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## ***Vision***

“ A sustainable plantation economy – a rich country ”

## ***Mission***

“ Enhancing the export economy through sustainability, promotion and innovation of the plantation industry while elevating the social and economic status of the plantation community.”

## ***Purview***

Identifying, implementing, guiding and monitoring necessary policies in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders for the sustainable development of the overall plantation industry aimed at attracting local and foreign markets by quality production, value addition and diversification through the adoption of research techniques, new technological tools and the optimum utilization of land, infrastructure development of plantation community and enhancing their social and economic well-being.

## ***Objective***

To improve overall productivity of the plantation sector

To Increase export revenue from plantation products

Uplifting the socio-economic conditions of all stakeholders in the value chain, including the plantation community





## Introduction

Driven by the vision of the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure, “A Sustainable Plantation Economy – A Rich Country”, the Ministry continues its efforts in the year 2025 as well, to further enhance the plantation sector’s contribution to the national economy by steering it in a new direction aimed at improving overall productivity of the plantation sector, increasing export income from plantation products, and uplifting the socio-economic status of all stakeholders in the value chain, including the plantation community.

In line with the new government policy framework, “A Rich Country – A Beautiful Life”, the scope and functions of the Ministry were scientifically identified, and by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2412/08 dated 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the Ministry of Plantation Industries, which had been functioning in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture at the time, and the separately established Ministry of Community Infrastructure were merged to form the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure, and functions were assigned. This enabled the provision of services not only to plantation crops but also to the people who depend on them for their livelihood. Thereby, it became possible to provide services not only to plantation crops but also to the people who depend on them for their livelihoods.

In addition, the Department of Export Agriculture, which had previously been under this Ministry, was brought under the purview of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands, and Irrigation by the same Extraordinary Gazette. Until then, under the guidance of this Ministry, the institution had played an immense role in the performance of minor export crops. Furthermore, the functions of the state-owned plantation companies, which were previously under the purview of the Non-Cabinet Ministry of State Plantation Enterprise Reforms, were also assigned to this Ministry.

Accordingly, based on the government’s priorities, particularly considering market needs and economic policies, the Ministry and its affiliated institutions, despite limited provisions and restrictive factors, implement various projects and programmes, making policy decisions as necessary, to enhance the performance of crops such as tea, coconut, rubber, palmyrah, kitul cashew and cinnamon, as well as to support the betterment of the plantation community, while ensuring the stability of the plantation sector, increasing income levels, improving the living standards of plantation communities.

As in previous years, in 2025 as well, the Ministry and its affiliated institutions are playing an immense role in continuously enhancing the performance of all crops while managing the public expenditure. In this context, particular emphasis is placed on further expanding research activities, introducing methods to increase crop yield, expanding all plantation crops to non-traditional areas, improving product quality by adopting national and international standards, taking measures to increase production through the use of modern technological tools and optimal land use, attracting local and international markets through value addition and diversification, improving infrastructure for the plantation community, contributing to uplifting their socio-economic conditions, and identifying and implementing policies required for the sustainable development of the plantation sector.

Through such coordination, the plantation sector contributes between 3,500 and 3,800 million US dollars in foreign exchange to the national income annually.

Accordingly, this progress report incorporates the performance of the plantation sector in 2025, achieved through Treasury allocations, internal earnings of the affiliated institutions, and other funding sources, the progress of the functions being performed in this regard, the policy decisions made, the performance of affiliated institutions, and the activities planned for the forthcoming year.

## State Departments, State Corporations and Statutory Institutions assigned to the Ministry

State Departments, State Corporations and Statutory Institutions assigned to the Ministry pursuant to the Extraordinary Gazette No.2412/08 dated 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024



1. Sri Lanka Tea Board
2. Tea Research Institute
3. Tea, Rubber and Coconut Estates (Control of Fragmentation) Board
4. Janatha Estate Development Board
5. Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation
6. Tea Shakthi Fund
7. National Institute of Plantation Management
8. Tea Small Holdings Development Authority
9. Kalubovitiyana Tea Factory Limited
10. Elkaduwa Plantations (pvt) Ltd
11. Rubber Development Department
12. Rubber Research Institute
13. Sri Lanka Rubber Manufacturing and Export Corporation
14. Thurusaviya Fund
15. Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation
16. Spices and Allied Products Marketing Board
17. Kurunegala Plantations (pvt) Ltd

19. Coconut Cultivation Board
20. Coconut Development Authority
21. Coconut Research Institute
22. Palmyrah Development Board
23. Kitul Development Board
24. Kapruka Fund
25. Department of Cinnamon Development
26. New Villages Development Authority for Plantation Region
27. Plantation Human Development Trust
28. Saumyamoorthi Thondaman Memorial Foundation
29. Estate Sector Self- Employment Revolving Fund

### Plantation Crops under the scope of the Ministry Plantation and Community Infrastructure

The major plantation crops of tea, rubber, coconut and minor crops of palmyrah, kithul, cashew and cinnamon are under the purview of this ministry, and as per the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2412/08 dated 25.11.2024, 15 minor export crops such as cloves, coffee, cocoa, cardamom and paper, which were under the purview of this ministry, are under the purview of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and irrigation.

## Overall progress of the Tea Sector



Discription	Target 2025	Progress as at 31.08.2024	Progress as at 31.08.2025	Target 2026
Tea Production (Mn. Kg.)	267	172*	177	273
Export Revenue (Rs.Bn.)	439	288	307	444
Export Revenue (U.S.D..Bn.)	1.48	0.9	1.02	1.5
Export quantity (Mn. Kg.)	250.0	163.0	174	253
Average Sales Price per Kg. at Colombo Tea Auction (Rs./Kg)	-	1,250	1,156	-

### Tea Production

#### ❖ Tea Production by Elevation

Elevation	January to 31 <sup>st</sup> August (Mn.Kg.)		Variance (%)
	2024	2025	
High Grown	37	38	3
Medium Grown	32	33	4
Low Grown	104	106	2
<b>Total Production</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>3</b>

#### ❖ Tea Production by Main Types

Description	January to 31 <sup>st</sup> August (Mn.Kg.)		Variance (%)
	2024	2025	
Orthodox Tea	156	159	2
C.T.C Tea	15	16	3
Green Tea	1	2	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>3</b>
Instant Tea *	2.0	2.3	11

\* Instant tea is not included in total tea production

❖ Tea Auction Data ( January to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 ) \*

Year	High Grown		Medium Grown		Low Grown		Other		Total Elevation	
	Quantity (Mn.Kg)	(Kg/ Rs.)	Quantity (Mn. Kg)	(Kg/ Rs.)	Quantity (Mn. Kg)	(Kg/ Rs.)	Quantity (Mn. Kg)	(Kg/ Rs.)	Quantity (Mn. Kg)	(Kg/ Rs.)
2024	39.01	1,152	31.64	1,085	103.61	1,338	0.04	695	174.29	1,250
2025	38.96	1,074	33.75	1,022	107.86	1,228	0.02	692	180.59	1,156

\* Including existing stocks

## ❖ Tea Market Data

Discription	January to 31 <sup>st</sup> August		Variance	
	2024	2025	Quantity	(%)
Total Amount of tea sold (Mn. Kg)	174.29	180.59	6.3	4
Average Selling Price Per Killogram of Tea (Rs.)	1,250	1,156	(94)	(7)

## ❖ Export volume and the Leading Destinations of Ceylon Tea Exports in 2024 and 2025

Leading Destination	1 <sup>st</sup> of January to 31 <sup>st</sup> of August				Variance	
	2024		2025			
	Quantity (Mt.)	As a percentage of total export %	Quantity	As a percentage of total export %	Quantity	As a percentage of total export
			(Mt.)		(Mt.)	%
Iraq	21,199	13.04	26,010	14.92	4,811	22.69
Libya	16,518	10.16	14,750	8.46	(1,769)	(10.71)
Russia	4,836	2.97	14,398	8.26	9,562	197.73
U.A.E	15,811	9.73	12,722	7.30	(3,089)	(19.54)
Turkey	12,206	7.51	12,495	7.17	289	2.37
Iran	7,877	4.85	8,314	4.77	437	5.55
Chile	5,620	3.46	7,712	4.42	2,092	37.22
China	8,112	4.99	6,831	3.92	(1,280)	(15.79)
Saudi Arabia	6,821	4.20	5,964	3.42	(857)	(12.57)
Azerbaijan	5,989	3.68	5,849	3.36	(140)	(2.33)
Siriya	5,161	3.17	5,496	3.15	334	6.48
Germany	4,687	2.88	4,741	2.72	54	1.15
UAE	4,257	2.62	4,319	2.48	62	1.45
Jordan	3,082	1.90	3,750	2.15	668	21.67
Japan	3,224	1.98	3,742	2.15	518	16.07
Taiwan	2,924	1.80	2,626	1.51	(298)	(10.20)
Poland	2,654	1.63	2,465	1.41	(189)	(7.13)
Belgium	2,271	1.40	2,046	1.17	(225)	(9.90)
Hong Kong	1,792	1.10	2,044	1.17	253	14.10
Ireland	1,416	0.87	1,750	1.00	334	23.57
Total of the main 20 countries	136,455	83.94	148,022	84.93	11,567	8.48
Total of other countries	26,106	16.06	26,269	15.07	164	0.63
Grand Total	162,561	100.00	174,292	100.00	11,730	7.22

## Overall Progress of the Rubber Sector



Description	Progress		Target	
	From 1 <sup>st</sup> of January to 31 <sup>st</sup> of August 2024	From 1 <sup>st</sup> of January to 31 <sup>st</sup> of August 2025	2025	2026
Rubber Production(Kg. Mn.)	49.2	46.2***		73
Productivity (ha. /kg)	*1,214	**1,267		1,321
Export income (Rs.Bn.)	207.8	190.95		310
Re-Planting (ha.)	98.25	148.59		230
New -Planting (ha.)	22.91	58.01		700

\* Calculated values for the year are given

\*\* Estimated values use for 2025

\*\*\* This value will be updatd

### ❖ Classification of Rubber Products

Category	From January to 31 <sup>st</sup> of August 2024 (Mt.)	From January to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2025 (Mt.)
Sheet Rubber	23,150	22,689
Sole Crepe	415	468
Scrap	2,956	2,772
Latex Crepe	3,734	4,099
TSR	8,891	7,182
Letex and Other	10,127	8,993



## ❖ Rubber Auction Prices – Colombo

Category	Reported price for R.S.S rubber		
	From January to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024 (Kg/ Rs.)	From January to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2025 (Kg/ Rs.)	Variance (%)
RSS 1	681.05	714.17	5%
RSS 2	653.50	680.50	4%
RSS 3	650.67	670.00	3%
RSS 4	629.83	Unquoted	-
RSS 5	625.63	Unquoted	-

## ❖ Natural Rubber Exports

Category	From January to 31 <sup>st</sup> August (Mt.)	
	2023	2024
Sheet Rubber	1,658	1,536
Sole Crepe	395	446
Latex Crepe	3,112	3,416
TSR	331	477
Latex and Other	270	139
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,766</b>	<b>6,014</b>

## Overall Progress of the Coconut and Palmyrah Sector



Description	Targets For the year 2025	From January to 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Targets for the year 2026
Coconut yield (Nuts Mn)	2,851	1,923	3,000
Export income (Rs.Bn)	300	232	360
Supply of seedlings (Seedlings million)	2.5	2.54	2.5
New cultivation (Ha)	7,495	3,359	7,495
Re-cultivation (Ha)	285	112	285



Under cultivation ( Ha)	1,580	1,365	1,580
Home gardening (Plants)	1,043,600	489,688	1,045,000

## ❖ Yield

Description	Year				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025.08.31
Coconut yield (Nuts Mn.)	3,120	3,391	3,169	2,792	1,923

## ❖ Export Income

Product Category	From January to 31 <sup>st</sup> August ( Rs. Mn)/ US \$Mn)					
	2024		2025		2024	2025
	(Rs. Mn)	(US \$Mn)	(Rs. Mn)	(US\$Mn.)	Growth %	
Kernel related products	90,443.96	296.25	136,457.72	456.28	51	54
Fibre	3,864.07	12.62	3,058.22	10.24	-21	-19
Fibre finished products	44,491.80	145.78	53,636.95	179.54	21	23
Shell related products	31,976.01	104.57	38,426.44	128.58	20	23
Other	865.14	2.84	912.15	3.05	5	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>171,640.98</b>	<b>562.06</b>	<b>232,491.48</b>	<b>777.69</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>

## ❖ Export fluctuations of Several Major Products

Product Type	Quantity (Mt.)		Income			
	January to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024	January to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2025	January- 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024		January- 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2025	
			Rs. Mn	USD Mn	Rs. Mn	USD Mn
Coconut oil (Mt.)	4,777	5,853	3,347.49	10.93	7,592.73	25.38
Virgin coconut oil (Mt.)	11,252	10,614	12,792.03	41.93	20,269.71	67.79
Coconut water (Mt.)	22,742	31,948	5,879.12	19.24	8,092.59	27.08
King coconut (Nuts) '000	5,357	6,078	1,388.27	4.53	1,594.16	5.33
Raw coconut (Nuts) '000	11,285	9,157	1,512.78	4.94	1,430.39	4.78
Bristle Fibre (Mt.)	1,237	875	428.89	1.40	276.10	0.92

## ❖ Coconut price

Type	Unit	From January to 31 <sup>st</sup> August		Difference %
		2024	2025	
Auctions (Colombo)	The average price of 1000 nuts (Rs.)	75,446	144,306	91
Bulk - Large size		103,861	187,125	80
- Small size		88,128	163,032	85
Retail - Large size	The average price of a nut (Rs.)	118	209	78
- small in size		98	183	86

## Progress of Palmyrah Sector



Production Catagory	Production 2024		Target 2025	2025 Progress January -30 <sup>th</sup> September	Target 2026
	2024 January – 30 <sup>th</sup> September	2024 Annual			
Jaggary (Mt.)	48.05	58		56.63	60 Mn
Palmyrah Toddy Bottle	9,358,762.00	10,592,000	-	7,490,081.66	8,000,000
Pulp (Mt.)	34,261	46,834		52,736	60,000
Palmyrah Tuber (Mt.)	330	336		358.2	360
Fiber (Mt)	31.9	45		45.42	50
Handicraft (Rs.Mn)	41.90	49.5		53.33	60
Panaaddu (Mt.)	3.4	6.8		4.37	5.0
Palm arrack bottle	21,605	26,000		21,527	25,000
Timber (No)	3,480	5,748		2,400	3000

❖ **Number of person engaged in palmyrah related activities**

Description			Annual Progress	
			2024	2025.09.30
Number of Beneficiaries in the Palmyrah Related activities	Toddy	Tappers	2920	2900
		Industrialist	23	23
	Handi craft	Producers	2208	2500
		Group	50	52
	Tuber	Producers	2435	2500
		Group	-	-
	Pulp	Producers	475	500
		Group	27	29
	Fiber		18	18
Food Production (Beverage and Sweets)		40	45	

❖ **Export Income of Palmyrah Industry**

Description		Annual Progress (Rs.Mn)	
		2024	2025.09.30
<b>Domestic Income</b>	Sab based Productions	62.9	59.8
	Leaf Related Productions ( Handi craft)		
	Tuber Related Productions		
	Pulp based productions		
	Fiber based productions		
	Timber based productions		
	Food Production (Beverage and Sweets)		
<b>Export Income</b>	Toddy based productions	71.15	92.4
	Leaf based productions ( Handi craft)	-	-
	Tuber based productions	17.23	0.46
	Pulp based productions	1.90	3.56
	Fiber based productions	123.02	350.15
	Food Production (Beverage and Sweets)	8.86	24.84

## Overall Progress of Kithul Sector



Description		2023	2024		Target	
			Target	Actual	2025	2026
Export Quantity (Kg.)	Kithul Toddy	86,816	105,000	85,745	97,717	106,428
	Kithul Jaggery	208,573	227,000	249,324	274,902	304,272
Export Income (Rs.Mn.)		312	425	380	413	459
Export Income (US \$ Mn.)		0.95	1.31	1.30	1.40	1.56

\*\*Exchange rates published by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka on 04.03.2025 have been used in converting export revenue targets for the year 2025 and 2026 into USD Mn.

## Overall Progress of Cinammon Sector



Description	Target 2025	Progress as at 31.08 2024	Progress as at 31.08.2025	Target 2026
Cinammon Production (Kg. Rs.Mn.)	26	15.52	15.08	28
Export Income (Rs.Mn.)	75,000	37,553	45,150	80,000
Export Income (USD. Mn. )	260	124	150	300
Export Quantity (Kg.Rs.Mn.)	22	11.34	11.51	23
Average Selling Price of Cinammon (Rs.Kg)	4,000	3,000	3,500	4,500

❖ **Classification of Cinnamon products**

Product Type	From January to 31 <sup>st</sup> August (Mt.)	
	2024	2025
Cinnamon bark related product	11,347	11,364
Cinnamon Leave Oil	162.32	141.7
Cinnamon Bark Oil	16.18	13.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,525</b>	<b>11,520</b>

❖ **Cinnamon Export Countries and Related Information**

Country	January to 31 <sup>st</sup> June				Variance	
	2024		2025		Quantity (Mt.)	Price per Kg. (USD \$)
	Quantity (Mt.)	Percentage of total export (%)	Quantity (Mt)	Percentage of total export (%)		
Mexico	2,415.6	33.2	1,860	24.7	-555.6	14.27
Colombia	452	6.2	388	5.1	-64.0	13.13
USA	793.4	10.9	1395	18.5	601.6	13.43
Guatemala	262.4	3.6	252	3.3	-10.4	15.30
India	357	4.9	545	7.2	188.0	8.51
Ecuador	293.7	4.0	306	4.1	12.3	12.72
Bolivia	224.8	3.1	306	4.1	81.2	12.30
Peru	811.7	11.2	568	7.5	-243.7	12.29

**Production of Seedlings**• **Sri Lanka Tea Board**

Area	2025 Target (Seedlings)	Progress as at 30.09.2025 (Seedlings)	2026 Target (Seedlings)
Gampola	1,400,000		1,400,000
Nuwara Eliya	1,350,000		1,350,000
Rathnapura	3,100,000		3,100,000
Bandarawela	650,000		650,000
Matara	3,050,000		3,050,000
Baduraliya	1,850,000		1,850,000
Galle	2,250,000		2,250,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,650,000</b>		<b>13,650,000</b>

- **Tea Small Holdings Development Authority**

<b>Nursery Type</b>	<b>2025 Target (Seedlings) Mn.</b>	<b>Progress as at 30.09.2025 (Seedlings) Mn.</b>	<b>2026 Target (Seedlings) Mn.</b>
Institutional nurseries	01	0.9	01
Registered commercial nurseries	45	45	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>46</b>

- **Rubber Development Department**

<b>Nursery (Location)</b>	<b>2025 Target (Seedlings)</b>	<b>Progress as at 30.09.2025 (Seedlings)</b>	<b>2026 Target (Seedlings)</b>
Welikadamulla	30,000	36,064	39,000
Meerigama	45,000	25,351	75,900
Egaloya	32,400	21,982	48,750
Gurugoda	22,600	23,551	38,500
Karapincha	27,000	20,606	50,000
Kumbukkana	81,700	43,133	162,800
Padiyathalawa	80,300	12,410	95,700
Middeniya	21,600	20,559	86,850
<b>Total</b>	<b>340,600</b>	<b>203,656</b>	<b>597,500</b>

- **Coconut Resaerch Institute**

<b>Nursery (Location)</b>	<b>2025 Target (Seedlings)</b>	<b>Progress as at 30.09.2025 (Seedlings)</b>	<b>2026 Target (Seedlings)</b>
Bandirippuwa Research Centre	24,000	25,757	30,000
Rathmalagara Research Centre	28,000	16,250	25,000
Poththukulama Research Centre	15,000	6,500	10,000
Makandura Research Centre	15,000	12,046	20,000
Walpita Research Centre	25,000	13,550	25,000
Thabbowa Research Centre	22,000	14,920	20,000
Middeniya Research Centre	25,000	25,868	30,000
Ambakelle Genetics Resources Centre	30,000	21,578	25,000
Pallama Genetics Resources Centre	50,000	25,026	40,000
Maduruoya Genetics Resources Centre	6,000	4,361	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>240,000</b>	<b>165,856</b>	<b>230,000</b>

- **Coconut Cultivation Board**

District	2025 Target (Seedlings)	Produced Seedlings as at 30.09.2025	2026 Target (Seedlings)
Monaragala	118,380	118,491	80,000
Badulla			
Mathara	20,830		8,000
Kurunegala	353,735	447,862	305,000
Kegalle	61,765	134,059	99,000
Gampaha	117,300	115,132	120,000
Kaluthara	65,960	56,783	73,000
Colombo			
Puttalam	153,044	185,638	258,000
Rathnapura	74,840	54,040	75,000
Hambanthota	68,260	76,017	115,000
Anuradhapura	106,970	106,671	110,000
Trincomalee	46,866	117,792	25,000
Polonnaruwa	46,330	146,292	35,000
Ampara	66,540	123,573	46,000
Mathale	58,680	73,583	35,000
Galle	52,580	53,419	55,000
Batticaloa	48,650	153,326	28,500
Jaffna	680,000	404,714	600,000
Kilinochchi			
Mulathiv			
Vavuniya	320,000	100,692	400,000
Mannar			
Kandy	39,270	74,459	32,500
Nuwaraeliya			
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>	<b>2,542,543</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>

- **Sri Lanka Cashew Cooperation**

Nursery (Location)	2025 Target (Seedlings)		Progress as at 30.09.2025 (Seedlings)		2026 Target (Seedlings)	
	Budded Plants	Seed Plants	Budded Plants	Seed Plants	Budded Plants	Seed Plants
Kamandaluwa Nursery	25,000	-	6,000	-	<b>2750.00</b>	-
Mihintale Nursery	25,000	-	-	-		-
Mangallagama Nursery	-	-	-	-		-
Mahiyanganaya Nursery	-	-	-	-		-
Chandrika Wewa Nursery	-	-	-	-		-
Dambulla Nursery	-	-	-	-		-
Kumbukkana Nursery	-	-	-	-		-
Hardy Nursery	-	-	-	-		-
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,000</b>		<b>6,000</b>		<b>2750.00</b>	

## Financial & Physical Progress of the Plantation Sector Development Projects Implemented by the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure as at 30.09.2025

<b>Project Name :</b> Cadastral Surveys in the Plantation Sector	
<b>Implementing Division:</b> Plantation Management Monitoring Division	<b>Vote :</b> 135-2-17-002-2507 <b>Approved Allocation (Rs.Mn ) : 110.00</b>
<b>Financial Progress (Rs.Mn.)</b>	<b>Physical Progress</b>
24.16	Surveying activities have commenced. The surveying of the four estates has been completed.

