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## Economic Justice – Sustainable Production ...



As our government approaches the end of its first year in office, I appreciate this opportunity to issue a message to the progress report of programmes implemented in 2025 by the Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development in the journey towards "A Thriving Nation– A Beautiful Life", the aspiration of millions of people of the country.

During the year, the Ministry has implemented a comprehensive suite of vital measures aimed at solidifying the foundation of a sustainable and equitable national economy. Driven by our government's development priorities, our primary focus was to promote just trade, ensure food security, improve consumer protection and revitalize the cooperative sector as a pillar of the participatory development.

In the trade and commerce sector, initiatives have been launched for modernizing trade environment, regularizing regulatory frameworks and optimizing market efficiency. Measures were also taken for the expansion of opportunities for small and medium scale enterprises, encouraging local value addition and safeguarding consumer needs through an enhanced monitoring and enforcement mechanisms. Rebranding the Cooperative Wholesale Establishment (CWE) as National CWE, modernizing and expanding the retail outlet network of Lanka SATHOSA enabling it to be more competitive can be cited as some of the measures initiated for further reinforcing these processes,

Ensuring food security remains as a core objective of our mission. The Ministry has commenced an extensive national food security strategy geared towards fostering self-sufficiency, minimizing post-harvest losses and stabilizing the price of essential commodities. Foundation has been laid to bring all Dedicated Economic Centers of the island under a single administrative structure strengthening collaboration amongst producers, traders and provincial administrative units thus guaranteeing the availability of consumables at prices affordable to all citizens.

The cooperative movement has been reestablished as a tool for community based development. The Ministry is developing a new National Cooperative Policy, with support from national and international partners, to foster the creation of professionally managed, self-sufficient, and innovative cooperative enterprises. A three-year program has been launched at the provincial level to establish 1,000 production cooperatives in agriculture, fisheries, dairying, handloom textiles, and small industries, with the goal of boosting productivity and creating rural employment. Necessary steps have already been taken to develop Polgolla Cooperative College into an institution offering degrees in cooperative subjects by merging with a foreign university within the next three years, and to establish it as the National Cooperative Development University of Sri Lanka by 2030.

The achievements of our first year underscore the shared commitment of our institutions, officials, and stakeholders to building a just, resilient, and people-centered economy. As we proceed with the next phase of our priorities, I am confident the Ministry will remain dedicated to providing the necessary capabilities to achieve the national vision of '**A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life**,' fostering economic justice, sustainable production, and social well-being for all citizens.

**Wasantha Samarasinghe (M.P.)**

Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security & Cooperative Development.

## Towards food sovereignty through food security...



It is a privilege to contribute this message to the Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Food Security's 2025 Progress Report, which chronicles the achievements of the current administration's inaugural year under the national policy framework of 'A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life'.

Over the past year, we have prioritized enhancing the efficiency of trading systems, stabilizing food supply chains, and empowering producers and traders to drive national economic growth through the

trading sector

To fortify local trade networks and foster fair market competition, we revived the previously closed Cooperative Wholesale Establishment, enabling its re-entry into the wholesale sector. Concurrently, plans are underway to launch a distribution network for essential food items through new National Sathosa Wholesale Trading Centers across several provinces within the next year. A recent key achievement was the reopening of the Vavuniya Dedicated Economic Center after a decade, which now facilitates the bulk supply of agricultural products from the Vanni District to the Dambulla Economic Center and other parts of the island. Following the reopening of the Jaffna Economic Center, the wholesale supply of agricultural products like red onions, chilies, and bananas has resumed from the Jaffna district to the Southern Province. In parallel, our Ministry has worked to strengthen consumer protections by streamlining the Consumer Services Authority, thereby mitigating market monopolies and ensuring access to quality products. We have also issued new guidelines to enhance the effectiveness of the Department of Measurement, Standards and Services. These policy measures, designed to stabilize the prices of essential goods, have notably boosted public trust in the Ministry.

In the area of food security, the Ministry focused its intervention on enhancing local production and guaranteeing equitable access to safe, nutritious food. The Ministry has since initiated the development of a joint mechanism involving Lak Sathosa, the Cooperative Network, and the National Sathosa to ensure the continuous flow of essential commodities across the country.

The Ministry's success in this first year reflects the collective effort and dedication of government officials, provincial administrations, cooperatives, and private sector partners. Their contribution was instrumental in ensuring the effective implementation of our policy initiatives at the ground level.

Moving forward, our strategic focus will be to strengthen institutional coordination, advance the digital transformation of trade and market management, and ensure all our initiatives contribute to a stable, fair, and inclusive economy. Guided by the principles of '**A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life**,' we remain resolute in our commitment to securing lasting prosperity and food sovereignty for all Sri Lankans.

**R.M. Jayawardana (M.P.)**

Deputy Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security & Cooperative Development.

## A people centred economy and a cooperative culture...



I am honored to present this message for the 2025 Progress Report of the Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development. This report highlights the significant progress made during the current government's first year in realizing the vision of '**A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life**'.

Under a new policy direction, the Ministry has initiated significant efforts this year to revitalize Sri Lanka's cooperative movement, which has served as a key player in the rural economy for more than a decade. Our goal is to foster self-sufficient, people-centric institutions. Specifically, I would like to mention the crucial steps we have taken to strengthen this network through cooperative policy reforms, institutional restructuring, and leadership development.

A major milestone has been the appointment of an expert committee to review the National Cooperative Policy and propose how cooperatives should evolve in the coming decade, a process informed by wide-ranging stakeholder consultations. Through this policy, our Ministry aims to reposition cooperative societies and associations as productive economic enterprises capable of competing in modern markets, while still upholding the principles of democracy, equality, and social solidarity, in line with the International Co-operative Alliance's Charter.

To enhance productivity and market reach, a new program was launched this year to revive dormant cooperative societies, particularly in the agriculture, dairy, fisheries, and handloom textile sectors. A key step involved merging all provincial-level dairy producers' cooperatives into a single network to launch four main products under the 'CoopFresh' brand. The Ministry was able to facilitate essential training programs, factory modernization, and foreign training courses for this initiative, thanks to assistance from the Government of India.

Additionally, this year, we initiated a program to establish 1,000 agricultural production cooperatives across all nine provinces of the country. The Polgolla Cooperative College has already begun training the directors and employees required to successfully run these cooperatives. Future agreements have been signed with Lak Sathosa and National Sathosa, in addition to private buyers, to purchase the agricultural crops produced. This strategy has minimized market intermediaries and laid the foundation for providing goods to consumers at a reasonable price.

The Ministry plans to upgrade the Polgolla Cooperative College to a degree-conferring institution in cooperative studies within three years through an association with a foreign university. The Ministry has decided to seek UGC approval to formally establish it as the National Cooperative University of Sri Lanka by 2030.

In the coming year, we hope to further modernize the cooperative system, promote youth and women's participation, and build strong relationships with global cooperative networks. In line with the principles of '**A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life**', our Ministry hopes to transform the cooperative movement into an institution that helps build a strong rural economy that is fair, resilient, and prosperous for all, while uplifting the lives of people in every community in the country.

**Upali Samarasinghe (M.P.)**

Deputy Minister of Cooperatives



## Improving a Trade Enabling Environment, Safeguarding Consumers and Ensuring Food Security...



The core purpose of the Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Co-operative Development is to strengthen the national trade ecosystem, ensure food security, enhance consumer protection and revitalize the Co-operative sector in line with the national policy framework of '*A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life*'. Accordingly, the Ministry is focusing to deliver effective policies and measures, addressing immediate trade and food security concerns while laying the foundation for a more efficient, resilient and productive trade and food security system.

During 2025, the Ministry moved with multiple challenges, including price volatility in essential commodities, climate-related disruptions to production, disturbances in domestic supply chains and the need for stronger regulatory enforcement across markets. Despite these challenges, significant progress was achieved in market stabilization through tariff revisions, the imposition of maximum retail prices on selected products, where essentially necessary, strengthened monitoring, and coordinated interventions to ensure uninterrupted availability of essential food items. Major institutional reforms were advanced with the re-establishment of the Co-operative Wholesale Establishment (CWE), the reactivation of Dedicated Economic Centers in Kilinochchi, Jaffna and Vavuniya, and the incorporation of National Agri Market Services Ltd for management of the Dedicated Economic Centers to ensure a tradeable infrastructure and environment for farmers, traders, and consumers. Additionally, the Ministry provided considerable guidance on key policy fronts, particularly through the Food Security and Policy Committee.

Progress in national trade policy remained a central component of the Ministry's mandate. A series of reform measures were also operationalized to improve the trade enabling environment, particularly, operationalization of anti-dumping and countervailing measures, registration of geographical indications, commencement of digitization of intellectual property documents, the completion of the fifth World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Policy Review of Sri Lanka in 2025, etc. Furthermore, bilateral engagements through Joint Economic Commissions and other mechanisms with key trading partners were strengthened to secure market access, protect export competitiveness and support broader economic integration. In the area of food security, efforts were intensified to ensure the availability and affordability of essential food commodities. The Ministry also advanced a comprehensive agenda to modernize the Co-operative sector. This included progressing on legal reforms, reviving dormant Co-operatives, launching new provincial-level production Co-operatives and commencing capacity-building.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Ministry will continue to build on these achievements by accelerating the transformation of trade and market environments, improving supply chain efficiency through the establishment of interlinkages, expanding food security initiatives, and advancing trade negotiations. Further priorities include completing the Co-operative sector reestablishment, expanding trade facilitation services, advancing export and market access facilitation mechanisms, and enhancing institutional governance under the Ministry.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Honourable Minister and two Honourable Deputy Ministers for their leadership and guidance. I also convey my gratitude to all officials and staff of the Ministry and heads and officials of institutions for their dedicated and untiring contribution towards achieving our institutional responsibilities.

**K.A. Wimalenthiraraja**  
Secretary

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# **Chapter One**

## **Vision, Mission, Objectives & Functions**



## **01. Vision, Mission, Objectives & Functions**

### **1.1 Vision**

"Sustainable developed Sri Lanka"

### **1.2 Mission**

“Establishing, maintaining, and monitoring a national trade policy in line with local as well as international standards, which ensures the equality and rights of manufacturers, traders, suppliers of measurement services or other services, whilst ensuring leadership in the trade sector, performing service and monitoring activities, obtaining new market opportunities entering in to bilateral, multilateral, and regional trade agreements, contributing to ensure a higher life standard enhancing the quality of consumer items and services of Sri Lankans.”

### **1.3. Objectives**

- i. Applying custom tariff policy as a tool for controlling the market behavior so as to secure the rights of local producers and consumers through a national trade policy and encouraging exports by way of granting tax concessions to local producers in order to induce productions.
- ii. Maintaining the cost of living at the minimum possible level maintaining the prices of essential items at such occasions where the prices of goods at the markets are escalating.
- iii. Providing necessary guidance to implement relief programmes for the benefit of consumers through the government institutions such as Lanka Sathosa, Co-operative Development Department, Co-operative Societies and Associations etc. at national level.
- iv. in an open market environment ensuring the application of measurement standards for the benefit of trading community as well as consumers.
- v. Enhancing legal framework with infrastructure facilities to maintain buffer stocks of essential items within the country to assure food security.
- vi. Providing guidance to the Consumer Affairs Authority for the legal activities relevant to safeguard consumer.
- vii. Preparing mechanism to maintain a data base relevant to the institutions under the Ministry, update such data bases, and make links with external information providers.
- viii. Providing guidance to implement the measures relevant to protect the proper standards of local products and export items.
- ix. Making contribution to maintain welfare processes to encourage children for higher education.
- x. Making directions to implement conservation process for the protection of national intellectual properties.
- xi. Guiding for accreditation services conforming to the national and international standards



- xii. Establishment of the institutional background and encouragement of connected institutions in order to protect and promote the economic and commercial interests of Sri Lanka and encourage the exporters for opportunities in international market
- xiii. Providing necessary facilities and coordination in signing multilateral and bilateral trade agreements with various countries.
- xiv. Providing necessary directions for legal coordination in relation to Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), NMTR, Free Trade Agreements (FTA) and Regional Trade Agreements (RTA) of Sri Lanka

#### **1.4 Functions**

- i. Formulation of policies in relation to the subject of trade in line with the national policies implemented by the Government.
- ii. Formulation, implementation of subjects, functions and related policies of the Departments, State Corporations and Statutory Institutions under the Ministry and carrying out follow up actions and evaluation in this regard.
- iii. Formulation of National Trade Policy and taking action to coordinate the institutes relevant to the implementation of such policy.
- iv. Creating competition in the market for ensuring the rights of consumers, formalizing internal trade and safeguarding consumers, supervising the market, conducting raids and raising awareness amongst traders and consumers.
- v. Performing the role of a mediator in order to contain fluctuation of prices in the local market.
- vi. Encouraging and facilitating institutions to identify new export opportunities in the world market and explore opportunities for new bilateral, multilateral and regional agreements.
- vii. Establishment of an intellectual property system, which promotes protection of the intellectual properties of Sri Lanka and economic sustainability.
- viii. Making legal base for companies, businesses and other institutes and formalizing their functions.

#### **1.5 Institutions under the purview of the Ministry**

- i. Department of Commerce
- ii. Lanka Sathosa Limited
- iii. Cooperative Wholesale Establishment (CWE)
- iv. Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund
- v. Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment
- vi. Department of Measurement Units, Standards and Services

- vii. Dedicated Economic Centers
- viii. National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka
- ix. Consumer Affairs Authority
- x. Department of Cooperative Development
- xi. Cooperative Employees' Commission
- xii. National Institute of Co-operative Development
- xiii. State Trading (General) Corporation
- xiv. Food Commissioner's Department
- xv. Department of the Registrar of Companies
- xvi. Sri Lanka Thriposha Limited



## **Chapter Two**

# **Achievements**



## **02. Achievements**

### **2.1 Carrying on necessary coordination required for obtaining the approval of Cabinet of Ministers subsequent to the submission of policy decisions required for food security to the Food Policy and Safety Committee.**

- i. Guiding the activities of the CWE in relation to activities associated with obtaining pledge loans for the purchase of paddy under the paddy purchasing programme of the government for the Yala Season of 2025.
- ii. Having obtained the approval of the Customs to release a stock of 3,600 kilograms of turmeric recommended as suitable for consumption by the Food Control Administration Unit, action was taken to hand over the stock to the CWE upon the recommendation of the Sri Lanka Standards Institute.
- iii. Carrying on preliminary activities to fix a reasonable price for the purchase of big onions of the Yala Season of 2025 by the CWE and the private sector.
- iv. Guidance and coordination for the purchase of potato harvest at a reasonable price by the CWE and the private sector and sell to the consumer at a reasonable price.
- v. Introduction of a tax levying process on the import of seasonally produced goods that will be operationalized in 2026.

