

Progress Report
2024
Land Section

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation

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01. Land Division

Introduction

The Ministry of Agriculture and Lands was established in the year 1932 with the aim of managing state lands in an optimal manner based on the recommendations of the Committee on Lands and Agriculture held by the then State Council in 1927.

Later it was amended with various names and in the year 2022 it was established as the Ministry of Tourism and Lands by the Gazette Extraordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated 22.07.2022 No. 2289/43, and presently established as the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation by the Gazette Extraordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2412/08 dated 25/11/2024.

Accordingly, under the supervision and guidance of the Land Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation, the related departments and statutory bodies carry out tasks related to the optimal management of state lands. The Sri Lanka Survey Department, the oldest department under the Land Division, was established on August 2, 1800, and carries out the work of surveying and preparing maps for state lands while providing accurate data.

The Land Commissioner General's Department, established under the Land Development Ordinance No. 19 of 1935, serves as the authority in land administration. It performs various functions to affirm land ownership, including issuing permits, licenses, and leases, as well as conducting mobile services and related activities.

The Department Of Land Title Settlement was established in 1903 with the objective of conducting land settlement activities in Sri Lanka in a formal and efficient manner. Its primary role is to confirm the rights of the public to undisputed lands. This institution implements the "Bim Saviya Program" to ensure clear land ownership and issue formal title certificates in accordance with the Title Registration Act No. 21 of 1998.

The Land Use Policy Planning Department was established in 1983 as the Land Use Policy Planning Division under the Ministry of Land and Mahaweli Development and was elevated to departmental status in January 2010. The main role of this department is to prepare and implement national land use plans by implementing the National Land Use Policy of Sri Lanka. In this manner, the necessary measures for sustainable land use will be undertaken to ensure the safety and long-term preservation of land resources.

The Land Reforms Commission, established by the Land Reforms Act No. 01 of 1972, legalizes and secures the maximum amount of land that a person can hold in Sri Lanka and directs those lands to the development process in an effective manner.

In addition, the Institute of Surveying and Mapping has been established under the Survey Department to train and develop officers for tasks specific to the department. Furthermore, the Land Survey Council was established under the provisions of the Survey Act No. 17 of 2002, with the objective of systematically maintaining the professional standards of the surveying profession. The Land Acquisition Act No. 9 of

1950 also established the Land Acquisition Board of Review for the purpose of resolving problems arising in land acquisition.

The tasks of efficiently and optimally managing government land are carried out by the Land Development, Land Acquisition, Land Policy, Planning, Projects, Administration, Accounts, and Internal Audit under the Land Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation.

Vision

“Optimally utilized land resource towards sustainable development”

Mission

“Contribution to sustainable development through efficient management and optimum utilization of the land resource by policy planning, implementation and coordination for all the stakeholders, while strengthening land ownership”

Institutions coming under the purview of the Land Section

- Sri Lanka Survey Department
- Land Commissioner General’s Department
- Land Title Settlement Department
- Land Reform Commission
- Land Use Policy Planning Department
- Institute of Surveying and Mapping
- Land Surveying Council
- Land Acquisition Review Board

Laws and Enactments

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|---|---|----------------|
| • Land Reform Commission Act | - | No.1 of 1972 |
| • Land Acquisition Act | - | No. 9 of 1950 |
| • Land Development Ordinance | - | No. 19 of 1935 |
| • Land Redemption Ordinance | - | No. 61 of 1942 |
| • Land Grants (Special Provisions) Act | - | No. 43 of 1979 |
| • State Land Ordinance | - | No.8 of 1947 |
| • State Lands (Recovery of Possession) Act No | - | No.07 of 1979 |
| • Survey Act | - | No.17 of 2002 |
| • Title Registration Act | - | No.21 of 1998 |
| • Land Settlement Ordinance | - | No 20 of 1931 |

Purview

Providing lands under an accelerated programme for development activities, residential purposes and public utilities through an optimal land management system based on a national land policy and protecting the ownership of land for future posterity.

Functions of the Land Section

- Compilation, implementation, follow-up and evaluation of policies, strategies, programs and projects related to the subjects of land and related departments and statutory bodies based on the national policies implemented by the government.
- Providing public services under the scope of the ministry in an efficient and public-friendly manner.
- Revamping all methods and procedures using modern management methods and technology to ensure that the ministry fulfills its role by eliminating waste and corruption.
- Administration and management of State lands
- Formulation of a new legal framework for effective land administration and management.
- Implementation of a National Land Use Plan.
- Establishment of a National Land Council.
- Activities related to land settlement and land title registration.
- Provision of land required for the development of the country without delay and in a proper manner.
- Implementation of integrated land information infrastructure connecting all local government agencies and land management agencies.
- Acquisition of land required for government purposes.
- Administration and legal distribution of land vested in Land Reforms Commission.
- Providing land surveying and mapping, land information and related services.
- To prepare and maintain a data system related to the lands assigned to the Government and the Land Reform Commission.

1.1. Land Development Division

Introduction

Coordination, supervision and guidance of the affairs of the Land Commissioner General's Department and the Land Reform Commission.

1.1.1. Objectives and functions of Land Development Division

Table 01

Objectives	Role
Increasing the value and productivity of land.	Providing long term leases for residential, agricultural and commercial activities and grants for residential activities under the State Lands Ordinance.
Management of state lands and allocation for development purposes of the country.	Disposal of land to various government ministries, departments, local authorities, armed forces and other government agencies.
	Grants under the State Land Ordinance for development activities for institutions such as Urban Development Authority, National Housing Development Authority.
Improving religious and cultural development activities.	Disposal of land for Buddhist temples and other religious shrines.
Providing relief to disaster victims from available land resources.	Provision of grants under the State Land Ordinance to people affected by Tsunami and various calamities.
Granting legal ownership of land.	• Granting leases and grants under State Land Ordinance. • Provision of lands under Land Reforms Act for statutory obligations, transfers within the family, lease and transfer on sale.

