

Table 13.2 : Distribution of Provincial Public Sector Employees by Language Abilities and Major Occupational Group

| Language Abilities        | Total   | Major Occupational Group    |               |                                       |                          |                          |                         |                                     |                        |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
|                           |         | Senior Officials & Managers | Professionals | Technicians & Associate Professionals | Clerks & Related Workers | Services & Sales Workers | Craft & Related Workers | Machine Operators & Related Workers | Elementary Occupations |
| Competency for Profession |         |                             |               |                                       |                          |                          |                         |                                     |                        |
| Sinhala                   | 247,793 | 1,664                       | 159,820       | 26,966                                | 12,484                   | 4,340                    | 1,314                   | 4,216                               | 36,989                 |
| Tamil                     | 68,678  | 364                         | 44,474        | 7,844                                 | 2,844                    | 1,188                    | 138                     | 860                                 | 10,966                 |
| English                   | 96,388  | 1,281                       | 65,745        | 15,771                                | 5,664                    | 1,306                    | 215                     | 722                                 | 5,684                  |
| Ability to Read and Write |         |                             |               |                                       |                          |                          |                         |                                     |                        |
| Sinhala                   | 240,410 | 1,467                       | 155,720       | 25,754                                | 12,019                   | 4,209                    | 1,298                   | 4,003                               | 35,940                 |
| Tamil                     | 80,667  | 392                         | 55,933        | 8,284                                 | 3,699                    | 1,010                    | 134                     | 759                                 | 10,456                 |
| English                   | 183,958 | 1,238                       | 136,728       | 23,082                                | 9,462                    | 1,655                    | 377                     | 1,066                               | 10,350                 |
| Ability to Speech         |         |                             |               |                                       |                          |                          |                         |                                     |                        |
| Sinhala                   | 243,161 | 1,505                       | 155,107       | 26,043                                | 11,977                   | 4,264                    | 1,302                   | 4,198                               | 38,765                 |
| Tamil                     | 73,810  | 449                         | 45,953        | 8,375                                 | 3,137                    | 1,297                    | 177                     | 988                                 | 13,434                 |
| English                   | 63,633  | 846                         | 46,335        | 9,889                                 | 2,850                    | 480                      | 112                     | 428                                 | 2,693                  |
| No Knowledge              |         |                             |               |                                       |                          |                          |                         |                                     |                        |
| Sinhala                   | 20,990  | 22                          | 11,517        | 2,223                                 | 863                      | 561                      | 73                      | 230                                 | 5,501                  |
| Tamil                     | 163,058 | 1,017                       | 104,842       | 16,755                                | 8,013                    | 2,873                    | 882                     | 2,877                               | 25,799                 |
| English                   | 58,073  | 74                          | 22,137        | 2,763                                 | 2,067                    | 2,047                    | 625                     | 2,330                               | 26,030                 |

Note : The Major Occupational Groups have been described in the appendix.