

F-09 : NON REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS

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Prior to 1990/91, annually around 6000 students were selected for Universities in Sri Lanka, out of a large number, who were eligible to seek admission. Notwithstanding this small percentage (24%), there was still a considerable number of the selected students who opted not to register with a University.

This study was planned to ascertain the reasons for this non- registration. A questionnaire was issued to 925 for this purpose. The reasons hypothesised in the questionnaire were the following :

(1) Could not get the desired academic stream/University, (2) Obtained employment before/after qualifying , (3) Wanted to sit/sat again, (4) Financial difficulties, (5) Went/Going abroad for studies, (6) Got/Getting married, (7) Unexpected event in the family, (8) Others

About 70% of students responded to the questionnaire. The analysis of the data has revealed that 41.92% of the students did not register because of their inability to get the desired academic stream and had wanted to try again.

The major objective of the analysis is to ascertain the relative importance of various causal factors and the extent of variation of these factors districtwise, academic streamwise and sexwise and to finally indicate the implications of the findings of this study for any changes in admission policy as well as in curricular development in universities.