1.1.2. Progress from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024

Table 02

	Activity	Target	Progress	Progress %
1.	Forwarding long-term lease files received from the Commissioner General of Lands for the approval of the Honorable Minister.	3510	2042	58
2.	Forwarding leases received from the Commissioner General of Lands to the Secretary to the President	500	259	51

3.	Forwarding of grants received from the Commissioner General of Lands (including special grants and war hero grants) to the Secretary to the President.	1020	510	50
4.	Forwarding Sacred Area (Pooja Bhumi) and grants received from the Commissioner General of Lands to the Secretary to the President	50	23	46
5.	Forwarding Tsunami grants received from the Commissioner General of Lands to the Secretary to the President	100	140	140
6.	Forwarding Tsunami grants received from the Commissioner General of Lands to the Secretary to the President	100	148	148
7.	Forwarding recommendations from the Commissioner General of Lands to the Secretary to the President for transfer of land to government institutions, local authorities and the armed forces	450	105	23
8.	Forwarding the settlement files referred from the Land Claims Settlement Department for the approval of Hon. Minister	8	1	-
9.	Forwarding statutory obligations, transfers within the family, lease and transfer on sale sent by the Land Reforms Commission for the approval of Hon. Minister	As per the request	28	-
10.	Dealing with State land issue letters	As per the request	2071	-

1.1.3. Programs expected to be implemented for the year 2025

- I. Forwarding the long-term lease recommendation files referred by the Land Commissioner General for the approval of Honorable Minister.
- II. Forwarding
 - Leases
 - Grants
 - Sacred area grants/ other documents from religious places
 - Tsunami grants recommendations
 - Tsunami grants

Submitted by the Commissioner General of Land to Presidential Secretariat for approval.

- III. Forwarding with the recommendations of the Honorable Minister to obtain approval for the transfer of land to government agencies (including Urban Development Authority and National Housing Development Authority), local governments and the Armed Forces.
- IV. Forwarding the settlement files referred by Land Claims Settlement Department for the approval of Hon. Minister.
- V. Forwarding statutory obligations, transfers within the family, lease and transfer on sale sent by the Land Reforms Commission for the approval of Hon. Minister.
- VI. Dealing with State land issue letters.
- VII. Collaborating on the E-Slims project, which aims to streamline and simplify the process of allocating government lands to individuals and institutions, as implemented at the divisional secretariat level.

1.2. Land Acquisition Division

In instances where state lands which are required to be utilized are not available, the duty of acquiring private lands for the said purposes is fulfilled by this Division in accordance with the Land Acquisition Act No. 9 of 1950 and the amended provisions related thereto. Further, following legal procedures required for acquisition of private lands to the state expeditiously for development projects and regulation of Acquisition Officers in payment of compensations in respect of lands acquired to government ministries and departments and implementation of acquisitions also fall under duties of this Division.

1.2.1 Progress from - 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024**Table 03**

Progress of Compensation and Interest Payment		
Financial Progress	2,828.5 Millions	
Physical Progress	283 Applications	
Progress related to Files Maintained by the Division		
Field wise Land Acquisition	No. of Land Units of which the acquisitions have been commenced	Extent of Lands of which the acquisitions have been commenced (Ha)
Highway	22	17.433
Irrigation	3	0.8356
Drinking Water	6	0.4109
Urban Development	2	4.1039
Defense Purpose	17	17.269
Village Expansion	5	12.007
Home Affairs	38	17.6349
Local Government	15	6.7867
Energy	9	20.2071
Other Public work	31	1200.589
Total		1297.2771

1.2.2 Projects Expected to be implemented in the Year 2025**Table 04**

Activities	Rs. Million
Acquisition of lands for various Urban Development Projects	70.24
Acquisition of lands for reclamation and development of low lands	630
Acquisition of lands for village expansions	862.31
Acquisition of lands for defense activities	1701.49
Acquisition of lands for irrigation activities	29.5
Acquisition of lands for educational activities	63.36
Acquisition of lands for fisheries activities	30
Acquisition of lands for health activities	18
Acquisition of lands for forest, wildlife activities	350
Acquisition of land for home affairs	110.97
Acquisition of land for judicial purposes	106
Acquisition of land for agricultural purposes	420
Acquisition of land for postal purposes	102.5
Acquisition of land for other purposes	90.63
Administrative expenses	15
Total	4600

1.3. Land Policy Division

Formulation and amendment of ordinances, regulations, orders and policies relating to the subject of land.

1.3.1 Progress from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024

Table 05

SN	Programme	Target	Progress as at 31.12.2024
1	State Lands Ordinance No. 08 of 1947	Amendment of Regulations	An amendment was made to the regulation concerning the extension of the land lease period for commercial and agricultural purposes, increasing the duration from 50 years to 99 years as specified in this Act. Parliamentary approval was obtained for this and was subsequently published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2392/46, dated 11.07.2024
2	Land Acquisition Act No. 09 of 1950	Amendment of the Act	The final bill is currently being prepared in collaboration with the legal draftsman.
3	Establishment of Institute of Surveying and Mapping Act No 21 of 1969	Amendment of the Act	In relation to the amendment of Establishment of Institute of Surveying and Mapping Act No 21 of 1969, the amended bill is being prepared by the legal draftsman.
4	Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998	Amendment of Regulations	The amendments relevant to Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998 were published in the Gazette Extraordinary No 2308/27 dated 01.12.2022 and approval was granted by the Parliament on 18.06.2024.
5	Survey Act, No 17 of 2002	Amendment of Regulations	Consent to the bill forwarded by the Legal Draftsman has been sent back to the Legal Draftsman.
6	The National Land Commission Act	Compilation of the Act	As this Bill, submitted for the approval of Parliament prior to the dissolution of the Ninth Parliament, will be removed from the agenda upon the dissolution of Parliament, the Secretary to the Leader of Parliament has advised obtaining the approval of the new Cabinet of Ministers to resubmit the Bill to Parliament. Accordingly, the necessary arrangements are being made to present the new Cabinet Memorandum, titled "Submission of the National Land Commission Bill for the Approval of the New Parliament," to the Parliament.
7	Compilation of Land Use Policy Planning Act	Compilation of the Act	Necessary arrangements are underway to submit the Cabinet Memorandum titled "Drafting the Land Use Policy Planning Department Act" to Parliament.

1.3.2. Programs expected to be implemented for the year 2025

1. Amendment of Regulations relating to State Land Ordinance No. 08 of 1947
2. Amendment of Land Acquisition Act No. 09 of 1950
3. Amendment of Institute of Surveying and Mapping Act No 21 of 1969
4. Amendment of Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998
5. Amendment of Regulations relating to Survey No. 17 of 2002
6. Compilation of The National Land Commission Act
7. Compilation of Land Use Policy Planning Act

1.4 Project Division

The Project Division carries out tasks related to coordination of the departments and institutions related to the implementation of Bimsaviya Program and the progress review.

