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### **ABSTRACT**

Since ancient history Sri Lanka has remarkable evidence of paddy cultivation in numerous places such as Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa. It is undoubtedly proved that Sri Lanka has export their additional harvest to most of south East Asian and East Asian countries. But, in terms of expansion of paddy cultivation, it has been spread to Greece, areas of Mediterranean, entire Southern Europe and some North African countries. Gradually it was dominated Portugal, Spain, central and south America. It is exclusively proved that majority of nations have been consuming rice as their major food component. But it has been observed that interest on cultivating paddy in urban and semi urban sector is gradually gone down in terms of globalization and the industrialization. As a result of that it is observed number of abandoned paddy lands in urban sector. In addition to that, there were some reported cases of selling paddy lands as a commercial land in terms of high value of perches of land in town or urban sector.

When we consider the cultivation of paddy in urban sector Maharagama area play significant role. Because, it was recorded that nearly thirty percent of paddy lands are kept in abundantly. Further it is observed that due to lack of labour force, lack of supervision and lack of material the production has been going down in rapidly. Therefore it is vital to research on utilizing military forces to cultivate paddy lands in Sri Lanka. Furthermore, this research was conducted to check the relationship of military with farmers' morale, effect on national food productivity and efficient and effective use of material. For that the same questioner was addressed to the sample groups of twenty five farmers who are in Maharagama area and fifty soldiers who are in Colombo area. As per the collected data emphasized that military is highly essential components in existing scenario in order to boost the rest of paddy cultivation and the community of farmers.

This research has given some recommendation with relate to this problem. In that, it will suggest how this problem should be addressed and how it can be solved in a short term process and the long term process.