

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to investigate the barriers and strategy to enhancing the procurement process of the 1st Engineer Services Regiment of Sri Lanka Army. There are two specific objectives of this research to be precise, (1) To identify the barriers involved in the procurement process in the 1st Engineer Services Regiment of Sri Lanka Army, (2) to identify the strategy to overcome the barriers in enhancing the procurement process in the 1st Engineer Services Regiment of Sri Lanka Army. This is a qualitative research in which barriers and strategies were explored to enhance the procurement process of the 1st Engineer Services Regiment of Sri Lanka Army.

As the study is in exploratory nature thirty interviews were conducted by using interview with semi-structured questioners. Senior and junior staffs of procurement department, all Garrison Engineers and Sub procurement officers of 1st Engineer Services Regiment are interviewed. Documents and Past records are also referred as the sources of secondary data to identify the defects and drawbacks for enhancing the procurement process of 1st Engineer Services Regiment.

As findings fifteen barriers were identified. Twenty-two respective strategies were made, as per the identified barriers. Based on the barriers and strategies identified recommendations were made for policy makers. This research is also useful for future researchers and further study on enhancement of the procurement process.