Participatory Development seeks to engage local population in Development Projects. Participatory Development has taken a variety forms since 1970. It is emerged as an important part of the ‘basic needs approach’ to development. The main objectives of the Participatory Development are seeks to give the poor a part in initiatives designed for their benefit. We can introduce it, as a Multi-Dimensional development concept of the world.

The main objective of the research was to identify the progress of the Participatory Development entries in Sri Lanka. The other objectives are studied the participatory development projects in the world & Sri Lanka and identifying the exhausted reasons to the participatory Development.

Primary data was collected using direct participation, interviews and observation. Further secondary data was gathered through literature survey.

Sri Lanka has more experience about participatory development. Integration Rural Development Project –IRDP, Rural Development Training and Action Research (Change Agent Program), Janasaviya, Samurdhi, and Divineguma are the most popular project of them. But we can’t achieve the main objectives of the participatory development projects. As the result of that we have to face the inequality of development. There many reasons happen to this situation. Such as, Unawareness about the concept of the project officers can’t choose right beneficiaries for the projects and several other reasons are exhausted to Participatory Development in Sri Lanka.

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