Parliamentary Series Number : 79
Name of the Institution : Ministry of Public Security

No	Shortcomings identified by the Committee	Action taken by the Institution to rectify the shortcomings / current status
01	Internal audit programme had not been prepared at the beginning of the year after consulting the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(2)	The post of Chief Internal Auditor in the Ministry was vacant during the prescribed period while Internal Audit division was not functioned. By now Internal Audit division was established under CIA and prepared Internal Audit programme at the beginning of the year.
02	No actions had been taken for the recommendations on excesses and shortages & other recommendations revealed by the Board of surveys.	Eventhough there was a delay in the year 2022 necessary actions have been taken during the prescribed time.
03	Documents to confirm ownership of all vehicles were not in possession.	The Vehicles No CAT - 7887, KJ – 7739, PF-7403, PF - 7336, CAC - 1724, CAQ – 1754 and KY – 3614 were owned by the then Ministry of Local Government and those vehicles were taken to this Ministry by Hon. Sarath Weerasekara then Minister in charge of this Ministry in the year 2020 for the use of the Minister and his staff. At present those vehicles were allocated to the staff of the Minister of Public Security. However the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government has made a request to hand over those vehicles to their Ministry. Since adequate vehicles are not available with this Ministry to provide the Minister's staff it was unable to release those. Also the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government has not made their consent to handover the above numbered vehicle to this Ministry. That Ministry has referred letters to the Comptroller General office requesting vehicles to this Ministry instead of the above numbered vehicles. The Trisho No ABV – 1283 and the Jeep No CBM-2541 owned by Sri Lanka Police were temporarily assigned to this Ministry. Also requests were made to handover the vehicle No KO-8807 owned by the Ministry of Ports and Highways to this Ministry. In addition to this the letters confirming ownership of all the other vehicles are owned by this Ministry.
04	The emblem of the state had not been painted on all pool vehicles.	The State Emblem is displayed in pool vehicles owned by this Ministry.

05	Condemned vehicles had not been disposed of within a period of less than 8 months after condemning.	No condemned vehicles are available with this Ministry.
06	Log books on all vehicles were not maintained on up to date basis.	At present properly updated log books are maintained for all the vehicles used by this Ministry.
07	Financial provisions had been allocated to other institutes beyond the due date.	Even though provision is released within the prescribed time frame only the arrears of provisions if any was released at the prescribed time and the relevant Institutions/ officers were made aware to prepare estimates properly and obtain provisions in order to avoid such situations.
08	The balances in arrears exceeding 1 year had not been settled.	The loan balance arrears as at 31.12.2022 was Rs.389,850.00 and as at 30.06.2024 was Rs.297,480.00. Action is being taken to recover the loan balance as soon as possible. (Annexe 01)
09	The staff had been recruited/attached exceeding the approved limits.	40 posts of Development Officers and 30 posts of Management Services Officers were approved to this Ministry. However 42 Development Officers and 22 Management Services Officers are currently attached to this Ministry. Eight (8) posts of Management Services Officers are accordingly vacant while posts of Development Officers are identified as excess. As per the paragraph 2.6 of the Circular No 14/2022(iv) dated 07.06.2024 further actions taken local and foreign leave will be considered as vacancies. Accordingly 39 Development Officers and 20 Management Services Officers are attached to this office at present and staff was not recruited excess of the approved limit. A letter was submitted to Director General of Combined Services informing the same
10	The staff details of the institution had not been sent to the Department of Management Services in line with the Management Services Circular No.04/2017 dated 20.09.2017	The quarterly reports from 01.01.2024 to 31.03.2024 and from 01.04.2024 to 30.06.2024 were submitted to the Department of Management Services

11	The website that is maintained by the institution does not provide an opportunity for the public to lodge complaints or to give commendations.	A facility to make complaints online to 118 call center through the homepage of the Ministry website is available under the supervision of this Ministry. Complaints have been made by 10946 persons from 22.09.2022 to date using this facility. Those complaints are referred to the relevant institutions and making solutions or further activities as per complaints or proposals are planned accordingly. All the complaints are referred for follow ups and solutions will be given accordingly. Action is being taken to include a reference in the website for public complaints and proposals on the Ministry.
12	Out of the training opportunities planned, the extent of training opportunities granted, was less than 50%.	A sum of Rs.500,000.00 was allocated for training programmes for the staff for year 2022 and due to the Covid pandemic the training programmes could not be conducted and had to postpone the organized training programmes and to cancel group trainings. Therefore, training opportunities were less than 50% out of planned training opportunities.
13	The audit opinion about the accounts of the institution had been a qualified opinion/disclaimed opinion/ an unfavorable opinion.	Audit opinion on Financial statement in the year 2022 is a “qualified opinion” and main reason for that was the initial balance issue prevailed on Non-Financial assets of the Ministry and STF and it is a technical issue of the Cigas System and the Department of State Accounts was informed verbally and in writing to solve the matter.

