Progress Report 2024

Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure

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VISION

"A sustainable plantation economy - a rich country''

MISSION

"Enhancing the export economy through sustainability, promotion and innovation of the plantation industry while elevating the social and economic status of the plantation community."

PURVIEW

Identifying, implementing, guiding and monitoring necessary policies in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders for the sustainable development of the overall plantation industry aimed at attracting local and foreign markets by quality production, value addition and diversification through the adoption of research techniques, new technological tools and the optimum utilization of land, infrastructure development of plantation community and enhancing their social and economic well-being.

OBJECTIVE

- Increasing the foriegn exchange earning to the country
- Plantation crop development with modern technology, high value addition to win the unique international market segments.
- Bringing the income of the grower to a higher level.

Introduction

Keeping in view the vision of the Ministry ″A sustainable plantation economy – a rich country″, in the previous years as well as in the year 2024, the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure implemented projects and programmes while making policy decisions to meet current needs with the objective of improving the plantation sector and increasing the amount of foreign exchange from the sector. In spite of the limited financial allocations and various restrictive factors, in line with the government policies, the Ministry and the affiliated institutions made efforts to increase export revenue by making necessary policy decisions while enhancing the performance of plantation crops and minor crops such as tea, coconut, rubber, palmyrah, Kitul, cinnamon and cashew as well as ensuring the welfare of the plantation community for their betterment, boosting research opportunities, guiding the technology for value added products, taking measures to improve the productivity.

Although the Department of Export Agriculture, which played a major role in enhancing the performance of fifteen minor export crops including pepper, cloves, cardamom, coffee and cocoa, was brought under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2412/08 dated 25.11.2024, until then, the institution played an immense role in the performance of minor export crops under the guidance of the Ministry. In order to ensure the contribution of Sri Lanka to the international market for the development of the coconut and pepper industry globally, two international conferences namely the 60th International Coconut Community (ICC) and the 52nd International Pepper Community (IPC) Conference were successfully held in Sri Lanka with the participation of the representatives of the member countries under the guidance of the Ministry.

The plantation sector that plays a part in the Gross Domestic Product contributes to strengthening the economy of the country and provides direct and indirect employment to nearly 10% of the total population. Bringing the subject of community infrastructure, which worked for the well-being of the plantation community, under the scope of the Ministry of Plantation by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2412/08 dated 25.11.2024 will give rise to further strengthen the plantation sector and provide the necessary houses, infrastructure and capacity building to uplift the living standard of the plantation community.

The Ministry will further make policy decisions and take other courses of action for the performance of plantation crops and minor crops such as tea, coconut, rubber, palmyrah, Kitul, cinnamon and cashew as well as for the betterment of the plantation community. As well, the functions of the Plantation Companies that came under the purview of the previous Non-Cabinet Ministry of State Plantation Enterprise Reforms, have also been assigned to the Ministry.

The progress achieved and the policy decisions made in the year 2024 by the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure and the affiliated institutions within the approved allocation limits by coordinating public and private sector stakeholders in a planned programme for the well-being of the human community associated with the plantation sector consists of the major plantation crops and minor crops such as cinnamon and cashew as well as the information about the special development projects and activities to be implemented in the year 2025 have been incorporated in this progress report.

Affiliated Institutions Under the Purview of the Ministry of Plantation

Affiliated Institutions assigned to the Ministry as per the Extra Ordinary Gazette No.2412/08 dated 25th November 2024

1. Sri Lanka Tea Board
2. Tea Research Institute
3. Tea, Rubber and Coconut Estates (Control of Fragmentation) Board
4. Janatha Estate Development Board
5. Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation
6. Tea Shakthi Fund
7. National Institute of Plantation Management
8. Tea Small Holdings Development Authority
9. Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Limited
10. Elkaduwa Plantations Limited
11. Rubber Development Department
12. Rubber Research Institute
13. Sri Lanka Rubber Manufacturing and Export Corporation
14. Thurusaviya Fund
15. Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation Spices and Allied Products Marketing Board
16. Kurunegala Plantations Limited
17. Chilaw Plantations Limited
19. Coconut Cultivation Board
20. Coconut Development Authority
21. Coconut Research Institute
22. Palmyrah Development Board
23. Kitul Development Board
24. Kapruka Fund
25. Cinnamon Development Department
26. New Villages Development Authority for Plantation Region
27. Plantation Human Development Trust
28. Saumyamoorthi Thondaman Memorial Foundation
29. Estate Sector Self-Employment Revolving Fund

Plantation Crops under the scope of the Ministry Plantation Industries

The main plantation crops, Tea, Coconut, Rubber and Palmyrah and Kitul, Cashew and minor export crops, Cinnamon, Pepper, Cloves, Cardamom, Nutmeg, Vanilla, Cocoa, Coffee, Sera, Arecanut, Betel, Ginger, Turmeric, Citronella, Goraka come under the scope of the Ministry.

Overall Progress of the Tea Sector



Description	Target 2024	Progress as at 31.12.2023	Progress as at 31.12.2024	Target 2025
Tea Production (Mn. Kg.)	268.75	256.088	262.15	275.00
Export Revenue (Rs. Bn.)	471.12	428.30	433.47	518.23
Export Revenue (U.S.D.. Bn.)	1.44	1.30	1.43	1.58
Export quantity (Mn. Kg.)	248.96	241.90	245.78	266.68
Avarage Sales Price per Kg. at Colombo Tea Auction (Rs./kg)	-	1,159.26	1,225.17	-

Tea Production

❖ **Tea Production by Elevation**

Elevation	January to December 31 (Mn. Kg.)		Variance (%)
	2023	2024	
High Grown	58.64	55.72	(5.0)
Medium Grown	42.34	47.62	12.5
Low Grown	155.11	158.81	2.4
Total Production	**256.09**	**262.15**	**2.4**

❖ **Tea Production by Main Type**

Description	January to December 31 (Mn. Kg.)		Variance (%)
	2023	2024	
Orthodox Tea	231.19	236.21	2.2
C.T.C. Tea	22.62	23.68	4.7
Green Tea	2.28	2.26	(1)
Total	**256.09**	**262.15**	**2.4**
Instant Tea *	3.20	2.88	(10)

* Instant Tea is not included in Total Tea Prodcution

❖ Leading Destinations of Ceylon Tea Exports

Leading Destination	January to December 31					
	2023		2024		Variance	
	Quantity (Mt)	As a percentage of total export (%)	Quantity (Mt)	As a percentage of total export (%)	Quantity (Mt)	Price per Kg (U.S.D.)
Iraq	30,378	12.56	34,260	13.94	3,882	12.78
Russia	22,889	9.46	24,987	10.17	2,098	9.17
U.A.E.	19,611	8.11	21,133	8.6	1,522	7.76
Turkey	16,395	6.78	17,734	7.22	1,339	8.17
China	10,672	4.41	11,565	4.71	893	8.37
Iran	9,583	3.96	10,432	4.24	849	8.86
Azerbaijan	9,512	3.93	10,436	4.25	924	9.71
Saudi Arabia	8,193	3.39	9,138	3.72	945	11.53
Chile	7,849	3.24	8,638	3.51	789	10.05
Libya	8,525	3.52	10,292	4.19	1,767	20.73
Siriya	7,067	2.92	7,426	3.02	359	5.08
Germany	5,902	2.44	6,352	2.58	450	7.62
USA	6,010	2.48	6,402	2.6	392	6.52
Japan	4,898	2.02	5,425	2.21	527	10.76
Jordan	4,422	1.83	4,925	2	503	11.37
Thailand	4,051	1.67	4,434	1.8	383	9.45
Poland	3,720	1.54	4,084	1.66	364	9.78
Hong Kong	3,018	1.25	3,455	1.41	437	14.48
Belgium	2,431	1	2,691	1.09	260	10.70
Australia	2,297	0.95	2,480	1.01	183	7.97
Main 20's Total	187,422	77.48	206,289	83.93	18,867	10.07
Other Total	54,490		39,499		-14,991	- 27.51
Sub Total	241,913		245,788		3,875	1.60

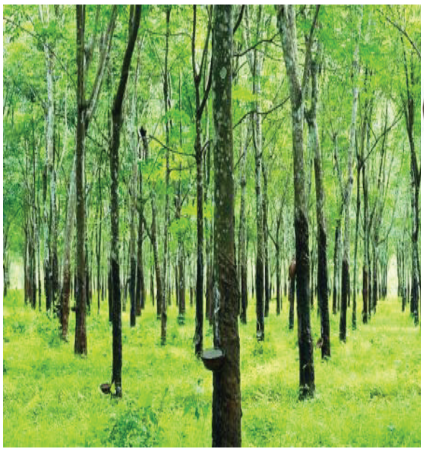
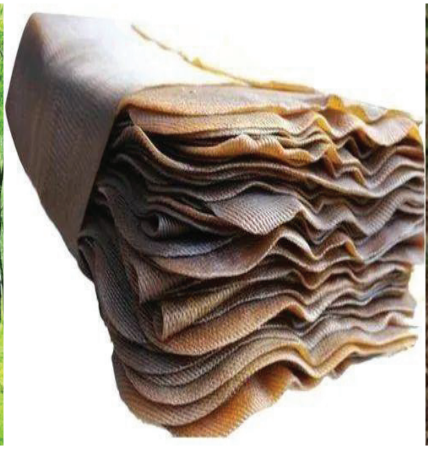
❖ Colombo Tea Auction Data (January to December 31) *

Year	High Grown		Medium Grown		Low Grown		Total Elevation	
	Quantity (Kg)	Price per Kg (Rs.)	Quantity (Kg)	Price per Kg (Rs.)	Quantity (Mt.)	Quantity (Kg)	Price per Kg (Rs.)	Quantity (Kg)
2023	57.54	1,058.30	44.37	998.57	152.94	1,243.93	254.87	1,159.26
2024	56.47	1,141.63	47.64	1,064.48	156.54	1,304.38	260.70	1,225.17

❖ Tea Market Data

Description	January to December 31		Variance	
	2023	2024	Quantity	2023
Total Amount of tea sold (Mn. Kg)	255	261	6	2
Average Selling Price Per Kilogram of Tea (Rs.)	1,159.26	1,225.17	66	6

Overall Progress of the Rubber Sector


Description	Progress From 1st of January to 31st of December		Target 2024	Target 2025
	2023	2024		
Rubber Production (Mn.Kg.)	64	69	76	78
Productivity (ha./kg))	*755	*944	944	1,017
Export Income (Rs.Bn.)	305	303	320	340
Export Income (U.S.D. Bn.)	0.93	1.001	0.99	1.07
Re-Planting – Small Estates (ha.)	324.59	247.79	295	345
New-Planting – Small Estates (ha.)	416.87	489.09	540	655

*The information is prepared annually and the above information regarding the productivity of the year 2024 is to be updated based on the annual land area.(Based on the 2023/2024 the amount of land is calculated based on the ongoing rubber land survey and the survey is currently in its final phase.)

Classification of Rubber Products

Category	January to December 31st (Mt.)	
	2023	2024
Sheet Rubber	32,185	33,504
Sole Crepe	1,214	600
Screpe	3,867	4,151
Latex Crepe	6,051	5,599
Latex and Other	21,127	25,331
Total	**64,444**	**69,185**

❖ Rubber Auction Prices - Colombo

Category	January to December 31st		
	2023 (Kg./Mn.)	2024 (Kg./Rs.)	Variance (%)
RSS 1	559.41	714.03	28
RSS 2	557.88	653.50	17
RSS 3	503.10	650.67	29
RSS 4	513.40	629.83	23
RSS 5	444.38	625.63	41

❖ Rubber Exports

Category	From January to 31st December (Mt.)	
	2023	2024
Sheet Rubber	4,354	2,478
Sole Crepe	1,156	572
Latex Crepe	5,042	4,666
TSR	1,005	541
Latex and Other	1,116	375
Total	**12,672**	**8,632**

Overall Progress of the Coconut Sector

Description	Targets For the year 2024	Progress From January to 31st December 2024	Targets for the year 2025
Coconut yield (Nuts Mn)	3,250	2,791.80	2,875
Export Income (Rs. Bn.)	247.50	257.92	265.50
Export income (US$ Mn)	825	854.93	900
Supply of seedlings (seedlings million)	2.00	2.00	1.50
New cultivation (Ha)	3,654	3,177	2,741
Re-cultivation (Ha)	733	38	550
Under cultivation (Ha)	758	1,047	569
Home gardening (Plants)	730,000	468,390	350,000

Yield

Description	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024.12.31
Coconut yield (Nuts Mn.)	2,818	3,383	3,391	3,170	2,791.80

Export Income

Production Category	From January to 31st December (Rs. Mn./US $ Mn.)				
	2023		2024		2023/2024
	Rs.Mn.	US $ Mn.	Rs.Mn.	US $ Mn.	Varience %
Kernel related products	119,546.22	365.90	138,561.37	459.63	26
Fibre	5,588.40	17.05	5,011.07	16.50	-3
Fibre finished products	59,766.69	183.38	65,439.14	216.84	18
Shell related products	42,188.85	129.13	47,656.69	157.81	22
Others	1,629.90	5.02	1,252.87	4.16	-17
Total	**228,720.07**	**700.47**	**257,921.14**	**854.93**	**22**

Export fluctuations of Several Major Products

Product Type	Quantity (Mt.)		Income			
	2023 January - 31st Dec	2024 January – 31st Dec	2023 January – 31st Dec		2024 January – 31St Dec	
			Rs. Mn	USD Mn	Rs. Mn	USD Mn
Coconut oil (Mt.)	5,518	7,391	3,878	11.83	5,516	18.30
Virgin coconut oil (Mt.)	14,728	16,214	17,974	55.06	19,514	64.75
Coconut water (Mt.)	29,220	36,348	8,302	25.41	9,318	30.92
King coconut (nuts) ‘000	12,909	8,007	3,325	10.19	2,042	6.75
Raw coconut (Nuts) ‘000	14,127	17,246	2,165	6.62	2,327	7.70
Bristle Fibre (Mt.)	1,853	1,750	677	2.05	571	1.89

Overall Progress of the Palmyrah Sector

Production	Production 2023	Target 2024	2024 Progress January – 31st Dec	Target 2025
Jaggary (Mt.)	61	78	58.00	70
Palmyrah Toddy (liters)	10,584,534	11,000,000	10,592,000	11,000,000
Pulp (Mt.)	27,394	65,000	46,834	50,000
Palmyrah Tuber (Mt.)	403	420	336	400
Fiber (Mt)	60	55	45.00	50
Handicraft (Rs.Mn)	51	55	49.50	60
Panaaddu (Mt.)	7	11	6.80	10
Palm arrack bottle	281,894	450,000	26,000	100,000
Timber (No)	8,064	10,000	5,748	5,000

❖ Number of Beneficiaries in the Palmyrah Related activities

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<tr><th>2023</th><th>2024.12.31</th></tr>
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<tr><td rowspan="2">Handi craft</td><td>Producers</td><td>1,770</td><td>2,208</td></tr>
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<tr><td rowspan="2">Tuber</td><td>Producers</td><td>1,904</td><td>2,435</td></tr>
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<tr><td rowspan="2">Pulp</td><td>Producers</td><td>700</td><td>475</td></tr>
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❖ Export Income of Palm Industry

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<tr><td>Handi craft Related Productions</td><td>51</td><td>49.50</td></tr>
<tr><td>Tuber Related Productions</td><td>153</td><td>117.60</td></tr>
<tr><td>Pulp based productions</td><td>6.03</td><td>11.79</td></tr>
<tr><td>Fiber based productions</td><td>19.2</td><td>11.25</td></tr>
<tr><td>Timber based productions</td><td>72.57</td><td>68.97</td></tr>
<tr><td>Food Production</td><td>5</td><td>127.60</td></tr>
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Overall Progress of the Kitul Sector

Description		Annual Progress(Rs.Mn.)	
		2023	2024.12.31
Export Income	Jaggery	197	255.38
	Kitul honey	114.94	124.35

Overall Progress of the Cinnamon Sector

Description	Target 2024	Progress as at 2023.10.31	Progress as at 2024.10.31	Target 2025
Cinnamon Production (M.t.)	25,000	19,000	19,500	26,500
Export Income (Rs. Mn.)	73,800	55,769	52,865.78	80,000
Export Income (USD. Mn.)	225	170	176	260
Export Quantity (M.t)	20,500	15,749	15,982	22,000
Average Selling Price of Cinnamon (Rs./Kg)	Rs.3,400	Rs.3,000	Rs.3,500	Rs.4,000

Classification of Cinnamon Products

Product Type	From January to 31st October (Mt)	
	2023	**2024**
Cinnamon bark related Products	15,350	15,661
Cinnamon Dry Leaves	240	106
Cinnamon Leave Oil	154	197
Cinnamon Bark Oil	5.43	18
Product Type	**15,749.43**	**15,982**

Cinnamon Export Countries and Related Information

Country	January to 31st October				Variance	
	2023		2024			
	Quantity (Mt)	Percentage of total exports (%)	Quantity (Mt.)	Percentage of total exports (%)	Percentage of total exports (%)	Price per Kg) (USD)
Mexico	3973.63	39.4%	3570.62	36.6%	-403.01	-11.67
Peru	1259.39	12.5%	1031.27	10.5%	-228.12	-4.79
USA	1082.67	10.7%	1040.03	10.7%	-42.64	-1.30
India	544.92	5.4%	472.29	4.8%	-72.63	-0.99
Bolivia	355.88	3.5%	254.49	2.6%	-101.39	-1.56
Ecuador	353.12	3.5%	366.78	3.8%	+13.66	-0.26
Colombia	327.11	3.2%	536.70	5.5%	+209.59	+1.85
Guatemala	304.61	3.02%	382.28	3.9%	+77.67	+0.09

Overall Progress of Cashew Sector

Export Information of Cashew Sector

Description	Target 2024	Progress (January – December 31)		Variance (%)
		Year 2023	Year 2024	
Cashew Production (Mt)	14,315	13,014	-	-
Cashew Export Quantity (Mt)	75.17	68.34	96.71	28.37 (41.51%)
Cashew Export Income (Rs. Mn)	342.19	311.08	287.98	23.10 (7.43%)

Source: Department of Census and Statistics / Sri Lanka Exports Development Board.