1.4.1 Progress from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024**Table 06**

Serial No.	Project and Name of Institution		Physical Targets 2024	Progress
1)	Bimsaviya	I. Department of Survey- Total No. land allotments surveyed	87,160	115,494
		II. Land Title Settlement Department No. of land allotments sent after approval for publishing in the gazette under Section 14.	150,000	86,095
		III. Registrar General's Department- No. of Title Certificates Issued	150,000	11,075
				50,486
		IV. Land Commissioner General's Department		
		Land Kachcheri	50	0
		Permits issued under Land Development Ordinance	1,000	1
		Grants	1,500	3,857
		Mobile Services	30	0
		Divisional Days	25	7
		Resolving issues	3500	486

1.4.2. Projects Expected to be implemented in the Year 2025**Table 07**

Serial No.	Project and Name of Institution		Physical Targets 2025	Financial Targets 2025
1)	Bim savi ya	I. Department of Survey- Total No. land allotments surveyed	144,000	874,000,000
		II. Land Title Settlement Department No. of land allotments sent after approval for publishing in the gazette under Section 14.	104,000	398,535,000
		III. Registrar General's Department- No. of Title Certificates Issued	104,000	106,100,000
		IV. Land Commissioner General's Department		
		Land Kachcheri	250	2,500,000
		Permits issued under Land Development Ordinance	-	
		Grants	7000	
		Mobile Services	6500	
		Divisional Days	-	
		Resolving issues	3250	

1.5. Administration Division

The Administration Division provides the administrative work and necessary facilities for the departments under the Ministry (Land Division) and the officers employed in the Land Division of this Ministry.

1.5.1. Progress from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024**Table 08**

SN	Programme/ Activity	Annual Target	Physical Progress	Financial Progress (Rs)
01.	Human Resource Development	Conducting training programs for officers under 4 scopes/directing officers for courses. Number of Officers-140	Number of training programmes conducted- 25 Number of officers trained – 94 (Senior, Secondary, Primary Level) 01. Training on Tamil language 02. Driver training programs 03. Officers are directed for courses to be completed on the basis of service requirement.	710,974.00

1.5.2. Development programs expected to be implemented in the year 2025**Table 09**

SN	Activity	Physical Target	Financial Target (Rs)
01.	Identify training needs according to the human resource development plan and provide training to the staff	Number of Training Programmes - 30 No of Officers- 145 (Senior, Secondary, Primary Level)	1652500.00

1.6. Accounts Division

The accounts department manages the financial allocations allocated to the Land Division of the Ministry in a more effective and transparent manner. This includes the preparation of annual budget estimates, payment activities, procurement activities, asset management and accurate financial reporting activities.

1.6.1 Financial Progress from 01.01.2023 to 30.09.2023**Table 10**

Description	Provisions-2023 (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)	Balance (Rs.)	Expenditure (%)
Operational Expenses				
Recurrent Expenses	567,195, 000.00	526,425,473.69	40,769,526..31	92.81%
Capital Expenses	15,000,000.00	12,773,286.85	2,226,713.15	85.15%
Total	582,195, 000.00	539,198,760.54	42,996,239.46	92.61%
Development Expenses	10,000,000,000.00	3,300,405,891.56	6,699,594,108.44	33%
Grant Total	10,582,195,000.00	3,839,604,652.10	6,742,590,347.90	36.28%

1.7. Land Acquisition Review Board**Role**

Functions of this Board involve examination and issuance of orders concerning only the appeals sent to the Board with the signature of the relevant person within 21 days of receipt of compensation which has not been claimed in instances where the respective person does not concur with the compensation issued by the Acquisition Officer/ Divisional Secretary under Section 17 in respect of the land acquired to the State.

Board of Appeal

These appeals are examined by a board appointed by the Hon. President subjected to a period of 03 years.

Composition of the Board of Appeal

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Legal Members 08
- Valuation Members 08

1.7.1. Progress from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024**Table 11**

No. of Appeals Heard	No. of Appeals Resolved	No. of Sessions the Appeal Board Assembled
1819	245	175



02. Survey Department of Sri Lanka

Introduction

As the oldest department of Sri Lanka, as well as carrying out the survey works required for development activities of the country during 223 years, preparation of maps required for security purposes, educational purposes and general public use, fulfilling of national requirement of preparation and updating of 1:50,000 and 1:10,000 map series is the role assigned to the Survey Department and a praiseworthy service is being performing till now being implemented in the way that sense the proper meaning of the silent forerunner of the development.

Functions

- Having carried out statutory surveys under Land Development Ordinance and State Land Ordinance, diagram issuance activities for providing grants
 - Surveying of lands and acquisition surveys which are the basic requirements for giant development schemes such as highways, widening of roads, construction of air ports, harbors, tourism projects, power projects.
 - Surveying of all the state and private lands situated in the island for implementation of Bimsaviya Program, in terms of the Title Registration Act No.21 of 1998 and preparation of Cadastral Maps,
 - Carrying out of surveys by using new technological methods for providing of land information efficiently that required for the parties who take decisions to resolve social issues considering as a timely need.
 - Providing of land information efficiently, when providing of relieves to public in an emergency situation affecting the island.
 - In Terms of the powers vested under the survey act No.17 of 2002 so as to able to obtain latest information for planning of development activities.
- Setting out,maintaining, improving of geo control points so as to cover entire Sri Lanka.
 - Collecting of Land information
 - Update of 1:50,000 and 1:10,000 topographical digital data bases by using data collected by high resolution satellite images, LiDAR.
 - Storing of land information in the manner that can be utilized by the parties concerned.
 - Preparation of topographical maps, thematic maps and maps at customers' requests.
 - Facilitating to purchase all products relating to maps in printed and digital form.

- Carrying out of surveys, that required for national development i.e. projects such as development of roads and expressways, construction of reservoirs and surveys for the needs of different institutions.
- Maintaining of an updated land information system which land information could be provided for the public needs.
- Introducing of accurate and specific geographical name system that supports to the national unity associated with cultural heritage of Sri Lankan people.
- Design the national program, for common use and sharing of spatial data and information.

2.1. Progress from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024

2.1.1. Functions performed by Human Resources and Administration Division

- Interviews have been conducted for recruitment 01 person for the post of Legal Officer, 01 person for the post of Photogrammetric Officer grade I.
- Having conducted interviews for recruitment 108 for the post of Surveyor, initial step has been taken to recruit in February 2025
- 43 people for the post of Map Technological Officer of the Department, 10 people for the service of Karyala Karya Sahayaka, 06 people for the post of Driver, 136 people for the post of Survey Field Assistant have been recruited.
- Referred to the Management Services Department to obtain approval for 05 posts of and to recruit for the post of Driver in casual basis,
- Efficiency Bar examinations for 47 officers in the service of Office Employment Service, for 04 Drivers have been conducted.
- Activities on sending on retirement of 96 people have been carried out in year 2024
- Legal matters related to the department and cooperation with the Attorney General's Department when necessary has been well performed.
- The number of vehicles currently owned by the department is 326. Of these, 307 assigned at the Provincial level and 19 assigned to the Head Office are used for duties

2.1.2. Surveys completed in 2024

- **Surveys carried out under the Land Development Ordinance**
 - Surveys carried out for providing grants under the Government's Accelerated Development Program
- **Surveys carried out for other organizations under the Government Land Ordinance**
 - Ridiyagama Dairy Farm Surveys
 - Surveys for public requirements such as schools, cemeteries, play grounds

