



A study is a contribution of Gem industry on regional development: A case study Ratnapura Divisional Secretariat Division in Rathnapura District

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Abstract

Regional Development Approach has become a major development strategy in developing countries. It can be observed that the gem industry contributed in many ways to the development of many parts of Sri Lanka. The main objective of this study is to evaluate the contribution of the Gem Industry in the development of the Rathnapura Divisional Secretariat Division. Field data were collected from the Ketaliyanpalla and Angammana GNDs area, to make decisions on this data the relevant books and records published, were referred. Data analyzed with GIS data and Excel. The results of the research are presented in reports, charts, and maps. The gem industry has contributed to the employment generation and income generation of local development. Therefore, the contribution of the gem industry to the development of the area should be increased. Also, the workers in the gem industry need to be provided with proper training and the use of income saving to improve the economic status of the gem industry.

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