Production of Seedlings

Sri Lanka Tea Board			
Area	**2024 Target (Seedlings) Mn**	**Progress as at 31.12.2024 (Seedlings) Mn**	**2025 Target (Seedlings) Mn**
Gampola	584,300	250,182	313,213
Nuwara Eliya	530,000	568,904	642,340
Rathnapura	1,786,000	706,043	1,750,000
Bandarawela	211,778	65,000	220,000
Matara	2,200,000	106,805	1,006,805
Baduraliya	1,600,000	935,909	1,100,000
Galle	1,500,000	1,853,387	1,500,000
Total	**8,412,078**	**5,386,230**	**6,532,358**

Tea Small Holdings Development Authority			
Nursery Type	**2024 Target (Seedlings) Mn**	**Progress as at 31.12.2024 (Seedlings)Mn**	**2025 Target (Seedlings) Mn**
TSHDA Nursery	1.07	1.07	1.70
Commercial Nursery	45.00	42.60	60.00
Total	**46.07**	**43.67**	**61.70**

Rubber Development Department			
Nursery (Location)	**2024 Target (Seedlings)**	**Progress as at 31.12.2024 (Seedlings)**	**2025 Target (Seelings)**
Welikadamulla	70,000	22,372	62,000
Meerigama	67,500	30,119	53,300
Egaloya	39,500	19,661	50,200
Gurugoda	45,500	31,510	33,000
Karapincha	47,500	32,375	55,500
Kumbukkana	189,500	218,443	180,800
Padiyathalawa	99,500	57,385	111,100
Middeniya	49,000	24,375	35,100
Total	**608,000**	**436,240**	**581,000**

Coconut Research Institute			
Nursery (Location)	**2024 Target (Seedlings)**	**Progress as at 31.12.2024 (Seedlings**	**2025 Target (Seedlings)**
Bandirippuwa Research Centre	30,000	24,256	24,000
Rathmalagara Research Centre	25,000	26,550	28,000
Poththukulama Research Centre	20,000	11,825	15,000
Makandura Research Centre	15,000	13,720	15,000
Walpita Research Centre	30,000	17,380	25,000
Thabbowa Research Centre	20,000	19,235	22,000
Middeniya Research Centre	15,000	24,382	25,000
Ambakelle Genetics Resources Centre	40,000	26,480	30,000
Pallama Genetics Resources Centre	50,000	37,612	50,000
Maduruoya Genetics Resources Centre	3,000	4,459	6,000
Total	**248,000**	**205,899**	**240,000**

Coconut Cultivation Board			
District	2024 Target (Seedlings)	Number of plants produced as on 31.12.2024	2025 Target (Seedlings)
		Produced and released in 2024 itself	
Monaragala	44,435	43,610	39,670
Badulla	29,620	29,073	26,450
Matara	15,830	8,564	22,450
Kurunegala	397,600	358,875	319,350
Kegalle	91,725	24,895	95,484
Gampaha	83,100	62,154	72,900
Kalutara	109,100	92,361	92,400
Colombo	22,315	17,514	20,970
Puttalam	33,470	26,270	31,450
Rathnapura	140,010	164,538	109,200
Hambantota	58,860	53,830	54,720
Anuradhapura	200,000	143,300	182,700
Trincomalee	87,300	96,558	76,050
Polonnaruwa	42,200	28,027	42,230
Ampara	40,200	34,079	40,730
Matale	47,120	39,177	45,920
Galle	50,100	46,834	48,150
Batticaloa	45,000	40,150	49,760
Jaffna	25,000	21,108	37,270
Kilinochchi	67,000	71,073	49,330
Mullaitivu	35,000	38,767	26,910
Vavuniya	20,000	19,383	13,450
Mannar	40,500	36,734	36,720
Kandy	27,000	24,490	24,480
Nuwara Eliya	45,000	58,338	25,720
Total	**1,718,000**	**1,579,809**	**1,500,000**

Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation						
	2024 Target (Seedlings)		Progress as at 31.12.2024 (Seedlings)		2025 Target (Seedlings)	
	Budded Plants	Seed Plants	Budded Plants	Seed Plants	Budded Plants	Seed Plants
Kamandaluwa Nursery	85,040	1,000	55,666	1,000	75,450	800
Mihintale Nursery	84,520	-	83,478	-	78,200	2,400
Mangallagama Nursery	8,025	3,000	6,274	3,000	11,100	1,200
Mahiyanganaya Nursery	9,875	-	4,405	-	12,600	-
ChandrikaWewa Nursery	13,155	-	13,672	-	21,200	400
Dambulla Nursery	9,525	-	10,140	-	11,800	-
Kumbukkana Nursery	12,550	-	10,872	-	13,900	-
Hardy Nursery	26,025	-	23,560	-	33,850	800
Total	**248,715**	**4,000**	**208,067**	**4,000**	**258,100**	**5,600**

Financial & Physical Progress of the Plantation Sector Development Projects Implemented by the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure as at 31.12.2024

Project Name: Implementation of the Rubber Master Plan		
Implementing Division: Rubber and Cinnamon Development Division		**Vote:** 118-2-29-008-2507 **Approved Provisions (Rs Mn.): 25.00**
Project Name	**Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)**	**Physical Progress**
Establishing new rubber plantations in Monaragala, Ampara and Badulla Districts	15.13	60,000 rubber saplings have been distibuted and planted in 115 Ha
Recommencement of tapping for rubber lands untapped due to the labour shortage in Ratnapura and Kalutara districts.	1.46	05 awareness programmes have been conducted for land owners. Training programmes have been completed for 195 tappers.
Enhancing intercropping by mitigating animal damage to the new rubber plantation in South Pannalgama, Ampara	1.40	Initial awareness has been done to start inter-cropping in the new rubber plantation. Construction work is being done after obtaining the approval for the construction of the elephent fence around the rubber cultivation area
In Non traditional rubber growing area, latex sellers and buyers can get accurate readings response to temperature varitaions.	0.50	08 training programmes have been conducted.
To raise awareness about the implementation of the National Plan to reduce the impact of ringed leaf spot disease.	0.50	8 training programs have been conducted in Kegalle, Kalutara, Ratnapura and Monaragala
Screening of Drought/Stress Tolerant Hevea Clones for Sustainable Rubber Cultivation in Marginal Areas	1.30	Field establishment of 05 acres with drought stress tolerant clones has been completed.
Developing a long-lasting hat-style rain guard	0.50	Fabricating a rain cover in the form of a hat and attaching it to 80 trees in the field.

Project Name : Kapruka Fund		
Implementing Agency : Kapruka Fund Management Board		**Vote :** 118-2-29-006-2202 **Approved Provisions (Rs.Mn.): 20.00**
Project Name	**Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)**	**Physical Progress**
Providing microfinance facilities under concessionary conditions to entrepreneurs in coconut-related small and micro-scale industries.	7.080	34 financed industrial projects have been completed and referred to financial institutions. 172 monitoring visits and field inspections were conducted to make the beneficiaries and financial institutions aware and to coordinate project formulation activities.
Developing and maintaining coconut based products and market intelligence database.	0.108	6,000 required questionnaires have been printed based on the pre-assessment and secondary data collection of industry survey.
Developing and promoting market opportunities for small and micro entrepreneurs' products.	0.298	05 Trade Shows were organized and conducted for products of small and micro scale industries. (Gampaha, Galle, Matara, Matale and Marawila)
Providing microfinance facilities for livelihood development projects of coconut smallholders.	4.040	22 financed land development projects have been completed and referred to financial institutions. 162 monitoring visits and field inspections were conducted to make the beneficiaries and financial institutions aware and to coordinate project formulation activities.
Strengthening and enhancing the performance of Kapruka Societies.	1.799	The No. of Kapruka Societies monitored and empowered is 132. The No. of new Kapruka Societies formed is 25. The No. of awareness programmes conducted for the officers of Kapruka Societies is 24.
Improving the knowledge, attitudes and skills of the officers of Kapruka Fund.	0.971	02 leadership training programmes were conducted and the No. of beneficiaries was 280.
Development of Management Information System.	1.599	06 computer systems and other peripheral devices were provided to the Regional Offices.
Regulating, monitoring and evaluating development activities.	2.350	39 monitoring and regulation of development programmes have been carried out.

Project Name : Programme for Control of Weligama Coconut Leaf Wilt and Rot Disease		
Implementing Agency : Coconut Cultivation Board Coconut Research Institute Matara District Secretariat		**Vote :** 118-2-29-004-2507 **Approved Provisions (Rs.Mn.): 100**
Project Name	**Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)**	**Physical Progress**
Coconut Cultivation Board - Rs. 63.621 Mn		

Identifying, marking and removal of 5,500 diseased palms.	61.834	6,986 diseased palms were marked and 8,506 palms were removed. 5,279 unremoved palms were injected.
Coconut Research Institute - Rs. 23.50 Mn		
Identifying, marking and removal of 2000 diseased palms.	20.107	2,060 diseased palms were marked and 1,424 palms were removed. 644 unremoved palms were injected.
Matara District Secretariat - Rs. 12.379 Mn		
Payment of compensations for 4,078 removed palms.	12.337	Compensations have been paid for 4,078 palms.

Project	Approved Provisions 2024 (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn.)	Physical Progress
Research and Development Projects in the Plantation Sector (60 Rs.Mn.)			
Tea Sector			
Implementing Agency - Tea Research Institute			
Project to establish seed gardens to produce improved seeds resilient to climate changes	0.90	0.90	**Garden established** Kalutara District - 02 Galle District - 03 Matara District - 02 Kandy District - 01 Badulla District - 03 Ratnapura District - 01 **Estates under rehabilitation** 95% of the rehabilitation and maintenance works in the estates such as Hanthana, Rathnapura, Sapumalkanda Estate and Deraniyagala have been completed.
Expansion of mother bush areas of tea cultivation.	13.10	13.10	New mother bush cultivars have been established in 3.7 hectares. Rehabilitation grasses have been planted in 11.5 hectares. Planting of rehabilitation grasses in the remaining 2.5 hectares has been initiated.

Implementing Agency - Tea Small Holding Development Authority			
Project on ensure accurate land mapping through the application of GPS technology.	7.50	7.50	15 GPS technical devices have been purchased.
Implementing Agency - Tea Development & Plantation Policy Development Division			
Development of the Plantation Sector Policy Framework	0.120	0.036	Necessary amendments have been made to the draft of the Policy Framework having considered the observations of the Department of National Planning and submitted. As well, based on the instructions of the said Department, the draft for the Cabinet Memorandum has been prepared and submitted to the Department. After receiving approval of the Cabinet of Ministers, the relevant awareness programmes are to be conducted. Payment of all the bills in hand for the year 2023 has been completed.
Conducting a workshop for integrated Rurbanl Development & Climate resilience project.	0.139250	0.133650	The workshop for integrated Rurbanl Development & Climate resilience project has been conducted.
Ministry of Plantation and community infrastructure with Galle District Secretariat and Urban Development Authority			
Payment of the additional amount increased after the revision of VAT rates for water supply to the Holuwagoda park premises and building.	0.02358365	0.02358365	Water supply has been provided to Holuwagoda Park premises and building.
Release of funds for the inaugural program for the construction of the Holuwagoda Plantation Industrial Eco-Tourism Park.	0.999950	0.999950	The groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Holuwagoda Plantation Industrial Eco-Tourism Park has been completed.

Rubber Sector			
Implementing Agency – Rubber Research Institute			
Screening of drought /stress tolerant Hevea clones for sustainable rubber cultivation in marginal areas	1.51	1.51	All the plants were established in the plant house and data were collected and finalized. cDNA synthesis was completed. RNA sequencing has been completed, and RTPCR testing is currently underway.
Studies on the biology and epidemiology of the Pestalotiopsis Leaf fall disease and to develop effective management strategies	10.74	10.74	Thirty pathogenic rubber plants have been prepared for genomic analysis, with twelve samples sent to Riken University in Japan. A publication in Sinhala on leaf-spot disease has been released, along with another research article in a newspaper. Ongoing research is focused on identifying disease-promoting clones, with observations on 50 clones in various environments. Fifteen field trials for application of fungicides and cocktail mixtures are planned for 2024, out of two trials were high effective and confirmed continuous monitoring confirmed their success, and a special committee meeting was held to inform stakeholders about these results. Expect to extend the experiment with regional plantation company. A national plan for a community-based disease control program has been launched, with four regional training programs held to combat leaf-spot disease. Nine knowledge-sharing programs are currently being conducted. Research on plantation replanting is continuing, and data collection in progress.
Purchase of a water distiller for latex production at Monaragala Sub centre	0.30	0.30	Purchase of water distiller machine & Installed.

Implementing Agency - Rubber Development Department			
Development of existing rubber cultivation in Kandy district	0.5742	0.5730	Purchase of 100 Boots and 100 dairy Knives has been completed. Completed training programme for 104 people.
Coconut Sector			
Implementing Agency – Coconut Research Institute			
Sustaing the analitycal services of the coconut Research institute through repair of essential laboratory equipment	3.59999992	3.59999992	▪ Renovation work & payment have been completed
Improvement of the infrastructure facilities of the coconut information centre of CRI.	5.00	3.93215460	▪ The celing has been renovated and the old carpet removed .
Implementing Agency - Plantation Division (Coconut and Minor export crops Development Divison)			
Conducting research related to the creaction of innovations from coconut products.	0.19780	0.00	It was decided to implement the project after preparing road map.
Devoloping a road map for the coconut sector.	1.30370643	0.265191	Implementation has been started by UNIDO and IPS after holding discussion with the affiliated institutes.
Minor Export crops sector			
Implementing Agency – Plantation Division (Coconut and Minor export crops Development Divison			
Value chain development of export crops and cashews.	1.80	0.750942	Small Plantation Crops Sector, Implementing Agency, Ministry of Plantation Industries, Small Export Plantation Crops Development Division, Value Chain Development of Export Crops and Cashew, held four discussions with stakeholders involved in the value chain development of small export crops.

			An online map for cashew and imported crops. Preparations have been completed for the fifty-second conference of the International Pepper Community ipc Four training programs have been conducted in Badulla and Monaragala districts of Matara Anuradhapura related to purchase of equipment for fifteen TJC mango zones. Awareness programs have been conducted for officers of Cashew Corporation on Good Agricultural Practices Certification. Golden pineapple for officers of Export Agriculture Department in Kagal district. An awareness program on obtaining geographical quality certification for pineapple final has been held Improving the infrastructure of the Coconut Information Center of the Coconut Research Institute. The work of renovating the ceiling of the Coconut Information Center and removing the old carpet and laying tiles has been completed and the work has been paid for.
Settlement of outstanding bills in Export Agricultural Zone project	1.550510	1.550510	The outstanding bills of the export agricultural zone project were settled .
Implementing Agency – Sri Lanka Cashew Cooperation			
Expanding laboratory facilities of Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation's research department.	3.473	3.44753846	The Purchased of 11 Laboratory equipment and 12 meteorological laboratory equipment has been completed.
Expansion of laboratory facilities for research work on processing of Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation.	3.528	2.398966	An order has been placed for the purchase of 15 pieces of laboratory equipment.

Implementing Agency - Department Of Export Agriculture			
Establishment of High Quality, disease-free, export -oriented betel nut plantations in association with coconut plantations.	3.16	1.603594	It is planned to get the items needed for the polythene house in 2025 The Harvesters were hand over to the farmers in 04.09.2024 Farmer equipment has been renovated. 15 Nursery pots and half a cube of coconut coir peat have been purchased as nursery mixes. The Laptops has been purchased. Chemical fertilizers and manure have been obtained. Establishment of 1000 sticks and mother plants

Progress of the special activities carried out in the year 2024

Tea Development and Plantation Policy Division

- As per the five years strategic plan for the years 2021-2025 prepared by the team of experts from the Agriculture Faculty of the University of Peradeniya under the instructions of the Ministry of Plantation Industries to overcome the challenges faced by the tea industry, the relevant activities were carried out in the year 2024 as well. The strategic plan of the tea sector for the years 2025 – 2029 was prepared with the participation of tea sector institutions and stakeholders. The relevant draft was revised incorporating comments and suggestions and re-submitted to all stakeholders by e-mail for their comments.

- Coordination of activities to obtain Geographical Indication (GI) for "Ceylon Tea",
  - The activities related to obtaining the Geographical Indication for "Ceylon Tea" initiated by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under the technical assistance of France are constantly monitored, coordinated and regulated. Accordingly, the preliminary works related to the application of the Geographical Indication for Ceylon Tea in Europe were completed and the application form has already been submitted to the European Region. The preparation of the Control Document of the Geographical Indication (GI) system for Ceylon Tea has been completed, and seven "Training Programmes for Trainers" have been conducted based on the main tea growing seven regions of Sri Lanka.

  - In addition, this Division coordinates the activities related to Geographical Indication carried out by the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka to design a database on the physical and chemical parameters of tea produced in various agro-ecological regions of Sri Lanka, data collection activities jointly carried out by the Sri Lanka Tea Board, Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka and the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board (SLAEB) to develop a Geo-Environmental Chemical Isotope Symbol confirming the origin for the pure Ceylon Tea brand and the activities to identify suitable cultivars for production of specialty teas in Sri Lanka and to develop small-scale processing centers.