<b>Project Name :</b> Implementation of Rubber Master Plan		
<b>Implementing Division :</b> Rubber and Cinnamon Development Division		<b>Vote:</b> 135-2-17-005-2509 <b>Approved Allocation (Rs.Mn ):</b> 5.00
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Financial Progress (Rs.Mn.)</b>	<b>Physical Progress</b>
Introducing para extension service into the rubber sector	0.31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The practical workshop on rain guard has been completed. The workshop on rubber cultivation has been completed. The practical workshop on quality tapping of rubber has been initiated.</li> </ul>
Introducing multi- skilled rubber harvesting assistants into the rubber sector		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The technical officer's database on the installation of rain guards has been completed. The practical workshop related on rain guards has been completed.</li> </ul>
Identification of sustainable rubber clones that could withstand the sub-optimal climatic conditions in nontraditional areas	1.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchase applications have been sent for goods procured worth Rs.2.31 million. Plant growth factors of 15 clones have been obtained and disease identification has been carried out.</li> </ul>



<b>Project Name : Control and suppression of diseases in coconut cultivation</b>		
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>  <b>Coconut Cultivation Board</b> <b>Coconut Research Institute</b> <b>District Secretariat – Matara</b>		<b>Vote : 135-2-17-003-2507</b> <b>Approved Allocation (Rs.Mn.) : 84.00</b>
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Financial Progress (Rs.Mn.)</b>	<b>Physical Progress</b>
Management of Waligama Coconut Leaf Wilt Disease	32.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identification and marking of diseased trees – 10,008</li> <li>▪ Vaccination of diseased trees – 760</li> <li>▪ Number of trees compensation paid – 2707</li> </ul>
Control of Brontispa pest Damage in Coconut Cultivation	1.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1921 diseased trees have been identified and marked and monocrotopus is applying to the diseased trees.</li> <li>▪ 09 training programs have been conducted.</li> </ul>
Control of whitefly pest Damage in Coconut Cultivation	1.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 59,341 diseased trees have been identified and Neem oil is applying.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Name : Kapruka Fund</b>		
<b>Implementing Agency :</b> <b>Kapruka Fund Management Board</b>		<b>Vote : 135-2-17-004-2202</b> <b>Approved Allocation (Rs.Mn.) : 20.00</b>
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Financial Progress (Rs.Mn.)</b>	<b>Physical Progress</b>
Providing low cost investment capital to coconut based small and micro Industrialists	2.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provided capital loan to 10 coconut related micro,small and medium scale entrepreneurs.</li> <li>▪ Conducted 345 follow-ups and initial project inspections.</li> </ul>
Development and promotion of market opportunities for the products of small and micro enterprices	1.63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contribution to 02 exhibitions</li> <li>▪ Surveyd information of industries 2500</li> </ul>

Aware the industrialists about technologies and technology upgrades	0.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted 20 training programs and inspections</li> <li>One service centre developed</li> </ul>
Providing low cost investment capital and technical extension services to small coconut land holders to Promote Productivity improvement and income generation activities in small land units	1.92	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementing 09 land development projects</li> <li>Project field visits 365</li> </ul>
Awareness the land holders about technologies and technology updates	0.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted 10 training programs</li> </ul>
Strengthening, streamlining and enhancing the Performances of 'Kapruka Societies'	1.98	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted Kapruka societies inspection and evaluation test 1300</li> <li>Conducted 07 training program</li> <li>Established 18 new societies</li> </ul>
Uplifting social dignity of Kapruka Societies	1.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted 06 Kapruka Udana programs</li> </ul>
Improving knowledge, attitudes and skills of officers engage in operational activities of Kapruka fund	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing initial activities</li> </ul>
Evaluation and appreciation of achievements of officers	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing initial activities</li> </ul>
Streamlining and enhancement of efficiencies of processes and activities	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing initial activities</li> </ul>
Regulation, monitoring and evaluation of development activities	1.92	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>43 progress review Regulatory events</li> </ul>

Project	Approved Allocation (Rs.Mn )	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn.)	Physical Progress
<b>Research and Development Projects in the Plantation Sector ( Rs.Mn. – 469.4)</b>			
<b>Tea Sector</b>			
<b>Implementing Agency –Tea Research Institute</b>			
Establishment of seed gardens to increase the production of improved seeds as a source of planting materials in drought prone areas (2021 - 2025)	0.95	0.62	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weeding and maintenance work required to keep the garden in optimal condition -60%</li> <li>▪ Applying fertilizer at the prescribed intervals and applying agrochemicals when necessary - 65%</li> <li>▪ Water supply activities during drought conditions/ dry weather conditions - 75%</li> </ul>
Expansion of Mother Bush Areas of New Tea Cultivars (2022-2027)	18.5	11.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The newly established mother plantation area is 6 hectares.</li> <li>▪ Approximately 11.5 hectares of land has been rehabilitated with grass cultivation and another cultivation of 2.5 hectares has commenced.</li> <li>▪ Carrying out maintenance work on the established mother plantations of 4 hectares.</li> </ul>
Development of plant-based product/s on improving short-term drought stress tolerance in tea plants (2025-2027)	4.95	0.168	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The modern extraction process is currently ongoing. In addition, tests under controlled environmental conditions have been completed. Data analysis is currently ongoing.</li> </ul>
Investigation on bio char complexes enriched with nanoparticles and their effects on tea plant growth and soil quality	26.40	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Three experiments have been conducted on the method of producing biochar using shade tree prunings, discarded tea ,and tea prunings as raw materials.</li> <li>▪ Quotation have been invited for laboratory equipment required to</li> </ul>

(2025 - 2029)			<p>carry out future development activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field observations were conducted to future investigate and monitor biochar production.</li> </ul>
<p>Use of Bio char as a Soil Amendment to Improve and Restore Soil Health and Productivity and a Nature Based Solution (NBS) and a Strategy for Climate Change Mitigation in Tea Plantations</p> <p>(2025 – 2027)</p>	10.20	0.65	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three experiments have been conducted on the method of producing biochar using shade tree prunings, discarded tea ,and tea prunings as raw materials.</li> <li>Field observations were conducted to future investigate and monitor biochar production.</li> </ul>
<p>Surveying the prevalence of plant parasitic Nematodes in tea growing areas of Rathnapura District</p>	3.98	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The technical committee recommended the purchase of the microscope. The specification was recommended.</li> </ul>
<p>Development of Monitoring and Controlling Method for Parameters for Orthodox Roller</p> <p>(2025)</p>	3.98	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The work has been awarded to an engineering firm According to the draft agreement. 70% of the total cost will be paid to the engineering firm in November 2025, and the remaining payment will be made in December 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>Implementing Agency – Tea Small Holding Development Authority</b>			
Purchasing a pH meter for soil testing	5.10	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Technical Evaluation Committee has been finalized the specification and submitted the report to call for Bids.</li> </ul>
Silver Tips Tea Cultivation	9.85	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional offices have started identifying farmers.</li> <li>Permits have been issued for those farmers, and land preparation work has started.</li> </ul>

Development of Incentive Scheme for Plantation Sector	5.00	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A consultant has been selected.</li> </ul>
Digitalization of Nursery Management	3.95	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An advertisement has been published to invite quotations for the selection of a suitable institution to register tea plant nurseries and prepare a tea plant nursery data management system.</li> </ul>
<b>Rubber Sector</b>			
<b>Implementing Agency - Rubber Research Institute</b>			
Studies on biology and epidemiology of the pestalotiopsis leaf fall disease and develop effective management strategies.(2021-2025)	6.98	2.41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 fungi have been identified (Isolated). Out of the above 12 fungi, 5 of the most effective fungi have been selected and are being studied.</li> <li>Further research is being conducted on the elements that produce pathogens, and that data is being used for disease control.</li> <li>Disease control trails have been completed in 34 fields and disease intensity is being monitored monthly. Testing of 50 clones has been completed. Intensified disease control (IDM) is being carried out in 05 fields.</li> <li>Trainings -04 (Rubber Development Officers and medium scale rubber farmers), one committee meeting was conducted. Also 05 research papers, one paper in preparation.</li> </ul>
Modernizing rubber sector by effective use of rubber digital land registry system to address international market.	75.00	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The land plots belonging to 1433 rubber cultivation licenses (as at 10/08) have been obtained and displayed through the link <a href="https://lis.survey.gov.lk">lis.survey.gov.lk</a> One QR code is presented as an example to demonstrate how to provide the QR code</li> </ul>

Development of a Roadmap for the sustainable growth of Sri Lanka's rubber sector.	1.60	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All inputs required for the roadmap have been field tested.</li> <li>▪ A resources person has been selected to prepare the roadmap.</li> <li>▪ Procurement activities related to hold stakeholder's meeting are ongoing.</li> </ul>
Renovation & modernizing of RRISL Library with leveraging technology to enhance the efficiency in public services .	4.90	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bids have been invited for the selection of suppliers for library automation, procurement activities are on going to provide chairs, airconditioners , and curtains for the library, and procurement activities for renovations have started.</li> </ul>
Renovation of Two Students/ Researchers' Hostels at the Rubber Research Institute	9.70	2.85	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bids have been called for the building renovation project and further procurement activities have been implemented.</li> </ul>
Improved Laboratory Facilities to Revitalize the Rubber Wood Industry in Sri Lanka .	4.00	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Approval was received on 14.08.2025 to start the project. An indent was also made for the purchase of research equipments and the necessary documents were submitted to the procurement division.</li> </ul>
<b>Coconut , Kithul and Palmyrah Sector</b>			
<b>Implementing Agency – Coconut Research Institute</b>			
Construction of Elephant Fences Around Coconut Genetic Resource	20.00	0.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A consultant was requested from the Department of Wildlife to prepare the BOQ for the elephant fence and BOQS are being prepared with the Department of Wildlife. Permission has been granted to work as per the approval of the Department of Forest Conservation for the Abakele Reserve. Although a technical officer has been allocated from the Wildlife Department to prepare the BOQ sheets for the Maduru Oya and</li> </ul>

			Poththukulam estates, the work has not been completed.
Study on physiochemical, biochemical and phytochemical and characteristics of king coconut and dwarf varieties to promote king coconut as an unique export oriented beverage industry. (2025)	2.00	0.83	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>45 samples were collected and analyzed. Samples have been submitted for sugar profile analysis, and technical evaluations for Phenolic and flavonoides have been completed. Several required chemicals have been purchased and bids have been invited for the remaining.</li> </ul>
Evaluation of the Effect of coconut variety, harvest maturity and growing climatic conditions on the yield and quality of coconut milk (2025-2027)	5.20	0.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of survey work purchasing is in progress for 80 samples.</li> </ul>
Enhancing Analytical capabilities and Laboratory safety of the Central Analytical Laboratory	3.1402	3.1402	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The necessary equipment has been purchased.</li> </ul>
Upgrading the tissue culture plant production capacity of the tissue culture laboratory of CRI	3.1913	3.1913	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purchase of Lamina Flow Cabinet (1), Chemical Balance (1), Lab Trolley (2), Refrigerator (1), has been completed.</li> </ul>
Purchasing a General Laboratory oven for the plant breeding laboratory of CRI	1.2257	1.2257	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purchase of laboratory oven for the breeding laboratory has been completed.</li> </ul>
Enhancing Laboratory Infrastructure for Sustainable Agronomic Practices and Agro ecosystem research in coconut lands	1.6812	1.6812	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purchase of three pieces of equipment has been completed to enhance sustainable agronomic practices in coconut lands and agro ecosystem research facilities.</li> </ul>

Upgrading the Existing laboratory Infrastructure for advertising research on pests and disease management at crop protection division	5.396	5.396	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The necessary equipment has been purchased for dissemination of the dissemination of information of pest and disease management in the Crop Protection Division Laboratory.</li> </ul>
Climate smart precision Agricultural Interventions in Coconut farming using unmanned Aerial vehicles (UAVs)	5.79	5.79	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Necessary equipment have been purchased.</li> </ul>
Purchasing Android tablets to conduct socio - economics studies	0.71	0.71	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purchase of Tab computers for socio- economic studies has been completed.</li> </ul>
Purchasing of laboratory Equipment for Climate Change Adoption Research (I Button and digital Soil Thermometer)	1.80	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bid evaluation is ongoing to purchase necessary equipment.</li> </ul>
Development of Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) for coconut in Sri Lanka .	1.50	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appoint a committee for good agriculture practices, request from the Sri Lanka Standards Institute to formulate standards, and initiate standardization activities.</li> </ul>
Purchasing Equipment for Coconut Processing Laboratory CRI	1.70	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bid evaluation for purchase has been completed. Purchasing order has been issued. Laboratory oven will be purchased.</li> </ul>
Purchasing a Thermal Cyclor (PCR Machine) for the Molecular Biology Laboratory	1.50	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The bid were rejected due to insufficient funds allocated for the purchase of a PCR machine that suited the needs, and approval has been sought to change the funds and re-invite bids.</li> </ul>
<b>Implementing Agency - Palmyrah Development Board</b>			
Strengthening Research and Testing Capabilities through Infrastructure	9.80	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>06 AC systems have been installed. 02 fire extinguishers, installation of cabinets for laboratories, Bids have</li> </ul>



Upgrades at Palmyrah Research Institute			been called for renovation and painting of water pipes and installation of 03 doors of laboratories. Order have been placed for the purchase of computers, chemicals and glassware.
Enhancing Institutional Efficiency through infrastructure and Human Capital Development	9.95	2.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>05 AC system have been installed</li> <li>19 computers have been purchased</li> <li>Technical evaluation is ongoing to purchase office equipment</li> <li>One vehicle repaired and other vehicle is still repairing</li> <li>Planning to start essential renovations</li> <li>One training program have been conducted</li> </ul>
<b>Implementing Agency - Coconut Development Division</b>			
Research & Extension Dialogue for Palmyrah, Kithul, Coconut and minor Plantation Crop Sector	0.20	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The palmyrah Development Board and the Coconut Research Institute have taken steps to obtain new research findings. According, this conversation will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>Cashew Sector</b>			
<b>Implementing Agency - Cashew Corporation.</b>			
Establishment of Cashew Cluster Village in the Nothern and Eastern provinces to enhance livelihood of farming communities.	7.84	1.39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aplications have been issued for 207 farmers, and farmer training programs have been conducted for 201 farmers</li> </ul>
Survying land under the processing of Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation.	8.755	0.225	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey orders have been issued to survey three estates.</li> </ul>
<b>Plantation Sector Common Projects</b>			
<b>Implementing Agency – Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure, Plantation Sector</b>			

Establishment Computer network system among divisions under the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure	8.50	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently, the installation of computer network in 08 out of 09 terminals has been completed.</li> </ul>
Publicity Program on the Development Activities of the Plantation Sector	3.84	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One of the two T.V. programs has been broadcast.</li> <li>12 Radio programs are prepared for presentation.</li> <li>The hand book has been submitted to print.</li> </ul>
Awareness Program on the Modernization, Diversification & Innovation	5.90		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A document containing the data of resource persons has been prepared.</li> </ul>
Implementing Agency - Spicy and Allied Products Marketing Board			
Fulfilling and Strengthening Quality Small and Medium entrepreneurs (SMEs) through GMP compliance assistance .	9.50	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Initial work has started</li> </ul>

### Financial & Physical Progress of the Projects Funded by the Budget Speech as at 30.09.2025

Project Name	Approved Allocation (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn.)	Physical Progress
<b>Coconut Sector</b>			
<b>Implementation Agency – Coconut Cultivation Board</b>			
Strengthening the Established Northern Coconut Triangle	500.00	299.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Of the target of purchasing 1,462,855 seed nuts, 1,322,008 have been purchased.</li> <li>215,078 seedlings have been planted, target of producing 1,024,000 seedlings.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications for 966 acres of irrigation facilities have been received so far for targeted 5,798 acres. Of this, land inspections have been carried out for 639 acres &amp; provided irrigation facilities for 110 acres.</li> <li>Out of the expected 250 extension programs, 185 programs have been conducted.</li> </ul>
<b>Common</b>			
<b>Implementation Agency - Janatha Estate Development Board, Sri Lanka Estate Plantation Corporation, Elkaduwa Plantation (pvt) Ltd.</b>			
Providing underutilized lands/properties to eligible investors for optimum utilization (Component 1)	183.70	5.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1513.52 ha of under utilized lands belong to SLSPC, JEDB, &amp; EPL are identified and land surveys are being carried out. EOIs are called from the interested parties as part of the procurement process.</li> </ul>
<b>Cinnamon Sector</b>			
<b>Implementation Agency - Cinnamon Development Department</b>			
Advancing Ceylon Cinnamon production, quality and Global Reach.	150.00	12.49	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16,875 saplings have been released for cultivation out of the target of 150 hectares, 19 hectares have been cultivated.</li> <li>187,835 seasonal plants have been cultivated. Out of the target of 150 hectares, 180.6 hectares have been cultivated.</li> </ul>

## Progress of the special activities carried out in the year 2025

### Tea Sector

#### 01. Progress of the activities carried out in the year 2025

- ❖ **Formulation of a five-year strategic plan (2025–2029) to address the challenges faced by the tea industry, with the objective of ensuring the future advancement and sustainable development of Sri Lanka’s tea sector.**

As part of this initiative, activities were drafted under eight thematic areas of the tea sector, incorporating the views and proposals gathered through the participation of relevant institutions in the tea sector and other stakeholders involved in the tea value chain, and these were brought forward for discussion, subsequently reviewed in consultation with experts in the field, Tea Associations and institutions under the Ministry, and finalized by incorporating all views and proposals received. The drafted strategic plan for the tea sector was submitted to the Hon. Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure and the Secretary to the Ministry, with the participation of Ministry officials and officials from the institutions under the Ministry, and based on the views and proposals presented during the discussion, actions are being pursued, and the strategic plan is to be signed thereafter with the consensus of all stakeholders.

- ❖ **“Project for the Establishment of Improved Seed Gardens Resilient to Climate Change”**

The Ministry allocates provisions to the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka for this project, scheduled to be implemented from 2021 to 2025, and oversees, coordinates and regulates the activities related to the project. At present, 12 seed gardens and 3 rehabilitated seed gardens are under maintenance.

- ❖ **“Project for the expansion of mother bush areas to distribute quality planting material of new tea cultivars among growers”**

The Ministry allocates provisions of Rs.18.5 million to the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka for this project, scheduled to be implemented from 2022 to 2027, and oversees, coordinates and regulates the activities related to the project.

Through this project, approximately 4.5 hectares of new mother bush areas have been established, and activities are being carried out to establish new mother bush areas at the St. Joachim Estate and the TRI Kottawa Substation for the year 2025. Under the various ongoing activities of the project, both the rehabilitation of grass cultivation and the establishment of new mother bush areas are being carried out.

## ❖ **Programme for the development of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Standards for the tea sector**

Good Agricultural Practices (SL GAP Standard) for the tea sector in Sri Lanka have been developed and finalized in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Standards Institution. A Cabinet Memorandum was submitted to obtain membership in the ISEAL Alliance to strengthen the sustainability of its accreditation, and since the Cabinet of Ministers has made the decision for the purpose, the related activities are currently underway. As well, a joint Cabinet Memorandum is being drafted in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land, and Irrigation to seek approval of the Cabinet of Ministers to introduce a common logo for Sri Lanka Good Agricultural Practices (SL-GAP) and to establish a 'Common Authorized Unit'.

## **02. Progress of other special activities carried out in the year 2025**

- ❖ Formulating a strategic plan for the tea sector for the years 2025–2029 to address the challenges faced by the industry.
- ❖ Implementing the “National Sustainable Biomass Growth and Sourcing Programme” for the tea industry.

This programme is set to implement pilot projects at eight tea factories: Kalubowitiana Tea Factory Limited, Balangoda New Hopewell Tea Factory, Nilwala Tea Factory, Aruna Tea Factory, Evergreen Tea Factory, Harangala Tea Factory, Avissawella Tea Factory and Galathara Tea Factory.

In order to implement the pilot projects, training programmes, both at the National Institute of Plantation Management and through online platform, were conducted with the participation of field officers from the proposed 08 tea factories, targeting officials of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority and the Sri Lanka Tea Board.

Accordingly,

- At present, the Balangoda New Hopewell Tea Factory has developed a wood chipper, which has been submitted to the National Engineering Research and Development Centre for assistance in evaluating its suitability and identifying areas for improvement.
- Observation visits were made to the Aruna Tea Factory and the Galathara Tea Factory, and based on the discussions held during the visits, a pilot programme involving the Galathara Tea Factory has been planned to be implemented in collaboration with the Pareigama Grama Niladhari Division. Further, actions were taken to formulate the Guidelines for Best Practices on Sustainable Biomass Cultivation and Use in the Tea Industry, in collaboration with the Ethical Tea Partnership for the development of the tea sector.

- ❖ Programme for **Regenerative** Agriculture in Collaboration with Unilever Sri Lanka (Limited)
  - The Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure and the Unilever Sri Lanka (Limited) have entered into an agreement to introduce regenerative agriculture and national sustainable standards in the plantation sector.

In this context,

- On 16.05.2025, a discussion was held between the Hon. Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure and the Pepsi Lipton International team, who are assisting the Public-Private-People Partnership (PPPP) project related to regenerative agriculture, and actions are being pursued based on the outcomes of the discussion.
- Conducting and monitoring the programme aligned with the Public-Private-People Partnership (PPPP) approach, aimed at developing sector-specific standards under the framework of introducing globally recognized local sustainability standards.
- ❖ Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Line of Credit (SMELoC) Project under Asian Development Bank (ADB) Loan Scheme and JFPR Grant (Japan Fund for prosperous and Resilient Asia and the Pacific)
  - This loan scheme is being implemented to develop the tea industry through economic empowerment of small and medium scale estates owners who contribute 75% of tea production in Sri Lanka. The project is being implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure, the Sri Lanka Tea Board, the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority and 13 qualified financial institutions to meet the short and long term financial requirements for the components of infilling, tea replanting, new planting, irrigation, nursery development and mechanization.
  - The Ministry of Finance and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have entered into an agreement for the execution of this loan scheme, which is being implemented as a pilot project valued at USD 20 million, and includes a grant of USD 1.25 million and USD 1.75 million from the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR) to promote tea cultivation and provide technical assistance.
  - Although the project, which commenced in 2020, was initially scheduled to conclude by the end of June 2024, it was observed that various external factors had created challenges in fully utilizing the allocated funds, and therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers had granted approval to extend the project period by six months from June 2024. The project is currently in its final stage.

- Using a grant of USD 1.75 million provided by the Government of Japan through the Asian Development Bank, a project has been initiated to introduce the following two mobile applications, utilizing Information and Communication Technology to strengthen the tea value chain. The Ministry is implementing and monitoring the project.
- ❖ Conducting programmes organized for the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Tea of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asian Tea Alliance (ATA) and the centenary celebration of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka.