- **Acquisition Surveys for government development activities**
 - Land Acquisition Surveys for construction of strong wind power plants
 - Acquisition Surveys for Road Development Authority
 - Acquisition Surveys requested by the Urban Development Authority
 - Acquisition Surveys requested by the National Housing Development Authority
 - Acquisition for water supply projects

- **Land acquisition Surveys for road and railway line development works**
 - Surveys of section of Kurunegala of Kurunegala-Anuradhapura railway line
 - Kurunegala, Habarana Railway line Survey
 - Acquisition Surveys for Central Expressway

- **Other surveys carried out as per the timely requirements**
 - Wilpattu National Parks Land Disposal Surveys
 - Acquisition Surveys on Pahala Malwathu Oya Project
 - Survey of Laying Land marks in Kottawa Forest
 - Surveys for obstacle survey at Katunayake, Ratmalana and Mattala airports
 - Land Acquisition Surveys for the Puttalam Aruwakkalu Project
 - Kotiyagala Residual Forest Surveys
 - Ridiyagama Dairy Farm Surveys
 - Surveys carried out under the Moragahakanda Kalu Ganga Development Project
 - Estate Surveys
 - Surveys carried out under North Western Canal Project
 - Surveys carried out under Minipe Canal Project
 - Surveys carried out by Licensed surveyors and the Government surveyors under the BimSaviya
 - Development project surveys under the Urban Development Authority
 - WariSaubhagya Surveys
 - Surveys carried out for marking 200 and 400 yard at Sigiriya
 - Surveys carried out for granting sacred land deeds for the Ukuwela Ancient RajamahaViharaya which was held concurrently with the Vesak Festival
 - Kandegama Dananjaya Raja Maha temple Survey in Polonnaruwa District
 - Surveys relating to Kolonnawa rain water drainage and environmental improvement project
 - Surveys relating to the Weras River rainwater drainage and environmental improvement project
 - Surveys relating to the Greater Colombo Flood Control Project
 - Preparation of “O” diagrams to issue land deeds under the Urumaya Program
 - Knuckles Surveys
 - Acquisitionsurveys for Pinnawala Zoo
 - Basnagoda Reservoir Project
 - Surveys of Tissa Temple
 - Survey of land belonging to the President's House in Kankasanthurai
 - Surveys carried out for Solar Power Project (Arinma Holdings)
 - Survey of flood damage in Ampara district

- Detail Surveys related to Pulmude Mineral Sand Corporation
- Details and Digital Elevation Model (DEM) applicable to the Eastern Province Tourism Zone

2.1.3 Surveying Progress

Table 12

Survey Category	Physical Progress					
	Annual Target		Cumulative progress as at 2024.12.31		Progress (%)	
	Survey Month		Survey Month		Survey Month	
Land Marking Surveys (Allotments)	1973	39460	2271	25422	115	115
Miscellaneous Surveys	947	28410	1010	30300	107	107
Land acquisition Surveys	245.5	7365	119	3570	48	48
Engineering Surveys (Hectare)	10	204	2	39	19	19
Court Commission Surveys (Court Commissions)		575		544		95

2.1.4 Title Registration Surveys

Table 13

Financial	Annuaestimated expenditure as at 2024 (Rs. Million)	Expenditure as at 12.31.2024 (Rs. Million)	Percentage
	388.0	355.2	96.57%

Physical	Number of lots estimated for the year 2023	Number of lots completed as at 30.09.2023	Percentage
G.S.	33160	55273	166.6%
R.L.S.	54000	49947	92.5%

2.1.5 Mapping and Geographical Nomenclature Activities

Table 14

	Functions	Unit Type	Annual Target	As at 2024.12.31	
				Progress	%
1	Cartographically preparation and printing of the second edition of the map series of 1:50,00, having updated using the topographical database and maintaining of cartographic database	Number of Maps	24	20	83.3
2	Cartographically preparation of maps at the scale of 1:10,000 and printing	Number of Maps	76	55	72.4
3	Tank and Reservoir Maps, Archaeological Maps, Sri Lanka Road Map (Sinhala), World Map (Sinhala), Provincial Maps, Tourist Map, Road and Town Map Series, National Park Maps, Other Thematic Maps	Number of Maps	19	20	105
4	Maps showing service areas, Grama Niladhari Division maps, maps used for admission of students to schools, grid maps used for military purposes, preparation of maps at customer request	Number of Maps	300	244	81.3
5	Issue of printing and digital maps at customer request (Paper, Flex)	Number of Maps	300	852	284
6	Standardization of existing geographical names as per public opinions.	Number of Geographical Names	600	549	91.5
7	Refining of the Geographical Name Information System available in Sinhala and Tamil languages	Number of Divisional Secretariat Divisions	72	122	169.4
8	Maintaining the manuscripts of Romanized Geographical Names in addition to official languages	Number of Romanized Geographical names	600	286	47.7
9	Preparation of Geographical Name Act and Regulations.	Assignments		-	-
10	Translation of existing geographical names into English.	Number of Geographical Names	72000	80250	111.5
11	Litho Printing	maps	23400	408165	233
		books	3000	6000	44
		forms	200166	136580	91

2.1.6. Institute of Surveying and Mapping

Institute of surveying and mapping established by the act No 21 of 1969 has been recognized as an institution of degree awarding on surveying science under the university act No.16 of 1978 by the gazette extraordinary dated 24.07.1990.

Four year degree course on surveying science, two year higher diploma course on cartography, two year higher diploma course on remote sensing, two year higher diploma course on aerial photogrammetry, two year higher diploma courses on plan typography, six months Program to orientate the surveying science graduates and course for National Vocational Qualifications for survey field assistants (NVQ level 2,3) are conducted by the Institute of Surveying and Mapping, who perform duties with the aim of becoming the center of education on geo information of the Asian region. In addition to this, short term training courses on surveying science also are conducted for government and semi government institutions.