- In relation to the plantation sector, an agroforestry programme has been started in two Estates called Halgolla Estate (Tea Cultivation) of Kelani Valley Plantations and Muruthenge Estate (Coconut Cultivation) of Kurunegala Plantation Limited under the assistance of the Netherlands Government. The project related activities are coordinated by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Accordingly, the project which is currently in its final stage is to be completed in the year 2025. Therefore, the final Project Advisory Committee has been scheduled to be held in the last week of January. A Manual of Guidelines on agroforestry is expected to be issued thereat.

- Coordinating the "National Sustainable Biomass Growth and Sourcing Programme" for the tea industry, Kalubowitiana Tea Factory Limited, Balangoda - New Hopewell, Nilwala, Aruna, Evergreen, Harangala and Avissawella tea factories have come forward to carry out its pilot project and a workshop with the participation of their field officers was held at the National Institute of Plantation Management in Athurugiriya. In this regard, training programmes were held for the officials of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority and the Sri Lanka Tea Board, and online discussions were also held. As well, a meeting was held on 20th December 2024 with the participation of relevant stakeholders to review the guidelines for the National Sustainable Biomass Growth and Sourcing Programme. At present, Balangoda New Hopewell Tea Factory, which has participated in the pilot project, is installing a Wood Chip Machine.

- The Ministry of Plantation and the Unilever Sri Lanka (Limited) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding in April 2024 to introduce renewable agriculture and national sustainable standards in the plantation sector and the following activities in relation to the goals of renewable agriculture / zero carbon emissions, globally recognized local sustainable standards and provision of deforestation free tea have been carried out in coordination with the sector. Accordingly, under the introduction of globally accepted local sustainable standards, this division is conducting the programme conducting and monitoring in accordance with the Public-Private-Public Partnership (PPP) approach to prepare standards for the tea sector. Accordingly, an awareness programme related to this process was held on 19th December 2024 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall with the participation of Hon. Deputy Minister of the Ministry, Ministry officials including the Secretary to the Ministry, officials of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution, representatives from the Unilever Sri Lanka and stakeholders representing the tea value chain, including local and foreign experts in the tea industry.

- Accordingly, the Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI) has given time till 05th January to get further proposals and comments for the GAP standardization for the tea sector which was drafted with the participation of all the stakeholders in the tea sector and directed to get public comments/suggestions.

- Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Line of Credit (SMELoC) Project under Asian Development Bank (ADB) Loan Scheme and JFPR Grant (Japan Fund for prosperous and Resilient Asia and the Pacific)
  - The project implemented to develop the tea industry through economic empowerment of small and medium scale estates owners who contribute 75% of tea production in Sri

Lanka is being implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Plantation, the Sri Lanka Tea Board, the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority and 13 qualified financial institutions to meet the short and long term financial requirements for the components of infilling, tea replanting, new planting, irrigation, nursery development and mechanization.

- The ADB and JFPR funded project has been initiated to introduce the mobile application that provides technology information and the mobile application that facilitates the tea entrepreneurs to connect to the market and various services, using information and communication technology to strengthen the tea value chain.

❖ **Policy decisions made for the enhancement of the sector in the year 2024**

i. Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to enter into an agreement in principle to provide a subsidy of Rs.4,000.00 for a 50Kg bag of chemical fertilizer to all tea growers through providing an amount of Rs.02 billion from the capital fund of the Sri Lanka Tea Board to the government owned fertilizer company, the State Fertilizer Company Limited. At present, the fertilizer is being distributed to tea growers under the concessionary system.
ii. The Cabinet Memorandum was drafted and submitted to the National Planning Department to obtain Cabinet approval for the Plantation Policy completed in the *Plantation* Division, and it is expected to submit the Plantation Policy to the Cabinet of Ministers for approval.

❖ **Special projects proposed to be implemented for the development of the tea sector in the year 2025**

i. Carrying out activities as per the strategic plan prepared for the next five years to overcome the challenges faced by the tea industry.

ii. Establishing a common structure with the membership of tea land owners organized according to the location of tea small holdings and medium-scale estates and forming societies by mobilizing the tea growers who supply green leaf to each factory.

iii. Conducting programmes for granting incentives to stakeholders including growers, producers and exporters engaged in the sector while maintaining consistent quality and good practices in production.

iv. Preparation of a ten-year road map for the entire plantation sector in collaboration with UNIDO.

v. Conducting a survey to identify the spread of roundworm disease (Nematoda pest) in tea growing areas around Balangoda area.

vi. Conducting a programme for certification of planting material of tea plants.

- **Rubber and Cinnamon Sector**

  - Formulation of new Cinnamon Development Act - The Ministry and the Department of Cinnamon Development to provide relevant observations for amendments by the Legal Draftsman.
  - In line with the EU Deforestation – Free Regulation - EUDR), to carry out awareness measures for exporters at the ministerial level and to provide necessary facilities for the same.
  - Imlementing the project initiated jointly by the Rubber Development Department and the Department of Agrarian Development under the guidance of the Ministry of Plantation for digitalization of the rubber lands required for the development of the rubber sector.
  - Participation in the programmes organized by the Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC) and providing necessary support to its activities.
  - Coordinating activities related to local supply of necessary raw materials for the rubber-based products manufacturing companies registered with the Export Development Board.
  - Reviewing the Rubber Industry Master Plan and implementing the identified projects on priority basis. Accordingly, implementing the following projects in the year 2024.
    i. Establishing rubber new planting in Monaragala, Ampara and Badulla districts.
    ii. Redirecting the mature rubber lands to tapping in Ratnapura and Kegalle districts where tapping has been abandoned.
    iii. Implementing strategic plans to avoid damages caused by wild animals for rubber new planting in Pannalagama (South) area of Ampara district.
  - Implementation of the Capacity Building Project (RIVER Project) for 6,000 Rubber Smallholders Rubber Development Officers' Divisions of Badalkumbura and Medagama in Monaragala district. The project implemented in collaboration with KSAPA and Micheling Lanka (Pvt) Ltd in France as a grant of the Government of France has already initiated training sessions for rubber smallholders under the implementation phase.

- **Coconut Sector**

  - Preparation of a 10-year road map, including the entire value chain from the grower to the exporter, specifying their role and responsibilities enabling to obtain maximum benefits from the coconut sector.
  - Regulating the role of the Coconut Research Institute and the Coconut Cultivation Board in relation to the control of Weligama Loconut Leaf Wilt Disease.
  - Preparing a joint programme with all related parties to reduce diseases and pest damages and wild animal damages in coconut cultivation.
  - Carrying out activities with the International Coconut Community (ICC) and coordinating activities related to holding the 60th Session of the International Coconut Community in the year 2024.
  - Preparing a programme in collaboration with those institutions related to the development of Kithul and Palmyrah industries.

- ❖ Necessary actions are being taken to obtain Geographical Indication (GI) System certification for King Coconuts.

- ❖ A Cabinet Memorandum on "Taking measures to safeguard the Domestic Coconut Oil Industry" has been submitted. In terms of its approval,
  - Testing the quality of the domestic coconut oil products by the testing laboratories of the Coconut Development Authority. As well, arrangements are being made to introduce them to the market with a logo as CDA approved domestic coconut oil after obtaining the quality certifications recommended by the Coconut Development Authority for the above coconut oil factories.

  - A draft gazette on Regulatinf the import of coconut based products has been submitted to the Legal Draftsman. In addition, the following 4 drafts are also expected to be prepared and submitted for approval.
    - I. Coconut and coconut based products: Registration of new manufacturers and new millers.
    - II. Coconut and coconut based products: Annual renewal of registration and cancellation of the registration of manufacturers and millers.
    - III. Granting licenses to coconut and coconut based products exporters and cancellation and suspension of licenses.
    - IV. Determination of quality standards of coconut and coconut based products.

- **Planning Division**

  - ❖ Preparation of Ministry Publications.
    - Performance Report of the Ministry -2023 was prepared and submitted to table it in Parliament.
    - Preparation of Statistical Manual 2022 containing data on plantation sector.

  - ❖ Formulation of Action Plans
    - Formulation of the Ministry Action Plan 2024 and revised Action Plan.
    - Formulation of Action Plans and revised Action Plans of the development projects of the Ministry for which provisions are directly allocated.
    - Reviewing Action Plans of the affiliated institutions and undertaking operational activities of the progress of implementation.

  - ❖ Submission of Progress Reports
    - Submission of monthly reports containing the progress of the projects for which provisions were allocated in the plantation sector to other Ministries and institutions.
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❖ Preparation of Weekly Review Reports on Auction Prices
- A report including auction prices of tea, coconut, rubber, cinnamon and pepper was prepared weekly and submitted.

Administration Division

❖ With the establishment of the Non-Cabinet Ministry of State Plantation Enterprises and Reforms in October 2023, in order to provide office space for them, arrangements were made to remove the Minor Crops Development Division housed in Wing 3C, Sethsiripaya Stage II from that Wing and provide it to the Non-Cabinet Ministry of State Plantation Enterprises and Reforms and necessary arrangements were made to reorganize the internal partitions and provide office spaces for the placement of the Minor Crops Development Division in Wing 2C and in turn, to keep the office running smoothly.

❖ Due to the vacancies prevailed in the approved cadre of drivers and Karyala Karya Sahayaka for the Plantation Industry Division, actions were taken to conduct interviews for 09 drivers and 12 Karyala Karya Sahayaka in collaboration with the Department of Multi-Purpose Development Task Force and to recruit 07 drivers and 06 Karyala Karya Sahayaka.

❖ Efforts are being made to provide the services of the Ministry and the institutions coming thereunder speedily and more efficiently while Continuously implementing the Process Re-Engineering programme.

❖ Actions were taken to address the land issues while properly maintaining the land unit established in the Administration Division for land-related matters in respect of acquisition and release of lands.

❖ Since the services of an IT Assistant Director have been received for the Ministry staff in the year 2024 to create an information technology-based working environment within the Ministry, information technology related activities were carried out in a comprehensive manner.

Plantation Management Monitoring division

- Progress of lease rental collection of Plantation companies as at 31.12.2024

No.	Decription	Amount (Rs.Mn.)
01	Estimated Lease Rental to be collected from regional plantation companies for the financial year 2024	2,257.51
02	Arreas of lease rental for the previous years recovered in 31.12.2024	260.64
03	Lease rental for the year 2024 collected up to 31.12.2024	1,772.60
	Total lease rental collected up to 31.12.2024	**2,033.24**

Internal Audit Division

- 04 management audit committee meetings were held in the year 2024

- The number of audit reports made in relation to the activities of the Ministry is 12.

- The number of investigations and audit reports issued in relation to the activities of the institutions affiliated to the Ministry is as follows

Institute	No of Audit/ Investigations	
	Audit Reports	Investigation Reports
Tea Small Holdings Development Authority	01	-
Sri Lanka Cashew Co-operation	02	-
Tea Small Holdings Development Authority	01	-
Palmyrah Development Board	02	-
Coconut Development Authority	01	-
Coconut Cultivation Board	02	-
Kapruka Fund	02	-
Total	**11**	-

Finance Divison

Financial Progress as at 31.12.2024

Description	Category	Approved Provisions (Rs. Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)	Bills in Hand (Rs.Mn.)
Minister's Office	Capital	6.00	3.91	-
	Recurrent	36.62	23.25	-
Ministry (Administration)	Capital	41.00	22.79	-
	Recurrent	1,016.99	832.24	-

Description	Category	Approved Provisions (Rs. Mn.)	Imprest Received (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)	Bills in Hand (Rs.Mn.)
Special Projects (Including foreign Funded projects)	Capital Expenditure	2,185.26	1,498.87	1,498.87	-
	Recurrent Expenditure	13.00	9.62	9.62	-
Affiliated Institutions (Including Departments)	Capital Expenditure	1310.00	1,258.59	1,258.59	-
	Recurrent Expenditure	2,748.26	2,710.67	2,710.67	23.31

Submission of Cabinet Papers for Performance of the Plantation Sector and Progress as at 31.12.2024

No.	Name of the Cabinet Paper	Decision	Progress
Cabinet Memoranda on Tea Development and Plantation Policies			
27/2024	Providing a fertilizer subsidy to tea growers for rehabilitation of tea cultivation.	Approval has been granted to implement the proposals (3.1) to (3.4) in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum. Further, approval has been granted to direct the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Plantation Industries to give due consideration to the matters stated in the final paragraph of the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies in this regard and pursue action accordingly.	An amount of Rs.360.78 million has been paid to the State Fertilizer Company Limited as at 27.09.2024 to provide fertilizer subsidies to the tea growers. (The total amount paid as at 08.10.2024 is Rs. 538.78 million).

29/2024	Improving the yield and quality of Tea in Sri Lanka.	Approval has been granted to submit a comprehensive Project Report with the information on the scope, method of implementation, financial requirement and supervision and operation pertaining to the proposals referred to in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum, to the Department of National Planning for appraisal, as stated in the final paragraph of the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies in this regard and to submit a fresh Cabinet Memorandum based on the recommendations submitted by the Department of National Planning, to the Cabinet through the Minister, for consideration.	In terms of the Cabinet Decision, the Sri Lanka Tea Board has been informed to submit a detailed report including information on the relevant scope, implementation method, financial requirement and monitoring and guidance as per the format of the Department of National Planning and the report required for the purpose is being prepared by the Sri Lanka Tea Board.
22/2024	Introducing Membership of Professional Tea Tasters.	It was considered along with the observations of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, the Secretary has been directed to give due consideration to the matters stated in the said observations and pursue action accordingly.	This Cabinet Memorandum has been submitted to the Cabinet Office on 06.09.2024 and due to the cabinet reshuffle, arrangements are being made to submit the revised Cabinet Memorandum signed by the new Minister.
32/2024	Obtaining a Long-Term Lease Agreement – Southern Provincial Advisory and Extension Centre (Kottawa) of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka.	The proposals of the Cabinet Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Policy Formulation, Planning and Tourism. To grant approval to provide the plots of land stated in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum, to the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka	The Tea Research Institute has been informed about the Cabinet Decision.

		on long term lease basis and on preferential basis as specified in the Land Order 199, to operate the Southern Provincial Advisory and Extension Centre of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka, for a period agreed upon by both parties, subject to adopting the relevant legal provisions and the Secretary to the Ministry has been instructed to direct the Chairman and the Board of Directors of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka, to give due consideration to the matters stated in the final paragraph of the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Policy Formulation, Planning and Tourism in this regard and take necessary action accordingly.	
37/2024	Providing relief to the parties to whom the factories of the Tea Shakthi Fund were leased out and the management was assigned, due to the prevailing economic crisis.	Approval has been grant to amend the section stated under No.05 of the Lease Agreements/Management Agreements entered into with the external parties who have been assigned the 12 Factories, Mawarala Estate and Fertilizer Warehouse of the Tea Shakthi Fund, by incorporating the provisions stated under sub-paragraph 3.1 in paragraph 3 of the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Policy Formulation, Planning and Tourism, instead of pursuing action as proposed in sub-paragraph 3.1 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum. Further, the Secretary has been direct to take note of the matters stated under the respective paragraphs of the	The Tea Development and Policy Division has been made aware of the Cabinet Decision.

		observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Development, policy Formulation, Planning and Tourism regrading the proposals in sub-paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum and pursue action accordingly and the Secretary has been authorized to pursue action as proposed in sub-paragraph 3.4 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum.	
05/2024	Annual Report 2015 - Tea Shakthi Fund	Approval has been granted to present the Annual Report in Parliament.	The Annual Report has been presented in Parliament.
19/2024	Hosting the 60th International Coconut Community (ICC) Session and Ministerial Meeting in Sri Lanka in the year 2024.	It was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies and the Minister of Foreign Affairs. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval to host the 60th International Coconut Community (ICC) Session and Ministerial Meeting in Colombo in November 2024 as proposed in sub-paragraph 3.1 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum, without causing a burden to the General Treasury.	The conference was successfully held from 25th to 28th November 2024.
23/2024	Seeking approval to sign an Agreement between the International Centre for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF) and the Department of Export Agriculture on Equipment- Assignment	The Cabinet Paper was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and approval has been granted to sign the Equipment Assignment Agreement, attached as Annex-2 to the Memorandum, between the International Centre for Research in Agroforestry and the Department of Export Agriculture. Further, the	The Agreement on Equipment-Assignment was signed on 04th September 2024.

		Secretary has been instructed to direct the Director General, Department of Export Agriculture, to give due consideration to the matters stated in the final paragraph of the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies in this regard and pursue action accordingly.	
01/2024	Annual Report 2022 – National Institute of Plantation Management	Approval has been granted to present the Annual Report in Parliament.	The Annual Report have been presented in Parliament.
Cabinet Memoranda on Rubber and Cinnamon			
06/2024	Amendments to the Rubber Control Act, No.11 of 1956	Approval has been granted to publish the Rubber Control (Amendment) Bill attached as Annex-01 to the Memorandum, in the Government Gazette and to present the said Bill published in the Government Gazette as per (i) above, thereafter in Parliament approval	Since the documents have to be forwarded to the Office of the Leader of the House with the signature of the present Minister, Hon. Samantha Vidyarathna, arrangements are being made for the purpose.
21/2024	Granting permission to Technically Specified Rubber Factories in Sri Lanka to import Cup Lumps under the Scheme for Temporary Import for Export Processing (TIEP)	Cabinet Paper No.24/1378/612/059, the Memorandum dated 11.06.2024 was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval to the proposals (1) and (II) in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum, subject to taking action as stated in the said observations.	As per the observations made in terms of the Cabinet Decision, the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure is in the process of contracting with the technically specified industrialists.