### **2.2 Appointing Steering Committees and Technical Committees for the initiation and establishment of the National Quality Council.**

### **2.3 Convening subcommittees in relation to the implementation of the National Tariff Policy and discussing tax amendments in respect of each sector.**

Establishing a sub-committee under the chairmanship of the Secretary to the Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development, covering the sectors of agriculture, plantation industries, fisheries and industry, to facilitate the implementation of the National Tariff Policy, including the modification or updating of tariffs in accordance with the provisions of the National Tariff Policy of Sri Lanka.

### **2.4 Coordinating relevant institutions to ensure that essential food items are supplied to the consumer without shortages and carrying out the necessary coordination activities to ensure adequate supply of rice varieties that are observed to be in short supply in the market.**

### **2.5 Offering guidance to provide necessary relief to consumers by coordinating the setting of maximum retail prices and maximum wholesale prices for essential consumer goods where necessary.**

### **2.6 Securing the Cabinet approval for the reestablishment of the Cooperative Wholesale Department.**

Taking measures to secure approvals for the reestablishment of the CWE and resume its business activities on the basis of a feasible business plan having cancelled the previous Cabinet decision for its liquidation.



## **2.7 Multisector Action Plan for Nutrition (MSAPN)**

The first pilot programme on MSAPN was launched in September in the Ratnapura district and action is being pursued concurrent thereto for the conduct of pilot programmes in the Batticaloa and Nuwaraeliya districts too in the future.

## **2.8 Establishing “National Agri Market Services Limited”**

A state company named "National Agri Market Services Limited" was established to operate and manage the 18 Special Economic Centers currently scattered across the country efficiently and effectively under one business model.

By establishing this company, it is expected to expand the market to farmers, traders and consumers and broaden the marketing and purchasing facilities.

## **2.9 Implementing necessary activities to stabilize the market to address the shortage of production in the salt industry caused by climate change occurred in the country after 30 years.**

## **2.10 Making necessary arrangements to impose import taxes for potatoes and big onions with a view to protecting local onion and potato farmers.**

## **2.11 Necessary guidance for carrying out operational activities of Dedicated Economic Centers at Vavuniya and Jaffna.**

## **2.12 Formulating and enforcing a new legal framework for the restructuring of the cooperative sector and establishing a new legal framework wherethrough for establishing manufacturing cooperative societies and regulating cooperative societies engaged in financial activities.**

## **2.13 Coordination and holding discussions to secure mutual tariff concessions between the United States of America and Sri Lanka.**

## **2.14 Registration of geographical indicators in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations has been commenced from the year 2025.**

## **2.15 Carrying on necessary coordination activities for the application of provisions for executing regulations relevant to the Antidumping and Countervailing Act.**

## **2.16 Implementing the Based Best Practices of Agri Food Sector Development Project in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Media in order to improve qualitative infrastructure facilities for food security.**

## **Chapter Three**

### **Progress- 2025**



### 03. Progress of Year 2025 (From 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025)

#### 3.1 Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security & Cooperative Development

##### i. Financial Progress up to 30.09.2025

Table No. 3. 1 Financial Progress

Details of expenditure	Revised provisions for year 2025 (Rupees)	Financial progress up to 30.09.2025	
		(Rupees)	%
Recurrent expenditure	489,000,000.00	278,708,241.48	57%
Capital expenditure	135,000,000.00	5,761,588.80	4%
	<b>624,000,000.00</b>	<b>284,469,830.28</b>	<b>46%</b>

Source: Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security & Cooperative Development, Accounts Division

##### ii. Internal Audit Division

- Three meetings of the Audit and Management Committee of the Ministry were held as per statutory requirements.
- In accordance with the Ministry's internal audit plan, 07 internal audit inquiries were conducted to investigate whether the Ministry's activities were being carried out systematically and in line with proper procedures. The implementation of the relevant decisions derived from these inquiries was also monitored.
- Eight special inquiries and preliminary inquiries entrusted by the Secretary were conducted and details thereof are tabulated below.

Table No. 3. 2 Special inquiries and preliminary inquiries

S/No	Date	Reference No.	Subject	Relevant institution
01	21.01.2025	MT/IA/08/MUSSD/2024 /PETI	Special investigation into a complaint lodged by a Measurement Units, Standards & Services Officer	Department of Measurement Units, Standards & Services
02	31.01.2025	MT/IA/SPAU/2025/01	Special Investigation Report on the Use of Funds of the Narahenpita Dedicated Economic Center Management Trust	Dedicated Economic Centre, Narahenpita
03	03.02.2025	MT/IA/SPAU/2025/03	Inspection of Umandawa Green Hut trade establishment	Umandawa Green Hut
04	24.02.2025	MT/IA/SPAU/2025/02	Special Investigation Report on the Use of Funds of the Piliyandala Dedicated Economic Center Management Trust	Dedicated Economic Centre, Piliyandala

05	26.06.2025	MT/IA/SPAU/2025/04	Special Investigation Report on the Use of Funds of the Nuwaraeliya Dedicated Economic Center Management Trust	Dedicated Economic Centre, Nuwaraeliya
06	31.07.2025	MT/IA/SPAU/2025/05	Matters arising from Lanka Sathosa Ltd AMC meetings	Lanka Sathosa Limited
07	31.08.2025	MT/IA/SPAU/2025/06	Matters arising from Cooperative Development Department AMC	Department of Cooperative Development
08	22.10.2025	MT/IA/SPAU/2025/07	Conduct of Audit & Management meetings of the institution	Public enterprises under the Ministry

Source: Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security & Cooperative Development, Internal Audit Division

### iii. Affairs of the Establishments Division

- a) All establishment activities of the Ministry are carried out in a coordinated manner with other institutions. This work has resulted in the submission of approximately 64 ministerial papers to the Cabinet concerning the Ministry and the institutions under its purview.
- b) The Public Service Recruitment Review Committee of the Prime Minister's Office has approved the recruitment of employees to fill vacancies in the institutions under the Ministry, including the Consumer Affairs Authority, Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment, Lanka Sathosa Limited, Cooperative Wholesale Establishment, Sri Lanka Government State Trading (General) Corporation, National Institute of Cooperative Development, National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka, Department of Registrar of Companies, Department of Measurement Units, Standards and Services, and Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund, and the relevant recruitment activities are currently underway.

Further, as per Cabinet Decision No. 25/1579/817/030 dated 08.09.2025, the Cabinet has approved the extension of the period of service for 39 approved posts from 14.08.2025 to 13.08.2026.

### iv. National Evaluation Policy of Sri Lanka

Proposals for projects seeking allocation of funds from the 2025 State Budget were requested, adhering to the guidelines set out in Project Management and Monitoring Circular No. 01/2024, which outlines "Responsibilities and Roles of All Government Institutions for the Implementation of the National Evaluation Policy of Sri Lanka".

As a key initiative under the National Evaluation Policy Program, the expansive, 5000 MT temperature-controlled warehouse facility at Dambulla facility which is under the purview of the Food Commissioner's Department functioning under our Ministry has been selected for evaluation for the year 2025 and procurement activities are currently underway to select a specialist consulting firm required for carrying out an independent evaluation and the relevant Reference Group and Management Group have already been identified. This critical oversight project is budgeted at approximately Rs. 2.5 million.

### **3.2 Department of Commerce**

#### **i. Multilateral Affairs Division**

##### **a) Fifth Trade Policy Review of Sri Lanka**

The Trade Policy Review (TPR) is a crucial function of the World Trade Organization (WTO) which serves to monitor and evaluate the trade policies and practices of member nations, promoting a transparent, accountable, and thorough understanding of global trade dynamics. TPR is a periodic assessment and reports are published by the WTO to provide insight into the trade policies and practices of member countries. This helps other members understand the trade practices of the country under review and initiates a dialogue on potential improvements.

Sri Lanka's last trade policy review as a WTO member was conducted in 2016 and the next review is scheduled to be held on 15 and 17 October 2025. For this, the Department coordinated with the relevant institutions (ministries, departments, boards, etc.) to provide detailed information related to the questionnaire sent by them to initiate the work on the WTO Secretariat report. Furthermore, the report to be prepared by the Government of Sri Lanka was also prepared and sent to the WTO Secretariat. Answers are currently being provided for more than 250 questions referred to by other WTO members regarding Sri Lanka's trade and investment policies.

##### **b) Enforcing trade remedy laws**

Basic regulations required for the enforcement of the Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Tax Act, No. 2 of 2018 were promulgated. Accordingly, the manner a local producer should make an application to the Director General of Commerce as to an anti-dumping or countervailing duty investigation and the procedure for entering into a price undertaking were published in Gazette Notification No. 2429/32 dated 27.03.2025. The official notification to the WTO regarding the Trade Remedy Legislations of Sri Lanka, the Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Tax Act, No. 2 of 2018 and the Safeguard Measures Act, No.3 of 2018 was made in May 2025. Similarly, the notification of the Trade Remedy Unit at the Department of Commerce for the enforcement of these laws to the WTO was made by the Department of Commerce. A media briefing too was held to make the relevant stakeholders aware of the enforcement of these laws and two programmes were conducted with the intervention of sectoral committees of the Ministry of Industries and Enterprise Development to educate local producers. The Department of Commerce conducted 4 awareness raising programmes for public officials and local manufacturers with the participation of WTO resource persons.



### **c) WTO Agreement of Fisheries Subsidies**

In order to accept the WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement, Sri Lanka submitted its letter of acceptance in August 2025 as a country supporting the ratification of the WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement. The agreement represents a significant milestone in global efforts to promote sustainable fisheries management by establishing binding rules to eliminate harmful subsidies offered by governments of some member countries (fuel, modernization of vessels, repayments, etc.) and by preventing illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing that lead to overfishing and depletion of stocks. The Department of Commerce in collaboration with other line ministries of Sri Lanka carried out all activities from year 2022 required for the ratification of this agreement.

### **ii) Bilateral Affairs Division**

#### **a) Eighth session of the Joint Commission for Economic and Trade Cooperation between Sri Lanka & China**

The eighth session of the Joint Commission on Economic and Trade Cooperation between Sri Lanka & China was held successfully in Colombo with the participation of key stakeholders of both parties. The two parties were involved in in-depth discussions and reached agreement on promoting the "belt and road" development strategy, strengthening trade and investment cooperation and maintaining multi-industrial trade system. Two memoranda of understanding to set up a working group on trade facilitation and on strengthening industrial and supply chain cooperation.

#### **b) Third session of the Joint Committee for Sri Lanka –Turkey Economic and Technical Cooperation (JCETC)**

The third session of the Joint Commission on Economic and Technical Cooperation between Sri Lanka & Turkey was held successfully in Colombo with the participation of key stakeholders of both parties. The session strengthened bilateral cooperation in key sectors including trade, investment, tourism, health, technology and maritime affairs. It provided a platform for Turkey to promote Sri Lankan exports, explore export diversification opportunities and encourage Turkish investments in priority sectors. The two sides also agreed to sign Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) in the near future on education, investment, health, culture, industrial cooperation and technological cooperation. The agreed conclusions are expected to improve market access, strengthen business-to-business linkages, and support Sri Lanka's export growth strategies.

#### **c) Quarterly Working Group Meeting under Sri Lanka – Australia Trade & Investment Framework Arrangement (TIFA)**

Two quarterly meetings of the Working Group established under the Australia-Sri Lanka Trade and Investment Framework Arrangement (TIFA) were held in March and August 2025. These sessions provided an opportunity to review ongoing cooperation and discuss future actions to accelerate existing investment proposals, discuss progress on market access issues and technical assistance. The two sides also reviewed new measures to strengthen trade and investment relations. Sri Lanka also presented twelve new proposals for consideration

by the Australian side. Australia agreed to communicate these proposals in consultation with its relevant agencies.

**d) Joint Commission on Sri Lanka –Pakistan and Sri Lanka –Iran Trade & Economic Corporation**

As part of the preparation for the upcoming sessions of the abovementioned joint commission, the Department of Commerce held discussions with the line ministries and Sri Lankan stakeholders.

**e) Japan – Sri Lanka bilateral relations**

The Department of Commerce has made significant contributions to the preparation of the Draft Master Plan for the Sri Lanka-India Export-Oriented Industrial Corridor, which is being prepared jointly by Sri Lanka and Japan. Japan is acting as a co-facilitator and the Department of Commerce has provided relevant data and suggestions regarding trade and commercial activities in the preparation of the plan.

**iii) Regional Affairs Division**

**a) Free Trade Agreement of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)**

Sri Lanka participated in the 22nd meeting of the Working Group on the Bay of Bengal Region's Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (WGROO-BIMSTEC) held virtually in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 25 March 2025. The meeting discussed the draft of the Modernization of the Rules of Origin of Goods of the BIMSTEC Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and the Operational Certification Procedures (OCP) for those Rules. After extensive deliberations, the Working Group updated and revised the draft Rules of Origin of Goods for the BIMSTEC Free Trade Agreement.

**b) Conference of Trade Ministers and Senior Officials of the Commonwealth**

The Commonwealth Trade Ministers Meeting (CTMM) and an accompanying Senior Trade Officials Meeting (STOM) were held in Namibia in June. A Sri Lankan delegation, including the Minister of Trade and two senior officials from the Department of Commerce participated in the meetings. Discussions covered digital trade, trade facilitation, green trade, critical minerals, and strengthening the multilateral trading system, leading to the approval of the draft Outcome Statement and the Joint Commonwealth Statement. Initial implementation plans for the Trade and Investment Task Force were also approved, and the Commonwealth Model Law on Digital Trade was strengthened to support member countries.

**iv) Trade Promotion Division**

**a) Handling trade inquiries**

A total of 481 trade enquiries were managed by Commercial Officers, who furnished essential information and guidance to advance the promotion of Sri Lankan products internationally. The Department also referred 38 additional enquiries from local exporters and trade institutions to the officers for a thorough follow-up.

**b) Rendering assistance for settling trade disputes**

77 complaints were received from parties involved in disputes seeking observations for amicable settlement of import & export related disputes. The Department of Commerce serves as a facilitator for the settlement of trade disputes by facilitating amicable solutions for import & export related disputes amongst parties to the dispute.

**c) Making recommendations for residential visas**

Having reviewed applications of 87 foreigners involved in the trade and service sectors and 39 of their dependents, residential visa recommendation letters were issued.

**d) Trade Ratio Quota Certificates issued for garments with India under Indo Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (ISFTA)**

2,407 TRQCs were issued for 7.74 million shares.

