



Annual Performance Report and Accounts -2017

Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

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Vision

To be recognized as the world's finest Island for memorable, authentic, and diverse experiences.

Mission

To be a high- value destination offering extraordinary experiences that reflect Sri Lanka's natural and cultural heritage are socially inclusive and environmentally responsible and provide economic benefits to communities and the country

Vision (Christian Religious Affairs)

“Religious and Spiritual enhancement of Christian Community in Sri Lanka”

Mission (Christian Religious Affairs)

Promotion of values, ethics and faiths entrusted in the Christian Culture and Religion in consistent with the social recognition.

Functions of the Ministry

(According to the Gazette No: 1933/13 dated 21.09.2015)

Formulation of policies, implementation of programmes and projects, monitoring and evaluation with regard to the subjects of tourism development and Christian religious affairs, and those subjects that come under the purview of Departments and Statutory Institutions assigned under the Ministry.

- Development of the tourism industry and formulation of standards.
- Registration and regulation of tourist agencies.
- Promotion of activities related to provision of recreation facilities for holidaying.
- Formulation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, programmes and projects, in order to inculcate religious values in people aimed at building a virtuous society.
- Implementation and monitoring of programmes in relation to Christian Religious Affairs.
- Matters relating to all other subjects assigned to Institutions and Department coming under the purview of the Ministry.
- Supervision of Institutions coming under the purview of the Ministry

Institutions coming under the purview of the Ministry

1. Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority
2. Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management
3. Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau
4. Sri Lanka Convention Bureau
5. Department of Christian Religious Affairs

Chapter 1

Overview of the Ministry

1.1. Introduction

1.2. Organization Structure of the Ministry

1.3. Divisions of the Ministry

1. Overview of the Ministry

1.1 Introduction

The Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs was established on 22nd September 2015 under the extraordinary gazette No.1933/13. Among the main objectives of the establishment of a dedicated Ministry in charge of the tourism sector are making available an appropriate policy and regulatory framework, ensure robust infrastructure development, promotion of destination Sri Lanka and exercise administrative and financial overview over institutions Gazetted under the Ministry.

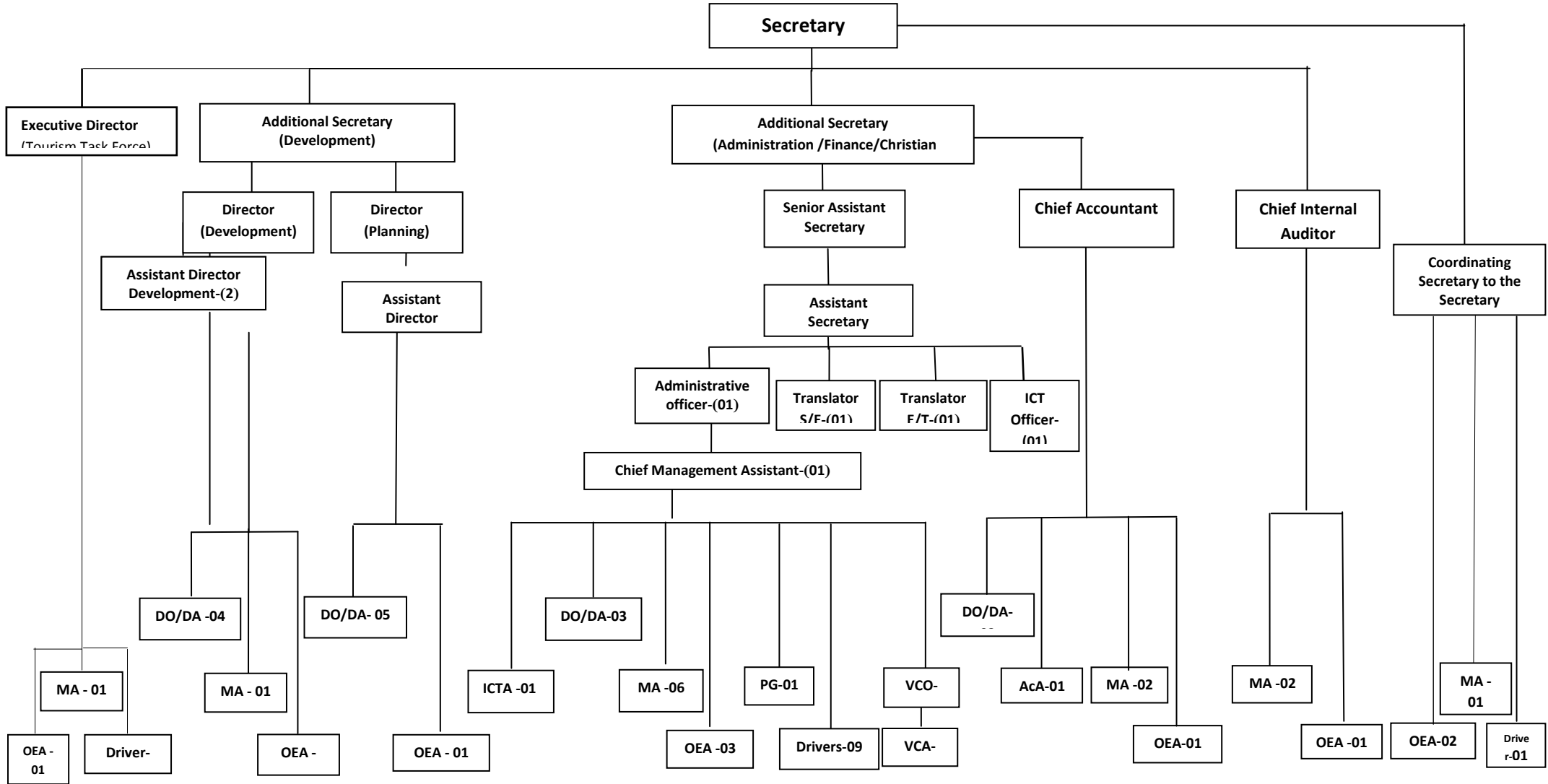
The following Department and statutory agencies are functioning under the supervision of the Ministry.

- Department of Christian Religious Affairs
- Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority
- Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management
- Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau
- Sri Lanka Convention Bureau

Available cadre of the Ministry as at 31.12.2017 was 53 as against an approved cadre of 71. Presently there are 18 vacancies in the cadre in various grades which have to be filled by the Ministry of Public Administration and Management.

Establishment of a dedicated unit for the tourism task force. The Tourism Task Force is tasked with making Sri Lanka a leading travel destination and to make the industry a major contributor to national development by initiating projects and programmes to give effect to the Tourism Vision and Strategic Plan.

1.2 Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs The Organization Structure



1.3 Divisions of the Ministry

The Ministry consists of three main divisions. They are Administration, Finance and Christian Religious Affairs Division, Development Division, and Internal Audit Division.

1.3.1 Administration, Finance and Christian Affairs Division

This division is headed by Additional Secretary (Administration, Finance, and Christian Religious Affairs).

Key functions of the division are:

- Recruitment, placement, promotions and retirement of staff.
- Enhancing the knowledge, skill and attitudes of the staff.
- Appraising performance of the staff and giving incentives.
- Maintenance of database with regard to the staff.
- Disciplinary Management.
- Grievance Management.
- Communication management with public institutions.
- Supplement services and procurement management.
- Productivity improvement.

Performance of the Division

i. Training Programs

During the year under review, action was taken by the Ministry to train its staff both locally and overseas with a view to broaden their capacity, knowledge and skills. In the case of local training, 09 members of the staff attended training programs in disciplines related to their areas of work. During the year under review, 13 members of the staff attended training programs, conferences and seminars overseas.

ii. Cabinet Memoranda

Seven Memoranda to the Cabinet of Ministers were submitted during the period under review. The following table summarizes and gives the subject matters covered in these memoranda along with decisions taken by the Cabinet of Ministers.

Cabinet Memoranda Presented during 2017.

Table 1.1

| | Title | Corresponding Decision taken by the Cabinet of Ministers |
|----|--|---|
| 01 | Use of Land in extent of 386.9 Acres vested in the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority and situated in Kumpurupiddy village in kuchchaveli Divisional Secretary's division in Trincomalee District for Tourism Development | Deferred for the time being |
| 02 | Memorandum of understanding in the field of tourism between the Russian Federation and Sri Lanka | Approved |
| 03 | Settlement of outstanding payments with respect to Global Media Advertising Campaign conducted during April 2014- March 2015 by Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (SLTPB) | Approved |
| 04 | Renovation of National Holiday Resort at Bentota | Noted by the Cabinet of Ministers |

| | | |
|----|---|----------|
| 05 | Extension of service of Mr.Felix Srimal Rodrigo in the post of Advisor to the Minister | Approved |
| 06 | Submission of Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority and Tourism Development Fund for the Year 2015 | Approved |
| 07 | The Proposed Ahangama Balmond Hotel with the Coastal set back Line Reduced to 12 Meters and the maximum height of 30 meters | Approved |
| 08 | Cabinet Memorandum on Appointment of Mr.Sutheash Balasubramaniam to the post of Managing Director of Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau | Approved |
| 09 | Cabinet Memorandum on Holiday of the 2017 state Christians festival celebration under the Aegis of the diocese of Trincomalee | Approved |
| 10 | Cabinet Memorandum on Ms. Inoshini Perera to the Post of General Manager Sri Lanka Convention Bureau | Approved |
| 11 | New development and upgrading of national holiday resorts(NHR) | Approved |
| 12 | Execution of a digital advertising campaign in 2018 by Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau(SLTPB) | Approved |

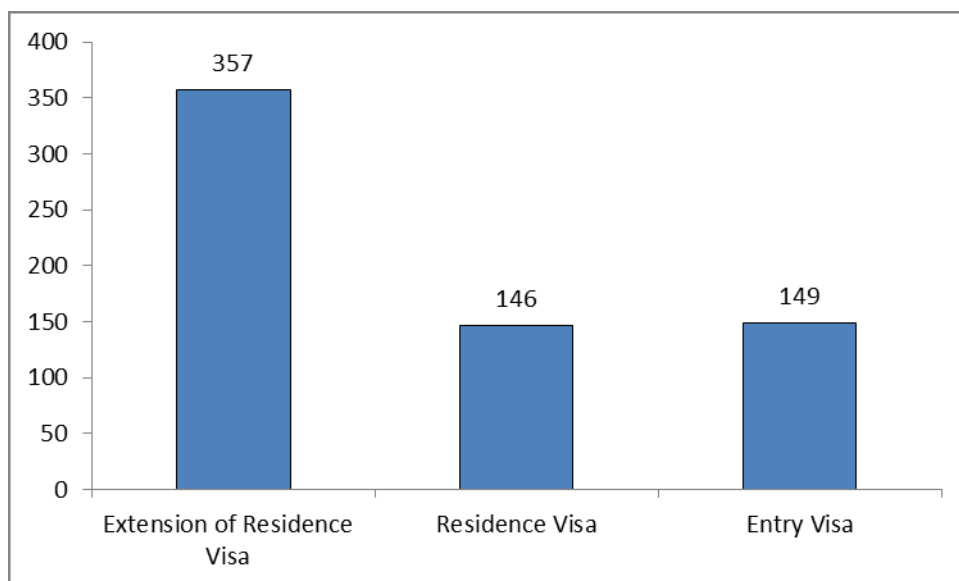
Source: Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

iii. Christian Religious Affairs Section.