2.1.6.1 Trainings

Particulars of the courses conducted as at 31st December 2024

Table 15

Type of course		Number
01	Bachelor of science degree courses	01
02	Short term courses for departmental officers	06
03	Short term courses for other government and semi government institutions	08
04	One day courses for other government and semi government institutions	38

2.1.7. Financial Progress

Table 16

Name of the Program	Allocation for the year 2023 (Rs.)	Expenditure up to end of 2023.09.30 (Rs.)	Progress (%)
Operational Activities, Administration & Establishment Services (288-1-1)	204,200,000.00	157,876,497.7	77
Development Activities and Survey Activities	407,800,000.00	185,663,069.36	46
Development Activities, Survey Training	173,300,000.00	14,875,263.13	86
Bimsaviya (122-2-3-4-2509)	388,000,000.00	342,991,905.06	88.4

2.1.7.2. Recurrent Expenditure**Table 17**

Name of the Program	Allocation for the year 2024 (Rs.)	Expenditure up to end of 2024.12.31 (Rs.)	Progress (%)
Operational Activities, Administration & Establishment Services (288-1-1)	376,960,000.00	312,153,737.30	83
Development Activities and Survey Activities	4,263,790,000.00	3,654,635,944.16	86
Development Activities, Survey Trainings	139,445,000.00	114,641,297.12	82

Surveyor General's Revenue

Surveyor General's revenue up to 31st of December 2024, from survey fees, by sale of printed and digital maps, sale of digital data and air photographs, sale of plan copies, issue of control points etc. is Rs. **403,843,914.31**

2.2 Departmental activities for the year 2025**2.2.1. Surveys expected to be completed in year 2025**

- Mahaoya forest reservation Surveys
- Somawathiya National Park Survey (Stage 2)
- Flood Valley National Park Surveys
- PahalaMalwathuOya Project
- Yan oya subsequent surveys
- Surveying of tank reserves under the WavgamPubuduva program
- Re-opening of archaeological reserve boundaries
- Land acquisition surveys for construction of wind power stations
- Knuckles acquisition surveys
- Surveys related to Kolonnawa rain water drainage and environmental improvement project
- Surveys related to Veras River rain water drainage and environmental improvement project
- Surveys related to Greater Colombo Flood Control Project
- Acquisition surveys for Central Expressway
- Surveying of 500 schools belongs to the Southern Provincial Council
- Mattala Airport detail survey
- Batticaloa Airport detail survey

2.2.1.1. Surveying Activities**Table 18**

Activity	Indicators	Annual Target 2024	F/P	Quarterly Target			
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.0 Carrying out of surveys for National Requirements							
2.1 Statutory surveys for distribution of land							
2.1.1 Surveying of lands required for issuing grants under Land Development Ordinance / State Land Grant (Special Provision) Act.	No. of Allotments	30300	P	7575	7575	7575	7575
2.1.2 Surveying state lands under the State Land Ordinance	No. of Allotments	16400	P	4100	4100	4100	4100
2.2 Surveying of lands under the Land Acquisition Act							
2.2.1 Surveys carried out under Section 2 of Land Acquisitions Act	No. of Lots	5800	P	1450	1450	1450	1450
2.2.2 Surveys carried out under Section 6 or Section 38A of Land Acquisition Act.	No. of Lots	6260	P	1565	1565	1565	1565
2.3 Other Surveys (Non Statutory)							
2.3.1 Engineering Surveys	Hectare	960	P	240	240	240	240
2.3.2 Miscellaneous Surveys - Preparation of Tracing & Reports by carrying out surveys as per survey requisitions	No. of Lots	22740	P	5685	5685	5685	5685
2.4 Court Commission Surveys							
2.4.1 Preparation of Tracing & Reports by implementing surveys relevant for Court Commissions	No. of commissions	772	P	193	193	193	193
4.0 Carrying out of surveys under the Title Registration Act							
4.1.1Preparation of Cadastral Map by Government Surveyors and providing to the Land Title Settlement Department	No of Lots	72000	P	18000	18000	18000	18000
4.1.21Preparation of Cadastral Map by Registered Licensed Surveyors and providing to the Land Title Settlement Department	No. of Lots	72000	P	-	12000	24000	36000
4.2 Additional Surveys	No. of Requisitions	500	P	125	125	125	125
4.3 Implementation of subdivision or amalgamation	No of Requests	10000	P	2500	2500	2500	2500
4.4 Solving issues related to a survey	No. of files	4000	P	100	100	100	100

2.2.1.2. Title Registration Surveys

Table 19

Project	Target Unit-Allotments	Usage	
		Human	Financial-Rs.million
Bimsaviya	58320	Government Surveyors assigned for Bimsaviya 162	130
	72000	Registered Licensed Surveyors 125	462
Total	130320		592

2.2.1.3. Mapping and Geographical Nomenclature Activities

Table 20

	Function	Unit type	Target
1	Cartographically preparation of the second edition of the map series of 1:50000 having updated using the Topographical database and, printing and maintaining the cartographic database	Number of maps	24
2	Cartographically preparation of maps in the scale of 1:10,000 and printing and maintaining the cartographic database	Number of Sheets	108
3	Cartographically preparation of maps in the scale of 1:10,000 of at customer request and printing	Number of requests	72
4	Preparation of town maps, historical maps and hazards area maps using existing cartographically enhanced spatial database and secondary information received from relevant departments and institutions and preparation of new Thematic maps (including National Atlas)	Number of maps	22
5	Preparation of printed and digital maps at customer request (papers, flex)	Number of maps	240
6	Printing of maps at customer request(Flex)	Number of maps	120
7	Standardization of existing Geographical names as per public views	Number of geographical names	600
8	Updating the existing names of watercourses and roads in the Geographical Names Database in Sinhala and Tamil..	Number of DS Divisions	72
9	Maintaining the manuscripts of Romanized geographical names in addition to official languages	Number of Romanized geographical	600

		names	
10	Translation of existing geographical names Tamil to Sinhala/ Tamil to English/Sinhala to Tamil language	Number of geographical names	36000
11	Litho Printing	No. of maps /	35800/
		books /	2000/
		forms	138580

2.2.4. Development Works expected to be implemented for the year 2025

- ❖ Obtaining approval for recruitment to the vacancies of departmental posts, publishing notices, conducting interviews, awarding appointment letters and assignment activities.
- ❖ Taking action to update the personal files of the officers of the department, dealing with matters related to confirmations in service, salary increment payments, activities related to efficiency bars, sending on retirements, resignations, reinstatement in service, leave-related matters, transfer-related matters and disciplinary actions.
- ❖ Taking action to assign officers to the Department to fill vacancies in the all island services and combined services.
- ❖ Dealing with the department's vehicles
- ❖ Coordinating with other government institutions and trade unions for human resource management purposes



3. Land Survey Council

Introduction

The Land Survey Council, which functions under the supervision of the Department of Public Enterprises of the Ministry of Finance and the Secretary to the Ministry in charge of the subject of lands, was established at the Surveyor General's Office Building premises located at No.150, Bernard De Soyza Mawatha, Colombo 05 in March 2003 in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 in Part II of the Survey Act, No. 17 of 2002

Functions

- To maintain standards and procedures relating to land surveying and professional discipline among persons engaged in the land surveying.
- To receive applications from surveyors for registration as registered surveyors and to register such surveyors where the Council is satisfied that such surveyors possess the prescribed qualifications and experience and have the ability and skills to practice land surveying.
- To receive applications from registered surveyors for the issuance of the annual practicing licenses and to issue such licenses to surveyors when the Council is satisfied that such surveyors possess the knowledge and skill to practice the profession of land surveying.
- To promote the maintenance of high standards of professional education among persons engaged in land surveying.
- To promote programmes which provide for professional development by improving the knowledge and skills of persons practicing land surveying and those who are required to obtain an annual practicing license.
- To negotiate and administer reciprocal arrangements with the relevant authorities in the foreign countries for the purpose of securing uniformity and reciprocity in the education, training and recognition of persons engaged in land surveying.
- To coordinate with the institutions engaged in education and training with respect to activities related to land surveying and land information in Sri Lanka in order to maintain specified educational standards.
- To coordinate with other relevant organizations in Sri Lanka in the maintenance of high professional standards.

