

Environmental Laws its Impact on Ensure Good Governance

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ABSTRACT. The objective of this study is examine in what extend can we reach goal of good governance through environment laws and provisions which enacted in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka has almost more than hundred of laws relating to environment protection between in year

1900-2000 and there are more than fifteen ministries to implement these laws and provisions to concerning the environment protection directly or indirectly. Although there are lot of laws and its implementing institutions they were not successful in their duties and it's became a barrier to ensure good governance in Sri Lanka. Therefore characteristics of good governance which were recognized by United Nations Organization and other international bodies are used for examine how can we reach goal of good governance through environment laws and provisions.

Furthermore problems relating to environmental laws and procedures such as complexity of laws, status of inter connection between environmental protection institutions discussed and put forward some recommendations for ensure good governance through environmental protection. More over practical aspect of implementing environmental laws and its impact on ensure good governance analyzed in this study by taking Sri Lankan Constitutional laws, Statutes and provisions, good governance characteristics recognized by international bodies and with the use of qualitative and quantitative data this research has been carried out. An archival research methodology has guided in obtaining relevant primary and secondary literature.

Finally in this research is presented new way of thinking to ensure good governance through environment protection by environmental laws.

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