Sri Lanka Legislative Drafting Workshops

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Land:

Landlessness = NC prov.

Estate land = 1840 = uncultivated land or no documents → state owned:

90% of land = state, 10% = private.

Majority of pop = rice cultivators, no others.

Rice. Source = island’s granary — especially rice tenants.

After independence:

Col: 2 ordinances: Land Devol/1925 to regularize.


Haven’t changed much: minor amounts.

1970: Improved land ceiling act: capped land

from 100 acres. Over 50 acres → esid.

Govt. pltns / Land Reform Commission.

For common purposes: Didn’t affect.


→ prov.: (1) Nat’l Min = pols; (2) Prov.

Min’s kept for land officials/govt. agents

and lost agents: except to Nat’l Gov.

Prov: Land sell

60% of grow land/permits (settlements)

or lease.

Want permanent ownership.

Imp. Productivity.

Enrichment of lands.

30% = no land: laborers, tenants.

Confusion between land secretary & commissioner.

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Note: limited irrigated land