During the period under review, the Ministry processed and recommended applications for visit visa by religious personnel to the Department of Immigration and Emigration as follows.

Numbers of visa recommended

Chart 1.2



Source: Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

iv. Finance and Accounts Division.

This Division is responsible for managing financial resources of the Ministry. Finance Division provides a range of support services including financial operations, assets management, financial reporting, and professional services. Major functions of the division are:

- Preparation of draft Annual Budget Estimate.
- Preparation of Appropriation Accounts and other final Accounts
- Continuous monitoring on the budgetary allocation.
- Preparing and Submitting Financial Reports.
- Handling all financial Activities
- Assets Management

1.3.2. Internal Audit & Investigation Division

The Internal Audit Division of the Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs was established in November, 2016 and functions under a Chief Internal Auditor who is directly responsible to the Secretary to the Ministry as per F.R.134(1).

1.3.3. Development Division

This division is functioned under Additional Secretary (Development). It is responsible to implement the annual action plan of the Development division through coordinating relevant sectoral agencies and stakeholders. This division is coordinating with the government and non-governmental agencies in promoting tourism through ensuring proper services to foreign and local tourists. Development of tourism destinations, creating direct and indirect employment opportunities in the sector, ensuring sustainable tourism development in the country, introducing new technologies through foreign assistance are some of the focus areas of this division. The activities of this division are implemented under two sub units.

i. Development Unit

This unit is functioned under the Director (Development). The mandate of this division is to implement the annual action plan of the Development division through coordinating relevant sectoral agencies and stakeholders. This unit coordinates the government and non-governmental agencies in promoting tourism, development of tourism destinations, creating direct and indirect employment opportunities in the tourism sector, ensuring sustainable tourism development in the country.

Key functions of this unit are as follows:

- Handling of all development programmes of the Ministry towards realizing vision, mission and objectives of the Ministry.
- Implementing all Tourism Development Projects and provide necessary instructions to solve matters arising when implementing projects.
- International cooperation in Tourism Development
- New Approaches on Tourism Development activities
- Implementation of e-government policy

ii. Planning and Monitoring Unit

The unit is functioned under the Director (Planning). It is responsible for planning and monitoring activities of the Ministry. Planning unit is entrusted to coordinate and facilitate preparation of streamlined National development policies, Programmes and Projects for the Tourism Sector. In order to achieve this task, this Division plays a key role to facilitate and coordinate the public investment programs and projects of the government, coordinate with Department of National Planning, Department of External Resources, Department of Project Management and Monitoring.

Accordingly the functions of this Division are as follows:

- The Action Plans of the Ministry are formulated in keeping with the Treasury Provision with respect to each year and those targets are distributed among Departments and Institutions under the Ministry within the respective scope of work.
- Obtaining monthly /quarterly progress reports and quarterly review of progress of such development activities in accordance with the Action plan. In addition progress review is carried out at institutional level as well in keeping with quarterly financial and physical targets of the annual Action Plan.
- Handling of result –oriented evaluation process, according to the overall Annual Progress Report of the Ministry.
- Preparation of the annual budget and performance report of the Ministry and submit same to relevant Authorities.
- Evaluation of new project proposals being submitted to the Ministry by Departments and Institutions under its purview and submission of same to the Department of National Planning and Department of Project Management and Monitoring

Performance of the Division

- 2016 Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the Ministry prepared and submitted to the Parliament
- 2017 Action Plan prepared submitted to the relevant authorities.
- Prepared monthly /quarterly progress report and submitted them to relevant authorities.
- 2017 Progress Report of the Ministry prepared and submitted to the Parliament
- Three Progress Review Meeting held with relevant agencies.

Chapter 2

Development Activities

2. Development Projects

2.1 Development of Tourist Attractions

2.2. Development of Tourism Human Capital

2.3. Community Tourism Development

2.4. Expand Tourist Police Units in Tourist hot Spots

2.5. Colombo Fair Exhibition

2.6. Update print and Electronic Brochures

2.7. Interest Subsidy Loan Scheme to Tourist Hotels

2. Development Projects

Tourism is recognized as a high priority industry capable of effectively driving the country's Economic Development. To ensure rapid growth of tourism in the future, tourism promotion will have to be complemented with infrastructure development.

In terms of the Budget 2017, Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs was allocated a sum of Rs.728.18 million to implement seven tourism development initiatives.

The details of such projects appear below.

Development Projects -2017

Table: 2.1

| No | Development Projects | Provisions (Rs.Mn) | Revised Provisions (Rs.Mn) | Expenditure (Rs.Mn) |
|----|--|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| | Capital | | | |
| 01 | Development of Tourist Attractions | 568.00 | 568.00 | 162.28 |
| 02 | Development of Tourism Human Capital | 25.00 | 25.00 | 18.92 |
| 03 | Community Tourism Development (Development of Tourist Villages) | 25.00 | 25.00 | 0.55 |
| 04 | Expand Tourist Police Units in tourist hot spots | 50.00 | 50.00 | 41.86 |
| 05 | Construct a MICE convention Centre in Colombo with a seating capacity of 5,000 ** | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | |
| 06 | Investment in jetties for transportation on waterways (Mirisisa,Hikaduwa) ** | 100.00 | 0.00 | |
| 07 | Establish a Training Center and an Integrated Information Center in Eastern Province ** | 100.00 | 0.00 | |
| | Subtotal | 1,868.00 | 668.00 | 223.63 |
| | Recurrent | | | |
| 08 | "Colombo Fair" Exhibition | 50.00 | 50.00 | 29.50 |
| 09 | Update print and Electronic Brochures and Guides Distributed in High Tourist Attractions | 10.00 | 10.00 | 5.48 |
| 10 | Interest Subsidy Loan Scheme to Tourist Hotels | 500.00 | 0.18 | 0.18 |
| | Subtotal | 560.00 | 60.18 | 35.16 |
| | Grand total | 2,428.00 | 728.18 | 258.79 |

Source: Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

However, four projects listed under Nos (05) ,(6) ,(07) and (10) above, could not be commenced in time due to reasons beyond the control of the Ministry. Further, according to the Cabinet decision taken on 11th July 2017, the General Treasury has instructed the Ministry to avoid making any commitment regarding above Development projects

2.1 Development of Tourist Attractions

Tourism is recognized as a high priority industry capable of effectively driving the country's Economic Development. To ensure rapid growth of tourism in the future, tourism promotion will have to be complemented with infrastructure development.

In these circumstances, under the 2017 budget a sum of Rs. 568.00 Mn has been allocated to develop tourism related infrastructure in the provinces.

Objectives of the Project:

- To ensure sustainable growth in the tourism industry focusing development of tourism in rural areas.
- To integrate rural tourism development strategy to enhance the living standard of rural communities.
- To create direct and indirect employment opportunities and increasing streams of income for small entrepreneurs and commercial operators.
- To increase number of visitors and facilitating visitors to spend money within the local economy.
- To promote understanding of different cultures and their heritage.
- To develop and popularize lesser known tourist attractions in the Country under varieties of thematic initiatives.

Implementation Arrangement:

The Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Affairs is working with the following Provincial Councils/ District Secretaries/State Agencies in implementing the projects identified.

- Chief Secretary, North Central Province
- Chief Secretary, Sabaragamuwa Province
- Chief Secretary, Northern Province
- Chief Secretary, Central Province
- Chief Secretary, Eastern Province
- Chief Secretary, Southern Province
- District Secretary, Jaffna
- District Secretary, Puttalam
- District Secretary, Monaragala
- District Secretary, Kurunegala
- District Secretary, Kandy
- District Secretary, Batticaloa

2.1.1 Anuradhapura District

A sum of Rs. 40.14 Mn was allocated for three projects in Anuradhapura District in 2017.

- i. **Sanitary Facilities at Isurumuniya Viharaya**
- ii. **Sanitary Facility between Kuttampokuna and Samadipilimaya nearby Car Park**

Introduction:

The sacred city of Anuradhapura attracts both local and foreign visitors, pilgrims and local tourists in large numbers. Therefore, it is important that essential amenities such as health, sanitary, electricity and drinking water facilities be made available in the Greater Municipal area. These two projects started in 2016, the total estimated cost was Rs.34.00 Mn.

Objective:

- ❖ To provide hygienic sanitary facilities for local and foreign visitors

Result:

- Sufficient Sanitary facilities are available for both local and foreign visitors to Isurumuniya Viharaya, Kuttampokuna and Samadipilimaya areas.
- Improved hygienic condition in the greater municipal area.

Allocation for 2017 : Rs.25.58 Mn

Expenditure : Rs.12.42 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, North Central Provincial Council

iii. Construction of foot a path on Nuwarawewa tank bund

Introduction:

Funds were allocated to construct a foot and cycle path on the bund of Nuwarawewa tank to facilitate local and foreign travelers. This project started in 2016, the estimated cost was Rs.18.23 Mn.

