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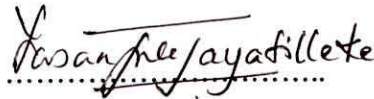

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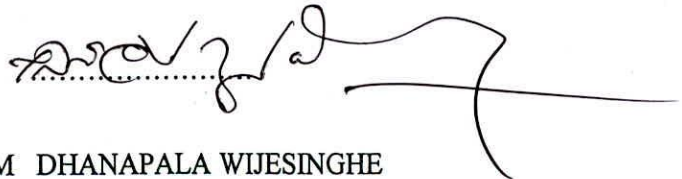
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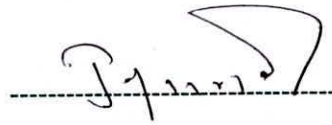
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ABBREVIATIONS

ADO	Assistant Development Officer
AGA	Assistant Government Agent
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
DS	Divisional Secretariat
EPF	Employment Provident Fund
FGD	Focus Group Discussion
GND	Grama Niladari Divisions
GPRS	General Packet Radio Service
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IDP	Internal Displaced People
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organization
IPKF	Indian Peace Keep in Force
ISGA	Interim- Self Government Authority
JVP	Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (People Liberation Front)
LTTE	Liberation Tiger of Tamil Elam
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MP	Member of Parliament
MRRR	Ministry of Rehabilitation Resettlements and Refugees
NEP	Northern & Eastern Province
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization

OCHA	Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
RVMP	Rana Viru Memorial Plaque
RVSA	Rana Viru Seva Authority
SLA	Sri Lanka Army
SLFP	Sri Lanka Freedom Party
SLR	Sri Lankan Rupees
SLSF	Sri Lanka Security Forces
SMP	Soldiers Memorial Plaque
TELO	Tamil Elam Organization
TNT	Tamil New Tigers
TUF	Tamil United Front
TULF	Tamil United Liberation Front
TYF	Tamil Youth Front
UN	United Nations
UNHCR	United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees
UNP	United National Party
USCR	United States Committee for Refugees
WCRWC	Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children
WDO	Women Development Officer
W&OP	Women & Orphanage Payment

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ABSTRACT

War Widows in Sri Lanka: Problems of Adaptation

Conflict situation that arose in Sri Lanka during the latter part of the decade 1970s help to create various social problems in the Sri Lankan society. While this became a setback in the national development the other problems within this such as Internal Displacement People, Child Abuse, destruction of the properties and the war widows became the major issues. War widows of fallen security personnel in the active services have been identified as a new social problem. The researcher has taken an interest to study this problem through the multi-disciplinary perspectives through the Sociological, Criminological, and Socio-psychological perspectives contributing towards the policy planning for the development and up-liftment of quality of the lives of war widows. The main objective of the study the problems war widows have faced with in the family and the society has been analyzed critically in this event. The sample of Two hundred fifty families has selected 30 Divisional Secretariats within the Kurunegala District. The researcher has examined the situation prevailed in Sri Lanka historically to date. The researcher also has compared the situations of war widows of the other countries of globe with Sri Lankan experience theoretically. The application the Gender theory and Functional theory has given an immense support for the study. Finally conclusions and suggestions are forwarded for the policy making and national development.