

Examination of Problems Faced by the Drivers of Three-wheelers in Kurunegala District, Sri Lanka

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Introduction

- Paratransits ?
- Role of paratransits?
- Examples of paratransits?



Songthaew



Angkot



Jeepney



Tuk-tuk



Auto-rickshaw

Introduction cont'd

Three wheelers are the major paratransits mode in Sri Lanka.

Characteristics of three wheelers

- Small size - Easily wave in the traffic jam
- Fare - Affordable
- Route - Travel on narrow roads
- Availability - Any time , any where



Introduction cont'd

Even though it provides better service to the public many problems have to face for both passengers & drivers.

Objectives-

- To analyse the problems of drivers in three wheeler operation.
- Find out the reasons for the problems faced by the drivers.

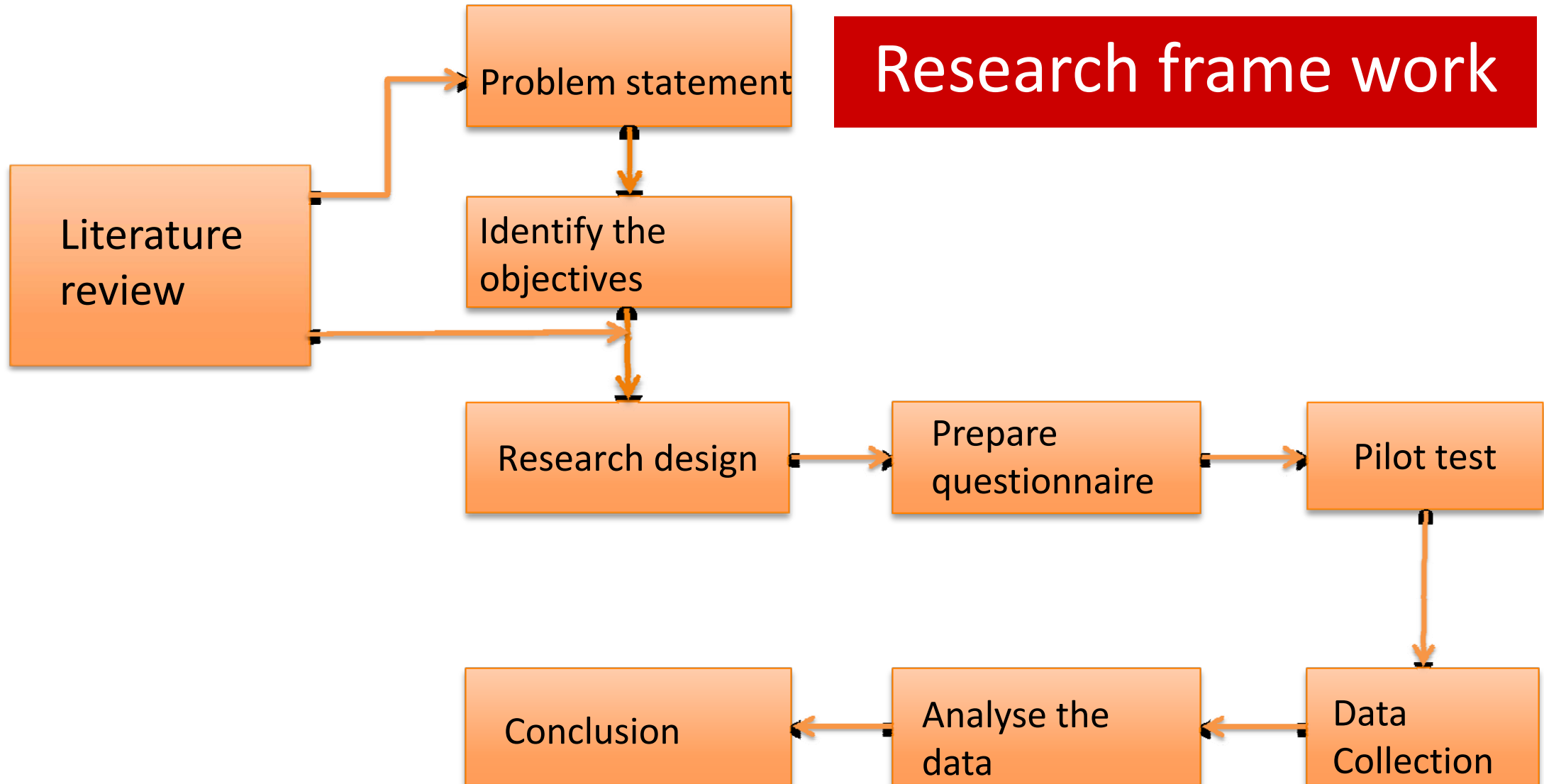
Literature review

Drivers problems;