(Annexe 01)

Name	Designation	Year of Retirement	Type of loan	Balance as on 31.12. 2022 (Rs.)	Balance as on 31.12. 2023 (Rs.)	Balance as on 30.06. 2023 (Rs.)	Progress from 31.12. 2022 to 30.06. 2024 (Rs)	Progress from 31.12. 2022 to 30.06. 2024 (%)
Gothatuwa	P.C.30454	2003	Property	138,085	100,085	70,085	68,000	%49
Bandara	P.S.6770	2010	Disaster	18,128	11,078	7,078	11,050	%61
Wickremesinghe	P.C.53503	2013	Disaster	15,450	7,630	2,130	13,320	%86
Swarnathilaka*	P.S.24021	2004	Property	218,187	218,187	218,187	0	%0
Total				389,850	336,980	297,480	92,370	%23

*A case has been filed in the District Court, Colombo against the officer Swarnathilaka and the next date of hearing is 29.08.2024

Parliamentary Series Number : 79
Name of the Institution : Sri Lanka Police

No	Shortcomings identified by the Committee	Action taken by the Institution to rectify the shortcomings / current status
01	Answers had not been sent to all the audit queries of the Auditor General within one month after receiving such audit queries	Actions have been taken to avoid delays and answers have been sent to all the audit queries of the year 2022. Also, answers have been sent to all the audit queries of the Auditor General in 2023 within one month.
02	Answers had not been submitted to all the internal audit queries within one month	Actions have been taken to avoid delays.
03	The relevant reports had not been submitted to the Auditor General by the due date after conducting Board of Survey in accordance with F.R. 756 (6) within the time frame mentioned in paragraph 11.1 of Part 1 of Public Finance Circular No. 01/2020 dated 28.08.2020	The respective reports have been submitted to the Auditor General after conducting Board of Survey in every institution of Sri Lanka Police relevant to the year 2022. By avoiding delays in submitting board of survey reports to the Auditor General that occurred in 2022, action has been taken in 2023 to conduct Board of Survey within the time frame.
04	The excesses and deficits that were disclosed through the board of survey and other relating recommendations, actions were not carried out during the period specified in the circular	Recommendations in relation to the excesses and deficits that were disclosed through the board of survey in 2022 have been implemented.
05	The emblem of the state had not been painted on all pool vehicles.	According to the Public Circular No. 01/2002 dated 25.02.2002, apart from the vehicles assigned to the officers as in Public Circular No.26/92, action has been taken to bear the name of the department on other vehicles.
06	Balances that are revealed by the findings of Bank Reconciliation Statements & should be adjusted, had not been adjusted within a period of one month as per Financial Regulations	Actions have been taken to settle the balances revealed by the findings of Bank Reconciliation Statements and are to be adjusted.

07	Loan balances in arrears for over 1 year had not been settled	Loan balance in arrears to be recovered from 1772 officers as of 31-12-2022 was Rs. 42,485,814 and steps have been taken to recover Rs. 7,122,927 as of 31.05.2024 from 310 officers. Files have been submitted to write-off loan balance of Rs. 9,074,954 which could not be recovered out of the remaining balance, as per Public Finance Circular No. 01/2020. Accordingly, continuous measures are being taken to recover the outstanding loan balance of Rs. 35,362,887.
08	Action had not been taken as per F.R.571 in relation to dormant accounts	Balance of dormant accounts lapsed over 02 years as of 31-12-2021 was Rs. 232,581,722 and Rs. 202,093,403 out of the said balance has been settled as of 30-06-2024. Actions have been taken as per F. R. 571 in relation to the balance of Rs. 30,488,319 to be settled to the said date.
09	The audit opinion about the accounts of the institution had been a disclaimed opinion or an unfavorable opinion.	The opinion of the Auditor General in relation to financial statements of Sri Lanka Police in 2022 was neither a disclaimed opinion nor an unfavorable opinion, but a qualified opinion.
10	Actions had not been taken to properly transfer the officers who had completed the maximum service period.	Transfer procedure of officers in Sri Lanka Police has been initiated as per the I. G. Circular No. 2735/2022 dated 08-09-2022, issued for the implementation of Transfer Procedure in Sri Lanka Police that has been approved by the letter No. PSC/EST/05-04-63/01/2022 dated 17-06-2022 of Public Service Commission.