40/2024	Appointment of a Competent Authority to Sri Lanka Rubber Manufacturing and Export Corporation Ltd.	After discussion, it was decided to direct the Secretary to give due consideration to the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Development. Policy Formulation, Planning and Tourism and accordingly, take necessary action without delay.	Approval has been received for the proposals in the Cabinet Memorandum.
Cabinet Memoranda on Coconut			
31/2024	Taking measures to safeguard the Domestic Coconut Oil Industry.	After discussion, approval has been granted to pursue action as proposed in sub-paragraphs 31 and 3.2 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum, to take into consideration the matters stated in paragraphs 3.3 and 3.5 in the observations submitted by the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security pertaining to the proposals in sub-paragraphs 3.3 and 3.5 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum and pursue action accordingly and to pursue action as stated in the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies pertaining to the proposal in sub-paragraph 3.4 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum.	Actions are being taken to make an arrangements to test the quality of the products by the testing laboratories of the Coconut Development Authority and after obtaining the quality certifications recommended by the Coconut Development Authority for the coconut oil factories, introducing them to the market with a logo as CDA approved domestic coconut oil.
08/2024	Annual Report 2022 – Coconut Research Institue	Approval has been granted to present the Annual Report in Parliament.	The Annual Report have been presented in Parliament.
Cabinet Memoranda on Minor Export Crops			
07/2024	Importing Cashew Nuts in Shell for Domestic Consumption		Approval has been granted to import 545.69 mt. of cashew nuts in shell during the period from December 2023 to 30th June 2024.
09/2024	Seeking approval to conduct the International	Approval has been granted to hold the 52nd International	The conference was successfully held

	Conference conducted annually by the International Pepper Community (IPC) in Sri Lanka in the year 2024.	Conference of the International Pepper Community in Sri Lanka in year 2024 and to the proposals (3.2) and (3.3) in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum.	from 25th to 28th November 2024.
18/2024	Granting a grace period to import shelled cashew from 30.04.2024 to 30.06.2024 for importers who obtained approval to import shelled cashew for local consumption.	Cabinet Paper No. 24/0189/612/015, the Memorandum dated 16.05.2024 was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies and it was decided to grant approval to pursue action as stated in sub-paragraph 3.1 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum, subject to taking action as stated in the said observations.	Approval has been granted to import 459.69 mt. of cashew nuts in shell during the period from December 2023 to June 2024.
25/2024	Seeking approval to import Raw Ginger for domestic industry requirement.	The Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. The Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Plantation Industries and the Secretary, Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Food Security have been directed to take necessary action to submit the relevant Report as directed in paragraph (ii) of the Cabinet decision dated 2024-07-15 on CP No.24/1335/610/051, to the Cabinet through their Ministers as a Joint Memorandum without delay, giving due consideration to the proposals in the above Memorandum and the matters stated in the observations dated 2024-07-29 submitted by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies thereon.	The necessary funds have been directed to the Ministry to carry out this import process and the Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation is working on this process.

33/2024	Recommendations for Domestic Ginger Production and Price Regulation.	Approval has been granted to the proposals (3.1), (3.2), (3.3) referred to in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum and to pursue action as stated in the recommendation (2) of the report given in the Annex. Approval has been granted to direct the Secretary to take necessary steps to implement a Comprehensive Programme to promote a sustainable domestic production of ginger for the period of 2025 – 2030 as stated in the final paragraph of the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies.	The necessary data for carrying out this import process has been submitted to the Ministry of Finance, and the Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation is working on this process.
14/2024	Annual Report 2019 – Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation	Approval has been granted to present the Annual Report in Parliament.	The Annual Report have been presented in Parliament.
15/2024	Annual Report 2020 – Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation	Approval has been granted to present the Annual Report in Parliament.	The Annual Report have been presented in Parliament.
Cabinet Memoranda on Establishment Matters			
04/2024	Appointment of Mr. C.C. Muhandiramge, Special Grade Officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service to the Post of Director General of the Rubber Development Department.	After discussion, it was decided to appoint Mr. C.C. Muhandiramge presently serving as the Additional Secretary (Rubber and Cinnamon Development) of the Ministry of Plantation Industries, to the post of Director General of the Rubber Development Department, with immediate effect.	Mr. C.C. Muhandiramge has been appointed to the post of Director General of the Rubber Development Department with effect from 31.01.2021.
16/2024	Appointment of Dr. (Mrs.) V. R. M. Vidhanaarachchi to the Post of Head of the Tissue Culture Division, Coconut Research Institute, on a contract basis.	Approval has been granted to re-employ Dr. (Mrs.) V. R. M. Vidhanaarachchi in the said post on a contract basis for a period of one year with immediate effect and to pay her a monthly allowance equivalent to her salary drawn as at the date of retirement and to provide other facilities entitled to the post.	Dr. (Mrs.) V. R. M. Vidhanaarachchi has been appointed to the Post of Head of the Tissue Culture Division, Coconut Research Institute, for a period of one year (on contract basis) with effect from 13.06.2024.

26/2024	Re-employment of Dr. K.M. Mohotti, former Director of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka, in the said Post on contract basis, beyond the age of retirement.	Since the compulsory retirement age of employees of State Owned Enterprises is 60 years as per the Public Enterprises Circular No. 06/2022 dated 06.10.2022, approval has been granted to pursue action on the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies that as stated in the Cabinet Memorandum, it will be a wrong precedent for the public service to consider only each officer and take action deviating the government general policy on retirement and therefore, to immediately recruit a suitable officer to the post of Director as per the Scheme of Recruitment and until then, to manage by appointing a senior official of the Line Ministry of the Tea Research Institute to the post on acting basis.	Based on the Cabinet Decision, applications were invited and an interview was held on 06.09.2024 after publishing a newspaper advertisement for the appointment of an officer for the post of Director. However, an officer is not recruited on permanent basis and the duties are covered by an officer .
30/2024	Appointment of a Competent Authority to the Thurusaviya Fund.		The Cabinet Office has informed that the Cabinet Memorandum has not been discussed by the Cabinet of Ministers.

Progress of Affiliated Institutions under the purview of the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure
Plantation Sector
Tea, Rubber Plantation And Company Estates Reforms Division

Vision

A prosperous economy by securing tea rubber and coconut plantations.

Mission

Extending support for increasing the productivity,profitability and sustainability of the plantation industry by protecting tea,rubber,and coconut estates.

- **Receiving Applications as at 2024.12.31**

Description	No
Applications received	845
No of board of director meetings held	12
Applications submitted to the board of directors	642
Applications approved by the board of directors	590
Applications rejected	5
Applications decided to submit for field inspections /legal advice	31
No of applications not applicable to the Act	16

- **District wise Received Applications (from 2024.01.01 to 2024.12.31)**

Description	No
Kurunegala district	294
Puttalam district	238
Gampaha district	129
All other districts except for above districts	184
Total Applications Received	845
Applications incomplete & referred to obtain reports	207
No of applications not required to transfer	7
Total Applications Received	**845**

- **Land Unit wise Received Applications**

No of aaplications recievd	Method of Transfer	Extent of land applied			Extent of land approved		
		Acres.	Roods	Perch	Acres	Acres	Roods
115	Single Units	1,492	03	35.55	1,051	01	4.30
146	Bank Mortage	2,705	00	12.40	2,318	00	30.51
584	Other Transfers	8,440	03	32.75	5,461	00	33.07
845	**Total**	**12,639**	**00**	**0.7**	**8,830**	**02**	**27.88**

- **Crop wise Received Applications**

No.of applications from 2024.01.01 to 2024.12.31				
Crop	No.of applications	Extent of land (applied)		
		Roods	Roods	Perch
Coconut	640	9,345	00	7.97
Rubber	38	529	00	16.12
Tea	39	953	01	11.82
Other	128	1,811	02	4.79
Total no. of applications	**845**	**12,639**	**00**	**0.7**

SRI LANKA TEA BOARD

VISION

To position Ceylon Tea as the "most aspired beverage" in the global market

MISSION

To increase the foreign exchange earnings to the country through sustainable development of the industry and thereby ensuring the economic development of the plantation community

- **Financial Targets for year 2025**

Generated Funds

S.N	Program	Estimated amount (Rs.Mn)
01	Capital Expenditure	1,204.24
02	Recurrent Expenditure	670.02

❖ Promotion and Marketing Levy

03	Development Expenditure (Fertilizer Subsidy and TRI Project)	1,807.33
04	Tea Promotion Expenditure	1,710.00

❖ **Physical targets for 2025 (Projects and Programs expected to be implemented)**

S.N	Program	Unit	Target	Total Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)
01	Financial Assistance to factories and Dealers to provide plastic crates and Indian bags	Plastic crates	7,000	35.00
		Bags	43,750	
02	Financial Assistance to Direct Planting program following hedge row system	Tea Plants	1,000,000	60.00
03	Financial Assistance for Smart Plucking teams and renting machineries	Teams	35	35.00
04	New Tea Nursery Project (plant 50,000 Nurseries) Stage- 03,(Started in year 2024)	No of Nurseries	70	17.50
05	Financial Assistance for Tea Roller Dryer of Artisanal Tea Factories	No Machines	25	5.00
06	Subsidy scheme for Participation for Trade fairs	Trade fairs	10	100.00
07	5% incentive scheme for value added teas(less 3kg)	Beneficiaries	50	1,000.00

❖ **Financial Progress of Institutional Development Programs at the end of 31.12.2024**

S.No	Program	Allocated Amount for 2024 (Rs. Mn)	Amount Spent until 31.12.2024 (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress as a Percentage
01	Capital Expenditure**	2,378.34	1,132.70	47.63%
02	Recurrent Expenditure	654.77	531.80	81.22%

** This includes Rs. 600.00 million planned to be paid to the Small Tea Estate Development Authority as well as Rs. 1,200.00 million allocated for fertilizer subsidies.

❖ **Physical Progress of Development Programs at the end 2024.12.31**

S.No	Program	Allocated Amount (Rs. Mn)	Expenditure(Rs. Mn)	* Physical Progress
01	Tea Nursery Project	35.00	7.50	Rs. 35 million was allocated for completing the first phase of 70 nurseries, and payments have been made for completing the first phase of 30 nurseries
02	Direct Planting Project	80.00	50.13	Payments have been made for 78.01 hectares.
03	Infilling subsidy scheme (Old Project)	30.00	18.52	Payments have been made for 46.64 hectares.
04	4.1 Tea land Mechanization project (Old)	10.00	15.17	Payments have been made for 81.77 hectares
	4.2 Tea land Mechanization Project (New)	20.00	14.53	Payments have been made for 67.25 hectares.
05	Tea Factory Modernization Project	25.00	5.36	Payments have been made for 13 tea factories.

- **Special Projects/Activities Proposed to be implemented for Development of the industry in 2025**

  ❖ Formation of smart tea plucker groups and provision of machinery on rental basis.

  The project has been initiated to establish factory-based skilled leaf plucker groups and promote mechanization in tea cultivation. The program aims to minimize the impact on the industry due to the shortage of skilled workers and address the departure of new workforce from the industry, which are identified as major challenges in the tea sector. Through this initiative, it is expected to establish 35 trained groups initially, while simultaneously introducing mechanization through equipment rental services. This comprehensive approach tackles both the immediate labor shortage and supports long-term industry modernization, ensuring sustainable tea production practices.

- Brand Promotion Subsidy (2025/2026)
  A financial subsidy of 50% will be provided to tea exporters for promoting tea products carrying the Lion Logo brand. This is planned to be implemented as a biennial project for 2025/2026, and Cabinet approval for the project is pending.

- 5% Incentive Scheme for Value-Added Tea
  This incentive scheme aims to promote the export of value-added tea products, with payments based on growth in value-added tea export earnings. An allocation of Rs. 1,000.00 million has been set aside for this project in 2025, and Cabinet approval is expected to be obtained for the relevant year.

- Implementation of Next Gen Tea Leaders Project for Developing New Tea Entrepreneurs:

  This project has been designed to attract the younger generation to the plantation industry and provide them with professional guidance about the tea industry. The program is planned to be implemented in collaboration with industry experts, including the National Institute of Plantation Management, Tea Research Institute, planters, and tea factory operators.

- "Tea Innovation Program" planned to encourage new innovations in the tea sector

  This project is designed to open new production paths beyond traditional tea exports and introduce them as good business utilization opportunities. The project is planned to be implemented across various sectors including tea factories, tea packaging, tea products at the field level.

Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka

VISION

To achieve excellence in tea research and to provide technological guidance to the tea industry, in order to make Sri Lankan tea the most preferred tea in the world, at a competitive price.

MISSION

To generate and transfer scientific knowledge and technologies appropriate for the stakeholders to improve productivity and quality of Sri Lankan tea in a most profitable manner.

- **Financial Targets for Year 2025**

No.	R&D Programme	Estimated Cost (Rs. Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	22.70
02	Recurrent Expenditure	202.00

- **Physical Targets for the year 2025 (R&D programmes)**

No.	Program	Target	Estimated Cost (Rs. Mn.)
01	Investigation on bio-char complex enriched with nano-particles and their effects on tea plant growth and soil quality	20%	17.2
02	Use of bio-char as a soil amendment to improve and restore soil health and productivity and a nature-based solution [NBS] and a strategy for climate change mitigation in tea planation	20%	26.60
03	Development of plant-based products on improving short-term drought tolerance in tea plant	25%	18.00
04	Sri Lanka tea entrepreneur and innovation hub: empowering market driven product development and commercialization	Research Proposal was submitted to KOICA, for financial assistance.	
05	Establishment of sectorial pesticide reference laboratory for method development, pesticide residue estimation and export facilitation	Research Proposal was submitted through the Line Ministry to the World Bank for financial assistance.	

- **Financial Progress as at 31.12.2024 (Rs. Mn)**

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<tr><th colspan="2">Description</th><th>Approved (Rs. Mn)</th><th>Expenditure as at 31.12.2024 (Rs. Mn)</th><th>Financial Progress (%)</th></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Treasury Funds</td><td>Recurrent Expenditure</td><td>449.43</td><td>448.72</td><td>99.84%</td></tr>
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Note:

* The approved amount of the funds were not received as at 31.12.2024

- **Physical progress of the Research and Development Projects of the Year 31 December 2024**

❖ **Evaluation of developed accessions/cultivars and distribution of seeds and cuttings**

- Three cultivars of TRI 5000 series (TRI 5002, TRI 5005 and TRI 5006) yield of 3500 kg of tea per hectare per year with high quality and tolerance to drought, blister blight and parasitic nematodes were recommended for the Uva tea growing region. Arrangements were made to establish mother bushes of new cultivars for commercial distribution of planting materials among tea growers. Establishment of 14 hectares of mother bush project is on progressing and, maintaining and issuing of shoots from already established 22 hectares of mother bush sites with new tea cultivars were continued.

- Establishment of 15 new seed gardens with 7.5 hectares, maintaining and issuing of seeds from already established seed gardens, maintenance of two gene banks at Talawakelle and Rathnapura and establishment of a mechanism for production and distribution of planting materials were continued. It is expected to issue seeds from these seed gardens for the 10 hectare plantation per year.

❖ **Research and development activities related to the Land productivity improvement**

- Experiments were conducted to study yield response of mature tea to slow-release fertilizer produced by the Sri Lanka Institute of Nano Technology (SLINTEC). After obtaining growers’ comments, results were submitted to the Technology Release Committee (TRC) of TRI for final approval before recommendation.

- Studies were in progress for the use of Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobacteria (PGPR) mixed cultures for tea in the Mid-Country and Low-Country with a view to promoting production of bio-organic and mineral compound fertilizers.

- Research is being conducted covering aspects such as the need for Dolomite application for better growth of mature tea in various soil categories in tea growing regions, comparing and evaluating the impact on soil pH, and assessing the effects on the tea yield.

- Studies were conducted to introduce a fertilizer mixture based on the number of micronutrients contained in the soil, along with studies on the structure of tea roots, nutrient absorption, and the impact on tea plant growth.

- With a view to increasing productivity and profitability by popularizing tea replanting with a shorter rehabilitation period or direct planting, laboratory facilities were expanded for Soil Quality Index (SQI) analysis.

- Development of appropriate shade management strategies for different tea growing regions and evaluation of shade tree species, development of shade management and pest/disease management strategies were carried out during the period under review.

❖ **Recommendation for minimizing impacts of climate change**

- 21 Automated weather stations were established covering all tea growing regions to collect accurate weather data and is expected to process and forecast the data to the stakeholders.

- Studies were carried out in collaboration with University of Peradeniya, University of Bristol and the Royal Botanic Gardens in the United Kingdom to assess the effects of drought on tea, the methods to be used to identify suitable varieties.

❖ **Mechanization of field operations**

- The development of a selective tea harvesting machine and the study of the impact of newly introduced machines on cultivation were carried out under a special project. Prototype was developed and testing was conducted at the Rathnapura and Talawakelle. Improvements to this machine were on progressing. An application has been submitted to the intellectual property office to obtain patent.

- Studies were continued to evaluate cultivar characteristics of tea suitable for mechanical harvesting and to test of foliar micro nutrient mixtures for improving yield of mechanically harvested tea in Low-Country and Uva regions.

❖ **Biological approaches for crop management**

- Management of pests, diseases and weeds under sustainable organic and low input agricultural systems and evaluation and validation of biological control of pests / diseases and weeds were carried out.

- Studies were carried out on development of integrated pest and disease management strategies to control pest and diseases, use of synthetic fungicides, residue testing in the use of nano-copper and identification and quantification of efficacy of hexaconazole.

- Microbial processing laboratory was established at TRI, Talawakelle for the production of bio-pesticides and promotion / commercialization of bio-pesticides works continued during the period.

❖ **Research and development activities on improvements of tea factory operations and machinery**
  - Research and development for optimizing machinery and processing methods to reduce the energy cost in tea manufacturing in TRI owned tea factories.

  - Necessary action was being taken to collaborate with Engineering Firms to conduct the projects on improvement to tea dying in fluid bed dryer and improvement to rolling tea in orthodox roller.

❖ **Development / evaluation of alternative energy sources in tea processing**
  - System modification to existing furnace was conducted to reduce energy cost and comparison of drying cost was made.