The necessary arrangements to hold the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Tea of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asian Tea Alliance (ATA) and the centenary celebration of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025, are being jointly carried out by the Sri Lanka Tea Board, the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka and the Asian Tea Alliance, and the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Tea of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is being organized using the required provisions from the capital fund of the Sri Lanka Tea Board and is being coordinated by the Colombo Tea Traders' Association (CTTA).

- ❖ It has been planned to obtain 50% of the required funds from local sponsors and the remaining 50% from Treasury provisions for the International Scientific Conference to be held in conjunction with the centenary celebration of the Tea Research Institute.
  - ❖ The survey to identify the prevalence of nematode (roundworm) infestations in DS Divisions within the Ratnapura District is being monitored by this Division, and in this regard, 300 samples have been collected and analyzed. Necessary arrangements have been made to submit the maps to the relevant stakeholders. The activities are being regularly observed, coordinated and monitored.
    - ❖ Initiatives have been undertaken to develop a ten-year roadmap for the entire plantation sector, in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).
    - ❖ The Knuckles project implemented by the Green Climate Fund (GCF Knuckles) is being monitored by the International Centre for Research Agroforestry (ICRAF) and the Department of Irrigation. The first progress review meeting was held on 21.05.2025.
    - ❖ Implementing Development of Incentive Scheme for Plantation Sector.
- Actions are being taken to select a consultant for the project under the programme to establish an incentive scheme aimed at providing incentives to stakeholders, including growers, manufacturers and exporters, while ensuring consistent quality and the adoption of good practices in tea production.
- ❖ Implementing the Project for Digitalization of Nursery Management.

Work is being carried out in coordination with the agriculture sector for seed certification to ensure the quality of planting materials (tea plants), and actions have already been taken to prepare the Terms of Reference (ToR) and to publish a newspaper advertisement for the registration of tea nurseries.

### **03. Policy decisions made for the enhancement of the sector in the year 2025**

- I. A sum of Rs. 2000.00 million has been allocated for this purpose for the year 2025. Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to make the necessary arrangements to implement the fertilizer distribution programme, which was previously carried out solely by the State Fertilizer Company Limited, the government-owned fertilizer company, through all fertilizer companies registered with the National Fertilizer Secretariat, using a coupon system. The Small Tea Holdings Development Authority is currently generating a QR code.
- II. A Cabinet Memorandum has been drafted and submitted to the Department of National Planning to obtain approval of the Cabinet of Ministers for the finalized Plantation Policy.
- III. The Memorandum of Responsibilities (MOR) submitted by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for the session of the Intergovernmental Group (IGG) of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has been referred to the Legal Officer of the Ministry for comments. Following the review of those observations, the document is expected to be forwarded for the signature of the Secretary to the Ministry.

### **04. Proposals for special projects / activities proposed to be implemented for the development of the plantation sector in the year 2026**

- i. Carrying out activities as per the strategic plan prepared for the next three years to overcome the challenges faced by the tea industry.
- ii. Proceeding with necessary actions to establish a common structure with the membership of tea land owners organized according to the location of tea small holdings and medium-scale estates and to form societies by mobilizing the tea growers who supply green leaf to each factory.
- iii. Conducting programmes for granting incentives to stakeholders including growers, producers and exporters engaged in the sector while maintaining consistent quality and good practices in production.

## **Rubber Sector**

### **❖ Digital Rubber Land Mapping/ Registration System to meet international market demand**

Necessary arrangements are being made to table the relevant Cabinet Memorandum for the second time to facilitate the implementation of this project. The above Cabinet Memorandum has been submitted to urgently initiate land surveying and mapping due to the requirement to comply with the European Union Deforestation Regulations (EUDR) on deforestation-free sustainable products.



### ❖ **Development and implementation of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for rubber cultivation in Sri Lanka**

Efforts have been initiated in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Standards Institution to develop Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for rubber cultivation in Sri Lanka.

### ❖ **Preparation of a roadmap to provide guidelines and recommendations for sustainable development in the rubber sector**

The Rubber Master Plan is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2025. Having considered the current physical and economic environment, a new roadmap is being developed in line with the vision of “A Rich Country – A Beautiful Life”.

### ❖ **Amendment Bill to the Rubber Control Act, No. 11 of 1956**

It has been submitted for parliamentary debate prior to publication in the Government Gazette.

### ❖ **Rubber Replanting Subsidy Act, No. 36 of 1953**

Actions are being taken to resubmit the amendment Bill, which revises the number of installments for subsidies granted for rubber replanting and new planting, to the Legal Draftsman’s Department, incorporating the amendments made by the Rubber Development Department and rectifying any deficiencies.

### ❖ **Granting permission to import Cup Lumps under the Scheme for Temporary Import for Export Processing (TIEP)**

In line with the Cabinet Decision on the Cabinet Memorandum, actions are being pursued based on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) jointly prepared by the factory owners, the Ministry of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development and the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure.

### ❖ **Drafting a new Cinnamon Development Act**

Upon the request of the Legal Draftsman, the draft Cabinet Memorandum prepared to seek approval of the new Cabinet of Ministers has been submitted for approval of the Hon. Minister.

### ❖ **Cinnamon Gate Project**

An allocation of Rs. 275 million has been made in the budget 2025 for Phase 1 of the ‘National Cinnamon Industry and Cultural Promotion Center (Cinnamon Gate)’ project, and a Cabinet Memorandum has been submitted to utilize the remaining amount for the development of the cinnamon sector, after making the relevant payments.

## **Progress of other special activities carried out in the year 2025**

- ❖ Participating in the programmes organized by the Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC) and providing the necessary cooperation
- ❖ **Coordinating the project for smallholders funded by the Government of France**

Under two phases, this project is being implemented in the Badalkumbura and Madagama plantation areas of Monaragala District as programmes to develop the technical and management skills of 6,000 rubber smallholders and to raise awareness about intercropping / home gardening.

## **Policy decisions made for the enhancement of the sector in the year 2025**

- ❖ **Export Processing for Technically Specified Rubber Factories**

The agreement between the Ministry and the relevant factories has been finalized to grant permission for the importation of Cup Lumps and Low Dirt Cup Lumps required to meet 50% of the total production capacity of the respective factories.

- ❖ **Proposals for special projects / activities proposed to be implemented for the development of the plantation sector in the year 2026**

- Taking steps to obtain the Geographical Indication (GI) for natural crepe rubber products of Sri Lanka.
- Work is being carried out to develop a Sustainability Certification System for Natural Rubber (SCSNR) in Sri Lanka for the development of the plantation sector in 2026.

## **Coconut and Palmyrah Sector**

### **Progress of the coconut sector for the preparation of the Ministry's Progress Report for the year 2025**

- ❖ In order to achieve the primary objective of increasing export income to USD 1,500 million and meeting the country's coconut requirement of 4,200 million nuts by the year 2030, our Ministry, in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), is formulating a ten-year road map and a five-year strategic plan for the coconut sector with the active participation of all stakeholders in the sector.
- ❖ Regulating the role of the Coconut Research Institute and the Coconut Cultivation Board in relation to the control of Weligama Coconut Leaf Wilt Disease, and increasing the amount of compensation paid per infected palm to Rs.10,000.00 effective from 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025.
- ❖ With the intention of improving the productivity in coconut cultivation, arrangements were made to distribute 56,700 metric tons of APM (W) fertilizer, made by mixing 27,500 metric tons of MOP fertilizer, donated by Uralkali fertilizer company (Russia), with ERP and Urea to the coconut growers, with effect from the end of March 2025, at the concessionary price of

Rs.4,000.00 per 50kg bag to coconut lands from 1/4 acre to 5 acres in extent, to be applied at a rate of 3,300 grams of APM (W) per fruit bearing palm.

- ❖ Under the second phase of the above programme, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to provide fertilizer at a concessionary price to coconut estates above 5 acres in extent, up to a maximum of 5 acres per estate and to the government-owned Plantation Companies, and the related arrangements are currently underway.
- ❖ In order to mitigate the impact on local consumers and coconut-related industries caused by the increase in coconut prices, resulting from the decline in domestic coconut yield and rising demand, manufacturers of coconut-based products have been permitted to directly import frozen coconut kernels, coconut milk/powdered coconut milk and desiccated coconut for re-export on a Temporary Import for Export Processing (TIEP) basis, with a capacity equivalent to 200 million coconuts. Approximately 20 metric tons of coconut milk has been imported to date, equivalent to a capacity of 80,000 coconuts.
- ❖ In order to safeguard the domestic coconut oil industry, a form for tax revision was submitted to the National Tariff Policy Committee through the Ministerial Tariff Sub-Committee, to publish in the Government Gazette to implement a concessionary Special Commodity Levy of Rs. 10.00 per kilogram for importers of dehydrated coconut chips with brown outer skin (not copra), based on the recommendations of the Coconut Development Authority, and the Department of Trade and Investment Policies has reported that approval has been granted for the purpose.
- ❖ In order to regulate the quality of domestic coconut oil products, the Coconut Development Authority conducts inspections of the factories. As well, once these coconut oil factories obtain the quality certification recommended by the Coconut Development Authority, actions are being taken to introduce their products to the market with a logo as Coconut Development Authority (CDA) approved domestic coconut oil.
- ❖ Development projects implemented by the Coconut Development Authority, Coconut Cultivation Board, Coconut Research Institute, Kurunegala Plantations Ltd., Chilaw Plantations Ltd. and the Kapruka Fund are being monitored.
- ❖ The draft regulation on ***“Regulating the import of Coconut based products”***, made by the Coconut Development Authority, has been submitted to the Legal Draftsman. A discussion is scheduled to be held with the Legal Draftsman in the near future regarding the amendments to be made.

**In addition, the following four draft regulations have also been submitted to the Legal Draftsman.**

1. Coconut and coconut based products: Registration of new manufacturers and new millers.
2. Coconut and coconut based products: Annual renewal of registration and cancellation of the registration of manufacturers and millers.

3. Granting licenses to coconut and coconut based products exporters and cancellation and suspension of licenses.
  4. Determination of quality standards of coconut and coconut based products.
- ❖ The World Coconut Day 2025 programme and activation of the Northern Coconut Triangle were successfully conducted on 02.09.2025 at the premises of Sri Murugan Kovil in Pudukuduirippu, Mullaitivu District, under the patronage of H.E. the President. This national celebration, reflecting the strong commitment of all stakeholders towards sustainable regional development, rural empowerment, and the overall development of Sri Lanka's coconut sector, achieved remarkable success through close collaboration among government institutions, plantation organizations, and farming communities. Simultaneously, the first seed coconut garden in the North was inaugurated at Palai.
  - ❖ This programme was not only a celebration of the significance of the coconut sector but also served as a platform to launch the Northern Coconut Triangle Programme, aimed at developing the Northern Province into a vibrant hub for coconut cultivation, processing, and value addition. A total of 50,000 acres is expected to be cultivated in the Northern Coconut Triangle by the year 2027, of which 10,000 acres have already been cultivated, and It is expected to cultivate 16,000 acres in 2025, 16,000 acres in 2026 and 8,000 acres in 2027.

## **Plantation Industries Modernization and Diversification Division**

### **Progress of the special activities carried out in the year 2025**

- ❖ Broadcasting a television programme on the World Coconut Day and the Northern Coconut Triangle on 29.08.2028, under the promotional campaigns related to development activities in the plantation sector. In the process of preparing the Corporate Intellectual Property Policy, Corporate Intellectual Property Drafts for the Coconut Research Institute and the Palmyrah Development Board have already been prepared and submitted to the National Innovation Agency.
- ❖ Three awareness programmes have already been conducted under the Awareness Programme on the Modernization, Diversification, and Innovation.
  - ❖ The first workshop was held at NIPM on 21.05.2025 under the theme "Awareness programme on the Modernization, Diversification and Innovation".
  - ❖ The second workshop was held at NIPM on 23.07.2025 under the theme "Climate Resilience in Tea Plantation Management".
  - ❖ An awareness workshop on the new tariff policy was held on 27.08.2025.
- ❖ Under the Budget proposal 2025 to use underutilized lands for suitable cultivations, steps are being taken to appoint a Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee and to call for Expression of Interest (EOI) through newspaper advertisements, in order to allocate underutilized lands within large-scale estates of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation, Janatha Estates Development Board and Elkaduwa Plantation Limited to suitable investors for optimal use.

- ❖ The activities of the Agriculture Sector Modernization Project were completed on 30.06.2025. Physical progress -93%, Financial progress -94%.
- ❖ The committee appointed to make recommendations on oil palm cultivation has finalized the preparation of its report.

## Planning Division

- ❖ Formulation of ministerial plans
  - The Ministry is working together with the relevant institution to implement the 2025 – 2029 ministerial strategic plan
- ❖ Preparation of Ministry Publications
  - Performance Report of the Ministry- 2024 has been prepared and submitted to table it in Parliament
  - Preparation and steps are being taken to release the o Statistical Handbook - 2023 containing data on plantation sector.
- ❖ Submission of Progress Reports
  - Submission of monthly and quarterly reports including the progress of projects allocated to the plantation sector to the Presidential Secretariat, the Treasury, other Ministries and requesting institutions.
  - Reporting semi-annual information and data to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka on the performance of the plantation sector and policy decisions taken during the year.
  - Submission of monthly and quarterly progress of projects implemented in accordance with the government policy framework to the Presidential Secretariat and requesting institutions.
- ❖ Formulation of Action Plans
  - Formulation of the Ministry Action Plan 2025 and revised Action Plan .
  - Fomulation of Action Plans and revised Action Plans of the development projects of the Ministry for which provisions are directly allocated.
  - Reviewing Action Plans of the affiliated institutions and undertaking operational activities of the progress of implementation.
  - Preperation of an implementation plan for the areas of commitment related to this ministry in the government policy framework and include it in the Presidential Secretariat's App, and include progress after the approval.

## Administration Division

- ❖ With the objective of reducing expenditure, the Rubber Development Department, which was previously housed in a private building on a lease basis, has been facilitated to relocate to the Ministry premises and re-establish its divisions.
- ❖ All administrative matters related to the completion of the Agriculture Sector Modernization Project (ASMP) were carrying out.
- ❖ In line with the Assets Management Circular No. 05/2024 dated 22.01.2025, issued by the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, necessary actions were taken to dispose of the luxury vehicles that incur a heavy burden on the public institutions, through the government procurement procedure. The identified vehicles were accordingly processed for disposal.
- ❖ Procurement activities have been initiated to renovate the official quarters of the Ministry.
- ❖ A counseling programme was conducted for all Ministry staff to enhance the quality of their personal and professional lives, along with a training programme for Karyala Karya Sahayaka to improve their attitudes and professional knowledge, with the intention of building a team of Karyala Karya Sahayaka who are responsible and uphold proper work ethics.
- ❖ An awareness programme on “Managing State-Owned Enterprises for a Sustainable Plantation Economy” was conducted for Board of Directors.
- ❖ In order to establish transparency, accountability and **integrity** in the public sector and to provide government services to all citizens effectively, a new Internal Affairs Unit has been established within the Administration Division of Wing 11C, Sethsiripaya Stage II, comprising a Head of Unit, integrity officers, representatives from the Ministry divisions and supporting staff. Arrangements have been made to provide a complaint box, an email address and a WhatsApp number for the public to submit complaints, suggestions, and ideas.

### **Proposed activities to be carried out in the year 2026**

- ❖ Conducting awareness programmes on productivity to enhance the Ministry’s efficiency and taking necessary measures to participate in the Productivity Awards Competition 2026.

- ❖ Completing the renovation of official quarters of the Ministry. The estimated cost for the purpose is Rs.9 million.

### **Plantation Management Monitoring Division**

- ❖ Progress of lease rental collection of Plantation Companies as at 30.09. 2025

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.Mn)</b>
Estimated lease rental for the financial year 2025	2,682.59
Arrears of lease rental for the previous years recovered as at 30.09.2025	200.43
Lease rental for the year 2025 collected up to 30.09.2025	1,205.33
Total lease rental collected up to 30.09.2025	1,405.77

### **Internal Audit Division**

- ❖ As at 30.09.2025, The management audit committee 03 quarterly meetings were conducted dated on 07.01.2025 and 08, 08.04.2025, 09 and 15, and 16.10. 2025 and 17 .
- ❖ The number of audits and investigations carried out by the Ministry on 30.09.2025 in the affiliated institutions as follows.

<b>Discription</b>	<b>No of Audit/ Investigations</b>
	<b>Audit Reports</b>
Ministry	11
Plantation Management and Monitoring Division	01
Tea, Rubber and Coconut Estates (Control of Fragmentation) Board	01
Tea Shakthi Fund	04
Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation	02
Tea Research Institute	01
Palmyrah Development Board	02
Coconut Research Institute	01
Tea Small Holdings Development Authority	02
Spices and Allied Products Marketing Board	03

**Finance Division****Financial Progress as at 30.09.2025**

Description	Category	Approved Provisions (Rs. Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)	Bills in Hand (Rs.Mn.)
Minister's Office	Capital	8.00	0.61	-
	Recurrent	78.00	29.08	-
Ministry (Administration)	Capital	61.00	18.97	-
	Recurrent	1603.68	1066.36	-

Description	Category	Approved Provisions (Rs. Mn.)	Imprest Received (Rs. Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs. Mn.)	Bills in Hand (Rs. Mn.)
Special Projects ( Including foreign Funded projects )	Capital	9255.25	2833.94	2833.94	-
	Recurrent	12	4.79	4.79	-
Affiliated Institutions (Including Departments )	Capital	2005	978.82		
	Recurrent	3245.13	2333.06		



## Submission of Cabinet Papers for Performance of the Plantation Sector as at 30.09.2025

NO	Name of the Cabinet Paper	Decision	Progress
02/2025	Increasing the amount of compensation for felling Weligama coconut leaf wilt disease infected palm.	It has been agreed to examine the feasibility of implementing the program recommended in sub paragraph 3.0 of the memorandum under similar programs implemented under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation and the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure and to take necessary steps accordingly and to take further steps in this regard based on the matters agreed upon with the Director General of National Budget regarding the payment of allowances as recommended in sub paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 of paragraph 3.0 of the memorandum and the provision of necessary provisions for that purpose.	. As per the approval of the relevant Cabinet of Ministers, the compensation amount for felling one affected tree was increased from Rs. 3000 to Rs.10,000. similarly, Rs.10,000 will be provided for vaccination of a coconut tree affected by the disease. In addition, the daily allowance given to the officers temporarily recruited to manage this disease control program was increased from Rs. 1700 to Rs.3500.
13/2025	Winding up the Thurusaviya Fund and attaching its staff to the vacant posts of the institutions coming under the Ministry.	After discussion on the observations of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development dated 2025.03.05; the observations of the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government dated 2025.03.08; and the Report dated 2024.09.13 attached as Annex 1 to the Memorandum, submitted by the Officials' Committee appointed as per paragraph (i) of the Cabinet decision dated 2024.02.05 on CP No. 24/0103/612/009, approval has been granted to wind up the Thurusaviya Fund and appoint its staff to fill the existing vacant posts in the approved cadre of the statutory entities falling under the purview of the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure, and to adopt the methodology stated in the	As per the Cabinet decision, the staff of the Thurusaviya Fund has been appointed to the existing vacant posts in the approved cadre of the statutory entities falling under the purview of the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure.

		recommendations 1 to 7 in paragraph 3 of the above Officials' Committee Report, in implementing the decision.	
16/2025	Submission of the amendments to the Regulations made under section 49 of the Tea Control Act, No. 51 of 1957 regarding the Fee for Dealer's License, for approval of Parliament	Approval has been granted to re-submit the Regulations regarding the Fee for Dealer's License made by the then Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries under section 49 of the Tea Control Act, No. 51 of 1957, attached as Annex-02 to the Memorandum, to the Legal Draftsman to make necessary amendments, as recommended in sub-paragraph 3.2 in paragraph 3.0 of the Memorandum and to submit the draft Regulations prepared by the Legal Draftsman as per the decision to Parliament for approval, subject to obtaining prior approval of the Cabinet for the same.	The draft Regulations prepared by the Legal Draftsman have been submitted to Parliament for approval, subject to obtaining prior approval of the Cabinet for the same.
23/2025	Amendments to the Rubber Control Act, No. 11 of 1956.	Approval has been granted to re-publish the Rubber Control (Amendment) Bill in the Government Gazette, and to submit the said Bill published in the Government Gazette thereafter to Parliament for approval.	Approval has been granted by Parliament.
24/2025	Upgrading the St. Coombs and St. Jochim estates and factories of the Tea Research Institute into State - of - the-art model estate and factories with new technology.	Approval was given to direct the secretary to the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure to take steps to give in -principle approval and prepare a single project proposal for evaluation within the proposed project and submit it into the Department of National Planning.	As per the request of the ministry, the project proposal submitted by the Tea Research Institute has been forwarded to the Department of National Planning.
25/2025	Providing a fertilizer subsidy to tea growers for rehabilitation of tea cultivation.	Approval has been granted in principle to pursue action as proposed in sub-paragraph 3.1 in paragraph 3.0 of the Memorandum. As well, the Secretary has been directed to take necessary action giving due consideration to the matters highlighted in the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development in this regard and implement the proposed subsidy program.	Steps are being taken to proceed with the distribution of fertilizer.
33/2025	Providing underutilized lands/properties to suitable investors for optimal use.	Approval has been granted to alienate the underutilized lands/properties managed by the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation and the Janatha Estates Development Board, to suitable investors for optimal use	A Procurement Committee and a Proposals Evaluation Committee have been appointed. The higher standard Procurement Committee concluded the process of calling for

		as proposed in sub-paragraph 3.2 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum, and to obtain legal advice in the first instance and thereafter take necessary action to select suitable investors for optimal use of the underutilized lands/ properties managed by the Regional Plantation Companies, which have been assigned to the private investors for management, based on the said legal advice, and to appoint a Procurement Committee and a Proposals Evaluation Committee as proposed in sub-paragraph 3.3 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum, in consultation with the General Treasury.	Expressions of Interest from investors on 25.09.2025. 483 Expressions of Interest (EoIs) have been received. Evaluation of the same is underway.
34/2025	Obtaining a policy decision regarding the future implementation of the Galle, Pinnaduwa National Cinnamon Industry and Development Center (Cinnamon Gate) project ,which has been assigned to the Cinnamon Development Department.	In the case of the Galle, Pinnaduwa National Cinnamon Industry and cultural promotion Center project phase-1, the Government has been approved to conduct a proper study to identify the most advantageous proposal among the proposals mentioned I clauses 3.1 and 3.2 of paragraph 3.0 of the memorandum and to take further action by managing the budget allocations allocated for the year 2025, following the proper procedures and making payments for it, and to utilize the remaining allocations for the development of the cultivation in the Cinnamon sector	The action plan has been approved for the expected remaining provisions of Rs. 175 million after the final bill is paid. The Director General has referred the necessary instructions to the Cooperate affairs Division of the Ministry of Finance to implement this project as a public-private partnership tourism project. .
47/2024	Distribution of Muriate of Potash (MOP) Fertilizer for Coconut Cultivation.	In line with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development and the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation, to obtain the concurrence of the Embassy in Sri Lanka of the country by which the relevant stock of Muriate of Potash Fertilizer was donated to Sri Lanka and the representative of the World Food Programme in Sri Lanka, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism pertaining to making a mixture of coconut fertilizer using the Muriate of Potash received under the World Food Programme and distributing the said fertilizer mixture to the coconut cultivators on cost recovery basis as	Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted for C.P. No.47/2024 and C.P. No.02/2025, and the relevant institutions have been directed on the appropriate courses of action to be taken accordingly.

		recommended in the Memorandum (i).	
53/2025	Modernizing the rubber industry by effectively utilizing the digital rubber land mapping /registration system to meet international market demand	Approval has been granted for the signing of the memorandum of understanding between the Department of Rubber Development and the survey of Sri Lanka for the implementation of this project and for the management of the project within the provisions made to the Ministry of Plantations and Community Infrastructure in the Budget Estimates for the year 2025, as proposed in sub paragraphs 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 of paragraph 3.0 of the memorandum.	Accordingly, the rubber Development Department signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Survey department of Sri Lanka on 27.08.2025 to map rubber lands and is conducting surveying activities.

