

An Analytical Study on the Role of the Ministry of Public Administration and Management and Law and Order with Regard to the Population Right to Information Act

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The communication is conveying information and ideas. It is a featured inheritance for all beings including human. As a result of this the information access, transparency, responsibility, of the existing government and the participation of the community are expected through this act. The information act, No: 12 was established in Sri Lanka on 3rd of August in 2016. One of such government institutions is Ministry of Public Administration & Management and Law and order Sri Lanka. In this study, the issues which affect the effectiveness of the information act will be identified and the solutions will be presented. The steps which have been taken by the Ministry of Public Administration & Management and Law and order to enhance the community right to get the information of the secondary data are not in a satisfactory level. Therefore the main objective of this study was to examine the community awareness, operations of the Authorities, challenges faced by them. The primary data and secondary data was collected. As a whole, although the awareness on information act was in a satisfactory level, the usage was not satisfactory. Hence, the awareness programs should be conducted through schools, universities, libraries, press media and social media. Both human and physical resources should be enhanced to promote the dissemination of information within the given community.

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