

LAW RELATING TO STATE LANDS AND ITS IMPACTS FOR THE LAND RIGHTS ANALYTICAL STUDY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO SRI LANKA

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Land rights in Sri Lanka can be considered and identified as an appropriate scope to uphold the prominent standards of human lives. Land rights are directed on lands. Lands in Sri Lanka can be recognized in two ways as private lands and state lands. Private lands are controlled by people individually as their preference. The lands which do not perform private rights can be considered as state lands. However state lands are directed by the government and people who live in the state lands cannot control the land on their own discretion.

Law relating to state lands is discussed under 'Crown Lands Ordinance No.08 of 1947', 'State Lands (Recovery Possession) Act No.07 of 1979' and 'Land Development Ordinance No.19 of 1935'.

Basically land rights of state lands can be identified in a very limited area. The people who live in the state land have to behave their land rights according to the orders of the government or state. Due to this reason state land owners do not possess their land rights purely, clearly and exactly. Therefore non allowance to enjoy the real land rights is a serious issue faced by the Sri Lanka people who live in state lands.

The objectives of this study are to critically evaluate the impacts of people who live in state lands without exact land rights and identify the practical difficulties in the existing system and finally to provide recommendations.

This research is basically a qualitative one but for the purpose of assessing the impact of law relating to state lands, mixed approach is used by analyzing case studies.

The study reveals and concludes that the advantages of land rights by altering the law relating to state lands and acquire the clear ownership.

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