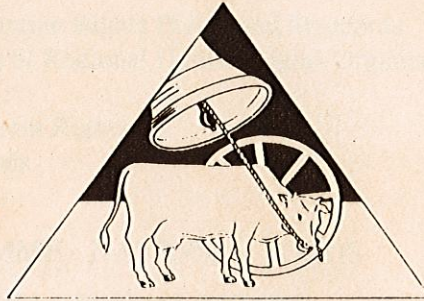




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THE LAW & SOCIETY TRUST

The Law & Society Trust is a non-profit making body committed to improving public awareness on civil and political rights and social, economic and cultural rights, and equal access to justice. The Trust is also concerned with consideration of, and the improvement of professional skills within the legal community. The Trust has taken a leading role in promoting co-operation between government and society within South Asia on questions relating to human rights, democracy and minority protection, and has participated in initiatives to develop a global intellectual and policy agenda for the nineties.

The Law & Society Trust was established in June 1982 to initiate studies and activities on law, its processes and institutions. In 1990 the Trust was incorporated as a non-profit making body under the provisions of the Companies Act of 1982.

The Trust has designed activities and programmes, and commissioned studies and publications, which have attempted to make the law play a more meaningful role within society. The Trust has attempted to use law as a resource in the battle against underdevelopment and poverty, and has also conducted a series of programmes aimed at members of the legal community, including publications, workshops, seminars and symposia; it is developing its documentation centre with the objective of establishing in the future, a regional centre for advanced legal studies and socio-legal research. The Trust is responsible for the production of the first and second independent review of human rights in Sri Lanka: the State of Human Rights 1993 and 1994 reports.

The Trust has an ongoing programme designed to disseminate information and upgrade local legal skills on matters relating to commercial law. With the Sri Lankan Government's increased emphasis on economic restructuring, privatisation of state enterprises, and liberalisation of the economy, there is a growing need within Sri Lanka for legal skills and expertise in drafting appropriate legislation and negotiating contracts. The Trust has also arranged discussions between the public and private sectors, and labour on critical issues relating to economic law and policy.

REVIEW OF 1995

1995 was a year of many new challenges for Law & Society Trust. In fulfilment of its mandate, the Trust focused on creating awareness among society and the government of the protection of a broad range of human rights, including civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights.

In recognition of the necessity for a national, regional and international response to the contemporary human rights challenges, the Trust's activities spanned three dimensions - the international, the regional, and the national.

Primary Objectives

Taking a holistic approach to the promotion of human rights, the Trust pursued the following objectives to implement its mandate:

1. The development of international human rights policy and standards which incorporate contemporary challenges in the developing world, and South Asian countries in particular.
2. The development and strengthening of regional human rights organisations, mechanisms and democratic institutions.
3. Promoting the protection of human rights in the domestic arena through awareness building among civic society, and influencing government policy making.
4. Pursuing general activities to make law responsive to societal needs.

Methods of Implementation

The Law & Society Trust implements its objectives in a number of ways:

- * Consultations
- * Workshops
- * Research
- * Lectures
- * Reporting
- * Lobbying
- * Training Seminars
- * Publications
- * Focus Groups

Development of International Human Rights Policy and Standards

At the international level, the Trust focused on ensuring the incorporation of concerns and perspectives of developing nations, and South Asian nations in particular, into an international policy agenda for the nineties. Activities in pursuit of this objective included the participation of eminent scholars representing the various regions of the world, who influence international human rights policy and standard setting. Issues addressed for development and definition included the interdependence of civil, political, economic and social rights; human rights and development; and minority rights and political, economic and social participation.

Development and Strengthening of Regional Human Rights Organisations, Mechanisms and Democratic Institutions

At the regional level the Trust focused on strengthening influence on the domestic arena through regional co-operation, and the setting of priorities for concerted action. The Trust's activities were co-ordinated with NGOs in the South Asian region and through the Regional Working Group, including representatives from the SAARC countries. Issues addressed included regulation of non-governmental organisations, strengthening of democratic institutions, the implementation of international covenants in the SAARC region, and monitoring and reporting on conformity of law and practice in SAARC countries.

