



Progress Report

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Ministry of Digital Economy

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Chapter 01

1.1. Introduction

The Ministry of Digital Economy was established as notified by His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka in the exercise of powers vested in him under Articles 44 (1), 45 (1) and 47 (1) (a) (b), respectively of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2411/09 dated 18 November 2024.

1.2. Vision, Mission and Objectives

Vision

Smart prosperous nation empowered with modern technologies.

Mission

Creation and Revitalization of technology-based policies, strategies, priorities, programs, plans and guidelines to achieve national objectives of technology advancement, innovation, and development through social and industrial transformation.

Objectives

- i. Transparent and Efficient Government
- ii. Develop the Digital Industry
- iii. Drive the Digital Economy
- iv. Digital Transformation of Strategic Industries, and
- v. Capacity Development of Industry, Government and Citizens.

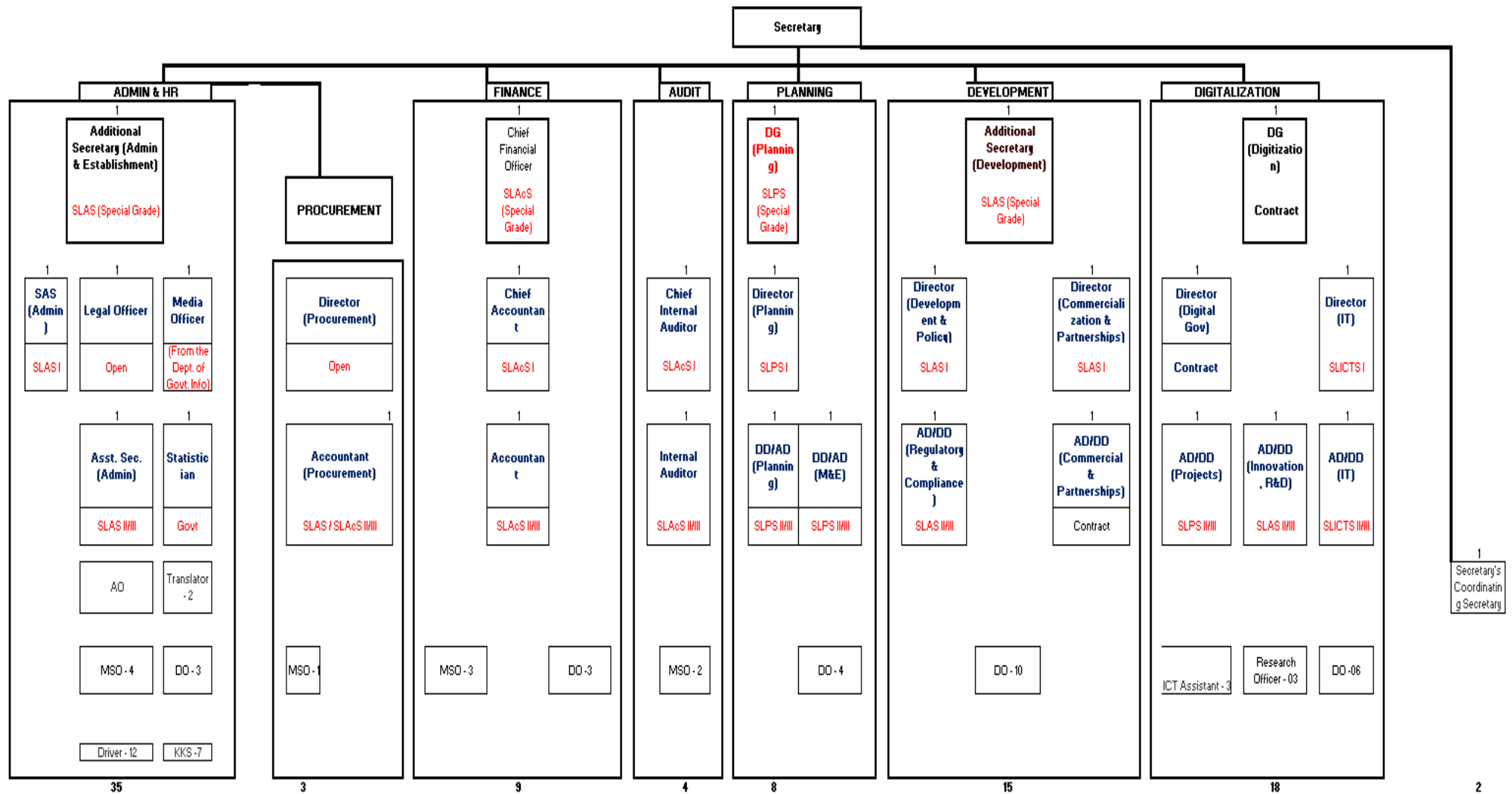
1.3. Functions

- 1.3.1 Formulation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of policies, strategies, programmes, and projects relating to the subject of the digital economy, as well as those subjects falling under the purview of Departments, Statutory Institutions, and Public Corporations listed in Column II, in alignment with the national policies implemented by the Government.
- 1.3.2 Provision of public services under the purview of the Ministry in an efficient and people friendly manner
- 1.3.3 Reforming all systems and procedures using modern management techniques and technology, thus ensuring that the functions of the Ministry are fulfilled while eliminating corruption and waste.
- 1.3.4 Development of strategies to encourage and increase the use of information and communication technologies in all segments of the society, and coordinate and facilitate the information and communication technology initiatives in partnership with the private sector
- 1.3.5 Active intervention and prevention incidents related to cyber security
- 1.3.6 Provision of necessary technical support for digital forensic investigations
- 1.3.7 Matters relating to expansion of digital technology ventures
- 1.3.8 Registration of Persons
- 1.3.9 Matters relating to all other subjects assigned to Institutions listed under the Ministry
- 1.3.10 Supervision of all Institutions listed under the Ministry

1.4. Law, Acts and Ordinances to be implemented

- 1.4.1 Information and Communication Technology Act No. 27 of 2003.
- 1.4.2 Electronic Transactions Act No. 19 of 2006 and its Amendments
- 1.4.3 Personal Data Protection Act No. 9 of 2022 and its Amendments
- 1.4.4 Registration of Persons Act No. 32 of 1968.
- 1.4.5 Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act No. 25 of 1991 and its Amendments.
- 1.4.6 All other legislations pertaining to the subjects specified in that have not been specifically brought under the purview of any other Minister.

1.5 Organizational Chart



Ministry of Digital Economy

Approved Cadre (Effective from 01.01.2025)

S.N.	Designation	Service	Grade	Approved Cadre	Existing	Vacancies
1.	Secretary	-	-	01	01*	00
2.	Additional Secretary (Administration & Establishment)	SLAS	Spl	01	01	00
3.	Additional Secretary (Development)	SLAS	Spl	01	01*	00
4.	Chief Financial Officer	SLAcS	Spl	01	00	01
5.	Senior Assistant Secretary	SLAS	I	01	01	00
6.	Chief Accountant	SLAcS	I	01	01	00
7.	Chief Internal Auditor	SLAcS	I	01	01	00
8.	Director General (Planning)	SLPS	Spl	01	01	00
9.	Director General (Digitalization)	Contract	-	01	00	01
10.	Director (Development & Policy)	SLAS	I	01	01	00
11.	Director (Commercialization & Partnerships)	SLAS	I	01	01	00
12.	Director (Procurement)	Open	I	01	01	00
13.	Director (Planning)	SLPS	I	01	01	00
14.	Director (Digital Gov)	Contract	-	01	0	00
15.	Director (ICT)	SLICTS	I	01	01	00
16.	Assistant Secretary (Admin)	SLAS	III / II	01	01	00
17.	Asst. Director / Deputy Director (Regulatory & Compliance)	SLAS	III / II	01	00	01
18.	Asst. Director / Deputy Director (Commercialization & Partnerships)	Contract	-	01	00	01
19.	Asst. Director / Deputy Director (Projects)	SLPS	III / II	01	00	01

20.	Asst. Director / Deputy Director (Innovation, Research & Development)	SLAS	III / II	01	00	01
21.	Asst. Director / Deputy Director (Monitoring & Evaluation)	SLPS	III / II	01	00	01
22.	Asst. Director / Deputy Director (Planning)	SLPS	III / II	01	01	00
23.	Accountant	SLAcS	III / II	01	00	01
24.	Accountant (Procurement)	SLAcS	III / II	01	00	01
25.	Internal Auditor	SLAcS	III / II	01	00	01
26.	Assistant Director (ICT)	SLICTS	III / II	01	01	0
27.	Legal Officer	Dept	-	01	00	01
28.	Administrative Officer	MSOS	Special	01	00	01
29.	Translator	TS	I / Spl	02	00	01
30.	Media/Press Officer	Contract	-	01	00	01
31.	Statistical Officer	Attached	-	01	00	01
32.	Coordinating Secretary to the Secretary	Temp	-	01	01	00
33.	Development Officer	DOS	III / II / I	26	16	10
34.	Research Officer	Contract	-	03	00	01
35.	Management Services Officer	PMSOS	III / II / I	10	05	05
36.	ICT Assistant	SLICTS	III / II / I	03	01	02
37.	Driver	DS	III / II / I	12	01	11
38.	Office Assistant / KKS	OES	III/II/I/Spl	07	06	01
Total				94	44	50

(* Additional Secretary (Development) has been serving as Acting Secretary since 27.11.2024)

1.6 Institutions under the Ministry of Digital Economy

- 1.6.1 Department for Registration of Persons (DRP)
- 1.6.2 Sri Lanka Computer Emergency Readiness Team (SLCERT)
- 1.6.3 Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA)
- 1.6.4 Data Protection Authority of Sri Lanka (DPA)
- 1.6.5 Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL)
- 1.6.6 Sri Lanka Telecom PLC
- 1.6.7 IT Parks – Jaffna and Mannar
- 1.6.8 GovTech Sri Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.

1.7. Details of the Foreign Funded Projects

- i. Name: Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity (SLUDI)
- ii. Donor Agency: Government of India (GoI)
- iii. Estimated Cost of the Project : LKR 14.00 Billion
(GOI – LKR 11.00 Bn and GOSL LKR 3.00 Bn)
- iv. Project Duration: 2021 - 2026

Chapter 02 – Progress and the Future Outlook

2.1. Progress and Forward Outlook: Ministry of Digital Economy

S/No	Project Name	Main Objective of the Project	Project Duration	Total Estimated Cost (TEC) (Rs. Mn)	Cumulative Expenditure (Rs. Mn) as at 30.09.2025	Physical Progress (%) as at 30.09.2025	Physical Progress
1	Government Digital Payment Platform (GovPay)	Enable efficient, secure and transparent online payment mechanism for Government Institutions and citizens by introducing the Government Digital Payment Platform (GDPP) and thereby contribute to digital economy	2023-2025	200.00	0.84	100%	<p>Completed the Launch of the GovPay solution with enhanced features on 7th February 2025. 161 government organizations on-boarded.</p> <p>Over 30 organizations are still awaiting the completion of their onboarding process from the North Province District Secretariat and other District Offices</p> <p>Awareness campaigns are carried out via digital (TV, social media) and print media.</p> <p>Completed Awareness sessions for 150 government organizations for onboard of accepting payment via GovPay for offered Services.</p> <p>Enhancement of Traffic Spot Fine System</p> <p>Western Province and Expressway spot fine was launched on 4th August</p>

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							<p>2025 and will continue until 03rd September 2025.</p> <p>A total of 16,314 transactions has been successfully processed, generating a total collection of LKR. 21,252,500/-</p> <p>Hosting and Backup Services –</p> <p>Currently being provided temporarily by LankaPay.</p> <p>GovPay Statistics as of 30th Sep. 2025</p> <p>Total Transaction Value – LKR 334,163,327/-</p> <p>Total Transaction Volume – 25,737</p> <p>No. of Services – 2,100</p> <p>Financial Institutions on-boarded – 20 (Banks: 14 / Fintech: 6)</p> <p>More information can be obtained at https://govpay.lk</p>
2	Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity (SLUDI)	To establish a trusted - unique, secure and accurate - digital identity system with full biometric capabilities(iris, facial and fingerprint recognition) for all Sri Lankans aged 15 and above	2021-2026	14,000	92.19	20%	The MoU between the GoSL and GoI was amended as well and the RFP for MSI has been published by the Government of India with the scope of implementing SLUDI/ e-NIC convergence architecture.

