

**Forest Stewardship Council certification**



**Assessment to identify legal or customary use rights, existing within the estates, of plantation workers and villagers who live adjacent to our estates**

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## **1. Introduction**

A questionnaire survey was conducted to identify the legal or customary use rights, existing within the estates, of plantation workers and villagers who live adjacent to our estates.

The assessment was carried out in four plantation Groups and adjacent villages. Collectively about 3000 residence and non residence employees are working in four groups. All the plantation groups are surrounded by villages.

## **2. Objective of the survey**

1. Finding out the customary use rights of the plantation workers and the villagers who live adjacent to the estates
2. Finding out the use rights of the plantation workers and neighboring community that are negatively affected by the estates Management of the company.

## **3. Methodology of the survey**

The survey was based on a questionnaire printed in Sinhalese language.

The survey was conducted Group wise. Both workers and villagers from each Group were interviewed randomly. The questionnaire was explained to the interviewee by interviewer since majority of estate workers had a low literacy level.

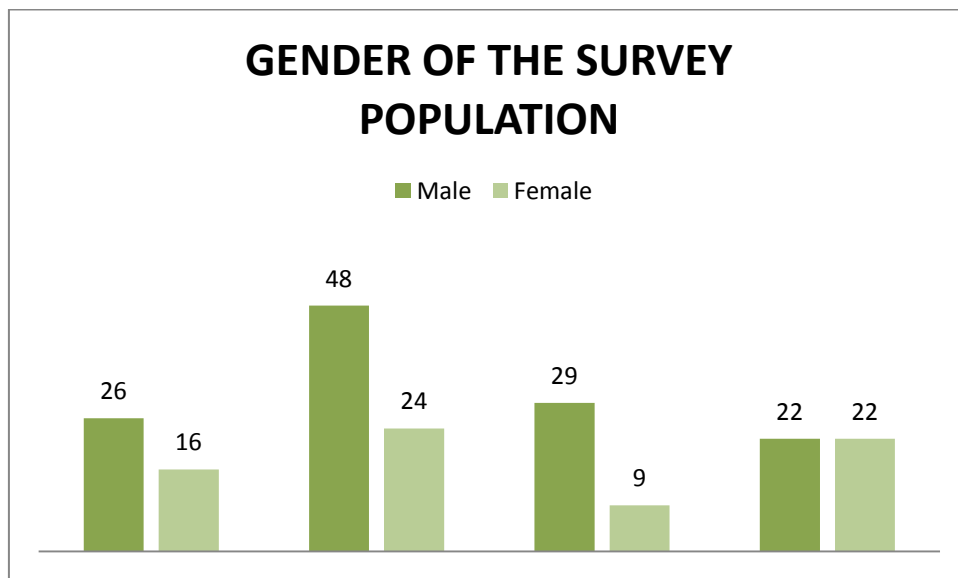
Results were analyzed statistically.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number of people interviewed</b>
Estate workers	: 94
Neighboring villagers	: 102

