POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN SRI LANKA: FIFTY YEARS OF CHANGE

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ABSTRACT

The system of Public Administration in any country exists in a political environment and as such is forced to respond to the changes in its political environment. In Sri Lanka, the changes that took place in the political system during the last five decades have resulted in a transformation of a relatively independent system of public administration into a sub-system of its political system. This has created a new challenge to the public administrators to adjust their normative system and role perception inline with these changes and to equip themselves with sufficient knowledge, skills and expertise needed in complex management situations they face today.