Promoting the Protection of Human Rights

At the national level, the Trust focused on continuing its human rights activities, and urging government towards the promotion and protection of fundamental freedoms as an indispensable part of good governance. In its efforts towards creating awareness, the Trust not only undertook rights awareness activities, but also focused on disseminating information on violations of rights and lapses in legislation and implementation. To this effect, the Trust undertook the task of documenting and reporting incidence of human rights abuses, and calling for effective enforcement of human rights. In the government sphere, the activities incorporated impressing upon government its responsibilities in respect of international commitments and obligations. This objective was pursued through lobbying for ratification of international human rights and humanitarian conventions, and compliance with such international obligations, legal reforms etc.

Law Responsive to Societal Needs

The Trust is committed to the development of the law, and towards making it more responsive to the needs of a modernising society. The issues of constitutional reforms and democratic transition were explored, both in the context of local experience, and in the process followed in a number of other countries, Asian and Western. Professional ethics in a changing society, and the strengthening of Sri Lankan professionals to assist in the ongoing restructuring of the economy and the development process were examined under a range of programmes.

HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMME - NATIONAL FOCUS

HUMAN RIGHTS IN SRI LANKA - ANNUAL REPORT

Outline

The concept for this programme was developed in response to the urgent need to collate, in one publication, information on the current situation regarding various aspects of human rights in Sri Lanka. Prior to this there has been no systematic examination and reporting of the state of human rights, but rather concentration of different agencies and groups on specific issues.

Goals

- * To gather all information, published and unpublished, on human rights, to present a complete picture of the situation in a given year.
- * To provide a focal point for dialogue between the NGO community and the government which will promote the protection of human rights through legal or procedural reform.
- * To activate critical discussion, isolate reform programmes, and constitute a central influence in the area of monitoring, reporting and protecting human rights.

Activities

The 1994 Report on the State of Human Rights

Planning for the second State of Human Rights report commenced in January 1995, with the selection of topics, outline of the report, and terms of reference for the chapters and sections established. A number of distinguished academics and practitioners in the field of human rights contributed to the report. The 1994 report has been translated into Sinhala and Tamil.

Presentation of "State of Human Rights 1994"

31 May 1995

The Report was presented to Professor G. L. Peiris, the Honourable Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, by Ms. Kanya Champion of the Law and Society Trust.

The 1995 Report

Research for the 1995 report was commenced in August 1995, with an expected publication date of May 1996. Sinhala and Tamil editions will follow.

HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMME - INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

HUMAN RIGHTS: THE POST VIENNA AGENDA

11th & 12th August at Cambridge, England

Convenor: Dr. Neelan Tiruchelvam, Director, Law & Society Trust

The Trust convened a meeting of eminent international scholars to review the research and policy agenda developed in 1994, and assess the effectiveness of action on human rights. A discussion paper was prepared by the Trust for the Consultation.

The objective of the Consultation was to examine the conflict between individual, state, and community rights over group rights, and to examine the international provisions for the protections of minority rights.

LAW AND THE ECONOMY PROGRAMME

Outline

From 1991 to 1993, the Core Group on Business Law and Economy operated with funding from The Asia Foundation. The Trust continued these activities during the year under review, due to the importance of the programme and the high level of participation.

Goals

- * To develop and strengthen the capacity of Sri Lankan professionals to assist in the restructuring of the economy and the developmental process in general.
- * To develop a core of legal experience and expertise to which state corporations, regulatory bodies and private enterprises could have access.
- * To contribute to the more effective structuring of contractual arrangements between Sri Lankan and foreign enterprises, and to minimise the need for costly litigation and arbitration.
- * To develop teaching materials, manuals and case books which would be of benefit to legal and professional education in Sri Lanka, and to continue training and development.

