

The Demand for Green Politics in Sri Lanka: A Critical Analysis

Irfan, MIM*

Abstract

Green politics is a political ideology that aims to create an ecologically sustainable society rooted in ecology, non-violence, social justice, and grassroots democracy as well as Nuclear Power, Harmony, Deforestation, Human Rights, Genetically modified foods, Right of indigenous peoples, Land reform, Bio security, Bio safety, etc. These parties have risen above to the conservative, liberal, and social democratic parties that have dominated western democracies since the Second World War “Green” political parties emerged in early 1970s in Australia and New Zealand. Thereafter, it increased to Western Europe and North America and by the early 21st century. But, rarely growth in Asian countries and so far not formed in Sri Lanka even there are plenty of opportunities available in forming green environment, resource, many green based origination (Green Building Council (GBCSL), Green Cross, etc.), solar energy, wind power, end of civil war and national government practice. The objectives of this study are to examine the needs and barriers of the green politics in contemporary Sri Lanka and to motivate the political parties to include the ideologies of green politics. This research is a qualitative research and data were collected mainly from secondary sources such as published and unpublished records, books, journals, newspapers, internet articles and relevant documents. The major findings of this study are the variables including lack of public awareness about the value of green parties, economic crisis, poor gender democracy, inter political party conflict, genetics challenges, climate change, lack of decentralized communities, lack of people’s participation and poor grass-root democracy are the challenging factors to initiate the green politics in Sri Lanka.

Key words: Ecology, Green Politics, Non-Violence, Grassroots Democracy, Green Parties

To whom correspondence should be addressed: Irfanibrahim86@gmail.com

*Lecturer, Department of Arabic Language, South Eastern University.