## 4. Evaluation of the results

### a. Sex

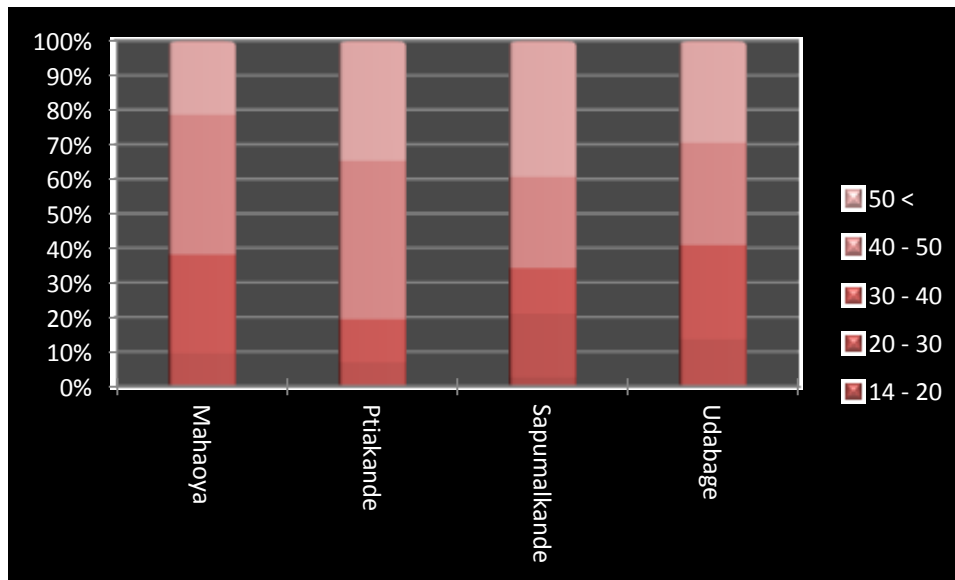
Sex	Male	Female
Mahaoya	26	16
Pitiakande	48	24
Sapumalkande	29	9
Udabage	22	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>71</b>



The sample population represents both males and females.

**b. Age group**

Age Groups	Results	Proportion %
14 - 20	1	1 %
21 - 30	22	11 %
31 - 40	38	19 %
41 - 50	73	37 %
51 <	62	32 %
Total participants	134	100%



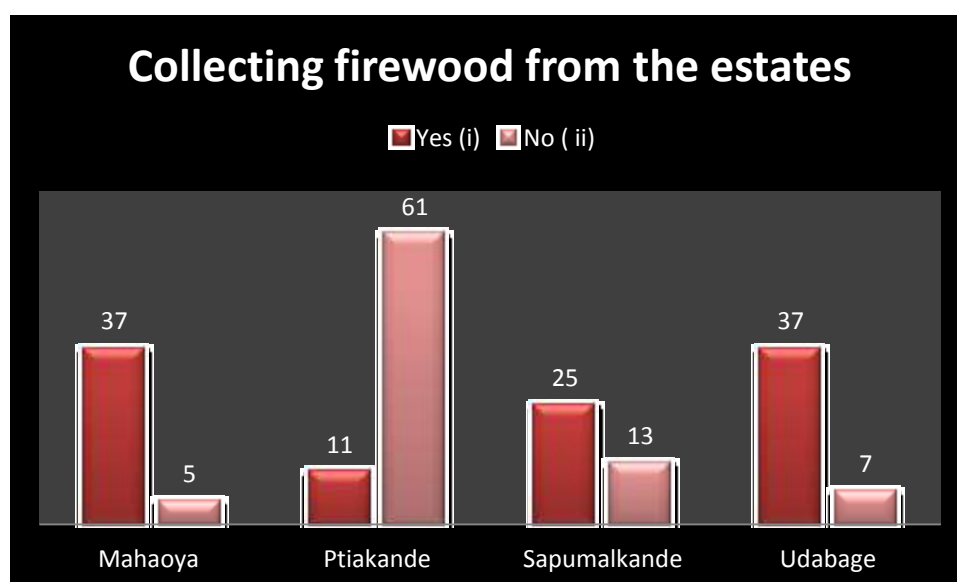
The results indicate that people from different age groups have been incorporated in the survey.

**c. Question No 1,**

Do you collect dry firewood required for your day today activities form the plantations/ forests belonging to the plantation Group?

