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## **POLITICS OF POPULATION ISSUES AND POLICIES IN SRI LANKA.**

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**Abstract:** Politics has always played a decisive role in approaching population issues and formulating population policies in Sri Lanka. Politicians represent the interests of various socio-economic, ethnic, religious and cultural pressure groups in the country. As such, politics behind population issues has been complex, resulting in both short and long term implications. This paper makes an attempt to critically examine the role of politics on population issues and policies in Sri Lanka, and their implications through a historical perspective. The paper also points to some positive developments in the political outlook which may hopefully carry Sri Lanka and its population to a better millennium.