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Today, the writ jurisdiction has become one of the key and important methods of controlling the powers of administrative authorities by the courts around the world. The writ jurisdiction, which is one of the two principal means of judicial review of administrative action in Sri Lanka, is presently provided for by the provisions of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka 1978.

This Dissertation mainly based on the research problem, read as "Whether the Sri Lankan present legal framework on writ jurisdiction is adequate to issue writs in administrative problems of people?".

Because of the vagueness of the constitutional provisions no uniform idea has declared by the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeal. One outcome of this is the confusion as to whether the writ jurisdiction exercised by the courts in Sri Lanka is unfettered or not. Another is the quandary as to the meaning of the term "according to law" appearing in the constitutional provisions granting the writ jurisdiction to courts. Having a uniform law and clear constitutional provisions will enhance the development of the Administrative Law.

This study has endeavoured to identify areas where the existing law must be changed to as per interpretations of apex courts. Further study recommends a constitutional reform and other recommendations to furnish the existing law.

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