**e) Issuing letters of recommendations for tariff exemptions for Basmati rice quota under Pakistan and Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement**

Under Pakistan Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement 09 letters of recommendations for tariff exemptions were issued for the importation of 362 metric tons of Basmati rice.

**f) Organizing trade fairs/exhibitions/ ceremonies**

The summary of activities carried out by the Commercial Officers overseas during this period is tabulated below.

Table No. 3. 3 Activities carried out by the Commercial Officers overseas

S.No	Functions of Commercial Officers	No. of overall activities from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025
1	Business to business meetings	1334
2	Conducting business network sessions	164
3	Conducting trade promotion programmes in other countries (Business conferences, seminars, etc.)	52
4	Organizing the participation of Sri Lanka in trade exhibitions/ fairs in other countries	55
5	Organizing the participation of internal buying operations in exhibitions/ fairs conducted in Sri Lanka	34
6	Organizing tours of Ministers including other dignitaries and trade representatives to host countries	39
7	Taking action to settle trade disputes/ complaints	77
8	Taking action on export trade agreements	545
9	Providing market information and reports on market approaches	61
10	Promoting exhibitions of Sri Lanka in host/ authorized country	119
11	Conducting meetings of potential business stakeholders and trading boards	466
12	Intervention for the matters connected to market approaches,	59

	making links with the authorities of the host country, and joining with the host country on market policy	
13	Other activities connected to the trade (e g- requests for publicity/proposals on tenders about to Sri Lanka and overseas)	914
14	Conducting seminars on investments	27
15	Taking action on proposals for investments	84
16	Organizing investment development programmes	45
17	Other activities connected to investments (e.g.- Participating in inquiries on investments)	80
18	Planning publicity and business promotion/ organizing tourist promotion activities including organization of tours/ providing necessary facilities	98
19	Organizing the participation of Sri Lanka in tourist exhibitions/ facilitating for the same	35
20	Other activities connected to tourism (e.g. Inquiries of tourism)	481
21	Coordinating combined commissions/ trade and investment framework agreements (TIFAs)	03
22	Coordinating action groups	13
23	Other related activities (Official development aids)	39
24	Activities pertaining to the participation of Sri Lanka in WTO/EU/FAO/IFAD/WFP/UNCTAD,	234

Source: Department of Commerce

## v. Rules of Origin division

### a) Issuance of Certificates of Origin (COO) and other supportive services

Statistical data on certificates of origin issued by Rules of Origin division and other supportive services is as follows.

Table No. 3. 4 issuance of certificates of origin and other supportive services

Certificates of origin issued (COO)	21,450
Allocating quotas under ISFTA	2,407
New registrations under preferential schemes	29
New registrations under EU-REX system	42
Approval for cost statements	4050
Affidavits	713
Verifications	122
Explanations/ clarifications to exporters	9,720
Number of days worked	184
Daily average of the COOs issued	116

Source: Department of commerce

## **vi. Research and Planning Division**

### **a) Organizing information sessions for exporters**

An information session was organized to educate exporters and private sector companies on the EU GSP+ scheme and the UK's Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS). Officials from the Department of Commerce delivered a technical presentation which offered valuable knowledge to exporters and private sector representatives.

More than 80 Sri Lankan private sector exporters participated in the event, providing them with valuable insights into navigating the intricacies of EU and UK trade regulations within the context of a modern global marketplace.

### **b) Organizing regional level awareness programmes for small and medium-scale sized exporters**

The Department of Commerce has initiated a series of island-wide awareness sessions for small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) exporters, aiming to identify small and medium scale enterprises suitable for entry into foreign markets. As part of this initiative, two workshops have already been successfully organized, reaching over 100 SMEs across the Gampaha and Galle districts.

### **c) Organizing a series of webinars with Commercial Officers for educating exporters on foreign markets**

Five webinars were organized targeting overseas markets i.e. the US, UK, India, Italy and Germany. Commercial officers from the respective countries were involved as resource persons to enhance exporters' understanding of the relevant markets. Over 100 Sri Lankan private sector exporters, government officials and officials from chambers of commerce attended each webinar.

### **d) Progress of income generating programmes and projects**

Table No. 3. 5 Progress of income generating programmes and projects

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Progress up to 30.09.2025</b>	
	<b>Financial (Rs.)</b>	<b>Physical %</b>
Registration of export companies under free trade agreements, regional trade agreements and GSP schemes.	435,000.00	29 companies have been registered.
Registration of export companies under EU-REX system	630,000.00	42 companies have been registered.
Issuance of Certificates of Origin under free trade agreements, regional trade agreements and preferential trade agreements of Sri Lanka	32,175,000.00	21,450 certificates have been issued.

Custom tariff ration quota certificates issued for garments under ISFTA	1,805,250.00	2,407 certificates have been issued.
Issuing recommendations under residential visas	1,863,750.00	Residential visa recommendations have been issued for 87 applicants and 39 dependents.

Source: Department of commerce

### e) Progress of Capital Expenditure

Table No. 3. 6 Progress of capital expenditure

Project /Activity	Budget allocation Rs Mn (2024)	Date of commencement	Date to be completed	Cumulative targets 31.12.2025		Cumulative progress 30.09.2025		Outcomes
				Fin: (Rs. Mn)	Phy: %	Fin: (Rs, Mn)	Phy: %	
Organizing activities/programs for the expansion of foreign markets for Sri Lankan products	.25	01.01.2025	31.12.2025	25	100	12.363	50%	<p>Sri Lanka's participation in Anuga Expo, India</p> <p>Sri Lanka's participation in My Karachchi trade exhibition, Pakistan</p> <p>Sri Lanka's participation in Kungming trade exhibition, China</p>

Source: Department of Commerce

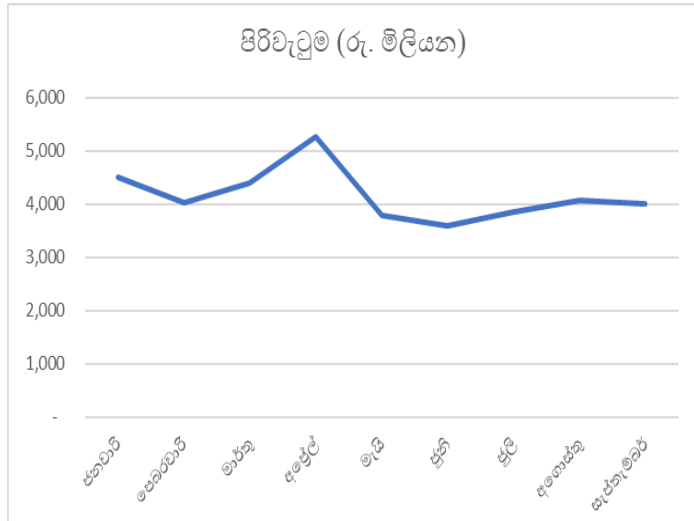
## 3.3 Lanka SATHOSA limited

### i. Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025 Business Strategies/Operational Development

From January to September 2025, Lanka Sathosa recorded a turnover of Rs. 37.5 billion. The company achieved this financial success while operating without additional debt, strengthening its cash flow, and increasing its gross profit margin. These positive results were attributed to enhanced operational efficiency, which was a result of a proper business strategy and the implementation of key performance indicators (KPIs) and effective monitoring methods.

Table No. 3. 7 Progress of operational activities

Month (2025)	Turnover (Rs Mn)
January	4,501
February	4,021
March	4,400
April	5,255
May	3,782
June	3,593
July	3,852
August	4,077
September	4,055
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,486</b>



Source: Lanka Sathosa Limited

## ii. Cost minimization strategies

Lanka Sathosa implemented significant cost reduction strategies to ensure the optimal utilization of resources. Management focused on identifying loss-making business outlets, conducting detailed operational analyses, and taking necessary actions to reverse or minimize those losses. Sales performance was continuously evaluated, enabling management to take prompt measures for profit improvement, loss minimization, and overall profitability increases. Consequently, for the first nine months of 2025, the company successfully reduced its combined sales, distribution expenses, and administrative costs by Rs. 385 million, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.

Last year, LSL was able to pass on that benefit to customers by reducing the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) by an average of 17%.

## iii. List of outlets opened in the year 2025

Table No. 3. 8 List of outlets opened in the year 2025

	Outlet	District	Outlet Opening Date	New /Shifted
1	Uhana	Ampara - Batticaloa	20.06.2025	Shifted
2	Yanthampalawa	Kurunegala	06.02.2025	Shifted
3	Lunuwatta	Badulla	01.02.2025	New outlet
4	Kinniya 2	Polonnaruwa - Trincomalee	07.02.2025	New outlet
5	Kochchikade 2	Gampaha 01	10.02.2025	New outlet
6	Hawa Eliya	Nuwara Eliya	28.03.2025	New outlet
7	Deniya (New)	Matara	08.04.2025	New outlet
8	Thirappane	Anuradhapura	26.04.2025	New outlet
9	Haloluwa	Nuwara	25.08.2025	New outlet
10	Dippitiya	Kegalla	25.08.2025	New outlet
11	Bogahakumbura	Badulla	29.09.2025	New outlet

Source: Lanka Sathosa Limited

#### **iv. Reduction of interest rates**

To mitigate the impact of the overall financing cost, Steps were taken to consult with financial institutions and successfully reduced existing interest rate from over 12% down to 9%. This strategic move reduced the company's average monthly overdraft (OD) interest cost from Rs. 60 million to Rs. 42.7 million by September 2025, resulting in a total savings of Rs. 108 million as of that month. These measures ultimately led to increased profitability, improved cash flow, and reduced pressure on working capital.

#### **v. Negotiations with suppliers**

A plan was successfully negotiated with creditors to extend loan maturities, enabling Lanka Sathosa to pay off its outstanding debts. This strategic move secured more favorable pricing terms, which will help the company reduce procurement costs and improve overall profitability. By reducing immediate cash outflows, the company has also positively impacted its short-term liquidity position.

#### **vi. Improved Return Management and Stock Loss Recovery Policy**

To minimize costs associated with return management and stock loss recovery while increasing liquidity, a formal system has been developed and implemented. Steps have been taken to recover identified stock loss balances from the responsible employees. A portion of these recoverable balances has already been collected, with the remainder currently being processed. Furthermore, a dedicated recovery committee has been established to manage these efforts. Recoveries have been initiated from the responsible parties, and necessary disciplinary actions including the issuance of charge sheets and formal investigations are being pursued regarding the stock losses.

#### **vii. Training and Development Programs**

Several training programs were conducted regionally to enhance the skills and capabilities of employees. These technical sessions helped to improve the overall efficiency and service quality of the Lanka Sathosa outlet network.

#### **viii. Other key sustainable initiatives**

Fixed assets verification was initiated through an external audit firm to properly update the Fixed Assets Register.

An ERP system audit was initiated by an external audit firm to investigate the irregularities and quantitative errors in the computer system.

Document security in the institution was established by introducing a Document Management system.

The process of selecting a service provider to conduct a forensic audit to re-examine the irregularities in the transactions shown in the institution's past financial reports and accounts is in progress.

Sales were made more efficient by introducing a computer database system to quickly identify and repair fixed assets (refrigerators, generators, bottle coolers) in outlets.



Gratuity payments of 243 employees that were due for a long time were resolved under the correct methodology.

### **3.4 Cooperative Wholesale Establishment**

#### **i. Purchasing paddy and converting purchased paddy into rice**

The total quantity of paddy purchased during the period from 24th April 2025 to 17th July 2025 for the 2024/25 Maha season is 3,831,894 kilograms. The paddy is currently being converted into rice and distributed in the market for sale. Accordingly, about Rs. 145 million worth of rice has been released to the market. Four paddy purchasing centers have been established in Hingurakgoda, Rajanganaya, Nikaweratiya and Kaduruwela for the 2025 Yala season and paddy purchasing activities are currently underway.

#### **ii. Establishing Wholesale Marketing Centres**

CWE is moving forward with plans to establish new wholesale centers in Kurunegala and Matara to expand its reach. The initiative has received approval from the Department of National Planning, and the process is underway to obtain final approval from the Department of Public Enterprises. A consortium consultant has been appointed to oversee the project, and a competitive bidding process was initiated to select a construction service company. As the next step in this process, a technical evaluation of the received bids has been successfully completed. In a separate development, the Cooperative Wholesale Trading Corporation officially began operations at its stock collection and marketing center located within the Vavuniya Special Economic Center on September 03, 2025.

#### **iii. Repairing Vehicles**

The Cooperative Wholesale Trading Corporation owns 37 lorries that were acquired between 2014 and 2015. Many of these vehicles are currently in a condition unsuitable for driving. Six of the lorries are already undergoing necessary repairs, and an additional four have been identified as requiring immediate maintenance.

#### **iv. Valuation of Property**

The Cooperative Wholesale Trading Corporation has requested the Government Valuation Department to provide valuation values for 27 properties leased to other parties and the valuation work for 14 locations has been largely completed. The remaining valuations are still ongoing. New lease agreements are to be signed based on the completed valuation reports.