Objective:

- ❖ Beautification of the city with a path for jogging and cycling.

Result:

- Comfortable walking and cycling path for local and foreign tourists for their exercises in an environment friendly atmosphere.

Allocation for 2017 : Rs.14.56 Mn

Expenditure : Rs.8.25 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, North Central Provincial Council

2.1.2 Batticaloa District

During the year 2017, a sum of Rs. 26.63 Mn was allocated for two development projects initiated in Batticaloa District.

i. Beautification and improvement of Eravur Lagoon Side

Introduction:

Tourism sector in Eastern Province has been under developed. Nevertheless, a large number of foreign and local tourists are visiting the Batticaloa District daily. Eco tourism has been defined as "responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment and improves the welfare of local people. This project focuses on the development of Eravur Lagoon side as a tourism destination focusing on sustainable use of natural resources leading to conservation of such resources as well as ensuring economic benefits to the local population.

Objective:

- ❖ To promote Eravur lagoon as a tourism destination focusing on sustainable use of natural resources
- ❖ To create high standard and value added leisure facilities at the site.
- ❖ Enhance tourists experience and satisfaction with unique eco-culture resources and recreations.

Result:

- Improvement of local socio-economic development and creation of economic opportunities in sustainable basis.

Allocation for 2017 : Rs.12.13 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 8.15 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Eastern Province

ii. Eravurpattu Beach development

Introduction:

Eravur Pattu divisions falling within the district of Batticaloa and part of Ampara. Eravur Pattu is the ultimate destination for all travelers in search of relaxation combined with excitement. From trying out an amazing sun along the beaches of the island, beach holidays in Sri Lanka offers everyone the opportunity to enjoy a great vacation. The delightful sights and sounds of the ocean always surprise visitors with its natural beauty. Eravur Pattu beach along the east coast is one among the many stunning beaches of Sri Lanka. This project improve their livelihood, other infrastructure and also increased local tourism.

Objective:

- ❖ To Increase Eco friendly environment and recreation
- ❖ To encourage small and medium entrepreneur
- ❖ To create employment opportunities and increase income generation
- ❖ To motivate self-employment at village level

Result:

- Improvement of local socio-economic development and creation of economic opportunities in sustainable basis.

Allocation for 2017 : Rs.14.50 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 3.51 Mn

Physical Progress: Work in progress

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Batticaloa District

2.1.3 Galle District

A sum of Rs.8.48 Mn was allocated for three initiatives in Galle District. These initiatives were implemented by Chief Secretary, Southern Provincial Council.

i. Installation of mobile sanitary facilities with a changing room at natural swimming pool in Akurala Coastal area, Hikkaduwa

Introduction

Amongst, famous beach areas prevailing in Sri Lanka, a lesser known yet beautiful sea belt can be seen in Akurala area. This beach belt and its surrounding area with a natural swimming pool is an attractive place among local and foreign visitors.

Therefore, the area need to be developed and promoted as an attraction of a beach belt with high potential as a destination. Thus, it is important to place a mobile changing room and sanitary facilities in and around natural swimming pool.

Objectives:

- ❖ Provision of common amenities and sanitary facilities.
- ❖ Popularizing lesser known place as tourist attraction in Southern Province

Result:

- Facilitating tourist stay at Akurala beach belt.

Allocation : Rs.2.81 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 0.56 Mn

Physical Progress: Work in progress

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Southern Provincial Council

ii. Development of Tourist Zone at Hikkaduwa-Preparation of Survey plan for proposed Master Plan.

Introduction

The Ministry has taken initiatives to develop Hikkaduwa as a tourist zone in collaboration with Urban Development Authority.

Accordingly, it is scheduled to develop Hikkaduwa area as a prominent tourist attraction.

Therefore, necessary actions have been taken to prepare survey plan related to the field as an initial step of the preparation of a master plan.

Objectives

- ❖ Development of Hikkaduwa beach belt with a consolidated approach according to a master plan.
- ❖ Obtaining the survey plan required to prepare a master plan from the Department of Survey
- ❖ Preparation of the master plan by using survey plan

Result:

- Preparation of a survey plan for development of Hikkaduwa beach belt
- Preparation of master plan for the area in collaboration with Urban Development Authority and other institutions.

Allocation : Rs.0.17 Mn

Expenditure : Rs.0.17 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Southern Provincial Council

iii. Development of Eco-tourism facilities in Ambalangoda Godahena Madampawila Sanctuary**Introduction:**

Madampawila Ihala is located mid to Hikkaduwa Divisional Secretary Division, Ambalangoda and this place is lesser known and very attractive place with attractions for tourist comprised of rich bio diversity. It constitutes a higher tourism potential due to its mangrove ecosystem system, associated bio diversity in wetland ecosystem environment, it has been established by Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources as a sanctuary as per the Gazette Notification Order no of 1515/21 dated 21 September, 2007. Further, a beautiful mangrove ecosystem system situated around this lake attracts tourists and this unique ecosystem provides an important habitat for migratory birds. Therefore, it is important to develop infrastructures in an eco-friendly manner.

Objective:

- ❖ Construction of a floating jetty for obtaining transport facilities to adjoining the sanctuary between Godahena and Madampawila .
- ❖ Construction of a center to provide facilities required to tourists engaging in eco-tourism related activities.
- ❖ Promotion of tourist activities surrounding Madampawila while conserving the environment.

Results:

- Possibility of obtaining information and facilities needed for local and foreign tourists engaging in tourism in and close proximity to the sanctuary.
- Safe access to the sanctuary
- Promotion of eco-tourism

Allocation : Rs 5.50 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 1.10 Mn

Physical Progress: Work in progress

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Southern Provincial Council

2.1.4 Jaffna District

A sum of Rs.74.97 Mn was allocated for nine projects in Jaffna District. These projects were implemented by District Secretary, Jaffna and Chief Secretary, Northern Provincial Council.

I . Recreational Boating facility for Tourism in Jaffna Town

Introduction

This project aims to develop recreational boating facility for leisure in Jaffna lagoon and inter islands. The project will be designed and implemented as a Public Private Partnership not only to attract the local and foreign tourists but it also create employment opportunities. This project was started in 2016 and estimated cost is Rs.30.00 Mn. The project is currently in operation.

Objectives

- ❖ To improve boating business and revenues.
- ❖ To promote investment opportunities for local people in tourism related business.
- ❖ To attract local and foreign tourists towards water based leisure activities and ecotourism.

Result:

- Establishment of public private participation for recreational events based businesses.
- Local community participation in related economic activities.
- Importance of cultural and natural resources is promoted.
- Increased number of days/stays by foreign/local tourists in Jaffna District.

Allocation for 2017 : Rs.25.54 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 25.54 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Jaffna

ii. Development of Eco Tourism Center in Jaffna Island (Mandathivu)

Introduction

Eco tourism is a form of tourism involving visiting fragile, pristine, and relatively undisturbed natural areas, intended as a low-impact and often small scale alternative to standard commercial (mass) tourism. It means responsible travel to natural areas conserving the environment and improving wellbeing of local people. Development of Eco Tourism Center in Mandathivu, Jaffna aims to improve facilities for local and foreign tourists. This project was started in 2016 and estimated cost was Rs.46.00 Mn and projects continue in year 2017.

Objective

- ❖ To attract local and foreign tourists through ecotourism development.
- ❖ To create the economic empowerment for local people.
- ❖ To develop new tourism products.
- ❖ To contribute to conservation of cultural resource.

Result:

- Emergence of a new tourism hot spot.

- Facilitating and encouraging visitors to stay longer period in Jaffna Peninsula.
- Improve living standard of the local community

Allocation for 2017 : Rs.26.76 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 26.76 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency : District Secretary, Jaffna

iii. Construction of Toilet Blocks at Kachchativu Island

Introduction

The island of Kachchativu is uninhabited and located off the coast of northern Sri Lanka. The St. Anthony's Church located in this island is a popular pilgrimage destination. Every year, thousands of local and Indian visitors arrive in February to celebrate the feast of St Anthony. Therefore, in the view of a tourism destination, it has better potential and it is necessary to ensure convenience of tourists by development of necessary infrastructure in this area. This project was started in 2016 and estimated cost was Rs.4.55 Mn and this project completed in year 2017.

Objective:

- ❖ Provision of sanitary facilities for pilgrimages and clergies

Result:

- Clean environment of the island

Allocation : Rs.2.28 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 2.27 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Jaffna

iv. Improvement of facilities, providing Furniture and Equipment to resting place at Delft Island (Stage-ii)

Introduction

Delft is an Island located in Jaffna peninsula. The only accessible way to reach Delft Island is by using boat services. Tourists have to travel by passenger boats for more than one hour to reach this island and this particular island is very remote area with less facilities. There are many places of interest located in this island, but there is no proper place with at least basic facilities to stay overnight, no place to refresh themselves. Therefore, it is important to provide some essential furniture and equipment to be used by visitors, staying at the resting place in Delft (Manalthurai).

Objectives

- ❖ Provision of some essential furniture and equipment of better standards for the use of tourists

Results

- Comfortable and convenient stay of tourists visiting the island

Allocation : Rs.2.50 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 0.50 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Northern Provincial Council

v. Construction of rest hall for pilgrims at Maviddapuram Kandaswamy Temple

Introduction

Maviddapuram is a holy village in the Jaffna under the Tellippalai divisional secretariat. It is near the Palali airport, Kankesanthurai harbour and Keerimalai coast, famous for the Naguleswaram Shivan temple. Maviddapuram is the holy city where the horse face of the Chola Princess Maruthapuraveegavalli changed to a human face when she prayed to Lord Naguleswara of Keerimalai and took bath in the holy theertham (water) of the temple with the advice of the Saint Nagula. This is the place where the famous Maviddapuram Kandaswamy Temple is found. The statue of the God Muruga is presented by the above the Chola princess, making it her own country.

