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PUBLIC MARKETS.**

With Special Reference to Gampaha District.

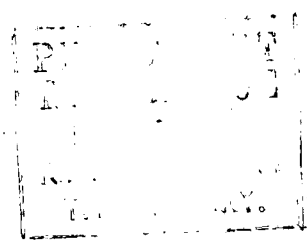
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S Y N O P S I S.

In this study emphasis has been drawn to locational aspects of public markets. A case study of three selected markets within Gampaha District is used to carry out the evaluation of locational aspects of public markets. From this, a general policy and guide lines for the location of public market have been prepared.

The discussion in the study is pursued in six chapters. The first chapter comprises a historical perspective of the development process of public market in Sri Lanka. This chapter is also concerned with the main objectives of the Local Authorities in the construction of public market buildings.

Chapter two consists of a review of the certain theoretical concepts on the Location of retail trade. Relevant concepts such as central place theory, gravity and gravity potential models and other related models are considered. An attempt is made to relate these concepts to the Local context of Sri Lanka.

Chapter three gives the general back ground to Gampaha District and reviews the existing locational pattern of local authority sponsored public markets.

In chapter four, a critical evaluation of the locational aspects of three selected public markets at Gampaha, Ja-ela and Palwathuhiripitiya, that is of two urban centres and one village growth point in the Gampaha District, is carried out.

Considerations on the necessity for a Rational policy for the location of public markets comprises chapter five. It also includes certain policy guide lines and strategies for the location of public markets and gives emphasis to the procedures for implementation of such policy.

The study concludes in chapter six with final conclusion and recommendations.

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