### 3.5 Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund

#### i. Details s of the payment of scholarships in 2024 (Universities and other institutions)

Table No. 3. 9 Details on the payment of Mahapola Higher Education Scholarships in 2025

Month	For Universities Rs (B+C)  A	Contribution of MHETF Rs.  B	Contribution of Treasury Rs.  C	For other institutes  D	Contribution of MoE for other institutes	Total amount paid monthly for Mahapola Scholarships Rs. B+D
January	209,341,650	106,867,950	102,473,700	12,213,100	-	119,081,050
February	196,772,800	100,458,400	96,314,400	1,305,400	-	101,763,800
2022/2023	144,982,700	74,023,350	70,959,350	-	-	74,023,350
Jan/Feb						
March	254,729,500	130,041,650	124,687,850	9,005,750	-	139,047,400
April	261,326,300	132,497,250	128,829,050	3,341,250	-	135,838,500
May	359,570,550	182,360,900	177,209,650	2,822,050	-	185,182,950
June	372,868,500	189,056,050	183,812,450	9,067,500	-	198,123,550
July	331,445,900	168,102,700	163,343,200	882,550	-	168,985,250
2023/24 to June	193,568,150	98,402,700	95,165,450	9,900,000	7,351,250	108,302,700
August	348,448,300	176,681,600	171,766,700	-	-	176,681,600
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>2,673,054,350</u></b>	<b><u>1,358,492,550</u></b>	<b><u>1,314,561,800</u></b>	<b><u>48,537,600</u></b>	<b><u>7,351,250</u></b>	<b><u>1,407,030,150</u></b>

Source : Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund

#### ii. Total scholarships awarded from 2019 up to now

Table No. 3. 10 Overall Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Award –From 2019 up to now

Student enrollment	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Number of Student
Students of universities	15,001	16,000	16,000	17,000	17,000	81,001
Students of higher education technical institutes	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	7,500
Students of other institutes	1,151	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	5,151
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,652</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>19,500</b>	<b>19,500</b>	<b>93,652</b>

Source : Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund

### iii. Comparison between total number of university entrants and scholarship recipients

Table No. 3. 11 Comparison between the total number of university entrants and recipients of Mahapols scholarships

Year	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Total number of students enrolled at universities	34,161	35,000	40,111	42,147	42,282
Number of students eligible according to income limit (less than Rs. 5 lakh)	17,890	20,000	26,000	20,255	-
Number of Mahapola scholarship recipients	15,001	16,000	16,000	17,000	17,000
Number of students eligible according to income limit as a percentage of total number of students	52.37%	57.14%	64.82%	47.58%	-
Mahapola recipients as a percentage of total number of students	44%	45.71%	39.89%	40.34%	40.21%
Students who received Mahapola among students eligible according to income limit	84%	86%	61.5%	84.77%	-

Source : Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund

## 3.6 Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment

### i. Granting Accreditations

Table No. 3. 12 Granting accreditations

Scope	Second Range	Third Range	No. of Accreditations Granted
IAF mutual recognition	1. Product Certification.	ISO/IEC 17065	17
	2. Validation and Certification Bodies	ISO/IEC 17029	07
	3. Personnel Certification	ISO/IEC 17024	02
	4. Accreditation Grants for Management System Certification	ISO/IEC 17021-1	07
	4a. Food Safety Management Systems	ISO/IEC22000 (FSMS)	06
	4b. Quality Management Systems Certification.	ISO 9001 (QMS)	05
	4c. Environmental Management Systems Certification.	ISO 14001 (EMS)	05
	4d. Occupational Health and Safety Management System	ISO 4501 (OHSMS)	05
	4e. Energy management System	ISO 50001 (EnMs)	02
	4f. FSSC 22000	FSSC 22000 Version 6	01
ILAC mutual recognition	Testing Laboratories	ISO/IEC 17025	135
	Medical Chemistry Laboratories	ISO 15189	28
	Calibration Laboratories	ISO/IEC 17025	19
	Testing Institutes	ISO/IEC 17020	11
	Proficiency Testing Institutes	ISO/IEC 17043	03

Source: Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment

## ii. New accreditations granted from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Table No. 3. 13 New accreditations granted from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

No	Name of institution	Scope
<b>Medical Laboratories</b>		
01	National Reference Laboratory	Performing Microbiology and Serology tests
02	Pathology Laboratory, Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children	Performing Histopathology tests
03	Wayamba Diagnostic Medical Laboratory	Clinical Biochemistry/Chemical Pathology, Clinical Pathology, Haematology and Microbiology tests
<b>Testing Laboratories</b>		
04	Hanwella Rubber Products Laboratory - DPL group	Mechanical & Chemical Testing on rubber & Rubber products
05	Textile, Polymer and Paper Laboratory -SLSI	Chemical and Mechanical Testing on Fabric/Garments
06	Veterinary Research Institute	Biological Testing on Food and Agricultural Products
07	Perlo Laboratory of Enviroequiped (Pvt) Ltd.	Chemical Testing on Water
08	International Laboratories (Pvt) Ltd	Chemical and biological Testing on Food & Agriculture products
09	Sands Active Ltd	Chemical & Microbiology Testing on Pharmaceutical products
10	Analytical Laboratory of SLINTEC	Chemical Testing on Food & agriculture products
11	Silvermill Lanka (Pvt) Ltd	Chemical & Biological Testing on Food & agriculture products
12	Geo Chem Lanka (Pvt) Ltd	Chemical Testing on Petroleum Products (Fuel oil)
13	National Aquatic Resource Research & Development Agency (NARA	Chemical testing on Fish and Fish Products
14	Asian Life Science Laboratory	Chemical Testing on medical gas
15	Global Scientific Laboratories (Pvt) Ltd.	Chemical testing on water
<b>Calibration Laboratories</b>		
18	Keit Solutions (Pvt) Ltd	Performing Calibrations in Mass and related Quantities (Pressure and Mass calibrations)
19	Department of Measure Units, Standards & Services	Performing Calibrations in Mass and related Quantities (Mass calibrations)
20	Metro Calibration Services (Pvt) Ltd	Performing Calibrations in Mass and related Quantities (Pressure calibrations)
<b>Product Certification Institutions</b>		
21	Ceycert (Pvt) Ltd	GMP for Cosmetics

22	Control Union Inspection - Vietnam Control Union Inspections (Pvt) Ltd - Vietnam	Friend of the Sea Certification Scheme
24	Control Union Inspections (Pvt) Ltd.	GMP for Cosmetics
25	Indexpo Certification (Pvt) Ltd	GMP for Cosmetics
<b>System Certification Institutions</b>		
26	Ceycert (Pvt) Ltd.	Environment Management Systems (ISO 14001) and Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems (ISO 45001) certification
27	Knowledge Mag Certifications (Pvt) Ltd	Food Safety Management Systems (ISO 22000) certification
28	Ceycert (Pvt) Ltd.	Energy Management Systems Certification (ISO 50001)
29	Control Union Inspections (Pvt) Ltd.	Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems (ISO 45001) certification
30	System Certification Division, SLSI	FSSC 22000 scheme
<b>Validation &amp; Verification Institutions</b>		
31	BM Certification Ltd ,SIA	VERRA VCS and Gold Standard for Global goals (GS4GG)
32	Envience Services Pvt Ltd:	Gold Standard for Global goals (GS4GG)
33	SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd	ISO 14064 -1: 2018 - Organizational verification

Source: Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment

The income earned from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30 in local currency is Rs. 67.89 million and the income earned from foreign conformity assessment bodies is Rs. 78.72 million.

### 3.7 Department of Measurement Units Standards and Services

#### i. Progress of the tasks conducted locally

Table No. 3. 14 Progress on tasks conducted locally

Revenue source		Physical Progress		Revenue (Rs Mn)	
Calibration		Targets	Amount performed	Target	Actual income
01	No. of calibrations done by the National Measurement Laboratory	1,125	1,118	3.78	5.71
Issuance of registration certificates					
02	No. of registration certificates issued. (Repairing, exporting and sale, produce and sale)	375	517	1.13	1.52

Approval of models					
03	No of approvals granted for models	40	35	0.9	0.87
Training programmes					
04	No. of training programmes conducted	7		0.75	0.57
	No, of training programmes planned		5		
	Training programmes conducted on request		2		
Verification programmes					
05	No of weighing and measuring equipment verified - Head Office	375,500	37,907	329.04	65.04
	No of weighing and measuring instruments verified – District offices		296,474		248.85
Raids					
06	No. of raids conducted	6,000	8,000	-	-
	No. of awareness programmes conducted	12,000	16,000	-	-
07	No. of prepackaging tests conducted	6,750	9,000	-	-
	Total	401,797	369,058	335.6	321.99

Source: Department of Measurement Units Standards and Services

## ii. Progress of the tasks carried out using international relationships

The new project of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization gifted furniture to the chemical measurement laboratory and the new laboratory of Sri Lanka

## iii. Income generating activities

The industrial calibration income up to September 2025 is Rs. 5.71 million, the equipment model approval income is Rs. 0.88 million and the weighing and measuring instrument verification income (Rs. million) is Rs. 313.90 million.

## 3.8 Dedicated Economic Centers

The programme for establishing Dedicated Economic Centers (RECs) program in Sri Lanka was initiated in 1998 and its main objective is to ensure fair prices for the products of rural farmers and producers as a marketing and promotion strategy and to create an island-wide distribution network to provide opportunities for consumers in the island to obtain goods and food commodities easily and at reasonable prices. Currently, the necessary legal advice, follow-up and evaluation are being provided to maintain the proper functioning of the economic centers.

Accordingly, the functions executed are as follows.

- i. Appointment of trust members for management trusts.
- ii. Taking steps to prepare a common lease agreement for all economic centers regarding the leasing of business premises.

- iii. Assisting in resolving issues related to ownership of lands on which economic centers are located.
- iv. Initiating action to expand the composition of the Management Trust of economic centres.
- v. Calling for and inspecting annual accounts reports, annual accounts reports and reports of recovery of rent arrears of shops of economic centres.
- vi. Forwarding annual financial reports of economic centres to the National Audit Office and the Department of Public Finance.
- vii. Forwarding the answers received in respect of audit inquiries of economic centers to the National Audit Office.
- viii. Preparing responses to audit inquiries submitted in relation to economic centers in general.
- ix. Reactivating economic centres that remained inactive, (Jaffna. Vavumiya)
- x. Allocating provisions for economic centers for dedicated economic centres in which a management trust fund (Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Vavuniya, Batticaloa) for revenue and capital expenditure)
- xi. Inspecting and granting approvals for Action Plans 2025 and annual budgetary estimates 2025 of all Dedicated Economic Centres.
- xii. Examining procurement activities included in Action Plans of all Dedicated Economic Centres and granting approval for essential procurement activities.
- xiii. In terms of Cabinet decision No. CP/25/0774/817/02 dated June 03, 2025, the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been received for the incorporation of a limited liability company for the management of Dedicated Economic Centres. Accordingly, incorporating the said company and organizing board meetings thereof.

#### **i. Financial Progress of Dedicated Economic Centres (01.01.2025 – 30.009.2025)**

Table No. 3. 15 Financial Progress of Dedicated Economic Centres (01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025)

<b>S/No</b>	<b>Name of Dedicated Economic Centre</b>	<b>Total Income (Rs)*</b>	<b>Total Expenditure*</b>	<b>Operationaal Profit (Rs)**</b>
01	Dambulla	67,652,860.30	47,126,448.32	20,526,411.98
02	Nuwara Eliya	24,437,247.76	11,175,285.27	13,261,962.49
03	Keppetipola	24,002,005.25	13,578,937.02	10,423,067.98
04	Thambuttegama	20,981,676.30	29,717,460.85	(8,735,784.55) Capital expenses have been incurred on development activities.
05	Embilipitiya	40,103,633.00	26,091,665.75	14,011,967.25
06	Meegoda	16,738,534.55	14,781,521.86	1,957,012.69

07	Welisara	11 ,716,760.97	12 ,329,304.08	(612,543.11) Capital expenses have been incurred on development activities.
08	Veyangoda	14,017,823.00	7,036,649.76	6,981,173.24
09	Narahenpita	575,325,392.00	569,698,513.31	5,626,878.69
10	Rathmalana	26,556,014.00	13,107,894.00	13,448,120.00
11	Piliyandala	8,517,485.02	6,489,936.25	2,027,548.77
12	Kandehandiya	583,120.00	315,407.24	267,712.76
13	Kurunduwatta	3,714,273.34	1,528,165.11	2,186,108.23
14	Ampara	1,052,629.00	356,106.84	696,522.16
	Total	<b>835,399,454.49</b>	<b>753,333,295.66</b>	<b>82,066,158.58</b>

\*Unaudited information.

Source: Development Division, Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security& Cooperative Development

## ii. Development activities/procurement activities of Dedicated Economic Centres for which approval was granted by Management Trust Fund in the year 2025

Table No. 3. 16 Development activities/procurement activities of Dedicated Economic Centres for which approval was granted by Management Trust Fund in the year 2025

S. No	Name of Dedicated Economic Centre	Development task/Procurement activity	Estimated amount
01	Dambulla	-	
02	Nuwara Eliya	Purchase of a photocopy machine	300,000
03	Keppetipola	-	
04	Thambuttegama	-	
05	Embilipitiya	Purchase of chairs and tables for the office of the Management Trust of Economic Center. Purchase of stationery for the Economic Center.	115,000 145,000
06	Meegoda	-	
07	Welisara	-	
08	Veyangoda	-	
09	Narahenpita	-	
10	Rathmalana	-	



11	Piliyandala	Repair of potholes in the Economic Center grounds by filling them with Premix	803,673
12	Kandahandiya	-	
13	Kurunduwatta	-	
14	Ampara	-	

Source: Development Division, Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security & Cooperative Development

### iii. Inactive Dedicated Economic Centres that were brought back to operational level

Table No. 3. 17 Inactive Dedicated Economic Centres that were brought back to operational level

S.No	Name of the Dedicated Economic Center	Expenditure incurred on bringing back to operational level (Rs Mn)	Date of recommencement
01	Vavuniya Special Economic Center	1.223	2025.09.03
02	Jaffna Special Economic Center	2.515	2025.09.30

Source: Development Division, Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security & Cooperative Development

## 3.9 National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka

### i. Physical progress of the functions of the Office

#### (a) Patents (01.01.2025 – 30.09.2025)

Table No. 3. 18 Physical Progress

	Annual Target	Target up to Quarter III	Statistical Progress	Progress- Percentage	
				On the Annual Target	On the target up to Quarter III
Number of applications received	420	315	365	86.90%	115.87%
Number of primary checks carried out	420	315	398	94.76%	126.35%
Number of secondary checks carried out	720	540	444	61.67%	82.22%
Number published	200	150	132	66.00%	88.00%
Number of registrations	200	150	124	62.00%	82.67%

Source: National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka

**(b) Industrial Designs (From 01.01.2025 – 30.09.2025)**

Table No. 3. 19 Industrial designs

	Annual Target	Target up to Quarter III	Statistical Progress	Progress- Percentage	
				On the Annual Target	On the target up to Quarter III
Number of applications received	175	131	102	58.29%	77.86%
Number of primary checks carried out	175	131	173	98.86%	132.06%
Number of secondary checks carried out	175	131	150	85.71%	114.50%
Number published	80	60	72	90.00%	120.00%
Number of registrations	80	60	52	65.00%	86.67%

Source: National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka

**(c) Trademarks (From 01.01.2025 – 30.09.2025)**

Table No. 3. 20 Trademarks

	Annual Target	Target up to Quarter III	Statistical Progress	Progress- Percentage	
				On the Annual Target	On the target up to Quarter III
Number of applications received	12,000	9000	9890	82.42%	109.89%
Number of primary checks carried out	18,450	13838	13792	74.75%	99.67%
Number of secondary checks carried out	18,450	13838	13105	71.03%	94.70%
Number published	9,600	7200	5518	57.48%	76.64%
Number of registrations	10,500	7875	4080	38.86%	51.81%

Source: National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka

**ii. Special activities carried out in the year 2025****(a) Implementing the project for digitizing intellectual property files**

The project, a free service facility provided by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to Sri Lanka, aims to scan and digitize no less than two hundred thousand physical files held at the National Intellectual Property Office (NIPO). This initiative is designed to make service delivery more efficient and to establish comprehensive online service facilities for the public.