❖ **Value addition and new product development in tea**
  - The Sri Lanka Tea Research Institute has established a Tech-Transfer Office (TTO) with the aim of facilitating institutional innovation. Through this office, efforts have been made to secure patents for innovations, encourage scientists to engage in innovative activities, and guide the process of transitioning these innovations to commercial-scale production. Accordingly, an Institutional Intellectual Property (IP) Policy has been formulated to ensure the validation and protection of intellectual property within the organization.

  - Two patents have been secured for institutional innovations, and during this period, an agreement has been finalized with a private company for the commercialization of "tea wine." In addition, steps have been initiated to commercialize other innovations, including tea protein, tea sauce, and a specialized tea-drying unit designed for specialty/artisanal tea production requirements.

  - As part of collaborative projects, procurement processes have been initiated for the commercialization of five projects; on tea processing machinery / system improvements/ modifications / installations and commercialization.
    - ➢ Developing a dust removing system to improve the working environment in factories that produce Orthodox-Rotorvane teas.
    - ➢ Development of monitoring and controlling method for rolling parameters for orthodox roller
    - ➢ Development of control system to optimize energy efficiency in steam boilers and Hot Water Generators in tea factories
    - ➢ Improvement/modification/ installation and commercialization of woodchip feeding system to Air heater-dryer in tea factories

- Improvement/modification/ installation and commercialization of miniature drier especially designed for Artisanal/ specialty tea manufacturing

- An updated application for a joint patent titled "A process for enhancing encapsulation of aroma compounds contributing to the flavor and aroma of made tea" has been submitted to the Intellectual Property Office to obtain the patent.

- A patent application for the Selective Tea Harvester, developed by the Agronomy Division, has been submitted to the Intellectual Property Office to obtain the patent.

- **Socio-economic and resource planning**
  - Studies on socio-economic measures to overcome the existing labour scarcity in tea growing regions, tea-based land classification by modelling dynamic changes of tea lands in tea growing regions, classifying land suitable for tea planting, identifying models for optimal labour deployment, and assessing the impacts of producing innovations-based tea products, studies for identifying socio-economic problems associated with the tea industry were continued.

  - Preliminary studies have been conducted to evaluate the impact of product innovation on the performance of Sri Lanka's tea industry**,** with reference to practices in Japan. This includes studies on artisanal/specialty teas and has resulted in the first detailed analysis of Sri Lanka's specialized and innovative teas**,** offering insights into their unique characteristics and market potential.

- **Research based knowledge, technology and services to tea growers and industry stakeholders via digital platforms**
  - The Advisory and Extension Division of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka, along with Regional Advisory and Extension Centers, has conducted the following activities to support tea growers during the year:
    - 260 training programmes, 23 conferences, exhibitions, workshops, and seminars, 67 advisory and extension visits and 1,218 reports issued based on the field visits, 36 mobile analytical service reports were provided.
    - Recorded mobile SMS services were provided to 1,944 farmers.
    - The Tea Advisory App has gained 2,380 users, while stakeholders were reached through social media platforms such as WhatsApp groups, the Facebook page (with 7,000 users), and the Tea Research Institute’s website (visited by 21,555 users). These efforts aim to effectively disseminate knowledge and provide accessible resources to enhance productivity and innovation in the tea sector.

  - In line with the Centenary Celebrations of the Tea Research Institute, the official YouTube channel, has been launched (featuring 10 videos).

- Total number of analysis performed on soil pH and carbon during the period under review were 28601 and 5510 respectively. 49 advisory visits to tea factories, and calibration of 22 moisture meters were done. In addition, testing of 10 black tea samples for chemical parameter analysis, 10 black tea samples for catechin and 06 black tea samples for Polyphenol analysis was carried out.

- Analysis of soil, leaf, fertilizer and organic manure samples by SPND laboratories at Talawakelle, Hantana, Ratnapura and Walahanduwa during the period under review were 9273, 250, 1161, and 159 respectively.

❖ **Training programmes on Tea Processing**

- The Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka conducted two training programmes this year to provide scientific background and practical knowledge to owners of large- and medium-scale tea factories and individuals involved in related professions within the tea processing.

- Based on case studies and discussions, information was gathered from small- and medium-scale artisanal/specialty tea producers to identify their needs. Six training programmes were conducted at Talawakelle, Ratnapura, Hantana, Kalutara, Deniyaya, and Passara**,** offering foundational scientific knowledge required for artisanal/specialty tea production.

❖ **TRI Advisory Circulars / Recommendations/ Guidelines and Publications**

- **Advisory Circulars:** Revised 24 Advisory Circulars, 02 Guidelines has been issued and translations of the same into Sinhala and Tamil were on progressing.

- **Publications:** 02 edited publications, 03 tri-language booklets and 12 technical leaflets were published.

- **Scientific Journal Publications / Conference and Symposium Presentations:** 10 Local and 14 International journal publications, contribution for 02 internationally published book chapters, 04 nationally published book chapters, 32 presentations in the national level research conferences were reported during the year.

National and International Collaborative Projects

❖ **Internationally collaborative projects**

- A project funded by the International Atomic Energy Authority (IAEA), Vienna on “Supporting genetic improvement of tea” was continued and somatic embryos and seeds obtained from 03 cultivars were exposed to gamma rays and multiplications of populations monitored in collaboration with the Horticulture Crop Research Institute, (HORDI) Gannoruwa.

- Studies were carried out in collaboration with University of Peradeniya, University of Bristol and the Royal Botanic Gardens in the United Kingdom to assess the effects of drought on tea, the methods to be used to identify suitable varieties.

- The collaborative research project between the Agricultural Economics Division and the University of Michigan, USA, focuses on exploring alternative mechanisms to address the shortage of skilled labor in Sri Lankan tea plantations.

- The collaborative project conducted with ETH Zurich University in Switzerland involves a comparative study on nitrogen levels in the lands of smallholder tea estate owners.

❖ **Nationally Collaborative Projects**

- A project funded by the National Research Council (NRC) and the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP), focusing on studying the genetic diversity of tea plants older than 70 years in Sri Lanka continued. The project aims to identify genetic resources that need conservation and develop appropriate conservation strategies.

- A randomized controlled trial on the study on investigating the effects of consuming black tea and value-added black tea on blood lipid levels in individuals was continued by the Biochemistry Division with funding from SLCARP.

- A collaborative research initiative of the Biochemistry Division and Process Technology Division, with Spectrify AI (Pvt) Ltd initiated on "Development and Validation of a method for assessing tea quality parameters using portable NIR spectroscopy."

❖ **Proposed R&D projects and activities to be carried out for the development of tea sector in year 2025**

- The Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka plans to continue its Research and Development projects in selected thematic areas, for the year 2025. Additionally, the Institute aims to implement projects addressing the following subject areas, aligning with demand identified globally and nationally in the tea industry and to address the demands of stakeholders involved in the tea sector:
    - ➢ Sri Lanka tea entrepreneur and innovation hub: empowering market driven product development and commercialization
    - ➢ Investigation on bio-char complex enriched with nano-particles and their effects on tea plant growth and soil quality
    - ➢ Use of bio-char as a soil amendment to improve and restore soil health and productivity and a nature-based solution [NBS] and a strategy for climate change mitigation in tea planation
    - ➢ Establishment of sectorial pesticide reference laboratory for method development, pesticide residue estimation and export facilitation

- Development of plant-based products on improving short-term drought tolerance in tea plant

- Centenary Celebrations of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka (2025)
  To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka, proposed activities and initiatives highlighting the Institutes' R&D contribution to the tea industry and tea science are listed below.
  Proposed activities are;
  - Revamping of the TRI website
  - Centenary Publications
  - International Research Symposium
  - Felicitation programme for Ex-TRI and current TRI officers
  - Public awareness programmes
  - Publicity activities
  - Face uplifting and new laboratory building proposed

TEA SMALL HOLDINGS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Vision

Creation of an economically and socially sustainable community of tea small holders.

Mission

Development of productivity and quality of the Tea small holdings sector through the provision of excellent supportive services.

- **Financial Goals for the year 2025**

No	Major Development Programs	Estimated Amount (Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	1,500.00
02	Recurring Expenditure	583.37

- **2025 Physical Goals for the year 2025 (Major programs and projects expected to be implemented)**

❖ **Tea Replanting Subsidy Scheme**

For Tea Replanting development activities, the payments will be made in 05 phases of Rupees 500,000.00 per 01 Hectare.

Program	Unit of measurement	Physical Goal (Hectares)	Total Cost (Mn.)
Program	Hectares	1,500	345.00
First Phase - Land Preparation	Hectares	348.60	17.43
Second Phase - Soil Rehabilitation I	Hectares	429.96	85.99
Third Phase - Soil Rehabilitation II	Hectares	680.96	95.33
Fourth Phase - Planting	Hectares	691.00	41.46

❖ **Tea New Planting**

For Tea New Planting activities, the payments will be made in 03 phases of Rupees 500,000.00 per 01 Hectare.

Program	Unit of measurement	Physical Goal (Hectares)	Total Cost (Million Rupees)
First Phase - Land Preparation	Hectares	680	95.20
Second Phase - Planting tea plants	Hectares	680	170.00
Third Phase - Maintenance after one year	Hectares	198	9.90

❖ **Infilling – Crop Rehabilitation**

For, a subsidy of Rupees 100.00 per plant will be paid.

Program	Unit of measurement	Goal (No. of Plants)	Total Cost (Mn.)
Stage I - Infilling	No. of plants planted	5,200,000	520.00
Stage II - Maintenance after one year of planting tea plants (Continuation Work)	No. of plants planted in the previous year	1,213,325	30.33

- **Financial progress of 31.12.2024**

Sub No.	Program	Amount allocated for the year 2024 (Million Rupees)	Amount spent up to 31.12.2024 (Mn.)	Financial progress as a percentage
01	Capital Expenditure	550.00	503.61	91.56%
02	Recurrt Expenditure	487.81	481.95	98.80%

- **Physical progress of the development programs in the institution up to 31.12.2024**

Project	Program	Amount allocated (Million Rupees)	Amount spent (Million Rupees)	Physical Progress
Tea Replanting (Continuation work)	oil Rehabilitation I	6.55	6.322	131 Hectares
	Soil Rehabilitation II	59.60	59.60	298 Hectares
	Planting	54.32	54.32	388 Hectares
	Maintenance after one year of planting	12.36	11.51	206 Hectares

Tea Replanting (this year Planting 2024)	Number of Permits issued	-	-	1113 Permits
	Planting	105.30	104.496	190 Hectares
Infilling – Crop rehabilitation	Infilling Crop Rehabilitation -2024	110.00	109.61	2,000,000 Plants
	Phase II (Continuation Work)	5.00	5.00	200,000 Plants

❖ **Progress of special projects implemented in the year 2024 - 31.12.2024**

- As instructed by the Ministry, it is decided to distribute 10,000 Metric Tons by the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority, 10,000 Metric Tons by the Sri Lanka Tea Board, and 10,000 Metric Tons by the factories from the month of April onwards. Accordingly, the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority has planned to distribute 10,000 Metric Tons through offices in Galle, Kandy, Kaluthara, Kegalle, Nuwara Eliya, Rathnapura and Uva Wellassa.

- "A change from a green tea leaf'', the land development program implemented by the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority in collaboration with the C.I.C fertilizer company.

- This program is implemented in collaboration with the C.I.C fertilizer company with the aim of developing the lands of the tea small holders basing the regional offices of Galle, Matara and Rathnapura. It is expected to develop 4,000 tea small holdings as cultivation demonstration plots, and the extension instructions are provided by the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority and the material assistance is given by the C.I.C fertilizer company. So far, through this project, a total of 9,000 tall shade plants (Albizzia Moluccana), 3,000 plants each, were provided to farmers in Galle, Matara and Ratnapura districts.

❖ **program to increase the productivity of lands and the quality of green tea leaves with AgStar Institute**

It is planned to develop 5,000 lands by selecting 1,000 tea small holdings each from the Regional offices in Kegalle, Kalutara, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya and Uva, and arrangements have been made to basically initiate the program in the Regional office in Kegalle, Kandy and Uva.

RUBBER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Vision

To become a leading stakeholder in the plantation industry to achieve socio-economic development in Sri Lanka.

Mission

Implementation of agricultural extension services for the qualitative and quantitative development in rubber cultivation and rubber related industries in Sri Lanka in accordance with the powers and functions legally vested in the Department.

Objectives of the Department

- ❖ Increasing the productivity of the existing lands under rubber cultivation and increasing the local rubber production by increasing the extent under rubber cultivation.
- ❖ Obtaining a higher price for rubber and increasing the income of farmers by increasing the quality of rubber and rubber-related products.
- ❖ Establishing the social security through increasing the employment generation in the sector.
- ❖ Contribution to meet local timber requirement.
- ❖ Ensuring the sustainability of the cultivation to preserve the balance of the natural environment.

- **Financial Target for the Year 2025**

No.	Programme	Estimated Amount (Rs.Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	780.83
02	Recurrent Expenditure	423.97

- **Physical Target for the year 2025 (Programmes and Projects expected to be implemented)**

No.	Programme	Measuring Units	Target	Total Cost (Rs.Mn)
1	Rubber New Planting	Hectares	655	-
2	Rubber Re-Planting	Hectares	345	-
3	Production and Distribution of High Yielding Budded Rubber Plants	Plants	581,000	146.00
4	Application of Rain Guards	Hectares	1,500	60.00
5	Conducting Income Diversification Programmes.	Hectares	250	2.00
6	Payment of Remaining Subsidy Installments for New Plantings and Re-Plantings Planted in Previous Years.	Hectares	8,877	336.10
7	Providing Fertilizer Subsidy for Rubber Cultivations in the Years of 2023,2024 and 2025.	Hectares	2,810	43.00
8	Identification of Land for Expansion of Rubber Cultivation in Non-Traditional Areas.	Hectares	5,000	1.00
9	Promotional Programme, Special Workshop and Discussions.	Programmes	15	4.00
10	Conducting Training Programmes of Tappers Training, Bud graft Training, Farmers Training on RSS Production, Awareness Programme on Rubber Related Disease and Training on Fertilizer Usage.	Programmes	558	8.73
11	Extension Service, Monitoring of Licensed Rubber Dealers, Monitoring of Registered Rubber Manufacturing Factories, Monitoring of Private/Commercial Rubber Nurseries, Rehabilitation of Failed Cultivation or Recovery of Subsidy Paid, Inspection of Subsidy Payments.	Programmes	2,939	-

- **Financial Progress of the Institute's Programs up to 31.12.2024**

No.	Programme	Allocation (Rs. Mn)	Expenditure as at 31.12.2024 (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (%)
1	Capital Expenditure	546.198	539.050	99%
2	Recurrent Expenditure	427.030	396.779	93%

- **Physical Progress of the Institute's Development Programme up to 31.12.2024**

Programme	Project	Allocation (Rs. Mn)	Expenditure (Rs. Mn)	Physical Progress
Plant Production	Issuance of High Yielding Budded Rubber Plants	146.00	137.58	436,240 Plants
Expansion of Rubber Cultivation	New Planting	-	-	489.09 Hectares Planted
	Payment of Remaining Subsidy Installments for New Planting Planted in Previous Years.	62.38	80.20	Paid 2,007.32 Hectares
	Group Discussion, Awareness Programs, Workshop, Meetings, Promotions, Exhibitions and Award Ceremonies.	4.90	2.794	431 Programmes
Productivity Improvement	Re-Planting	-	-	247.79 Hectares Planted
	Payment of Remaining Subsidy Installments for Re-Planting (Smallholding) Planted in Previous Years.	135.30	99.68	Paid 2,052.45 Hectares
	Payment of Remaining Subsidy Installments for Re-Planting (Estate) Planted in Previous Years.	160.72	188.03	Paid 3,920.54 Hectares
Conducting Training Programms	Tappers Training	0.62	0.58	1,792 Persons
	Budgraft Training	0.12	0.114	209 Persons
	Nursery Development Programme	0.26	0.27	06 Programmes
Data Base Management	Rubber Land Survey	4.90	4.137	86%
Capacity Building	Conduct Training Programmes	1.00	0.99	745 Persons

- **Expected Activities for the Development of the Sector in the Year 2025**
  - Establish 655 hectares of Rubber New Planting in Smallholding Sector.
  - Establish 345 hectares of Rubber Re-Planting in Smallholding Sector.
  - Production and Issuance of 581,000 High Yielding Budded Rubber Plants.
  - Providing Subsidies for the Application of Rain Guards for Rubber Smallholdings. (1,500 Ha)
  - Implementation of Income Diversification Programmes.
  - Providing Fertilizer Subsidy for Rubber Cultivations in the Years of 2023/2024/2025 (2,810 Ha)
  - Acquisition of Geo-Coordinate and Mapping of Rubber Lands in Sri Lanka.
  - Conducting Training Programme and Extension Services.
  - Land Identification Programme for Non-Traditional Areas. (5,000 Ha)

RUBBER RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Vision

The Institute's vision is to emerge as the center of excellence in providing high-quality scientific technologies to the rubber industry.

Mission

The Institute's mission is to revitalize the rubber sector by developing economically and environmentally sustainable innovations and transferring the latest technologies to the stakeholders through training and advisory services.

Objective

To enhance the sustainable development of the rubber industry in Sri Lanka, the introduction of advanced scientific technologies and innovative research methods, aligned with the plantation sector's policies, has been pivotal. This approach enables the country's rubber industry to secure a significant market share internationally while improving the standard of living for small, medium, and large-scale rubber growers, with the assistance of the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL).