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							RFP is to be closed and the MSI is to be contracted by November 2025, the earliest. The GoSL has called the Request for Information (RFI) for the Managed Service Provider (MSP) by local companies for the implementation of SLUDI.
3	Electronic National Identity project	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishment of secured centralized National Register of Persons (NRP), with biographic, biometric and family data as well as International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standard photograph of citizens aged of 15 years or above. 2. Issuance of Electronic National Identity Card (e-NIC) as a visually verifiable instrument of an individual's identity. 3. Formation of services platform and a mechanism for authentication of identity, verification, certification and sharing of information with potential Government and non-government institutions. 	2012-2025	10,080.85	5,717.98	84.65%	<p>335 Divisional-DRP units and Provincial DRP units in 5 Provinces established.</p> <p>Disaster Recovery Data Centre (DRDC) in Nuwara Eliya and Main Data Centre at Head Office - DRP have been established.</p> <p>Under a Cabinet directive, eNIC project will be integrated with SLUDI Project</p>

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4	DigiEcon International Conference and Exhibition : Disrupt Asia 2025	To showcase innovative IT related products and services locally and internationally, and also demonstrate how modern technologies can support other key sectors to boost the economy in Sri Lanka.	2025	36.00	35.98	100%	<p>SMEs facilitated to participate in two outreach programs conducted in India and Singapore and showcased Sri Lanka's innovation vision to thousands of startup entrepreneurs and investors, highlighting opportunities within the island's emerging tech ecosystem.</p> <p>Disrupt Asia Tech and Innovation conference called disrupt Asia held on 17th to 22nd September 2025. 50 SMEs showcased</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 43 Venture Capital Firms and Accelerator Networks ● More than 100 Investors (local and foreign) participated ● 50 Startups showcased: 44 Top startups selected through the Disrupt Asia evaluation process, winners of Venture Engine and Yarl Geek Challenge ● 30+ Speakers at the Main Conference ● 65+ Speakers at the Innovation Festival ● More than 5,000 from 25 countries participated in the

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							main conference and innovation festival.
Projects under Recurrent Budget							
1	Lanka Government Network (LGN) – 2.0	Implement a centrally managed secure government network (VPN) to link government institutions to a single digital infrastructure.	2025 (Annual support and maintenance)	2,140.00 (in 2025)	669.27	100%	<p>860 Organizations connected and all sites are upgraded. Contract signed with the vendor for operation and maintenance up to 19 April 2026.</p> <p>It is suggested to expand the existing LGN network to other Government organizations as planned earlier (3500 organizations) and public Wi-Fi can be opened-up in all 860 organizations through LGN.</p>
2	Lanka Government Cloud (LGC) – 2.0+	Enhance communication across the government through establishing improved cloud infrastructure	2025 (Annual support and maintenance)	1,000.00 (in 2025)	0.06	100%	<p>Platform Readiness – Redhat openshift platform installation has been completed. Network, security and other configuration and testing is in progress.</p> <p>Hosting Services are provided for 210 tenant (government organization)</p> <p>Lift and shift of the platform to New site of SLT. Technical discussions are</p>

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							being held. Test workload migration is planned.
3	Government Information Center (GIC)	Improving citizen access to information on government services. Launched under the '1919' hotline, the GIC – outsourced to a qualified private entity through formal procurement procedure – provides a centralized platform offering accurate, multilingual (Sinhala, Tamil and English) information on over 2,000 public services, streamlining interactions between the public and government institutions.	2006 – 2025 (Annual Operation and Maintenance)	80.00 (2025)	7.20	100%	The Government Information Centre (GIC -1919) was established in 2006. The GIC operations under the existing service framework until the AI-driven enhancements are operational. In light of the ongoing reforms under the Digital Economy Blueprint of the Government and the proposed AI integration, it is required to continue on an uninterrupted service 24 x 7 basis with the current service provider, that covers the call center and other information platforms for a reasonable period.

2.2. Digital Economic Month

The month of September 2025 was designated as “Digital Economic Month” as part of the National Initiative to accelerate Sri Lanka journey towards becoming a digitally empowered nation. This digital month consisted of a series of high impact activities, design to showcase innovation expand digital literacy, and drive adoption across society.

The landmark events conducted

🚩 Disrupt Asia 2025 – showcasing start up entrepreneurs and innovation ecosystem (17th to 22nd September)



🚩 Sri Lanka Fintech Summit – Promoting digital financial adoption inclusion and new solution.

This Summit held from 24-25th September 2025 under the theme of Empowering Sri Lanka's Digital Economy: Innovations Driving Financial Inclusion and Growth. This Summit fosters dialogue between government, industry, and global partners, enabling us to bridge today's gaps and build tomorrow's digital infrastructure with purpose and precision.



This summit is not merely about two days in September; it is about establishing the foundation for sustained economic transformation that will define Sri Lankan prosperity through 2035. The strategic objectives are both measurable and transformative: establishing over 200 FinTech startups by 2028, achieving 95% financial inclusion as a national milestone, generating 3% GDP contribution from FinTech by 2030.

National AI Expo

A two-day conference and the exhibition, organized by the Ministry of Digital Finance and SLT-MOBITEL together to mark a huge step for the country to build a robust AI ecosystem. This is positioned as a conference with national and regional importance, will accelerate the integration of artificial intelligence through key aspects of the economy and thereby building Sri Lanka as a regional AI center. Hon. Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education, Dr. Harini Amarasuriya graced the event as the Chief Guest.



More than 12,000 visitors, 50 exhibitors, 55 inspiring speakers, 12 panel discussions, 10 keynote sessions and more than 15 universities and schools participated.

Launching of National Cyber Security Strategy – 2005 to 2009 and National Cyber Security Operation Centre (NCSOC)

President Anura Kumara Disanayake declared open the National Cyber Security Operations Centre (NCSOC) on 19th September 2025, participating in a ceremony to launch the National Cyber Protection Strategy (2025-2029). The Sri Lanka Computer Emergency Readiness Team (Sri Lanka CERT), in collaboration with the Ministry of Digital Economy has introduced the National Cyber Protection Strategy 2025–2029. This initiative aims to establish a secure, reliable and inclusive digital ecosystem as a significant step in the country's digital economic transformation programme. NCSOC helps government organizations effectively mitigate cyber security threats.

The National Cyber Security Operations Centre monitors, identifies, and responds to cyber security threats in real-time, working to protect critical national information infrastructure and government systems. Ministry in collaboration with SL CERT initiated actions to connect the organizations which as critical national information infrastructure (CNII)

Sri Lanka progress after successful implementation of this cyber security strategy reflects in its recognition as an (Role Model country) in the Global cyber security Index, which highlights its commitments to enhance cyber security practices across multiple pillars



GovPay expansion and island wide traffic fine payment system

Current Status: 129 government institutions have been on boarded, handling transactions worth over LKR 104 million, with 17,600+ transactions processed as of 05.09.2025.

Coverage: Western Province police stations (including Kalutara, Colombo, and Galle) and all 31 highway points are now integrated, enabling on-the-spot payment of traffic fines

GovPay, the digital payment platform, is being expanded to enable on-the-spot payment of traffic fines across the country. Currently, within just 9 months of operation GovPay recorded a digital revenue of Rs. 345,333,402.53 (with a total of 28,962 transactions), where there are 2,420 different services offered to citizens to make payments digitally at 168 government organizations. GovPay serves diverse service categories, including citizen services at District and Divisional Secretariats, local authority services at Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas, Education institutional services and specific organization in the line of business categories.

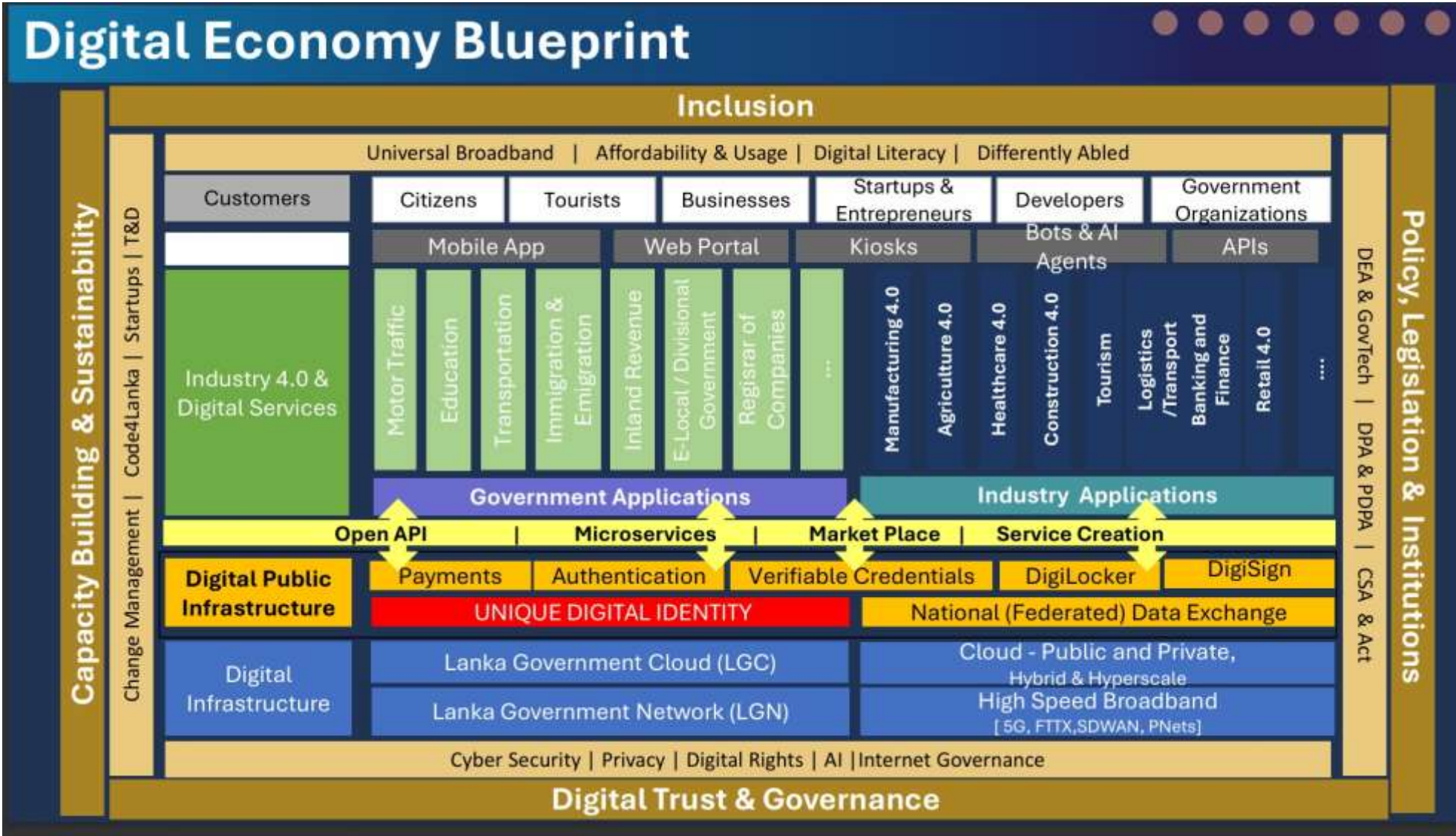
The newest and the most citizen convenient service offered by GovPay is traffic spot fine payments. This facility is currently available within the Western province, which has the highest vehicle movement and all 3 highways (Southern, Katunayake and Central) and 12 police stations in Anuradhapura, Kurunegala and Matale districts and recorded Rs. 24,797,030.95 digital revenue with 18,839 transactions for the last 5 months.

