

**A STUDY ON PUBLIC AWARENESS ON MONEY  
MARKET INSTRUMENTS IN THE  
TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT**



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## ABSTRACT

Sustainable financial system and fair distribution of resources and opportunities are prerequisites for quality of economic development. Increased investment and commensurate increase in savings to finance that investment have been identified as basic requirements for economic growth. As resources and skills are unequally distributed among different segments of the society, an effective system is required to mobilize resource from surplus units to deficit units. This service is provided by money market and capital market in an economy. Since 1980 Money Brokers (MBs) have been operating in Sri Lanka as key players in the Interbank call money market and Treasury bill market, using the money market to meet financial needs and it can also be seen among urban areas. Rural areas tend to look for informal sources of financing at their early stages of business, possibly due to difficulties in meeting the requirements of formal financial institutions, lack of awareness and sense of uncertainty about the investment opportunity in money market instruments. Therefore, this survey intends to examine the public awareness on money market instrument in Trincomalee District, by employing four established instruments of Money Market namely: (a) Treasury bill (b) Commercial paper (c) Certificate of deposit (d) Banker's acceptance.

The main objective of this survey is to find out to what extent the Trincomalee people are aware on the Money Market Instruments. This study is based on the information collected from 200 samples of selected eight D.S Divisions in Trincomalee District. Here the proportionate stratified random sampling method used to select sample size, out of the 200 sample size 190 persons have responded. Method of data analysis specifically considered univariate analysis based on the 5 point Likert scale measures by using statistical package of SPSS 11.0. According to the survey found the research areas respondents have reached moderate level of awareness on four Money market instruments, but the respondents revealed moderate level of awareness on Treasury bill and Certificate of deposit, while low level of awareness on Commercial paper and Bankers acceptance. The survey concludes that the Money Market industry in Trincomalee District more needs to develop and request to take high consideration a well-designed awareness campaign about Money Market Instruments to get the maximum benefits to all of the public in the future.

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