

ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to Study on factors influencing the inventory control of technical stores in Sri Lanka Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. The numerous factors considered for the study were broken into Bureaucratic procurement procedure, Inventory record keeping, Documentation, Funding/Budget Allocation, Skills processed by store staff and Audit practices. The objectives were to; to study about how the technical stores in the SLEME control inventory and to find out degree of prevailing influencing factors on inventory control of technical stores in the SLEME. The study used both qualitative and quantitative approaches. Data was collected using questionnaires and was analyzed using Statistical Package for the Social Science (SPSS version 23) which presented frequency tables, graphs and the necessary measures of variance for effective interpretation. The population for this study, SLEME senior officers and major and below officers who, perform duties in technical stores and related activities were selected. The total population of the study was 327 respondents. When selecting the sample size, the study used disproportionate stratified random sampling technique and arrived as the sample size of 180 respondents. The researcher, distributed 180 questionnaires and 7 questionnaires were partially completed and 4 questionnaires were not returned, resulting in a final sample of 169. Primary data were collected using questionnaires and secondary data were also obtained from external sources such as the internet, Journals and other documentations. The study established that Inventory record keeping, Funding/Budget Allocation and Skills processed by store staff have a great positive influenced on inventory control of technical stores in the SLEME. The study revealed that documentation is slightly influenced the inventory control on technical stores in the SLEME. The result also showed that Bureaucratic procurement procedure and Audit practices are not significant with the inventory control on technical stores in the SLEME.

Keywords: Inventory Control, Bureaucratic procurement procedure, Inventory record keeping, Documentation, Funding/Budget Allocation, Skills processed by store staff and Audit practices.