Results

Group	Yes (i)	No (ii)
Mahaoya	37	5
Pitiakande	11	61
Sapumalkande	25	13
Udabage	37	7
Total	110	86
%	56 %	44 %



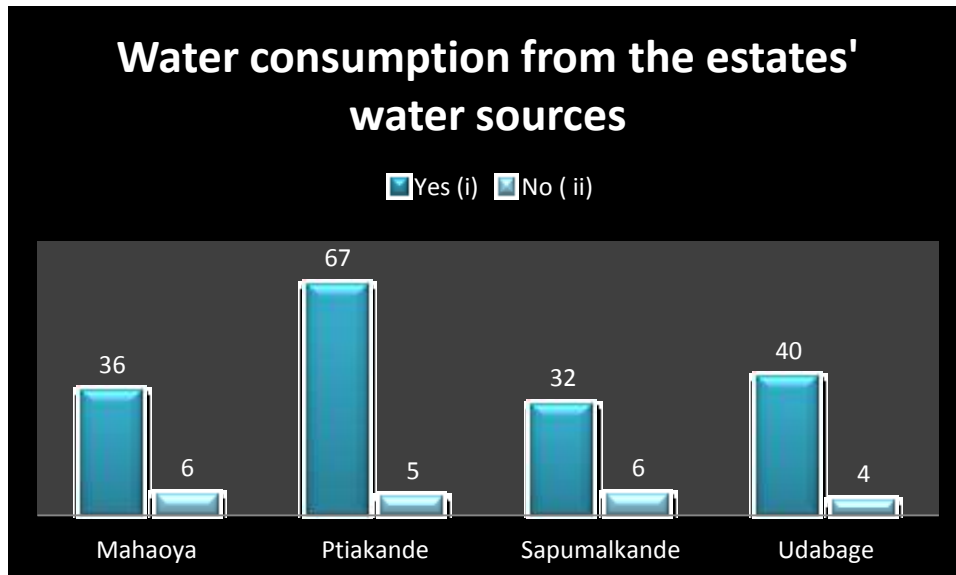
Results indicate that people of all plantation Groups collect firewood from plantations/ forests belonging to estates. Except Pitiakande Group a higher proportion the interviewed' people of all other three Groups collects firewood form the estates.

**d. Question No 2,**

Do you use water from wells of the estate or streams drawn through the estates?

Results

Group	Yes (i)	No (ii)
Mahaoya	36	6
Ptiakande	67	5
Sapumalkande	32	6
Udabage	40	4
Total	175	21
Percentage %	89%	11%

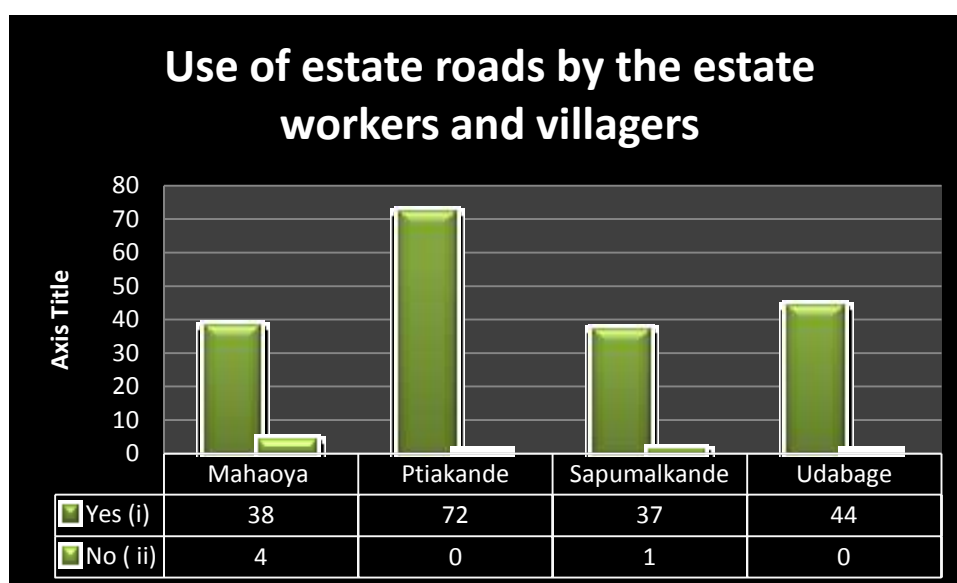


Results for the choice 'Yes' is significantly higher than the result for choice 'No'. Therefore, we can conclude that comparatively very higher proportion of interviewed people use water sources in the Estates for their requirements.