To commence the project, an agreement was signed between the World Intellectual Property Organization and the National Intellectual Property Office on March 24 of this year, and the project will be implemented through a service provider selected by the organization. The current progress of this project, which is scheduled to be completed in the coming year, is 47%.

### **(b) Finalizing preliminary activities for accession to Madrid Protocol**

The revised draft of amendments to bring about necessary changes to the Intellectual Property Act, to enable Sri Lanka to accede to the Madrid Protocol, has been forwarded to the Legal Draftsman for final review with observations and concurrence from the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) which oversees the Madrid Protocol. Following approval from the Attorney General and the Legal Draftsman, a Cabinet Memorandum is anticipated to be presented to Parliament this year to finalize accession.

### **(c) Facilities for the registration of Geographical Indications**

Registering a product as a Geographical Indication (GI) can provide exporters with a competitive edge in international markets if the product's uniqueness is linked to its geographical origin. This year, the National Intellectual Property Office (NIPO) initiated the first-ever registration process for GIs in Sri Lanka and has so far received two applications. The NIPO is also planning a series of awareness programs to educate manufacturers and the business community about GIs and their benefits.

### **(d) Promoting Intellectual Property**

The subject of intellectual property plays a pivotal role in the development of a country. The National Intellectual Property Office (NIPO) undertook a series of awareness programs across Sri Lanka to promote the use of intellectual property for economic development among inventors, entrepreneurs, and users. During the period from January to September 2025, a total of 13 awareness programs were successfully conducted, including five physical events. One notable event was the Intellectual Property Promotion Program held at the University of Jaffna.

### **(e) Formalizing the protection of copyrights**

Copyright is a fundamental legal right granted to the creators of literary and artistic works. Its purpose is to protect the rights of authors, ensuring they receive economic benefits and due recognition for their creative efforts. Beyond benefiting individual creators, copyright law serves to promote continued creativity in literary and artistic fields and encourage investment in the creative spheres.

In conjunction with the celebration of World Intellectual Property Day in April 2025, the National Intellectual Property Office (NIPO) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) collaborated on a two-day workshop in Colombo. The workshop featured international resource persons and aimed to educate Sri Lankan musicians, artists, and creators on intellectual property, the formal protection and commercial exploitation of their works, and the formalization of collective management organizations.

Work is currently underway in accordance with an Action Plan prepared in collaboration with WIPO to formalize the functioning and operations of these collective societies in Sri Lanka.

### **(f) Information Technology related improvements**

As of 28.02. 2025, the National Intellectual Property Office (NIPO) has digitalized its correspondence process. All incoming letters for patents and industrial designs, along with all

outgoing correspondence from the institution to applicants, are now digitally entered into the Intellectual Property Administration System (IPAS).

The Global Brand Database, a database maintained by the World Intellectual Property Organization on trademark registration, began listing trademarks registered and published at the National Intellectual Property Office from April 2025.

A firewall has been successfully installed to bolster the security of the institution's network system. Furthermore, all necessary procurements have been completed to provide official e-mail addresses to the officers. The institution is scheduled to commence the use of these official e-mail addresses from the beginning of November 2025.

### 3.10 Consumer Affairs Authority

#### i. Progress of the institution from January to September 2025

Table No. 3. 21 Progress of activities of Consumer Affairs Authority

Activity	Progress
<b>Consumer protection &amp; relief services</b>	
Market raids	14,896
Filing cases	15,047
Fines (Rs.)	210,929,000
Sample testing	80
<b>Conducting consumer awareness programmes From Kanuary to August 31</b>	
Business Awareness	250
Public Awareness	350
School Student Awareness	200
Mobile Awareness Programmes (Business)	200
Mobile Awareness Programmes (Public)	100
<b>Consumer complaints received in writing</b>	
Receipt of new complaints	1240
Rejection, referring to other institutions and raids, settlement of complaints	277
Investigations	646
New complaints received for investigations	6
Inquiries conducted regarding consumer complaints - Sections 13 and 32	118
Resolution of complaints during inquiries	19
Orders issued - Section 13(4) of the Act	41
Court cases- Enforcement of orders - Sections 13(6) and 32(7)	23
Cases filed in Magistrates' Courts – Sections 11,30,31,57 of the CAA Act. Including court appearances	29
Appearing in court	455

- Magistrates Courts	374
- Supreme Court	10
- Appeals Court	34
- High Court	24
- District courts	10
- Commercial High Court	6
Cases filed against CAA in 2025	7
Preparing observations	7
Appearing for legal consultation	36
Amount of fines imposed by the courts (Rs.)	1.015.000
<b>Gazettes issued</b>	
- Orders issued under Sections 20(5) and Section of the Act	93-Maximum retail price for water bottles
- Directives issued - Sections 10 & 12 of the Act	94- Cancellation of directive No. 26
<b>Investigating into complaints on trade</b>	
Control or eliminate economic concentration, Promote healthy competition, Conduct investigations into complaints of anti-competitive and unfair trade practices:	
- Complaints being investigated	50
- Complaints to be resolved this year out of those received last year	41
- Complaints received in 2025	39
- Complaints resolved	30
- Ant-competition practices – market raids	10
To educate traders on the activities of the Authority and other regulations Conducting advisory services	08
Protecting local industries from anti-competitive practices through tax/duties by preventing the import of identified products	
Enforcement of Directive No. 87 (HS Code 5)	180
Monitoring the maximum guaranteed retail price of imported products in the market in accordance with Directive No. 87	100
Conducting research and studies to promote a healthy society	03
	03
<b>Evaluation of price revision applications and issuance of recommendations</b>	

Identification of products to be referred to the Consumer Affairs Council under Section 19	07
Collection and reporting of district-wise retail price data of selected products	106
Reporting of estimated maximum retail price reports and weekly price ranges	35
Preparation of monthly availability forecast report for a list of selected products	09

Source: Consumer Affairs Authority

### 3.11 Department of Cooperative Development

#### i. Progress of the Societies Division

Table No. 3. 22Progress of the Society Division of the Department of Cooperative Development

S/No	Activity	Progress
1	Registration of new cooperative societies/associations	-
	Number of applications received	26
2	Reactivation of inactive cooperative societies/associations	-
	Conducting initial discussions and monitoring	7
	Activation	6
3	Preparing reports for the liquidation of dormant cooperative societies	3
4	Providing guidance, coordination and support for the implementation of new projects (3 identified projects) Through associations with members of healthcare workers: - Providing care services to patients - Exploring the possibility of establishing child/elderly care centers	1
5	Providing requisite guidance for making necessary amendments to the by-laws of cooperative societies/associations (5 societies/associations)	6
6	Providing instructions for holding general meetings of cooperative societies/associations within the stipulated time period	04
7	Providing guidance to conduct the election of officers in cooperative societies/associations within stipulated period of time.	04
8	Identifying and providing guidance to cooperative societies/associations that do not have an election system	04
9	Obtaining asset and liability statements of board members (55 societies, 15 associations)	16
10	Obtaining budget estimates and development plans	14
11	Providing necessary instructions to maintain and update member registers	64

12	Preparing and updating the financial statements of cooperative societies/associations	05
13	Conducting audit and management committees to correct audit deficiencies	13
14	Conducting discussions of the board of directors of cooperative societies/associations	6
15	Approval of amendments to the by-laws of cooperative societies	08
16	Approval of manpower assessment and manpower assessment amendments of cooperative societies	-
17	Obtaining approval for the purchase of assets of cooperative societies	06
18	Regulation of cooperative societies/associations based on supervisory monitoring reports	05
19	Providing solutions to member grievances and complaints	08
20	Providing solutions to public complaints	40
21	Certifying signatures for opening bank accounts	14
22	Convening the general assembly under section 18(1) of the Cooperative Societies Rules, convening the board of directors under section 18(2)	04
23	Conducting election proceedings as per the requests of the societies	03
24	Preparing special investigation reports	01

Source: Department of Cooperative Development

## ii. Progress of audit of societies

Table No. 3. 23 Progress of auditing of societies of the Department of Cooperative Development

S/No	Activity	Progress
1	Obtaining financial statements	52
2	Authorizing for audit	43
3	Obtaining audit reports	36
4	Reviewing audit reports	30
5	Releasing audit reports to societies	30
6	Initial notice regarding legal action to be taken against cooperative societies that have not submitted accounts properly	29

Source: Department of Cooperative Development

### iii. Progress of Development Division

Table No. 3. 24 Progress of the Development Division of the Department of Cooperative Development

S/No	Activity	Financial progress	Physical Progress
1	Establishing agricultural production cooperatives and creating enterprises for youth	0.79	As part of the year's plan to establish 100 new production cooperative societies, 26 have been successfully set up so far. Additionally, project evaluations have been completed to facilitate the provision of necessary machinery and equipment to existing production cooperative societies to enhance their operational capacity.
2	Starting a packaging center under the renovation of the C/S Atchuveli Various Services Cooperative Society	-	Technical evaluations are being carried out to provide Rs. 3.5 million for renovating buildings and machinery worth Rs. 6.05 million to the Packaging Division.
3	Palm jaggery production project by the Palm Production and Palm Development Cooperative Society Ltd	-	The process of obtaining and reviewing project reports for the provision of machinery worth Rs. 10 million has been completed.
4	Providing power loom kits to the Kegalle Textile Cooperative Society Ltd	-	The project appraisal for the installation of power looms and other machinery worth Rs. 8.6 million has been completed.

Source: Department of Cooperative Development

### iv. Progress of the Legal Division

Table No. 3. 25 Progress of the Legal Division of the Department of Cooperative Development

S/No	Activity	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn.)	Physical Progress
1	Appointment of arbitrators at the request of the societies	-	94
2	Arbitration of disputes and giving decisions	-	17
3	Hearing appeals for requests submitted by the parties	-	-
4	Making appeal decisions	-	-
5	Enforcing arbitration decisions at the request of the parties	-	28



6	Obtaining money from the court to the department	6.7	-
7	Releasing money received from the court to the societies	5.5	-
8	Providing recommendations for by-laws submitted for registration/amendment	-	7
9	Acquittal from cases filed against the department	-	4

Source: Department of Cooperative Development

## v. Progress of the Banking Division

Table No. 3. 26 Progress of the Banking Division of the Department of Cooperative Development

S/No	Activity	Financial Progress (Rs.)	Physical Progress
1	Calling for financial analysis reports from the societies registered under the line department at the end of each quarter.		17
2	Conducting on-site inspections.		22
3	Analyzing, reviewing and advising on on-site inspection reports.		22
4	Issuing circulars and regulatory instructions to financial services cooperative societies/associations as per the timely requirements.		1
5	Conducting circular drafting committee meetings/ other committee meetings. (Budget amount Rs. 299,926.10)	299,926.10	10
6	Obtaining quarterly reports of rural banks at the provincial level.		27
7	Providing quarterly reports to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.		3
8	Providing reports on the progress of microfinance institutions to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.		1
9	Providing information for the annual report of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.		1

<b>10</b>	Providing information to the Department of Social and Statistical Affairs of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.		1
<b>11</b>	Conducting training programs for officers of the Cooperative Department. (Expenditure Rs. 190,165.00)	190,165.00	2
<b>12</b>	Training of Cooperative Society Officers. (Expenditure Rs. 97,976.00)	97,976.00	1
<b>13</b>	Training of Board Members of Cooperative Societies/Associations		1

Source: Department of Cooperative Development

## vi. Progress of the Training Division

Table No. 3. 27 Progress of the Training Division of the Department of Cooperative Development

<b>S/No</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount (Reports, Circulars, Meetings, Programmes)</b>
<b>1</b>	Conducting training programs for Cooperative Department officers	2
<b>2</b>	Conducting training programs for field officers	-
<b>3</b>	Training 700 Cooperative Society officers	Programs - 1 Officials -
<b>4</b>	Training 800 Board members of Cooperative Societies/Associations	Programs - 1 Officials-

Source: Department of Cooperative Development

## 3.12 Cooperative Employees' Commission

Table No. 3. 28 Progress of the functions of the Cooperative Employees' Commission

<b>Function</b>	<b>Number</b>
Resolving cooperative employee appeals	55
Providing consultancy services to cooperative societies and employees	41
Approving recruitment and promotions of cooperative employees	276
Conducting awareness workshops for cooperative employees on human resource development and management in the cooperative sector	07

Source: Department of Cooperative Development

## Awareness raising workshops conducted for cooperative employees for human resource development and management in the cooperative sector

Table No. 3. 29 Awareness raising workshops for cooperative employees

	<b>Cooperative society/ association where the workshop was conducted</b>	<b>Participation</b>	<b>Scope of the workshop</b>	<b>Amount spent Rs.</b>
01	SLTB Employees Thrift and Welfare Cooperative Society Ltd	09	Establishment s code of cooperative employees	8,460/-
02	Public Service Co-Operative Credit & Thrift Society Ltd	30	Establishment s code of cooperative employees	26,050/-
03	Postal & Telecom Workers Cooperative Banking Society Ltd	35	Establishment s code of cooperative employees	29,770/-
04	Sri Lanka Women's Development Services Cooperative Society Ltd	23	Establishment s code of cooperative employees	27,950/-
05	Sri Lanka National Cooperative Council	38	Salaries & allowances	42,510/-
06	Workshop for educating employees on the proposed salary structures and salary revisions and discussing same	28	Proposed salary structures and salary revisions	6,950/-
07	Workshop for educating employees on the proposed salary structures and salary revisions and discussing same	22	Proposed salary structures and salary revisions	8,190/-

Source: Department of Cooperative Development

### 3.13 National Institute of Cooperative Development

#### i. Courses Division

Rs. 10.77 million has been earned through 08 diploma courses, 02 certificate courses and 18 short-term courses.

## ii. Internal Audit Division

### a) Internal Audit Reports Issued

Research Division Reports- 1

Academic Division Reports- 1

Hostel Division (Auditorium) Reports- 01

Library Division Reports- 01

Academic Division Reports- 01

Hostel Division (Resort) Reports- 02

b) 03 Audit and Management Committee meetings have been held during the year.

c) 03 quarterly evaluation reports of the Internal Auditor have been submitted to the Ministry.