It is planned to expand the spot fine throughout the other provinces by end of November with an overall target of achieving a total revenue of 500 million through 250 organizations to be on-boarded.

National Transport Payment Platform

Pilot implementation of the NTPP across 120 of 138 bus routes to be conducted, allowing commuters to pay bus fares using bank cards and QR codes.

2.3.Recent Developments – Digital Economy Blueprint



The Ministry of Digital Economy has developed the Digital Economy Blueprint aims to advance digitalization, foster a digital economy and cultivate new and global hub for digital innovation and entrepreneurship. The Blueprint outlines key areas such as infrastructure development, digital skills enhancement, governance, cyber security, financial inclusion and sectoral innovation aimed at boosting economic competitiveness while promoting social equity and environmental sustainability. One of the key focus areas of the Government's Digital Strategy is the identification of the key gaps in the digital industry, workforce, governance and other enabling factors.

Accordingly, the following five (5) key areas of Digital Economy will be addressed:

- (i) Transparent and Efficient Government
- (ii) Develop the Digital Industry
- (iii) Drive the Digital Economy
- (iv) Digital Transformation of Strategic Industries, and
- (v) Capacity Development of Industry, Government and Citizens.

The key objectives will be making the IT industry a US \$5 billion industry in six years, implementing e – Governance to reduce corruption, increasing cashless transactions from nearly \$ 3.5 billion to \$ 15 billion in six years, and increasing the IT workforce from 85,000 annually to 200,000 in six years Strategic action items associated with these thrust areas focusing on 2030 targets would be driven by the Ministry of Digital Economy (MoDE) and the institutions (present and planned) under its purview and in collaboration with a range of state and non – state stakeholders, and the ICT industry.

To accommodate short- medium and long-term results of digital economy blueprint and key pillars of digitalization, the Ministry of Digital Economy (MoDE) developed the following six (06) high-level proposals on development initiatives to be funded by the Consolidated Fund of the Government as well as the international development partners:

- (i) Digital Economy Authority (DEA) Strengthening and Inter-Ministerial Coordination Platform
- (ii) Digital Government Transformation Program – Phase 1 (DigiGov-SL)
- (iii) Accelerating Sri Lanka's Digital Industry and Innovation Ecosystem (Digi-Industry)
- (iv) Digital Revenue Economy Enablement and Acceleration Initiative – (Digi-Rev-SL)
- (v) Strategic Industries Digital Enablement Initiative (Digi-Strategic Industries)
- (vi) Advancing Digital Skills and Capacity Building in Sri Lanka (Digi-Cap-Build)

The conceptual approval was given by The Department of National Planning (DNP) for these six proposals on 9th May 2025 and the Cabinet approval is being obtained. The detailed project proposals submitted to DNP for approval and the status are as follows:

2.3.1 Government Super App (Phase I)

The objective is to develop a comprehensive Super App for citizen centric government services in line with Sri Lanka's Digital Economy Blueprint. This strategic move aligns with a global trend towards digital transformation and the creation of unified platforms that simplify interactions between citizens and governments. DNP and Cabinet approvals were obtained. The procurement process initiated. (Total Cost LKR 500 Mn / Duration 2025-2026)

2.3.2. Digital Economy Sandbox and Experience Center

Objective is to establish an Experience Center including mobile units with a secure, inclusive, and collaborative Sandbox Environment that enables testing, validation, and demonstration of Sri Lanka's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPIs) and Digital Public Goods (DPGs) by government, business, and citizens. . DNP and Cabinet approvals were obtained. The procurement process initiated. (Total Cost LKR 93 Mn / Duration 2025-2026)

2.3.3. AI Powered Government Information Center (GIC)

To modernize the GIC and 1919 services to provide timely, accurate, and accessible government information with AI-enabled, multilingual, and multi-platform solution for citizen engagement and to establish a proactive information management system and open-source content infrastructure. DNP approval was obtained. The procurement process initiated. (Total Cost LKR 86 Mn / Duration 2025-2026)

2.3.4 DPIs & DPI – Based Marketplace Design

This is a unified digital platform which is designed to introduce a merit-based system when selecting digital products/services for government organizations where contract awards are based on open competition and transparent criteria, rather than patronage or non-competitive methods, ensuring accountability and traceability. The detailed proposal has been forwarded to DNP for approval. (Total Cost LKR 563 Mn / Duration 2025-2026)

2.3.5 Communication & Collaboration Tools Implementation

To implement a secure, unified digital platform for government-wide communication and collaboration, integrating legally recognized digital signatures to modernize official workflows, to drive efficiency, ensure authenticity and accountability, and build operational resilience, ultimately enhancing governance, transparency, and citizen service delivery across Sri Lanka. The detailed proposal has been forwarded to DNP for approval. (Total Cost LKR 626 Mn / Duration 2025-2026)

2.3.6 National Data Exchange (NDX)

Objective is to develop an NDX platform that enables secure, authenticated and interoperable data sharing among government agencies and with the private sector (G2G, G2B and G2C). Also to eliminate the data silos and create a unified, real time data ecosystem that supports the development and delivery of citizen centric digital services. A detailed proposal is being prepared. (Total Cost LKR 364 Mn / Duration 2025-2027)

2.3.7 Public awareness creation on AI

Aims to create public awareness creation on AI among citizens, work forces and the school children aiming to demystify AI for every Sri Lankans. And the project will provide clear, simple explanation addressing common myths and misunderstanding on AI. A detailed proposal is being prepared. (Total Cost LKR 45.50 Mn / Duration 2025-2026)

2.3.8 Local language project AI project

To establish and AI working group dedicated to the development of Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR), Speech to Text (STT) and Text to Speech (TTS) data sets for the Sinhala and Tamil languages. A detailed proposal is being prepared. (Total Cost LKR 85 Mn / Duration 2025-2026)

As the Information Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka is in the liquidation process and GovTech is established, as an interim arrangement a Project Management Unit (PUM) was established to takeover and implement the ongoing and new development projects.

These high-level proposals will be implemented with the consolidated fund of the government and the financial assistance from the development partners. The negotiations are being held with the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank to seek external funding

Chapter 03 – Overall Financial Performance for 30th September 2025

3.1. Financial Progress Report - Ministry of Digital Economy up to 30th September 2025, Minister's Office

Vote Number	Description	Budget	Total Expenditure	%	Saving	%
	Recurrent Expenditure	82,000,000.00	16,046,757.19	19.57	65,953,242.81	80.4
	Personal Emoluments	32,200,000.00	5,055,036.94	15.70	27,144,963.06	84.3
1001	Salaries and Wages	12,800,000.00	3,609,563.73	28.20	9,190,436.27	71.8
1002	Overtime and Holiday Payments	9,000,000.00	227,749.99	2.53	8,772,250.01	97.5
1003	Other Allowances	10,400,000.00	1,217,723.22	11.71	9,182,276.78	88.3
	Traveling expense	4,500,000.00	553,774.82	12.31	3,946,225.18	87.7
1101	Domestic	1,500,000.00	9,100.00	0.61	1,490,900.00	99.4
1102	Foreign	3,000,000.00	544,674.82	18.16	2,455,325.18	81.8
	Supplies	28,550,000.00	5,735,736.58	20.09	22,814,263.42	79.9
1201	Stationery and Office Requisites	2,000,000.00	378,645.00	18.93	1,621,355.00	81.1
1202	Fuel	26,500,000.00	5,357,091.58	20.22	21,142,908.42	79.8
002	Fuel Allowance	26,000,000.00	5,357,091.58	20.60	20,642,908.42	79.4
010	Fuel for Other Purposes	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	100.0
1203	Diets and Uniforms	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	100.0
002	Uniforms	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	100.0
	Maintenance Expenditure	4,700,000.00	1,385,192.87	29.47	3,314,807.13	70.5
1301	Vehicles	4,000,000.00	1,360,412.87	34.01	2,639,587.13	66.0
1302	Plant and Machinery	500,000.00	24,780.00	4.96	475,220.00	95.0
1303	Buildings and structures	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	100.0
	Services	11,200,000.00	2,883,868.34	25.75	8,316,131.66	74.3
1401	Transport	6,000,000.00	1,708,910.52	28.48	4,291,089.48	71.5
1402	Postal and Communication	2,000,000.00	576,988.71	28.85	1,423,011.29	71.2
1403	Electricity and Water	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	100.0
1404	Rents and Local Taxes	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	100.0
1409	Other	2,500,000.00	597,969.11	23.92	1,902,030.89	76.1
138	Machinery and Office Equipment Service Agreements	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	100.0
139	Vehicle Insurance	1,800,000.00	99,851.05	5.55	1,700,148.95	94.5
140	Miscellaneous Services Expenditure	500,000.00	498,118.06	99.62	1,881.94	0.4

	Transfers	850,000.00	433,147.64	50.96	416,852.36	49.0
1502	Retirement Benefits	850,000.00	433,147.64	50.96	416,852.36	49.0
	Capital Expenditure	8,000,000.00	44,840.00	0.56	7,955,160.00	99.44
	Rehabilitation and Improvement of Capital Assets	6,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,000,000.00	100.0
2001	Buildings and Structures	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	100.0
2002	Plant, Machinery and Equipment	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	
2003	Vehicles	4,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,000,000.00	100.0
	Acquisition of Capital Assets	2,000,000.00	44,840.00	2.24	1,955,160.00	97.8
2102	Furniture and Office Equipment	1,000,000.00	44,840.00	4.48	955,160.00	95.5
2103	Plant Machinery and Equipment	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	100.0
Total Expenditure		90,000,000.00	16,091,597.19	17.88	73,908,402.81	82.1

3.2. Financial Progress Report - Ministry of Digital Economy up to 30th September 2025 up to 30th September 2025, 02 Administration and Establishment Services