Objective:

- ❖ Facilitation of pilgrims for their stay

Results:

- Improve resting facilities for the pilgrim tourist

Allocation: Rs 5.00 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 2.39 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Jaffna

vi. Establishment of Floating Jetty at Kachchativu Island

Every year, thousands of local and Indian visitors arrive in February to celebrate the feast of St Anthony. Both Sri Lanka Navy and Private parties used boats for transport passengers to the feast in the Church. Safe and comfortable landing of devotees and priests has become a prerequisite in the season. Therefore, it is essential to provide a floating jetty as a platform for safety landing and lording visitors.

Objective:

- ❖ To provide safety & comfortable landing for the pilgrims in Kachchative

Results:

- Ensure safe and comfortable landing facilities for devotees

Allocation: Rs.2.50 Mn

Expenditure : Rs.2.49 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Jaffna

vii. Construction of Vehicle parking facilities and shaded huts at Akkarai Beach**Introduction**

Many local and foreign tourists visit to this place to experience northern beach scenic beauty. This beach is already developed with Children Park, toilets with other basic facilities without car park. Therefore, it is necessary to construct organized and well planned parking area for vehicles, additional shaded huts are required to further improvements of Akkarai beach as well.

Objective:

- ❖ Ensure safe and comfortable for vehicle parking.
- ❖ Provide ample space for visitors and tourists for their leisure at the beach site

Results:

- Developed akkari beach as a tourist attraction
- Contribute to improve job opportunities for local people

Allocation: Rs 3.00 Mn

Expenditure : Rs.0.60 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Northern Provincial Council

viii. Construction of tourist facilities at kantharodai pond and surrounding area

Kantharodai is a suburb near Chunnakam in the Jaffna Peninsula. A group of Dagebas situated with in close proximity to each other. This place has 78 miniature Buddhist dagebas, which were built in the 5th century. The site was discovered in 1916 by Sir Paul Pieris who conducted the first excavations there. During the course of excavation, more than 50 small size stupas were unearthed. A slap of stone with a sacred foot print on it was also found in this site. This place is famous among the local and foreign tourist therefore it is essential to facilitate visitors.

Objective:

- ❖ Provision of safe and comfortable parking facilities
- ❖ Provide ample space for visitors and tourists to rest, refresh on their leisure.

Results:

- Improve visitors stay at kantharodai historical archeological site

Allocation: Rs 5.00 Mn

Expenditure : Rs.0.0 Mn

Physical Progress: Work in progress

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Jaffna

ix. Renovation of Changing Room at Keerimalai

The village of Keerimalai is located in Northern part of Jaffna Peninsula and became famous because of a holy pond and the Naguleaswaran temple. The Keerimalai pond is a fresh water pond, which is located just few feet away from the Sea. Although the tank is in close proximity to the sea, the water is not salty because it comes from an underground fresh water spring. Keerimalai spring is rich in minerals and reputed for its curative properties. Therefore, it is important that essential amenities be developed in Keerimalai.

Objective:

- ❖ Improvement of male dress changing rooms

Results:

- Improved perceived value of Keerimalai Pond

Allocation: Rs 2.40 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 0.48 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Northern Provincial Council

2.1.5. Kandy District

A sum of Rs. 32.24 Mn was allocated for five projects in Kandy District. These projects were implemented by District Secretary, Kandy and Chief Secretary, Central Provincial Council.

i. Upgrade Physical Infrastructure Facilities of Gadaladeniya Raja Maha Temple as a tourist attraction**Introduction:**

Historical Gadaladeniya temple has been located in Udunuwara Divisional secretariat Division in Kandy District. Hundreds of tourists (school children, local and foreign pilgrims, researchers, investigators and many people visit and observe religious activities) visit this temple which was constructed under the full patronage of the regime of king Buwanekabahu -iv. The project has been implemented; in order develop the basic infrastructures for the tourists in this place from 2016 to up to now. Total estimated cost is Rs 29.55 Million.

a. Uplift of Tourist attraction related to Gadaladeniya Raja Maha Temple and development of physical infrastructures.

Objectives:

- ❖ Construction of sanitary lavatories with modern facilities for tourists.
- ❖ Establishment of name boards for finding directions, getting information and guiding the tourists.

Results:

- Improved sanitary facilities for tourists

Allocation: Rs.2.70 Mn

Expenditure : Rs.2.60 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Kandy District

b. Uplift of tourist attractions in and around Gadaladeniya Raja Maha Temple and development of physical infrastructures.

Objectives:

- ❖ Construction of Vehicle Park for the use of tourists

Results:

- Possibility to park the vehicle properly and safely.

Allocation: Rs 7.10 Mn

Expenditure : (bills in hand)

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Central Province Council

c. Development of Perahara road in and around Gadaladeniya Raja Maha Temple.

Introduction

Vishnu Dewala Perahara takes a significant place in and around Gadaladeniya Temple, Perahara is annually held following the Main Perahara of Sri Dalada Maligawa, Kandy, main Perahara illustrating the historical and cultural values annually held in Sri Lanka. A large number of tourists often watch this Perahara and obtain blessings of Gods. Main access road to this historical temple is the Dewala Street. Due to dilapidated situation of this road, tourists face difficulties. This development task performed within the temple premises, based on the financial provisions of the ministry in 2017.

Objective:

- ❖ Development of main road as the itinerary for main Perahara

Results:

- Facilitation of arrival and watching events of Maha Perahara of this temple by local and foreign tourists with comfort and convenience.

Allocation: Rs 19.75 Mn

Expenditure : Rs.15.43 Mn (bills in hand)

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing progress: Chief Secretary, Central Province

ii. Development of Sanitary Facilities and Drinking Water Supply project at Kataragama Devalaya, Kandy.

Introduction:

Kataragama Devalaya is one of the four major Devalas in the Temple of Tooth Relic in Kandy. A sum of Rs.0.88 Mn has been allocated to a common drainage system and to develop sanitary facilities for foreign tourists. This project commenced in 2016 and completed in 2017.

Objectives:

- ❖ Development of sanitary facilities and improve drainage system.

Results:

- Improve Kataragama Devalaya as a visitor friendly destination.

Allocation for 2017 : Rs.0.19 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 0.18 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Central Provincial Council

iii. Construction of Sanitary Facilities at Nelligala International Buddhist Center

Introduction:

Nelligala Buddhist Centre is located in the highest place in Muruthalawa Village, Yatinuwara Divisional Secretariat in the Central Province. Local and foreign tourists, following the Buddhist Culture can obtain library facilities from this place. Further, Stupa and Bodhi Tree have been established to do various religious rituals. Normally large number of tourists visits this place in Poya and Holidays. Nelligala International Buddhist Centre is located in an agricultural environment with the cultivations such as Nutmeg, clove, pepper and paddy etc. Tourists who wish to enjoy natural environment always select this place to visit. Therefore, it is necessary to develop Infrastructures facilities in this location.

Objectives:

- ❖ Development of tourist facilities in the premises and to improve drainage system

Results

- Better hygienic facilities in Nelligala International Buddhist Center

Allocation : Rs.2.50 Mn

Expenditure : Rs.0.50 Mn

Physical Progress: Work in progress

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Central Provincial Council

2.1.6 Kegalle District

A sum of Rs. 6.82 Mn was allocated for development initiative in Kegalle District. This initiative was implemented by Chief Secretary, Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council.

i. Development of tourist facilities related to Batalegala rock

Introduction:

Batalegala Rocks are located in beautiful Kadugannawa, the main entrance of Sabaragamuwa province and the boundary of the province. It is famous among tourists as Bible rock. On the other hand, it takes a similar shape to Sigiriya rock, known as "Mini Sigiriya". It is possible to be reached from Hathgampola road, Mavanella in Kegalle District where it is comprised with natural beauty and is located in the level of 2780 feet above the sea level. This place has a unique creation of the nature; therefore, large number of tourists preferring religious, environmental and adventurous sports are visiting this place.

Objective:

- ❖ Development of access road and safe stairs
- ❖ Creation of parking place for vehicles

Results:

- Development of facilities for tourist in and around Batalegala

Allocation: Rs 6.82 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 1.36 Mn

Physical Progress: Work in Progress

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council.

2.1.7 Kurunegalle

A sum of Rs. 42.91 Mn was allocated for four projects in Kurunegalle District. These projects were implemented by the District Secretary, Kurunegalle District.

i. Physical Development of Historical Yapahuwa Raja Maha Viharaya

Introduction:

Yapahuwa Raja Maha Viharaya, located in Pailigama village, Mahawa Secretary Division in Kurunegala District can be identified as a place of tooth relic was deposited in the era of King Buwanekabahu- I. At present, a large number of local and foreign tourists are used to visiting Yapahuwa Raja Maha Viharaya daily. Therefore, attention has been drawn to the physical development of the facilities in the area for fulfilling the need of the local and foreign tourists and devotees.

Objective:

- ❖ Adequate drinking water facility and sanitary facilities.
- ❖ Enlightening the premises of historical temple.

Results:

- Development of necessary infrastructure in the premises of historical Yapahuwa Raja Maha Viharaya for religious tourists.
- Ensuring the health and security of tourists

Allocation: RS 19.96 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 5.60 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Kurunegalle District

ii. Development of Historical Ridi Viharaya as a place for tourist destination**Introduction:**

This historical place can be visited, when coming to 2 km from Ridigama town in Kurunegala District. Ridi Temple, the sacred land can be introduced as a kingdom known as worshipping the scared land connected with reservoirs that is self-sufficient in paddy. This temple takes famous place among Raja Maha Viharaya situated in up country. According to the view of observers, large number of local and foreign tourists often visit this place daily where “Makara Thorana” is placed and it is considered the most famous arch in Sri Lanka. Therefore, it is essential to develop infrastructures facilities in this place.

Objectives:

- ❖ Construction of a vehicle park for parking vehicles of local and foreign tourists visiting the temple.

Results :

- Parking the vehicles methodically and safely

Allocation: Rs 11.03 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 9.19 Mn (bills in hand)

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Kurunegala District

iii. Development of infrastructures in Arankele Meditation Centre**Introduction:**

Maliyadewa Forest Hermitage, belonged to Arankele Grama Niladhari Division in Divisional Secretary Division, Kurunegala District, is a historical sacred land with ancient ruins. A considerable number of religious tourists arrive at this place for site seeing, watching ancient ruins, donations, observing sil. Accordingly, there has been potential of further popularizing this place as a religious tourist destination, based on physical historical and cultural facts.