**e. Question No 3,**

Do you use the roads of the estate for you private transport purposes?

Group	Yes (i)	No (ii)
Mahaoya	38	4
Pitiakande	72	0
Sapumalkande	37	1
Udabage	44	0
Total	191	5
	97%	3%



Almost 100% of the interviewed people use the roads network of the Estates for their day today purposes.

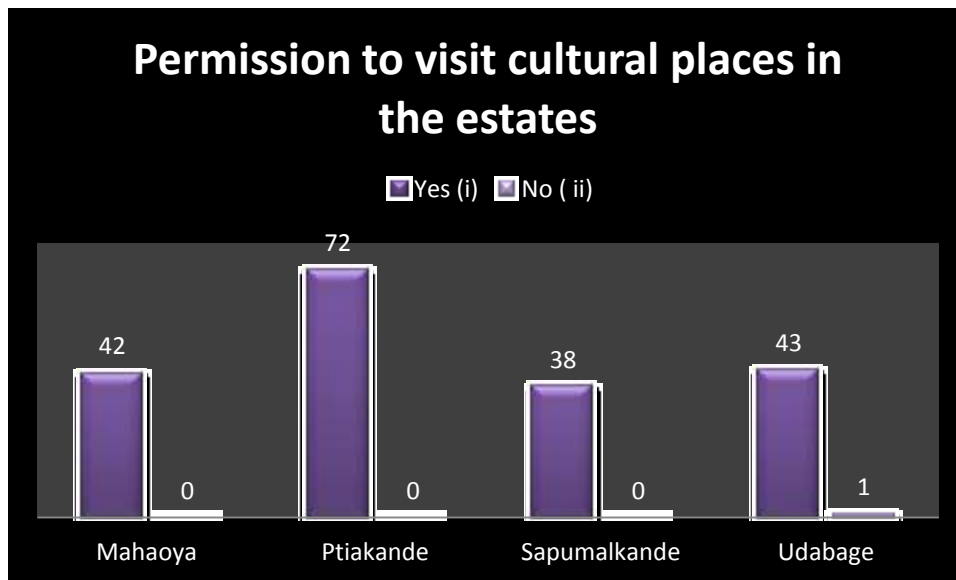


**f. Question No 4,**

Are you allowed to visit the culturally important places such as temples and kovils located in the estates?

Results

Group	Yes (i)	No (ii)
Mahaoya	42	0
Ptiakande	72	0
Sapumalkande	38	0
Udabage	43	1
Total	195	1
	99%	1%



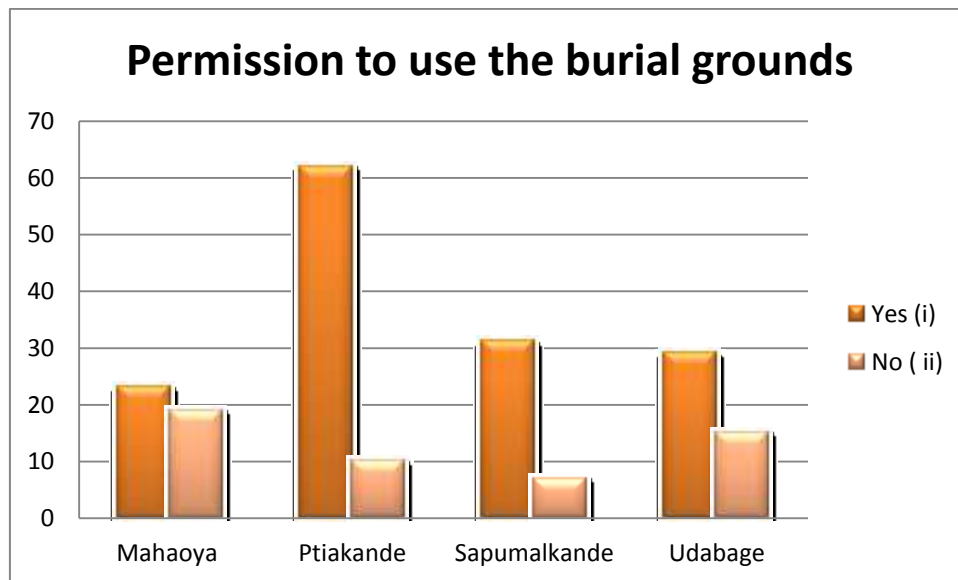
According to the results it is very clear that people can visit culturally important places since 100% of the interviewed people have given the answer 'yes'.

