

A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC
BACKGROUND OF THE BIOSCIENCE AND MEDICAL
ENTRANTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA OF 1985/86

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This study was made by the use of questionnaires which were answered by the students concerned. The results were analysed statistically.

90% of the bio-science entrants and 65% of the medical entrants were from Jaffna district. The total monthly incomes of the parents of the bio-science entrants were significantly lower than that of the parents of medical entrants.

The occupational categories of the residents of the area from where the bio-science students entered consisted of 12% government officers, 30% businessmen and 55% farmers and fishermen, the corresponding percentages for the area from where the medical students entered consisted of 50% government officers, 30% business men and 20% farmers and fishermen.

The general financial standing of the people of the area from where the students entered for the bio-science course was 82% moderate and 14% poor and those of the medical course was 90% moderate and 9% poor.

Education and general economic condition of the parents of the bio-science entrants and medical entrants were almost the same. Social service activities and the contribution to the society by the parents of the bio-science entrants as well as the medical entrants were very nearly the same.

It appears from this study that there is a marked variation in the socio-economic background among the bio-science and medical entrants of the University of Jaffna of 1985/86.