

P R E F A C E

The Annual Employment Survey of the Department of Labour was designed to measure the levels and trends of employment in the organized sector in Sri Lanka on a continuous basis and it is conducted annually commencing from the year 1971. The present Report "EMPLOYMENT SURVEY - 1993" is the nineteenth in the series since then. The survey covers establishments having five or more paid employees and engaged in productive, distributive business and commercial activities in both the private and public sectors. The coverage of the survey specially in the private sector is very low due to non-availability of complete list of establishments (frame) and also of the high non-response rate.

The survey is conducted by post, having taken the last working day of the month of June of the corresponding year as the reference period. Although under coverage and high non-response rate are the main factors which influenced the total figures, other important characteristics such as change in the economic pattern in the economy, distribution of employment among different industries and gender distribution by occupation and industry in the organized sector are some of the important findings of the survey.

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