**g. Question No 5,**

Are you allowed to use the burial grounds located in the estates.

Results

Group	Yes (i)	No (ii)
Mahaoya	23	19
Ptiakande	62	10
Sapumalkande	31	7
Udabage	29	15
Total	145	51
	74%	26%

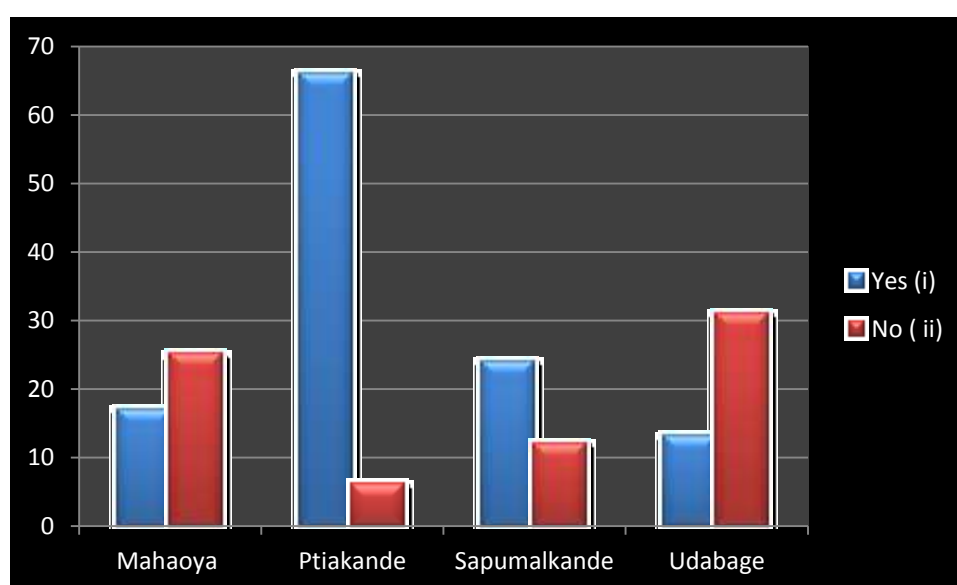


Here, 76% of the people have given the answer 'Yes'. According to the results, a larger proportion of the interviewed people use the burial grounds located in the Estates premises. Most of the villages have burial Grounds in their villagers and they usually do not use Estates' burial grounds.

#### h. Question No 6,

Are you provided with any other service that is useful for your **routine** life?

Group	Yes (i)	No (ii)
Mahaoya	17	25
Pitiakande	66	6
Sapumalkande	24	12
Udabage	13	31
Total	120	74
	61%	38%