Objectives:

- ❖ Establishment of pillars with solar panels for enlightening these historical places
- ❖ Display name boards in relevant places for guiding religious tourists

Results:

- Facilitating tourism activities in the area in and around Historical Arankele Buddhist Meditation Centre.
- Improvement of service convenience for religious devotees.

Allocation: Rs 9.84 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 2.46 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Kurunegalle District

iv. Fixing name boards for archeological places in Panduwasnuwara**Introduction:**

Paduwasnuwara kindom is located in Girithalana Korala, Devamedi Hathpattuwa, Kurunegala District. According to the historical legends of Kurunegala District, it has been mentioned that Paduwasnuwara is the oldest town in Kurunegala District .It has been reflected that archeological factors of irrigation, architecture be illustrated apparently and non-apparently. Accordingly, it is vital to establish the boards of identification to historical places and direction boards for the ease of tourists, visiting the archeological premises.

Objectives:

- ❖ Establishment of name boards, descriptive explanations, direction guidelines in archeological premises in Paduwasnuwara

Results:

- Communication of common and historical information to tourists

Allocation: Rs 2.09 Million

Expenditure : Rs.0.02 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Kurunegalle District

2.1.8 Matale District

A sum of Rs. 2.46 Mn was allocated for three projects in Matale District. These projects were implemented by Chief Secretary, Central Provincial Council.

i. Improvement of facilities in the Tourism Information Center at Matale**Introduction:**

The development of tourism information center facilities is utmost importance to cater to the needs of the Central Province as a destination for tourism. Development of Matale Tourist Information Center is very important for tourism promotion of the area due to the large number of foreign and domestic tourists visiting historical Matale Aluvihara.

Objectives:

- ❖ Making Matale District a facilities filled tourist zone through the development of Center facilities for tourists.

Result:

- Increase of local income generation.
- Generate direct and indirect employment opportunities.

Allocation : Rs.1.16 Mn

Expenditure : Rs.0.25 Mn

Physical Progress: Work in progress

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Central Provincial Council

ii. Development of facilities in the Tourism Information Center - Dambulla**Introduction:**

It is necessary to complete newly developing Tourism Information Center near Historic Dambulla Raja Maha Viharaya. The Ministry allocated funds for the provision of a convenient information center in the Dambulla town which is a historic and tourist city.

Objectives:

- ❖ Promoting the availability of information to the public in order to make the Matale district a more facility filled zone.

Result:

- Increase of local income generation.
- Generate direct and indirect employment opportunities.

Allocation : Rs1.30 Mn

Expenditure : Rs.0.26 Mn

Physical Progress: Work in progress

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Central Provincial Council

2.1.9 Matara District

During the year 2017, a sum of Rs. 4.00 Mn was allocated for development initiative in Matara District. This initiative was implemented by Chief Secretary, Southern Provincial Council.

i. Infrastructure development at Deniyaya Sathmahal Ella Stage-I & ii (0.459 Km Access Road Development)**Introduction:**

Sathmahal fall is a very attractive water fall located in Deniyaya tourist zone of Matara district. A large number of local and foreign tourists come to visit the waterfall and Facilities, but facilities have not yet been developed to the required standards of tourists. Therefore, it is

important to develop access roads as development of tourist infrastructures in and around Sathmahal Ella

Objective:

- ❖ Easy and convenient access to Sathmahal Ella

Results:

- Popularizing places with tourist attractions in Matara District among local and foreign tourists

Allocation: Rs.4.00 Mn

Expenditure : Rs.0.80 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Southern Provincial Council

2.1.10 Monaragala District

A sum of Rs. 1.50 Mn was allocated for one project in Monaragala District. The project was implemented by the District Secretary, Monaragala District.

i. Development of Dematamal Temple as a place of tourist attraction

Introduction:

Buttala Divisional Secretary Division in Moneragala District consists of many important places. Among them, Dematamal Viharaya takes a significant place in the area. Specially, this temple is associated with historical legends, related to the era of King Dutugamunu, Saddatissa. Dual guard stones are considered as a rare creation located in the site with highly recognized places as tourist attractions. Therefore, it is important to develop this temple as a place of tourist attraction.

Objectives:

- ❖ Development of sanitary facilities in historical site
- ❖ Improvement of access road
- ❖ Placing name boards and direction boards

Results:

- Popularizing place with tourist attractions among local and foreign tourists in Moneragala District
- Conservation of historical heritage

Allocation: Rs 1.5 Mn

Expenditure : Rs.1.28 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Moneragala District

2.1.11 Nuwara Eliya District

A sum of Rs. 110.98 Mn was allocated to three projects in Nuwara Eliya District. These projects were implemented by Chief Secretary, Central Provincial Council.

i. Development of Gregory's Lake as a Tourist Attraction - Stage IV

Introduction:

Nuwara Eliya District is one of the best known top tourism destinations in Sri Lanka which is also known as the 'Little England'. There are many tourist attractions in Nuwara Eliya District among them 'Gregory's Lake' assumes prime importance. The Ministry decided to fund Rs 95.52 Mn for Stage IV of the project in 2016. It commenced in 2016 with additional financial technical and collaboration with Municipal Council and Sri Lanka Navy

Objectives:

- ❖ Development of a vehicle park for tourists.
- ❖ Construction of sanitary facilities.
- ❖ Development of path with paving stone.
- ❖ Development of a resting place for tourists to rest and dining.
- ❖ Laying turfing for Gregory's Lake.
- ❖ Landscaping the site to improve its aesthetic value.

Results

- Generation of employment opportunities for the local community in the area.
- Higher aesthetic value of Nuwara Eliya as a key tourist destination in Sri Lanka.

Allocation : Rs.63.44 Mn

Expenditure : Rs.15.88 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Central Provincial Council

ii. Development of Tourist Comfort Centre in Hatton Railway Station

Introduction:

The itinerary provides significant experiences for tourists travel in the train as a medium of transport. Accordingly, it is important to develop leisure facilities, sanitary facilities, and information technology and communication facilities for the service convenience of railway related tourism. Specially, upcountry railway has attracted tourists to this country with reliable climate including the nature with scenic beauty. In 2017, attention was drawn to the development of facilities at Hatton Railway Station of providing services for tourists travelling to Upcountry as well as for a large number of domestic and foreign tourists travelling in the season of Adam's Peak.

Objectives:

- ❖ Creation of a place with leisure facilities for tourists
- ❖ Creation of facilities to access information related to upcountry attractions

Results:

- Creation of tourist friendly railway stations.

Allocation: Rs 3.59 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 0.50 Mn

Physical Progress: Work in Progress

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Central Provincial Council

iii. **Development of Facilities for Tourists in close proximity to Kothmale Mahaweli Maha Seya**

Introduction:

Central Province takes a special place in terms of Its Geographical location, Historical, Environmental and Archeological Value of the "Buddhist Trail" for centuries. Kothmale Mahaweli Maha Seya carries a huge potential with its second highest / tallest nature of Maha Seya among several other prominent attractions in the Central Province. Therefore, a large number of religious dignitaries and devotees regularly visit this site.

Objectives:

- ❖ Development of Infrastructure Facilities for visitors.
- ❖ Development of the site as Destination for Tourism.

Results:

- Development of Comfort facilities for domestic and foreign visitors.

Allocation : Rs 43.95 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 8.79 Mn

Physical Progress: Work in Progress

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Central Province , Council

2.1.12 Polonnaruwa District

A sum of Rs. 15.99 Mn was allocated for one project in Polonnaruwa District.

i. Improvement to the pond and its surroundings near Watadageya as a tourist attraction.

Introduction:

'Madirigiriya Watadageya' is not only a place inherited from Polonnaruwa era to the island but it is also internationally known as ancient, archeological values. Therefore, it is important to transform the dilapidated pond into an attractive pond and to build a conducive environment for domestic and foreign tourists by establishing walking tracks around the pond. Total estimated cost of the project is Rs 20.00 Mn and it was commenced in 2016.

Objectives:

- ❖ Improvement of surrounding area in Watadageya as a tourist attraction.
- ❖ Creation of income generation opportunities for the local people

Results:

- Preservation and development of archeological site as a tourist attraction
- Establishment of an attractive environment for tourists.

Allocation : Rs.15.99 Mn

Expenditure : bills in hand

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, North Central Provincial Council

2.1.13. Puttalam District

A sum of Rs. 49.58 Mn was allocated for Seventeen projects in Puttalam District. These projects were implemented by District Secretary, Puttalam District.

i. Improvement of Sanitary Facilities, Parking Facilities and the Construction of a building for life guards at St. Anne's Church – Thalawila

Introduction:

The well-known Thalawila Church is dedicated to St. Anne, and considered as one of the most visited churches in the country. This is a unique shrine, which is worshipped by many for generations. Three projects were started in 2016 for facilitate pilgrim tourist of the St. Annes Church Complex and nearby Beach area. The estimated cost of the project was Rs 4.42 Mn. The project was completed in March 2017.

Objectives:

- ❖ To improve vehicle parking facilities for the visitors.
- ❖ To improve sanitary facilities
- ❖ To construct a building for lifeguards of Thalawila Beach.

Results:

- Minimize internal road blocks, vehicle accidents and inconvenience to pedestrians which occur due to ad-hoc parking.
- Improved hygienic condition and clean environment.
- Enhance health and safety conditions

Allocation for 2017 : Rs.3.15 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 3.15Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Puttalam

ii. Development of Road near Kammala Bridge to Beach Development of Road from Angampitiya Junction to Aluthota Junction.

Introduction:

Waikkal and Wellamangkaraya areas in Wennappuwa Divisional Secretariat in Puttalam District enjoy an artistic and charming beach front which attracts tourists. Fishing and tourism industry are the main livelihood of the local community in this area. Due to its scenic beauty, this area is being patronized by local and foreign tourists as well as number of well-established hotels are also located in this area. In order to improve infrastructure in the area, the Ministry took action to renovate two selected access roads.

