Sri Maha Vihara at Sopugoda is located about 38 Kilometers south of Colombo and five hundred meters inland from the Galle-Colombo Highway. Although the Temple does not possess a recorded history, it is reasonable to assume that it is more than 150 years old. The unique feature in this temple is the image of Bodhisattva Avalokitesvara, with his Mahayanic characteristic (with three miniature Buddhas in the head-dress) enshrined in the Image House dedicated to the Buddha. In the opposite wall right in front of Avalokitesvara there is an emblem of the British Empire with a crowned king. Buddhist practices in Sri Lanka from ancient times throw considerable light on the fact that the Natha or Avalokitesvara was considered to be the protector of the country and the King. The objective of this paper is to bring material together in order to prove the above fact.