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Submission of observations and action taken by the Minister in charge of the institutions with regard to the report presented to Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts – Pertaining to the Special Spending Units, Ministries, Department, Provincial Councils and Local Government Institutions

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This refers to your letter dated 04th July 2024 regarding the above subject.

02. Accordingly, the report prepared in all 03 languages including 02 CDs (PDF) which contains my observations and the action taken on the matters pertaining to my Ministry is forwarded herewith to be submitted to the Parliament.

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Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development

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Submission of observations of the Hon.Minister in charge of the institutions and

steps taken with regard to the reports tabled by the Committee on Public

Accounts in terms of the standing Oder No.119(4)

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The Annual Procurement Plan was not prepared.	The Procurement Plan for the year 2022 to 2024 has been prepared & the approval has been obtained.
Instances were recorded on which responses to internal audit queries were not submitted within a month.	The relevant officers have been instructed to perform this task with proper supervision.
The recommendations on surpluses, defects, and other recommendations exposed via Annual Board of Survey were not implemented within the stipulated period of time.	Actions have been taken on surpluses and defects exposed via Board of Survey by now.
Documents to confirm the ownership of all the vehicles were not in possession.	We have received the Registration Certificates related to vehicles that were given to WaSSIP & National Water Supply & Drainage Board by now. Necessary actions are being taken to find out information on 03 vehicles which had been registered under the name of the Ministry, of which the Registration Certificates have not been received so far.
Not all vehicles have the state emblem painted on them.	At present, the state emblem has been printed and pasted on all the vehicles running under the vehicle pool of the Ministry.
A vehicle which was condemned was not disposed during a period less than 08 months.	I Accept. In that context, 03 vehicles due to be disposed were repaired again and transferred to the Urban Settlement Development Authority, a semi government institution. Transfer documents required to transfer the ownership have also been submitted to the Department of Motor Traffic. At present, there are no vehicles identified as condemned in the Ministry.
After utilizing from the provision which was provided for an expenditure head as per F.R.94 (1), the remaining limit of provisions at the end of the year was exceeded and	At present, liabilities are made within the approved provisions.

credited.	
Staff has been recruited exceeding the approved cadre limit.	At present, the staff of the Ministry does not exceed the approved cadre limit. Approved cadre – 154 Present staff – <u>114</u> No.of vacancies - <u>40</u> Ministry of Public Administration, has been informed to fill the vacancies expeditiously.

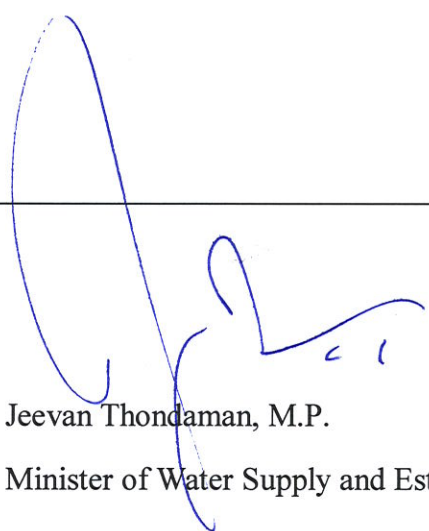
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The performance agreement was not prepared with respect to all staff members and not contracted.	I Accept. I would like to mention the fact that it has not been prepared with respect to the year 2022. Relevant activities with respect to the year 2023 had been started & it has been informed as per the Public Admin Circular No: 02/2018(1) dated 30.11.2023 that the performance agreements are no longer required. Therefore, no action has been taken to prepare the performance agreements with respect to the years 2023 & 2024.
The amount of training opportunities provided out of the scheduled training opportunities was less than 50%.	Due to the Corona Virus pandemic, training opportunities were not there in the years 2021 & 2022 as expected. 80% of training opportunities were provided with respect to the year 2023. However, trainings have been carried out in an extremely limited manner for the year 2024 as expenditure of local funds for trainings has been limited through the section 05 of the National Budget Circular No: 01/2024 issued by the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization & National Policies.

The audit opinion over the accounts of the institution was at a lower level / disclaimer level / adverse level.	All officers were instructed to act as per the prescribed rules & regulations, circulars, and financial regulations. Thereby expected to obtain a qualified opinion.
As per the paragraph 12.1 of the Public Finance Circular No: 02/2020 dated 28.08.2020, 03 performance indicators which can measure the progress so as to clarify the role of the institution were not identified.	03 performance indicators per the years 2023 and 2024 were identified and declared. (Progress of the said was presented through the annexure 01)
The recommendations of the Auditor General's report had not been implemented.	Measures have been taken to implement the relevant recommendations whenever possible. The recommendations of the Auditor General's report had been implemented during the year 2023.
Actions have not been taken to duly transfer the officers who had completed their maximum period of service.	Since the appointing authority of the officers in the Ministry is Ministry of Public Administration, transfers should also be given by the said Ministry. Officers who have completed their maximum period of service have been recommended to the Ministry of Public Administration for transfers. However, no transfer has been given so far. According to the no of vacancies in the Ministry, it is impossible to release officers from their positions except with a due replacement.


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Annexure 01

Year- 2023

Key Performance Indicator	Unit	2023		
		Target	Progress	Progress %
1. Increasing coverage of domestic piped water supply	No. of pipe water connection	140,441	106,967	76.16
2. Increasing coverage of piped sewerage facilities	No. of Sewerage connection	867	338	38.98
3. Reduction of NRW	%	24	25.14	8.06

Year - 2024

Key Performance Indicator	Unit	Target up to 2 nd Quarter	Progress by 30.06.2024
1. Increasing coverage of domestic piped water supply	No. of pipe water connection	62,440	56843
2. Increasing coverage of piped sewerage facilities	No. of Sewerage connection	583	425
3. Reduction of NRW	%	25.07	24.33

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