## Activities carried out by the Institute

Table No. 3. 30 Tasks performed by National Institute of Cooperative Development

Activity	Progress
International Cooperatives Day	In commemoration of the 103rd International Cooperative Day (July 5, 2025), a Shramadana program was organized by this institution as the only institute for cooperative education. The event, held on the institution's premises, saw the participation of officers and featured a commemorative lecture delivered by retired Director (Academics and Development), D.M.T. Dissanayake. As a gesture of solidarity for the celebration, the Kuliypitiya Coconut Triangle Dairy Cooperative Society voluntarily provided free ice cream to all participants of the Shramadana.
Staff training	Several officers of the institution have been sent for training programs and are scheduled to be sent for training programs in the future.
Conducting international conferences	A 10-day 3rd Nyéléni Global Forum for Food Sovereignty was hosted at the institution's premises, drawing approximately 700 representatives from over 102 countries. The institution developed its physical resources and provided the necessary facilities to accommodate the participants. Concurrently with the main summit, from September 4–10, a series of parallel programs were implemented, including cooperative agricultural product stalls, exhibitions, awareness workshops, and cultural performances.

Activities relating to employee welfare & social responsibilities	Officers from the institution prepared and distributed morning alms to devotees visiting the Sri Dalada Maligawa (Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic) in Kandy. Additionally, the institution's diploma holders organized a blood donation drive on the premises, which received contributions from the officers. To express appreciation for the officers' support and commitment during the "Nyéléni Forum," a get-together was held on September 24, 2025 with the participation of the Chairman, Board of Management and officers of the institute. The event was sponsored by MONLAR (Movement for National Land and Agricultural Reform).
Affairs of the Board of Management	Nine meetings of the Board of Management have been held up to 30.09.2025.
Affairs of the Academic Board	Nine meetings of the Academic Board have been held up to 30.09.2025.

Source: National Institute of Cooperative Development

### 3.14 Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation

- i. **Sales revenue** is reported at Rs. 5.7 billion which is the revenue from the general and special trading activities of the corporation.
- ii. **Gross profit** is Rs. 679 million and the gross profit ratio is 12%. This is a significant profit compared to the total sales revenue.

#### iii. Profit before tax

The corporation has earned Rs. 256.5 million as profit before tax in the year 2025.

#### iv. Special operations of the year 2025

##### a) Expanding product portfolio

Operating under the direction and guidance of the line Ministry of Trade, Commerce, and Food Security, Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation Limited performed a number of special operations throughout the year 2025 as an importer and distributor to control consumer market shortages whenever the government required, ensuring the necessary supply of goods reached the public at reasonable prices in a timely manner.

When there was a shortage of salt in the market, salt was imported and distributed to the people expeditiously to address the shortage.

When there was a shortage of Sri Lankan rice in the country, rice was imported and distributed to the people through the Lanka Sathosa sales network at affordable prices without causing inconvenience to the government and the public.

In accordance with government policies, the distribution of animal feed, a special project aimed at uplifting farmers and the animal feed industry, was carried out.

### **b) Employee Development**

To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of its overall operational process, the institution has introduced Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). This initiative aims to increase the responsibility and focus of employees towards their tasks.

Measures have been taken for the introduction of a Human Resources Information System (HRIS).to stabilize staff management by systematizing all personnel data, ensuring that HR processes are carried out accurately and effectively.

In 2025, a series of external training programs and workshops were organized aimed at developing the knowledge, skills, abilities, and motivation of its employees.

Specifically, to enhance the product knowledge of sales department staff, Product Training and Factory Visits were organized, providing employees with new product information and a practical understanding of the production process.

### **c) Strategic initiatives**

Action was taken to upgrade the product portfolio by introducing new products and marketing campaigns were launched to improve revenue from existing products.

### **d) Administration and Compliance**

Twelve (12) Board of Directors meetings and four (4) Audit Committee meetings were held during the year 2024/25.

## **3.15 Food Commissioners Department**

### **i. Construction of Dambulla Temperature Controlled Storage Complex**

The construction work of this project is currently in its final stage and upon completion, the formal handover of the project from the contractor to the Food Commissioner's Department is scheduled to take place.

The Urban Development Authority has formally informed the Dambulla Divisional Secretary in writing to hand over the land on which the project is located to the Food Commissioner's Department, which is scheduled to formally take possession of the land.

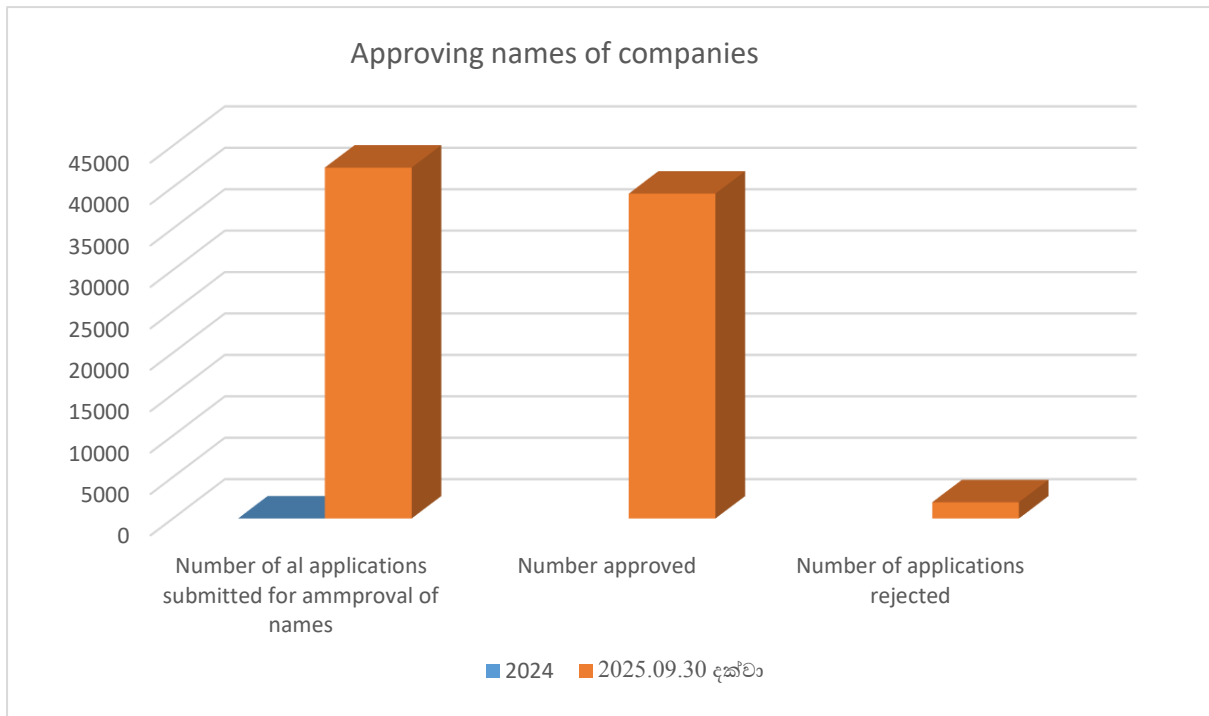
## **3.16 Department of Registrar General of Companies**

### **i. Approving names of companies**

Table No. 3. 31 Approving names of companies

	From 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025
Number of applications submitted for name approval	37,143
Number approved	38,673
Number of applications rejected	174

Source : Department of Registrar General of Companies



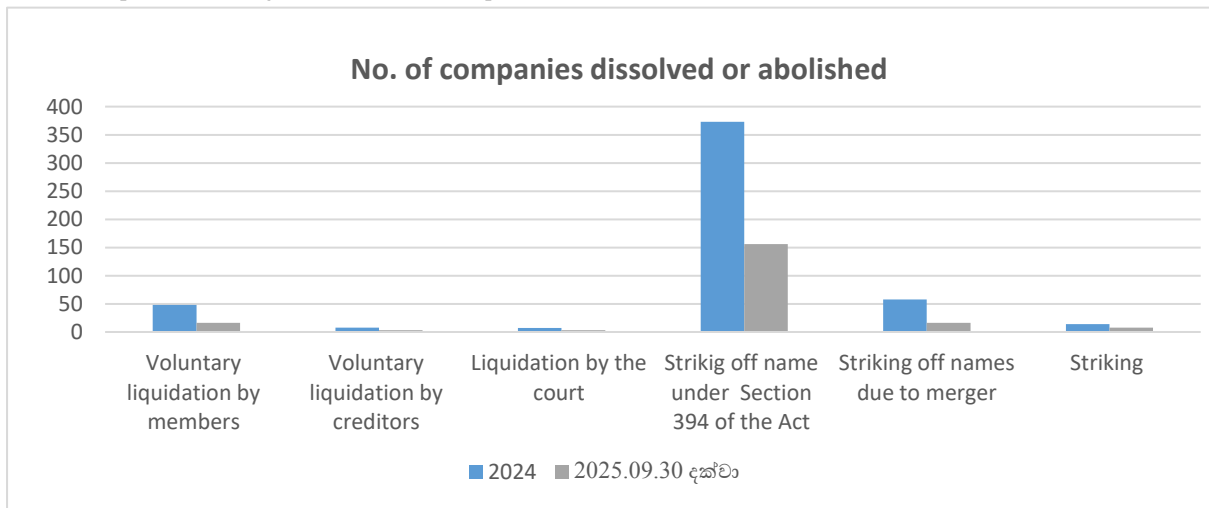
**ii. No. of companies incorporated 23,054 (01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025)**

**iii. No. of companies dissolved or abolished**

Table No. 3. 32 No. of companies dissolved and abolished

Description	From 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025
Striking off name under Section 394 of the Act	156
Voluntary liquidation by members	16
Striking off name on account of merger	16
Striking off names of foreign companies	8
Voluntary liquidation by creditors	3
Liquidation by court	3
Total	202

Source : Department of Registrar General of Companies



**iv. No. of societies registered from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024**

Table No. 3. 33 Registered societies

<b>Types of societies</b>	<b>From 01.01.2024 to 30.11.2024</b>
Temples	1
Welfare societies	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>

Source : Department of Registrar General of Companies





## **Chapter Four**

# **Future Plans -2026**



## **04. Future Plans -2026**

### **4.1 Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security & Cooperative Development**

- i. It is proposed to construct the Cooperative Square Building at a cost of approximately Rs. 07 billion in the year 2026 to bring the Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security & Cooperative Development and institutions thereunder established in other buildings on the rent basis under one roof, enabling consumers to access the services delivered by each of these institutions without delay whilst facilitating direct supervision and coordination of the Ministry.
- ii. Starting in 2026, the operations of the Dedicated Economic Centers are planned to be implemented properly, under the legal framework of the newly established "National Agri Market Services Limited which was specifically created to manage these centers.
- iii. Developing a Competition Policy Framework required for the facilitation of activities through trade agreements and taking action to expand market accessibility to Sri Lankan products.
- iv. Establishing the National Quality Council.
- v. Developing a new legal framework for cooperative development in Sri Lanka, including producer cooperative societies and cooperative banks.
- vi. Developing eRoc 2 to meet the expectations of the cooperative sector and improve the ease of doing business.
- vii. Formulating a competition legal framework.
- viii. Developing a policy framework to facilitate trade agreements and expand market access for Sri Lankan products.
- ix. Sri Lanka Thriposha Limited intends to focus on sustainable development, modernization, and diversification in 2026. The company's plans, which are supported by the government and ongoing collaborations with the World Food Programme (WFP), aim to ensure nutritional security of Sri Lanka and improve health of different community groups.

### **4.2 Department of Commerce**

- i. Providing technical assistance in negotiating Free Trade Agreements and Preferential Trading Agreements.
- ii. Participation in multilateral, regional and bilateral trade forums
- iii. Conducting Joint Trade and Economic Commissions.
- iv. Monitoring and reviewing the effective implementation of preferential and non-preferential agreements.
- v. Organizing trade delegations for Sri Lanka Expo 2026.

- vi. In 2026, the Department plans to focus on regional awareness programs.
- vii. Preparation for the 14th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization. Liaison will be maintained with relevant government institutions to formulate Sri Lanka's intentions regarding the areas slated for discussion at the 14th Ministerial Conference.

### **4.3 Lanka Sathosa Limited**

#### **i. Improving revenue and gross profit margin.**

This will be done through increasing product availability and margins.

– **Target Sales:** Rs. 60 billion.

– **Target Gross Profit Margin:** 13.5%.

Strategic initiatives will be implemented to increase product availability and margins by focusing on high-performing and high-margin products.

#### **ii. Outlet expansion strategy**

An organized store expansion plan will be implemented to strengthen the market presence and improve customer access in the Northern Province, Eastern Province, Uva Province, and other regions of Sri Lanka.

New stores will be strategically established in areas with high sales trends and demands. The location selection process will be guided by thorough market demand analysis, consumer mobility patterns, and other technical factors to ensure optimal market penetration.

- iii. Initiate renovation works for the outlets with deficiencies to improve and strengthen the reputation and image of the institution.
- iv. Modernize the warehouses to increase the efficiency of the supply chain.
- v. Introduce a new ERP system to increase the overall administrative efficiency of the business.
- vi. Facilitate the marketing and sales of small and medium-sized enterprises directly to the end consumers.

### **4.4 Cooperative Wholesale Establishment**

- i. Expanding market opportunities by converting paddy purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board (50,000 metric tons of per season) into rice under the "National Sathosa" brand (PMB). In addition to the Lanka Sathosa outlet network, orders will be obtained from other supermarket chains.
- ii. Establishing wholesale trade centers covering 4-6 provinces. The primary objective is to improve the quality of life of the people by bringing quality products closer to the consumers across the island at low prices.

- iii. Updating the preparation of final accounts, bank reconciliations, and financial reports. Preparation and finalization of all final accounts, bank reconciliations and financial reports that are due for finalization and submission of final accounts, bank reconciliations and financial reports on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis.
- iv. Establishing a processing and packaging center by the Cooperative Wholesale Establishment. Purchasing local farm products such as turmeric, chili, pepper, green peas, chickpeas, and cowpeas and releasing them to the market after processing and, packaging. This initiative aims to serve two primary purposes: create a fair and stable market for local farmers and provide consumers with high-quality, non-toxic food products.

#### **4.5 Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund**

##### **i. Preparing a database for scholarship recipients**

A database has been created for approximately 300,000 students who completed their university studies with the support of Mahapola Trust Fund scholarships and are now engaged in various jobs and professions locally and abroad. The goal is to request these scholarship recipients to contribute to the Fund. To facilitate this, direct bank payment (online payment gateway) facilities have been established with the People's Bank. In the coming years, the Fund hopes to implement promotional programs through attractive outreach methods and a media campaign using newspaper advertisements and electronic media to encourage contributions.

