

# REVIEW OF PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE NEED OF NEW PUBLIC MANAGEMENT TO INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC SECTOR IN SRI LANKA

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This Article reviews previous studies and policy analysis that studied on the public sector accountability in Sri Lanka. Based on the review, author discusses the public sector accountability and constrains to enhancing accountability in public sector in Sri Lanka. Many countries try to introduce various new initiative measures in government activities to enhance the responsibility of public officials through reforming public sector, because this is one of the most valued aspect of democratic governance. The focus of this article is on public accountability, need of new public management in the Sri Lankan context. For this purpose the articles that have been written by many authors previously were considered. Sri Lankan Administrative structure, Theoretical Background of Accountability, Traditional Accountability Model, the New Public Management Accountability Model, Overview of Public Management System in Sri Lanka has been focused based on the earlier works related to Sri Lankan public sector accountability. It is said that Sri Lanka is evidenced weakening public sector accountability and thereby could not improve effectiveness in government sector and government failed in a significant manner to create adequate mechanism to implement accountability measures. Finally based on the review, Recommendations that are important to increase accountability are discussed.

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