Parliamentary Series Number : 79
Name of the Institution : Department of Immigration and Emigration

No	Shortcomings identified by the Committee	Action taken by the Institution to rectify the shortcomings / current status
Part One		
01	All Audit Queries submitted by the Auditor General have not been answered within a month.	Even though there has been a delay in answering the Audit queries, you are informed that action will be taken to provide answers to the Audit queries on time in the future.
02	Meetings of Audit and Management Committee had not been held duly during the year under review.	Meetings of Audit and Management Committees are duly held since the year 2023.
03	The letters to prove the possession of all the vehicles are not available.	All other vehicles of the Department except one vehicle belong to the Department. Several reminders have been sent to get transferred to the Department the van bearing NB-6469 provided from the Ministry of Finance.
04	Not all vehicles had the State Emblem painted on them	Since all the vehicles belong to this Department are used for arresting and investigations of foreigners who violate Immigrants and Emigrants Laws opportunistically, printing the State emblem on these vehicles causes great issues for those investigations. Furthermore, boards displaying the name of the Department have been placed inside of the front windscreen as to visible in the front.
05	A vehicle condemned had not been disposed of within a period of less than 8 months.	There are no condemned vehicles in the Department at present.
06	The balances reveled in Bank Reconciliation Statements and to be adjusted, had not been settled within a month in terms of F.R.	Action has been taken regarding the balances, reveled in Bank Reconciliation Statements and to be adjusted and action has been taken in terms of F.R. by now.

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<tr><td>07</td><td>There were loan balances in arrears for over one year.</td><td>
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<tr><th>Description</th><th>The loan balance Rs.</th><th>Present situation</th></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Officers interdicted</td></tr>
<tr><td>Mr. M.U.M. Munseer (Authorised Officer)</td><td>107,526.00</td><td>Completed the payment on 05.03.2024.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Mr. H. K. R. A. Jayawardene (Authorized Officer)</td><td>72,496.00</td><td>Action is being taken to pay the pension to the officer and necessary steps have been taken to recover the loan balance in arrears from the pension.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Officers who have vacated the service</td></tr>
<tr><td>K. G. Chinthaka Jayamal - Driver</td><td>96,283.00</td><td>It is being recovered from the Guarantor. The loan balance outstanding as at 31.06.2024 is Rs. 85,020.00.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Deceased Officers</td></tr>
<tr><td>Mr. Ajith Weerasuriya - K.K.S.</td><td>54,757.22</td><td>Further action is being taken to write off the loan balance.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>08</td><td>Personnel had been recruited beyond the approved limit.</td><td>No recruitment of Personnel has been made beyond the approved limit.</td></tr>
<tr><td>09</td><td>Information on personnel had not been submitted to the Department of Management Services within one month ending a quarter in terms of Management Services Circular No. 04/2017 dated 20.09.2017.</td><td>Arrangements have been made to forward an information report related to the Personnel to the Department of Management Services within one month of the end of a quarter.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Part Two</td></tr>
<tr><td>01</td><td>A human resource plan in terms of the provisions of Public Administration Circular No.02/2018 dated 24th of January, 2018 had not been prepared.</td><td>Arrangements have been made to prepare the Human Resource Plan as per the provisions of the Public Administration Circular No.02/2018 dated 24th of January.</td></tr>
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02	Performance agreements had not been prepared inclusive of the entire staff and it was not entered in to agreement.	Performance agreements have been prepared and entered in to agreement.
03	The number of training opportunities provided out of the training opportunities planned was less than 50% .	Action has been taken to provide training opportunities for planned training opportunities.
04	The Audit opinion on the Accounts of the Institution was at Disclaimer level or adverse level.	The opinion on the accounts of Institution was a qualified opinion and action has been taken for not occurring the facts caused for this opinion in future.
05	All officers had not submitted the Statements of Assets and Liabilities.	A list of officers who had not submitted the Statements of Assets and Liabilities has been given to the Bribery and Corruption Commission. All the other officers have given their Statements of Assets and Liabilities at present.

Parliamentary Publication Series No :- 79
Name of the department :- Department for Registration of Persons

No	Shortcomings identified by the Committee	Action taken by the Institution to rectify the shortcomings / current status
Part One		
01	Not all the vehicles had the state emblem painted on them.	Painting the state emblem on pool vehicles of this department has been completed as per the Public Administration Circular No 36/92 (1).
02	Once the provisions provided for an object class in terms of F.R. 94(1) have been utilized, has incurred liabilities exceeding the remaining provision limit at the end of the year.	Although the commitment limit for the liabilities has exceeded the provision limit as per F.R.94(1), on occasions where the annual provisions provided for supplies and services for the relevant year are inadequate, liabilities are thus incurred as per the provisions provided under F.R. 94(2)
Part Two		
01	The human resources plan prepared has not guaranteed training opportunities of not less than 12 hours minimum per annum for more than 50 percent of the staff.	Provision made for the year 2022 by the budget estimate was Rs.1,000,000.00 Training opportunities for 1242 officers have been provided covering executive and non-executive officers, head office, provincial offices and, divisional secretariats, according to the training plan prepared by the department for the training programmes within that amount. Further, due to not being able to cover a postgraduate programme within that provision, an additional provision of Rs.180,000 has been obtained, and a total provision of Rs.1,180,000 has been covered.
02	The audit opinion regarding the accounts of the organization was of qualified level/disclaimer of opinion level/adverse level.	The audit opinion has been qualified by the Auditor General.

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