Vote Number	Description	Budget	Total Expenditure	%	Saving	%
	Recurrent Expenditure	157,000,000.00	67,957,745.18	43.29	89,042,254.82	56.7
	Personal Emoluments	49,000,000.00	33,132,406.49	67.62	15,867,593.51	32.4
1001	Salaries and Wages	26,000,000.00	21,322,862.61	82.01	4,677,137.39	18.0
1002	Overtime and Holiday Payments	3,000,000.00	490,873.97	16.36	2,509,126.03	83.6
1003	Other Allowances	20,000,000.00	11,318,669.91	56.59	8,681,330.09	43.4
	Traveling expense	3,800,000.00	1,353,340.59	35.61	2,446,659.41	64.4
1101	Domestic	600,000.00	64,050.00	10.68	535,950.00	89.3
1102	Foreign	3,200,000.00	1,289,290.59	40.29	1,910,709.41	59.7
	Supplies	15,100,000.00	6,057,269.09	40.11	9,042,730.91	59.9
1201	Stationery and Office Requisites	3,090,000.00	1,294,831.01	41.90	1,795,168.99	58.1
1202	Fuel	10,000,000.00	4,327,904.71	43.28	5,672,095.29	56.7
002	Fuel Allowance	8,000,000.00	4,327,904.71	54.10	3,672,095.29	45.9
009	Fuel for Pool Vehicles	2,000,000.00	-	0.00	2,000,000.00	100.0
1203	Diets and Uniforms	10,000.00	4,000.00	40.00	6,000.00	60.0
002	Uniforms	10,000.00	4,000.00	40.00	6,000.00	60.0
1205	Other	2,000,000.00	430,533.37	21.53	1,569,466.63	78.5
	Maintenance Expenditure	5,200,000.00	302,694.64	5.82	4,897,305.36	94.2
1301	Vehicles	3,700,000.00	137,190.86	3.71	3,562,809.14	96.3
1302	Plant and Machinery	250,000.00	160,903.78	64.36	89,096.22	35.6
1303	Buildings and Structures	250,000.00	4,600.00	1.84	245,400.00	98.2
1304	Software Maintenance	1,000,000.00	-	0.00	1,000,000.00	100.0
	Services	83,700,000.00	26,956,454.48	32.21	56,743,545.52	67.8
1401	Transport	8,000,000.00	4,586,369.76	57.33	3,413,630.24	42.7
1402	Postal and Communication	2,200,000.00	803,686.35	36.53	1,396,313.65	63.5

1403	Electricity and Water	1,200,000.00	347,811.25	28.98	852,188.75	71.0
1404	Rents and Local Taxes	69,000,000.00	20,663,559.55	29.95	48,336,440.45	70.1
1409	Other	3,300,000.00	555,027.57	16.82	2,744,972.43	83.2
138	Machinery and Office Equipment Service Agreements	500,000.00	17,144.67	3.43	482,855.33	96.6
139	Vehicle Insurance	500,000.00	-		500,000.00	
140	Miscellaneous Services Expenditure	2,300,000.00	537,882.90	23.39	1,762,117.10	76.6
	Transfers	200,000.00	155,579.89	77.79	44,420.11	22.2
1506	Property Loan Interest to Public Servant	200,000.00	155,579.89	77.79	44,420.11	22.2
	Capital Expenditure	13,000,000.00	88,000.00	0.68	12,912,000.00	99.3
	Rehabilitation and Improvement of Capital Assets	6,500,000.00	-	0.00	6,500,000.00	100.0
2001	Buildings and Structures	2,500,000.00	-	0.00	2,500,000.00	100.0
2003	Vehicles	4,000,000.00	-	0.00	4,000,000.00	100.0
	Acquisition of Capital Assets	5,000,000.00	-	0.00	5,000,000.00	100.0
2102	Furniture and Office Equipment	2,000,000.00	-	0.00	2,000,000.00	100.0
2103	Plant, Machinery and Equipment	3,000,000.00	-	0.00	3,000,000.00	100.0
	Capacity Building	1,500,000.00	88,000.00	5.87	1,412,000.00	94.1
2401	Staff Training	1,500,000.00	88,000.00	5.87	1,412,000.00	94.1
	Total Expenditure	170,000,000.00	68,045,745.18	40.03	101,954,254.82	60.0

3.3. Financial Progress Report - Ministry of Digital Economy up to 30th September 2025, Information Technology and Communication

Vote No.	Description	Budget	Total Expenditure	%	Saving	%
Recurrent Expenditure		4,513,000,000.00	1,040,593,073.06	23.06	3,472,406,926.94	76.94
001	IT Park - Jaffna	10,000,000.00	4,003,206.96	40.03	5,996,793.04	59.97
1409	Other	10,000,000.00	4,003,206.96	40.03	5,996,793.04	59.97
002	IT Park - Mannar	13,000,000.00	5,135,027.77	39.50	7,864,972.23	60.50
1409	Other	13,000,000.00	5,135,027.77	39.50	7,864,972.23	60.50
003	Sri Lanka Computer Emergency Readiness Team (SL CERT)	250,000,000.00	123,806,243.95	49.52	126,193,756.05	50.48
1503	Public Institutions (Personal Emoluments)	200,000,000.00	101,416,140.14	50.71	98,583,859.86	49.29
1509	Public Institutions (Other Operational Expenditure)	50,000,000.00	22,390,103.81	44.78	27,609,896.19	55.22
004	Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA)	640,000,000.00	221,245,207.79	34.57	418,754,792.21	65.43
1503	Public Institution (Personal Emoluments)	500,000,000.00	129,459,297.26	25.89	370,540,702.74	74.11
1509	Public Institutions (Other Operational Expenditure)	140,000,000.00	91,785,910.53	65.56	48,214,089.47	34.44
015	Data Protection Authority of Sri Lanka (DPA)	100,000,000.00	9,873,332.16	9.87	90,126,667.84	90.13
1503	Public Institution (Personal Emoluments)	50,000,000.00	358,913.75	0.72	49,641,086.25	99.28

1509	Public Institution (Other Operational Expenditure)	50,000,000.00	9,514,418.41	19.03	40,485,581.59	80.97
023	Information and Communication Technology Development Projects Implemented by Ministry	3,500,000,000.00	676,530,054.43	19.33	2,823,469,945.57	80.67
1409	Other	3,500,000,000.00	676,530,054.43	19.33	2,823,469,945.57	80.67
142	LGN 2.0	2,410,000,000.00	669,266,081.42	27.77	1,740,733,918.58	72.23
143	LGC 2.0 - Phase 02	1,000,000,000.00	60,038.40	0.01	999,939,961.60	99.99
144	Management and Operation of Government Information Centre (GIC)	80,000,000.00	7,203,934.61	9.00	72,796,065.39	91.00
154	Government Digital Forms (Forms.gov.lk)	10,000,000.00	-	0.00	10,000,000.00	-
Capital Expenditure		7,330,000,000.00	1,406,780,944.79	19.19	5,923,219,055.21	80.81
003	Sri Lanka Computer Emergency Readiness Team (SL CERT)	15,000,000.00	4,299,977.29	28.67	10,700,022.71	71.33
2201	Capital Grants to Non- Public Institution	15,000,000.00	4,299,977.29	28.67	10,700,022.71	71.33
004	Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA)	35,000,000.00	-	0.00	35,000,000.00	100.00
2201	Capital Grants to Non- Public Institution	35,000,000.00	-	0.00	35,000,000.00	100.00
008	e-NIC Project	2,000,000,000.00	1,323,438,392.68	66.17	676,561,607.32	33.83
2509	Other	2,000,000,000.00	1,323,438,392.68	66.17	676,561,607.32	33.83
015	Data Protection Authority (DPA)	60,000,000.00	-	0.00	60,000,000.00	100.00
2201	Public Institutions	60,000,000.00	-	0.00	60,000,000.00	100.00

016	Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity Project (SL-UDI)	183,700,000.00	192,940.00	0.11	183,507,060.00	99.89
2509	Other	183,700,000.00	192,940.00	0.11	183,507,060.00	99.89
017	DigiEcon International Conference and Exhibition (DIGIECON)	36,300,000.00	35,978,874.70	99.12	321,125.30	0.88
2509	Other	36,300,000.00	35,978,874.70	99.12	321,125.30	0.88
020	Information and Communication Technology Development Projects Implemented by SLCERT	500,000,000.00	40,356,318.72	8.07	459,643,681.28	91.93
2509	Other *3	500,000,000.00	40,356,318.72	8.07	459,643,681.28	91.93
024	Implementation of Digitalization Strategies	1,500,000,000.00	2,128,005.40	0.14	1,497,871,994.60	99.86
2509	Other	1,500,000,000.00	2,128,005.40	0.14	1,497,871,994.60	99.86
025	Digital Economy Advancement	3,000,000,000.00	386,436.00	0.01	2,999,613,564.00	99.99
2509	Other	3,000,000,000.00	386,436.00	0.01	2,999,613,564.00	99.99
Total Expenditure		11,843,000,000.00	2,447,374,017.85	20.67	9,395,625,982.15	79.33

3.4. Performance of the Revenue Collection

Revenue Code	Description of the Revenue Code	Revenue Estimate		Collected Revenue	
		Original (Rs.)	Final (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)	As a % of Final Revenue Estimate
1002.11.00	Telephone Subscribers Levy	18,000,000,000.00	18,000,000,000.00	11,676,698,995.02	64.87%
1002.14.00	Cellular Tower Levy	1,782,000,000.00	1,782,000,000.00	1,230,420,932.66	69.05%
1002.15.00	SMS Advertising Levy	667,500,000.00	667,500,000.00	297,589,640.33	44.58%

3.5. Performance of the Utilization of Allocation

Type of Allocation	Allocation		Actual Expenditure	Allocation Utilization as a % of final allocation
	Original (Rs.)	Final (Rs.)		
Recurrent	4,752,000,000.00	4,752,000,000.00	1,125,621,998.39	23.69%
Capital	7,351,000,000.00	7,351,000,000.00	1,409,925,631.50	19.18%

3.6. In terms of F.R. 208 grant of allocation for expenditure to this Department/ District Secretariat / Provincial Council as an agent of the other Ministries / Departments

Serial No.	Allocation Received from Which Ministry / Department	Purpose of Allocation	Allocation		Actual Expenditure	Allocation Utilization as a % of final allocation
			Original (Rs.)	Final (Rs.)		
1	Ministry of Health and Mass Media	Allocation of funds for the extended duration of health project	16,716,296.00	16,716,296.00	4,854,710.00	29.04%
2	Election Commission	Local Government Election 06.05.2025	83,585.00	83,585.00	83,585.00	100%

3.7. Performance of the Reporting of Non- Financial Assets

Assets Code	Code Description	Balance as per Board of Survey Report as at 30.09.2025	Balance as per financial position report as at 30.09.2025	Yet to be Accounted	Reporting progress as a %
9151	Building and Structures	-	-	-	-
9152	Machinery and Equipment	-	39,327,112.90	-	-
9153	Land	-	-	-	-
9154	Intangible assets	-	-	-	-
9155	Biological assets	-	-	-	-
9160	Working Progress	-	-	-	-
9180	Lease assets	-	-	-	-

