

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Educational Publications Department (EPD) is an organization which is dedicated to produce school textbooks free of charge with the intension of uplifting the pedagogical standards of the country. EPD ensures equitable access to education through the provision of learning materials of distinctive pedagogical standards that keep abreast with international standards in education. Further, the EPD heads towards enhancing the quality and value of education by progressively widening the range of available textbooks, workbooks, reference books, supplementary readers, glossaries, dictionaries, audio-visual study packs and other materials of high educational standards enabling to produce worthwhile and intelligent citizens with ability to contribute towards the development of the country.

Being given to understand that, there are obstacles in achieving the goals of the EPD due to the regional disparity, the attention was paid in providing the equity in education which has not been accomplished during the past few years. Since the Book Sales Promotion Centers of EPD in which the publications of EPD are sold are restricted to Colombo region so that customers from all parts of the country need travelling a long distance to purchase books, resulting an utmost frustration among them once the books are unavailable despite their commitment.

This report contains the solution that was implemented as a remedial measure for the aforesaid problem with the intention of providing equity in education devoid of regional differences.

Initially, the problem was well-understood by the observations, analyzing letters of complaint, sales records, etc. The project proposal was made accordingly and the necessary approvals were taken. Having many communications and negotiations with the project management team, the system was able to implement.

The writer of this project report played the role of the Project Manager and the Project Leader whose conceptual skills, inter-personal skills and the management skills were developed immensely in completion of the project.

The project was able to complete within the expected budget limit and within the estimated cost. It is expected to maintain, incorporate changes and diversify with the time.