3.1. Progress from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024

Physical Progress

Table 21

	Description	No. of Applications as at 31.12.2024	Rejected Applications	Progress as at 31.12.2024	Remaining Applications
1	Granting of Registration	12	03	09	0
2	Issuance of Annual Practicing License	916	26	890	0
3	Investigations into Public Complaints	204	-	27	177

Financial Progress

Table 22

Description	Revenue (in Rs.)	Expenditure (in Rs.)		Total Expenditure (in Rs.)
		Capital	Recurrent	
Estimate	10,695,500.00	727,250.00	11,595,506.00	12,323,756.00
Actual Income/ Expenditure up to 31.12.2024	10,519,676.00	594,343.00	7,628,081.00	8,222,424.00
As a Percentage	98%	59%	66%	67%

3.2. Development Programmes to be implemented in 2025

One of the key functions of the Land Survey Council is to grant registration for those who fulfill required academic qualifications as stipulated in Section 37 (b) of the Survey Act, No. 17 of 2002.

- It has not been able to introduce a methodology to grant registration to the Graduates of Surveying Science other than those who have been recruited to the Survey Department as Apprentice Surveyors, since the inception of the Council. However, in terms of the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers bearing no අමප/22/0838/517/004 dated 05.07.2022, the programmes have already been implemented in collaboration with the Survey Department from the beginning of 2023 to the Graduates in Surveying who wish to acquire practical experience and it was further implemented in 2024. It is expected to implement it during the year 2025 also. The required Regulations giving effect to furtherance of the opportunities to register in terms of the Land Survey Act has been promulgated through the Gazette Notification dated 27.12.2024.

- It is scheduled to conduct 12 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programmes effective from 2025 onwards for Registered License Surveyors and information in this regard is available in the Council's website. Therefore, during the year 2025 also, action has been taken to conduct Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programmes and Courses either by the Land Survey Council or other Institutions with the permission of the Council in accordance with the criteria and standards issued by the Council.
- To set up a Computerized Management Operational System with online payment procedure for the Land Survey Council in an expeditious manner and upgrading the currently available website (Two rounds of discussions in this regard had already been held).
- It is expected to amend the Land Survey Act in the future enabling to eliminate the barriers relating to granting registration and issuance of licenses by the Council to the Graduates of Surveying Science.



04. Land Commissioner General's Department

Introduction

The Land Commissioner General's Department, established under the Land Development Ordinance No. 19 of 1935, as the leader of land administration.

Functions

- Management of inter provincial irrigation and land development projects
- Distribute lands and issue Grants for lands distributed under the Land Development Ordinance
- Distribute lands under the State Lands Ordinance by
 - Issuing long term lease permits for residential, agricultural, industrial and commercial purposes
 - Issuing Special and Free Grants
 - Issuing temporality deeds (Pooja Bhoomi deeds) for temples
 - Releasing, leasing and vesting lands required for Government Departments, Statutory Boards and Local Government Institutions
- Distribute lands and issue Grants under the Land Grants (Special Provisions) Act
- Protect State Lands and reservations under the State Lands (Recovery of Possession) Act
- Provide necessary instructions and guidelines to Provincial Land Commissioners and Divisional Secretaries regarding the administration of State Lands outside inter provincial and land development projects
- Manage information on State Lands
- Manage the recovery of lease on State Lands in order to strengthen the state lease revenue
- Develop the human resource
- Settle land disputes

4.1. Progress from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024**Table 23**

No.	Activity		Target	Overall Progress	Overall Progress (%)
1	Under the Land Development Ordinance				
i	Preparation of Permits (Inter provincial)	Farmer Class	6000	1877	31.28
		Purchase price	600	431	71.83
	Preparation of Permits (Provincial Council)	Farmer Class	28000	16238	57.99
		Purchase price	3600	1266	35.17
ii	Preparation of Grants under Land Development Ordinance		2000	15	0.75
iii	Follow-up actions of Grants (nominate the succession, certify the original ownership, disposition of grants, mortgage, mitigate conditions)		3000	1878	62.60
iv	Preparation of Middle-Class Grants		100	54	54.00
2	Under the state Land ordinance				
i	Issue lands upon lease basis	Preparation of lease recommendations	2300	2837	123.35
		Preparation of lease bonds	500	517	103.40
ii	Preparation of Free Grants		800	937	117.13
iii	Release lands for government institutions	Vesting orders	450	70	15.55
		Release lands for departments	750	650	86.66
iv	Issue Grants with Absolute ownership		40000	22138	55.35
v	Vesting lands to UDA / NHDA (Grants)		20	29	145.00
vi	Preparation of Pooja Bhoomi Grants (Buddhist temples)		50	32	64.00
vii	Preparation of Tsunami Grants		100	145	145.00
3	Under the Land Grants (Special Provisions) Act				
i	Preparation of Instruments of Disposition		50	17	34.00
4	Conduct Mobile Service programs		200	13	6.50
5	Conduct Land Kachcheri		375	36	9.60
6	Advise and resolve land issues		15000	7674	51.16
7	Planning & Conducting Training Programs		50	40	80.00
8	Enter data into the e-slims system		70000	118693	169.56

4.1.1. Financial Progress from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024**Table 24**

Expenditure Head	Budget Estimate year2024	Waive off the 6%Provisions	Revised Estimate	Total Net Expenditure	Total Net Expenditure (%)
Recurrent Total	634,200,000.00	-	680,960,000.00	583,488,202.00	86%
Capital Total	70,000,000.00	-	70,000,000.00	33,212,818.00	47%
Grand Total	704,200,000.00	-	750,960,000.00	616,701,020.00	82%

4.2. Development Programs expected to be implemented for the year 2025

1. Steps have been taken to improve the e- slim system that operated in this department to recover lease through the system.
2. Steps have been taken to inform the Provincial Land Commissioners/ Inter provincial LC and prepare a program to recover the lease in arrears within a short period of time.