Chapter 04 – Performance Indicators

4.1. Performance indicators of the Institute (Based on the Action Plan)

Specific Indicators	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% - 90%	75% - 89%	50% - 74%
Development of the Digital Economy Blueprint		✓ (Draft prepared)	
Government Digital Payment Platform (GovPay)			
i. Onboard 100 institutions in the Gov Pay system	✓ (168 institutions, 14 Banks and 06 Fintech companies on boarded)		
ii. Establishment of the GovPay website (www.govpay.lk)	✓ (100% completed and operational)		
Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity (SLUDI)			
i. Development of the SLUDI Framework			✓ (Procurement of the Master System Integrator (MSI) in progress)
ii. No. of people issued with SLUDI	-		
iii. No. of services using SLUDI for verifications	-		
Development of the Cyber Security Strategy (2025-2029)	✓ (Developed and launched)		
Establishment of the National Cyber Security Operation Centre	✓ (Developed and launched)		
Formulation of the Cyber Security Act			✓ (Drafted and Cabinet Sub Committee's report is pending for AGs' Clearance)
Increased Island – wide Internet Connectivity		✓	
a) Geographical Coverage b) Population Coverage	✓ ✓		
Introduce the essential Amendments to the Personal Data Protection Act No. 9 of 2022			✓ Parliament has adopted first and second reading of the Bill

Chapter 05 – Performance of the achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

5.1. Indicate the Identified respective Sustainable Developments Goals

Goal / Objectives	Targets	Indicators of the achievement	Progress of the Achievement to date		
			0%-49%	50%-74%	75%-100%
Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities	4.4 By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship.	4.4.1. Proportion of youth and adults with information and communications technology (ICT) skills.	-	✓	-
Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation	9.c Significantly increase access to information and communications technology and strive to provide universal and affordable access to the Internet in least developed countries by 2020.	9.c.1. Proportion of population covered by a mobile and by technology.	-		✓
Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development	17.6 Enhance North- South, South- South and triangular regional and international cooperation on and access to science, technology and motivation and enhance knowledge-sharing on mutually agreed terms, including through improved coordination among existing mechanisms, in particular at the United Nations level, and through	17.6.1. Fixed Internet broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants.	✓ (11.6 in 2024)		-

	a global technology facilitation mechanism.				
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The Ministry by itself and the entities functioning under the purview of the Ministry are performing to achieve maximum of the above-mentioned SDGs as possible. Satisfactory level of achievements in gaining the expected results out of the related SDGs could be made even though there were obstacles like lack of timely resource allocation and political instability related issues.

5.2. Briefly Explain the Achievements and Challenges of the Sustainable Development Goals

Achievements

Various capacity building programmes, workshops, group camps and seminars are being conducted by ICTA, SL CERT, TRCSL and SLT Mobitel islandwide to improve digital literacy skills.

Challenges

- i. Rural and Uneven Coverage / Digital Divide
- ii. High Cost of Infrastructure & Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)
- iii. Regulatory & Policy Constraints
- iv. Technology / Legacy Infrastructure Issues
- v. Financial & Economic Constraints
- vi. Human Capacity, Skills & Digital Literacy
- vii. Trust, Security, Legal / Ethical Issues
- viii. Coordination Issues & Public-Private Collaboration Barriers

Chapter 06 – Human Resource Profile

6.1. Carder Management

Service Level	Approved Cadre	Actual Cadre	Excess	Vacancies
Senior	23	14	00	09
Tertiary	04	00	00	04
Secondary	42	22	00	20
Primary	19	07	00	12
Contract Basis	05	00	00	05
Temporary	01	01	00	00
Total	94	44	00	50

6.2. Human Resources Development

Name of the Program	No. of staff trained	Duration of the program	Total Investment		Nature of the Program (Abroad / Local)	Output / Knowledge Gained*
			Local (LKR)	Foreign		
Seminar on Experience exchange in the field of economic development and poverty alleviation between China and Sri Lanka	1	15 days	113,814.37		Abroad	
Bharat Telecom 2025	1	3 days	22,725.00		Abroad	
Capacity Building Workshop for Capital BIMSTEC on improving transit systems	1	14 days	106,933.75		Abroad	
World Bank Study Tour to Armenia on Digital Skills, Digital Entrepreneurship and Innovation Ecosystems	1	6 days	45,450.00		Abroad	

Name of the Program	No. of staff trained	Duration of the program	Total Investment		Nature of the Program (Abroad / Local)	Output / Knowledge Gained*
			Local (LKR)	Foreign		
Forum of Small states (FOSS) Executive Program 2025 “Leadership and Governance in this era of Digital Technologies”	1	6 days	45,905.00		Abroad	
KOICA International Training Program on Capacity Building of Public Officials for Government Innovation in Sri Lanka	1	11 days	84,645.00		Abroad	
Capacity Building Program on Strategic Leadership and Governance for Civil Servants of Sri Lanka	1	13 days	100,446.25		Abroad	
Digital Security and Lifelong Learning Program	1	10 days	77,125.00		Abroad	
Seminar on Information Security Management for Belt and Road Countries in China	2	15 days	115,652.81		Abroad	
Seminar on Industrial Internet and Advance Manufacturing	4	20 days	460,940.60		Abroad	

The foreign training programme enhanced the participants’ performance by improving their technical knowledge, exposing them to international best practices, and developing new skills that can be applied in their work. It also broadened their perspective, strengthened problem-solving abilities, and increased confidence in handling professional responsibilities more effectively.

Chapter 07 – Compliance Report

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compiled / Not Compiled)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
1	The following Financial statements/accounts have been submitted on due date			
1.1	Annual financial statements	Compiled		
1.2	Advance to public officers account	Compiled		
1.3	Trading and Manufacturing Advance Accounts (Commercial Advance Accounts)	N/A		
1.4	Stores Advance Accounts	N/A		
1.5	Special Advance Accounts	N/A		
1.6	Others	N/A		
2	Maintenance of books and registers (FR445)			
2.1	Fixed assets register has been maintained and updated in terms of Public Administration Circular 267/2018	Compiled		
2.2	Personal emoluments register/ Personal emoluments cards has been maintained and updated	Compiled		
2.3	Register of Audit queries has been maintained and updated	Compiled		
2.4	Register of Internal Audit reports has been maintained and updated	Compiled		
2.5	All the monthly account summaries (CIGAS) are prepared and submitted to the Treasury on due date	Compiled		
2.6	Register for cheques and money orders has been maintained and updated.	Compiled		
2.7	Inventory register has been maintained and update	Compiled		

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compiled / Not Compiled)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
2.8	Stocks Register has been maintained and update	Compiled		
2.9	Register of Losses has been maintained and update	Compiled		
2.10	Commitment Register has been maintained and updated	Compiled		
2.11	Register of Counterfoil Books (GA –N20) has been maintained and updated	Compiled		
03	Delegation of functions for financial control (FR 135)			
3.1	The financial authority has been delegated within the institute	Compiled		
3.2	The delegation of financial authority has been communicated within the Institute	Compiled		
3.3	The authority has been delegated in such manner so as to pass each transaction through two or more Officers	Compiled		
3.4	The controls has been adhered to by the Accountants in terms of State Account Circular 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014 in using the Government Payroll Software Package	Compiled		
4	Preparation of Annual Plans			
4.1	The annual action plan has been Prepared	Compiled		
4.2	The annual procurement plan has been prepared	Compiled		
4.3	The annual Internal Audit plan has been prepared	Compiled		
4.4	The annual estimate has been prepared and submitted to the NBD on due date	Compiled		
4.5	The annual cash flow has been submitted to the Treasury Operations Department on time	Compiled		

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compiled / Not Compiled)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
5	Audit queries			
5.1	All the audit queries has been replied within the specified time by the Auditor General	Compiled		
6	Internal Audit			
6.1	The internal audit plan has been prepared at the beginning of the year after consulting the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(2)) DMA/1-2019	Compiled		
6.2	All the internal audit reports has been replied within one month	Compiled		
6.3	Copies of all the internal audit reports have been submitted to the Management Audit Dept. in terms of Sub-section 40(4) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018	Compiled		
6.4	All the copies of internal audit reports has been submitted to the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(3)	Compiled		
7	Audit and Management Committee			
7.1	Minimum 04 meetings of the Audit and Management Committee has been held during the year as per the DMA Circular 1-2019	02		
8	Asset Management			
8.1	The information about purchases of assets and disposals was submitted to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of Paragraph 07 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017	N/A		
8.2	A suitable liaison officer was appointed to coordinate the implementation of the provisions of the circular and the details of the nominated officer was sent to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of Paragraph 13 of the aforesaid Circular	N/A		

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compiled / Not Compiled)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
8.3	The boards of survey was conducted and the relevant reports submitted to the Auditor General on due date in terms of Public Finance Circular No. 05/2016	Compiled		
8.4	The excesses and deficits that were disclosed through the board of survey and other related recommendations, actions were carried out during the period specified in the circular	N/A		
8.5	The disposal of condemned articles was carried out in terms of FR 772	N/A		
9	Vehicle Management			
9.1	The daily running charts and monthly summaries of the pool vehicles had been prepared and submitted to the Auditor General on due date	There are no pool vehicles assigned to this Ministry		
9.2	The condemned vehicles had been disposed of within a period of less than 6 months after condemning	There are no pool vehicles assigned to this Ministry		
9.3	The vehicle logbooks had been maintained and updated	Compiled		
9.4	The action has been taken in terms of F.R. 103, 104, 109 and 110 with regard to every vehicle accident	Compiled		
9.5	The fuel consumption of vehicles has been re-tested in terms of the provisions of Paragraph 3.1 of the Public Administration Circular No. 30/2016 of 29.12.2016	There are no pool vehicles assigned to this Ministry		
9.6	The absolute ownership of the leased vehicle log books has been transferred after the lease term.	There are no pool vehicles assigned to this Ministry		

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compiled / Not Compiled)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
10	Management of Bank Accounts			
10.1	The bank reconciliation statements had been prepared, got certified and made ready for audit by the due date	Compiled		
10.2	The dormant accounts that had existed in the year under review or since previous years settled	N/A		
10.3	The action had been taken in terms of Financial Regulations regarding balances that had been disclosed through bank reconciliation statements and for which adjustments had to be made, and had those balances been settled within one month	Compiled		
11	Utilization of Provisions			
11.1	The provisions allocated had been spent without exceeding the limit	Compiled		
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year as per the FR 94(1)	Compiled		
12	Advances to Public Officers Account			
12.1	The limits had been complied with Budget	Compiled		
12.2	A time analysis had been carried out on the loans in arrears	N/A		
12.3	The loan balances in arrears for over one year had been settled	N/A		
13	General Deposit Account			
13.1	The action had been taken as per F.R.571 in relation to disposal of lapsed deposits	N/A		

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compiled / Not Compiled)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
13.2	The control register for general deposit had been updated and maintained	Compiled		
14	Imprest Account			
14.1	The balance in the cash book at the end of the year under review remitted to TOD	Compiled		
14.2	The ad-hoc sub imprests issued as per F.R. 371 settled within one month from the completion of the task	Compiled		
14.3	The ad-hoc sub imprests had not been issued exceeding the limit approved as per F.R. 371	N/A		
14.4	The balance of the imprest account had been reconciled with the Treasury books monthly	Compiled		
15	Revenue Account			
15.1	The refunds from the revenue had been made in terms of the regulations	Compiled		
15.2	The revenue collection had been directly credited to the revenue account without credited to the deposit account	Compiled		
15.3	Returns of arrears of revenue forwarded to the Auditor General in terms of FR 176	N/A		
16	Human Resource Management			
16.1	The staff had been paid within the approved cadre	Compiled		
16.2	All members of the staff have been issued a duty list in writing	Compiled		
16.3	All reports have been submitted to MSD in terms of their Circular No. 04/2017 dated 20.09.2017	Compiled		
17	Provision of information to the public			

