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AN EXAMINATION OF THE HOUSING PROBLEM

AT KOLONNAWA

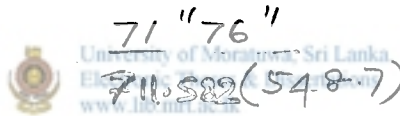
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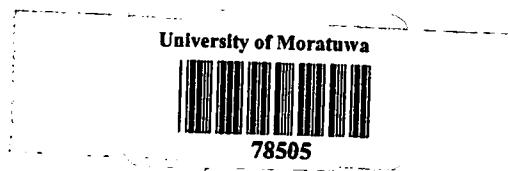
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S Y N O P S I S

In this study, Housing in Kolonnawa was examined and it is estimated that by 2001 the number of housing units required would be about 12,000. The two major shortage of housing problems being confronted in this respect, is the low average household incomes and the high level of unemployment in this area.

In the process of having assessed the magnitude of the problem, we have found out the existing housing stock and the future needs and their ability to pay and we have tried to show by example on the two sites selected, the first, the upgrading of an existing and, the second, on an abandoned swampy land, how we could achieve our goals on these sites mainly through involving the prospective occupiers with housing process.

A summary of the Sections would be as follows :-

Section 1, is an introductory chapter which states the purpose of the dissertation, which is to take the Kolonnawa area work out detail housing proposals for two typical problem areas within the context of the overall housing problem.

Section 2 deals with the general characteristics of the Kolonnawa area, and touches on the topography of the area, the major land uses and communication patterns. It also summarizes a Ward to Ward analysis of Kolonnawa highlighting the major deficiencies stress factors.

In Section 3, the magnitude of the problem has been assessed as regards the existing housing stock and the future housing needs. It also analyses the ability to pay for housing of the future occupiers.

Section 4, deals in depth the availability of land in Kolonnawa and the selection of the two sites, the first for an upgrading of an existing settlement and the second, new development on an abandoned marshy land.

Section 5, states the goals and objectives to be achieved for the development of housing, which is mainly to involve the low income group in the housing process, the maximisation of the use of available resources particularly that of labour which is freely available; the provision of water and toilet facilities to each household and to provide each household with reasonable access to amenities such as education, shopping, transport and employment.

Section 6 deals with the development of new site at Meettotamulla Road, stating the objectives and the process to be adopted.

Section 7 deals similarly with the Allabomallabumbura site for upgrading of an existing settlement.

Section 8 states the role of the two project examples, in overall housing programme of Kolonnawa.

Section 9 gives a rough economic feasibility of the two project examples, so as to indicate the viability of providing housing for the poor.

Section 10 - A concluding chapter giving the existing situation and proposals.

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