05. Land Title Settlement Department

Introduction

Land Settlement Department was established in year 1903 with the aim of carrying out the land settlement activities in Sri Lanka formally and efficiently. This department has been assigned the implementation of Land settlement duties under the Land Settlement Ordinance No.20 of 1931 and investigation and registering of the title of land parcels under the Title Registration Act No.21 of 1998.

Functions

The fundamental functions of the department are mentioned below.

- Introduction and Implementation of methodologies and procedures to efficiently perform the functions of Title Investigation and Determination, Land Settlement and Office Administration
- Performance of the activities relevant to Settlement of Lands;
 - Conducting inquiries into inheritance for settlement
 - Forwarding information of settled lands for surveying and demarcation
 - Publishing of Settlement orders in the Gazette
 - Preparing final report of settlement
 - Releasing of villages after Settlement
- Registration of Land Title;
 - Making requests to prepare Cadastral Maps for the land parcels
 - Giving notices to claim for the land parcels by Cadastral maps
 - Determination of Title by Investigate the title and publishing in the Gazette,.
- Coordination with other relevant agencies in the process of Title investigation, Determination of Title and Settlement of Lands
- Identification and provision of training and other resources needed for the efficient performance of the duties of the staff.
- Preparation of performance indicators for Title Investigation and Determination and Settlement of Lands and supervising the performance
- Reporting monthly on the progress of Title Investigation and Determination and settlement of Lands
- Maintaining a system for preservation of old and valuable records relating to Settlement of Lands

- Conducting meetings, discussions and workshops to enhance public awareness on Title Registration and to obtain public Cooperation
- Making opportunities to fulfill the public needs by maintaining sufficient staffs in regional offices and providing them with the required resources
- Government Office's B account, appropriation accounts, public officers' advance accounts and monthly summaries on accounts.

5.1 The Physical progress and Financial progress by 01.01.2024 up to 31.12.2024 relevant to Bimsaviya (Title Registration Act No 21 of 1998)

Table 25

Serial No.	Description	Targets of 2024 (Land Parcels)	Physical Progress	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)
01	Number of land Parcels contained in cadastral maps forwarded to Gazette under Section 12	100,000	110,085	169.26 (Including the provisions transferred to other departments)
02	Conducting Title Investigations	120,000	102,861	
03	Calling for Title applications	100,000	59,283	
04	Land Registry Investigations	80,000	39,665	
05	Recommendations and Approval of Determinations under Section 14	150,000	62,463	
06	Publishing in the Gazette under Section 14	80,000	48,345	
07	Forwarding Schedules to Land Registrar to issue Title Certificates	80,000	43,542	

5.1.1. The Physical progress and Financial progress by 01.01.2024 up to 31.12.2024 relevant to Land Settlement (Land Settlement Ordinance No.20 of 1931)

Table 26

Serial No.	Settlement Steps	Target of 2024 (No. of villages)	Physical Progress	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)
01	Conducting Inheritance Inquiries	12	12	161.72 (These values could be different according to the Treasury Computer Printout copies)
02	Checking the demarcation and preparation of order for Settlement Order	08	06	
03	Requesting for linear diagrams	03	02	
04	Registration of Settlement Order	08	01	
05	Forwarding the Settlement Order for the approval of Ministry	08	03	
06	Publishing the Settlement Order in the Gazette	07	00	
07	Releasing the villages by preparing the Final report of settlement	07	01	
08	Distribution of Gazette including the Settlement Order and the Plan to heirs	03	01	

5.1.2. The Physical progress and Financial progress by 01.01.2024 up to 31.12.2024 relevant to Capacity Development

Table 27

Serial No.	Description	Targets of 2024 (Training Sessions)	Physical Progress	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)
01	Training courses to be completed relevant to the profession as per the service minute of the officers and capacity development programs relevant to the procedure of title confirmation	25 Training courses to be completed relevant to the profession as per the service minute of the officers and capacity development programs relevant to the procedure of title confirmation	100%	1,482

5.2. Action plan for the year 2025

5.2.1. Title Registration Act No 21 of 1998

Table 28

Serial No.	Description	Target of 2025
01	Conducting Title Investigations	170,000
02	Calling for Title applications	140,000
03	Land Registry Investigations	170,000
04	Recommendations and Approval of Determinations under Section 14	105,000
05	Publishing in the Gazette under Section 14	104,000
06	Forwarding Schedules to Land Registrar to issue Title Certificates	104,000
07	Conducting Title Investigations	104,000

5.2.2. Land Settlement Ordinance No.20 of 1931

Completing the settlement of 08 villages, out of 9661 villages selected for settlement.

Table 29

Serial No.	Settlement Steps	Target of 2025 (No. of villages)
01	Conducting Inheritance Inquiries	35
02	Checking the demarcation and preparation of order for Settlement Order	08
03	Requesting for linear diagrams	03
04	Registration of Settlement Order	06
05	Forwarding the Settlement Order for the approval of Ministry	06
06	Publishing the Settlement Order in the Gazette	07
07	Releasing the villages by preparing the Final report of settlement	08
08	Distribution of Gazette including the Settlement Order and the Plan to heirs	05

5.2.3. Capacity Building

Table 30

Serial No.	Description	Target of 2025 (Training Sessions)
01	Training courses to be completed relevant to the profession as per the service minute of the officers and capacity development programs relevant to the procedure of title confirmation	Training courses to be completed relevant to the profession as per the service minute of the officers and capacity development programs relevant to the procedure of title confirmation

5.2.4. Programs being conducted to provide standardized service

- i. procedure for land title settlement
- ii. Public awareness media programs and publicity programs
- iii. Adding timely amendments to the Land Title Settlement Act No.21 of 1998 and getting approved.
- iv. Improving the digital system for, land title settlement and providing information to the public.



06. Land Use Policy Planning Department

Introduction

The land use policy planning department has been given the responsibility to organize the subject activities under the following objectives according to the extraordinary gazette no. 1654/21 in 2010.

01. Create a legal background to implement the National Land Use Policy adopted for Sri Lanka.
02. Prepare a National Land Use Plan for Sri Lanka.
03. Provide technical guidelines so as to utilize the limited land resource for the betterment of human beings while maintaining environmental equilibrium.
04. Issue recommendations and directives to establish the protection and future existence of land resource in development plans based on the land resource.
05. Launch programmes so as to expand the knowledge, training and education on scientific land use planning.

Functions

- Prepare a National Land Use Policy for Sri Lanka and timely amend it according to the needs.
- Prepare land use plans at different levels including land use recommendations. Identify stakeholder institutions for the implementation of the recommendations of land use plans and coordination.
- Provide technical recommendations in order to facilitate the decision-making process to regulate land use.
- Provide land suitability reports for the lands based on the requests made by various institutions.
- Establish and maintain an updated land use information system.
- Identify the issues in unused lands that can be used and underutilized lands and implement the mechanisms to optimize the productivity of these lands.
- Conduct surveys at different levels to collect the data for land resource productivity (e.g., National land use survey, Survey on land ownership and tenure, Survey on identification of water sources)
- Coordinate district and divisional land use planning committees.
- Aware various community groups, school students and government officials on scientific land use planning.

