



ABSTRACT

As transportation becoming an increasingly demanding need in the country, a study on the contribution of transport policies for the development of the transport sector in Sri Lanka, facilitates transport relative decision making enabling the transport sector to develop as a whole. Based upon the above broad objective the study was carried out with the aim of arriving at the specific objectives such as ,to identify the different policies attached to different branches of the Sri Lanka transport system, to identify the pros and cons of the prevailing and to recommendations for improvements. Sri Lankan transport sector has been considered as a whole and in this study different sections such as land, air, water, public and private have been looked at. Data have been gathered mainly through literature review and findings been presented after a qualitative analysis of such data. Findings were as such, it was revealed that there is no proper synchronization between deferent policies related to different sub divisions of the transport sector in terms of collective accountability, demarcation of responsibilities and etc. It is evident that an integrated policy approach should be in place to develop the transportation sector of the country consists of land, water and air transportation in terms of both mobility and accessibility while the governing bodies working in close contact with one another. It's now high time that the existing transportation policies in Sri Lanka should be reviewed for the development of the transport sector. With this study attempting to emphasize on the qualitative findings with regard to the need of a policy change in the transportation sector, further research can be conducted to acquire quantitative results through proper focus given to factors such as regulation, investment & management, pricing and affordability, social impact, environmental impact, sustainability, public participation and regional linkages as key elements in pursuit of better transport policies.