A Comparative Study on the Village–Town Distinction in Thenmaradchi Region: With Special Reference to J/302 and J/343 Divisional Areas

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The development of area is the most important part in this 21st century when the world countries have come under the globalization. The difference between the village and the town is an obstruction for the development of area. The development of the villages is considered as the development of the nation since the share of the villages is more than the share of the town in extent and population. The village is meant that an area or colony consisting of cottage or houses, made by the people for their existence during the gradual civilization of the humanity. But the town is meant a large human colony where various people live together and it bears certain qualities. The Thenmaradchi area was researched utilizing the simple random model technique. The village of Sankaththanai (J/302), located nearest to Chavakachcheri town, which was considered as town and the village of varany iyattalai (J/343) which is considered as a highly populated remote village was taken for research utilizing the simple random model technique. The important problem of this research is the difference between the town and village, which is an obstruction for the development of this area. This is to say the difference between the village and the town in utilizing the resources and the availability of same, which is viewed on the ground of economic or non-economic factor, paves way for the impediment of the development of village and town areas. Thereby, the social and economic differences between the people of the village and town creates lot of problems such as inequality in income, poverty, unemployment, inequality of resources and less development. It is impossible to reach the development of Thenmaradchhi area since the difference between the town and village leads for the economical imbalance and the inequality of the social and economic standard. This research was resorted on the ground of the difference between the town and village. The main aim of this research is to find out the social and economic difference between the people of town and village of Thenmaradchi area. 10% of the model family (46 families) were selected through simple random model technique from the grama sevaka divisions of J/302 and J/343. The dates were collected by issuing questionnaires, discussion and based on secondary information. It is observed that there is economical difference between the town and village in Thenmaradchhi area. This difference is considered as hypothesis 1(H₁). The non-economical difference between the village and town in thenmaradchhi area is considered as hypothesis 2(H₂). For this research, all the data were analyzed through SPSS and a clear result was obtained. The study found that there are economical and non-economical difference between the village and town of Thenmaradchhi region.

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