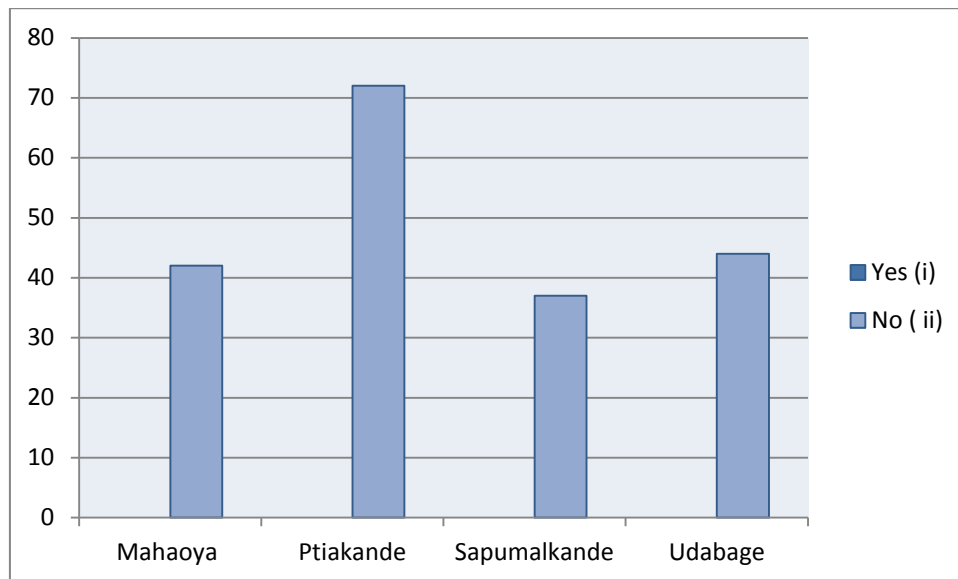
Both 'Yes' and 'No' answers have been given by the interviewed people. People who has said 'Yes' indicates that there are other services than the services mentioned in first six questions. The following services have been mentioned by the interviewed people as the extra services provided by the estates.

1. Providing monetary donations to the culturally important places (e. g. Temples and Kovils)
2. Providing donations for schools
3. Provision of the estate vehicles to villagers for their urgencies
4. Providing sanitation facilities to the workers
5. Providing nutritious food for feeding mothers and their children
6. Providing medical facilities
7. Helping villagers in social activities by providing monetary and material donations such as water, paints and coconut.

**i. Question No 7,**

Are there any negative influences from the estate management for your routine activities which are undertaken according to the rules and regulations of the country?

Group	Yes (i)	No (ii)
Mahaoya	0	42
Ptiakande	0	72
Sapumalkande	0	37
Udabage	0	44
Total	0	195
	0%	100%



By looking at the results it can be clearly concluded that there is no negative influence of the estate management on the routine activities of the estate workers and villagers.

## 5. Conclusion

Both workers and villagers of different age groups have been interviewed to identify the legal or customary use rights existing within the plantations. According to the survey a conclusion can be given that those workers and villagers of the estates have following such rights.

1. People can collect firewood from the plantations/ forests belonging to the estates that are required for their routine life.
2. People can use wells and streams for their water requirements
3. People can use the roads of the estate for their private transport purposes
4. People are allowed to visit culturally important places located in the estates.
5. People can use the burial grounds located in the estates

Results of the question number 7 strongly denote that there is no negative influence from the estate management on the routine life of the workers and villagers.

In addition estate workers and villagers are provided with following facilities for their day today life.

1. Providing monetary donations to the culturally important places (e. g. Temples and Kovils)
2. Providing donations for schools
3. Provision of the estate vehicles to villagers for their urgencies
4. Providing sanitation facilities to the workers
5. Providing nutritious food for feeding mothers and their children
6. Providing medical facilities
7. Helping villagers in social activities by providing monetary and material donations such as water, paints and coconut

**ලලාන් රබර් වැවිලි සමාගම**

**වතුයාය තුළ හා වතුයාය අවට පිවත්වන ප්‍රජාවගේ ඵදිනෙදා කටයුතු වලදී වතුයායෙන් ලැබෙන සහයෝගය ඇගයීම**

1) නම .....

11) ලිපිනය .....