##### **ii. Reactivating Mahapola Online Lottery**

Three previous efforts to launch the Mahapola Online Lottery three times in the past were unsuccessful due to various reasons. The Board of Trustees intends to launch a more transparent online lottery in the future to support the Mahapola Trust Fund.

##### **iii. Resumption of Mahapola Educational and Trade Fair**

The Mahapola founder, the late Lalith Athulathmudali, initiated the Education and Trade Fair in 1981/82 alongside the establishment of the Mahapola Fund and concept. The fair was subsequently discontinued for approximately 20 years. The Board of Trustees officially approved the resumption of the trade fair from 2023 onwards following a thorough study of the matter.

#### **4.6 Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment**

- i. Training and promotion of Reference Material producer scheme and Biobanking scheme.
- ii. Validation/Verification Division
  - a) Extend international recognition (IAF MLA) for ICAO-CORSIA, ISO 14067 :2018
  - b) Expansion up to 2 new schemes such as carbon offsetting, net zero, ATREDD scheme
- iii. Training on the transition to revised International Standards E.g. ISO/IEC 17020, ISO/IEC 17065 and ISO/IEC 17067, ISO 9001, ISO 14001, etc.)
- iv. Upgrading SLAB Website for better user experience

- v. Conducting training and awareness programmes on the accreditation and its benefits.
- vi. Completing the digitalization of SLAB accreditation processes

#### **4.7 Department of Measurement Units, Standards and Services**

- i. Installing the central air-conditioning system in the National Measurement Laboratory.
- ii. Expanding the scope of the National Measurement Laboratory by establishing new measurement standards.
- iii. Making arrangements to have metrology as a subject of university curriculum.
- iv. Updating the Measurement Units, Standards and Services Act and regulations thereunder. This is aimed at boost the income from departmental services and regularize the services delivered by the department.
- v. Facilitating other institutions providing national quality infrastructure to acquire international recognition.
- vi. Creating an automatic network system- Estimated amount is Rs. 70 million. It is expected that the 25 district offices will be linked to the head office and that the trade database system will be developed to ensure accurate and reliable weighing and measurement services to the consumers.

#### **4.8 National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka**

- i. Obtaining a building with sufficient space for the Intellectual Property Office.
- ii. Successfully completing the ongoing intellectual property file scanning project with the assistance of the World Intellectual Property Office.
- iii. Initiating preliminary work to establish an online payment system and online application submission facilities.
- iv. Upgrading the Industrial Administration System to its fourth edition.
- v. Amending the Intellectual Property Act to be in conformity with the Madrid Protocol.
- vi. Establishing Copyright Division and securing approval for scheme of recruitment.
- vii. Clearing the backlog of a large number of applications for trademarks, patents and industrial designs during the first two quarters (06 months) of 2026.
- viii. Organizing awareness workshops for commercial organizations at the provincial level to promote the registration of geographical indications.

#### **4.9 Consumer Affairs Authority**

- i. Finalizing the amendment of the Consumer Affairs Authority Act, No. 09 of 2003.

- ii. Offering the contribution of the Consumer Affairs Authority to make digital trading activities (e-commerce) more equitable.
- iii. Upgrading the consumer application interface to receive complaints/information.
- iv. Improving the quality of raids through training programs and quality-based performance evaluations.
- v. Enact legislation mandating the inclusion of cost components and tax components related to the goods mentioned in the bill on bills/invoices issued when purchasing goods and services, and making it mandatory for sellers to issue bills to consumers when purchasing goods.
- vi. Conducting a study on the fees charged in addition to the maximum retail price marked on the product when making payments by credit card or any electronic means (fees ranging from 1.5% to 3% of the invoice value are charged) and taking steps to regulate unfair fees.
- vii. Completing the digitalization of the services of the Consumer Affairs Authority

#### **4.10 Department of Cooperative Development**

- i. It is expected to initiate projects to establish one-stop cooperative outlets, cooperative agricultural product processing and value chain enhancement projects.
- ii. Rs. 25 million from the Cooperative Development Fund to initiate the project to develop the cooperative outlet network under a unified brand.
- iii. it is proposed to establish 500 production cooperative societies in the second year of the program to establish a total of 1,000 production cooperative societies, which was initiated in 2025 in Sri Lanka.

#### **4.11 Cooperative Employees' Commission**

- i. Updating and revising the Cooperative Employees' Establishments Code, introducing new service conditions relevant to the entire employee community of the cooperative movement, with the participation of the Provincial Cooperative Employees' Commissions.
- ii. Amending the Cooperative Employees Commission Act, No. 12 of 1972, as amended by the Cooperative Employees Commission (Amendment) Act, No. 51 of 1992, to suit the present social and legal conditions.
- iii. Conducting awareness programmes for cooperative employees.

#### **4.12 National Institute of Cooperative Development (NICD)**

- i. Reviewing the subject content of all diploma courses conducted by the institution as per the needs of the cooperative movement, securing Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF) status and starting an advanced diploma course at SLQF-4 level.



- ii. Initiating courses in Tamil medium for officers attached to the Cooperative Development Departments of the Northern/Eastern Provinces and officers serving in Cooperative Societies of those provinces, with the aim of developing the knowledge, skills, attitudes of the cooperative members and promoting inter-member coexistence in those provinces, and taking action to establish a Tamil Medium Studies Faculty within the institution.
- iii. Online registration of students, online learning process and online issuance of results subsequent to the installation of the Learning Management System of the Institute.
- iv. Organizing joint study courses with local/foreign universities.
- v. Organizing joint vocational training courses in collaboration with the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission.
- vi. Organizing experience sharing programmes enabling other cooperative societies to learn from cooperative societies that have achieved outstanding success in diverse fields.
- vii. Automation and digitalization of the library of the NICD which serves as the knowledge hub of the cooperative sector.
- viii. Organizing English language camps to equip the future generation with entrepreneurship skills to make them better suited to job market.
- ix. Organizing distance education centre courses of the NICD, remotely covering the Western, North Central and Northwestern Provinces.
- x. Establishing and maintaining a digital database that contains data of cooperative societies covering all cooperative societies operating in Sri Lanka.
- xi. Conducting a research study with the aim of empowering production cooperative societies in Sri Lanka to elevate them to export level.
- xii. Establishing a Business Financing Centre. The first step thereof is due to be commenced in 4 multipurpose cooperative societies.
- xiii. Initiating action to establish a permanent pool of external resource persons.
- xiv. Establishing model cooperatives.

#### **4.13 Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Cooperation**

- i. The Corporation is currently planning to import rice and maize and distribute essential food items with the aim of stabilizing market prices and the supply of essential food items by importing and distributing essential food items at fixed prices whenever the government requires them in the year 2026.
- ii. Promoting the use of smart boards and other IT devices to improve the efficiency of government institutions in line with the National Digital Policy of Sri Lanka.
- iii. Pursuing action to establish a agency outlet network with the objective of further expanding the marketing network of the entity.

- iv. Making STC brand an attractive destination in line with the demands of the modern competitive market by renovating all external showrooms, including its Navam Mawatha Head Office, to provide a better quality service and customer experience.
- v. Introducing new products to the existing product portfolio with the aim of boosting business progress and marketing efficiency of the institution.
- vi. Increasing the turnover of the institution by expanding cash customers in public and private sector institutions.
- vii. To streamline business operations and improve efficiency, a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system is being implemented. This system integrates core processes—such as finance, human resources, and supply chain management into a single, centralized platform.
- viii. Taking action to obtain ISO quality certification to maintain standardized operational conditions at the institution.

#### **4.14 Food Commissioner's Department**

- i. It is proposed to renovate warehouses owned by the Food Commissioner's Department in 2026, using allocated budget funds to enhance the food security program of the government.
- ii. It is proposed to begin operations at a new 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> temperature-controlled warehouse in Dambulla, which will be used for storing agricultural products. To minimize operational costs, particularly electricity expenses, the facility will be powered by installed solar panels.

#### **4.15 Department of Registrar General of Companies**

- i. Renovation of the Department building – The approved provision is approximately Rs. 400 million.
- ii. Implementation of the eROC system - Version 2 - The approved allocation for this is Rs. 250 million. Thereunder :-
  - a) Development of the e-ROC system to facilitate stakeholders in accessing information on the ultimate beneficial owners (BO) of companies.
  - b) Developing a common API portal for e ROC interoperability.
  - c) Implementation of the company data viewing facility. (Inter-agency and public access)
  - d) Upgrading the offshore and port city company registration to the e-ROC system.
  - e) CPD for Company Secretaries - Implementation of Continuing Professional Development programs and re-registration of Company Secretaries.
  - f) Linking the e-GP project and the e-ROC project and exchanging information through the system.

- g) Introducing a single form for the incorporation of companies.
- iii. Improving internal departmental network and internet infrastructure.
- iv. Developing and launching the official website of the Department.
- v. Launching a one-day service in January 2026 to provide the department's daily services promptly as needed.
- vi. Conducting joint programmes for the development of capital market.

#### **4.16 Sri Lanka Thriposha Limited**

It is expected that the company will strengthen its role in ensuring the nutritional security and improving the health of vulnerable children and adults in Sri Lanka through strategic collaboration with the World Food Programme, government support, and internal capacity development, with a focus on sustainable development, innovation, and diversification.





ශ්‍රී ලංකාවට භූගෝලීය දර්ශක ( GI ) ප්‍රමිතිය  
සඳහා අවස්ථාව ලැබීම.

இலங்கைக்கு புவியியல் குறிகாட்டி (GI)  
சான்றுப்படுத்தல் கிடைப்பதற்கான வாய்ப்பு.

Sri Lanka received the opportunity to  
obtain the Geographical Indication (GI)  
certification.



කර්මාන්ත හා ව්‍යවසායකත්ව සංවර්ධන  
අමාත්‍යාංශය සහ වෙළෙඳ, වාණිජ, ආහාර  
සුරක්ෂිතතා සහ සමුපකාර සංවර්ධන  
අමාත්‍යාංශය අතර හමුව.

கைத்தொழில் மற்றும்  
தொழில்முயற்சியாண்மை அபிவிருத்தி  
அமைச்சிற்கும் வர்த்தக, வாணிப,, உணவுப்  
பாதுகாப்பு மற்றும் கூட்டுறவு அபிவிருத்தி  
அமைச்சிற்கும் இடையிலான கூட்டம்

A meeting between the Ministry of  
Industries and Entrepreneurship  
Development and the Ministry of Trade,  
Commerce, Food Security and  
Cooperative Development.



ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ විශ්වනාම තානාපතිනි Trinh Thi  
Tam මහත්මිය හමුවීම.

இலங்கைக்கான வியட்நாம் தூதர் திருமதி  
டிரின் தி தாமுடனான சந்திப்பு

Courtesy call by Her Excellency Trinh Thi  
Tam, Ambassador of Vietnamese for Sri  
Lanka



නාරාහේන්පිට, රත්මලාන, පිළියන්දල ආර්ථික  
මධ්‍යස්ථාන නිරීක්ෂණය.

நாரஹேன்பிட்டி, இரத்மலானை, பிலியந்தலை  
பொருளாதார மத்திய நிலையங்களிற்கு  
விஜயம்

Visit to the Narahenpita, Ratmalana, and  
Piliyandala Economic Centres.





ජාතික අලුත් සහල් මංගල්‍යය ජනපති ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්.

මேன்மை තங்கිය ஜனாதிபதி தலைமையில்  
தேசிய புது அரிசி விழா

The National “Aluth Sahal Mangalya” was conducted under the auspices of HE the President.



සමුපකාර තොග වෙළෙඳ සංස්ථාවේ ප්‍රගති සමාලෝචනය.

கூட்டுறவு மொத்த விற்பனை நிறுவனத்தின் முன்னேற்ற மீளாய்வுக் கூட்டம்

The Progress Review Meeting of the CWE.



මාතර CWE තොග ගබඩා සංකීර්ණය නිරීක්ෂණය.

மாத்தறை சதொச களஞ்சியத் தொகுதிக்கு விஜயம் செய்தல்

Visit to the Matara CWE warehouse complex.



ශ්‍රී ලංකා-චීන ආර්ථික හා වෙළෙඳ සහයෝගීතා ඒකාබද්ධ කමිටුවේ 8 වන සැසිවාරය

பொருளாதார மற்றும் வர்த்தக ஒத்துழைப்புக்கான இலங்கை-சீன கூட்டுக் குழுவின் 8 ஆவது அமர்வு

The 8th Session of the Sri Lanka–China Joint Committee on Economic and Trade Cooperation.



ලංකා සතොස ආයතනයේ ප්‍රගති  
සමාලෝචනය.

லங்கா சதொச நிறுவனத்தின் முன்னேற்ற  
மீளாய்வுக் கூட்டம்.

The Progress Review Meeting of Lanka  
Sathosa.



අනුකූලතා තක්සේරු පිළිබඳ ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රතිතන  
මණ්ඩලයේ (SLAB) ප්‍රගති සමාලෝචනය.

இலங்கை ஒத்தியல்பு மதிப்பீட்டிற்கான தராதர  
அங்கீகார சபையின் (SLAB) முன்னேற்ற  
மீளாய்வு

Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for  
Conformity Assessment ( SLAB )Progress  
Review.



ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ කියුබානු තානාපති අන්ද්‍රේස්  
මාර්සෙලෝ ගොන්සාලෙස් මහතා සමඟ  
හමුව.

இலங்கைக்கான கியூப தூதர் திரு. அண்ட்ரெஸ்  
மார்செலோ கோன்சலஸ் கரீடொவுடனான  
சந்திப்பு.

Courtesy call by His Excellency Andrés  
Macelo González Garrido, Ambassador of  
the Republic of Cuba for Sri Lanka.



9 වන චීන - දකුණු ආසියානු ප්‍රදර්ශනය

9 ஆவது சீன - தெற்காசியப் பொருட்காட்சி

"CSA Expo 2025"



ශ්‍රී ලංකා රාජ්‍ය වාණිජ (විවිධ) නීතිගත සංස්ථාවේ (STC) නිරීක්ෂණ වාරිකාව.

இலங்கை அரசு வர்த்தக (நானாவித) கூட்டுத்தாபனத்திற்கு (STC) கண்காணிப்பு விஜயம்

Visit to the Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation (STC).



19. ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ ඉරාන තානාපති ආචාර්ය Alireza Delkhosh මහතා සමඟ හමුව.

இலங்கைக்கான ஈரானிய தூதர் கலாநிதி அலிரேசா டெல்கோஷ்டனான சந்திப்பு

Courtesy call by His Excellency Dr. Alireza Delkhosh, Ambassador of Iran for srilanka.



