

A SURVEY OF WORK CONDITIONS AND SERVICE PROVIDED  
BY PRIVATE OMNIBUSES IN COLOMBO, KANDY & MATARA

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A survey was conducted in 1985, of 1200 private bus crew members and 400 private bus owners. Interviews were designed to elicit as much information as possible about remuneration, status, work-hours and service conditions of drivers and conductors and about the quantum of transport service provided. Precise response from owners was difficult to obtain. Nevertheless a wealth of information has been obtained and experience gained in the methodology of administering such surveys. Preliminary findings include: long work hours of low productivity mainly because of oversupply, short duration of employment and ownership, and considerable incidence of traffic apprehension.

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