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compiled / Not Compiled)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
17.1	An information officer has been appointed, and a proper register of information is maintained and updated in terms of Right to Information Act and Regulation	Compiled		
17.2	Information about the institution to the public have been provided by Website or alternative measures and has it been facilitated to appreciate / allegation to public against the public authority by this website or alternative measures	Compiled		
17.3	Bi- Annual and Annual reports have been submitted as per section 08 and 10 of the RTI Act	Compiled		
18	Implementing citizens charter			
18.1	A citizens charter/ Citizens client's charter has been formulated and implemented by the Institution in terms of the circular number 05/2008 and 05/2018(1) of Ministry of Public Administration and Management	Compiled		
18.2	A methodology has been devised by the Institution in order to monitor and assess the formulation and the implementation of Citizens Charter / Citizens client's charter as per paragraph 2.3 of the circular	Compiled		
19	Preparation of the Human Resource Plan	Compiled		
19.1	A human resource plan has been prepared in terms of the format in Annexure 02 of Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018 dated	Compiled		

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compiled / Not Compiled)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
	24.01.2018.			
19.2	A minimum training opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for each member of the staff has been ensured in the aforesaid Human Resource Plan	Compiled		
19.3	Annual performance agreements have been signed for the entire staff based on the format in Annexure 01 of the aforesaid Circular	Compiled		
19.4	A senior officer was appointed and assigned the responsibility of preparing the human resource development plan, organizing capacity building programs and conducting skill development programs as per paragraph No.6.5 of the aforesaid Circular	Compiled		
20	Responses Audit Paras			
20.1	The shortcomings pointed out in the audit paragraphs issued by the Auditor General for the previous years have been rectified	Compiled		

Chapter 08

8.1. Department for Registration of Persons (DRP)

Total Progress in Issuance of Identity from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

1. New, Amendments and Duplicate Applications - Amount Issued by Normal Service

Normal Service	Number of Applications Received from 01.01.2025 - 30.09.2025	Number of N.I.C and Information Confirmation Letters Issued from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025 **	Number of Incomplete Applications ***	Number of Age-Incomplete Applications
	533,511	797,964	56,889	22,981

2. New, Amendments and Duplicate Applications - Amount Issued by One Day Service

One Day Service	Number of Applications Received from 01.01.2025 - 30.09.2025	Number of N.I.C Issued from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025	Number of Incomplete Applications ***	Number of Age-Incomplete Applications
	257,336	256,189	2,809	

3	Number of applications received by the department as on 30.09.2025	790,847
4	Number of identity cards issued as on 30.09.2025	1,054,153
5	Number of incomplete and age-incomplete applications as on 30.09.2025	82,679
6	Total number of identity cards to be issued as on 30.09.2025	230,946

* The report was prepared based on data obtained from the Commissioner (Information Technology).

** The total of the number of national identity cards issued and the number of information confirmation letters issued to school applicants and other Applicants was taken into consideration.

*** All applications retained in the system due to omissions are entered separately for normal and one-day service.

01.01.2025 - 30.09.2025

Compiled based on the data obtained from the departmental computer system

Month	Total number of applications received									Total number of National Identity Cards and information confirmation letters issued				
					One Day Service				Grand Total	Normal Service			One Day Service	Grand Total
	New	Duplicates	Amendments	Total	New	Duplicates	Amendments	Total		N.I.C.	Confirmation	Total		
January	30,017	7,259	12,098	49,374	939	9,718	13,196	23,853	73,227	46,560	6,834	53,394	23,701	77,095
February	18,377	5,623	9,553	33,553	826	9,723	13,330	23,879	57,432	72,191	4,394	76,585	23,976	100,561
March	25,981	7,594	12,674	46,249	897	12,359	17,257	30,513	76,762	120,542	7,382	127,924	30,268	158,192
April	37,085	6,476	10,162	53,723	672	9,394	12,666	22,732	76,455	12,836	1,642	14,478	22,713	37,191
May	44,704	5,804	8,292	58,800	641	9,195	13,180	23,016	81,816	15,764	22,878	38,642	22,929	61,571
June	52,669	7,033	11,759	71,461	823	10,939	16,469	28,231	99,692	40,093	218,512	258,605	28,087	286,692
July	64,967	7,978	13,780	86,725	1,336	13,498	20,583	35,417	122,142	31,872	53,034	84,906	35,334	120,240
August	44,398	7,395	13,389	65,182	1,302	13,299	20,155	34,756	99,938	52,614	7,012	59,626	34,330	93,956
September	47,247	7,474	13,723	68,444	994	13,468	20,477	34,939	103,383	72,644	11,160	83,804	34,851	118,655
Total	365,445	62,636	105,430	533,511	8,430	101,593	147,313	257,336	790,847	465,116	332,848	797,964	256,189	1,054,153

Number of identity cards to be issued as of 30.09.2025

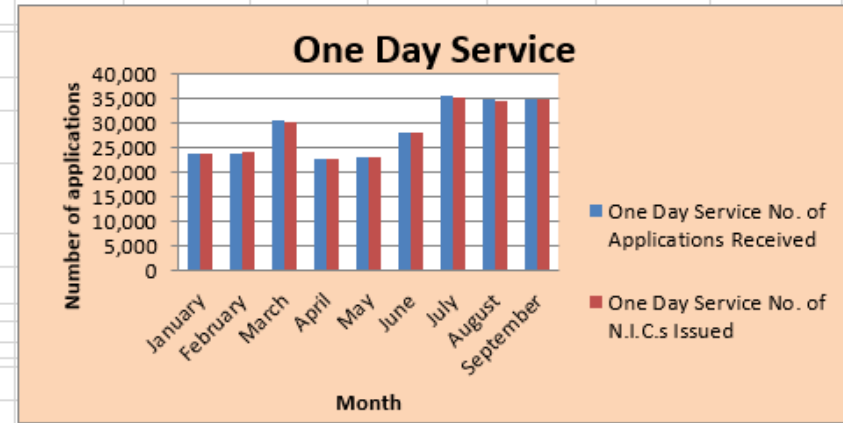
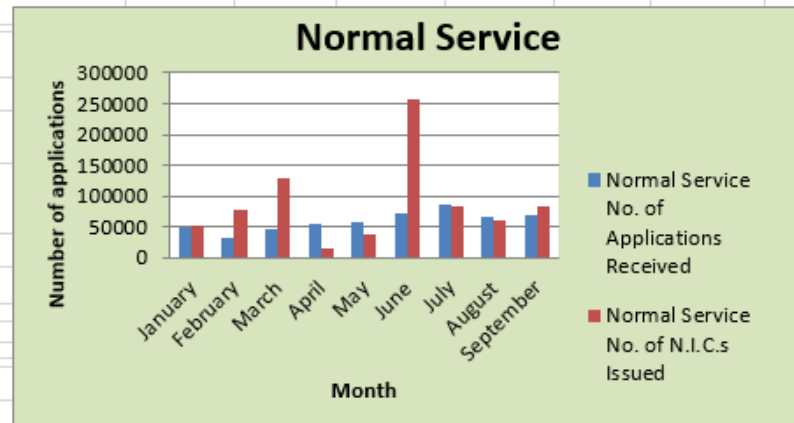
* Number of incomplete applications

* Number of applications that have not yet r

- 230,946

- 59,698

- 22,981



Number of applications received to the one day service and normal service from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025
and number of National Identity Cards and Information Confirmation Letters issued.

Normal Service		One Day Service	
Received Applications	Issued N.I.C.s/Information verification letters	Received Applications	Issued National Identity Cards
533,511	797,964	257,336	256,189

Category	Value
Received Applications	533,511
Issued N.I.C.s/Information verification letters	797,964

Category	Value
Received Applications	257,336
Issued National Identity Cards	256,189

<u>N.I.C. s and I.confirmation letters issued during the year X 100</u>		<u>Issued National Identity cards X 100</u>	
Balance brought forward as on 01.01.2025 + Applications received during the year		Received Applications	
<u>797,964 X100</u>		<u>256,189 X100</u>	
494,252 + 533,511		257,336	
797,964 / 1,027,763 x 100		99%	
78%			

8.2. Sri Lanka Computer Emergency Readiness Team (SLCERT)

S. No.	Project Name	Main Objective of the Project	Project Duration	Total Estimated Cost (TEC) (Rs. Mn)	Cumulative Expenditure (Rs. Mn) as 30.09.2025	Physical Progress as at 30.09.2025	Physical Progress
01	National Certificate Authority	To create an enabling environment to provide trusted digital communications	2016-2025	622.47	480.48	90%	Hardware and software infrastructure were upgraded, and the WebTrust audit was completed to obtain the WebTrust Seal
02	National Cyber Security Operation Center	Provide real-time monitoring and response to cybersecurity threats targeting critical government organizations.	2016-2025	1,300.25	479.29	93%	The NCSOC Monitoring Centre was established ceremonially opened on 18.09.2025. The Cabinet approval was obtained on 26-08-2025 to connect 37 critical government organizations to the SOC, with all 37 organizations scheduled to be connected by December 2026
03	Cyber Security Capacity Building Program	Build the cybersecurity knowledge of government officers	2020-2026	59.00	16.94	65%	Over 5,000 government officers were provided with cybersecurity training across the country
04	Development of Legislation, Policies, and Standards for Cyber Security	Development of legislation, policies, and standards necessary for improving cybersecurity policy and legal frameworks	2024-2025	10.00	4.34	45%	Developed technical standards for the Information and Cyber Security Policy, and issued cybersecurity guidelines on AI and emerging technologies

S. No.	Project Name	Main Objective of the Project	Project Duration	Total Estimated Cost (TEC) (Rs. Mn)	Cumulative Expenditure (Rs. Mn) as 30.09.2025	Physical Progress as at 30.09.2025	Physical Progress
05	Cyber Security Awareness (Online Safety, Cyber Security and Social Media Security)	Enhance the cybersecurity knowledge and awareness of the public, including school children	2024-2026	20.00	3.94	56%	Conducted cybersecurity awareness programs for the public through digital and print media (TV programs, radio programs, social media posts, newsletters, and public discussions)
06	Upgrade Digital Forensic Lab	Improve the capacity of digital forensic lab to conduct digital forensic analysis to meet the requirement of law enforcement authorities.	2024-2026	70.00	6.43	40%	New hardware was procured to conduct advanced digital forensic analysis to meet the requirements of law enforcement authorities
07	Malware Analysis and Threat Hunting Lab	Provide real-time cyber threat intelligence and assess the cyber threat landscape of online applications of 150 government organizations to proactively evaluate their cybersecurity readiness	2025-2026	296.00	0.14	10%	Cabinet approval was obtained on 21-07-2025 to commence the project, and procurement was initiated. BID closing date 7 th October 2025.