6.1. Progress as per Action Plan as of 31.12.2024

Table 31

No	Programmes / Projects	Physical			Financial		
		Annual Target	Cumulative Progress	% *	Annual Progress	Cumulative Progress	% *
1.	Collecting, updating and sharing land use data and land use planning						
1.1	1.1 National Land Use Survey	Publication of completed survey data	100%	100	1.796101	1.710763	95 -
1.2	1.2 Survey on identification of land use changes	The survey was completed covering all 25 Districts	100%	100	5.873899	5.7177851	97
1.3	1.3 Identification & mapping of land use issues in environmentally sensitive areas (Pilot Project)	Completion of survey in Jaffna District	100%	100	0.15	0.15	100
2.	Productivity improvement of underutilized agricultural lands through soil and water conservation practices	Completion of 90 Projects	100%	100	18	17.988082	100
3.	Preparation of village/micro watershed land use plans	Preparations of 215Plans	100%	100	11.18	11.07442	99
4.	Develop land use planning guidelines, formulating strategies and land use planning publicity activities	Preparation of guidelines for 2024 action plan and development of guidelines for District Land Use Plans	100%	100	0.5	0.496326	99
5.	Conduct special studies based on specific land use issues	Completion of 26 studies	100%	100	2.5	2.494648	100

6.	Conduct awareness programs on scientific land use planning	Completion of 1019 Programmes	Programms - 1054	100	1.074	1.048731	98
7.	Conduct District land use planning committees	Completion of 69 Committees	Committees -69	100	0.345	0.34173	99 -
8.	Conduct Divisional land use planning committees	Completion of 364 Committees	Committees -413	100	1.124	1.118816	100 -
9.	Conduct monthly progress review meetings at district offices	Completion of 300 meetings	meetings -294	98	0.936	0.911926	97 -
10.	Conduct quarterly progress review meetings at Head office	Completion of 4 meetings	4	100	0.521	0.39697	76 -

* Percentage of cumulative progress based on annual targets

6.2. Propose Development Activities for 2025

- **Collecting, updating and sharing land use data and land use planning**
 - Preparation of Farming System Classification for Agricultural Lands and Conduct Three (03) Pilot Mapping Exercise Programs
 - Preparation of National Land Use/Land Cover Classification Legend Registry/Inventory for Sri Lanka
 - Preparation of Five Year Strategic Plan for the Department 2026 – 2030
- **Preparation of District Land Use Plans**
- **Preparation of Land Use Management Plans in Selected Sub River Basins**
 - Identify the Land Use Issues & Collect the Spatial Data in the Presently Protected Areas, within the 500 Meter Buffer Zone of the Selected Sub River Basin
- **Preparation of village/micro watershed land use plans**
- **Productivity improvement of underutilized agricultural lands through soil and water conservation practices**
- **Select the suitable schools and student groups/community groups for conduct the awareness programme**
- **Conduct District land use planning committees**
- **Facilitate the decision making on land resource management at district level**
- **Conduct monthly progress review meetings at district offices**
- **Conduct quarterly progress review meetings at Head Office**



07. Land Reform Commission

Introduction

The Land Reforms Commission, established by the Land Reforms Act No. 01 of 1972, legalizes and secures the maximum amount of land that a person can hold in Sri Lanka and directs those lands to the development process in an effective manner.

Functions

- Legalization of the ceiling amount of land an individual can hold as per the provisions of the Land Reform Act
- Identifying the land more than the ceiling and acquiring them to the Commission
- Release of legal obligations in accordance with the provisions provided in the Acts
- Payment of compensation to declarants for lands acquired by the Commission
- Taking actions for the return of lands which have been acquired but which are outside the Act
- Updating the land register and gathering information on land by contacting the fields
- Contributing to the economic development of the country
- Contribution of land to the social development of the country
- Implementation of revenue raising projects
- Strong implementation of corporate organization
- Creating a trained and efficient staff
- Providing the necessary physical resources and facilities to improve organizational productivity

7.1. Financial Progress from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024

Table 31

Serial No:	Revenue & Expenditure	Target as at 31/12 (Rs.)	Financial Progress as at 31/12	
			Figure	%
<u>Revenue</u>				
01.	Lease Revenue	240,000,000.00	95,927,586.94	39%
02.	Selling Revenue	145,275,884.63	145,275,884.63	100%
03.	Land Acquisitions	300,000,000.00	428,794,692.32	143%
04.	Other	353,100,000.00	340,783,066.49	97%
Total		1,038,375,884.63	1,010,781,230.38	97%
<u>Expenditure</u>				
01.	Re-current expenditure	704,345,000.00	606,115,931.39	86%
02.	Purchasing of Fixed Assets	340,984,600.00	265,073,249.20	78%
Total		1,045,329,600.00	871,189,180.59	83%

7.1.2 Physical Progress from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024

Table 32

	Program / Project / Activity	Progress
01	Deeds Distributed under the “Samata Himi Bimak” Program	Deeds 4498
02	Temporality Deeds	Deeds 07
03	Land Transfers to Government Institutions	Acres 172

7.2. Development Programmes expected to be implemented for the year 2025

- According to the prepared land register, mapping the free land from the lands identified locally and recording the relevant information in the systems.
- As the preparation of the land registry has been completed, taking actions to survey duly and prepare the plans of those lands at each district level.
- Carrying out formal accounting procedures by referring to the valuation department for valuation of the said land and getting the valuation report and properly including it in the financial statements.

- Maintaining a proper land disposal process for projects, selecting suitable land and investors for projects through proper feasibility studies so as to contribute to the national economy.
- Conducting mobile services as per the requirement to resolve the land issues.
- Issuance of island wide deeds at district level.
- Identifying underutilized lands among the lands owned by the Commission and manage them properly.
- Disposal of land to public institutions in recognition of government needs and public welfare.
- Implementation of plans to ensure food security in the country
- Implementation of giving deeds for Buddhist, Hindu, Cristian and Muslim religious places by the “Sasanabhiwandana” programme and contributing to create the religious rest through it.
- Identifying the land issues by the special telephone number 1931 and taking prompt actions regarding them.
- By releasing of legal obligations promptly to the Declarants who declared the lands to the Commission to confirm their possession and expedite the payments of compensation to the Declarants.
- Taking actions to increase the capacity of the officers and the employees of the Commission through the trainings and motivational programmes and create an efficient human resource by this.
- Making optimum contribution by correctly managing the lands owned by the Land Reform Commission for the development works of the country in accordance with the policies taken by the new government.