Activities

National "Law and the Economy" Conference 1995
24th & 25th November 1995 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute

The conference is a major aspect of the Law and the Economy programme to upgrade skills relating to commercial law, and focused in 1995 on infrastructure development. 75 participants attended, including young professionals from various government departments, bankers, brokers, economists, lawyers, and academics. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Lal Jayawardene, Economic Advisor to the President.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- * Dr. Lal Jayawardene, Economic Advisor to the President: *Keynote Address - Sri Lanka's Development Goals and her Requirements.*
- * Dr. Sumudu Atapattu, Consultant, Law & Society Trust: *Environmental Impact of Infrastructure Development Projects.*

- * Mr. Gunendra R Sellaheewa, Crosby Securities Ltd.: *Financial Techniques for Private Infrastructure Development.*
- * Mr. Bibek Debroy, Project Co-ordinator, Project Large, and Consultant, Ministry of Finance, Government of India: *Reforming the Power Sector - an Indian Perspective.*
- * Mr. Chanaka de Silva, State Counsel, Attorney General's Department: *Power Purchase Agreements.*
- * Ms. Malathy Knight-John, Economist, Institute of Policy Studies: *Infrastructure Development and Private Investment Issues for Sri Lanka.*
- * Mr. Leel Wickremarachchi, Project Management Specialist, USAID/Sri Lanka: *An Equitable Risk Allocation System to Achieve Infrastructure Objectives.*
- * Professor Prianka N Seneviratne, Head, Transportation Division, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Utah State University, USA: *Reshaping Transport Infrastructure and Services in Sri Lanka: Challenges and Opportunities.*
- * Mr. S Sriskantha, Attorney-at-Law: *Legal Techniques for Private Infrastructure Development.*
- * Ms. Geetha Karandawela, Special Advisor to the Honourable Minister of Ports and Shipping: *Legal and Policy Issues in Port Development in Sri Lanka.*
- * Dr. Sarath Amunugama, MP: *Legal and Policy Issues relating to Energy Projects.*

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Consultation on the Role and the Powers of the Ombudsman

3rd February 1995

Outline

The amendments to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration Act of 1981, which sought to make the office of the Ombudsman more effective.

Goals

- * To analyse the purpose of the office, and the powers vested therein.
- * To examine the advantages and disadvantages of the role of the Ombudsman in the context of the Amendment Act of 1994.

Draft Constitution Meeting

February and May 1995

Outline

Discussions were held at the Trust on the proposed chapter of the Constitution relating to fundamental rights.

Goals

- * To identify positive and negative aspects of the draft articles.
- * To suggest amendments for improvements.

ICJ Meeting in Geneva

23rd February 1995

Outline

An independent evaluation team was constituted to evaluate the programmes and projects of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) spanning the years 1992-1994 and future programmes of work from 1994 to 1996. The Trust co-ordinated the evaluation, which assesses the ICJ's work in five regions of the world: Asia, Pacific and Australia; Francophone and Anglophone Africa; Latin America; the Middle East; and Europe.



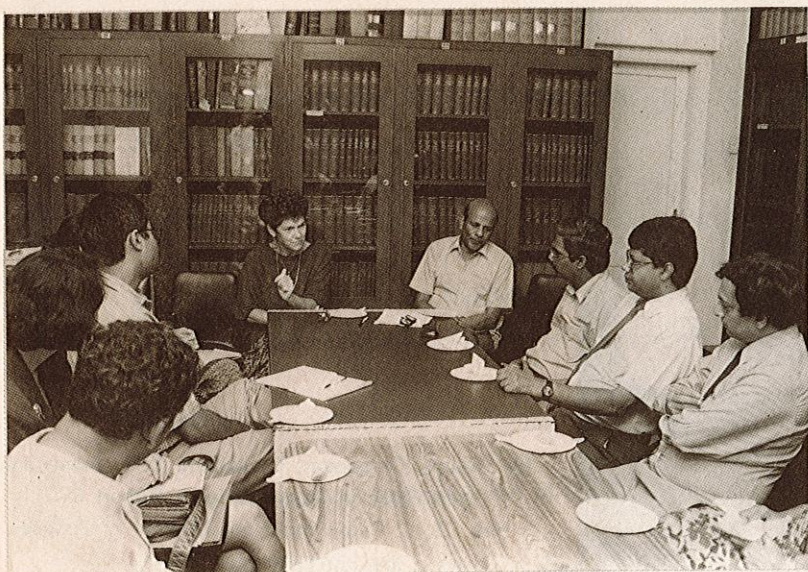
Ms. Kanya Champion, Consultant LST, presenting the State of Human Rights Report to Prof. G. L. Peiris the Hon. Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs.