**Progress of Affiliated Institutions under the purview of the Ministry Of  
Plantation and Community Infrastructure  
Plantation Sector**

**Tea, Rubber and Coconut Estates (Control of Fragmentation) Board**

**Vision**

A prosperous economy by securing tea rubber and coconut plantations.

**Mission**

Extending support for increasing the productivity ,profitability and sustainability of the plantation industry by protecting tea,rubber,and coconut estates.

**Tea, Rubber and Coconut Estates (Control of Fragmentation) Board - Progress  
From 01.01. 2025 to 30.09.2025**

<b>Application Received</b>	<b>From 01.01. 2025 to 30.09.2025</b>
No of board of director meetings held	11
Applications forward to 01.01.2025	191
Applications received from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025	555
Total number of applications received as at 30.09.2025	746
Applications submitted to the board of directors	438
Applications approved by the board of directors	314
Applications rejected	41
Applications decided to submit for field inspections /legal advices	36

Applications inapplicable to the act	33
Application approved based on the appeal decisions	10

### District wise Received Applications

Description	No
Kurunegala district	248
Puttalam district	200
Gampaha district	103
All other districts except for above districts	195
Total Applications Received	746
Application incomplete & referred to obtain reports	301
No of applications not required to transfer	7

### Land Unit wise Received Applications

No of applications recieved	Method of Transfer	Extent of land applied			Extent of land approved		
		Acres.	Roods	Perches	Acres.	Roods	Perches
109	Single Units	1,670	3	35.67	1,109	0	20.20
125	Bank Mortgage	2,891	2	0.32	2,569	3	22.11
512	Other Transfers	8,169	3.23	14.65	4,528	1	11.85
<b>746</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,732</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>10.64</b>	<b>8,207</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14.16</b>

### Crop wise Received Applications

Crop	No.of applications	Extent of land (applied)		
		Acres.	Roods	perches
Coconut	537	8,597	0	9.24
Rubber	36	627	3	4.11
Tea	32	1,776	2	24.25
Other	141	1,730	2.23	13.04
Total no of applications	<b>746</b>	<b>12,732</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>10.64</b>

## Sri Lanka Tea Board

### Vision

To position Ceylon Tea as the “most aspired beverage” in the global market

### Mission

To increase the foreign exchange earnings to the country through sustainable development of the industry and thereby ensuring the economic development of the plantation community

### Progress of projects related to the 2025 Action Plan as at 30.09.2025

S.N	Program	Allocated amount (Rs.Mn)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)	Physical progress (30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025)
01.	Implementation of Fertilizer subsidy scheme	3,370.00	563.80	The required fertilizer stocks have been distributed. The remaining amount is to be paid to the fertilizer companies after the relevant bills are submitted and checked.
02.	Direct Planting Program	20.00	3.20	Subsidies have been provided for 120,000 plants.
03.	Tea Factory Modernization program	4.00	4.10	Payments have been made for 8 tea factories
04.	Subsidy program for Plastic crates/Nylon Bags for leaf transportation	14.00	3.00	Payments have been made for 700 plastic crates and 1935 Nylon bags.
05.	Subsidy scheme for Smart Plucking teams	20.0	0.40	5 teams have been trained and completed.
06.	Tea Nursery Program	30.00	6.60	Rs. 30 million was allocated for the completion of the first and second phases of 60 nurseries, and completed for 25 nurseries, with payments underway for another 5 nurseries.
07.	Financial Assistance for Tea Roller Dryer of Artisanal Tea Factories	5.00	2.60	Payments have been made for the purchase of 14 tea drying machines.

08.	Continuation of Tea Replanting subsidy scheme	10.00	6.90	Completed 14.46 hectares
09.	Interest subsidy for solar energy installation for tea factories and warehouses	15.00	6.29	Funds have been provided for 35 tea factories and 2 warehouses.
10.	Financial assistance for upgrading or modernizing of tea export Packaging Factories	20.00	11.80	Paid the interest subsidy for 10 exporters
11.	National level awareness for “B Leaf 60” program and Extension officer trainings	25.00	6.34	9 awareness programs and 138 Extension officers have been trained.
12.	50% Subsidy for private sector (major fairs only)	100.0	90.98	Rs.90.98 million has been paid for 10 trade fairs.

### **Progress of other special projects/activities implemented for the advancement of the tea sector during the year 2025**

- ❖ In accordance with the Cabinet approval to provide fertilizer to growers at subsidized prices for the fertility of tea cultivation, the Sri Lanka Tea Board allocated Rs. 2000 million for fertilizer subsidy in the year 2025 and is scheduled to distribute fertilizer through a QR code in collaboration with registered fertilizer companies. The project officially started on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025 by issuing QR codes for small holders.
- ❖ Active contribution was made to the preparation of the five-year strategic plan for the Tea Sector under the coordination of the Ministry.
- ❖ The main state ceremony of the 'New Tea Festival', a multi-religious festival held to offer a portion of the first harvest produced in tea factories after the Sinhala-Hindu New Year festival to religious scholars, was held at the Muthiyangana Raja Maha Viharaya under the patronage of the Hon. Minister of Plantations and Community Infrastructure.
- ❖ The Sri Lanka Tea Board took the initiative to create computer and mobile apps related to the tea sector, under the financial support and guidance of the Asian Development Bank, in order to integrate the Sri Lankan tea industry with new technology in a more systematic manner.

## Financial Progress as at 30.09.2025

Details		Approved Funds(Rs.Mn)	Financial Target as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Imprest recieved (Rs.Mn)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn)	Bills in hand (Rs.Mn)
Capital	Generated Funds	1,041.00	516.18	-	313.68	6.00*
	Promotion and Marketing levy	4,906.00	2,141.00	-	712.50	-
Recurrent	Generated Funds	678.45	466.67	-	375.86	-

\*-Payment of NIPM for Extension officer training

## Special projects proposed to be implemented in 2026 for the development of the tea sector

### ❖ Providing Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) certification for tea lands.

- Conducting 100 awareness workshops to educate tea growers on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and to direct and encourage them towards it.
- Simultaneously, it has been planned to take the necessary initial steps to establish a Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Implementation Unit and a Certification Unit at the Sri Lanka Tea Board.

### ❖ Brand Promotion Subsidy scheme (2025/2026)

The project is proposed to provide a 50% financial subsidy to tea exporters to promote tea bearing the Lion logo, was planned to be implemented as a biennial project in 2025/2026, and the relevant brand promotion expenses are to be incurred in 2026. The Sri Lanka Tea Board has allocated Rs. 750 million for this project.



## **Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka**

### **Vision**

To achieve excellence in tea research and to provide technological guidance to the tea industry, in order to make Sri Lankan tea the most preferred tea in the world, at a competitive price.

### **Mission**

To generate and transfer scientific knowledge and technologies appropriate for the stakeholders to improve productivity and quality of Sri Lankan tea in a most profitable manner.

## **Progress of Research and Development Projects – As at 30 September 2025**

### **❖ Crop Improvement**

- Seven new cultivars of the TRI 5000 series, characterized by superior quality and tolerance to drought, blister blight, and parasitic nematodes, were identified. The final report has been submitted to the Technical Release Committee for approval and recommendation.
- Preparatory work was undertaken to establish mother bushes of these new cultivars to facilitate the commercial distribution of planting materials among tea growers. The programme includes the establishment of 15 new seed gardens covering 7.5 hectares, maintenance of existing seed gardens, and operation of two gene banks at Talawakelle and Ratnapura. Mechanisms for the systematic production and distribution of planting materials are in place, with an expected annual seed output sufficient for approximately 10 hectares of new plantations.
- The establishment of 14 hectares under the mother bush programme is progressing, alongside the maintenance of 22 hectares of existing mother bush sites with new cultivars.
- Research aimed at improving the efficiency of varietal development through tissue culture, induced mutation, and molecular techniques is ongoing. Currently, two laboratory studies on tissue culture, one on induced mutation, and two field evaluation studies are in progress.
- During the year, four ongoing field evaluation studies and four regional workshops were conducted to introduce specialty and industrial tea varieties.
- Long-term field evaluation trials continued for the development of new tea cultivars suited to the four main tea-growing regions. To date, 36 field evaluation trials and approximately 1,000 hybridizations (crosses) have been conducted.

### ❖ Land Productivity Improvement

- Seven research projects focusing on biofertilizers and biostimulants are being conducted and are expected to be completed within the year.
- Under the organic fertilizer research programme, three studies on new rehabilitation grass species and one study on the introduction of local dolomite recommendations are in progress.
- Five experiments related to shade management strategies and evaluation of shade tree species across different tea-growing regions are ongoing, with one guideline already issued.
- The prototype development of a selective tea harvester machine is underway, in collaboration with a commercial company for design, testing, and future large-scale production.
- Additional studies are being conducted on the use of factory wood ash as a plant nutrient, evaluations requested by the ACMSC, and soil and water conservation methods.

### ❖ Crop Protection

- Research on the use of bio-pesticides (Trichoderma and Pseudomonas) for disease management in tea cultivation is nearing completion, and commercialization activities are in progress.
- Studies on the bio-pesticide Metarhizium for pest control have been completed, and steps are being taken for its commercial introduction.
- Evaluation of Metham sodium as a soil fumigant for nematode control has been completed, and relevant recommendations have been issued.

### ❖ Tea Processing Technology and Value Addition

- Two research studies aimed at improving the quality and energy efficiency of tea manufacturing through process automation were carried out.
- Collaborative research between the Biochemistry and Processing Technology Division focused on evaluating the quality of made tea produced from new cultivars. Biochemical analyses were completed for seven leaf samples and six made tea samples.
- Further studies were undertaken to develop methodologies for accurate detection of adulteration in made tea. Research is also in progress to assess the health benefits of different Sri Lankan tea cultivars, produced tea grades, and processing methods of the tea grades.
- Commercialization of tea sauce is scheduled, while studies on tea-based ready-to-drink (RTD) beverages are ongoing. A separate project on the development and quality optimization of tea-infused mayonnaise is underway.

### ❖ **Socio-Economic Resource Planning and Advisory & Extension Services**

- Modern digital tools and communication technologies, including mobile applications, YouTube videos, and AI-based platforms, were effectively utilized in advisory and extension activities.
- A total of 55 awareness programmes were conducted, engaging approximately 1,400 stakeholders. During the first half of the year, data from 20 estates were entered into the advisory database, 245 advisory visits were made, 450 technical reports issued, and 74 commercial tea nurseries inspected.
- The TRI mobile application recorded 4,295 users. Additionally, 5 YouTube videos were produced, 34 digital content items were shared via 2 WhatsApp groups, and the Institute's Facebook page reached 5,000 likes and 8,700 followers. The telephone helpdesk handled 530 inquiries, and 14 SMS advisories were circulated.
- Seven regional technical extension meetings, 12 exhibitions/field demonstrations, and 10 mobile laboratory services were conducted. Furthermore, 850 soil samples were analyzed for pH value and carbon content.
- To enhance knowledge dissemination, two publications (including the Tamil translation of the Tea Cultivation Handbook and the Guide on Weeds), three advisory leaflets, and three booklets were prepared and distributed in all three languages.
- Four practical workshops on specialty and artisanal tea manufacturing were conducted for 120 participants. Three awareness programmes on mechanization were also held for tea growers, while promoting mechanization among tea growers are ongoing, with additional workshops planned for the Up-Country region.

### ❖ **Knowledge Dissemination**

- Analytical and other technical services continue to be provided to stakeholders.
- To date, 15,000 soil and nutrient analyses (covering 7,500 soil, leaf, and fertilizer samples) have been completed. Additional services include 55 biochemical tests on made tea samples, 18 root starch tests, 75 soil tests for nematodes, and 12 microbiological tests on made tea samples.

### ❖ **Research Grants and International Collaborative Projects**

- The Tea Research Institute continues to strengthen its research portfolio through national and international collaborations with universities and research organizations, facilitating knowledge exchange and financial support through research grants.
- Collaborative studies were carried out with the University of Peradeniya, the University of Bristol, and the Royal Botanic Gardens (UK) to assess the effects of drought on tea and identify suitable drought-tolerant varieties.
- Under the research grant scheme of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP), seven new projects are scheduled for 2025–2026.

### ❖ TRI Strategic Plan (2025–2029)

- The Strategic Plan for the period 2025–2029 has been formulated, outlining the Institute’s long-term vision, research priorities, and development strategies.

### ❖ Centenary Celebration Programmes

- In commemoration of the centenary of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka, a series of celebratory programmes are being implemented throughout the year. The concluding event, the International Tea Research Symposium (InTSym100), is scheduled to be held in Colombo on 10–11 November 2025.

## Financial Progress as at 30 September 2025

Description		Approved Funds (Mn Rs.)	Financial Target As at 30.09.2025 (Mn Rs)	Received Funds (Mn Rs.)	Expenditure (Mn Rs.)	Bills in Hand (Mn Rs)
Capital	Funds reserved to settle the bills in hand for year 2024	-	-	-	-	-
	Allocation for 2025 Action plan activities	100.000	91.450	25.319	28.676	5.02
Recurrent Expenditure		605.000	465.487	415.952	382.710	8.97
<b>Generated funds (Mn Rs) Capital</b>					1.8	4.1
<b>Generated funds (Mn Rs) Recurrent</b>					0	1.65

### ❖ Special Research and Development Projects proposed for the 2026

- Expansion of mother bush areas of new tea cultivars (2022-2027)
- Development of plant- based product/s on improving short-term drought stress tolerance in tea plants (2025-2027)
- Investigation on biochar complexes enriched with nanoparticles and their effects on tea plant growth and soil quality (2025 – 2029)
- Use of biochar as a soil amendment to improve and restore soil health and productivity and a nature based solution (NBS) and a strategy for climate change mitigation in tea plantations (2025-2027)
- Developing a dust removing system to improve the working environment in tea factories which produce Orthodox-Rotorvane tea (2026)

## Tea Small Holdings Development Authority

### Vision

Creation of an economically and socially sustainable community of tea small holders

### Mission

Development of productivity and quality of the Tea Small Holdings sector through the provision of excellent supportive services

### Progress of Special Projects/ Activities under the Action Plan 2025 as at 30.09.2025 Progress of Development Projects

#### ▪ Tea Replanting Subsidy Scheme

For development activities related to Tea Replanting, payments will be made in 5 phases, at 630,000 Rupees per hectare.

Project	Activity	Unit	Physical Target	Financial Target (Million Rupees)	Progress	
					Physical	Financial (Million Rupees)
Tea Replanting	Land preparation and soil rehabilitation I (2025 permits)	Hectares	1030	236.900	350.1	39.629
	Soil Rehabilitation I (Activities from previous years)		172	8.600	145.8	7.249
	Soil Rehabilitation II(Activities from previous years)		350	70.000	308.0	56.858
	Planting (Activities from previous years)		520	72.800	334.1	39.105
	Maintenance after one year (Activities from previous years)		619	37.140	619	32.671

### ▪ Tea New Planting

For activities related to Tea New Planting, payments will be made in 3 phases, at 390,000 Rupees per hectare.

Project	Activity	Unit	Physical Target	Financial Target (Million Rupees)	Progress	
					Physical	Financial (Million Rupees)
New Planting	Land Preparation	Hectares	70	9.800	42.83	4.375
	Planting		70	17.500	40.12	5.785
	Maintenance after one year (Activities from previous years)		192	9.600	143.29	6.406

### ❖ Infilling – Crop Rehabilitation

A subsidy of Rs. 100 per plant will be paid for the permits in the year 2025

Project	Activity	Unit	Physical Target	Financial Target (Million Rupees)	Progress	
					Physical	Financial (Million Rupees)
Infilling - crop rehabilitation	Phase I ((2025 permits))	Plants	2,000,000	200.00	573,708	35.250
	Phase II (Activities from previous years)		1,028,000	25.700	996,790	22.039

### ❖ Impact Assessment on subsidized replanting activities

Conduct a sample of survey on the impact of tea replanting activities of previous years of Tea small holder farmers who are subsidized under the tea small holdings development authority. A budget of Rs. 0.200 million has been estimated for checking 607 samples, and as at 2025.09.30 physical progress of 50% achieved.

### ❖ Progress of Special projects implemented in the year 2025 as at 30.09.2025

#### Extension Activities

- ❖ Training programs for smallholder farmers under public-private partnership programs are also being conducted by the CIC Pvt Ltd for 4,000 farmers in Galle, Matara and Ratnapura districts and Browns Pvt Ltd planned to implement programs in Kalutara, Kegalle and

Kandy districts targeting 3000 farmers .As of 30.09.2025, those programs have been completed for 7000 farmers.

- ❖ Rs. 2.0 million has been allocated for 414 establishment and maintenance of demonstration plots. As of 30.09.2025 414 no of demonstration plots maintained and Rs.0.86 has been achieved as the financial progress
- ❖ Establishment and maintenance of mother bush and seed garden, 29 mother bush areas have been maintained, estimated budget for this activity is Rs. 5.5 million, As of 30.09.2025 29 no of mother bush areas have been maintained and Rs.3.442 has been achieved as the financial progress.
- ❖ 41,400 no of pH sample tastings were targeted and as of 30.09.2025 14,123 no of pH sample testing completed.
- ❖ To supply small holder farmers a quality tea plant, 1,000,000 plants were estimated to produce in 11 institutional nurseries. As of 30.09.2025 900,150 no of plants were produced in 10 institutional nurseries. Also 45,000,000 plants were estimated to produce in 1200 commercial nurseries. As of 30.09.2025 45,000,000 no of plants were produced in 1,130 commercial nurseries.

#### • Training programs for institutional staff

- ❖ 18 no of programs have been planned and estimated budget of Rs. 4.00 million .As of 30.09.2025, 11 programs have been completed and a financial progress is Rs. 1.751 million

#### • Activities of Tea Small Holdings Societies

- ❖ An estimated budget of Rs. 3.676 million has been allocated for 21 society programs & society administration work purposes, out of which 21 programs have been completed and financial progress of Rs. 1.050 million has been achieved as of 30.09.2025
- ❖ Another 16 programs have been planned and 06 of them have been completed. Rs.0.9 million has been spent.

### Special Projects executed in the year 2025 for Tea Sector development

1. Under the special project of “Silver Tips Tea Cultivation”, it has been planned to distribute 90,000 plants for 450 farmers, each having minimum of 200 plants and the maximum of 1000 no of plants . A total of 9.85 Million Rupees is estimated for this project.
2. Fertilizer Distribution – Progress as of 30.09.2025

Regional Office	T-200 Packs of 50 (Kg)	T-65 Packs of 50 (Kg)	T-750 Packs of 50 (Kg)	U-709 Packs of 50 (Kg)	U-834 Packs of 50 (Kg)	Total Packs of 50 (Kg)
Galle	6,038	214	27,921	18,590	5,849	58,612
Kaluthara	3,401	70	20,053	16,889	3,134	43,547
Kandy	1,246	293	1,113	13,734	5,295	21,681
Kegalle	1,336	75	1,780	8,042	2,094	13,327

Matara	2,753	108	14,249	19,856	3,654	<b>40,620</b>
Nuwara Eliya	875	121	1,401	9,712	1,357	<b>13,466</b>
Rathnapura	1,670	388	3,648	23,731	3,156	<b>32,593</b>
Uva	1,372	249	600	14,863	19,380	<b>36,464</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,691</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>70,765</b>	<b>125,417</b>	<b>43,919</b>	<b>260,310</b>

### Financial Progress as of 30.09.2025

Details		Approved Provisions (Rs.Mn)	Financial Target as of 30.09.2025 (Rs.Mn)	Cash Inflows (Rs.Mn)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn)	Outstanding Bills (Rs.Mn)
Capital	Provisions allocated to pay outstanding bills in the year 2024	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	-
	Provisions allocated for the projects in the Action Plan for the year 2025	798.00	519.657	289.01	274.93	105.87
Recurrent		588.37	441.28	380.87	382.97	49.79



## Rubber Development Department

### Vision

To be the leading stakeholder in the plantation industry for Socio- Economic Development in Sri Lanka.

### Mission

Holistic execution of agriculture extension services and other supportive services for the quantitative and qualitative development of rubber cultivation and rubber related industries in Sri Lanka in line with the powers and functions legally assigned to the department.

### Progress of the Development Projects (Up to 30.09.2025)

	Activity	Target 2025		2025.09.30 Physical Progress
		Unit	Amount	
01	New planting	hectare	390	85.05
02	Re-planting (Small holding sector)	hectare	230	162.08
03	Production & Issuance of Quality budded rubber plants	Plants	340,600	203,656
04	Rubber New Planted/replanted in previous years (Past Commitment)	hectare	6,639	1,843
05	Rain guards for Smallholding Rubber Plantations	hectare	600	479.69
06	Intercropping	hectare	150	140.83
07	Staff training	Officers	100	68
08	Identification of land for expansion of rubber cultivation in non - traditional areas	Programmes	06	-
09	Conduct training programmes	Tranning Programmes	412	320 (2025.08.31)
10	Distribution of Taping panel marking plates	No. of marking plates	225	-
11	Providing Fertilizer Subsidy for Rubber Cultivations in the years of 2023, 2024	hectare	1595	80%
12	Formation of Framer Groups in all RDO Divisions and Create an Extension Plan	No. of Group	459	230 (50%)
13	To Develop Identified Improvements of RIMS According to the Priority.	No. of Dash boards	24	40%

## Financial Progress (Up to 30.09.2025)

Description		Allocation (Rs. Mn)	Financial Target As at 2025.09.30 (Rs. Mn)	Total Imprest Received (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Bills in hand (Rs. Mn)
Capital Expenditure	Provision allocated to settle bills in hand for the year 2024	-	-	-	-	-
	Provision allocated for the projects of the Action plan for the year 2025	545	362.44	148.728	232.03	7.178
Recurrent Expenditure		423	291.614	214.586	298.23	0.390

## For the Betterment of the rubber sector following activities are to be performed in the year 2026

- New Planting of 700 hectares in the smallholder rubber sector.
- Re-planting of 300 hectares of rubber in the smallholder rubber sector.
- Production and distribution of 597,500 quality budded rubber plants.
- Granting subsidies for the application of rain guards on 1,000 hectares in the smallholder sector.
- Granting subsidies for the application of rain guards on 2,200 hectares in the plantation company sector in the year 2026.
- Providing fertilizer subsidies for rubber cultivation in the years 2023/2024 (1,595 hectares).
- Providing subsidies for intercropping on 250 hectares.
- Conducting training programs and extension service programs.
- Rehabilitation of 275 hectares of mature, untapped rubber plantations.
- Implementation of income diversification programs in rubber cultivations

## Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka

### Vision

The Institute's vision is to emerge as the center of excellence in providing high-quality scientific technologies to the rubber industry.

