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6. The Distribution of a few Industries in Sri Lanka - Problems and Trends.

The history of industries in Sri Lanka, The Graphite Industry, and The Industry related to China clay (113-121 pages)

- Although Sri Lanka has been known as an agricultural country since the ancient times, different historical evidences reveal that there was a certain development in the field of industries too.
- However, that traditional industrial knowledge weakened due to the effects of West European Colonization.
- After 1977, with the implementation of the open economic policy, private enterprises came to the forefront in the field of industries.
- The graphite industry in Sri Lanka has a history of about 160 years.
- The finest quality graphite in the world with a carbon percentage between 97% and 99% is found in Sri Lanka.
- About 97% of graphite is exported as an industrial raw material.
- There are two main raw materials used in China clay related industry in Sri Lanka. One is Kaolin (Kiri meti) and the other is feldspar (Bola meti).
- In producing goods related to china clay, minerals other than clay like feldspar, silica, quartz and calcite are also used as raw materials. The availability of all these raw materials in the country is also a reason for the development of this industry.
- Ornamental products, tiles and sanitary ware are produced by China clay related industry.

- A higher income has been earned by exporting ornamental products. Moreover, it is clear that a higher income has been earned by the sale of tiles and sanitary ware in the local market.

Activities

1. Mention one reason for weakening traditional industries in Sri Lanka?
2. Name 5 industries established under state enterprise after independence?
3. Write down the percentages of Sri Lankan graphite that is being exported and that is being used locally.
4. Explain three problems related to the graphite industry with three examples.
5. Name 4 minerals used as raw materials in producing goods related to China clay other than clay?
6. Explain the reasons for the development of China clay industry Sri Lanka?
7. Mark and name the areas of distributing graphite and China clay on a map of Sri Lanka.
8. Fill the following table related to graphite and China clay industry?

	graphite industry	China clay industry
Main types		
Distributing areas		
Products		
Main countries to which they are being exported		
Problems		
Trends		