Representatives of the Equal Opportunities Commission of Australia meeting with Dr. Sumudu Atapattu, Consultant LST and Dr. Neelan Tiruchelvam, Director LST.



Presentation of the Trust's recent publications to the Hon. Speaker K. B. Ratnayake by Dr. Nissanka Wijeyaratne, Chairman LST.



The LST brought together members of the Commission on Disappeared Persons to meet Ms. Elizabeth Jelin of the Truth and Justice Commission from Argentina.



Dr. Lal Jayawardena delivered the keynote address at the National Conference on Law and the Economy.



A discussion organised by LST on the proposed amendments to the Constitution. This meeting brought together many distinguished personalities from the legal, academic and political spheres.

The participants at the consultation on Minority Rights which was organised by LST and held at the Research Centre for International Law, Cambridge, UK.



The Prize-winners at the All Island School Art Competition which was organised by the LST on the theme "Defending Human Rights" with Chief Guest Dharmasiri Senanayake, Hon. Minister of Media, Aviation and Tourism, Mr. Vijitha Yapa, donor of book prizes and Ms. Damaris Wickremesekera, Director LST.



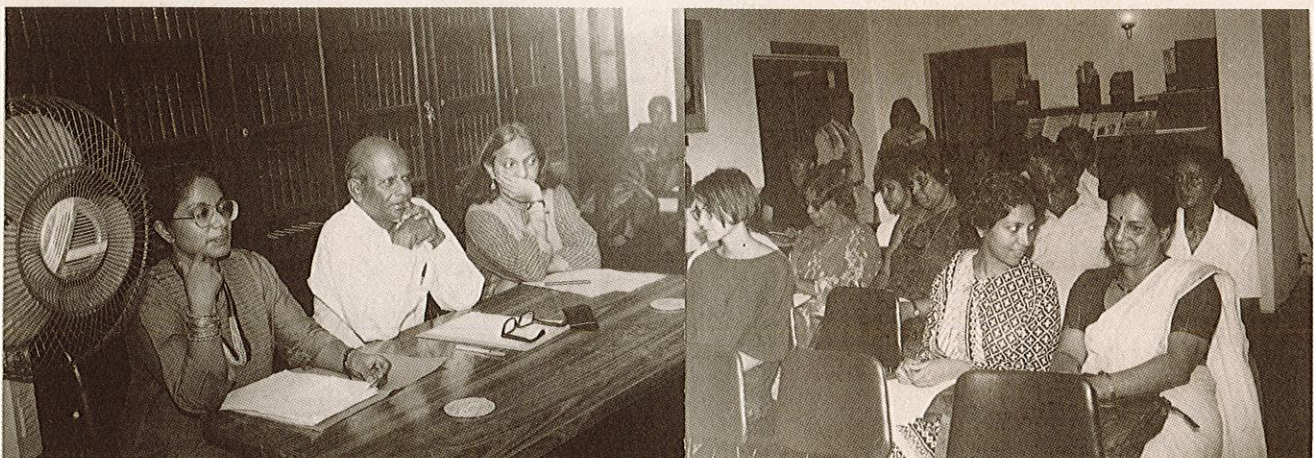
The LST staff with the interns.



The LST organised another lecture in the series on legal personalities. Here Mr. M. Hussain is delivering the lecture on Justice L. M. T. Akbar.



"Beijing and Beyond" a discussion organised by LST on the Fourth World Conference on Women.



A discussion organised by LST on the amendments to the law relating to rape, and the introduction of the offence of marital rape to Sri Lanka's Penal Code

Goal

- * To assess the ICJ mandate and activities in the five regions against the challenges for the preservation and protection of human rights in the face of global political and economic change.

Lecture on Justice M. T. Akbar, K.C.