Objectives:

- ❖ To develop the area by facilitating easy access to the picturesque tourist site
- ❖ Improved and convenient access to Tourism Establishment

Results:

- Waikkala beach is developed as one of the attractive beaches in west coast and as a result tourism service providers will be motivated to expand and invest in this area.
- To facilitate tourism establishments to improve tourists arrivals in this area.

Allocation : Rs.7.06 Mn
Expenditure : Rs. 7.06 Mn
Physical Progress: Completed
Implementing Agency : District Secretary, Puttalam

iii. Installation of a Transformer at Kappaladiya area

Introduction :

Kalpitiya area consists of varieties of location specific traditional system and beautiful sea belt consisting of an array of coastal resources, bringing the attraction of local and foreign tourists. Thus, there has been high potential for tourism industry. In view of beach belt in Kappaladiya village in Mudalappaliya Grama Niladhari Division in Kalpitiya Divisional Secretary Division constitutes an appropriate place for tourism industry, there has been a large number of institutions like tourist hotels, restaurants, communication service providers, service providing institutions related to tourism industry. Many opportunities have been created to generate and accelerate entrepreneurs to be further engaged in tourism related fields in the future. As, there is a beach belt for water sports in the area Kappaladiya at present, many tourists are abundantly coming to visit these places.

In view of electricity, it is supplied to two villages called Kalpitiya and Palakudawa with a transformer installed in this area, as it was impossible to provide sufficient electricity in demand. It was impossible to carry out daily activities of entrepreneurs engaged in tourism industry earlier. Electricity is of a significant benefit to fishermen engaging in traditional fishing industry and 300 villages in the locality.

A transformer has been installed by the Central Electricity Board with the aim of improving infrastructure connected with the development of Kalpitiya area as a tourist attraction.

Objective:

- ❖ Installation of a transformer with sufficient capacity and voltage for the supply of electricity to improve tourism industry.

Results:

- Improvement of infrastructure requirement for the electricity (with required capacity and voltage) in the area, encouraging entrepreneurs engaged in tourism industry.

Allocation: Rs 4.97 Mn
Expenditure : Rs. 4.97 Mn
Physical Progress: Completed
Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Puttalam District

iv. Development of Internal Roads, Kappaladiya phase I, II, III

Introduction:

Kappaladiya village is located Thalawila-East Divisional Secretary's Division Puttalama District and is an area, being developed under traditional fishing industry, Agriculture, and Tourism industry. Services such as sports centers, accommodations, food and beverages, Transport, communication are being supplied by the local and foreign entrepreneurs in this area, aiming at the tourists who are coming for Kites Surfing. Attention was drawn to the development of infrastructures in this area since 2016.

Objectives:

- ❖ Development of internal road system in Kappaladiya village.

Results:

- Popularizing Kappaladiya area as a tourist destination for Kite Surfing.

Allocation: Rs 6.34 Mn

Expenditure : Rs.6.34 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Puttalam District

v. Preparation of Architectural Design for proposed Iranawila Park**Introduction:**

Iranawila carries is very attractive beach belt belonged to Maha Wewa Divisional Secretary Division in Puttalam District. It was identified that required assistance be provided for the development of tourism industry in Puttalam District by the development of the beach belt according to a proper architectural design and a plan. Accordingly, it was proposed to initiate this project in 2018 in accordance with an expected proper plan for development of Beach Park made by the Engineering Consultancy Bureau.

Objective:

- ❖ Preparation of architectural design for proposed Iranawila Park

Results:

- Commencing Iranawila Beach Park Development Project under a proper plan in 2018.

Allocation: Rs 0.30 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 0.30 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Puttalam District

vi. Construction of sanitary facilities in and around Manaweriya Ishwara Kovil at Rajakadaluwa**Introduction:**

This Shiva Kovil was situated facing to Colombo Puttalam Main Road, Raja Kadaluwa Grama Niladhari Division, Arachchikattuwa Divisional Secretary division in Puttalam District, and it belongs to regime of King Rawana In the book of Kailasha Purnam, has mentioned with regard to the regime of King Pararajasekaram in Jaffna. Specially, Hindu devotees from India, Singapore, and Malaysia, engaging in religious tourism always visit this place. Annual festival of the Kovil is usually held in 10 days and a large number of devotees participate in this festival. Therefore, it has been identified that development of sanitary facilities in this area is essential.

Objectives.

- ❖ Improvement of sanitary facilities for local and foreign tourists.
- ❖ Maintaining a hygienic environment in and around Manaweriya Ishwara Kovil.

Results:

- Comfort and convenience of pilgrimages

Allocation: Rs 4.63 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 1.95 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Puttalam District.

vii. Concreting Kandakuliya kudawa Dutch bay main road**Introduction :**

Kandalakuliya kudawa Grama Niladhari Division in Kalpitiya Divisional Secretary Division in Puttalam Division possesses 15 km². Livelihood activities of people in the area are traditional fisheries industry and providing tourist services. This place has been identified as a highly suitable for kites surfing. The place is popular among tourists visiting Kalpitiya to learn Kite Surfing and those who involved in this sport. Therefore, it is essential that infrastructure facilities be developed in line with tourism industry to improve transport facilities for local and foreign tourists visiting Kandalakuliya area.

Objectives:

- ❖ Development of access road to Kandakuliya area

Results:

- Easy access to local and foreign tourists come to kite surfing and training to this village.

Allocation: Rs 2.29 Mn

Expenditure : Rs.1.96 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Puttalam District

viii. Concreting the road from Kandakuliya Kudawa Osiyana hotel to Beach**Introduction:**

More assistance is required to be provided for tourism industry by concreting this road utilized by fishing people living in the village. It is essential to develop the infrastructure for the local and foreign tourists visiting this area, located in Kandakuliya ,Kudawa Grama Niladhari Division of Kalpitiya Divisional Secretary's Division.

Objectives:

- ❖ Easy and convenient access to beach
- ❖ Improvement of the road used by fishing people of Kandakuliya kudawa to the beach, where boats are landing
- ❖ Providing transport facilities for local and foreign tourists coming to kite surfing.

Results:

- Obtaining more foreign income by increasing the number of arrivals of tourists.
- Earning foreign income by improving the tourism industry through developing infrastructures in Kandakuliya Kudawa area.

Allocation : Rs 1.75 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 1.48 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Puttalam District

ix. Concreting Illanthadiya Alankudawa road- phase I & II

Introduction:

Illanthadiya area in Kalpitiya Divisional Secretary Division and surrounding clean beach belt is popular among local and foreign tourists as a place for engaging kite surfing and visiting Dolphins. Currently, there have been areas where services are provided for tourists and it can be identified as an area in which private investments are constantly directed for tourism development. Therefore, attention has been drawn to develop related infrastructures.

Objectives:

- ❖ Development of internal access roads for the use of fishing ferries, kite surfing and for watching Dolphins.

Results:

- Improvement of tourism industry through infrastructure development in Illanthandiya area
- Upgrading living standard of people in the area through generating income opportunities.

Allocation: Rs 4.54 Mn

Expenditure : Rs.3.86 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Puttalam District

x. Installation of a Transformer in Pudukudirippu area

Introduction:

Kalpitiya area, a place with high potential requires sufficient infrastructure for tourism development. Tourist hotels, restaurants, institutions for providing communication services related to tourism industry and a large number of private entrepreneurs are engaged in Business activities of their respective operations. Further, it has been planned to construct new tourist hotels in future as well.

Since there has not been adequate electricity with required voltage and capacity, it was a prerequisite that a transformer be installed in this area for the uninterrupted supply of electricity in demand. Therefore, it has been difficult to carry out the routine activities of fishing people, entrepreneurs and villages of the area.

A transformer was installed in this area by the Ceylon Electricity Board with the aim of improving infrastructures connected with the development of tourist destinations regionally.

Objective:

- ❖ Provision of electricity with required capacity with the aim encouraging the entrepreneurs currently engaged in tourism field.

Results:

- Encouraging economic activities

Allocation: Rs 2.32 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 2.32 Mn

Physical Progress: Completed

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Puttalam District

xi. Setting up fence around the resting place Arachikattuwa**Introduction:**

The area around in Arachchikattuwa Dedum Oya and Battulu Oya are rich in natural resources among 43 Grama Niladari Divisions. Presently there are many local and foreign tourists visiting the places such as Anavilundawa reserve, Veheri bound forest reserve, Vehera bandi Kala Rajamaha Viharaya, Udappuwa temple and Muthupanthi fishing village. The Ministry has allocated funds to prepare the fence in front of the Arachchikattuwa Manaveriya lounge and the ground for tourist who visit for night seeing the area.

Objective:

- ❖ Establishment of a fully-fledged Resting Center for local and foreign tourists.

Results:

- Availability facilities for safe and beautiful environment for local and foreign tourists.

Allocation: Rs 7.57 Mn

Expenditure : bills in hand

Physical Progress: Work in Progress

Implementing Agency: District Secretary, Puttalam District

2.1.14 Ratnapura District

A sum of Rs. 5.84 Mn was allocated by the Ministry during 2017 for four projects in Ratnapura District.

i. Improvement of water supply and sanitary facilities Dewaguhawa , Batatota

ii. Jungle clearing and Improvement of Road surface in Handagiriya National Park (15 Km)

iii. Construction of Changing room and approach road for Batatota totupola

Introduction:

Udawalawe National park is one of the iconic attractions among local and International tourists. There "Samanala Kalapaya" (Butterfly Zone) in the park has become quite popular recently. Hence, the Sadagiriya entrance road to the above Zone is important.

Objective:

- ❖ To improve the access road starting from Hadagiriya to "Samanala Kalapaya"

Result:

- Develop Udawalawa area as a Tourism Zone by focusing on Udawalawa National Park.
- Allotment of tourism benefits to a wider section of the society.

