

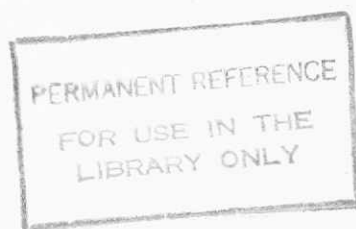
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DEPENDENCY RELATIONSHIPS IN THE GEM ECONOMY
OF SRI LANKA: A CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF THE
DISTRIBUTION OF DEVELOPMENT IN RATNAPURA DISTRICT



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ABSTRACT

This thesis mainly concerns the Gem Industry in Sri Lanka with special reference to Ratnapura district where the gem industry is mainly carried out. The thesis provides a detailed account on the historical development of the industry from pre-independence period to the end of 1980s. The level of economic contribution by the industry and the unequal distribution of gem incomes and the reasons thereof are discussed in detail.

The thesis looks at the possibility of studying the unequal distribution of gem earnings employing the centre periphery theory but critically assesses at the disadvantages as well. Thus, this thesis provides a detailed account of the gem industry and the theoretical application in the study of gem industry which is completely different from many traditional industries in Sri Lanka.