4th May 1995

Outline

This lecture was the 14th in the Trust's ongoing series of lectures on legal personalities of Sri Lanka. It was delivered by Mr. Mohamed Hussein.

Goals

- * To create an awareness and understanding of the life and works of prominent legal personalities in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.
- * To give due acknowledgement and respect to the achievements of historic legal minds, such as Justice Maas Thajoon Akbar, K.C., who was a Supreme Court Judge when he retired.

Discussion on the Bill on Commercial Arbitration

30th May 1995

Outline

A distinguished group of lawyers debated the various aspects of the new Bill on Commercial Arbitration.

Goals

- * To create an awareness and understanding of the various provisions of the Bill and explore its implications for foreign investors.
- * To identify shortcomings in the provisions of the Bill and suggest improvements.

Discussion on Truth and Justice Commissions

12th June 1995

Outline

Ms. Jelin spoke on her experience in working on Truth and Justice Commissions, giving a useful insight into the evolution and practice of Truth and Justice Commission in Argentina.

Goal

- * To identify the link between human rights and “constructive citizenship”.

Discussion on the Penal Code Amendments

21st June 1995

Outline

The Trust organised the first discussion on the proposed amendments to the Penal Code, focusing specifically on the new rape law.

Goals

- * To highlight the need for laws which address the rising social trend of sexual violence.
- * To examine shortcomings in the law and suggest improvements.

Cambridge Consultation - Minority Rights Report

11th & 12th August

Outline

This was the second Consultation on Minority Rights organised by the Trust, which took place at the Research Centre for International Law, Cambridge, UK.

Goals

- * To examine the conflict between individual, state, and community rights over group rights.
- * To examine international provisions for the protection of minority rights, and development assistance specific to the needs of different ethnic minorities.

Convenors: Neelan Tiruchelvam, Damaris Wickramasekera, Kanya Champion

Discussion on the Human Rights Commission Bill

4th September 1995

Outline

The discussion was on the merits of creating a Human Rights Commission in Sri Lanka.

Goals

- * To create awareness of the provisions of the proposed Bill.
- * To evaluate the necessity for the existence of such a Commission.

Discussion on the Penal Code Amendments

14th September 1995

Outline

A second discussion was held at the Trust on the amendments to the Penal Code, with specific reference to the new abortion laws.

Goals

- * To highlight a woman's right to options when faced with an unwanted pregnancy as a result of rape or on the grounds of health.
- * To analyse the definitions in and provisions of the new law and suggest areas for improvement.

An open forum on Beijing and beyond

22nd September 1995

Outline

The forum focused on the Fourth World Conference on Women, which was held from 4th - 15th September, 1995, in Beijing. The discussion was based on the outcome of this conference and its impact.

Art Exhibition

23rd & 24th September

Outline

Exhibition open to all schools, and sponsored by the Trust, on the theme, "Defending Human Rights". The competition was judged by Mr. Senaka Senanayake. The winning picture is to be used as the cover of the 1995 State of Human Rights Report.

Goal

- * To raise awareness of human rights issues in the wider community, and specifically amongst the young.

Regional Human Rights Reports Workshop

8th, 9th & 10th November

Outline

This workshop was organised by Forum Asia (Thailand) and included representatives from all South Asian countries where State of Human Rights Reports are published annually. The workshop was co-ordinated by Forum Asia and held in Sri Lanka.

Goals

- * To investigate and review the problems encountered by researchers in the collection of data, and to share mutual experiences for the benefit of participants.
- * To develop various support mechanisms for the institutions involved in the collection and compilation of the reports.

Copenhagen and Beyond - Asserting the Primacy of Rights

27th, 28th, 29th November

Outline

This was a consultation of the SAARC Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and was organised by the Law & Society Trust. Papers were presented by representatives from several South Asian countries.

Goals

- * To examine the Copenhagen Social Summit and its Programme of Action.

- * To explore ways of monitoring and implementing the Programme of Action.
- * To look at other relevant issues impinging on socio-economic rights.