- Difficult to receiving money from the customer
- Calling for illegal activities
- Parking problems
- There is no guarantee that a rented vehicle could be given for the same driver for next day

(Somasundaraswaran et al(2007)- southern province ,Sri Lanka)

Research frame work

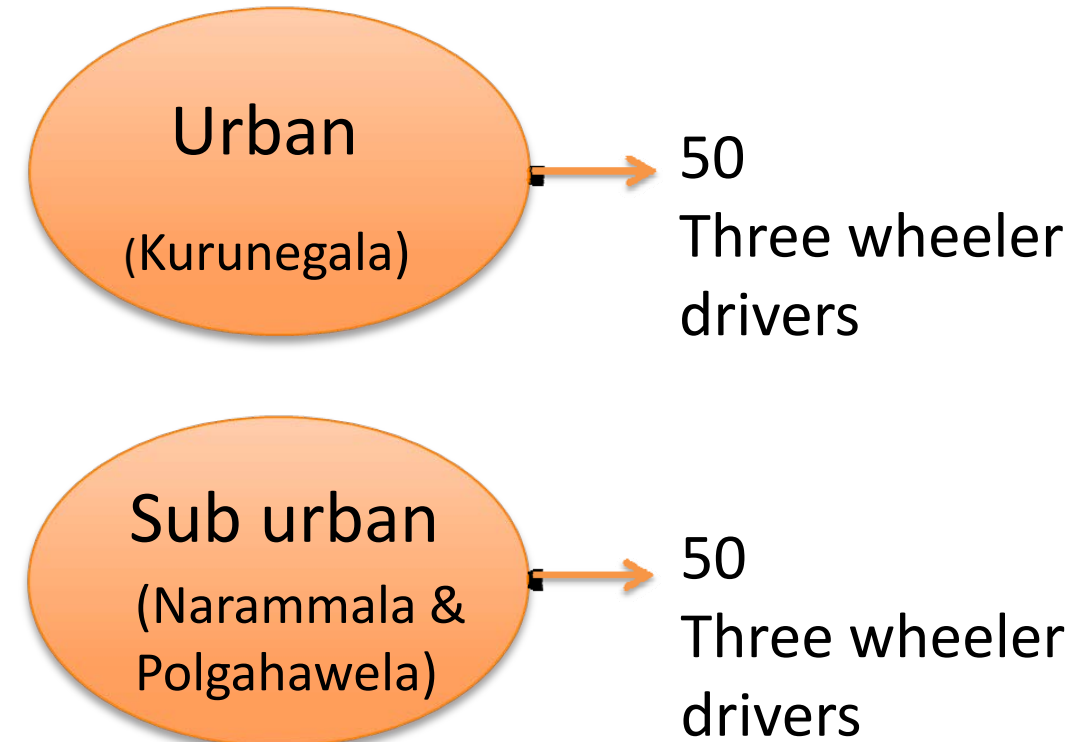


Research Methodology

Study area



Sample size



Research Methodology cont'd

Attributes used for the agreement rating with #1 to #5 linker scale

- No enough parking spaces
- Difficult to travel in rural narrow roads
- No organization to take care
- Low income
- Job status is not well respected
- Poor job satisfaction

Attributed used for the frequency rating with #1 to #5 linker scale

- Passengers fail to give money
- Being calling for illegal activities
- Being kidnapped by gangsters
- Feeling unsafe to travel with an unknown passenger
- Three wheelers are not well accepted
- Competition among three wheelers
- Riskiness to getting accident by a heavy vehicle
- No permission to enter some places