“නිෂ්පාදන සමුපකාර දහසක්” වැඩසටහනට අදාළ පළාත් මට්ටමේ සමුපකාර කොමසාරිස්වරුන් සහ පළාත් සමුපකාර අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම්වරුන් දැනුවත් කිරීමේ මූලික වැඩසටහන

"ஆயிரம் உற்பத்திக் கூட்டுறவுகள்" நிகழ்ச்சித்திட்டம் குறித்து கூட்டுறவு ஆணையாளர்கள் மற்றும் மாகாண கூட்டுறவு அமைச்சின் செயலாளர்களுக்கு விழிப்புணர்வு ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கான ஆரம்ப நிகழ்ச்சித்திட்டம்.

The preliminary orientation programme for Provincial Cooperative Commissioners and Provincial Ministry Secretaries under the “1000 Producer Cooperative programme”



20. ශ්‍රී ලංකාව සහ තුර්කි ජනරජය අතර ආර්ථික සහ තාක්ෂණික සහයෝගීතාව සඳහා වූ ඒකාබද්ධ කමිටුවේ ( JCETC ) තුන්වන සැසිවාරය.

இலங்கைக்கும் துருக்கி குடியரசுக்கும் இடையிலான பொருளாதார மற்றும் தொழில்நுட்ப ஒத்துழைப்புக்கான கூட்டுக் குழுவின் (JCETC) மூன்றாவது அமர்வு

The third session of JCETC on economic and technical cooperation between Sri Lanka and Türkiye.





මහනුවර, පොල්ගොල්ල ජාතික සමුපකාර  
සංවර්ධන ආයතනයේ නිරීක්ෂණ වාරිකාව.

கண்டி பொல்கொல்ல தேசிய கூட்டுறவு  
அபிவிருத்தி நிறுவனத்திற்கு கண்காணிப்பு  
விஜயம்.

Visit to the National Institute of Co-  
operative Development



ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ දකුණු කොරියානු තානාපතිනි  
මියොන් ලී (Miyon Lee) මහත්මිය සමඟ  
හමුව

இலங்கைக்கான இந்தோனேசிய தூதுவர்  
திருமதி டெவி குஸ்ரினா டோபிங்குடன்  
சந்திப்பு

Courtesy call by Her Excellency Miyon  
Lee, Ambassador of South Korean for Sri  
Lanka.



ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ ඉන්දුනීසියානු තානාපතිනි Dewi  
Gustina Tobing මහත්මිය සමඟ හමුව.

இலங்கைக்கான இந்தோனேசிய தூதுவர்  
திருமதி டெவி குஸ்ரினா டோபிங்குடன்  
சந்திப்பு

Courtesy call by Her Excellency Dewi  
Gustina Tobing, Ambassador of the  
Indonesia for Sri Lanka.



යාපනය වාචකච්චේරි විශේෂිත ආර්ථික  
මධ්‍යස්ථානය නිරීක්ෂණය

யாழ்ப்பாணம் சாவகச்சேரி விசேட  
பொருளாதார மத்திய நிலையத்திற்கு விஜயம்  
செய்தல்

Visit to the Chavakachcheri Dedicated  
Economic Centre in Jaffna



උතුරු පළාත් සමුපකාර සංවර්ධන බැංකුවේ  
කි්ෂේත්‍ර අධීක්ෂණය.

வட மாகாண கூட்டுறவு அபிவிருத்தி  
வங்கியின் கள மேற்பார்வை

Field visit to the Northern Province  
Cooperative Development Bank.



වවුනියාව විශේෂිත ආර්ථික මධ්‍යස්ථානය  
නිරීක්ෂණය.

வவுனியா விசேட பொருளாதார மத்திய  
நிலையத்திற்கு ஆய்வு விஜயம்

Visit to the Vavuniya Dedicated  
Economic Center.



කිලිනොච්චිය, විශ්වමඩු සහල් සැකසුම්  
මධ්‍යස්ථානය නිරීක්ෂණය.

கிளிநொச்சி விஸ்வமடு அரிசி பதனிடும்  
நிலையத்திற்கு ஆய்வு விஜயம்.

Visit to the Vishwamadu rice processing  
center in the Kilinochchi.



සීමාසහිත මැදිරිගිරිය විවිධ සේවා සමුපකාර  
සමිතිය විසින් ඉදි කරන බහුකාර්ය  
ගොඩනැගිල්ල සඳහා මුල් ගල් තැබීමේ  
උත්සවය.

மந்திரிகிரிய பல் சேவைக் கூட்டுறவு  
சங்கத்தால் கட்டப்படவுள்ள பல்நோக்கு  
கட்டிடத்திற்கான அடிக்கல் நாட்டு விழா.

Foundation stone laying ceremony for the  
multipurpose building to be constructed by  
the Mandirigiriya Multi-Purpose  
Cooperative Society





ජාතික සතොස” වෙළඳ සන්නාමයෙන්  
වෙළෙඳපළ වෙත සහල් නිකුත් කිරීමේ  
සමාරම්භක අවස්ථාව.

“தேசிய சதோச” வர்த்தக நாமத்தின் கீழ் அரிசி  
வெளியீட்டின் அறிமுகம்.

The inaugural launch of rice under the  
“National Sathosa” brand to the market.



ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ දකුණු අප්‍රිකානු ජනරජයේ  
මහකොමසාරිස් Sandile Edwin Schalk  
මහතා සමඟ හමුව

இலங்கைக்கான தென்னாபிரிக்க குடியரசின்  
உயர் ஸ்தானிகர் திரு. சாண்டில் எட்வின்  
ஷால்க் உடனான சந்திப்பு

Courtesy call by His Excellency Sandile  
Edwin Schalk, High Commissioner of the  
Republic of South Africa for Sri Lanka



බිත්තර නිෂ්පාදකයින්ගේ සංගමය සහ බිත්තර  
තොග වෙළෙඳ සංගමය සමඟ සාකච්ඡාවක්

முட்டை உற்பத்தியாளர் சங்கம் மற்றும்  
முட்டை மொத்த விற்பனையாளர் சங்கத்துடன்  
கலந்துரையாடல்

Discussion with the Egg suppliers’  
Association and the Egg Wholesale  
Traders’ Association



වවුනියාව විශේෂිත ආර්ථික මධ්‍යස්ථානයේ  
වායාපාරික කටයුතු ආරම්භ කිරීම.

வவுனியா விசேட பொருளாதார மத்திய  
நிலையத்தில் வணிக நடவடிக்கைகளை  
ஆரம்பித்தல்

Commencement of commercial operations  
at the Vavuniya Dedicated  
Economic Centre.



பேர்தொடர்பு சாதனை சந்திப்பு  
 உலகளாவிய உணவு பாதுகாப்பு  
 நிறுவனத்தின் (NICD) நடைபெற்ற . நியலெனி  
 3 ஆவது உலகளாவிய மாநாடு

பொல்கொல்ல தேசிய கூட்டுறவு அபிவிருத்தி  
 நிறுவனத்தில் (NICD) நடைபெற்ற . நியலெனி  
 3 ஆவது உலகளாவிய மாநாடு

Third Nyeleni Global Summit in NICD



இந்திய தேசிய விவசாய கூட்டுறவு  
 சந்தைப்படுத்தல் சம்மேளனத்தின் (NAFED)  
 முகாமைப் பணிப்பாளர் திரு. தீபக்  
 அகர்வாலுடன் சந்திப்பு.

இந்திய தேசிய விவசாய கூட்டுறவு  
 சந்தைப்படுத்தல் சம்மேளனத்தின் (NAFED)  
 முகாமைப் பணிப்பாளர் திரு. தீபக்  
 அகர்வாலுடன் சந்திப்பு.

Meeting with Mr. Deepak Agarwal,  
 Managing Director of the National  
 Agricultural Cooperative Marketing  
 Federation of India (NAFED)



இந்திய உணவு பதனிடல் கைத்தொழில்  
 அமைச்சர் ஸ்ரீ சிராக் பஸ்வானுடனான  
 கலந்துரையாடல்

இந்திய உணவு பதனிடல் கைத்தொழில்  
 அமைச்சர் ஸ்ரீ சிராக் பஸ்வானுடனான  
 கலந்துரையாடல்

Meeting with Mr. Chirag Paswan, Hon.  
 Minister of Food Processing Industries of  
 India



இந்திய தேசிய கூட்டுறவு ஏற்றுமதி  
 நிறுவனத்தின் (NCEL) முகாமைப் பணிப்பாளர்  
 ஸ்ரீ உனுபோம் கௌசிக் உடனான சந்திப்பு.

இந்திய தேசிய கூட்டுறவு ஏற்றுமதி  
 நிறுவனத்தின் (NCEL) முகாமைப் பணிப்பாளர்  
 ஸ்ரீ உனுபோம் கௌசிக் உடனான சந்திப்பு.

Meeting with Mr. Shri UnupomKausik,  
 Managing Director of the National  
 Cooperative Export  
 Limited (NCEL), India





දිවයිනේ විශාලතම ලංකා සතොස වෙළෙඳ  
සංකීර්ණය "ලංකා සතොස exclusive"  
බදුල්ල නව මෙගා ශාඛාව විවෘත කිරීම.

நாட்டின் மிகப்பெரிய லங்கா சதோச வர்த்தகத்  
தொகுதியான, "லங்கா சதோச  
எக்ஸ்க்லூசிவ்".இன் புதிய மெகா கிளையை  
பதுளையில் திறத்தல்,

Opening of Sri Lanka's largest Lanka  
Sathosa Super Market, "Lanka Sathosa  
Exclusive", the newly established mega  
branch in Badulla



නවදිල්ලියේ නේවාසිකව සිටින ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ  
ස්විඩන් තානාපති Jan Thesleff මහත්මා සමඟ  
හමුව.

புதுடில்லியில் வசிக்கும் இலங்கைக்கான  
ஸ்வீடன் தூதர் ஜான் தெஸ்லெஃப் உடனான  
சந்திப்பு.

courtesy call by His Excellency Jan  
Thesleff, Ambassador of Sweden to Sri  
Lanka based in New Delhi



යාපනය විශේෂිත ආර්ථික මධ්‍යස්ථානයේ"  
ව්‍යාපාරික කටයුතු ආරම්භ කිරීම

"யாழ்ப்பாண விசேட பொருளாதார மத்திய  
நிலையத்தில்" வணிக நடவடிக்கைகள்  
ஆரம்பித்தல்.

Commencement of Business Activities at  
the Jaffna Dedicated Economic Centre



අමෙරිකානු එක්සත් ජනපදයේ ආයෝජකයින්  
සමඟින් පැවති සාකච්ඡාව.

ஐக்கிய அமெரிக்காவைச் சேர்ந்த  
முதலீட்டாளர்களுடன் கலந்துரையாடல்

The meeting held with a Group of  
Investors from the United States of  
America



ලෝක වෙළෙඳ සංවිධානයේ (WTO) ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ 5 වන වෙළෙඳ ප්‍රතිපත්ති සමාලෝචනය (TPR)

உலக வர்த்தக அமைப்பில் (WTO)  
இலங்கையின் 5 ஆவது வர்த்தகக் கொள்கை  
மீளாய்வு (TPR)

Sri Lanka's 5th Trade Policy Review  
(TPR) at the World Trade  
Organization (WTO) Geneva.



16 වන එක්සත් ජාතීන්ගේ වෙළෙඳ හා සංවර්ධනය පිළිබඳ සමුළුව (UNCTAD)

வர்த்தகம் மற்றும் அபிவிருத்தி குறித்த 16  
ஆவது ஐக்கிய நாடுகளின் மாநாடு (UNCTAD)

16th United Nations Conference on Trade  
and Development (UNCTAD).



ශ්‍රී ලංකා - ස්විට්සර්ලන්ත වාණිජ මණ්ඩලය  
පිනිවාහිදී ආරම්භ කිරීම.

இலங்கை - சுவிஸ் வர்த்தக சம்மேளனத்தை  
ஜெனீவாவில் ஆரம்பிக்கும் நிகழ்வு

The Launching Ceremony of the Sri  
Lanka-Switzerland Chamber of  
Commerce held in Geneva.



ලෝක වෙළෙඳ සංවිධානයේ (WTO) හි  
අධ්‍යක්ෂ ජනරාල් ආචාර්ය Ngozi Okonjo-  
Iweala මහත්මිය සමඟින් පැවති හමුව.

உலக வர்த்தக அமைப்பின் (WTO) பணிப்பாளர்  
நாயகம் கலாநிதி.. என்கோசி ஒகோன்ஜோ-  
இவேலாவுடனான சந்திப்பு

The meeting held with Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-  
Iweala, Director-General of the World  
Trade Organization (WTO).





G77 සහ චීන, අමාත්‍ය රැස්වීම

G77 மற்றும் சீனா, அமைச்சர்கள் கூட்டம்

G77 and China, Ministerial Meeting



ශ්‍රී ලංකා ත්‍රිපෝෂ සමාගම් පරිශ්‍රයේ නිරීක්ෂණ වාරිකාව.

இலங்கை திரிபோஷா நிறுவன  
வளாகத்திற்கான கண்காணிப்பு விஜயம்

Visit to the premises of Sri Lanka  
Triposha Limited.



විශේෂිත ආර්ථික මධ්‍යස්ථාන  
කළමනාකරණය කිරීම සඳහා රජය විසින්  
පිහිටුවන ලද National Agri Market Services  
Ltd හි අධ්‍යක්ෂ මණ්ඩලය සමඟින් පැවැත්වූ  
පළමු සාකච්ඡාව.

விசேட பொருளாதார மத்திய நிலையங்களை  
நிர்வகிக்க அரசாங்கத்தால் நிறுவப்பட்ட தேசிய  
கமநல சந்தை சேவைகள் லிமிடெட்டின்  
பணிப்பாளர் சபையுடன் நடைபெற்ற முதல்  
கலந்துரையாடல்.

The meeting held with the Board of  
Directors of National Agri Market  
Services Ltd, established by the  
government to manage specialized  
economic centers.



මහාපොළ ශිෂ්‍යාධාර දීමනා සම්බන්ධයෙන්  
අන්තර් විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයීය ශිෂ්‍ය බලමණ්ඩලය  
සමඟින් පැවති සාකච්ඡාව.

மஹபொல புலமைப்பரிசில் கொடுப்பனவுகள்  
தொடர்பாக பல்கலைக்கழகங்களுக்கிடையான  
மாணவர் ஒன்றியத்துடன் நடைபெற்ற  
கலந்துரையாடல்.

The meeting with the Inter-University  
Student Fedaration on matters related to  
"Mahapola" scholarship grants.

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