Citizens' Participation in Democracy Project

This is a project sponsored by the Asia Foundation, and USAID and jointly implemented by the Law & Society Trust and the International Centre for Ethnic Studies. It addresses the extent to which members of the public have access and a part in the law and the media of Sri Lanka.

The CIPART project is primarily a "baseline" project, which seeks to identify areas in the law and the media, which need further development, by way of funds, technical expertise, education, equipment, etc. and which will be a focus for future projects.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

In 1990 the Trust commenced an Internship Programme which aims at forging links with institutions in other parts of the world. The Trust provides the visiting interns with institutional and other support, and the interns in turn make a contribution to the activities and programmes of the Trust.

The internship programme serves to set up important linkages with institutions overseas and adds a varied dimension to the work of the Trust.

DOCUMENTATION, LIBRARY & PUBLICATIONS

LIBRARY

A total of 211 items were added to the collection during the year, with the library collection at the end of 1995 numbering 5216 monographs, along with substantial collections of periodicals, workshop, seminar and conference papers, and the Trust's own publications. There are approximately 25 periodicals on display, most of which are received in exchange for the Fortnightly Review of the Trust.

Special collections include The Sam Kadirgamar Collection, first opened in 1991, consisting of a substantial number of legal texts, and Indian, English, South African and Sri Lankan law reports. The Canada Section, set up with the assistance of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), is a collection of the Dominion Law Reports and a complete collection of the Osgoode Hall Law Journal. The library also holds US Law Reports (such as Corpus Juris Secundum and US Supreme Court Reporter), and the Indian Supreme Court cases. Sri Lankan publications, including Legislative Enactments, Law Reports, and Acts of Parliament are collected.

PUBLICATIONS

The Law & Society Trust's Fortnightly Review was launched in 1990, and has been published on a fortnightly basis since. The Fortnightly Review is a unique newsletter devoted to contemporary socio-legal problems, economic trends in Sri Lanka, the region and further afield. In the forefront of Sri Lankan alternative media, it comments on current issues and surveys legal developments of growing importance. The review includes features by both local and international experts.

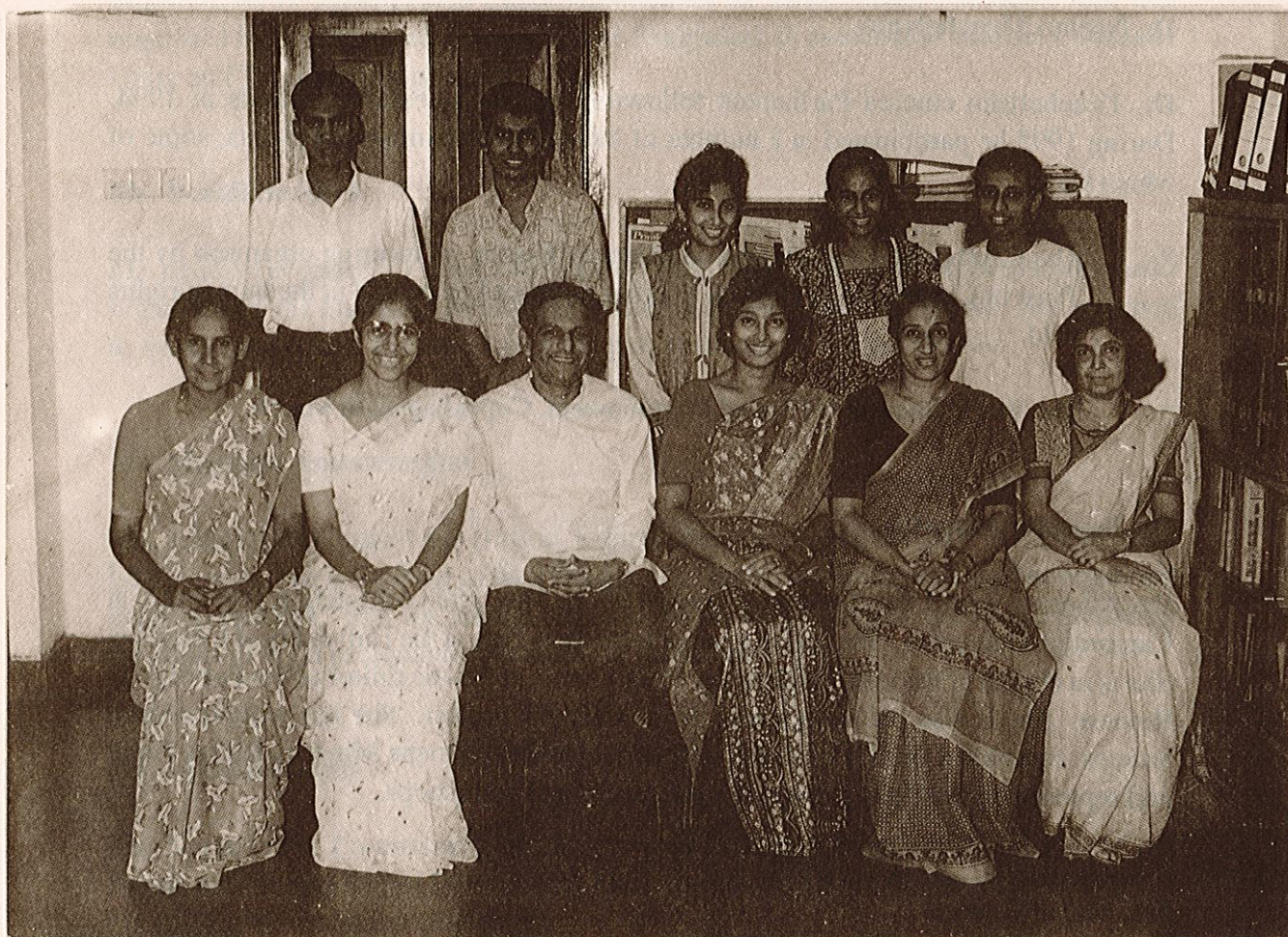
During 1995, the Fortnightly Review has focused on issues of human rights, the political crisis and peace process, constitutional change and the federal system. Also featured were a number of papers presented at Trust seminars and workshops. Other major topics covered included the Parliamentary elections and federalism. The Review regularly features reviews of new socio-legal publications and appraisals of current amendments to the law.

