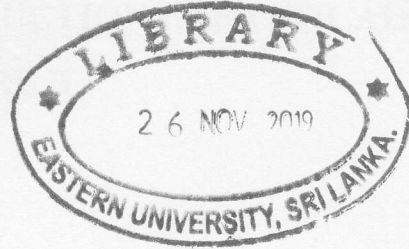


**A STUDY ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF FERTILIZER SUBSIDY
SCHEME ON PADDY PRODUCTION IN BATTICALOA
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ABSTRACT

The Government of Sri Lanka has been subsidizing fertilizer for more than five decades, with several time to time changes. In this study an attempt is made to analyze the effectiveness of fertilizer subsidy scheme with reference to paddy production in Batticaloa District.

This study was implemented with five dimensions of independent variable namely farmer's involvement, farmer's responsiveness, implementation performance, farmer's satisfaction and knowledge on fertilizes. This study eliminates the empirical knowledge gap in Manmunai West and Manmunai South West D.S division from Batticaloa District area regarding this topic.

Five variables were measured to explore this objective. To achieve these objectives, the target population was considered as a total farmer in Batticaloa District. Furthermore there Using a structured questionnaire the data were collected from 100 farmers in Manmunai West and Manmunai South West D.S division from Batticaloa District. The collected data were analyzed by using descriptive analyses.

The finding shows that the levels of farmer's involvement and farmer's responsiveness by fertilizer subsidy scheme on paddy production are at high effectiveness level. Implementation performance of fertilizer subsidy scheme on paddy production is at high effectiveness level. Knowledge on fertilizer and farmers satisfaction in fertilizer subsidy scheme for paddy production is at high effectiveness level. The finding show that five variable are high level influence on effectiveness of fertilizer subsidy scheme on paddy production in batticaloa district. So the Fertilizer subsidy scheme is found to be effectiveness in batticaloa district.

Keywords: *Fertilizer subsidy scheme, Effectiveness, farmers and paddy production*

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