- **Financial targets for the year 2025**

No.	Programme	Estimated Amount (Rs. Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	204.05
02	Recurrent Expenditure	546.74

- **Physical goals for the year 2025 (Programs and projects expected to be implemented)**

No.	Programme	Unit of Measurement	Target	Total Cost (Rs. Mn.)
01	Studies on the biology and epidemiology of the Pestalotiopsis Leaf fall disease and to develop effective management strategies	New findings	Improving efficient disease management methods through new findings.	49.46
02	A project to enhance the productivity of small rubber growers through research and discoveries.	Number of farmers with increased productivity.	Increasing the productivity of rubber plantations of over a thousand farmers	200,000 USD

- **Financial progress as at 31.12.2024**

	Program	Allocated amount for the year 2024 (Rs. Mn.)	Expenditure Amount as at 31.12.2024 (Rs. Mn)	Financial progress as %
01	Acquisition of Capital Assets	1.75	1.75	100%
02	Development Capital	5.75	5.75	100%
03	Research and Development	22.50	22.50	100%
	Total	**30.00**	**30.00**	**100%**

- **Physical progress of development programs by end of the year 2024**

program	Project	Allocated Amount (Rs. Mn)	Expenditure (Rs. Mn)	Physical progress
Expansion of rubber cultivation to nontraditional areas	-	0.74	0.68	Studies were conducted on the scientific and socio-economic feasibility of establishing new rubber plantations in Mahawilachchiya and Mihintale areas in Anuradhapura District. Awareness programs were also being organized for farmers in these areas. Awareness and training programs on rubber cultivation and tapping were organized for farmers in the Horowpathana area of Anuradhapura District. Latex yield data were collected from mature rubber plantations in Vavuniya and Mullaitivu districts. Additionally, socio-economic and scientific factors affecting the growth of immature rubber plantations in the Eastern Province were identified.

Productivity improvement through technology development	Strategic approaches were implemented to transfer technologies developed by the RRISL to both the smallholder and estate sectors, aiming to enhance productivity. Request-based technical advisory visits were conducted to address specific needs and challenges in the rubber sector. Efforts were focused on the human resource development of stakeholders in the rubber sector while also strengthening the extension network to improve overall sector efficiency.	0.56	0.56	Rehabilitation of 82 small rubber plantations was completed, with 40 immature and 42 mature plantations following RRISL methods. Additionally, 14 model processing centers and 21 rain guard demonstration plots were established. Eight intercropped demonstration plots were created, and one processing center was constructed. Seven Group Advisory (STaPT) programs were conducted, benefiting 63 smallholders and 215 field officers. The skills of 378 rubber tappers were enhanced. A one-day smokehouse was built at the Monaragala substation, the "Kirithura" center was established, and six technical advisory video programs were shared through a YouTube channel.
Research, development and commercial introduction of low intensity harvesting strategies		1.14	1.14	Assistance have been given to 10 smallholders, and assistance was given to 12 fields for sector-specific incentives. Rubber latex sucrose analysis was analysis 08 clones and 10 genotypes, and observations were made on 315 trees for tapping analysis, 315 trees have been monitored for latex diagnosis in effected and healthy fields.

	Screening of chemicals for pest control and testing of clones for disease resistance to identify effective solutions. Studies on the biology and molecular biology of pests and biological control methods for pest management. Studies on beneficial microbiology to explore methods to promote small scale cottage industries and to strengthen the microbiological testing	2.40	2.39	Data recording of the 22 no of experimental trials on fungicide cocktails were completed and Laboratory screening of the 50 clones was completed. 06 publications were prepared. 05 Advisory Circulars were prepared for advisory services and programs, and 04 brochures on new leaf diseases were printed.
Promotion of new / novel rubber products		3.02	2.74	Efforts were made to identify 8 products such as baby mats, vehicle tracks, NR rubber latex pads, play equipment, partition boards made from NR waste material instead of gypsum boards, floor tiles, and others. A rubber block was produced from NR waste material for landscaping and construction applications.

- **In the year 2025, the targeted proposals regarding the proposed special projects/activities to be carried out for the betterment of the sector.**
  - ❖ Assessment of drought/ stress tolerant *Hevea* clones to develop an interim recommendation for marginal areas in terms of expand the rubber cultivation.
  - ❖ Sustainability Certification System for Natural Rubber (SCSNR) in Sri Lanka to achieve multiple benefits under emerging market conditions
  - ❖ Implementing micro-irrigation systems for rubber nurseries and immature rubber fields in Dry and Intermediate Zones of Sri Lanka
  - ❖ Grower Participatory Approach for Rehabilitation of Degraded Rubber Soils in Traditional Rubber Growing Areas in Sri Lanka.
  - ❖ Effective introduction of Low Intensity Harvesting (LIH) systems to rubber growers in non-traditional areas to mitigate current issues in rubber cultivation.
  - ❖ Establishment of Spatial Data Management System for Rubber Lands Through Geographic Information System (SDMIS)
  - ❖ A mixture of Agrochemicals which can control the CLS disease to a satisfactory level has been identified and steps taken to expand the knowledge further to the field to control the disease around 100ha of plantations.
  - ❖ Reduce the usage of the quantity of agrochemicals used to control the white root disease in the country and to get laboratory accreditation for microbiological testing.
  - ❖ Implementation of the project approved by the International Food and Agriculture Organization to improve the productivity levels of 100 small rubber growers.
  - ❖ The Rubber Research Institute (RRI) plans to monitor Technically Specified Rubber (TSR) factories in Sri Lanka to ensure they adhere to international standards.

Cinnamon Development Department

Vision

Establishing Sri Lankan cinnamon as the leading export-oriented plantation crop in the country.

Mission

Strengthening the contribution of cinnamon industry in Sri Lanka to the national economy and improving the well-being of all stakeholders by focusing on strategic priorities such as promoting sustainability, upgrading quality standards, and expanding market access.

Objectives

- ❖ Increasing production of cinnamon exported to high-income oriented markets.
- ❖ Making the transparency in the cinnamon market.
- ❖ Increase and promote the export percentage of value-added cinnamon products.
- ❖ Increasing the income of local cinnamon cultivators.
- ❖ Promoting truth of Sri Lankan cinnamon throughout the globe.
- ❖ Conducting cinnamon research and development programs.
- ❖ Maintaining cinnamon-related partnerships and alliances.

- **Financial targets for the year 2025**

No.	Programme	Estimated Amount (Rs. Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	1,045.00
02	Recurrent Expenditure	194.50

- **Physical targets of the year 2025 (programs and projects expected to be implemented)**

No.	Program	Unit of measurement	Target	Total Cost (Rs. Mn.)
01	**Extensive research and development program to develop true Sri Lankan cinnamon**			
	Increasing sustainable cinnamon production	Hectares	360 Hectares	61.20
	Improving the productivity of cinnamon lands	Hectares Programs	335 Hectares 100 Hectares	51.50
	Post-harvest handling and value chain improvement	Value-added units	20	15.00

	Quality control and quality assurance	Quality Certificates Audits on Quality, Programs	105 70	2.00
	New technology to expand cinnamon market access	Exhibitions Programs Leaflets Certificates	05 03	9.00
	Training and capacity development	Training Programs	300	6.30
2.	Cinnamon Gate - Phase II	Constructed building	Completion of the construction of restaurant and museum	553.10

- **Financial progress of development programs of the institution up to 31.12.2024**

No.	Program	Amount allocated for the year 2024 (Rs. Mn.)	Expenditure up to 31.12.2024 (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress as a percentage
01	Capital Expenditure	112.00	84.25	75.22%
02	Recurrent Expenditure	137.00	101.19	73.86%

- **Physical progress of the development programs of the institute up to 31.12.2024**

No.	Project	Allocated amount (Rs. Mn.)	Amount spend (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Progress
01	Cultural promotion center associate to National Cinnamon Industry Phase 1 (Cinnamon Gate-Phase1)	70	46.50	72%
02	Multi-directional approach to uplift Sri Lankan true cinnamon	35	31.75	96%

- **Special projects/activities proposed to be carried out for the development of this sector in the year 2025**

❖ Implementation of projects to improve the quality, value addition and market access of the cinnamon industry in Sri Lanka.

- Expanding cinnamon cultivation in both traditional and non-traditional areas.
- Expanding cinnamon cultivation through increasing cinnamon productivity and implementing advanced cultivation methods and technology.
- Improving post-harvest processing for cinnamon to improve product quality, and develop value-added processes that align with international standards and consumer preferences, thereby increasing domestic consumption as well as export earnings.
- Enhance the reputation for Ceylon cinnamon in the global market by strengthening the integrity of the supply chain and ensuring the quality of products through quality assurance programs.
- Improvement of research facilities at the National Cinnamon Research and Training Centre (NCRTC) to increase quality production and export capacity.
- Promote NCRTC as a key center for up-to-date research and training on all aspects of cinnamon and thereby facilitate knowledge exchange and innovation within the cinnamon industry.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PLANTATION MANAGEMENT

Vision

To Be the Centre of Excellence in Providing Training and Conducting Consultancy and Research on Plantation Management

Mission

To Elevate the Professional Competence of All Human Assets in the Plantation Industry towards Perfection through Quality Training

Objectives

The General Objectives of the Institute as outline in the Act and the amended Acts are as follows.

- ❖ To provide by itself or in association with other institutions in Sri Lanka or abroad, training facilities and programmes relating to Plantation Management to all categories of employees working in the field of plantation.
- ❖ To provide regular, refresher and orientation courses in Plantation Management to employees in the sector.
- ❖ To offer training in Plantation Management to personnel working in the plantations both in the public sector as well as in the private sector.
- ❖ To provide Diploma Courses in association with the Tea Research Institute, the Rubber Research Institute, the Coconut Research Institute and other related institutions and to award Diplomas where appropriate.
- ❖ To sponsor and hold seminars, workshops and conferences and publish journals and magazines in connection with plantation management and development.
- ❖ To carry out research into areas of plantation management and labour relations those are not already provided for in other similar institutions.
- ❖ To offer training in Plantation Management to persons who have the necessary aptitude for Plantation Management having regard to the man-power requirement in the Plantation Industry.
- ❖ To furnish managerial, technical and administrative advices and services to any Government Departments, Public Corporation or other Institutions within or outside Sri Lanka in respect of Plantation Industry.

- **Financial Targets for the year 2025**

No.	Programme	Estimated Amount (Rs. Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	83.00
02	Recurrent Expenditure	226.60

- **Physical Targets for the year 2025 (Programmes and Projects Expected to be Implemented**

No.	Programme	Measurement Unit	Targets	Total Estimated Cost (Rs. Mn.)
01	Rehabilitation of Buildings	Sq M	1500	48.00
02	Training Equipment and Library Books	Nos	22	17.50
03	Improvement of Hostel Facilities	No of items	3	1.70
04	Land Improvement	Sq M	200	4.50
05	Software Development	No of units	1	2.50
06	Capacity Development of Smllholders	No of Programmes	150	6.00
07	Staff Capacity Development	No of Staff	50	1.00
08	Curriculum Development	No of curricular	8	1.00
09	Research and Development	No of Research	1	0.80
	Total			**83.00**

- **Financial progress of the institution's Development Programmes as at 31.12.2024**

No.	Programme	Allocated amount for 2024 (Rs. Mn.)	Expenditure up to 31.12.2024 (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress as a Percentage
01	Capital Expenditure	25.00	24.16	96.6%
02	Recurrent Expenditure	81.00	81.00	100.0%

- **Physical Progress of the Institution's Development Programmes as at 31.12.2024**

No.	Training programme	Estimated income/ Cost for 2024 (Rs. Mn.)	Income/Cost Earned up to 31.12.2024 (Rs. Mn.)	Financial progress as a percentage as at 31.12.2024
01	Academic and professional Training Programme	55.32	46.12	83.3%
02	Technical and Skill Development Programmes	3.67	2.70	73.5%
03	Training workshops and seminars	8.21	8.39	102.1%
04	Capacity Development Programmes for smallholders	5.00	4.16	83.2%
05	Develop the Institute into a Degree-Awarding Institute Construction of a new Building with lecture halls and R &D units (Phases 1 and 2)	500.00	548.00	100.0%

- **Activities Expected to be carried out for the Advancement of the Plantation Sector during the year 2025**
  - ❖ Establishment of the institute as a Degree-Awarding Institute by introducing 2 new degree programmes for the advancement of the plantation industry.
  - ❖ Introducing foreign degree programme by entering into an agreement with a foreign university.
  - ❖ Conducting all planned academic and professional programmes.
  - ❖ Conducting all planned skill development and staff development programmes.
  - ❖ Conducting international training courses for local and foreign students.
  - ❖ Conducting capacity development programs for smallholders.
  - ❖ Expecting to save Rs. 12.00 Mn annually by meeting the electricity requirement through solar panels that can be connected to the national electricity grid.
  - ❖ Introducing and developing programmes according to the current needs and trends in the industry.
  - ❖ Expecting to upgrade the library (Smart Library) with modern devices.
  - ❖ To introduce the profession of Chartered Planter for qualified planters and to ensure membership.
  - ❖ To establish 4 new lecture halls and 2 computer units in the new building.
  - ❖ To establish computer laboratories with modern technology that can introduce the concept of Geographical Information Systems (GIS), Remote Sensing and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the newly constructed lecture hall complex of the institute.
  - ❖ To hold an international research conference.

COCONUT CULTIVATION BOARD

Vision

Be the most efficient and effective coconut producer in the world.

Mission

Achieve self sufficiency to meet the local & export demand by increasing production and productivity of coconut land through an efficient & effective extension service and development assistance.

- **Financial Targets for the year 2025**

No.	Programme	Estimated Amount (Rs. Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	932.50
02	Recurrent Expenditure	832.68

- **Physical Targets for the year 2025 (Programmes and Projects Expected to be Implemented)**

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<tr><td></td><td>3.2 Loan release for other development programs (*revolving Fund)</td><td></td><td></td><td>450.00</td></tr>
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- **Financial progress of the institution's Development Programmes as at 31.12.2024**

No.	Description	Total Allocation (Rs. Mn)	Imprest received from Treasuary as at 31.12.2024 (Rs. Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs. Mn)
01	Capital Expenditure	550.00	550.00	100%
02	Recurrent Expenditure	530.00	587.50	110%

- **Physical and Financial Progress as per Action Plan as at 31.12.2024**

No	Program	Total Estimated (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)	Physical Progress
Production of seedlings	Re/ New/ Under planting Program	222.40	222.40	Distributed seedling 400,034
	Home Gardening Program			Distributed seedling 276,668
	Infilling Program			Distributed seedling - 108,350
	Special Home Gardening Program			Distributed seedling - 196,388
	Cash sales			Distributed seedling - 390,987
	North Coconut Triangle Project			Distributed seedling - 132,660
Other Development Programs	Monitoring the seedlings planted under the systematic cultivation programme in previous years (2020,2021,2022)	3.50	1.22	Coconut Seedling 3,667 Visited
	Kapruka Ayojana Loan Scheme	450 (RF)	545 (RF)	Acres 3,172
	Payment for interest rebate and credit guarantee	50.00	51.34	Land 458
	Elnino Subsidy Program (Mulching)	37.86	35.78	Palms 0.320 Mulching
Extension and Training Programs	Group extention programs for regional level extension	36.02	29.71	Programs 1,151 Visit 66,146

	Capacity building of staff				Programs 22
	Farmer based training programs				Programmes 89
	Mass media programs				Programs 5
Pest and Disease control Programs	Distribution of predatory mite packets		36.52	31.25	Packet 232,365
	Sales of red weevil and black beetle pheromones				**27,386
	Sales of Monochrotophos				**2,423
	Pest and disease control programs				Programs 78
Production and cultivation of coconut seedlings	Yala Season	Bare roots seedlings			242,570
		Poly bags seedlings			565,997
	Maha Season	Bare roots seedlings			**340,143
		Poly bags seedlings			**793,666

** These Seedlings are currently in production condition.

COCONUT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Vision

"To be the highest contributor in plantation sector for gross domestic product from Coconut industry and global leader in diversification of product marketing"

Mission

Facilitation for the highest contribution to long term commercial productivity, sustainability and national economy ensuring coconut and coconut products for home consumption and industry

- **Financial Goals for the Year 2025**

No	Main Development Program	Estimated Amount (Rs. Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	531.89
02	Recurrent Expenditure	404.779

- **Physical targets for the year 2025 (programs and projects expected to be implemented)**

No.	Program	Unit of Measurement	Target	Total Cost (Rs. Mn.)
01	Programs to Raise Public Awareness on Coconut Waste in Household Consumption			
	Television Discussion Programs.	Programs	30	15.00
	Television/Radio/Newspaper Advertisements.	Advertisements	1,566	100.00
	Promotion of Coconut Products During Popular TV Dramas.	Promotional Programs	45	3.00
	Promotion through Social Media.	Advertisements	90	5.00
	Awareness Programs for the Public in Residential Buildings and Government Office Complexes.	Programs	05	2.20
	Bus Branding and Advertising Billboards for the Promotion of Coconut-Based Products.	Advertisements	20	6.00
	Participation in Local Trade and Educational Exhibitions.	Exhibitions	12	5.00

	Coconut Day Programs	Programs	01	5.00
02	International Market Promotion and Awareness Programs			
	Participation in International Trade Fairs.	Exhibitions	03	21.00
	Promoting Coconut and Coconut-Based Products to Foreign Tourists in Tourist Areas Across the Country.	Programs	05	3.00
	Distributing King Coconut Carts to King Coconut Vendors in Tourist Areas.	King Coconut Carts	20	3.00
	Creating and Editing Videos for International Trade Exhibitions.	Video	02	5.00
	Promotion of coconut productrs sri lanka through social media and website Development maintains		01	5.00
	Printing of Brochures/Books/Directories.	Publications	1,500	1.00
03	Conducting Market Surveys and Research.	Surveys	03	4.20
04	Improving the Quality of Products in the Coconut-Based Informal Sector and Expanding Sales.	Beneficiaries	300	3.00
	Installation of eco-friendly coconut shell burning stoves	Beneficiaries	20	5.0
	Promotion of coconut nectar, coconut sugar, coconut jaggery, coconut ice cream industries	Beneficiaries	30	3.0
05	Raising awareness regarding the production and consumption of high-quality coconut oil.	Beneficiaries	350	2.00
	Testing of coconut oil in the market.	Samples	400	6.00
	Inspecting the quality of coconut oil produced in factories (Mobile Laboratory).	Samples	200	2.00

