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SYNOPSIS

The study is concerned with the planning implications arising from the establishment of Janawesa Settlements in Sri Lanka, which was introduced recently to settle landless youth in a collective ownership basis in the Vested Land.

The discussion in the study has been carried out in 3 parts.

Part I is introductory. It introduces the background to the establishment of Janawesas in Sri Lanka. This gives a brief historical perspective of the land policies which was introduced periodically and the impact of such policies. It also describes the existing organised settlement schemes in Sri Lanka. A comprehensive description of the Land Reform Law 1972 and its Amendment Law of 1975 is also included in this part.

In addition, this part also focuses attention of the concepts which led to the establishment of the Land Reform Law, and the physical take over of Vested Land.

Part II comprises the analytical portion of the study. It begins by a critical evaluation of the present Janawasa Bill which was recently passed by the National State Assembly. The concept of collective ownership in settlement planning which is the basic concept of Janawasa is discussed in this part with special references to the development of collective farms in China. The Specific Planning issues of Janawasas as identified in the recent Survey is also incorporated in this Part.

Part III of the study comprises the conclusions and recommendations.

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