The Fortnightly Review is distributed to private subscribers and public institutions in thirty countries, and issues are available for a nominal fee. An annually compiled, bound and indexed copy of the Review is also available from the Trust.

Trust Monographs

State of Human Rights 1994

TRUST STAFF



Seated L-R : Hema Ekanayake, Devampika Karunasekera, Dr. Neelan Tiruchelvam, Sumudu Atapattu, Damaris Wickremesekera, Tilaka Fernando

Standing L-R : M. Mohan, Niranjan Ganeshwaran, Manjula Soysa, Menique Amarasinghe, Sangeetha Nesiah

Missing : Dharshini Sivanathan, Selvi Premerajah, P.Chitravel, D. A. P. Rajapakse

STAFF ACTIVITIES, PUBLICATIONS, ETC.

Dr. Neelan Tiruchelvam

Dr. Tiruchelvam entered Parliament following the parliamentary elections in 1994. During 1995 he participated in a number of internationally important events, some of which were:

- * The Cambridge Consultation on Minority Rights. A meeting organised by the Trust in Cambridge in August, to bring together key people in the human rights field.
- * The World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, in March.

Dr. Sumudu Atapattu

Dr. Atapattu joined the Trust as a consultant in May after completing her Ph.D. at Cambridge University. She is also a senior lecturer in Law at the University of Colombo. She is in charge of the Law & Economy Programme, and is the Editor of the Fortnightly Review. She is also the team leader of the CIPART project. She has written several articles, completed the ICJ Evaluation Report, contributed to the Minority Rights Paper and represented the Trust at several conferences and workshops.

Mr. Mario Gomez

Mr. Gomez is a consultant researcher to the Trust and lecturer at the University of Colombo. Although he is temporarily away in the United States, he participated in the Trust's International Consultation of the SAARC Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in November, which examined the Copenhagen Summit and its Programme of Action.