### Mission

The Institute's mission is to revitalize the rubber sector by developing economically and environmentally sustainable innovations and transferring the latest technologies to the stakeholders through training and advisory services.

### Progress of Development projects as per action plan as at 30.09.2025

Project	Revised Provisions (Rs. Mn.)	Cash receipts (Rs. Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs. Mn.)	Bills in hand (Rs. Mn.)	Physical progress (%)
Studies on the biology and epidemiology of the Pestalotiopsis Leaf fall disease and to develop effective management strategies	6.98	3.75	2.41	-	90%
Skill Development of Rubber Harvesting Assistants on Rubber Farming Practices/ Recommendation	0.50	0.31	0.07	0.08	85%
Introducing RRISL certified technicians on rain - guard fixing	4.50				78%
Rubber Master Plan Project Identification of sustainable rubber clones in nontraditional area – BC	4.50	1.00	0.05	2.30	65%

### Financial progress as at 30.09.2025

Description		Approved provisions (Rs. Mn.)	Revised Provisions (Rs. Mn.)	Cash receipts (Rs. Mn.)	Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Bills in hand (Rs. Mn.)
Capital expenditure	Budgetary provisions allocated for the settlement of outstanding bills from 2024 and for the implementation of projects planned for 2025.	100.00	-	42.50	23.10	16.17
Recurrent expenses		395.00	-	322.79	322.79	4.92

### Planned activities with defined targets to advance the sector in 2026

- 1 Conduct research to enhance productivity in commercial rubber plantations using the S/2 d3 tapping system by minimizing stimulant application. The focus will be on refining low-intensity harvesting techniques, optimizing stimulation protocols, and improving ethrel (ethephon) mixtures.
- 2 Optimization of chemical management strategy for the circular leaf spot disease for the field - level mature rubber conditions and development of a national - level management protocol.
- 3 Development of Integrated Disease management protocols for CLSD.
- 4 Improve rubber plantation management practices and enhance latex quality by identifying the impact of fertilizers and anti-stress compounds through biochemical and physical research.
- 5 Development of sustainability certification system for natural rubber (SCSNR) in Sri Lanka
- 6 Promote the use of rubber wood as a sustainable alternative to forest timber by evaluating five rubber clones across three age groups. Research will focus on identifying their physical, biochemical, and mechanical properties to select the most suitable clones for the timber industry.
- 7 Initiate actions to develop rubber compounds and products based on dry rubber and latex blended with discarded or recycled materials, targeting manufacturers and entrepreneurs.

- 8 Synthesize novel nanomaterials for integration with natural rubber to develop advanced rubber-based products for specialized applications. Two high-performance products will be developed for advanced engineering uses, with a focus on enhancing the commercial value of end products.
- 9 Conduct workshops, training sessions, and promotional programs for 170 entrepreneurs and smallholder rubber estate owners to build capacity and promote best practices.
- 10 Test raw rubber, rubber compounds, and end products in accordance with industry demands to ensure quality, compliance, and performance standards are met.
- 11 Introduce improved nursery media and planting containers to the field in order to enhance seedling development and planting success in rubber nurseries.
- 12 Further develop the prototype of an automated micro-irrigation system for rubber nurseries to ensure more efficient and beneficial water delivery.
- 13 Evaluate various types of rain guards with the objective of introducing a cost-effective and durable rain protection system to safeguard tapping panels from rainfall.
- 14 Research on the usage of biopesticides to reduce the chemical fungicides used in White Root Disease management.
- 15 Revitalization of rubber small holders to improve the productivity in Monaragala and Kalutara.

## Department of Cinnamon Development

### Vision

Establishing Ceylon cinnamon as the leading export-oriented plantation crop in the country.

### Mission

Strengthening the contribution of cinnamon industry in Sri Lanka to the national economy and improving the well-being of all stakeholders by focusing on strategic priorities such as promoting sustainability, upgrading quality standards, and expanding market access.

### Progress of the projects as at 30.09.2025 according to the plan implemented in the year 2025

Project	Allocated Amount (Rs. m)	Expenditure (Rs. m)	Physical Progress
Cultural promotion center associate to National Cinnamon Industry Stage 1 (Cinnamon Gate-Stage1)	275 (Phase -I + Remaining Section)	117.5	Phase I 100%
Project to support cultivators for the Development of the Ceylon Cinnamon Industry	100	60.44	47%
Promotion of Export Agriculture Crops in Sri Lanka - The Comprehensive Research and Development Program for the Advancement of Ceylon True Cinnamon.	150	12.49	21%

### Financial Progress (As at 30.09.2025)

Program	Approved Allocation (Rs. mn)	Financial Target as at 30.09.2025 (Rs. mn)	Receipts of Imprest (Rs.mn)	Progress (Rs. mn)	Bills in Hand (Rs. mn)
Capital Expenditure	405.0	131.9	108.9	113.2	2.1
Recurrent Expenditure	142.0	106.5	70.2	88.0	0.0

## **Other special programs implemented in the year 2025 for the development of the sector.**

01. Drafting the Cinnamon Development Act and referring it to the Cabinet for approval.
02. Setting a ten-year roadmap for the direction/development of the cinnamon industry with the participation of all stakeholders in the industry.
03. Making a five-year strategic development plan for the Cinnamon Development Department with the participation of all stakeholders in the cinnamon industry.
04. Obtaining the Geographical Indication (GI) certification from the European Union for the cinnamon industry and initiating the process of exporting cinnamon products with the Geographical Indication certification to Europe.
05. Signing a Memorandum of Understanding to export cinnamon to China and thereafter commencing export activities.
06. Organizing the preliminary activities required to submit the proposal to UNESCO to declare the cultural heritage associated with the cinnamon industry as an intangible world heritage.

## **Proposed Activities to be Implemented for the Development of the Sector in the Year 2026**

Newly allocating 500 acres of land for cinnamon cultivation in non-traditional areas such as Badulla, Kegalle, Matale, Kurunegala, Gampaha, Monaragala, Anuradhapura, and Polonnaruwa

## National Institute of Plantation Management

### Vision

To Be the Centre of Excellence in Providing Training and Conducting Consultancy and Research on Plantation Management.

### Mission

To Elevate the Professional Competence of All Human Assets in the Plantation Industry towards Perfection through Quality Training

### Development Project Progress According to the Action Plan (As at 30.09.2025)

Project	Approved Allocation (Rs. Mn.)	Financial progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Progress
Rehabilitation and Improvement of Buildings	3.50	3.52	100%
Acquisition of Capital Assets	18.40	7.95	46%
Improvement of Hostel facilities	1.50	-	20%
Software Development	0.6	0.21	50%
Capacity Development Of Smallholders	6.00	1.41	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>13.09</b>	<b>48%</b>

### Financial progress (As at 30.09. 2025 )

Description	Approved Allocation ( Rs.Mn.)	Target 2025.09.30 (Rs. Mn.)	Impress Received (Rs Mn)	Progress ( Rs.Mn)	Bills in Hand (Rs. Mn)
Recurrent Expenditure	85.00	64.15	64.15	64.15	-
Capital Expenditure	30.00	22.09	20.00	13.09	-



## **Activities Expected to be carried out for the Advancement of the Sector in the Year 2026**

- Introducing 2 new degree courses in collaboration with a university for the improvement of the plantation industry.
- Development of hostel facilities and introduction of the biogas concept.
- Development of 2 new lecture halls for the development of facilities required to update the academic courses.
- Establishment of 2 new lecture halls to improve and expand the facilities of laboratories and research halls.
- Expectation to make the library smart with modern devices under the development of library facilities.
- Software development.
- Conducting 150 programs for capacity development of smallholder farmers.
- Development of 03 curricula.
- Conducting all academic and professional programmes.
- Conducting skill development programs for all staff.

## Coconut Cultivation Board

### Vision

To make Sri Lanka the world's most efficient coconut producer

### Mission

Achieving a higher standard of living for the coconut grower by increasing coconut production through an effective advisory and extension service, thereby achieving self-sufficiency while meeting the domestic consumption demand and export requirements of Sri Lanka.

### Project Progress According to the Action Plan (30.09.2025)

#### Coconut Seedling Distribution Programmes

Programme	Unit	Physical Progress		Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	
		Target	Progress	Target	Progress
New/Replanting/Underplanting Subsidy	Coconut Seedlings	627,000	342,287	290.00	229.81
Home Garden Cultivation Programme	Coconut Seedlings	100,000	203,501		
Gap Filling Programme	Coconut Seedlings	100,000	77,175		
Issuance of Seedlings for Sale	Coconut Seedlings	248,000	413,607		
Special Home Garden Program – 01	Coconut Seedlings	400,000	400		
Special Home Garden Program – 02	Coconut Seedlings	10,000	2,105		
King Coconut Cultivation Programme	King Coconut Seedlings	15,000	626		

#### Other Development Programmes

Programme	Unit	Physical Progress		Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	
		Target	Progress	Target	Progress
Registration of Coconut Lands – Kuliyaipitiya	Lands	18,000	3,212	2.70	0.48
Supervision of Coconut Seedlings Planted in Previous Years	Lands	5,335	2,604	1.80	0.32

Kapruka Investment Loan Scheme Programme	Acres	3,500	1,639	450 (RF)	-
Interest Subsidy Guarantee Coverage	Lands	800	91	50 (RF)	-

## Extension and Training Programmes

Programme	Unit	Physical Progress		Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	
		Target	Progress	Target	Progress
Extension Programmes Parallel to Development Programmes	Group Programmes	310	553	4.65	2.05
	Individual Meetings	60,000	56,305	-	-
Awareness Programs for Government Officials	Programmes	100	74	3.00	0.42
Establishing Farmer Leaders	Units	200	14	6.00	0.05
Fertilizer Promotion Programme	Programmes	490	492	9.80	3.94
Training Programmes (CDTC)	Programmes	142	122	10.08	11.61
Field Demonstrations for Animal Husbandry	Units	2	2	0.53	
CDTC Website, Zoom Package Update	Units	2	2	0.60	
National Level Exhibitions	Exhibitions	4	4	0.20	
Printing Activities	Boards	15	60	1.46	
	Leaflets	151,000	137,500		
	Advertisements	3,000	5,000		
	Magazines	350	Articles are being prepared and will be released by the end of the year.		
Online Training	Modules	10	10	0.025	
Social Media Poster Posting and Boosting	Advertisements	53	31	0.025	
Preparation of Meetings, Applications and EXT Leaflets	Meetings	8	6	1.80	
	Applications	5,000	6,100		
	EXT Leaflets	30,000	35,000		

Multimedia Programmes	Short Documentary Programmes	5	2	14.0	9.25
	Advertisements	10	10		
Digital Media Programmes (CCB Website, COCO App)	Units	2	2	1.0	
Preparation of Printed Media Creations (Posters, Banners, Leaflets)	Units	4	4	1.0	
Other Media Programmes and Purchases	Advertisements	4	1	4.00	

## Disease and Pest Control Programme

Programme	Unit	Physical Progress		Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	
		Target	Progress	Target	Progress
Disease and Pest Control Programme	Red and Black Weevil Vials	32,155	29,933	17.52	15.94
	Monocrotophos (Litres)	2,600	2,310		
	Coconut Caterpillar Vials	2,100	1,235		
	Campaigns	64	55		
	Visits	28	21		
Mite Parasite Packet Production and Distribution	Packets	186,000	152,942	11.16	3.08

## Other Special Programmes - 2025

Programme	Unit	Physical Progress		Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	
		Target	Progress	Target	Progress
Whitefly Control Programme	Neem Oil Litres (Acres)	27,000 (7800)	Procurement related to Neem Oil purchase completed	50.00	-
Air Gun Purchase Subsidy	Units	500	111	12.50	1.19
Coconut Seedling Protection Programme	Coconut Seedlings	25,000	1,814	12.50	1.18

Making Small Fertilizer Packets (3kg, 10kg) Readily Available	Trees	50,000	1,296	-	-
Removal of Senile Old Plantations	Trees	12,330	84	18.50	-
Coconut Seedling Insurance Scheme	Seedlings	2,000	1,150	0.08	0.05
Irrigation Programme	Acres	2,405	110	72.16	-
Moisture Conservation Programme	Acres	4,000	450	38.40	3.56
Establishing Biochar Units	Units	200	Applications Received - 47	5.00	-
Coconut Fortnight Special Extension Programme	Programs	200	6	40.00	2.34
Empowerment of Labour Force Members	Members	400	352	1.00	-

### Financial Progress (as of 2025.09.30)

Description	Approved Allocation (Rs. Mn)	Financial Target as of 2025.09.30 (Rs. Mn)	Expenditure (Rs. Mn)	Bills on Hand (Rs. Mn)
Capital	790.00	475.25	330.492	-
Recurrent	650.00	453.034	453.034	-

### Proposed Activities for the year 2026

- Coconut plantation ( Systematic cultivation, homestead cultivation, infilling, special homestead cultivation, cash cropping, Northern Coconut Triangle project, Coconut plant transportation) – ( Rs.Mn. 290)
- Supervision of plants planted in the previous year - (Rs.Mn.2.5)
- Disease and Pest control – (Rs.Mn.123.24)
- Kapruka Loan Program – (Rs.Mn. 50)
- National Extension Services Program – (Rs.Mn. 101.26)
- Rehabilitation of coconut lands under the cluster program – (Rs.Mn. 30)

- Conducting training programs through training centers – (Rs.Mn.20)
- Conducting media programs – (Rs.Mn. 20)
- Use of Information Technology for Extension program –(Rs.Mn. 12)
- Infrastructure Development –(Rs.Mn 50)
- Human Resource Development – (Rs.Mn. 5)
- Purchase of computers to streamline field work – (Rs.Mn. 6)
- Purchase of high-powered sprayers and other tools for disease control – (Rs.Mn.15)
- Protecting coconut plantain from wild animals
- Coconut Harvest protection Subsidy – (Rs.Mn.50)
- Coconut plant protection – (Rs.Mn.75)
- Operational activities – (Rs.Mn. 50)

#### Other Special Programs

- Ongoing project to strengthen the Northern Coconut Triangle – (Rs.Mn.600)
- Control of Weligama leaf wilt and rot diseases – (Rs.Mn.122)

## Coconut Development Authority

### Vision

To be the highest contributor in plantation sector for gross domestic product from Coconut industry and global leader in diversification of product marketing

### Mission

Facilitation for the highest contribution to long term commercial productivity, sustainability and national economy ensuring coconut and coconut products for home consumption and industry

### Progress in Projects as per the Implementation Plan – As at 30.09.2025

#### Quality Control and Quality Assurance Division

No.	Activity	Units	Physical Progress	%
01	Conducting pre-export microbial analysis of coconut products and certifying	Samples	10,999	96%
02	Providing testing services Coconut-Kernel related products	Samples	1,019	102%
03	Activities for obtaining ISO quality certification and conducting training programmes.	Programmes	Completing the internal audit, participating in ILC programmes for chemical and microbial testing, conducting audits to update ISO accreditation and to extend the scope, and conducting 7 training programmes.	85%
04	A) Microbial Testing for the improvement of desiccated coconut production process.	Samples	804	97%
05	Analysis of coconut production in relation to the performance of the processing development sector	Samples	661	73%

## Processing Development Division

	Activity	Units	Physical Progress	%
01	Loan scheme for the use of alternative energy sources to reduce production costs	Minimum of 20 beneficiaries	Due to the very low level of applications received for the use of alternative energy, the Board of Directors has approved the expansion of this loan scheme for technological improvements and capacity enhancements in factories. Accordingly, applications are being received. (31 applications have been received for the current loan scheme. Further work is being carried out in relation to the applications.)	50%
02	1. Improving the quality and expanding sales of the coconut-related products in the informal sector.  2. Installing environmentally friendly coconut shell burning stoves  3. Promoting coconut-related products.	450 beneficiaries  20 beneficiaries  30 beneficiaries	1. Conducting awareness/training programmes for 928 beneficiaries and connecting buyers to purchase products.  2. Commencement of installing stoves for 20 selected industrialists.  3. applications have been invited.	100%  60%  45%
03	1. Raising awareness on the production/consumption of quality coconut oil.  2. Testing coconut oil during market and product registration  3. Checking the quality of coconut oil produced in factories.	3000 beneficiaries  400 samples  200 samples	1. Awareness programmes have been conducted for 3249 beneficiaries.  2. 226 market samples and 152 samples obtained during registration have been sent for laboratory testing.  3. 148 random samples of products of factories have been sent for laboratory testing.	100%  94%  74%





	Holding the National Level Coconut Day Celebration and the Awards Ceremony in Coconut Sector.	Programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Coconut Day celebration programme was successfully conducted in Pudukuduirippu.</li> <li>The Coconut Industry Awards Ceremony was successfully held.</li> </ul>	100%  100%
02	Conducting international trade promotion programmes and updating the website of the Coconut Development Authority.	Programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation in 2 overseas promotion programmes and organizing an exhibition that will be conducted in China for the year 2025 and several exhibitions that will be conducted for the year 2026.</li> <li>Procurement related to the printing of international promotion manuals is being carried out.</li> <li>Continuous updates are being made.</li> </ul>	35%  10%  75%
03	Conducting market surveys and research	surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data of the survey to assess per capita fresh coconut consumption in Sri Lanka and the survey to identify consumer preferences and market potential for value-added coconut products as an alternative to fresh coconut are being collected.</li> </ul>	60%

### Financial Progress (As at 30.09.2025)

Discription	Approved Provision (Rs. Mn.)	Internal Earnings (Estimated)	Expenditure for 2025 (Estimated)	Financial Target (Expenditure) as at 30.09.2025 (Rs. Mn.)	Imprest Received 30.09.2025 (Rs. Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs. Mn.)	Bills in Hand (Rs. Mn.)
Capital	-		416	300	-	57.9	-
Recurrent	190	329	404	303	142	241	-

The estimated total internal income for the year 2025 is Rs. 329 million. Of this, Rs. 214 million has been estimated to be spent on recurrent expenditure. It has been expected to spend on capital expenditure by utilizing the remaining amount of Rs. 115 million and the internal reserves amounting to Rs. 301 million.

## **Other special programmes implemented in the year 2025 for the advancement of the sector**

- Revising standards for coconut-based products in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
- Providing resource services for awareness programmes required for the standardization of coconut products.
- Conducting and reporting swab tests to identify microbial contamination in manufacturing plants.
- Providing laboratory testing services for raids conducted by the Consumer Affairs Authority to ensure the standardization of coconut oil available in the market.

## **Activities expected to be carried out for the advancement of the sector in the year 2026**

- Expanding laboratory testing services to achieve the goals set out in the strategic plan.
- Improving the laboratory standards to issue test reports in international standards and expanding the acquisition of ISO accreditation status.
- Conducting 04 training programmes for laboratory personnel in the coconut production sector.
- Launching the “Ceylon Coconut” brand with GI certification for coconut kernel related value added coconut products.
- Initiating the development of a market forecasting tool using AI technology that predicts prices, demand and trends using local and global data.
- Designing an online portal to conduct coconut auctions operated by the Coconut Development Authority.
- Undertake preliminary work to implement a coconut processing zone in Hambantota.
- Preparing methods to regulate the coconut oil industry.

## Coconut Research Institute

### Vision

To be the premier institution in the region in conducting coconut-related research, technology development and technology transfer.

### Mission

To generate the necessary knowledge and technology to improve coconut-related productivity and profitability through excellence in research.

### Financial Progress (as at 30.09.2025)

Details	Approved Provisions (Rs.Mn)	Financial Target (Rs.Mn)	Cash Receipts (Rs.Mn)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn)	Bills in Hand (Rs.Mn)
Capital	100.00	70.00	70.00	28.25	-
Recurrent	350.00	262.5	265.05	262.12	-

### The progress and other special programs implemented in 2025 for the advancement of the sector

- A parasitoid was recommended for the control of the Brontispa beetle, which has recently emerged as a serious pest in coconut cultivation. The laboratory rearing protocol for this parasitoid was developed, and a dedicated facility was established at Labuduwa, Galle, in collaboration with the Coconut Cultivation Board, to enable mass rearing and distribution to growers. Furthermore, through the release of parasitoids and the application of insecticides, the infestation of the Brontispa beetle was restricted to the Southern Province.
- A new recommendation was issued for an alternative mulching material that can be used in place of coconut husks for soil moisture conservation in coconut cultivation. Research is currently being carried out on another potential mulching option.
- A recommendation was issued regarding chemical substances that enhance the resistance of coconut palms to diseases.
- A method for producing food with a low glycemic index using coconut flour was introduced.
- Experiments are conducted on coconut varieties tolerant to drought.
- Research on tissue-cultured coconut seedlings is being carried out in collaboration with the private sector.
- Research is being carried out on the use of Eppawala Rock Phosphate as a source of phosphorus for the Dry Zone.
- Initiation of preliminary research on precision agriculture applications for coconut cultivation.

- An island-wide field survey was initiated to evaluate the follow-up of recommendations issued by the Coconut Research Institute and to identify new research needs.

## Services

- Guidelines were introduced for the importation of copra, coconut pieces, and coconut milk required for the coconut industry.
- High-quality seed coconuts were produced.
- In collaboration with the private sector, seed gardens and mother-palm plantations were maintained to produce high-quality seed coconuts.
- Supervision of Coconut Research Institute-registered coconut seedling nurseries and certification of coconut seedlings was carried out.
- A mother palm plantation of king coconut palms was maintained to supply seedlings to king coconut palm growers.
- Production of embryo-cultured coconut seedlings and their distribution to growers was carried out.
- Coordination of the importation of Monocrotophos insecticide was carried out.
- To control the Weligama coconut leaf wilt disease, the “buffer zone” was inspected, and infected trees were marked and removed.
- Model plantations aimed at improving productivity in coconut cultivation were maintained.
- Training programs on methods to enhance productivity in coconut cultivation were conducted for relevant stakeholders.
- Soil, coconut leaf, and fertilizer samples provided by growers and other stakeholders were analyzed, and reports were issued upon request.
- Relevant stakeholders were informed about king coconut export, coconut-based products, disease and pest management, nursery management, and identification of lands suitable for coconut cultivation.
- A total of 525,000 parasitoids were released to control the coconut caterpillar, minimizing the need for insecticide applications.
- A total of 494 pheromone traps and 272 pheromone gel packets were issued for the control of the red palm weevil.
- Preliminary activities were initiated, in collaboration with the private sector, to establish a coconut seed garden to increase the number of mother palms of drought-tolerant coconut varieties.

