

பார்லிமென்තු ப்ரகாஸன மாலா ஂக : 79

ஂயதனயே நம : கமிகர் ஁ விதேஂ ஁கியா ஂமனயா஁ய
பார்லிமென்துவெ ரபயே ஂ஁஁மி பிஂரிஂடி காரக ஁஁வ வி஁ன் ஁஁஁க கரன ஂடி
வார்கா ஁ம஁ன்஁யென் ஁஁வர நியெ஁஁ ஂக 119(4) ய஁னெ ஂர்
ஂமனயவரயா஁ை நிரீ஁஁஁ ஁ ஂது ஂ஁ன பியவர பார்லிமென்துவ வென
ஂஂரிபன் கிரீ஁.

நா஁ா஁்ரமன்றத் தா஁ர் ஂண்: 79

நிறுவனத்தின் பெயர்: தாழில் மற்றும் வெளிநா஁ு வேலைவாய்ப்பு அமைச்சு
கௌரவ அமைச்சரின் அவதானிப்புகளை பாரா஁்ரமன்றத்திற்கு
சமர்ப்பித்தல் மற்றும் பாரா஁்ரமன்றத்தின் பொதுக் கணக்குக்
஁்ருவினால் சமர்ப்பிக்கப்பட்ட அறிக்கைகளின் பிரகாரம்
நிலையியற் க஁்டளை 119(4) இன் கீழ் ஂ஁க்கப்பட வேண்டிய
ந஁வ஁ிக்கைகள்

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Ministry of Labour and Foreign Employment

Submission to the Parliament of the observations of the Hon.Minister and steps to be taken under the Standing Order 119(4) as to the reports tabled by the Committee on Public Accounts of Parliament

Shortcomings identified by the committee	Measures taken by the institution to address the shortcomings/ current progress
<u>Part 1: 94.00</u> In terms of paragraph 7 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017 dated 26.06.2017, information regarding the assets purchased and disposals in the year 2018 was not submitted to the Comptroller General's Office.	As per the Asset Management Circular No. 02/2023, the Government Non-Financial Assets Management Report for the year 2022 has been submitted to the Comptroller General on 10.03.2023.
Not all vehicles were painted with the national emblem.	An estimate has been obtained from the Department of Government Factory to paint the national emblem and the name of the Ministry for the vehicles of the Ministry.
A vehicle was not disposed of within less than 8 months after the condemnation.	Since it was not economically viable to repair this vehicle bearing No. KA-2670, arrangements were made to sell it on 03.10.2023 by adhering to the procurement procedure.
There were outstanding loan balances dating back over a year.	The following measures have been taken regarding the recovery of advance account loan balances. • Mrs. W.D.G.C. Sugathadasa (Public Management Assistant) 1. The outstanding loan balance amount of Mrs.W.D.G.C.Sugathadasais Rs.138,501/= 2. Since she has gone abroad without prior notice, the matter relating to the recovery of this loan balance has been referred to the Attorney General's Department and arrangements have been made to constitute legal proceedings against her. 3. Considering above matters, necessary measures have been taken by the Ministry to suspend the granting of loan on insurance policy guarantees and grant loans only on personal guarantee.

- **Mr.V.P.C. De Mel**
(Office Assistant- KKS)

Necessary measures are being taken to recover the loan of Rs. 114,575.60 obtained by Mr. V.P. Chinthaka De Mel.

A vacation of post notice has been served on the said officer as he has failed to assume duties in the new office to which he was transferred. In the process of recovering the outstanding loan balance, the Divisional Secretary of the area where he resides was approached for assistance. However, as the Divisional Secretary had informed that the loan amount cannot be paid, it was referred to the Treasury for the write-off of the loan amount. As the treasury had informed that an inquiry should be made on whether he will receive financial subsidy provided by the government, a request and a reminder were sent to submit a report to the Divisional Secretary.

- **Mr. P.B.S. Kumara (Driver)**

The loan of Rs. 44,541/= receivable from driver Mr. P.B.S. Kumara is being recovered in installments of Rs. 5000/= and as of 31 July 2024, it was possible to bring down the loan balance to Rs. 14,541/=.

- **Mr.K.P.DeSilva – Distress-Rs. 188,400.00**

The amount is recovered monthly from the pension. The balance due on 30.06.2024 is Rs. 98,400.00.

- **Mr.R.D.S.Priyadarshana –**
Distress- Rs.128,069.00

The loan balance is charged from the monthly salary of his wife who works at the Bentota Divisional Secretariat. The balance due as of 30.06.2024 is Rs. 53,360.00.

