

Table 4. CHANGE OF NUMBER OF HOLDINGS FROM 1982 TO 2002

District	2002	1982	% of increase with respect to 1982
Kegalle	71176	48195	47.7
Ratnapura	108074	35467	204.7
Badulla	42757	1366	3030.1
Monaragala	66755	12331	441.4
Nuwara Eliya	18582	2097	786.1
Matale	51153	14387	255.6
Kandy	76081	14573	422.1
Anuradhapura	116940	15613	649.0
Polonnaruwa	46670	7911	489.9
Puttalam	57673	48154	19.8
Kurunegala	229752	166185	38.3
Colombo	23732	29137	-18.6
Gampaha	85208	106360	-19.9
Kalutara	64871	48625	33.4
Galle	91535	42296	116.4
Matara	80324	38944	106.3
Hambantota	69347	32543	113.1
Jaffna	n/a	13978	n/a
Mannar	n/a	915	n/a
Vavuniya	n/a	584	n/a
Mulativu	n/a	1920	n/a
Batticaloa	n/a	7998	n/a
Ampara	n/a	11263	n/a
Trincomalee	n/a	3606	n/a
<b>Total</b>		704448	

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