## Activities Expected to be Implemented for the Development of the Coconut Sector in 2026.

- Carrying out approximately 70 research studies in the areas of minimizing the impact of climate change on coconut cultivation, improving plant nutrition, pest and disease management, precision agronomic practices, development of new coconut varieties, tissue culture of coconut and king coconut, value-added coconut products, production of healthy foods using coconut, as well as agricultural economics and socio-sciences.
- Maintaining the “buffer zone” to prevent the further spread of Weligama coconut leaf wilt disease beyond the Southern Province, and marking and removing all identified diseased palms.

- Hand pollination of 300 green dwarf coconut palms is being carried out annually for the production of Weligama coconut leaf wilt disease-resistant varieties, producing approximately 12,000 hybrid seeds per year.
- Certification and distribution of approximately one million high-quality coconut seedlings to growers.
- Supervision of four coconut seed gardens in the private and public sectors.
- Establishment of two coconut seed gardens in collaboration with the private sector.
- Releasing approximately 1 million parasitoids as needed for the control of the coconut caterpillar.
- Collecting approximately 20,000 king coconut seeds and distributing around 13,000 seedlings produced from them to growers.
- Conducting approximately 30 training programs.
- Carrying out activities to increase the mother palm population for the production of high-quality seed coconuts.
- Providing data and suggestions for policy decisions in accordance with national requirements.
- Identifying issues in the coconut cultivation sector and industry, and submitting proposed solutions to the relevant authorities.

## Palmyrah Development Board

### Vision

Develop the palmyrah sector as a dynamic sector for livelihood development

### Mission

Develop Palmyrah plantation Promote popularize and regulate Sustainable palmyrah industry to be a significant contributor to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Country.

### Progress of projects related to the 2025 Implementation Plan as of 30.09.2025

Project	Allocation (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Progress
Palmyrah mother plant selection	0.30	0.07	Mother plant inspection & Recording commenced
Palmyrah seed planting	1.00	0.71	Seed Collection Process Commenced
Maintenance of model farms	0.20	0.20	The fencing repair work is completed
Conducting 6 months basic handicraft trainings to the women groups in rural area	2.50	0.71	One training completed and other handicraft training programmes are currently underway
ToT training (2days )for trainers /major craftsmen	0.30	-	The training area has been identified.
Young tappers training	0.30	-	Request has been made to the Ministry and awaiting for approval.
Training on pulp preservation and production of pulp based value added products (5days)	0.30	0.01	The identification of beneficiaries has been completed
Improvement of existing production centers of PDB -	4.10	0.80	Singainagar- Work on going. Karainagar -02 Items received and one Civil work commenced, Other works are under Procurement. Kaithady- Work is progress.. Varathayanagar- Work has been completed.
efficient utilization of existing production equipment	0.50	0.29	4 Equipments repaired and 1 Equipment repair are in progress.
Establishment of new Katpaham sales center in Uppuveli ,Trincomalee (Phase ii)	2.00	1.68	Construction work is in progress
Opening of Franchise sales unit at super markets	0.50	0.05	Procurement is in process.

Export promotion activities	0.50	0.36	Work Completed
Popularizing palmyrah products.	0.50	0.25	Handbooks and leaflets are currently being prepared
Improvement of existing Katpaham sales outlets	0.50	0.14	Procurement works for infrastructural modifications, fittings, name boards, and light boards are currently underway in Nallur and Colombo.
Continue research to boost the palmyrah industry	0.30	0.13	Procurement works are completed. Research work is currently in progress.
Dissemination and commercialization of research findings	0.10	0.07	Work is in progress
Establishment of mobile quality control unit	0.60	-	Procurement work is in progress
ISO Scope expansion and maintenance	2.00	1.47	Purchased Order Placed
Improving Institutional facilities	1.00	0.44	Laptop Purchase completed. AC Repair is in progress PO Placed for the 01 AC Purchase
Maintenance of equipment and electronic devices	0.20	0.07	Repair of Equipments works are in process.
Institutional asset development	1.10	0.52	Almyrah - Completed Finger Print Machine - Completed.
Conference hall digitalization facilities at head office	0.50	-	Procurement is in process.
Completion of PTA work, Kaithady (phase iv)	3.00	0.83	Part payment has been paid
Improving the condition of existing vehicle	1.00	0.68	Work Completed
Establishing proper parking facilities to the vehicle at head office premises	1.00	1.00	Tender was awarded and Site clearing works has been commenced.
Admin Expences	0.70	-	

### Financial progress as at 30.09.2025

Description	Allocation (Rs.Mn)	Financial target as at 30.09.2025 (Rs. Mn)	Impress Received Rs.Mn	Progress ((Rs. Mn)	Bills in hand ((Rs. Mn)
Recurrent	160	100.6	100.6	-	-
Capital	25.0	22.3	18.15	10.48	-

### Special activities proposed to be carried out for the development of the plantation sector in the year 2026



- Restoration of Palmyrah Resources through plantation, managing model farms and plantation management.
- Empowerment of youths and women groups through handicraft, sap, pulp, food and quality enhancement trainings
- Increase production and quality enhancement through strengthening of production centers
- Enhancing sales and export promotion through modernization of Katpakam, establishment of new Katpaham/ Franchise sales centers
- Strengthening research and development through conducting applied research ,research dissemination programs and PRI institutional strengthening
- Institutional strengthening and Asset development

## Kithul Development Board

### Vision

To be the catalyst for a sustainable development of Kithul industry in Sri Lanka.

### Mission

To upgrade the Sri Lankan Kithul manufacturing processes into the international standards to win global markets while inspiring locals to consume Sri Lankan Kithul products sourced and manufactured by own communities, bringing a sustainable economic growth to the country through empowered Kithul entrepreneurs.

### Progress of development projects according to the action plan at the date 30.09.2025

Project	Approved Budget (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn.)	Physical Progress
Baseline Data Collection	1.00	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion with the Department of Census and Statistics</li> <li>• Planning to collect data as a pilot project around the Kolonna Divisional Secretariat Division using university students. The project proposal was submitted.</li> <li>• Initiating the necessary preliminary work for a survey after discussions with the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board.</li> </ul>
Kithul related Entrepreneurship Development	6.80	1.97	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training 30 Kithul-related producers on safe food production and obtaining GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice) certification.</li> <li>• Providing financial and management knowledge to entrepreneurs in the Matale and Deniyaya Divisional Secretariat Divisions.</li> <li>• An awareness programme on wastewater management was held at the Centre of Banking Studies.</li> <li>• A technology transfer program on Kithul flour production and quality improvement was held at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute.</li> <li>• Three Trainers of Training Programmes were conducted and trained 47 qualified Trainers in Kithul tapping.</li> <li>• 331 Kithul tappers have been provided with the necessary tapping training to get ready to obtain NVQ 3 (National Vocational Qualification) certification.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publishing newspaper advertisements to call for applications for GMP certification and selecting 18 industries, providing them with consultation to achieve GMP status.</li> <li>• Monitoring the condition of the Kithul production centers in Thiniyawala and Palindanuwara to assess the possibility of obtaining GMP in this year.</li> </ul>
Expanding market opportunities through sales Promotion	2.75	1.29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating in the "Sahasak Nimaum" National Exhibition and designing, printing leaflets.</li> <li>• Creating a video to submit to UNESCO with the goal of having the Kithul industry declared a World Heritage, in order to gain media publicity for an upcoming Kithul-related trade exhibition.</li> <li>• Participating to represent the Kithul Development Board's stall at the exhibition held in Mullaitivu for World Coconut Day.</li> <li>• Reserving stalls for HOTEL SHOW COLOMBO-2025, participating to represent Kithul Development Board's stall and providing sales opportunities for 5 entrepreneurs through 5 stalls.</li> <li>• Conducting an awareness program for chefs and holding a joint discussion with the Tourist Development Authority regarding an exhibition on food products that can be made using Kithul.</li> <li>• Taking steps to obtain a stall to be constructed by the National Crafts Council in tourist areas.</li> </ul>
Preparation of Strategic Plan	0.58	0.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The strategic plan prepared by the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration was presented to the Board of Directors, and it was proposed to be amended to align with the future vision of the Board.</li> </ul>
Strengthening Research & Development	4.00	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research papers have been called for. Proposals have been received for 5 research projects. Procurement activities are currently underway.</li> </ul>
Continuation of developing rules and regulation	1.33	0.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In accordance with the discussions held with the Sri Lanka Standards Institution and the Consumer Affairs Authority, Kithul samples available in the market under various brand names have been purchased for testing for the technical report, and quotations have been called from research institutions for analysis reports. Procurement activities are currently underway.</li> </ul>
Continuation of Model Land development	3.50	0.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests have been submitted to state institutions, namely Kalubowitiyana, Kurunegala Plantations, Janatha Estates Development Board, Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation, Chilaw Plantations Ltd., and Elkaduwa Plantations Ltd., to obtain suitable land.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commencing tapping in the Kithul cultivation at Ulugala, Badulla, and mapping the locations of Kithul trees.</li> <li>Carrying out preliminary work for cultivation in the Panil Kanda area of the Kolonna Divisional Secretariat Division.</li> </ul>
Administrative Cost	0.04	0.02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participating basi discussion of the GCF Knuckles project</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>3.42</b>	

### Financial progress as at 30.09.2025

Description	Approved Budget (Rs Mn)	2025.09.30 Financial Target (Rs Mn)	Imprest (Rs Mn)	Progress (Rs Mn)	Bills in Hand (Rs Mn)
<b>Recurrent Expenses</b>	33	—	11.78	11.00	0.00
<b>Development Expenses</b>	20	6.98	11.45	2.43	0.99

### Expected Activities to be carried out for the Advancement of the Sector in the Year 2026

- Identifying investors to invest in the Kithul industry and creating a social and attitudinal change towards the industry –( Rs.Mn.1.00)
- Introducing new technological methods to tapping kithul trees.- (Rs.Mn. 2.30)
- Strengthen Kithul product exporters – (Rs.Mn. 2.50)
- Formulating strategies for international marketing/sales – (Rs.Mn. 2.00)
- Introducing suitable technology for other possible products based on Kithul, thereby attracting new entrepreneurs to the sector and empowering current entrepreneurs.-(Rs.Mn.2.50)
- Ensuring a continuous supply of raw materials in the future by promoting Kithul as a cultivation crop and popularizing it as a common cultivation. – (Rs.Mn. 3.00)
- Encouraging Kithul flour and Kithul flour-based products, and upgrading the necessary equipment and machinery for the production industries.- (Rs.Mn. 3.00)
- Developing an updatable data system for Kithul tappers/technicians and entrepreneurs-(Rs.Mn. 1.20)

### Special Project

- Promoting the utilization of the existing number of trees by linking identified entrepreneurs with Kithul tappers/technicians – (Rs.Mn. 2.5)
- Increasing the income of Kithul tappers/technicians through the empowerment of entrepreneurs associated with the Kithul industry.- (Rs.Mn. 10.00)

## Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation

### Vision

Making Sri Lanka one of the leading cashew exporters in the world by producing the best quality cashew.

### Mission

Developing the cashew industry to achieve long-term commercial viability by providing professional guidance to farmers and relevant stakeholders to improve cashew cultivation, production, processing technology, value addition, research and marketing promotion.

### Financial and physical progress of the projects for which provisions are allocated directly from the budget estimates (Treasury funds)

Project	Approved provision (Rs. Mn.)	Financial progress (Rs. Mn.) 30.09.2025	Physical progress
Maintenance of 23 acres in the Mankarni Phase II Estate in the Batticaloa District	0.7	0.32	Weed controlling activities have been carried out on 23-acres cashew cultivation and pesticides have been applied.
Maintenance of 850 acres in the Kondachicha Estate in the Mannar District	8.0	1.05	Cashew cultivation of 600 acres has been maintained in this estate.
Maintenance of 25 acres of coconut in the Hardy Estate in the Batticaloa District	0.7	0.1	Weed control and irrigation activities are being carried out on 25 acres.
Construction of the 2,450-meter elephant trench in the Eluwankulama Estate	5.6	-	Procurement activities are underway for this.
Cultivation of 1,470 acres of land with grafted cashew in 19 districts through 1,000 farmers under the Cashew Subsidy Scheme.	1.5	1.5	2,543 farmers have been selected for this project and 1,158.97 acres of grafted cashew lands have been selected for that.  177 farmer training classes have been conducted and 1,095 farmers have been trained.
Implementation of 06 multi-annual, long-term research programmes.	2.0	1.38	Maintenance of the cultivation of the 06 research programmes has been completed by 70%.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Approved provision (Rs. Mn.)</b>	<b>Financial progress (Rs. Mn.) 30.09.2025</b>	<b>Physical progress</b>
			Annual data collection of the 06 research programmes has been completed by 70%.
Implementation of 04 annual, short-term research programmes	1.0	0.67	Preliminary preparations of the 04 research programmes have been completed 100%. Annual data collection of the 04 research programmes has been completed 100%.
Implementation of 04 annual short-term research programmes			Data analysis has been completed by 50%.
Development of cashew-apple alcohol production and development of cashew nut related products under the cashew nut by-products project.	0.5	0.36	The concept paper of this project has been submitted to the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka and to the Line Ministry. Industrial Technology Institute (ITI) has been selected as the resource person. Four (04) officers of the corporation were trained by the ITI to produce wine using cashew apple. Further, wine production using cashew apple has been completed at the research level, and the ITI report has been received for the same.
Purchasing of office equipment under Fixed Asset Management	4.3	0.2	The purchase order for some items has been sent, and some items are expected to be delivered by the end of October. Action is being taken to invite bids again for some items.
Purchasing of office furniture			Purchasing of these items has been completed.
Purchasing of Tools and Equipment	2.2	0.36	Procurement is underway to purchase these items.
Vehicle Maintenance	1.0	-	Due to the limitation of resources of the Corporation, repairs cannot be carried out from Treasury funds alone, and therefore repairs to this vehicle are not done.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Approved provision (Rs. Mn.)</b>	<b>Financial progress (Rs. Mn.) 30.09.2025</b>	<b>Physical progress</b>
Maintenance of buildings	1.0	-	By now, the partitions in the old building have been removed and the new building located in Ratmalana has been prepared, and the institution has been established there.
Training of officers through training programmes and workshops under Human Resource Development.	1.5	0.25	A training programme on procurement was conducted for 15 officers ,23 Officers were participated training on Office work. 07 Drivers and office assistance were participated to one day workshop.
			A training programme on Cashew Value Added Products was conducted for 02 officers at the Industrial Technology Institute , 02 officers were participated to a one-day training programme on Preliminary Investigations was conducted at the National Institute of Labour Studies. One officer participated to a training programme on Sustainable Development of Estates was conducted at the National Institute of Plantation Management for one officer.
<b>Total</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>6.19</b>	

**Progress of the Projects as per the Action Plan (As at 30.09.2025)**  
**(Funds generated by the Corporation)**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Approved provision (Rs. Mn.)</b>	<b>Financial progress (Rs. Mn.)</b>	<b>Physical progress</b>
Purchase of 62,500 polybags to produce 50,000 genuine grafted cashew plants in 08 Central Plant Nurseries of the Corporation for sale at the outlets of the Corporation, for other projects implemented by the Corporation and for planting in the Estates of the Corporation.	1.39	0.58	Purchasing of 62,500 polybags to produce 50,000 grafted cashew plants has been completed.
Commencement of grafting of 62,500 cashew seedlings.	6.65	1.14	About 6,000 cashew plants have been grafted in the Kamandaluwa Plant Nursery.

Maintenance of the plants of the previous year (2024)	8.85	3.67	The remaining 124,694 plants of the previous year (2024) have been maintained (29,685 plants have been issued).
Maintenance of 115 acres of immature cashew cultivations in the Eluwankulama Estate.	1.94	0.71	Weed control has been done on cashew cultivations of 50 acres, and 65 acres of land has been prepared for planting cashew.
Maintenance of 23 acres of immature cashew cultivation in Mankarni Phase II.	0.43	-	These funds have not been used for this.
Maintenance of 100 acres of immature cashew cultivation in the Puttalam Estate	0.60	0.51	Maintenance of 60 acres of cashew cultivation has been completed.
Maintenance of 850 acres of immature cashew cultivation in the Kondachchi Estate.	4.26	1.22	These funds have not been used for this
Maintenance of 25 acres of immature coconut cultivation in the Kamandaluwa Estate.	0.80	0.54	Maintenance of 25 acres of coconut cultivation has been completed.

Project	Approved provision (Rs. Mn.)	Financial progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical progress
Obtaining a harvest of 183 metric tons of stored cashew in shell by maintaining the estates of the Corporation.	81.49	38.67	A harvest of 71.02 metric tons of stored cashew in shell has been obtained.
Obtaining a harvest of 70,000 coconuts by maintaining estates of the corporation.			A harvest of 30,161 coconuts has been obtained.
Rehabilitation of 30 acres in the Pooneryn Estate.	2.49	-	This activity is not implemented due to limitation of provisions
Rehabilitation of 30 acres in the Wellankulama Estate.	2.49	-	This activity is not implemented due to limitation of provisions
Rehabilitation of 15 acres in the Kamandaluwa Estate.	0.97	-	This activity is not implemented due to limitation of provisions
Purchasing of cashew fertilizer for the Mankarni, Pooneryn, Wellankulama and Kamandaluwa Estates	4.21	-	Purchasing of fertilizer is scheduled to be carried out in the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter.



Purchasing of coconut fertilizer for the Hardy and Kamandaluwa Estates.	2.80	-	Purchasing of fertilizer is scheduled to be carried out in the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter.
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Project	Approved provision (Rs. Mn.)	Financial progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical progress
2.1 Establishment of a Poly tunnel in the Puttalam Estate	2.50	-	This is scheduled to be established in the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter.
3.0 Cultivation of 1,470 acres of grafted cashew in 19 districts through 1,000 farmers under the Cashew Subsidy Scheme.	6.70	2.58	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2,543 farmers have been selected for this project and 1,158.97 acres of grafted cashew cultivations have been selected.</li> <li>• 177 training classes have been conducted for farmers and 1,095 farmers have been trained.</li> </ul>
4.1 Implementation of 06 multi-annual, long-term research programmes.	0.39	-	Maintenance of the cultivation of the 06 research programmes has been completed by 70%.
5.1 Processing of 300 metric tons of cashew in shell and obtaining 60 metric tons of cashew kernel.	105.44	35.19	300 metric tons of cashew in shell has been processed and 60 metric tons of cashew kernel has been obtained.
5.2 Marketing and distribution of 50 metric tons of cashew kernel of the Corporation through the sales outlets of the Corporation, authorized sales outlets and exhibitions.	11.40	3.87	19.55 metric tons of cashew kernel has been marketed and distributed.
6.1 Maintenance of vehicles - vehicle numbered LE-5367 in the Eluwankulama Estate	1.5	-	Due to the limitation of resources of the Corporation, repairs cannot be carried out from Treasury funds alone, and therefore repairs to this vehicle are not done.
<b>Total</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>88.68</b>	

### Financial Progress (As at 30.09.2025)

Description	Approved provision (Rs. Mn.)	Receipt of imprest (Rs. Mn.)	Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Bills hand
Recurrent expenditure	100.00	79.80	79.80	-
Capital expenditure	30.00	12.50	6.20	-

## **Other special programmes implemented in the year 2025 for the development of the sector**

- Establishing the Cashew Cluster Village Project with the aim of improving the living standards of farmer families in the Northern and Eastern provinces. Rs.Mn 7.84
- Carrying out surveying of lands belonging to the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation. Rs.Mn. 8.755

## **Programme to be implemented in 2026**

- New Planting Programme (Rs.Mn. 12.00)
  - Implementing programmes to increase national cashew production by 10% from Cultivation of grafted cashew on 1,600 acres of lands belonging to farmers and cultivation of grafted cashew on 20 acres of lands belonging to the Corporation
- Cashew Land Productivity Improvement Programme (Rs.Mn.15.00)
  - Implementing programmes to increase the productivity of existing lands at national level and of the lands of the Corporation by 25% from rehabilitation of 800 acres of unproductive cashew lands of farmers and rehabilitation of 1,065 acres of unproductive cashew lands of the Corporation
- Carrying out scientific research for the development of the cashew sector (Research and Development) (Rs.Mn.4.00 )
  - Implementing 05 research projects to find solutions to existing problems
- Cashew Product and industry Development (Rs.Mn. 1.00 )
  - Implementing programmes to promote cashew-related products and by-products - e.g. production of wine from the cashew apple and products from the cashew shell
- Cashew Cultivation and Production Process Certification (Rs.Mn. 2.00 )
  - Implementing programmes for Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)
- Human Recourse Development and Asset Management (Rs.Mn. 16.00 )
  - Skill development in estate management and use of smart technology, Quality development of vehicle maintenance and cashew processing structures and equipment, Development of infrastructure facilities required for digitalization

## Spices and Allied Products Marketing Board

### Vision

To become a leader in the marketing, production and promotion of Sri Lankan spices and related products

### Mission

To act as a statutory government body responsible for the certification, standardization and coordination of spices and related products to enhance their value and quality in the international and local spice and related products industry.

### Financial and physical progress of projects that receive direct funding through budget estimates.

Serial number	Project	Approved Provisions (Rs. Mn.)	Financial progress as of 30.09.2025 (Rs.Mn)	Physical progress as at 30.09.2025 (%)
01	I. Obtaining the necessary software to develop a strong marketing network.	0.188	0.188	100%
	II. Registration of micro, small and medium scale spice and related manufacturers with the Institute.	0.108	0.108	100%
02	Informing entrepreneurs about registration (advertising programs)	0.1	0.1	100%
02	Facilitating the issuance of quality certificates to entrepreneurs in the sector.	3.2	1.795	70%
03	Introducing and promoting new markets for spices and related products	4.2	--	--
04	Introducing new products in the field to entrepreneurs (innovation products)	1.17	0.945	95%
05	I. Staff capacity development programs	0.25	0.118	60%
	II. Capacity development programs for producers in the sector	0.8	-	10%

**Financial progress (2025.09.30)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Approved Provisions (Rs.Million)</b>	<b>Financial target as of 30.09.2025 (Rs.Million)</b>	<b>Cash receipts (Rs.Million)</b>	<b>Progress (Rs.Million)</b>	<b>Bills in hand (Rs.)</b>
<b>Capital</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4.196</b>	<b>4.25</b>	<b>3.28</b>	<b>0.004</b>
<b>Recurrent</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>36.50</b>	<b>36.10</b>	<b>33.01</b>	<b>-</b>

**Other special programs implemented in the year 2025 for the Improvement of the sector**

- Support for small scale enterprises in the sector to achieve good manufacturing practice certification status.