Ms. Kanya Champion

Ms. Champion was a consultant to the Trust until August. During 1995, she co-ordinated the State of Human Rights Report, including its publishing. She also attended the Minority Rights Consultation in Cambridge in August.

Ms. Dharshini Sivanathan

Ms. Sivanathan attended a two day training seminar in Dhaka, Bangladesh. This was on Implications of International Trade Agreements on South Asian Countries, and was organised by the Consumer Association of Bangladesh in association with the Consumer Unity and Trust Society of India.

Ms. Sonali de Silva

Ms. de Silva attended a 3 week training workshop on human rights issues in Kathmandu organised by the South Asian Forum for Human Rights (SAFHR) Nepal. She returned to the Colombo Law Faculty during the year to complete her law degree.

Ms. Menique Amarasinghe

Ms. Amarasinghe joined the Trust in August after completing her LLB at the Colombo Law Faculty. She is working on the 1995 State of Human Rights Report, and has organised many workshops. She has carried out research on various issues and is also preparing the series of legal personalities lectures for publication.

Ms. Manjula Soysa

Ms. Soysa is the Co-ordinator of the Law and Economy Programme and also of the Health and Human Rights Programme. She joined the Trust in October after completing her LLB at the Colombo University.

Ms. Minoli Haththotuwa

Ms. Haththotuwa completed her MBA in London in 1994, and was on the visiting faculty of the Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Sri Jayawardene prior to joining the Trust in November. She has been responsible for the institutional component of the CIPART project.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Statements of grants received and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 1995

	<u>Rs</u>	<u>Rs</u>	<u>Rs</u>
GRANTS RECEIVED			
Unutilised grants brought forward from previous year for continuing projects			11,484,100
<u>Add - 1993/94 Adjustment</u>			329,800
Grants received during 1994/95 (Note 1)	13,137,474		
Other receipts	<u>1,801,021</u>		
		14,938,495	
 <u>Less - EXPENDITURE</u>			
Project Expenditure (Note 2)	8,790,702		
General Institutional Expenses (Note 3)	<u>830,469</u>	<u>9,621,171</u>	
			<u>5,317,324</u>
 Unutilised grants carried forward			 <u>17,131,224</u>

Notes

1. Grants received during the year 1994/95			
- Grant received from NOVIB to meet core expenses			1,532,712
- Grant received from Embassy of Sweden for publication of documents			135,000
-Administrative Justice New Directions in Judicial Law			
- Grant received from the Ford Foundation account of partial support for expert consultations to help set follow up Agenda to the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights			3,694,575
- Grant received from the Ford Foundation on account of ICJ Evaluation Project			3,694,575
- Grant received from Royal Norwegian Embassy, NORAD to support a project on the compilation & publication of the Report on the "State of Human Rights in Sri Lanka"			1,385,086
- Grant received for "South Asia Paralegal Training Project"			2,455,000
- Grant received from Netherlands Embassy for publication cost of the Annual Human Rights Report			131,600
- Grant received from Lawyers Committee for Human Rights - Witness Programme to purchase fax machine and video camera			<u>108,925</u>
			<u>13,137,474</u>

2. Project Expenses during the year 1994/95	
- NOVIB Core Expenses	1,333,572
- Ford Foundation - General support for Human Rights and Legal Literacy Project Expenses	1,731,458
- Ford Foundation - Evaluation of ICJ Project Expenses	1,709,044
- Ford Foundation - Partial support for expert consultations to help set follow up Agenda to the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights	1,091,461
- "State of Human Rights Report" Project expenses supported by CIDA grant	1,229,161
- "State of Human Rights Report" Project publication cost supported by Netherlands Embassy grant	258,150
- "State of Human Rights Report" Project expenses compilation & publication of the report supported by NORAD grant	1,385,086
- Reimbursement of South Asia para legal training project expenses	<u>52,765</u>
	<u>8,790,702</u>
3. General Institutional Expenses	
- Staff & other Institutional overheads	<u>830,469</u>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Nissanka Wijeyaratne
former Sri Lankan Ambassador to the Russian Republic & former Minister of Justice.

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Attorney-at-Law, former Principal, Sri Lanka Law College.

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