Data analysis and discussion

Groups for the analysis



Variables	Classification of variables	Frequency	%
Gender	Male	100	100
Age	18-30	39	39
	>30	61	61
Highest attained education	Junior high school or less	65	65
	Senior high school or Higher than Senior high school	35	35
Ownership	Owner	77	77
	Hired driver	23	23
Daily earning	Low earning	49	49
	Middle earning	51	51
Experience	Less than 10 years	22	22
	Greater than 10 years	78	78
Living place	Urban	50	50
	Sub urban	50	50

Data analysis and discussion

- Descriptive analysis- for urban & suburban

The ranking is according to the drivers' agreement to the problems

Rank	Urban		Sub Urban	
	Problems	Mean	Problems	Mean
1	No enough parking spaces	4.76	Poor job satisfaction	4.2
2	Poor job satisfaction	4.7	Job status is not well respected	3.94
3	Low income	3.76	Low income	3.8
4	Job status is not well respected	3.7	Difficult to travel in rural roads	3.48
5	Difficult to travel in rural roads	3.28	No organization to take care	3.18
6	No organization to takecare	2.42	No enough parking spaces	3.14

1- Strongly disagree

5- Strongly agree

Data analysis and discussion

- Descriptive analysis for urban and sub urban

The ranking is according to the drivers' frequency of facing to the problems

Rank	Urban		Sub Urban	
	Problems	Mean	Problems	Mean
1	Riskiness to get an accident	4.56	Riskiness to get an accident	3.84
2	No permission to enter some places	3.62	Tw is not well accepted	3.52
3	Unsafe to travel with unknown person	3.56	No permission to enter some places	3.26
4	Tw is not well accepted	3.36	Unsafe to travel with unknown person	2.86
5	Calling for illegal activities	2.14	Fail to give money by the passengers	2.02
6	Fail to give money by the passengers	2.08	Kidnapping by gangsters	1.84
7	Kidnapping by gangsters	1.64	Calling for illegal activities	1.4

1 – Never
5 - Very often

Data analysis and discussion

T-test results

Experience	Less than 10 years	Greater than 10 years
-Low income	3.68	3.81
-Job status is not well respected	3.95	3.78
Living place	Urban	Suburban
-No enough parking spaces	4.76	3.14
-Competition among three wheelers	4.72	4.2
-Poor job satisfaction	4.7	4.2
-Calling for illegal activities	2.14	1.4
-Unsafe to travel with unknown person	3.56	2.86
-Riskiness to get an accident	4.56	3.84
-No organization to take care	2.42	3.18

Most of the drivers with less than 10 year experiences are young people and they do not like hard working

No of three wheelers are Higher in urban

Urban drivers have a union. But not in suburban

Drivers who have Greater than 10 year experiences are middle & old age and they have to maintain a family

Drivers and passengers know each other

No of motorized vehicles are Higher in urban

Data analysis and discussion

	Mean	
Age	18-30 years	30 years and above
-No enough parking spaces	3.36	3.75
-No organization to take care	2.51	2.98
-Tw is not well accepted	3.26	3.56
-Poor job satisfaction	4.74	4.26
Ownership	Owner	Hired driver
-No enough parking spaces	3.51	3.91
-Kidnapping by gangsters	1.64	2.09
-Unsafe to travel with unknown person	3.13	3.48

Young people do not like hard working

Matured people can understand problems and their effects.

Hired driver should be more responsible if something happen to the vehicle

Conclusion & recommendation

- Urban drivers - No enough parking spaces
Riskiness to get an accident
- Suburban drivers - Poor job satisfaction
Riskiness to get an accident

- Passenger behaviour problems faced by the urban hired drivers than suburban drivers.
- Middle and old aged ,Experienced drivers have problems of existing facilities and low income.
- Young drivers do not satisfy about their job, and seek for other employment.

Conclusion & recommendation

To improve the study

- Increase the sample size.
- Take data from many urban and suburban areas.
- Its better if possible to interview the respondents, rather than only distributing the questionnaire.

Conclusion & recommendation

To reduce the problems of the drivers



- Inform to the responsible people to provide more facilities to the operators like parking lot, garages, etc.
- Establish a union for the benefit of the drivers.
- Arrange safety workshops and training programmes for the drivers.
- Introduce loan system for the drivers to buy CNG or gasoline engine three wheelers.

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