06	A loan proposal for the use of alternative energy sources to reduce production costs.	Benefisheries	20	200.00
07	Enhancing the technical knowledge of officials / ISO 17020 accreditation.	Training Programs	12	2.00
	Awareness-raising for manufacturers regarding GMP certification and the legal regulations related to coconut production.	Beneficiaries	500	2.00
08	Ensuring the quality of coconut products intended for export and local consumption (daily desiccated coconut and coir exports).	Sample Size	16,500	
09	Maintaining and improving laboratory testing services for coconut-based products (samples submitted by applicants)	Sample Size	1,000	
10	Upgrading and enhancing laboratories and equipment in line with ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation standards, while maintaining the accreditation status for microbiological and chemical testing.	Achieving		2.50
	Training courses	Programm	08	
11	Ensuring the quality and safety of coconut-based industries producing products for export.	Sample Size	350	
		Field Duty Count	400	
		Samples	600	
		Samples	150	

12	Analysis of coconut products related to the operations of the Product Development Division (fresh coconut oil, coconut oil, copra, coconut milk and powdered coconut milk, partially defatted desiccated coconut, coconut shell charcoal).	Sample Size	Analysis of 900 samples. (Fresh coconut oil - 75, coconut oil - 230, coir - 150, coconut milk and extracted coconut milk - 125, partially defatted desiccated coconut - 100, registered coconut oil - 200, coconut shell charcoal - 20)	

- **Financial progress of the institution's as at 31.12.2024**

No.	Program	The amount allocated for the year 2024 (Rs. Mn.)	The amount expended up to 2024.12.31 (Rs. Mn.)	Financial progress as a percentage
01	Capital expenses	433.45	68.54	15.8%
02	Recurrent expenses	150.00	150.00	100%

- **Physical Progress of the Institution's Development Programs as at 31.12. 2024**

Program	Project	Allocated Amount (Rs. Mn.)	Amount spent (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Progress
Local sales promotion programs.	Participation in local trade and educational exhibitions.	3.40	3.50	12 Exhibition
	Awareness programs for stakeholders in the coconut sector.	0.10	0.03	1 Program
	Awards Ceremony for Coconut Exporters.	6.00	4.33	01
	Coconut Day Program.	2.00	0.39	Programs 01

	Conducting programs to promote the domestic use of coconut milk products developed to minimize coconut waste and to encourage the collection of coconut husks and shells.	5.00	0.34	Publish the newspepper add & procument is in progress
International sales promotion programs.	International market promotion and awareness programs.	60.00	33.11	Programs 5
	Conducting discussions with foreign agents to enhance international trade for coconut-based products	0.50	0.266	Discussions 5
	Facilitating opportunities for Sri Lankan exporters to connect with foreign buyers with the support of Sri Lankan diplomatic missions and the Department of Commerce.	0.20	0.035	
	Creating and editing videos for international trade exhibitions	4.30	0.00	Video 2
	Promoting coconut-based products among tourists arriving in Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority.	2.00	0.00	
	Promoting coconut products in Sri Lanka through the CDA website / Improving and maintaining the CDA website.	0.50	0.135	

Conducting market surveys and research.	Conducting market/product surveys with the Kapruka Fund.	0.20	0.00	01
	Conducting market research in collaboration with a university	2.00	0.00	01
Bringing underutilized raw materials such as coconut water, coconut milk, coconut shells, etc., into the industry Bringing underutilized raw materials such as coconut water, coconut milk, coconut shells, etc., into the industry	Conducting training programs for medium and small-scale entrepreneurs.	4.50	3.1	43 programs/awareness campaigns.
	Awareness at the school level for coconut husk collection.	0.50	0.04	programs/awareness campaigns.
Development of the local coconut oil industry.	Ensuring the availability of quality coconut oil in the domestic market.	10.00	1.00	Awareness Programs 04 Formulating regulations related to the regulation of local coconut oil.
	Conducting research to identify aflatoxin-free coconut oil production methods.	6.50	5.18	354 samples have been referred for testing.
Enhancing the capacity of officers in the product development department.	Staff training on expanding the ISO 17020:2012 syllabus.	3.00	1.9	Thirteen training programs have been conducted.
Development of high-income generating products.	Further development of high-income generating products.	0.50	0.50	Two awareness programs related to new products have been conducted.
	Identification of technical exchange programs for innovation in the coconut industry	0.50	0.50	Two technical exchange programs have been conducted.

COCONUT RESEARCH INSITUTE

Vision

To be the center of excellence in coconut research, technology development and technology transfer in the region

Mission

Generate knowledge and technology through excellence in research towards increasing productivity and profitability of coconut

Objectives

The Coconut Research Institute conducts research and provides recommendations for developing Sri Lanka's coconut sector.

- **Financial targets for the year 2025**

No.	Programme	Estimated Amount (Rs. Mn.)
01	Capital Expenses	244.125
02	Recurrent Expenses	401.805

- **Physical targets for the year 2025 (programs and projects expected to be implemented)**

No.	programme	Unit of measurement	Target	Total budget (Rs. Mn)
01	Conducting research in preventing and minimizing the effects of climate change, and providing recommendations in animal husbandry and agronomic practices to increase coconut production and land productivity.	The number of data collected and the number of recommendations made by completed research.	Collect data from ongoing research on moisture conservation, new cover crops and forage grasses, and testing chemicals to mitigate drought damage in crop production. Initiate a research on precision agriculture	9.945

No.	programme	Unit of measurement	Target	Total budget (Rs. Mn)
02	Conducting research necessary to issue recommendations to minimize damage to coconut harvests caused by pests and diseases.	Number of recommendations	Conducting research to issue necessary recommendations for the control of diseases and pests such as whitefly, red palm weevil, Weligama coconut leaf wilt, Brontispa beetle, Plesispa beetle. Issuing a biological control recommendation for Brontispa beetle. Providing a new recommendation for red beetle Providing a recommendation for Plesispa beetle	1.65
03	Increasing coconut production and land productivity through genetic improvement of coconut.	Number of improved coconut varieties Number of preserved coconut and King coconut varieties Amount of identified King coconut diversity	To conserve the germplasm required for the production of coconut variants with higher yields and other qualities (consumable and pest and disease-resistant), as well as to perform all necessary research to develop new coconut varieties based on those varieties. Conduct the necessary research to identify and confirm the diversity of king coconut cultivation.	7.90
04	Conducting research on coconut and king coconut production through tissue culture	Number of new technologies introduced	Conducting research on coconut tissue culture Conducting research on king coconut tissue culture	4.60
05	Increasing income in coconut-based industries through value addition	Number of products	Conducting necessary research for the ongoing value addition process	2.292

No.	programme	Unit of measurement	Target	Total budget (Rs. Mn)
06	Revealing the health benefits of coconut oil through clinical studies	Amount of information generated	Conduct research and provide recommendations on low glycemic index food production, foods high in dietary fiber, and antioxidants in coconut oil	1.51
07	Increasing national income by improving the global competitiveness of the coconut industry	Number of policy proposals issued	Submitting policy proposals related to export trade. Submitting policy proposals to resolve existing problems and challenges in coconut oil production. Submitting policy proposals to resolve existing problems and challenges in coir-based products. Coconut value chain analysis and submission of policy proposals.	1.50
08	Providing various services for the coconut sector	Number of certified high quality coconut seedlings Number of parasitoids released Number of training sessions conducted Number of field demonstrations conducted Number of analytical reports issued Number of	Certification of coconut seedlings Breeding of parasitoids Conducting training sessions Conducting field demonstrations Analyzing coir, fertilizer, water, feed, etc. and providing necessary reports Providing necessary advice to stakeholders Maintaining the Kapruka and Short Message Service (SMS) Monitoring the seed coconut gardens belonging to the Coconut Research Institute and other institutions Presenting policy proposals Predicting and estimating the	34.635

No.	programme	Unit of measurement	Target	Total budget (Rs. Mn)
		advice given to stakeholders Number of email and SMS advisories Number of seed coconut gardens monitored Number of policy proposals submitted Number of coconut harvest forecast and production estimate reports Number of pheromone tubes and jellies issued to growers	actual yield of coconut Continuing the production of pheromone tubes and jelly packets	

- **Financial progress of the institution's development programs as at 31.12.2024**

No	Program	The amount allocated for the year 2024 (Rs. Mn.)	The amount expended up to 2024.12.31 (Rs. Mn.)	Financial progress as a percentage
01	Capital expenses	15.00	14.15	94%
02	Recurring expenses	320.00	318.66	99%
03	Capital expenses	32.70	24.29	74%

- **Physical progress of the institution's development programs as at 31.12.2024**

Program	Amount Allocated (Rs. Mn.)	Amount expended (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Progress
Weligama Coconut Leaf Wilt Control Project	23.50	12.815 (Bills in hand-7.662)	94.33%
Improvement of infrastructure facilities at the Coconut Information Centre	5.00	3.93	99.58%
Repair of essential laboratory equipment	3.00	0.4151 (Purchase orders issued-3.8149)	74.21%

- **Special projects/activities proposed for the development of the coconut sector in 2025**

❖ Construction of Elephant Fences around Coconut Genetic Resource Centres

❖ Evaluation of the effect of coconut variety, harvest maturity and growing climatic conditions on the yield and quality of coconut milk.

❖ Weligama Coconut Leaf Wilt Control Project

❖ Study on physiochemical, biochemical and phytochemical characteristics of king coconut and dwarf varieties to promote king coconut as a unique export-oriented beverage industry

PALMYRAH DEVELOPMENT BOARD

VISION

To develop the palmyrah sector into significant contributor to the gross domestic product of the country while sustaining the resource and its environment.

MISSION

To regularize develop and promote palmyrah industry and palmyrah resources

- **Financial Target for the year 2025**

No	Major Development Program	Estimated Amount (Rs. Mn)
01	Capital Expenditure	92.00
02	Recurrent Expenditure	286.31

- **Physical Target for the year 2025 (Plus ongoing projects to be implemented)**

No.	Project Plan	Unit of measure	Target	Estimate (Rs.Mn.)
01	Palmyrah mother plant selection	No.of mother plants selected	500	0.30
02	Palmyrah seed planting	Acreage of new plantation	Acre. 500	1.50
03	Maintenance of model farms	No.of farm maintained	01	0.20
04	Conducting 6 months basic handicraft trainings to the women groups in rural area	No.of trainees trained	200	5.00
05	Tot training (one week)for trainers /major graft men	No of trainings conducted	02	0.70
06	Young tappers training	No of trainees trained	100	2.50
07	Training on pulp preservation and production of pulp based value added products(5Days)	No of trainees trained	60	0.30
08	Improvement of existing production centers of PDB	No.of production centers improved and functional	07	10.00
09	Repair of existing production equipment	No.of equipment become operational	07	1.00
10	Purchasing of quality control equipment to production centers	No.of equipment purchased	15	1.50

11	Establishment proper storage facility to raw material	% work completed	100	5.00
12	Establishment of new Katpaham sales center in uppuveli ,Trincomalee(Phaseii)	% work completed	100	2.00
13	Opening of Franchise sales units at super markets	No.of sales unit	02	1.00
14	Export promotion activities	No.of meeting conducted	01	0.50
15	Advertising and popularizing palmyrah products	No.of boards installed	05	1.00
16	Improvement of existing katpaham sales outlets	No.of katpaham improved	02	1.00
17	Provision of cash machine and POS system and furniture to the sales centers	No.of katpaham improved	02	2.00
18	Establishment of palmyrah show room and information center at katunayake airport	No.of information center established at airport	01	2.00
19	Continue research to boost the palmyrah industry	No.of research studied conducted	05	2.00
20	Dissemination and commercialization of research findings	No.of products commercialized (became available in the market)	05	2.00
21	Establishment of mobile quality control unit	operation of quality control unit	01	1.00
22	ISO Scope expansion and maintenance	No.of scope expanded	25	2.00
23	Expansion of Chemical store	% of work completed	100	5.00
24	Solar panel to PRI to reduce the cost of electricity (phase i)	No.of centers benefitted	03	8.00
25	Institutional Asset Development	No.of district offices strengthened	04	2.00
26	Conference hall facilities at head office	% of work completed	100%	5.00
27	Conducting capacity building training to the staff	No.of employees trained	50	1.00
28	Completion of PTA work, Kaithady (phase iv)	% of work completed	100%	17.00
29	Improving the condition of existing vehicle	no. of vehicle conditioned	03	1.00
30	Establishing proper parking facilities to the vehicle at head office premises	%of work completed	100%	2.00
31	Settlement of overdue payment for the construction of Kaithady building			3.00
32	Settlement of Overdue payment for the laboratory items			2.00
33	Project Administrative Cost			1.50

- **Financial progress of Development Programs of the Institute's as at 31.12.2024**

No.	Program	Allocated Amount in year 2024 (Rs. Mn)	Expenditure as at 31.12.2024	Progress in %
01	Capital Expenditure	24.00	23.11	96.29%
02	Recurrent Expenditure	145.00	255.21	176%

- **Physical progress in the development programs of the Institute's as sat 31.12.2024**

No.	Project	Allocation	Financial progress	Physical progress as on 31.12.2024
01	1.1 Rehabilitation of Existing Model farms	0.20	0.19	Planting of Cashew completed (Puliyankulam 200, Mamunai 200)
	1.2 Selection of Palmyrah mother plants	0.30	0.15	200 mother plants of different varieties in different sites were selected &established collaboration with CRI for further studies (it will continue to next year due to seasonal bearing and tapping characteristics of palmyrah)
02	2.1 Conducting handicraft trainnings to the women groups	0.82	0.77	Hands on trainings on making Palmyrah based handicrafts completed .Vavuniya (20 beneficiaries), Batticaloa (22 beneficiaries) Hambantota (21 beneficiaries) and Trincomalee (24 beneficiaries),Kilinochchi (13beneficieries)
	2.2.conducting NVQ level 3 phase 1 climbing training to the young tappers	0.30	0.13	Arrangements were completed .Training initiated as tapping is seasonal it will be completed within two weeks
	2.3. conducting pulp and pulp based food processing training to the women group	0.38	0.25	2 Trainings completed (Kilinochchi, Batticaloa), 1 program will be completed within a week

03	**3.1** Renovation of jaggary processing and pulp processing centers in Singainagar and fixing of mill for tuber production at puliankulam	0.90	0.90	The construction work for the semi-permanent shed for the jiggery processing centre completed and installation of the mill in Puliankulam-Completed
	3.2 strenthening of 86istric production centers through provision of jaggerry pan and quality control equipments	2.00	1.70	pH meter and brix meter-in shipping(bill in hands-1.0 Mn) ,others completed
	3.3 introduction of attractive packaging material for palmyrah products	0.20	0.20	Work completed
	3.4 Maintaining Kaithady,Karainagar palmyrah food production center as GMP certified centers	1.15	1.15	Purchasing equipment completed. (Moisture Analyzer, Digital Thermometer) Infrastructure work – completed
	3.5 Maintenance of existing plants and equipments in an effective manner to ensure proper functioning of plants	1.00	1.00	Work completed
	3.6 Maintenance of existing pilot plants and laboratory equipments in an effective manner to ensure proper functioning of plants	1.00	1.00	Repair works has been completed of water purification plant (reverse osmosis system) and Kjeldhal apparatus (Distillation unit), Refrigerators-Repair going on (bill in hands - 0.4Mn)
04	**4.1** Improvement of "Kaphakam" sales centers	0.50	0.50	Vavuniya –name board fixing completed. Procurement of Condoles-completed
	4.2 Export promotion activities	0.30	0.30	Work completed
	4.3 Establishment of Katpaham at Uppuveli, Trincomalee	0.80	0.80	completed
	4.4 . Relocation of Colombo Katpaham	0.50	0.50	completed
	4.5. Popularization of palmyrah products	0.50	0.50	Vehicle reconditioning work completed
5	**5.1** Continue research to boost the palmyrah industry	2.00	2.00	10 Researches have been completed 09 dissemination programs were completed

				Expansion of scope – surveillance assessment for 3 new chemical parameters –completed .
06	**6.1**Infrastural improvement of district office building, vavuniya	1.28	1.20	completed
	6.2 Strengthening of district offices of Hampanthodda	0.50	0.50	Completed
	6.3 Conducting training to the staff	0.67	0.67	AI one day training ,Training on personal file maintenance- above trainings were completed
	6.4 Completion of the PTA Building Phase III	8.00	8.00	The fund was transferred Department of Buildings for the implementation of construction.

KITHUL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Vision

To be the catalyst for a sustainable development of Kithul industry in Sri Lanka.

Mission

To upgrade the Sri Lankan Kithul manufacturing processes into the international standards to win global markets while inspiring locals to consume Sri Lankan Kithul products sourced and manufactured by own communities, bringing a sustainable economic growth to the country through empowered Kithul entrepreneurs.

Objectives

- ❖ To regulate the price and quality standards at export and import activities
- ❖ To reform prevailing laws and regulations that negatively affect the smooth function of the industry.
- ❖ To network large-scale SMEs to support lead generation in business through a value chain approach.
- ❖ To create a cultural shift from a traditional industry mindset to a business mindset through entrepreneurship development.
- ❖ To organize collective participation of the community by building societies.
- ❖ To standardize the industry with proper cultivation practices and production processes to increase efficiency using technology.
- ❖ To reach new markets through advertising and promotional techniques.
- ❖ To increase youth engagement and build the self-confidence of Kithul producers to retain in the industry by educating them on the available economic opportunities.
- ❖ To introduce new products based on market and product-based research.
- ❖ To develop a systematic reward mechanism to appreciate the industry community.
- ❖ To reduce carbon footprint by expanding cultivation using abundant lands.
- ❖ To promote gender equality by directing women to value-added products based Kithul tree.
- ❖ To develop the productivity of land in plantations by identifying suitable intercrops.