S. No.	Project Name	Main Objective of the Project	Project Duration	Total Estimated Cost (TEC) (Rs. Mn)	Cumulative Expenditure (Rs. Mn) as 30.09.2025	Physical Progress as at 30.09.2025	Physical Progress
08	Improving the Information & Cyber Security Readiness of the Government Organization Maintaining Critical Information Infrastructure	Conducting security assessments helps identify and address vulnerabilities in government systems to protect sensitive data, strengthen public trust, and safeguard national security against evolving cyber threats.	2020-2026	130.00	8.78	15%	Cyber security risk assessments of 10 critical government organizations were completed

8.2.1. Developments in Cyber Security and Personal Data Protection

- **Enactment of Cyber Security Act**

Sri Lanka has drafted the cyber security bill with a focus on establishing a regulatory framework to address the civilian aspects of cyber security. This includes strengthen legal provisions to protect Critical National Information Infrastructure (CNII), establishment of Cyber Security Authority (CSA) of Sri Lanka, and create a safe and secure cyber environment for citizens. This legal framework is critical in regulating the cyber security sectors in preventing, detecting, mitigating, and responding to cyber incidents effectively. This act will be enacted in 2025.

- **Cyber Security Strategy 2025-2029**

With respect to cyber security the government has taken necessary steps to draft the Nation's Cyber Security Strategy which will be implemented from 2025 to 2029. Sri Lanka launched the nation's first National Information and Cyber Security Strategy in 2019 and implemented till December 2023 and achieved significant milestones. Sri Lanka's progress after the successful implementation of this strategy is reflected in its recognition as an "Advancing" country in the Global Cyber Security Index (GCI), which highlights its commitment to enhancing cyber security practices across multiple pillars.

With the support of the World Bank, Sri Lanka CERT has developed the second iteration of the National Cyber Security Strategy of Sri Lanka: 2025 – 2029, to specifically address the civilian aspects of cyber security. This strategy aims to address the evolving cyber security challenges facing the nation and further strengthen the resilience and trustworthiness of the cyber ecosystem of the country. This was approved by the Cabinet of Ministers on 22nd July 2025 and action is being taken to implement this strategy.

8.3. Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA)

S. No.	Project Name	Main Objective of the Project	Project Duration	Total Est. Cost (TEC) (Rs. Mn)	Cumulative Expenditure (Rs. Mn) as 30.09.2025	Physical Progress as at 30.09.2025	Physical Progress
01	Technology Industry Development Program	<p>i) To establish a clear strategy to grow the business of Scandinavian technology companies setting up centers in Sri Lanka.</p> <p>ii) To establish a platform connecting Sri Lankan diaspora and foreign missions as a growth platform for Sri Lankan IT businesses. (Both product and services)</p>	2021/10 - 2025/12	759.00	2.94	62%	<p>*This project has been re-aligned for ICTA Board's Short-Term Organizational Goals in 2025.</p> <p>Org. Goal –</p> <p>1.1 Attracting Global Tech Companies to Setup in Sri Lanka.</p> <p>1.2 Support mid-size tech (services & product) companies to grow</p> <p>- Budget Allocation (2025) - LKR 108.30 Mn (MoDE Vote)</p> <p>- Disbursement Forecast (2025) – LKR 74.50 Mn</p> <p>a)</p> <p>The Market Report on companies established in Sri Lanka with connections to Scandinavia has completed and shared among the relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>b)</p> <p>i) Lead Generation:</p> <p>To be initiated upon obtaining the ICTA board approval.</p> <p>c) Strategic Plan for the 18 Months</p> <p>Five Sub-Committees (Branding, Export, FDI, Policy, Skills) have been appointed to provide</p>

							<p>input to the advisory committee who will in turn provide strategy on Industry Development.</p> <p>Digital Platform (MVP) – The draft SRS has been developed.</p> <p>Marketing & Promotions (Physical/BTL) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kandy Regional Workshop: Successfully completed with 42 IT SMEs, regional chamber representatives (LBR, ICT Chamber Kandy, and Central Startup Hub), and District Secretariat officials in attendance — totaling 61 participants. • Gampaha Regional Workshop: Preparations are underway. Currently coordinating with the Gampaha District Secretariat to invite IT SMEs from the region.
02	Start-up and Scale up Program	<p>i) To develop a consolidated plan for startup ecosystem development including regulatory changes.</p> <p>ii) To Launch Disrupt Asia 2025 as the launching pad to engage startup ecosystem development effort. [Organized by Ministry of Digital Economy]</p>	2021/10 - 2025/12	625.00	14.67	90%	<p>*This project has been re-aligned for ICTA Board's Short-Term Organizational Goals in 2025.</p> <p>Org. Goal –</p> <p>1.3 Develop a thriving startup eco-system</p> <p>- Budget Allocation (2025) - LKR 51.00 Mn (MoDE Vote)</p> <p>- Disbursement Forecast (2025) – LKR 31.00 Mn</p> <p>a) Consolidated plan for startup ecosystem development Consolidated Plan Completed.</p> <p>b) The Disrupt Asia 2025 Event -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully concluded the conference with over 700 participants. • Engagements included 48 investors and 3 accelerators.

							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 investor-ready startups were showcased across the Main Conference and the Innovation Festival.
03	Technology Diffusion program	<p><u>a.Agriculture Industry:</u> Establish a single source of truth (DSS) for ministries, farmers, fishermen and market actors to ensure National Food Security and export growth</p>	2021/10 - 2024/12	1,002.00	0.19	28%	<p>*This project has been re-aligned for ICTA Board's Short-Term Organizational Goals in 2025.</p> <p>Org. Goal – 2.1 Technology Diffusion in Agriculture Industry 2.2 Technology Diffusion in Tourism Industry 2.3 Technology Diffusion in Manufacture Industry</p> <p>- Budget Allocation (2025) - LKR 20.45 Mn (MoDE Vote) - Disbursement Forecast (2025) – LKR 20.45 Mn</p> <p>a.1) Agriculture Industry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the <i>Digital Economy Blueprint</i> is at the organizing stage. • Stakeholders consulted and confirmed willingness to participate. • Awaiting date confirmation from the Ministry of Agriculture. <p>a.2) Fisheries and Aquatic Industry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept framework shared with the Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries. • Stakeholder presentation was completed. • Board paper for concept and TOR finalization in progress. <p>b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept development phase to commence shortly. • Requirement discussions and process studies completed with stakeholders from SLTPB, SLITHM, and SLTDA/SLCB.

		<u>c.Manufacture Industry:</u> RFP for National SME Industry 4.0/5.0 Maturity Model tailored to Sri Lanka's development context - RFP for Digital SME Enablement Platform integrating education, development services, and growth monitoring.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the Tourism Sector Concept Framework is currently in progress. <p>c)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EOI published; shortlisting completed. • EOI Evaluation Report and RFP preparation in progress.
04	Capacity Building for Digitally Inclusive Sri Lanka	<p>i) To empower and enhance digital literacy and skills among citizens as a foundation for long-term workforce development, digital inclusion, and economic participation across all sectors of citizens.</p> <p>ii) Develop a Robust, Industry-Ready Workforce and Foster Entrepreneurship by Upgrading Skills and Supporting Professionals, Government Employees, Freelancers, and Startups by 2030</p>	2021/10 - 2024/12	1,055.00	4.41	35%	<p>*This project has been re-aligned for ICTA Board's Short-Term Organizational Goals in 2025.</p> <p>Org. Goal –</p> <p>3.1 Empower and Enhance Digital Literacy and Skills Among Citizens (School Children, Youth, and Older Citizens) Covering 20% of the Population by 2030</p> <p>3.2 Develop a Robust, Industry-Ready Workforce and Foster Entrepreneurship by Upgrading Skills and Supporting Professionals, Government Employees, Freelancers, and Startups by 2030</p> <p>- Budget Allocation (2025) - LKR 240.00 Mn (MoDE Vote)</p> <p>- Disbursement Forecast (2025) – LKR 150.00 Mn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation Committee ready for establishment. • Members and responsibilities identified. • Approval Memo, ToR, and Appointment Request Letter drafted.

						<p><u>Empower and Enhance Digital Literacy and Skills Among Citizens</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Building Strategy developed. • National Digital Capacity Library Platform established to provide access to digital learning materials. • Governance Framework and Sustainability Plan for the platform developed. • 303 Vidatha Officers from the Ministry of Science and Technology trained on AI Adoption. • “Thrive Nation” Hackathon, conducted in collaboration with SLIIT, successfully completed. • 1,050 university students and early-career professionals trained on AI Aptitude, Employability Skills, and Freelancing under ICTA’s direct intervention. <p><u>Develop a Robust, Industry-Ready Workforce and Foster Entrepreneurship by Upgrading Skills and Supporting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed workshops for the Ministry of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation on Digital Transformation Blueprint, Digital Government. • Architecture, AI Integration, SLUDI, Gov Pay. • Awareness commenced through partnership engagements. • Development of Seven Learning modules for National Digital Capacity Library completed. • 99 gov officials from all local government authorities in Sabaragamuwa Province Trained on AI Adoption. • Conducted AI Aptitude, Employability Skills, and Freelancing for Interns, Fresh Professionals, Undergraduates, and TVEC Students 996.
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							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI Aptitude Accelerator Programme with University of Peradeniya and SLIIT Kandy Uni will be conducted. • The AI Aptitude Accelerator Programme for All University Students (2 Workshops for 200 Fresh Graduates and Undergraduates) will be held on 08th and 16th October. It will be in line with IEEE Xtreme 19.0 and Initial Discussions had with NIBM.
05	GovPay – Government Digital Payment Platform (GDPP)	To launch 'GovPay' to enable government institutions to facilitate online payments.	2025/5-	200.00	0.76	70%	<p>*This project has been re-aligned for ICTA Board's Short-Term Organizational Goals in 2025.</p> <p>Org. Goal – 4.1 Enable efficient, secure and transparent online payment mechanism for government institutions by introducing the Government Digital Payment Platform (GDPP)</p> <p>- Budget Allocation (2025) - LKR 85.00 Mn (MoDE Vote)</p> <p>- Disbursement Forecast (2025) – LKR 85.00 Mn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Over 30 organizations are still awaiting the completion of their onboarding process from the North Province District Secretary offices and District Offices • Awareness campaigns are carried out via digital (TV, social media) and print media. • Completed Awareness sessions for 150 government organizations for onboard of accepting payment via GovPay for offered Services. • <p>- Western Province and Expressway spot fine was launched on 4th August 2025 and will continue until 03rd September 2025.</p>

							<p>-A total of 16,314 transactions has been successfully processed, generating a total collection of LKR. 21,252,500/-</p> <p>Hosting and Backup Services –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently being provided temporarily by LankaPay <p><u>GovPay Statistics as of 30th Sep. 2025</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Transaction Value – LKR 334,163,327/- • Total Transaction Volume – 25,737 • No. of Services – 2,100 • Financial Institutions on-boarded – 20 (Banks: 14 / Fintech: 6)
06	AI-Powered Government Information Centre (GIC)	Enable an AI-powered Government Information Center (GIC)	2025/6 - 2027/12	86.00	0.09	23%	<p>*This project has been re-aligned for ICTA Board's Short-Term Organizational Goals in 2025.</p> <p>Org. Goal –</p> <p>5.1 Enable an AI-powered Government Information Center (GIC)</p> <p>- Budget Allocation (2025) - LKR 38.00 Mn (MoDE Vote)</p> <p>- Disbursement Forecast (2025) – LKR 20.00 Mn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement process in progress and RFP issued to seven Shortlisted firms from received EOIs.
07	ICT Solution for Government Analyst Department	<p>i) Develop a ICT solution for Government Analyst Department (GAD).</p> <p>ii) Support and Maintenance.</p> <p>iii) Handover the project to GAD.</p>	2016/3 - 2025/12	40.00	29.13	99%	<p>*This project has been re-aligned for ICTA Board's Short-Term Organizational Goals in 2025.</p> <p>Org. Goal –</p> <p>5.2 To ensure the stability of current digital systems established by ICTA and the government organizations with the help of ICTA.</p> <p>- Disbursement Forecast (2025) – LKR 2.83 Mn</p> <p>OAT Review –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Review Committee has been appointed to oversee the OAT.

