluate an urban settlement where the problems associated with Renewal are in its most intense form with inherent growth pattern potential for Renewal.

Chapter Four discusses the critical issues of urban Renewal in the identified urban settlement of Galle. Critical issues of trends of population decline, of economic decline as a major issue for urban Renewal, Deteriorating standards of Residential development, its functional significance at the apex of the settlement hierarchy with associated aspects of decline are highlighted.

The Fifth chapter identifies the potential of the Galle municipality to accomplish renewal. The generation of the appropriate development activity, and the associated proposals in both macro and micro scales are put forward to overcome the trends of decline experienced by the urban centre.

The Sixth chapter is concerned with the formulation of basic guide lines and strategies of urban renewal of the urban settlements of Sri Lanka characterised by aspects of decline. The significant priority is given to the employment generation strategy reliant on stimulating both short term and long term policies.

Chapter Seven concludes with appropriate parameters of urban renewal identified in Sri Lanka with suitable recommendations to alleviate tendencies of decline for effective urban renewal of these urban settlements.

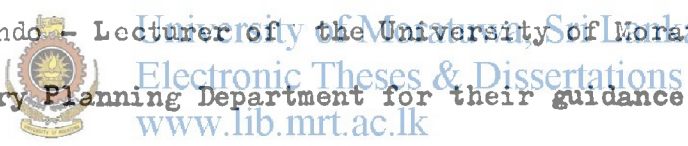


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