- **Mr.K.Vellapilli**
Distress-Rs.95,730.00, Special Rs.2,000.00

Since 2016, letters and reminders have been issued informing to pay the loan amount. Subsequently, via letters dated 15.01.2021 and 26.03.2021 addressed to the Divisional Secretary, Matara, Mr. K.Vellapilli's ability to pay off the

distress loan has been inquired and it was reported by the Grama Niladhari of the area that he was not in a position to pay the amount.

The Attorney General has been consulted in this regard.

A letter dated 25.10.2023 was sent to the Divisional Secretary of Mulatiyana requesting that the Grama Niladhari submit a written confirmation of the officer's financial ability to repay the debt.

Further action will be taken after receiving the recommendations of the Divisional Secretary in this regard.

- **Mr. R. L. C. S. Perera –**
Distress Rs. 104,580.00, Special Rs.4,000.00

Letters and reminders have been sent informing about the payment of the loan since 2016. Loans have been taken by placing the National Insurance Trust Fund as collateral. According to Section 2 (b) of the Loan Securities, the outstanding balance cannot be paid in the event of termination of service.

Via letters dated 15.01.2021 and 26.03.2021 addressed to the Divisional Secretary, Dompe, Mr. R.L.C.S. Perera's ability to pay off the distress loan has been inquired. In response to this, a letter dated 30.11.2021 was sent via the Grama Niladhari of the area confirming that he was not in a position to pay the amount.

Since there was no response to the letters informing to pay the arrears, a letter has been sent to the Attorney General in October 2020 seeking further instructions in this regard.

Via the letter dated 25.10.2023, the Divisional Secretary of Dompe was informed to submit a written confirmation of the officer's financial ability to repay the debt, by the Grama Niladhari. In response, it has been reported that Mr. R.L.C.S. Perera is not currently employed. He is also being prosecuted.

- **Mr.O.K.D. Susith**
Special-Rs.2,400.00,Festival- Rs.8,750.00

Via the letter dated 25.11.2016, he has informed that he will pay the money after getting a job, nonetheless, since he has not paid so far, since

	2016, letters and reminders have been sent informing him to pay off the loan from time to time. Divisional Secretary of Kotte has informed via the letter dated 19.12.2023 that Mr.O.K.D. Susith and his children are employed. • Mr. K. Prabhakaran - Festival Advance - Rs. 2,500.00 Since he had gone abroad on 10.12.2018 and was not reported to have returned to this country, the loan balance has been approved to be written off. • Mr. R.M.L. Jessil Distress Rs.173,954.00 It has been informed that the loan balance will be settled monthly. Accordingly, in July 2024, Rs. 3,000.00 was paid. • Mr.P.Jayaprakash-Distress Rs.176,824.00 Letters were sent from time to time asking to pay the loan amount. Later, a letter was sent to the Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture on 28.02.2023 requesting information about the guarantor as it was a loan obtained while he was working in the Ministry of Agriculture. A letter has been sent to the guarantor on 18.07.2023 asking him to pay the remaining loan amount. The officer has informed that he would come to the ministry to discuss this matter, but he did not come until now. On 10.02.2024, a letter was sent to the Controller General of Immigration and Emigration asking him to contact the guarantor and make necessary arrangements to collect the debt.
Necessary actions were not taken in terms of the provisions of the Public Accounts Circular No. 30/94 dated 20.04.1994 with regard to foreign aid.	At present, all grants received from the Asian Productivity Organization are dealt with in terms of Public Accounts Circular No. 30/94.
Not all funds received as foreign grants were transferred to the official bank account of the Deputy Secretary to the Treasury.	All grants received by the Asian Productivity Organization are directly transferred to the official bank account of the Deputy Secretary to the Treasury from November 2023.

Part 2: 88.00 Performance agreements incorporating the entire staff had not been prepared and executed.	Although the annual performance agreement should be signed as per the circular 02/2018, there was ambiguity regarding the preparation of the said agreement. Despite inquiries made to the Ministry of Public Administration, no sufficient explanation was provided. As per the amended circular 02/2018 (i) dated 30.11.2023, it has been informed that the signing of annual performance agreements is no longer necessary.
The number of training opportunities provided was less than 50% of the planned training opportunities.	As per the National Budget Circular No. 03/2022, on controlling public expenditure, provisions were left due to expenditure management.
The audit opinion on the accounts of the institution was at the disclaimer or adverse level.	Although the audit opinion on accounts for the year 2022 is a qualified audit opinion, it is informed that a clear opinion has been received in the year 2023.


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