							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The OAT is scheduled for mid-October 2025, and the handover process has been initiated.
08	Employee Trust Fund Management System	<p>i) Develop a ICT solution for Employee Trust Fund Board (ETFB).</p> <p>ii) Continue the support and maintenance.</p> <p>iii) Handover the project to ETFB.</p>	2016/3 - 2025/12	100.00	80.64	99%	<p>*This project has been re-aligned for ICTA Board's Short-Term Organizational Goals in 2025.</p> <p>Org. Goal – 5.3 To ensure the stability of current digital systems established by ICTA and the government organizations with the help of ICTA.</p> <p>- Budget Allocation (2025) - LKR 20.00 Mn (MoDE Vote) - Disbursement Forecast (2025) – LKR 20.00 Mn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OAT of the ETFB solution is pending until completion of mandatory Change Requests (CRs). CRs are under review stage.
09	Digital Economy Sandbox Experience Centre (DESEC)	<p><u>Objective i.</u> To establish an Experience Centre including mobile units.</p> <p><u>Objective ii.</u> To accelerate ecosystem-wide readiness and adoption of Digital Public Infrastructures (DPIs) and Digital Public Goods(DPGs).</p> <p><u>Objective iii.</u> To enhance public awareness and foster informed engagement</p>	2025/7 – 2029/12	93.00	0.00	10%	<p>*This project has been re-aligned for ICTA Board's Short-Term Organizational Goals in 2025.</p> <p>Org. Goal – 7.3 To accelerate digital public infrastructure adoption in Sri Lanka, the Digital Economy Sandbox Experience Center (DESEC) and mobile units will showcase real-world impacts, support the Digital Economy Blueprint and promote inclusive, nationwide digital transformation.</p> <p>- Budget Allocation (2025) - LKR 93.00 Mn (MoDE Vote) - Disbursement Forecast (2025) – LKR 73.00 Mn</p>

		among citizens and governmental stakeholders through strategically designed workshops and interactive initiatives.					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Three Banks 2) Two Telecommunication Service Providers 3) Dept. of Motor Traffic 4) Dept. Immigration and Emigration 5) Dept. Registrar of Persons 6) Insurance Companies 7) LankaPay (Pvt) Ltd 8) Registrar General Dept. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Governance Steering Committee appointed.
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8.4. Data Protection Authority of Sri Lanka (DPA)

- DPA structure under the law makes it an autonomous body with broad objectives under Section 31. It is governed & administered by Chairman & the Board of Directors, appointed by President based on several criteria in the Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) (Sec 29 & 30). Day-to-day operations and regular functions are managed by Director-General appointed by the Board.
- Key Priorities of the DPA are as follows:
 - 1) Institutional capacity building including the essential HR hiring
 - 2) Driving compliance and promoting responsible innovation
 - 3) Safeguarding and empowering people through a better understanding of their rights and Authority's role
 - 4) Effective investigation and enforcement
 - 5) International and regional cooperation
 - 6) Ensure the legislation matches the concurrent requirements of the Personal Data Protection domain
- The Board took the initiative to Issue the following of Orders [notifications published by Minister (former President)] Gazette Order, dated 8th January 2024 appointing the following dates to operationalize several Parts of PDPA:
 - 1st December 2023 as the date on which the provisions of Part VI, VIII, IX and X of the Act becomes operative
 - 18th March 2025 as the date on which the provisions of part I, II, III and VII of the Act becomes operative
- Preparation of a Strategy and an Operationalization Road Map (*with the technical assistance of the European Commission*)
- Preparation of a Procedures Manual for HR and Administration (*by technical assistance by UNOPS*)
- Initiated and work is in progress to develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for complaint handling, investigation, and enforcement (*with the technical assistance of European Commission*)
- Internal Committees namely Audit Committee, Legal Committee of the Board, Marketing and Communication Subcommittee and HR and Administration (including IT infrastructure) Subcommittee established to coordinate respective matters and report to the Board
- The first DP Circular was issued in all 3 languages (Circular No. 01/2024 dated 13th September 2024) titled 'Application of the PDPA in Public sector & Introduction to DPA'

- Other legal and policy documents and about DPA, including nine (9) Directives, Guidelines, rules and regulations published in DPA's website in Draft form for stakeholder comments.

- Awareness Sessions

DPA Board members and officers have participated in sessions/forums organized by the Fedrich Naumann Foundation, SLASSCOM, Bar Association of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka Institute of Directors, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Ministry of Finance, German AHK Association and local media institutions.

- The Board resolved to appoint Advisory Committees, starting from the following five (05) priority thematic areas
 - Health Services
 - Finance, Banking and Capital Markets, Telecom and Insurance
 - Employment
 - Children and related Issues
 - Tourism
- The Cabinet approved the extension of the date of enforcement of certain sections of the Act beyond the previously scheduled date of 18 March 2025. Accordingly, the Gazette Notification No. 2427/34 dated 14.03.2025 has been published, declaring that the earlier effective dates will be cancelled.
- With the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers, the PDPA Amendment Bill was passed at the Second Reading debate on 03rd June 2025.
- Upon the request of the Ministry of Digital Economy, the Legal Draftsman's Department, in consultation with the Attorney General's Department, has identified some minor amendments to be proposed at Committee Stage.
- The draft gazette notification regarding the approved Schemes of Recruitments (SoRs) for the recruitment of staff for the DPA has been forwarded to Legal Draftsman's Department.

8.5. Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL)

S/No	Project Name	Main Objective of the Project	Project Duration	Total Estimated Cost (TEC) (Rs. Mn)	Cumulative Expenditure (Rs. Mn) as at 30.09.2025	Physical Progress (%) as at 30.09.2025	Physical Progress
01	Smart School Project Provide smart boards to 1000 schools	Enhancing ICT infrastructure in schools to digitalize general education	2024 - 2026	1763.00	1,063.00	70%	Ministry of Education is in the process of distributing the Smart Boards to schools.
02	School fiber connectivity project	Provide high speed internet connectivity to the schools	2023-2030	500.00 (For year 2025)	5.00	28%	Fiber connectivity provided for 687 Schools. Payment made for 397 schools. Upgraded the scope of the project due to the request of MOE. Another 1453 secondary schools were added.
03	Gamata Sannivedanaya – Connect Sri Lanka Project (construction of Towers)	To establish a technology driven society and fully digitalized Sri Lanka by ensuring comprehensive 4G / fiber broadband coverage across the country.	2021-2030	1367.50 (for year 2025)	486.06	26%	77 Towers were on-ai-red. Achievement is shown in the Annexure 01.

04	Number Portability	Giving the opportunity for fixed or mobile subscribers to move from one operator to the other operator whilst retaining their subscriber numbers along with operator code.	2021-2026	2.00 (for public awareness)	0.00	58%	Lanka Number Portability Services (Guarantee) Limited (LNPS) formed with participation of all fixed and mobile operators as per AG's Opinion. TRCSL issued the Section 17 license to LNPS in 2024. Finalized the NP Rules and Guidelines. The Letter of Intent was issued by LNPS for NP Solution. Operators informed their inability to meet the extended deadline of 30.09.2025. The deadline for NP Service implementation was revised to Q3 2026.
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8.5.1. “Gamata Sannivedanaya” Project – Progress Summary as at 30.09.2025

District	Total Towers	Prior to *ASMS Submission	*ASMS Verification	Authority Approval Processing	TRCSL Final Approval Granted	Constructi on WIP	On air
Anuradhapura	31	11	12	4	-	1	3
Badulla	34	22	-	3	2	4	3
Jaffna	11	8	-	1	2	-	-
Kalutara	34	9	-	17	2	2	4
Kandy	33	20	-	5	3	5	-
Kegalle	34	6	3	15	-	2	8
Kurunegala	35	3	1	6	2	2	21
Matale	21	19	-	-	-	-	2
Matara	21	6	-	6	2	2	5
Rathnapura	35	3	-	-	1	-	31
Trincomalee	8	6	1	-	1	-	-
Grand Total	297	113	17	57	15	18	77

***ASMS-Antenna Structure Management System in TRCSL**

**02 sites temporarily on-ai red by Mobitel (Kalutara – Wawella / Kegalle – Dickellakanda)*

8.6. Sri Lanka Telecom (PLC)

S No	Project Name	Main Objective of The Project	Project Duration	Total Estimated Cost (TEC) (Rs Mn)	Cumulative Expenditure (Rs Mn) As at 30.09.2025 (Estimated)	Physical progress as at 31.09.2025
01	FTTH Network Expansion and FTTH New Connections	Expand FTTH ports by 100K enabling High Speed Broadband connectivity and connect 120K customers with FTTH service	Annual (2025)	4,258	1,569.78	33,500 ports 90,000 connections
02	Wireless Network Expansion	Wireless network expansion to improve user experience by delivering faster speeds, wider coverage, and reliable connectivity. 2025 Scope - 330 new Fixed and Mobile Base Stations	Annual (2025)	1,187	816	262 Base Stations
03	Cloud Infrastructure Development	Cloud Infrastructure Development to cater 2025 cloud services demands of Government Institutions and business segments	Annual (2025)	570 Mn	330 Mn	Multiple VM Environment Development Server Expansion Storage expansions and Integrations

8.6.1. 5G Deployment

5G, the fifth generation of wireless cellular technology, delivers significantly higher upload and download speeds, more consistent connectivity, and greater network capacity compared to previous generations. It offers faster and more reliable service than 4G, enabling transformative applications in areas such as IoT, cloud computing, streaming, and smart services.

Globally, operators are already rolling out 5G networks, and in Sri Lanka, several operators have begun testing 5G services. SLT has secured test spectrum from TRCSL and deployed 80 5G base stations across five major cities.

Full-scale commercial deployment depends on the upcoming allocation of 5G spectrum by TRCSL. Key considerations include:

- TRCSL is expected to issue 5G spectrum through an auction covering both Mobile Wireless Access (MWA) and Fixed Wireless Access (FWA).
- Bidders will need to meet TRCSL's minimum network rollout commitments across geographic regions.
- Initially, SLT-Mobitel will adopt the Non-Standalone (NSA) 5G model, which leverages existing 4G infrastructure and requires deployment of Radio Access Units (RAUs) and compatible antennas (e.g., 3.5 GHz).
- For users to experience the full benefits of 5G, a Standalone (SA) 5G model will eventually be deployed, requiring upgrades to the core network.
- End-user adoption will also depend on availability of compatible devices, including routers, smartphones, and tablets.

This phased approach ensures SLT can efficiently roll out 5G services while maintaining network reliability and preparing for future high-capacity digital applications.