

ABSTRACT

Sri Lanka Army Special Forces Regiment is the prime military fighting outfit of the Sri Lanka Army. Therefore with the completion of victorious humanitarian operation Special Forces has started a modernization programme. The programme will be executed as five years plans consecutively. These plans basically will be focused on providing modern technological equipment, specially with regard to reconnaissance and surveillance. However, Special Forces (SF) does not have technically qualified officers in their regiments in order to conduct the training, maintaining and using of such equipment because army regiment allocation criteria does not support technically qualified officers to join regiment other than engineering regiments and also officers do not volunteer to join the regiments like SF on their completion of the cadet training. Hence, SF as an organization, face number of difficulties on enhancing their fighting power. Therefore, research was conducted to derive recommendations and suggestions in order to allocate technical officers for the SF Regiment in future. The hypothesis used for the research was "Recruitment of technical graduates of KDU will enhance the future modernisation endeavours of inducting modern surveillances equipment to SF in terms of handling, training and maintaining of such equipment". The hypothesis was proven by the study which was conducted in the means of combined approach and it was identified that the recruiting KDU graduates to SF for effective use of modern technological surveillances equipment in SF in terms of handling training and maintaining of such equipment. Therefore, it is very much important and timely requirement to allocate KDU graduated officers for the SF in order to enhance the fighting power of the SF. That will benefit to achieve future operational and strategic level missions assigned to SF.

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