Allocation : Rs. 4.04 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 0.40 Mn

Physical Progress: Work in progress

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council

iv Preparation of an integrated plan for the development of tourist facilities related to Bopath Ella Falls

Introduction:

This beautiful waterfall is located surrounding the Kuru river, the main branch of Kalu river belongs to Divisional Secretary Division in Kuruvita, Ratnapura District. Bopath Ella Falls, flowing down as a booby leaf attracts local and foreign tourists due to the beauty of the fall as well as attractive nature of natural swimming pool, situated in the internal side of the fall. Conserving the beauty of the fall, development of this place according to a proper plan for tourists is a timely initiative. Therefore, it is expected to be carried out by the instructions of a tourism planning service by a party with professional skills.

Objective:

- ❖ Obtaining the service of tourist instructions and planning for preparation of integrated plan for development of tourist facilities in Bopath Ella.

Results:

- Availability of an integrated plan for the development of Bopath Ella Falls

Allocation: Rs 1.80 Mn

Expenditure : Rs. 0.36 Mn

Physical Progress: Work in progress

Implementing Agency: Chief Secretary, Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council

2.2 Development of Tourism Human Capital

There is a dearth of skilled personal in the tourism industry. Therefore, government has decided to provide training to youth keen on joining the hospitality industry in collaboration with the private sector. A financial provision of Rs 25.00 Mn was allocated in the Budget Estimates 2017.

2.2.1 Three Month Hospitality Service Training Program

A financial provision of Rs 20 Mn was allocated to train 1200 unemployed youths in the hospitality sector in 2017. This hospitality services training programs have been implemented with the collaboration of Provincial Councils, Private Hotel Schools and Private Hotels. Training course consists of the theory and practical trainings in Front Office Management, Restaurant & Bar Management & Housekeeping Management. Further it was supported to gain a wider knowledge of International Standard English speech, life skill, better communication, and retailing and consumer services. The curriculum was developed by the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (SLITHM) evaluations/ exams were also conducted by the institute.

Students were provided with value added training as well as guidance through industry professionals for career development. The ceremony for award of certificates was conducted by the Ministry. Certificate of accreditation issued by SLITHM will be helpful for them to obtain the local and foreign employment opportunities in hotel industry.

Objectives:-

1. To provide job opportunities for unemployed youth.
2. To increase the women participation in hospitality training and increase their income.
3. To minimize aspects of income and consumption inequality upgrade both standard and quality of life.

Output:-

- 867 youths trained in the Restaurant and Bar Services
- 158 youths trained in the Housekeeping Management
- 132 youths trained in the Front office management

A Summary of the Three Month Hospitality Training Program - 2017

Table -2.2

| | Training Institute | Name of the Courses | | | Total | Total Expenditure (Rs.Mn) |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| | | Restaurant Services | House keeping | Front office | | |
| 1 | Sabaragamuwa Province | 23 | | 19 | 42 | 0.630 |
| 2 | Southern Province | 110 | 86 | 40 | 236 | 3.50 |
| 3 | North Central Province | 83 | 20 | | 103 | 1.55 |
| 4 | Eastern Province | 80 | | | 80 | 1.20 |
| 5 | Northern Province | 20 | | 24 | 44 | 0.66 |
| 6 | Central Province | 219 | 38 | | 257 | 3.85 |
| 7 | Western Province | 222 | 14 | 49 | 285 | 4.30 |
| 8 | North Western Province | 110 | | | 110 | 1.65 |
| | Administration Cost, Award Ceremony | | | | | 1.50 |
| | Total | 867 | 158 | 132 | 1157 | 18.92 |

Source: Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

2.2.2 Capacity Building Program for Tourist Service Providers

Ministry initiated to conduct 3 day programme under the development of tourism human capital improvement to develop the capacities of stakeholders in the tourism sector island wide.

This Capacity Building Programme for Tourist Service Providers conducted by professional University lecturers in collaboration with Provincial Tourism Institutions. A sum of Rs. 5 Mn has been allocated for this training program. It was expected to train 1,300 service providers.

The program was formulated to meet the objectives of upgrading behavior and service skills of tourist service providers.

Target Group:

Transport facilitators (Three wheel drivers, taxi drivers, private transport providers); tourist shop keepers, managers, salesmen; small and micro accommodation operators (guest house keepers, home-stay owners, youth hostel operators etc.); and tourism vendors on the streets, sites and cities.

Objectives

1. To enhance the community empowerment through tourism
2. To bring forth perceptual changes among the ground layer tourism stakeholders towards tourism industry
3. To enhance tourism spatial distribution and opportunities for youths in existing and emerging regions of the country
4. To ensure the appropriate contribution of ground layer stakeholders for sustainable tourism development in the country
5. To improve the quality and standard of tourism services and facilities to enhance perception and satisfaction of tourists

Capacity Development Programme for Tourist Service Providers (3 days) – 2017 Table -2.3

| | Name of the Province | No. Of Trainees | Expenditure (Rs.Mn) |
|---|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Western Province | 150 | 0.37 |
| 2 | Southern Province | 105 | 0.241 |
| 3 | Northern Province | 120 | 0.216 |
| 4 | Sabaragamuwa Province | 150 | 0.41 |
| 5 | North Central Province | 145 | 0.292 |
| 6 | Central Province | 173 | 0.433 |
| 7 | North Western Province | 130 | 0.347 |
| 8 | Uva | 120 | 0.357 |
| | Total | 1093 | 2.67 |

Source: Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

Certificate award Ceremony of the Three Month Hospitality Training Programme

The Programme was implemented by the Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs in collaboration with Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (SLITHM). Provincial Councils, Private sector Hospitality Training Institutions and Leading Hotels in 2016. 605 trainees were awarded with Certificates on 2nd March 2017 at Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, under the distinguished patronage of Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs.

2.3. Community Tourism Development (Development of Tourist Villages)

Introduction

The main purpose of this project is to meet the demand of tourist accommodation as an alternative accommodation. It also helps the rural community to increase their income and employment opportunities. In home stay, tourists stay with the host's family and experience their way of life by engaging in many activities together with the family.

Objectives:

- i. To empower the local communities by creating tourism related employments and distributing economic benefits through tourism.
- ii. To support the demand for supplementary accommodation.
- iii. To develop market facilities in the villages which have rich potentials of Sri Lankan culture such as arts, craft, nature, eco, agro base, etc.

A sum of Rs. 25 Million has been allocated for the development of community tourism villages out of which Rs 0.96 Mn was spent to develop four villages in four districts.

Progress

- As an initial step to this programme, a "Training of Trainers" residential workshop was organized for the implementation level officers from provincial level, Divisional level and Ministry level at Embilipitiya National Centre for Leadership with the cost of Rs. 332,961.09.
- The following Community Homestay villages were partially developed as at 2017.12.31
 01. Heeloya village home stay development
 02. Yapahugama village home stay development
 03. Godahena Village Homestay Development
 04. Mederipitiya village homestay development
 05. Magiripura Adishampathana village homestay development

Total Provision for 2017: Rs.25.00 Mn

Expenditure as at end of 31.12.2017: Rs.0.556 Mn

2.4. Expand Tourist Police Units in Tourist Hot Spots

Safety and security are vital for providing quality service delivery operations in tourism. More than any other economic activity, the success or failure of a tourism destination depends on being able to provide a safe secure environment for visitors. It is undeniable that the tourism industry has a right to defend itself as well as to have a legitimate expectation that the government will ensure safety and security.

Therefore, the Government has allocated a sum of Rs.50 million to this Ministry to strengthen the tourist police serving in the tourist hot spots areas.

Objectives:

1. To ensure safety and security of tourists.
2. To ensure a pleasant and memorable stay in Sri Lanka
3. To prevent harassment, mistreatment and criminal activities against tourists.

Progress

Providing Trail bikes, 125CC Motor Bikes, Beach Rovers, Video Cameras, Digital Cameras and other related accessories, office equipment and office interiors have been provided under this project to following tourist police units.

Details of the tourist police units.

Table -2.4

| Site | Province | Administrative District | Police Division | Location |
|------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Western | Colombo | Police Tourist Division | Police Tourist Division |
| 2 | Western | Kalutara | Kalutara | Moragalla |
| 3 | Western | Colombo | Mount Lavinia | Mount Lavinia |
| 4 | Western | Negombo | Negombo | Eththukala |
| 5 | Central | Kandy | Kandy | Kandy |
| 6 | Central | Kandy | Matale | Sigiriya |
| 7 | North Central | Anuradhapura | Anuradhapura | Anuradhapura |
| 8 | North Central | Polonnaruwa | Polonnaruwa | Polonnaruwa |
| 9 | Eastern | Ampara | Kalmunai | Arugambay/ Pothuvil |
| 10 | Eastern | Batticaloa | Batticaloa | Kalkuda /Pasikuda |
| 11 | Sabaragamuwa | Kegalle | Kegalle | Pinnawala |
| 12 | Southern | Galle | Galle | Hikkaduwa/Narigama |

Implementing Agency: Sri Lanka Police Head Quartiers

Total Provision for 2017: Rs.50.00 Mn

Expenditure as at end of 31.12.2017: Rs.41.83 Mn

2.5. Colombo International Shopping Festival (CISF) (Colombo Fair)

Introduction:

The Ministry had been allocated Rs. 50Mn by the National Budget 2017 to conduct “Colombo International Shopping Festival 2017”. This programme had been implemented by the Ministry of Tourism Development & Christian Religious Affairs in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Retailers’ Association, Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau and other tourism stake holders with a National Steering Committee appointed by the Ministry of Finance.

Objectives:

- To make Sri Lanka as one of the most visited tourist destinations in South Asian region throughout the year for Shopping.
- To make Sri Lanka as retail shopping hub using shopping festival as a fore-runner.

Activities:

- Anchor event of CISF was held on 20th to 22nd of October 2017.
- An Advertising campaign was launched focusing on four SAARC countries such as India, Pakistan, Maldives and Bangladesh during the period from October 1st to November 15th.

Total Provision for 2017: Rs.50.00 Mn

Expenditure as at end of 31.12.2017: Rs.29.35 Mn

The commitment for year 2018: Rs. 5.00 Mn

The total project expenditure: Rs. 34.35 Mn

2.6. Update Print and Electronic Brochures and Guides to be distributed in High Tourist Attractions.

Promotional Materials of both printed and electronic brochures and guides intended for destination promotion through interactive digital display panels located as appropriate in prominent destinations such as Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, Peradeniya Royal Botanical Garden and Colombo National Museum.

