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Worked as a Technical Assistant in SLBC from 1971 to 1978 at Ekala, Diyagama and Maho Transmitting stations. In this seven years.

I gain lot of experience on Tx's, especially on M/W Tx's. This experience helps me a lot in my carrier. Left SLBC to go abroad to work at Etisalat in the United Arab Emirates and to pursue higher studies in UK. On returning to Sri Lanka I worked at Sri Lanka Telecom and later at Suntel Ltd till I retired from Suntel as its Director Technical in January 2009. At present I am working in my own consultancy firm which I started in 2009.

While working as a Trainee at Diyagama Transmitting station I remember an interesting incident, one morning, all of us had fallen asleep. My OIC Mr. Dias fondly known as '**Pappa Dias**', who usually gets up early in the morning, could not for some reason wake up on time on that day. I could still remember him shouting "**Kuruppo Api Iviri!**" and running towards the transmitter hall. The transmission was brought on after a delay of around 15 minutes for which all of us received severe warning.

During this period I had the opportunity to play cricket for SLBC and I will remember the moment when our Team won the Nationalized Services 'B' division tournament in 1975. And continued to play for SLBC in Nationalized services 'A' division cricket tournaments till I left SLBC in December 1978. Senarath, Shanthi, Skantha, Sunil, Kamalasooriya are few I can remember who played for the team.

The 8 years that I served as TA in S.L.B.C. was unforgettable. Even it was a short period of time I gain lots of practical experience in the electronics field.

I take this opportunity to wish all the past and present engineering officers of S.L.B.C. for a happy and a healthy life, and not forgetting to wish the organizing committee for their great effect of launching a web site for the engineering staff.