The proposed plans to extend the Colombo – Matara railway line up to Kataragama, Kurunegala Habarana Railway (KHR), has the main objectives of providing a low-cost and reliable freight and passenger transportation, establish (connections) connectivity through the main city centres and to facilitate the movement of natural resources and other products. The Project will facilitate regional development in an inland area with high population density and with less economic growth. Together with other developments, the new transport infrastructure involves the development of agricultural, dairy farm and cottage industrial products of the rural areas of the nation by improving the railroad transport system in the project area.

**Objective of the study**

- Assessment of rail transport requirement for South Eastern part of the country including main cities of Embilipitiya, Monaragala, Ampara, Batticaloa, and Kataragama; so that the national transport plan is supported
- Identification of technically feasible alternative corridors considering physical parameters, terrain morphology and transport demand

**Scope of services includes the**

- Physical Survey
- Transport study
- Environmental Survey
- Social Survey

**Proposed Railway Lines/Extensions**

- Kurunegala-Dambulla-Habarana (80km)
- Matara-Kataragama (120Km)
- Kottawa – Horana – Rathnapura – Embilipitiya - Hambantota (187 km)