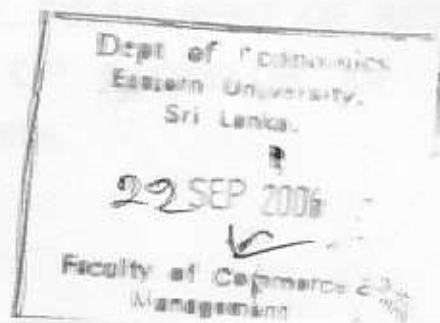


# **“A Study of the Smallholder in the Paddy Production of Eravur Pattu Divisional Secretariat Division”**



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## Abstract

The livelihood of the people of the Batticaloa district mainly has been depended on paddy production. But, for the past few years the amount of production of the paddy has been decreased due to many circumstances. Paddy is normally cultivated in two seasons in Batticaloa. There are Maha and Yala seasons. They are not only depended on time but also the availability of water. Though the water and the time being are possible, the production of paddy is decreased. Mainly, the smallholders of paddy farming do not actively involve in paddy cultivation. Smallholders are those who have and cultivate paddy in below the land possession of acres 5. The smallholders are nearly 75% of the total farmers in Eravur Pattu D.S. Division. Therefore, problems related to smallholders are taken into consideration in this study and recommendations are put forwarded.

Among the smallholders, 100 samples were selected randomly from Eravur Pattu D.S division and interviewed for this research. The data for variables input, finance, Institutional, technological, marketing facilities were analyzed using SPSS computer packages. The univariate analysis was done through this SPSS package to analyze the result.

The results of the study revealed that there are problems in each and every variable with smallholding paddy cultivation. According to this result, the smallholders are expressed highly dissatisfaction level in production and marketing variables.

This research places proper recommendations and suggestions as well in order to promote paddy farming activities of smallholders not only of Eravur Pattu but also of other relevant areas where they face the problems. The Governmental organizations and NIGOs should take more attention to the smallholders' problems in this area as well as other relevant areas. In addition, this research gives room to think further on this problems and solutions.

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