**Expected activities to be undertaken for the development of the sector in the year 2026**

- Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) for 25 Spice Processing Centers  
Issuance of certificate.
- Issuance of 10 ISO standard certificates.
- To bring 10 spice processing centers up to ISO standard.

## Janatha Estates Development Board

### Vision

To be the best Mid Grown /Orthodox Tea Manufacture in the Region whilst achieving the highest net sale average to make the organization, one of the profitable and viable state own institute.

### Mission

Whist utilizing of available resources with utmost care and dedication by developing skills of personnel, to achieve the desired goals with teamwork, towards sustainable progress in the industry and for the benefit of the country at large.

### Progress of projects under the 2025 Action Plan as at 30.09.2025.

Description	Annual Target	Target as at 2025.09.30	Progress as at 2025.09.30
<b>Tea Production - (Kgs) by Factory</b>			
Hope	393,750	303,504	124,708
Levellon	270,000	212,787	174,181
Loolecondera	215,000	165,400	151,385
<b>Crop Production (Kgs)</b>			
Tea	7,655,000	5,877,516	4,436,258
Rubber	383,182	306,491	286,945
<b>Extent Cultivated (Hectares)</b>			
Tea	24	18	05
Rubber	20	10	0

### Progress of Special Projects/Activities in Implementation Plan 2025

Description	Annual Target		Progress as at 2025.09.30	
	Financial (Rs/Mn)	Physically (Kgs)	Financial (Rs/Mn)	Physically (Kgs)
Crop : Made Tea		1,667,005		972,516
Rubber		383,182		286,945
Expenditure :Tea,	1786.56		953.66	
Rubber	215.56		150.17	
Income :Tea,Rubber	1824.78		831.21	
	239.51		191.13	
Profit/Loss :Tea	38.22		(122.45)	
Rubber	23.95		40.96	
Other Income	214.00		41.14	
Profit/(Loss) Estate	276.17		(40.35)	
Profit/(Loss) Jan Tea	72.51		13.04	
Profit/(Loss ) Estate	(61.48)		(55.68)	
Total Profit/(Loss)	287.10		(82.99)	

**Progress as at 30.09. 2025**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Annual Target (Rs.Mn.)</b>	<b>Target as at 30.09. 2025 (Rs.Mn.)</b>	<b>Progress (Rs.Mn.)</b>
Capital	716.66	514.89	22.12
Recurrent	2677.82	2034.46	1317.91

**Proposals for Special Projects/Activities Planned for 2026**

- It is proposed to increase income through the export of made tea and production of handmade tea.
- Establish tea sales outlets across the country to promote the growth of the domestic tea market.
- As part of developing the tourism industry, it is planned to upgrade the Loolkadura and Kolapathana estate bungalows to promote the Eco-Tourism concept, thereby increasing institutional revenue.
- It is proposed to cultivate 40 hectares of tea and 15 hectares of rubber.
- As part of the welfare development programs for estate communities, it is planned to provide housing, water, electricity, sanitation facilities, renovation of schools and playgrounds, and implement other welfare activities.

## Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Limited

### Vision

To be the best Sri Lankan CTC and the most recognized model institution in traditional tea production and marketing.

### Mission

To produce high quality, delicious and consumer friendly Sri Lankan tea targeting the domestic and external markets.

### Progress of programs implemented for the advancement of the sector in the year 2025

- **Installation of a new color separation machine for the Derangala factory**

A new state-of-the-art color sorting machine was installed at the Derangala factory to improve product quality and efficiency. This project aims to promote sales and create new job opportunities through the production of the highest quality tea.

- **Solar project at Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory**

As part of the energy conservation project as a state policy, a 350-kilowatt solar power system was installed at the Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory at an approximate cost of Rs. 45 million. This project aims to achieve energy efficiency, reducing national energy consumption and achieving environmental and economic benefits.

- **Awareness program for small tea estate owners**

The event was held at the Menikdiwela factory under the patronage of representatives of the Smallholder Tea Estates Development Authority, with the participation of representatives of the Smallholder Tea Estates Associations, Chief Accounting Officers and other community stakeholders.

- **Raising awareness among small-scale entrepreneurs about the "Kalubowitiyana Tea" brand.**

Sales agents were recruited with the expectation of increasing the company's income by raising awareness among small-scale entrepreneurs about the tea produced by the Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Company, thereby earning their trust by offering tea at concessionary prices. Additionally, a facility has now been introduced to place orders online and have them delivered directly to the customer's home.

- **"A Change in the Leaf " program**

With the support of the Small Tea Holdings Development Authority, the Sri Lanka Tea Board, the Tea Research Institute, and CIC Agri Businesses, a program titled **"A Change in the Leaf"** was conducted at the Daranagala Tea Factory premises. This included an awareness program on proper cultivation practices and techniques, along with a program to test all soil samples at a laboratory level.

- **Tea Leaf Festival**

The Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Company also provided support for the "Fresh Tea Festival" organized by the Sri Lanka Tea Board at the Gatabaruwa Rajamaha Viharaya and the Gatabe Sri Rajopavanarama Viharaya.

## Factory Details

Factory	Manufacturing (Mt.)		
	Annual target	Target by 30.09.2025	Progress as at 30.09.2025
Kalubowitiyana	1018	509	497
Derangala	352	176	85
Hiniduma	318	159	127
Menikdiwela	243	121	78

## Income information

Factory	Income (Rs. million) as on 30.09.2025		Expenditure (Rs. million) 30.09.2025		Profit/Loss (Rs. Price)
	Expected income	Actual income	Expected cost	Actual cost	
Kalubowitiyana	753.14	755.13	700.26	578.37	130.69
Derangala	250.18	79.03	239.25	114.88	(1.84)
Hiniduma	235.73	164.52	226.25	165.96	(20.87)
Menikdiwela	138.97	78.99	132.23	86.79	(10.79)

## Financial progress as at 30.09.2025

Description	Approved Provision (Rs. Million)	Cost (Rs. Mn.)
Capital	203.12	48.47
Recurrent	1342.01	985.08

## Special projects proposed to be carried out for the advancement of the sector in the year 2026

1. Plans are currently being developed to launch an eco-tourism project in the area surrounding the Kalubowitiyana Factory, which belongs to the Ceylon/Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Limited. This project is expected to be launched in 2026, focusing on the Kalubowitiyana Factory and its surrounding areas.
2. The Derangala Tea Factory and the surrounding area belonging to the Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Limited have been identified as a place of potential tourist attraction, and plans have been made to start an "Eco-Tourism" covering those areas.



## Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation

### Vision

To become the most powerful state-owned commercial enterprise in the plantation sector.

### Mission

To manage the resources of the Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation efficiently with the participation of employees, thereby contributing maximally to the enhancement of national production and the well-being of estate worker families and surrounding communities.

### Progress of projects related to the 2025 Implementation Plan as at 30.09.2025

Description	Annual Target	Target as at 30.09.2025	Progress as at 30.09.2025.09.30
<b>Tea production by factory (Kg.)</b>			
Goomara	197,440	142,564	105,160
Kalabokka	332,930	249,700	179,971
Midland	99,900	73,477	52,292
<b>Crop Production (Kg.)</b>			
<b>Tea</b>	1,648,414	1,219,039	846,094
<b>Rubber</b>	10,000	7,450	6,823

### Financial Progress as at 30.09.2025

Description	Approved Provision (Rs.Mn.)	Target as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.Mn.)	Progress (Rs.Mn.)
Capital	1,266.79	633.40	35.35
Recurrent	1,773.73	913.63	671.29

### Progress of projects related to the 2025 Implementation Plan as at 30.09.2025

Programme	Physical Target as at 30.09.2025	Physical Progress as at 30.09.2025	Financial Target as at 30.09.2025	Financial progress as at 30.09.2025
Tea Replanting	200.90	97.21	141.02	139.02
New Tea Planting	5.56	6.53	11.78	3.08
Infilling of Tea (Gap Filling)	Plant 75000	Plant 29956	3.05	0.13

Minor Export Crops	3.94	3.25	3.02	2.59
Commercial Timber / Fuelwood / Forestry Cultivation	42.75	8.00	23.03	1.24
New Coconut Planting	7.50	10.00	3.44	2.15
Establishment of Nurseries				
Expenditure for Establishment of New Tea Nurseries – Year 2025	Plant 75,000	Plant 29,956	2.03	0.13

- The special projects implemented in the year 2025 also include the upkeep programmes of the tea replanting project that was commenced in the year 2022.
- A sum of Rs. 2.5 million has been allocated from the provisions of the Ministry of Plantations and Community Infrastructure for establishing model one-hectare tea cultivation under the Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation. At present, procurement activities related to this project are in progress, and the tea leaf plucking machine has already been purchased. Procurement of the other relevant equipment — namely, miss duster, solar-powered spray tank, steel spray tank, and installation of drip irrigation with fertigation system — is currently underway, with quotations called and the proposals submitted to the Technical Evaluation Committee.
- Under the budgetary provisions allocated by the Ministry of Plantations and Community Infrastructure for Research and Development Projects in the 2025 Budget Estimate, quotations have already been called for the following projects, and procurement activities are in progress at the Technical Evaluation Committee level:
  - Improvement of tea production at Rangala Tea Factory by introducing modern factory machinery and new technologies.
  - Improvement of tea quality at Kalabokka Tea Factory by introducing modern factory machinery and new technologies.
  - Establishment of a resource planning system for the plantation industry.

### **Proposals for special projects/activities proposed to be implemented in 2026 for the development of the plantation sector**

1. Purchase of the remaining machinery required for the Rangala Tea Factory.
2. Establishment of a Plantation Resource Planning System for the remaining 12 estates.
3. Value addition to enhance the quality of corporation-produced tea.

## Elkaduwa Plantations Limited

### Vision

To be the most challenging competitor in the plantation industry, protecting expectation of all stakeholders

### Mission

Enhance production using resources at optimum level by uplifting the living standards of employees whilst safe guarding the National Interests.

### Factory information

Factory	Product ( kg)		
	Annual target	Target as at 30.09 2025	Progress as at 30.09.2025
Bandarapola	337,772	208,045	139,335

### Cultivation Information

Crop	Cultivation Area covered (ha)		
	Annual Target	Target as at 30.09.2025	Progress as at 30.09.2025
Tea	1,039.57	1,039.57	1,039.57
Coconut	274.41	274.41	274.41
Rubber	283.05	283.05	283.05

### Crops Product Information

Crop	Crops Product (kg)		
	Annual target	Target as at 31.08.2025	Progress as at 31.08.2025
Tea	3,037,872	1,904,512	1,333,107
Rubber	120,500	83,600	70,230
Coconut	993,000	699,400	440,894
Kokowa	5,600	3,142	1,778

### Financial progress as at 31.08.2025

Description	Approved Provision (Rs.Mn)	Financial Target as at 31.09.2025 (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)
Capital	152	82	3
Recrrrent	1,222	600	291

## Revenue Details as at 31.08.2025

### I. As per Crops

Crop	Product Target		Revenue (Rs.Mn.)	Profit / Loss (Rs.)
	Financial (Rs.)	Physical		
Tea	507,671,788	1,904,512	267	18
Rubber	58,520,000	83,600	50	1.7
Coconut	62,900,218	699,400	53	19
Coco	5,183,750	3,142	0.7	0.6

### II. As per Estate

Estate	Land area ( ha.)	Crop grown	Income ( Rs.)		Cost ( Rs.)		Profit / Loss (Rs.)
			Target	Actual	Target	Actual	
Bandarapola	83.15	Tea	248.3	161.3	243.8	156.9	4.3
Elkaduwa	143.55	Tea	52.6	44	75.1	44	(0.70)
Hapugasipitiya	156.19	Rubber	24.7	21.2	32.3	22.5	(1.3)
Hunugala	78.25	Tea	26.3	22	33.1	22.4	(0.73)
Millawana	254.11	Coconut	61	52.2	51.2	32	20.5
Nalanda	122.80	Rubber	27.3	21.5	29.1	24	(2.1)
Pitakanda	159.89	Tea	84	63.2	90.4	63	0.60
Ratwatta	159.31	Tea	56.5	52	72	50.5	1.21
Salagama	64.69	Tea	31	30	38	26	4.1

### 111. Other Income

Project	Product Target		Income (Rs.Mn.)	Profit / Loss (Rs.)
	Financial	Physical		
Sembuwatta Tourism Project	37,611,467	257,795	31.5	23
Hulangala	3,166,666		5.8	3.5
One tree hil	1,666,666		2.1	1.4

## Kurunegala Plantations Limited

### Vission

To be the model plantation and agribusiness management company in the South East Asian region.

### Mission

To manage the plantation and other agribusiness productively, profitably and sustainably through effectively harnessing natural, physical and human resources in an environment friendly and socially responsible manner to the benefit of all stakeholders and the country at large

### Progress of projects according to the Action Plan as at 31.08.2025

Name of Project	Production				Financial progress
	Unit	Annual Target (2025)	Target as at 2025.08.31	Progress as at 2025.08.31	
Coir Production	Kg.	152,000	101,328	27,686	65%
Production of white coconut oil (Joint venture)	Kg.	8,500	5,600	7,835	73%
Cashew Processing	Kg.	2,500	1,650	1,449	59%
Dehydration of Jak	Kg.	1,760	1,150	464	19%
Durian Yoghurt	80 ml. cup	17,000	11,000	5,361	39%
Coconut Yoghurt	80 ml. cup	14,400	9,600	2,916	25%
Production of spices (Pepper,Cinnamon,Coffee and Turmeric)	Kg.	3,368	2,245	1,102	43%
Production of Coconut ice cream					
• Soft Ice cream	Litre	36,000	24,000	8,896	30%
• Hard Ice cream	Litre	45,120	30,080	13,305	38%

## Cultivated land extent

Crop	Cultivated Land extent ( Ha.)		
	Target 2025	2025.08.31	
		Target (%)	Progress (%)
Coconut underplantation	31.91	70	60
Tea	4.00	70	40
Tom E.J.C. Mango	20.24	70	40
Cinnamon	58.95	60	60
Coffee	2.83	90	100
Cashew	4.04	91	100
Clove	5.40	80	100
Passion fruit	1.62	80	100

## Information of Crop production

Crop	Unit	Target 2025	As at 31.08.2025		Progress (%)
			Target	Progress	
Coconut	Nuts	15,150,000	11,033,820	6,668,476	44%
Rubber	Kg.	134,550	91,700	72,832	54%
Cashew	Kg.	42,987	42,987	26,457	62%
Rambutan	Nuts	4,162,450	3,439,950	1,421,986	34%
Pepper	Kg.	15,771	9,400	3,627	23%
Tom E.J.C. Mango	Kg.	51,650	27,650	35,040	68%
Cinnamon	Kg.	10,936	7,073	4,294	39%
Cocoa	Kg.	4,000	2,000	1,248	31%
Dragon Fruit	Kg.	7,168	4,450	5,102	71%
King Coconut	Nuts	6,250	3,900	2,127	34%
Durian	Kg	18,940	18,690	12,646	67%
Guava	Kg	2,363	1,193	1,146	48%
Mangosteen	Nuts	10,000	10,000	7,212	72%
Arecanut	Nuts	237,200	164,000	80,630	34%
Banana	Kg.	700	450	760	109%
Passion Fruit	Kg.	950	100	1,714	180%
Paddy	Kg.	1,750	750	924	53%
Waraka	Nuts	2,580	2,125	1,718	67%
Pineapple	Kg.	650	-	33	5%
Soursop	Kg.	500	250	513	103%

## Financial progress as at 31.08.2025

Project	Allocation (Rs.M.)	Target (Rs.M.)	Financial progress (Rs.M.)
Capital	619.08	510.25	167.15
Recurrent	1,435.92	957.28	738.28

## Special programmes which were launched for the development of the industry for the year 2025

- The National Coconut Techno Park which has been established at Oliyadeniya division of Narammala Area Estates with the purpose of promoting the agri- tourism by introducing various activities such as undertake planting intercrops under coconut cultivation, producing coconut toddy by tapping coconut trees using “Athura” for producing coconut treacle from it. A sales center was established to sell value added crops and seedlings, various activities and viewing opportunities were created in connection with the National Coconut Techno Park. Varieties of intercrops under coconut could be seen.
- Promotion of technical methodologies to control the White Fly menace
- It has currently been initiated a pilot project at the Delgolla division in collaboration with the Gannoruwa Horticulture and Research Institute to release predator Mite in order to control the White fly attack.
- Establishment of Bee colonies in the area estates.
- Infilling vacancies to maintain the optimum number of coconut plants per acre.
- Establishment of coconut nurseries
- Introducing king coconut oil, Heenbovitiya tea, dehydrated jackfruit and jackfruit-related products to the market.
- Expansion of intercropping under coconut cultivation to improve micro-environmental conditions and to generate the additional income from coconut lands.
- Establishing coconut husk pits and mulching around coconut trees as water conservation strategies.

## **Special programmes which were launched for the development of the industry for the year 2026**

The following activities are scheduled to be carried out according to the company's corporate plan in 2026

- Establishing of 33.71 Ha. of coconut under-plantations
- Planting of 5,400 vacant coconut trees in estates owned by plantation companies
- Establishment of nurseries for 34,000 coconut plants in estates owned by plantation companies
- Planting of 2,850 timber plants in selected lands.
- Planting of 16,400 Cinnamon plants
- Providing newly built quarters for estate officers and watchers in order to uplift their living standards.



## Chilaw Plantations Limited

### Vision

Providing the maximum contribution to the Sri Lankan economy through the sustainable development of the plantation industry including coconut.

### Mission

To improve the living standards of the workers and the public through the accepted policies, by using their limited resources effectively and efficiently for the sustainable development of the plantation industry, including coconut, and directing value-added products to foreign markets.

### Progress of the relevant projects as at 31.08.2025 according to the 2025 Action Plan

Factory	Production			Special Matters
	Annual Target (2025)	31.08.2025 Target	31.08.2025 Progress	
Coconut Oil (ltr)	32,831.75	21,900.50	7,514.98	More production and sales are expected by the end of the year.
Processed Cashew (Kg)	5,300.00	3,580	1,750.42	

### Extent of Land Cultivated

Crop	2025 Target (Hec.)	Extent of Land cultivated (Hec.) as at 31.08.2025	
		Target (%)	Progress (%)
Coconut	33.85	68%	Currently, work such as jungle clearing and lining has commenced, and the planting of coconut seedlings is expected to begin by the month of October.

## Crop Production Information

Crop	2025 Target (Hec.) (With existing cultivation )	As at 31.08.2025		Other Matters
		Target (Rs.000' )	Progress (Rs.000' )	
Cashew	856.12	25,675	57,853	An income of Rs. 33.5 million has been earned through leasing cashew trees to external parties.
Cinnamon	19.08	555	1,852	
Pepper	16.06	-	474	
Mango	13.30	4,250	3,089	
Rambutan	20.00	1,000	3,100	

## Progress of Special Projects (As at 31.08.2025)

Project	Provision for the year (Rs.000' )	Expenditure as at 31.08.2025 (Rs.000' )	Physical Progress as at 31.08.2025
Coconut Honey Production Project	7,999	5,685	150%
Livestock Project	31,424	13,034	50%
Coconut Plants/Cashew Plant and Nursery Project	15,503	14,832	75%
Coconut Oil Project	27,384	7,205	34%
Cashew Processing Project	22,970	10,543	49%
Fruit and Vegetable Cultivation	5,301	2,208	13%

## Financial Progress (As at 31.08.2025)

Programme	Provision for the year (Rs.mn)	Target as at 31.08.2025 (Rs.mn)	Financial Progress As at 31.08.2025 (Rs.mn)
Capital	185	97	65
Recurrent (With financial cost)	1,190	730	727

## Other special programs implemented in 2025 for the advancement of the sector

The following new projects are currently being initiated and implemented.

	Project	Estimated Amount	Actual amount cultivated
01.	Arecanut Plant	5,500	5,300
02.	Fish Farming (Fish Fry/Fingers)	72,000	72,000
03.	Milk Potato	1,200	1,200
04.	Pea	08 kg	08 kg
05.	Cassava	600 Stems	600 Stems
06.	Tibbatu	700	571
07.	Pomegranate	300	200
08.	Anoda	2570	800
09.	Banana	5,395	3,670
10.	T & JC	5,252	3,752
11.	Billing	100	100
12.	Orange	120	-
13.	Ginger	520 kg	520 kg
14.	Turmeric	300 kg	300 kg
15.	Teek	850	650
16.	Cashew Nuts	1,500	1,100
17.	Chilies	5 Acres	1 Acre
18.	Moringa	1,230	1,130
19.	Mung Beans	5 Acres	5 Acres

- 05 acres of paddy fields have been started for seed paddy cultivation in the Seenugala Estate in the Chilaw Provincial Estate Division.
- The official residence of the Chairman of the Chilaw Plantation Company was recently opened under the name ‘COCO NEST’, which is expected to generate additional income for the company.
- To increase efficiency at the field level, “10 tractors” and “10 motorcycles” were provided to the estate staff.

## Activities expected to be carried out for the advancement of the sector in the year 2026

- In order to increase the productivity of existing coconut cultivation, efforts are being made to increase the productivity of the land through systematic agricultural and field activities by maintaining soil moisture at the required level, improving soil fertility and meeting nutrient deficiencies, increasing productive tree population and protecting crops and assets

and it is expected to maintain the existing intercropping of approximately 260 hectares and initiate new cultivation of about 30 hectares by the year 2026.

- Cultivation of nearly 100 acres of cinnamon to increase the production of subsidiary crops.
- Initiation of teak cultivation in an area of about 22 hectares to increase the population of trees with timber value and prepare land suitable for coconut cultivation.
- To produce 50,000 kg of No. 01 copra, 33,000 liters of coconut oil, 24,000 bottles of coconut honey and about 20,000 units of coconut ice cream under value addition for coconut products with the aim of improving the quality and marketing of coconut and other products. In addition, to produce 30,000 kg of shelled cashew nuts under other crops and to implement new marketing systems and increase sales volume.
- Introducing irrigation systems through drip irrigation and piped water supply in about 100 acres under the promotion of new technologies and improvement of existing technologies to meet the changing needs of the coconut industry.
- Employee motivation is planned to be increased through training, development and welfare through employee training programs, staff and welfare activities including Shramabhimani, human capacity building and motivation projects (progress review/workshops), incentive schemes, etc.
- Developing human and physical resources by increasing infrastructure facilities such as electricity, water supply, vehicles, furniture, equipment, construction, etc. compared to the year 202





# **Progress Report - 2025**

## **Community Infrastructure Sector**

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## **Community Infrastructure Division**

The expansion of the plantation community in Sri Lanka dates back to about two centuries as a community brought from South India when the British started cultivating coffee in the hills in 1840. Today, this plantation community, which is about 4.1% of the total population of Sri Lanka is close to 1 million, and is spread over estates in districts such as Kalutara, Kandy, Matale, Nuwara Eliya, Galle, Matara, Badulla, Moneragala, Ratnapura and Kegalle and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka played a big role over the past two decades through a number of Ministries to promote habitats, infrastructure, livelihoods and social development of the community involved in the plantation industry. The Ministry of Plantations and Community Infrastructure makes a significant contribution to this effort and,

the 3 primary institutions that support the work of the Community Infrastructure Division under it are as follows.