Objectives:

- Updating of guides and brochures in both print and electronic media.
- Updating of outdated contents
- Make available the information in an appropriate way.

i. Department of National Museum

The Department was granted Rs.2.75Mn for the proposal submitted on “Establishment of interactive display panels in Museums”.

Progress: The development of software was completed. Information in all three languages had been created for the Interactive Digital Display Panels.

ii. Department of Zoological Gardens

The Department was granted Rs.3.5Mn for the development of “visitor information system” for the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage.

Progress: Department of Zoological Gardens has completed the development of QR code system in the tickets and displays that can be accessed by the tourists to get more information on tourist destinations under the Department of Zoological Gardens. Further, update of web site and writing 2000 mini CDs and five light boards establishments had been completed to promote the tourist attractions.

iii. Department of Botanical Gardens

The department was granted Rs.3.5 Mn to “install interactive digital information boards”.

Progress: Five digital panels at different places in Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya are installed with the objective of guiding the visitors tourists around important places and to provide them with more information on garden including botanical characteristics and features.

Total Provision for 2017: Rs.10.00 Mn

Expenditure as at end of 31.12.2017: Rs.5.914 Mn

2.7. Interest Subsidy Loan Scheme to Tourist Hotels

Introduction:-

As per Budget proposals 2017, it has been proposed to provide interest subsidy loans to hotels in operation over 10 years to refurbish and upgrade their facilities to be in line with the modern requirements. This proposal is focused on supporting the hotel sector by providing financial assistance to implement a refurbishment programme.

Initially sum of 500Mn has allocated for the project. But for the implementation of flood relief programme Rs. 300 Mn was withdrawn by the Department of Budget in July 2017.

Objectives:-

- i. To encourage hotels to improve their product through upgrading and extension works.
- ii. To support hotels to address wider client-based requirements through the diversification of products and services offered.
- iii. To increase competitiveness of the tourism sector by increasing the number of visitors through the provision of value added hospitality services.

Implementing Agency: - Ministry of Tourism Development & Christian Religious Affairs

Progress: Several discussions were held with the banking sector officials and other relevant stakeholders.

However, the scheme was not implemented due to the fact that the Ministry had no proper strength to establish a separate unit for this purpose in order to implement and monitor this project.

Revised Allocation:- Rs. 200 Mn

Expenditure as at end of 31.12.2017: Rs.0.18 Mn

Chapter 3

Financial Performance

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3. Financial Progress – 2017

3.1 Total Provisions under the appropriation Act and Utilization – 2017

Table:3.1

Head No: 159

Rs.'000

| Description | Programme – 01 Operational Activities | | | | Programme – 02 Development Activities | | Grand Total | | |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | Project – 01 Minister's Office | | Project – 02 Administration & Establishment Services | | Project – 03 Tourism Promotion | | | | |
| | Total Provisions | Actual Expenditure | Total Provisions | Actual Expenditure | Total Provisions | Actual Expenditure | Provisions | Actual Expenditure | |
| Recurrent | | | | | | | | | |
| • Personnel Emoluments | 22,938 | 21,182.54 | 31,851 | 31,849.59 | - | - | 54,789 | 53,032.13 | |
| • Other Recurrent | 27,519 | 21,663.76 | 47,575 | 41,265.02 | 60,184 | 35,158.04 | 135,278 | 98,086.82 | |
| Sub Total | 50,457 | 42,846.30 | 79,426 | 73,114.61 | 60,184 | 35,158.04 | 190,067 | 151,118.95 | |
| Capital | | | | | | | | | |
| 2001 | 200 | 199.93 | 1,545 | 877.11 | - | - | 1,745 | 1,077.04 | |
| 2002 | 500 | - | 500 | 425.93 | - | - | 1,000 | 425.93 | |
| 2003 | 1,800 | 1,793.69 | 1,000 | 899.29 | - | - | 2,800 | 2,692.98 | |
| 2101 | 43,000 | 39,783.85 | - | - | - | - | 43,000 | 39,783.85 | |
| 2102 | 1,000 | 999.99 | 3,711 | 3,708.36 | - | - | 4,711 | 4,708.35 | |
| 2103 | 500 | 499.89 | - | - | - | - | 500 | 499.89 | |
| 2401 | - | - | 2,044 | 829.02 | - | - | 2,044 | 829.02 | |
| 2502 | - | - | - | - | 868,000 | 223,635.88 | 868,000 | 223,635.88 | |
| Sub Total | 47,000 | 43,277.34 | 8,800 | 6,739.7 | 868,000 | 223,635.88 | 923,800 | 273,652.92 | |
| Grand Total | 97,457 | 86,123.65 | 88,226 | 79,854.31 | 928,184 | 258,793.92 | 1,113,867 | 424,771.8 | |

Source: Accounts Branch, Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

3.2. Summery

Total Provision

Table:3.2

| Description | Programme – 01 | Programme – 02 | Total |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| | Operational Activities | Development Activities | |
| Recurrent | 129,883.00 | 60,184.00 | 190,067.00 |
| Capital | 55,800.00 | 868,000.00 | 923,800.00 |
| Total | 185,683.00 | 928,184.00 | 1,113,867.00 |

Source: Accounts Branch, Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

3.3. Total Provision as Projects

Table:3.3

Rs.000

| Project | Recurrent (Rs.Mn.) | Capital (Rs.Mn.) | Total (Rs.Mn.) |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Minister's Office | 50,457 | 47,000 | 97,457 |
| Administration & Establishment Services | 79,426 | 8,800 | 88,226 |
| Tourism Development Activities | 60,184 | 868,000 | 928,184 |
| Total | 190,067 | 923,800 | 1,113,867 |

Source: Accounts Branch, Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

3.4. Utilization on Total Provision

Table:3.4

| Description | Provision (Rs.Mn.) | Utility (Rs.Mn.) | Utilization (%) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Recurrent – Operational Activities | 129,883 | 115,960.90 | 89.28 |
| - Development Activities | 60,184 | 35,158.04 | 58.42 |
| Capital – Operational Activities | 55,800 | 50,017.05 | 89.64 |
| - Development Activities | 868,000 | 223,635.87 | 25.76 |
| Total | 1,113,867 | 424,771.88 | 38.13 |

Source: Accounts Branch, Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

3.5 Assets Management

Assets are managed and accounted according to the relevant regulations and total value of acquisitions as at 31st December 2017 is Rs. 44,992,099.12

Details are as follows.

Table: 3.5

| Description | Amount (Rs.) |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Vehicles | 39,783,846.20 |
| Office Equipment | 140,166.81 |
| Computer Equipment | 2,953,698.48 |
| Electrical Equipment | - |
| Communication Equipment | 170,000.00 |
| Furniture | 1,944,387.63 |
| Total | 44,992,099.12 |

Source: Accounts Branch, Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

3.6. Government Officer's Advance Account

The limits for the advance account as per the appropriation act 2017 and the year-end progress, Table: 3.6

| Description | Approved Limit (Rs.) | Year End Progress (Rs.) |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Maximum Debit Limit | 3,800,000.00 | 3,745,559.00 |
| Minimum Credit Limit | 1,000,000.00 | 1,880,610.45 |
| Maximum Debit Balance Limit | 15,000,000.00 | 7,926,056.46 |

Source: Accounts Branch, Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

3.7. Grant of Loan and Advance during the year is as follows.

Table: 3.7

| Type of Loan | Amount (Rs.) |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Distress Loan | 2,810,301.00 |
| Festival Advance | 420,000.00 |
| Special Advance | 80,000.00 |
| Special Loan | 435,258.00 |
| Total | 3,745,559.00 |

Source: Accounts Branch, Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

Chapter 4

Internal Audit

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Investigation Division

Internal Audit and Investigation Division

- Internal Audit Division, functioning under a Chief Internal Auditor, directly responsible to the Secretary of the Ministry as per F.R 134 (1), was established in November, 2016. Internal Audit activities are being implemented according to the annual internal audit plan being prepared at the commencement of the financial year under the guidance with the Department of Management Audit in General Treasury.
- Internal audits of the ministry were carried out, pertaining to the financial year 2017, thus, 05 internal audit reports have been issued relating to inconsistencies. Officials are being made aware of deviations pointed out in audit examinations and reports of Audit and Management Committees and the Progress Review Meeting. Accordingly, remedial measures will be taken to rectify them.
- Audit and Management Committee Meetings were held in the following dates in year 2017.

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| First Quarter | 30. 01. 2017 |
| Second Quarter | 24. 04. 2017 |
| Third Quarter | 01. 08. 2017 |
| Fourth Quarter | 07. 11. 2017 |
- All the Heads of the Departments and the relevant officials of the Department of Christian Religious Affairs and Statutory Boards coming under the ministry were summoned to the committee meeting. Action will be taken to make remedies by drawing personal attention on risky areas of financial discipline, as reported by the Auditor General and Internal Auditor.
- Coordination of activities related to Audit Queries, received from the Auditor General and submission of replies to the Auditor General replies of the 12 numbers of audit queries forwarded to the ministry were submitted.
- Coordination of activities of the committee of Public Accounts and the Committee on Public Enterprises were carried out in the period under consideration.
- Discussion and compilation of the replies of Auditor General's Report and current performance of the ministry for the financial year 2015 and the Auditor General's Reports and the current performance of the Department in the financial years 2014 and 2015 were taken under the consideration whilst presenting of the replies in all three languages to the Public Accounts Committee. Replies were submitted to the recommendation of Committee on the Public Enterprises of Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority.
- In addition, 06 investigations of calling reports by Hon. Minister and 01 investigation of calling reports from the President Office and 01 investigation of calling reports from the Prime Minister Office have been carried out in the period under consideration.

Composition of Internal Audit Division

- Approved cadre of Internal Audit Division of the Ministry comprises of Chief Internal Auditor and three Management Assistants. The existing cadre includes Chief Internal Auditor and one official of Management Assistant.