(ඔබගේ නම හෝ ලිපිනය සඳහන් කිරීමට අකමැතිනම් එම කොටස් හිස්ව තබන්න.)

111) ග්‍රාමසේවා වසම .....

1V) ස්ත්‍රී පුරුෂ භාවය .....

V) වයස් පන්තිය (ඔබගේ නිවැරදි වයස් පන්තියට හිමි අංකය රවුම් කරන්න.

- a) 14 + 20    b) 20 – 30    c) 30-40    d) 40-50    e) 50 ට වැඩි

(ඔබගේ නම හෝ ලිපිනය සඳහන් කිරීමට අකමැතිනම් එම කොටස් හිස්ව තබන්න)

උපදෙස්:-

සියළුම ප්‍රශ්නවලට ඉදිරියෙන් දී ඇති පිළිතුරු වලින් වඩාත්ම නිවැරදියැයි ඔබට හැඟෙන පිළිතුරට හිමි අංකය වටා රවුමක් ඇඳන්න. “සඳහන් කරන්න” යනුවෙන් අවසන් කර ඇති ප්‍රශ්නවලට පහලින් ලබා දී ඇති ඉඩ තුළ ඔබේ පිළිතුර සඳහන් කරන්න.

- 1) ඔබ ඵදිනෙදා කටයුතුවලදී අවශ්‍යවන විශලි දර වතුයායට අයත් භූමියේ ඇති වනාන්තර / කැලෑවලින් එකතුකර ගන්නවාද?
  - i) ඔව්                      ii) නැත
- 2) වතුයායේ ලිංවල ඇති ජලය හෝ වතුයාය හරහා ගලායන ඇලදොල වල ජලය ඔබගේ ඵදිනෙදා කටයුතු සඳහා භාවිතා කරනවාද?
  - i) ඔව්                      ii) නැත
- 3) ඔබගේ ගමන්/ප්‍රවාහන අවශ්‍යතා සඳහා වතුයාය හරහා වැටී ඇති මංමාවත් භාවිතා කරනවාද?
  - i) ඔව්                      ii) නැත
- 4) වතුයායට අයත් භූමියේ පිහිටා ඇති පන්සල්/කෝවිල් වැනි සංස්කෘතිමය වටිනාකමකින් යුතු ස්ථානවලට යාමට ඔබට අවසර තිබෙනවාද?
  - i) ඔව්                      ii) නැත

5) වතුයායට අයත් භූමියේ පිහිටා ඇති සුසානභූමි භාවිතා කිරීමට ඔබට අවසර තිබෙනවාද?  
i) ඔව් ii) නැත

6) ඉහතින් සඳහන් කරනලද ඵදිනෙදා කටයුතුවලදී වතුයායෙන් ඔබට ලැබෙන්නේ සේවාවලට අමතර සේවාව වතුයායෙන් ඔබට ලැබෙනවාද?

i) ඔව් ii) නැත

ඔබගේ සේවාව ඔව් නම් ඵවැනි අමතර සේවාවන් පහතින් සඳහන් කරන්න.

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7) ඔබගේ ඵදිනෙදා වැඩකටයුතු නීත්‍යානුකූලව කරගෙන යාමට නොහැකිවන ආකාරයේ බලපෑම් වතුයාය මගින් ඵල්ල වෙනවාද?

i) ඔව් ii) නැත

ඔබගේ පිලිතුර “ඔව්” නම් ඵවැනි බලපෑම් පහතින් සඳහන් කරන්න.

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6) Do you have any legal or customary use rights other than the use rights mentioned in above questions?

(i) Yes

(ii) No

If your answer is 'Yes' please indicate such use rights in the space provide below

7) Are there any negative influences from the estate management for your routine activities which are undertaken according to the rules and regulations of the country?

(i) Yes

(ii) No

If your answer is 'Yes' please indicate such use rights in the space provide below

I hereby confirm the aforementioned facts are correct according to my knowledge.

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Date

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Signature