

VOTERS PREFERENCES OF RULING POLITICAL PARTIES IN SRI LANKA**G. T. F. de Silva and M. Shelton Peiris***(Department of Mathematics, University of Moratuwa)*

Objective of the study is to find out how voters preferences change with respect to factors such as Cost of Living, Unemployment, Welfare Facilities, etc., in the Colombo District (including Gampaha).

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Period from 1955 to 1970 was considered, the change in proportion of voters preferring Government and the opposition was found in terms of averages of (1) increase in cost of living ; (2) No. of unemployed ; (3) Amount spent on welfare ; (4) No. of days of emergency.

By multirogression analysis, the results of 1977 elections were evaluated and compared with the actual voting figures.

On this basis preferences at the future elections would be worked out taking to account the present conditions.