

**A SURVEY ON FOREIGN EMPLOYMENT
HOLDERS IN THE BATTICALOA DISTRICT**



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ABSTRACT

Employment plays a vital role in a country's economy. Creation of Employment opportunity is very essential to maintain national income, and maximum utilization of human resources and other physical resources.

Employment in overseas has contributed significantly towards reducing unemployment and poverty, especially in the rural areas of Sri Lanka and up lifting the standard of living of migrants and their families.

Foreign Employment' means the employment to be obtained by a Worker to abroad'.

The Sri Lankan Government encourages this foreign employment to increase foreign exchange income and develop the country by increasing standard of quality of life of the people.

In Batticaloa district most of the people involve in the foreign employment. But there were no details about the socio economic status of such foreign employment holders. Due to the lack of availability data could not be evaluated with the socio economic status of such foreign employment holders. Therefore this survey was carryout.

In order to identify the characteristics of foreign employment holders four dimensions were considered which are demographic, socio, economic and other characteristics. The questionnaire was used to collect the primary data for this survey from 200 respondents based on random sampling method. Collected data were analyzed by using SPSS and outcomes discussed in percentage.

The survey found that according to the discussion, most of the people have gone abroad for financial strengthening and security purpose. Although the People have income from their foreign employment, it is not adequate them to them to upgrade their life further more. Since the nature of the work they have employed. Further to this most of the families were not in a favorable condition regarding their socio economic characteristics.

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