**01) Saumyamoorthi Thondaman Memorial Foundation**

**02) Plantation Human Development Trust**

**03) New Villages Development Authority for the Plantation Region**

Implementation, follow-up and evaluation of the functions of those institutions and related policies, programmes and projects are among the main functions of this Community Infrastructure Development Division. Aiming to create a prosperous plantation community enjoying conveniences by gradually reducing the social inequalities faced by the entire plantation community through the joint efforts of the above institutions as well as the key sectors under the Community Infrastructure Development Division, improving the living standards of 261,429 estate families representing 993,021 population, actively contributing to the mitigation of housing problems, basic infrastructure problems, low income status, health and nutrition problems and providing required government intervention to achieve their educational, social and economic development goals. The districts primarily operating under this Community Infrastructure Development Division are Kalutara, Kandy, Matale, Nuwara Eliya, Galle, Matara, Badulla, Monaragala, Ratnapura and Kegalle, and these districts functioning as 7 regions operating under the Plantation Human Development Trust.

### **Community Infrastructure Division- Key Functions**

Among the functions assigned to the Ministry of Plantations and Community Infrastructure by the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2412/08 dated 25.11.2024, the following functions are unique to the Community Infrastructure Division.

1. Formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, strategies, programmes and projects, in relation to the subject of plantation and community infrastructure, and those subjects that come under the purview of Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations based on the national policies implemented by the government.
2. Provision of public services under the purview of the Ministry in an efficient and people friendly manner.



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.
4. Providing financial and infrastructural support to enhance housing, water and sanitation facilities for estate sector/ Malayagam communities.
5. Allocating lands for estate sector communities to construct permanent houses.
6. Developing affordable housing schemes in areas surrounding estates.
7. Taking necessary steps to provide basic facilities, livelihood generation and community development projects and other needs to empower the estate sector community economically, socially and culturally.
8. Development of basic infrastructure in rural estate sectors.
9. Establishing “People – Centric Boards and People – Centric Centers” giving pride of place to community leadership and community participation.
10. Implementing a special programme to ensure the availability of primary education and health facilities for children of the estate community.

## **Progress of Special activities conduct in the year 2025**

### **Administration Division**

- The Administrative Division of the Community Infrastructure Division works to maintain good coordination among all the institutions under that division.
- Deployment of staff through effective management of human resources, taking into account the duties and responsibilities of all divisions within the approved number of employees.
- Conducting a series of lectures called "*Vidwath Hamuwa*" by identified scholars to develop the knowledge, attitudes, skills of all officers and to motivate officers in order to obtain effective and efficient service from officers.
- To minimize government expenditure, the Kithul Development Board was located on the 8th floor of this Ministry building, resulting in a saving of Rs. 227,500.00 for the government.
- In line with state policy decisions, steps will be taken to dispose of 07 uneconomical luxury vehicles that pose a burden on the government.
- In view of the necessity to relocate the staff of this Ministry to another premises, the Janatha Estates Development Board building, which is currently under government ownership, has been identified for this purpose, and further action has been initiated accordingly.

### **Development Division**

- Implementing these projects through the institutions under the Community Infrastructure Division, District Secretariats, Divisional Secretariats and Local Government Institutions for the welfare of the people of the plantation sector, their habitats, living standards and socio-economic facilities.

- Development division carries out the task of guiding the Community Infrastructure Division towards achieving its objectives and goals using the funds provided by the government consolidated fund and under the assistance of the government of India.
- Engineering Division as well as the Planning Division assists the Development Division to properly carry out the above functions including the followings.

### **Implementation of Infrastructure Development Projects**

- Re-roofing of dilapidated line rooms.
- Establishment and improvement of safe drinking water supply schemes.
- Implementation of sanitation improvement projects

### **Implementation of following projects under the estate housing programme**

- Implementation of housing projects under the New Life Housing Programme.
- Coordination and supervision of housing programme construct under the assistance of the Indian Government.
- Implementation of water, roads and electricity supply projects for houses built under the New Life Housing programme and the Indian grant housing programme.
- Recovery of loan installments relating to the New Life Housing programme
- Overall supervision of the Thondaman Vocational Training Center at Hatton, Thondaman Cultural Center at Ramboda, Thondaman Sports Complex at Norwood and Praja Shakthi (E-Kios) Development Center under the Saumyamoorthi Thondaman Memorial Foundation.
- Approve development projects, regulate and recommend payment according to the progress.
- Submitting progress reports and procurement reports related to the construction and other development projects.

In addition to the above general tasks, Memoranda of Understanding were signed earlier this year, on 16.01.2025 between the Government of India and the Government of Sri Lanka for the establishment of 60 smart classrooms in selected estate schools in the districts of Nuwara Eliya, Kandy, and Badulla. By 30.09.2025, renovation work had commenced in these selected schools.

### **Planning Division**

- Identify policies and programmes for the betterment of the plantation community and formulate the action plan of the Community Infrastructure Division.
- Allocation of funds required for development programmes from the general treasury.
- Assist in the formulation of development policies and formulate the annual action plan of the Community Infrastructure Division.
- Preparation of progress reports and holding progress review meetings for development programmes.
- Preparation of capital estimates relevant to the implementation of development activities of the Community Infrastructure Division.
- Identifying new development projects and preparing project proposals.
- Conducting site inspections, supervision and field visits.

- Obtaining proposed projects and identifying appropriate projects out of them, evaluating the feasibility, project monitoring and evaluation, conduct field observations, progress reviewing, preparation of progress reports including financial progress and physical progress and refer them to relevant institutions.
- Implementing special projects to improve livelihood and basic infrastructure in rural areas, coordinating and facilitating relevant institutions.
- Updating and maintaining information on the basic needs of the estate community.
- Conducting training and awareness programmes for capacity building of the Plantation Community Communication Facilitators and Praja Shakthi Officers.
- Preparation and submission of the Community Infrastructure Division Performance Report to the Parliament.
- Preparation of Cabinet Memoranda for development programmes of the Community Infrastructure Division.
- Preparation of Annual development plan.
- Coordinating programmes and projects based on the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Representing the Estate Housing Division for national level development programmes.
- Disaster Program- Poonagala
- Projects implemented through the District Secretariat

### **Accounts Division**

- The Accounts Division bears the responsibility of all the activities related to the payments made by the government funds such as the provision of goods and services required for the the Community Infrastructure Division and institutions under its purview through the procurement process, payment of salaries and allowances, payments relevant to the development process and maintenance activities.
- Financial management of the divisions and institutions under the purview of the Community Infrastructure Division.
- Preparation and management of the procurement plan.
- Asset management.
- Use of new technologies for financial management.
- Training and development activities related to financial management.
- Coordinating the activities related to audit.

### **Internal Audit Division**

- Conducting assessments on the existing internal control mechanisms regarding finance affairs of the Community Infrastructure Division and conducting continuous evaluations of the formality and adequacy of internal inspections used to prevent and detect shortcomings.
- Assisting in determining the progress of implementation of development projects and schemes carried out on annual allocations, disclosing relevant information at progress review meetings, preparing annual audit plan of the Estate Housing Division, guiding to

correct the matters pointed out by the audit queries, coordinating the conduct of Audit Management Committee meetings.

- Evaluating the internal administration of the Community Infrastructure Division and reporting audit observations regarding the development projects implemented by the Community Infrastructure Division as well as other activities of the Community Infrastructure Division to the Treasury.
- Conducting a special investigation (conducting an investigation into the appointment of the Regional Director of the New Villages Development Authority for the Plantation Region)

### Engineering Division

- Providing approval for Architectural and Design Drawings.
- Submitting recommendations for specifications and estimates.
- Supervise development projects implemented through various funding sources and provide consulting services.
- Project supervision.
- Participating in technical evaluation committees and technical audits.
- Introduction of innovative methods to construction projects.
- Conducting site inspections, supervision and field visits.
- Supervise projects implemented under foreign aid and preparation of estimates

## Progress of Special Activities Implemented in the Year 2025

### Financial progress of the institution as at 30.09.2025

S / No	Program	Amount allocated for the year 2025 (Rs. million)	Amount spent up to 30.09.2025 (Rs. million)	Financial progress as a percentage
01.	Capital Expenditure	7,334,000.00	2,014,893.00	27%
02.	Recurring Expenditure	589,000.00	383,553.00	65%
	<b>Total</b>	7,923,000.00	2,398,446.00	

### 4.2 Physical progress of the development programs of the institution as at 30.09.2025

Project	Allocated Amount (Rs. Million)	Amount Spent (Rs. Million)	Physical Progress
Housing Program (4000 houses) under Indian Assistance	3500.00	110.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 houses completed.</li> <li>• Water supply provided to 6 houses and electricity provided to 70 houses.</li> </ul>
Housing Program (10,000 houses) under Indian Assistance		1722.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% Completed Houses -110 Units</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation Level Completed - 119 Units</li> <li>• Wall level – 229 Units</li> <li>• Roof level - 58 Units</li> <li>• Roof completed 134 Units</li> <li>• Completion level – 373 Units</li> </ul>
Estate Housing Program (New Life Housing Project 2020/2021)	767.00	204.56	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval has been given to provide water supply for 397 house constructions and 09 housing projects. Additional allocations have been requested for 61 housing units.</li> </ul>
Infrastructure Development	500.00	111.73	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 214 students are undergoing training at TVTC's Thondaman Vocational Training Center.</li> <li>• 13 water supply projects completed (approved in 2024). 08 new water projects completed.</li> <li>• 04 sanitation projects completed.</li> <li>• 03 child development projects and 03 primary school development projects completed.</li> <li>• 17 road development projects undertaken.</li> <li>• 01 religious place renovated.</li> <li>• 01 electricity supply project completed.</li> <li>• 01 public project completed.</li> <li>• 01 Praja Shakthi center renovated.</li> </ul>
Establishment of Smart Classrooms Project	600.00	18.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Republic of India was signed on 16.01.2025 at the High Commission of India.</li> <li>• Approval has been given for 57 schools including 7 schools in Uva Province and 50 schools in Central Province.</li> <li>• Procurement process is ongoing.</li> </ul>

Providing houses for estate communities affected by natural disasters	1300.00	57.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coloumns/Walls/Slabs completed for 50 units and allocation released for balance 227 units work not strated yet.</li> <li>• Site clearing, NBRO 2<sup>nd</sup> approval completed for 25 units in Matara District.</li> <li>• NBRO completed for 5 units in Rathnapura District.</li> </ul>
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### Activities expected to be carried out for the advancement of the sector in the year 2026

- **Estate Housing Program**

This is an annual project implemented by the Ministry. The Estate Housing Scheme aims to address the housing challenges faced by the plantation community and to ensure their right to live with dignity. It is anticipated that payments related to the projects undertaken in 2025 will be completed in 2026.

- **Development of infrastructure facilities in the estate sector**

This project is an annual project carried out by the Ministry and is planned to be implemented in the year 2026, taking into account the infrastructure development and other specially identified project proposals of the plantation community submitted to us through the Plantation Human Development Trust / District Secretariats / Saumyamoorthi Thondaman Memorial Foundation (STMF) and other external parties, as well as the provisions received.

- **Provision of equipment for the establishment of smart classrooms**

Simultaneously with this project, the renovation of selected schools in the Nuwara Eliya, Kandy, and Badulla districts to establish smart classrooms will be undertaken using allocations from the Sri Lankan Government and the provision of equipment for the establishment of these smart classrooms will be facilitated through the Indian grant. It is planned to complete the renovation work of this project in 2026 and provide smart boards, laptops, chairs and tables in conjunction with this project.

- **Providing housing facilities for the estate community displaced by natural disasters.**

It is planned to provide houses in 2026 to the low-income estate community, who have been affected by disasters for a long time, with the aim of improving their living conditions. Accordingly, in the years 2026 and 2027, 1000 estate families are expected to be resettled safely in houses.

- **Construction of houses under the 10,000 Indian Housing Program (Indian Grant and GOSL)**

Under this project, it is expected to complete 2000 houses with water and electricity facilities by 2026.

- Construction of houses under the 4,000 Indian Housing Program (Indian Grant and GOSL)

The remaining 14 houses under this project are expected to be completed with water and electricity facilities in 2026.

- Facilitating the preparation of deeds

Providing legal land ownership to plantation sector households by the New Villages Development Authority.

- Improving nutrition and income generation of plantation communities through aquaculture development
- Renovating Child Development Centers in Homogeneous Communities in Sri Lanka under “Building Tomorrow Together”
- Livelihood development to address sectoral disparities
- Facilitate tertiary education opportunities for the youth in plantation schools
- Generating income through tourism development in the plantation sector

## Plantation Human Development Trust (PHDT)

### Vision

"To be the leading human development Organisation trusted for excellence, providing sustainable development programs to continuously improve the quality of life in the plantations"

### Mission

- Supplying integrated services beneficial to the plantation sector and its environs
- Improving socio-economic and spiritual well-being
- Improving knowledge and self-confidence
- Improving occupational health and safety dimensions
- Improving the talents and capabilities of the beneficiaries
- Improving the productivity of the sector

### Progress of development projects according to the implementation plan (as of 30.09.2025)

Project	Approved provision (Rs.M.)	Imprest received (Rs.M.)	Expenditure (Rs.M.)	Bills in hand (Rs.M.)	Physical progress (%)
Infrastructure	71.35	25.54	25.54	-	5%
10,000 Indian Housing Program	237.89	22.23	22.23	-	5%
Estate Housing Program	750.38	204.32	204.32	-	10%

**Financial Progress (as of 30.09.2025)**

<b>Description</b>		<b>Approved provision (Rs.M.)</b>	<b>Financial Target as of 30.09.2025 (Rs.M.)</b>	<b>Imprest received (Rs.M.)</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Bills in hand (Rs.M.)</b>
Capital Expenditure	Provisions allocated to settle bills in hand in 2024	88.16	72.99	72.99	83%	-
Capital Expenditure (2025)	Allocations for projects in the 2025 implementation plan 135-01-16-01-2201	971.46	179.10	179.10	18%	-
Recurring expenses (2025)	The management fee paid for the projects undertaken by this institution is 5%. (These expenses are included in the capital expenses.)	48.57	8.96	8.96	-	-

**Activities expected to be carried out for the advancement of the sector in the year 2025**

Under the 10,000 Indian Houses Programme implemented by the Ministry, infrastructure facilities in the estate sector are to be developed based on the need, including providing houses with infrastructure facilities expected to be constructed in the year 2026. Under this, it is hoped to improve the nutrition and income generation of estate communities through the development of aquaculture and to renovate child development centers in estate communities in Sri Lanka under the initiative "Building Tomorrow Together".



## Saumyamoorthi Thondaman Memorial Foundation (STMF)

### Vision

Uplifting and promoting the religious, economic, social, cultural and educational, aesthetic, professional and physical development of Sri Lankans, especially providing self-employment opportunities to the underserved and underprivileged rural community.

### Mission

Promote peace, goodwill, understanding and mutual cooperation among all Sri Lankan communities and to achieve comprehensive, complete and overall socio-economic development of the rural community through the extensive application and use of information and communication technologies in this process.

### Objectives of the institution

- to promote peace, goodwill, understanding and cooperation among all Sri Lankan communities.
- to promote and encourage inter - communal harmony and social integration.
- to promote the religious, educational, vocational, social, political, economic, aesthetic and physical development of Sri Lankans.
- to enhance the knowledge and understanding of Sri Lankans in the economic, political, educational, cultural, social and aesthetic fields.
- improving the living standards of the economically and socially disadvantaged, including improving their living conditions, encouraging Sri Lankans to invest in appropriate banks and financial institutions, and providing infrastructure facilities.
- to provide financial or other assistance to any person engaged in any activity which is similar to any of the objectives of the Foundation.
- to organize seminars, workshops and training programmes in Sri Lanka and abroad on economic, political, educational, cultural and social fields.
- to provide adequate facilities for the improvement of sports and recreation capabilities of Sri Lankans.

### Progress of development projects according to the implementation plan (as of 30.09.2025)

Project	Approved provision (Rs.M.)	Imprest received (Rs.M.)	Expenditure (Rs.M.)	Bills in hand (Rs.M.)	Physical progress (%)
Infrastructure development in the estate sector	31.68	15.31	-	-	75%

**Financial Progress (as of 30.09.2025)**

<b>Description</b>		<b>Approved provision (Rs.M.)</b>	<b>Financial Target as of 30.09.2025 (Rs.M.)</b>	<b>Imprest received (Rs.M.)</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Bills in hand (Rs.M.)</b>
Capital Expenditure	Provisions allocated to settle bills in hand in 2024	0.53	0.53	0.53	-	-
Capital Expenditure (2025)	Allocations for projects in the 2025 implementation plan 135-01-16-01-2201	31.15	14.78	14.78	75%	-
Recurring expenses (2025)	Employee salaries and overtime pay	155.80	104.16	104.16	67%	0.02
	Other	15	14.98	14.98	100%	0.99

**Activities expected to be carried out for the advancement of the sector in the year 2025**

In the upcoming year, STMF is scheduled to initiate several major development projects focused on enhancing infrastructure and improving the overall learning environment. These include the renovation of hostels for boys and girls, upgrading the auditorium, and construction of an internal road.

In addition, a drainage system will be constructed to ensure more efficient water management. Furthermore, improvements to water and sanitation facilities are planned, based on the specific needs of several Prajashakthi Centers.

In terms of recreational infrastructure, both a futsal unit and an indoor sports facility will be established. Other key initiatives include the renovation of the retaining wall and the improvement of parking areas. Additionally, maintenance activities will involve repairing water leaks, renovating storage tanks, and procuring essential office and machinery supplies. These projects are scheduled to commence in 2026, with the overarching goal of creating a more conducive learning environment for both students and staff.

## New Villages Development Authority for Plantation Region (NEVIDA)

In response to the need for a state institution affiliated with the Ministry to expedite ongoing development activities for the betterment of the plantation community, the Act No. 32 of 2018 related to the establishment of “New Villages Development Authority for Plantation Region” was passed in the Parliament on 25.06.2018 and commenced its operations since February 07, 2019.

The Authority is governed by a Board of Management consisting of 13 members and the Chairman of the Authority is appointed by His Excellency the President. Also, the “Director General” is the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority. There are 28 cadre positions under 14 categories.

### Vision

To be a frontrunner in empowering the plantation community

### Mission

To formulate and implement the necessary policies and plans, becoming a platform that brings together all stakeholders to build the social and economic well-being of the plantation community through an integrated approach.

### Objectives

- To ensure the social acceptance of the plantation community.
- To create an economically sustainable plantation community
- To strengthen the capacity and functions of NEVIDA to provide better services to the community

### Progress of development projects according to the implementation plan (as of 30.09.2025)

Project	Approved provision (Rs.M.)	Revised Funds	Imprest received (Rs.M.)	Expenditure (Rs.M.)	Bills in hand (Rs.M.)	Physical progress (%)	Other
Program for granting certificates of deed for the estate community.	25 (Ministry funding)	15	Requests have been made.  Receipt of Funds 7.47	-	-	15%	10 million was returned to the ministry after the action plan was revised.
Development of a digitalized database for	09 (Ministry funding)	06	Requests have been made.	0.104	-	45%	3 million was returned

individual houses in the estate and for the legal rights of the communities.			Receipt of Funds 0.104				to the ministry
Establishment of a mechanism for accessing public facilities in the estate areas.	09 (Ministry funding)	09	Requests have been made.  Receipt of Funds 09	5.5	-	8%	-
Development of a land and housing policy for the estates	3.5 (Ministry funding)	0.5	-	-	-	10%	3 million was returned to the ministry
Facilitation of livelihood development in the estates	09 (Ministry funding)	7.5	-	-	2.1	15%	1.5 million was returned to the ministry
Development of a model village in the estates	9.5 (Ministry funding)	9.5	-	-	-	10%	-
Ensuring basic services (mobile services) for the estate community	05 (Ministry funding)	2.5	-	-	2.5	45%	2.5 million was returned to the ministry
<b>Note: - Provisions for development project programs are provided through the Ministry's expenditure head.</b>							

**Financial Progress (as of 30.09.2025)**

<b>Description</b>		<b>Approved provision (Rs. M.)</b>	<b>Financial Target as of 30.09.2025 (Rs.M.)</b>	<b>Imprest received (Rs. M.)</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Bills in hand (Rs. M.)</b>
Capital Expenditure	Provisions allocated to settle bills in hand in 2024	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure (2025)	Allocations for projects in the 2025 implementation plan 135-01-16-01-2201	05	-	-	N/A	-
Recurring expenses (2025)	135-01-16-01-1503 (Salary)	13	9.75	8.70	89%	-
	135-01-16-01-1509 (Other Recurring expenses)	12	9.0	4.45	49.44%	-

**Activities expected to be carried out for the advancement of the sector in the year 2026**

- Granting legal land titles for housing in the estate sector (2000 deeds)
- Formulation of a National Policy on Housing and Land Use in the Estate Sector
- Overcoming sectoral disparities through livelihood development of the plantation community (expanding the current project to 3 locations)
- Facilitate tertiary education opportunities for the youth in plantation schools and thereby provide employment
- Increasing new income generation opportunities for the estate community through the promotion of tourism in the plantation sector
- Safeguarding the water source environment and sustainable resource management in plantation areas

## Indian Grant Housing Project

(a) Stage I & II - 4000 houses

(b) Stage III - 10,000 houses

Name of the Project	Number of Approved Projects	Project (Housing and Infrastructure)	Physical Progress		Financial Progress (from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025)
			Number of completed projects (from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025)	Number of houses under construction	
4000 housing program constructed under Indian aid	4,000	Houses	06	14	Rs. 33.58Mn
		Infrastructure	06	Water -105	*
10,000 housing program constructed under Indian aid	1,300	Houses	52	1,275	Rs. M. 1361.74
		Infrastructure	Electricity - 353 Water 24	Electricity - 947 Water -1276	*
Other	-	-	-	-	-

**\*Note:** In 2025, payments related to the infrastructure facilities of both the 4,000 and 10,000 Indian Housing Project programs will be made under the same expenditure head and the financial progress recorded for the period from 01.01.2025, to 30.09.2025, amounts to Rs. 110.24million.

- Regarding the Indian Housing Projects, necessary arrangements were made for the distribution of housing projects to the beneficiaries of the Elkaduwa and Selagama housing projects under the Indian Housing Projects during the period of 2025.
- Necessary arrangements were made for the ceremony to grant home ownership certificates for 4,700 houses.



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