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for nearly four decades sri lanka has been the scene of an escalating ethnic conflict between the majority sinhalese and the tamils who form the largest minority language religion and ethnic assertiveness traces the development of sinhalese nationalism by paying particular attention to the sinhala language and how it relates to sinhalese national identity after sri lanka became independent from great britain in 1948 an official national language had to be chosen either sinhala only or parity of status for sinhala and tamil the victory of the sinhala only proposition that won in the general election of 1956 started the antagonism between the sinhalese and the tamils that persists to this day using hitherto untapped primary sources k n o dharmadasa delineates some of the peculiar features of the linkage between state religion and ethnicity in traditional sinhalese society providing insight into a tragic conflict that has a long and turbulent history the book has much to offer historians political scientists anthropologists and sociologists of language and religion as well as students and scholars of south asia postcolonialism ethnicity cultural identity and conflict sinhala is one of the official languages of sri lanka and the mother tongue of over 70 of the population outside sri lanka it is used among immigrant populations in the u k north america australia and some european and middle eastern countries as for the genetic relation it belongs to the indo aryan branch of the indo european languages although the earliest surviving literature in sinhala dates from the 8th century a d its written tradition has traced a longer path of more than 2 000 years among the major topics covered in this volume are the writing system phonology morphology grammatical constructions and discourse and pragmatic aspects of sinhala written in a clear and lucid style the book presents a rich sampling of the data and serves a useful typological reference therefore this is required reading for not only linguists and sinhala specialists but also to anyone interested in language thought and culture on grammatical categories in sinhalese language includes original text with reference to sinhalese language aloysius aseervatham is an author of several books on mathematics and accounting his interest in writing self help books on sri lankan languages sinhalese and tamil speaks for his love for his country of origin he has taught in countries which include sri lanka united kingdom ghana nigeria malawi zambia and australia his many years of experience teaching various subjects in several countries give him the courage to accomplish this particular interest this book a simple guide to spoken sinhalese would no doubt prove to be helpful to many especially to the tourists to sri lanka a wonderful collection of tales about villagers and talking animals and their day to day problems in a pastoral sri lanka many stories are similar to the ones heard in other south asian lands a testimony to the foreign influences that blew across the island over the centuries through interaction with invaders adventurers and peaceful travellers these folktales do not however offer moral lessons they are hilarious with characters who find themselves in awkward situations and end up exhibiting the many tragic and comic aspects of our transient lives on sinhalese literature between 11th 12th century a study this thesis contributes to one of the most criticized devalued and yet highly frequent linguistic phenomena in post colonial urban sri lanka sinhala english cm in answering the main research question of this thesis this treatise seeks to provide an adequate account of mixed constructions prevalent in the sinhala english bilingual corpus within the framework proposed in muysken s 2000 cm typology a critical analysis of the ethnic conflict in sri lanka in the eighties sri lanka once considered

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Sinhala 2010 on grammatical categories in sinhalese language

Language and Space 2005 includes original text

Encyclopaedia of Sinhala Language and Culture 2012 with reference to sinhalese language

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