- **Financial Target 2025**

No.	Programme	Estimate (Rs.Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	27.93
02	Recurrent Expenditure	49.45

- **Physical Target for ongoing projects to be implemented on Institute as at 31.12.2024**

No.	Program	Unit of measurement	Target	Total Cost (Rs.Mn.)
01	Kithul sector base-line data collection	Detailed Survey of Kithul Trees & Kithul-based entrepreneurs	01	3.00
02	Kithul Related Entrepreneurship Development	No of technological knowledgeable kithul based entrepreneurs	75	2.00
		No of qualified existing Kithul Producers	50	0.20
		No of waste water management program	02	0.20
		No of technicaly knowledgeable high quality kithul flour producers	10	0.30
		No of technicaly knowledgeable wooden based Kithul Producers	10	0.50
		No of insured tappers	150	0.50
		No of producers introduced kithul Sap based value added products	30	0.50
		No of Trainers trained for tapping technology	30	1.00
		No of NVQ Certified kithul technicians	300	0.30
		No of Good Manufacturing Process certified (GMP) enterprenuers	25	2.00
		No of upgraded enterprenuers by giving financial aids and production facilities (equipments) existing cottage industries	75	2.50

03	Expanding market opportunities through sales promotion	Kithulaka waruna main exhibition	1	4.00
		No of display stores established in strategic locations	03	0.25
		No of enterprenuers linked with International Market	5	1.00
		No of entrepreneurs opened their market place in existing e-commerce platform	150	0.10
		No of entreprenurs facilitated to other exhibtions	10	0.50
04	Strengthening research and development	No of kithul related research conducted	03	3.00
05	Continuation of developing Rules and Regulations	Established rules and regulations	01	2.10
06	Continuation of Model Land Devlopment	No of developed nursery	01	1.00
		No of kithul plants cultivated by farmers	25,000	2.00
		No of model land developed	01	1.00

- **Financial progress of development programs as at 2024.12.31**

No.	Program	2024 Allocation (Rs.Mn.)	2024.12.31 Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)	Financial Progress (%)
01	Capital Expenditure	11.00	3.319	30%
02	Recurrent Expenditure	13.00	8.78	68%

- **Physical Progress of the Development Programmes of the Institution as at 31.12.2024**

Program	Project	Allocation (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)	Physical Progress
Register Existing Kithul Industrialists under Kithul Development Board	Registartion of enterpreneurs through Divisional Secretariates and notices	0.30	0.00	Applications have been received from 2358 kithul farmers and entrepreneurs for registration.
	Creating Online platform	1.30	0.48	Created and launched the Website.
Process enhancement.	Development of entrepreneurs	2.30	1.38	Conducted a preliminary workshop collaborating with EDB to identify issues

				face by Kithul related exporters. District level awareness programs were conducted for 50 kithul tappers and entrepreneurs in Badulla distrct and 53 in Kurunegala distrct. The main problems faced by kithul farmers and entrepreneurs were obtained through the district secretariat. An awareness program for kithul related value additions, was conducted at Amandawa with the coordination of the institution of industrial technology. Trained 28 Master Kithul Tappers as Trainers at Nawayalathenna training centre in Kandy. Made and given specifications/ Conditions for renting sales centres including yatiyanthota shop to divisional secretariat, yatiyanthota and take necessary arrangement for repairs.
Certification	Cordinate with lab testing	0.70	0.13	Directed samples of Kithul tracl for lab testing to Coconut Rsearch Institute (CRI) on the basis of paymnt of 10% from entreprenuer and 90% from Kithul Development Board. Samples from 06 entrepreneurs were sent for lab testing.

	Providing GMP Certificates.	1.00	0.00	Nominations were obtaind from divisional secretairate for applying GMP Certifications and obtained 12 entrepreneurs nominations. 02 of them recommended to SLSI for giving GMP certification.
	Providing KDB certifications	0.80	0.013	Created Kithul logo
Developing Rules and Regulations	Preparation of Rules and Regulations	0.20	0.00	Prepared the draft document of rules and regulations. Committee is reviewing. The committee consist of an officers from the Coconut development Authority, Instituition of Industry Tecnology, food commissoner and legal officer of line ministry.
Link Kithul enterpreneurs with other sectors.	Cordinate with local and international market	1.80	0.56	Given stalls and paid 50% stall charges by Kithul Development Board to encourage the 06 Kithul traders who participated in the trade fair held at the Bandaranaike Conference Hall organized by Industrial Development Board. Participated and displayed items Kithul Development Board at Bata atha exhibition.
Model land development	Devoloping kithul Palm Land	0.70	0.00	A praposal was called from Institute of Industrial Technology to for commercial cultivation. Obtained the consent from Pathahewaheta divisonal secretariat to allocate a 1.63 acres land for nursery and commercial cultivation.

Strategic Planning for kithul Development	Preperation of a strtiegic plan	1.80	0.77	Work awarded to Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration for consultancy services. Conducted workshop for relevant stakeholders consist of existing kithul related exporters, university lecturers and other institutional representatives. Conducted field visit to obtain relevant information regarding issues faced by kithul tappers at Katukenda village in Galle District. Preparing draft document of Strategic Plan for kithul Development Board.

- **Special project/activities proposed to be undertaken for the betterment of the sector in the year 2025**
  - ❖ Conducting survey and kithul sector base line data collection
  - ❖ Kithul Related Entrepreneurship Development
    - Conducting technology transferring trainings to improve food hygine, packaging and quality Kithul Sap based products for 50 Kithul entreprenuers
    - Provide relevant NVQ Certifications to 300 Kithul tappers collaborate with the Institution of National Plantation Management
    - Introducing Insurance Scheme for 150 Kithul Tappers
    - Introducing Kithul Sap based value added products for 30 Kithul entreprenuers
    - Conducting ToT programs for Tapping Technology for 30 Trainers

❖ Expanding market opportunities through sales promotion
- Conducting Kithulaka waruna exhibitions
- Establish display stores in 03 strategic locations
- Link Kithul producers with International Market
- Promote 150 entreprenurs to open their market place in existing e- commerce platform for quality Kithul products
- Facilitate to other exhibtions for 10 Kithul producer

- Continuation of developing Rules and Regulations
  - Preparing Appropriate Rules and Regulations to empower Kithul development Board
  - Establishing Rules and Regulations and implemnting through line ministry

- Research and development
  - Conducting 03 researchs colabaration with CRI, ITI, Timber Corporation, NDC and universities

- Continuation of Model Land Devlopment
  - Establishing a Nursery
  - Promoting 25000 Kithul plant Cultivation among farmers
  - Devoloping a Model Land

SRI LANKA CASHEW CORPORATION

Vision

Making Sri Lanka a major country among the cashew exporting countries in the world through the production of highest quality cashew.

Mission

Uplifting the cashew industry in a manner that ensures long term commercial viability by providing professional guidance to farmers and other relevant stakeholders towards improving the cashew cultivation, production, processing technology, value addition, research and marketing promotion activities.

Goals and Objectives

Enhancing productivity of cashew production in Sri Lanka in respect of extent, processing, marketing and certification enabling to be recognized as a globally recognized brand and high export production capacity.

- ❖ Increasing the cashew harvest by extending the extent of cultivation.
- ❖ Increasing the productivity of cashew processing industry and cashew plantations.
- ❖ Creating a globally accepted brand for Sri Lankan Cashew.
- ❖ Value addition and new product development.
- ❖ Encouraging cashew exports.
- ❖ Making Sri Lanka as the pioneer in terms of cashew production.
- ❖ Making Cashew Corporation a self-sufficient State Corporation by profit generation

- **Financial Targets for 2025**

No.	Major Development Programmes	Estimated Amount (Rs.Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	196.00
02	Recurrent Expenditure	115.00

- **Physical Targets for 2025 (programmes and projects in the pipeline)**

No.	Programme	Unit of Measurement	Target	Total Cost (Rs.Mn)
01	Production of Planting Materials	Number of ploythene bags procured. no. of budded cashew plants	To procure 206,500 ploythene bags to produce 165,200 budded cashew plants under Cashew Subsidy Scheme, preparation of nurseries and issuing of saplings after	45.00

		which have been grown successfully	production. Procurement of 116,125 polybags to produce 92,900 budded saplings which will be required for sale at the outlets of the Corporation, for planting at other projects implemented by the Corporation and planting at its own plantations, preparation of nurseries and issuing of saplings after producing saplings.	
02	Cashew Subsidy Programme	No. of acres in which budded plants and seed plants to be grown and no. of farmers to be selected.	Selection of 2,000 farmers to cultivate cashew in lands to an extent of 2,500 acres and of which budded plants in 2,360 acres and seed plants in 140 acres.	24.00
		No. of farmer training classes conducted.	Conducting 80 farmer training classes for 2,000 farmers.	
		No. of saplings distributed.	Marking rows and digging pits in 2,500 acres of land. Distribution of 170,800 saplings among 2,000 farmers to cultivate in lands to an extent of 2,500 acres.	
03	Plantation Management	Cashew nut shells in metric tons.	To obtain a harvest of 183 Mts (warehouse weight) of cashew nut with shells from the plantations belonging to the Corporation.	101.00
		No. of coconut nuts.	To obtain a harvest of 70,000 coconut nuts.	
		Extent of the land in acres in which new cultivation is carried out.	Planting of new saplings to an extent of 15 acres and clearing of bushes in the existing new cultivation and re-plant new saplings to replace dead plants to an extent of 130 acres in the Eluwankulama estate. Re-plant saplings to replace dead plants to an extent of 15 acres in Johana Section and clearing of bushes and re-plant new saplings to replace dead plants to an extent of 10 acres	

			in 70 acre Section, clearing of bushes and new planting to an extent of 25 acres and fencing of 600m length in Niraviya/ Ottukulama Section of the Kamandaluwa estate. Clearing of bushes and re-plant new saplings to replace the dead plants to an extent of 50 acres of the Wellankulama estate. Clearing of bushes and re-plant new saplings to replace the dead plants to an extent of 50 acres in Section 01 of the Punarine estate. New cashew cultivation to an extent of 25 acres in Mungilaru Section of the Puttalam estate.	
04	Development of cashew processing industry	Quantity of processed and value-added cashew nuts and cashew kernels in metric tons.	processing and value addition to 223 metric tons of cashew nuts and value addition to 5.4 metric tons of cashew kernels.	322.70
		Amount of cashew sold in metric tons.	Sales and distribution of 50 metric tons of cashew kernels.	
		Quantity of cashew nuts and cashew kernels purchased in metric tons.	Purchasing of 40 metric tons of cashew nut with shells and 5.4 metric tons of cashew nut kernels	
		Number of new Sales Outlets opened.	Opening of 01 new Sales Outlet.	
05	Fixed assets management	No. of buildings to be constructed	Construction of a warehouse at Wellankulama, Renovation of the roof of warehouse located at Punarine and Construction of a poly tunnel for the threshing floor of Puttalam.	47.10
		No. of tools and equipment to be procured.	Purchasing of tools and equipment for farmhouse.	
		No. of vehicles to be procured and repaired.	Procuring of 02 tractor trailers and 02 double cab vehicles.	

		No. of office equipment and furniture to be procured.	Purchasing of office equipment and furniture.	
06	Research and Development	No. of research programmes to be implemented.	Conducting 06 perennial continuous research programmes and conducting 04 new research programmes which should be concluded within year.	6.30
07	Human Resources Development	No. of officers to be trained.	Providing local training to 100 officers and employees in the staff.	4.00
		No. of training programmes and workshops to be conducted.	Conducting 02 workshops with the participation of resource personnel for capacity building of the staff.	
		No. of training courses to be delivered.	Providing 02 training programmes to junior level employees and providing 05 courses from the recognized vocational training institutes to staff	

- **Financial Progress of the Institution as at 31.12.2024**

No.	Programme	Allocation for the year 2024 (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure up to 31.12.2024 (Rs.Mn.)	Financial Progress as a %
01	Capital Expenditure	55.00	50.52	92%
02	Recurrent Expenditure	383.50	279.81	73%

- **Physical Progress of the Development Programmes of the Institution as at 31.12.2024**

Programme/ Project	Allocation (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.) up to 31.12.2024	* Physical Progress (up to 31.12.2024)
Production of Planting Materials	13.00	13.00	122,500 ploythene bags have been procured and distributed to produce 98,000 budded cashew saplings at central nurseries of the Corporation and 122,500 saplings had been grafted. Of the said amount of budded saplings, 82,300 saplings have been grown successfully and in addition there were 19,770 saplings of which success of

			grafting could not be determined yet. It is expected that majority of them will be grown successfully.
Cultivation of Cashew in 22 Districts under the Cashew Subsidy Scheme	6.50	6.49	2,790 farmers were selected to cultivate budded cashew plants in 1,400 acres and seed cashew plants in 100 acres by 1,000 farmers and 193 farmers were provided with training by conducting 26 farmer training classes.
Plantation Management	24.85	24.56	Weed control activities (two rounds) to an extent of 841 acres and trimming of trees to an extent of 841 acres in cashew cultivated lands under the seed garden development of the Corporation have been completed. Further, pest management activities to an extent of 400 acres have completed. Contract for clearing of woods for new cultivation to an extent of 65 acres in Stage II of the Eluwankulama estate has been awarded to the State Trading Corporation (STC) under the programme to extend the extent of present cultivation. STC has already commenced its work. In order to achieve the targets pertaining to the contract to removing soil and plants in the existing elephant ditch spanning over 262m, establishing new elephant ditch spanning over 2,750m, this contract has also been awarded to the said corporation. STC has already taken action to commence the work. Procurement of 60 bottles of Profenophos in 400ml capacity to control wood boring moth and 105 kgs of Mospilan to control Heloopelties under the pest control of cashew cultivation was completed.
Development of Cashew Processing Industry	1.35	0.38	The cashew sales center at Kandy was opened on 27.06.2024 under the programme on opening of 02 new sales outlets. Ella area has been selected to open the other sales center. Since Chairman of the Corporation has made an observation visit to the area and identified the said location as a suitable place to cashew

			sales center, it is scheduled to present a board paper to next board meeting in this regard to open a new sales center.
Fixed Asset Management	5.50	2.42	Preparation of specifications in respect of purchasing of 10 UPSs, 02 laser printers, 02 laptop computers and 02 desktop computers and installation of CCTV system for the Processing Center has been entrusted to the Technical Evaluation Committee. Awarding of tender for purchasing of office furniture was forwarded seeking approval of the Procurement Committee and it is expected to send relevant purchasing orders as soon as the approval is received. Procuring of 04 pruning saws and 02 chain saws has already been completed under regional procurement. Procurement work for purchasing 01 grass cutter, 01 slasher, and 01 solar panel system is being conducted by the Head Office. The vehicle bearing number LC-9422 which is being used to transport cashew kernels in the Head Office and the Processing Center at Nadagamuwa was repaired and the cheque for the said repair was issued to Administration Division from the Accounts Division. Therefore, it is expected to receive the vehicle to the Corporation from the Garage on 09.01.2025.
Research and Development	2.80	2.68	02 Research Programmes which should be completed within this year out of the 07 research programmes had been concluded successfully and targets for this year under remaining 05 perennial continuous research programmes have also been achieved. These research programmes are considered as long term research to be continued in coming years. The work related to introducing two new varieties of cashew called ***"Vijinitha"*** and ***"Shakthi"*** have already been completed and plans are underway to release them on 25.01.2025.

			A research programme conducted to enhance pollination of cashew in order to increase quality and quantity of harvest and analysis part of the research has also been completed.
Human Resources Development	1.00	0.99	A training programme aimed at increasing attitudinal and work capacities of 200 laborers working at the Processing Centers located at Puttalam and Nedagamuwa and Puttalam and Kamandoluwa estates was conducted on 15.01.2024. A training programme on procurement procedures for 40 officers of the staff was conducted on 02nd and 3rd September 2024 at the Plantation Management Institute.

SPICES AND ALLIED PRODUCTS MARKETING BOARD

Vision

To become the leader in the marketing, production and promotion of Sri Lankan spices and allied products.

Mission

To be the state statutory body responsible for the certification, standardization and coordination of spices and allied products to enhance the value and quality in the international and local spice and related products industry.

Goals and Objectives

- ❖ To engage in value chain activities including procurement, processing, storage, value addition, packaging and marketing of spices.
- ❖ To introduce a new brand for spices and to introduce traceability certification in association with internationally recognized certification bodies.
- ❖ To contribute to fulfilling the national need for developing the agricultural sector in relation to the spice sector.
- ❖ To create a network of farmers who are associated with the institution even during periods of surplus production as well as during periods of shortage of production and to facilitate them to establish a stable income stream.
- ❖ To integrate a value chain including at least 10 farmer production clusters including 10,000 farmers with the Spice Board.
- ❖ To establish a network of sales Centers and Franchise Shops for spices and allied products to be established locally.
- ❖ Implement incentives to provide favorable prices to producers, to market spices and allied products more appropriately and quickly, to encourage finished products, and to enable exports, and introduce private sector investors and local and foreign buyers.
- ❖ Provide financial resources to develop the value chain of spices and allied products, and introduce new products through Research and Innovations for value addition.
- ❖ Participate in international conferences and trade exhibitions to promote Sri Lankan spices abroad.
- ❖ Start producing those products with local spices instead of existing artificial flavors

- **Financial targets for the year 2025**

No.	Programme	Estimated amount (Rs. Mn.)
01	Capital expenditure	22.50
02	Recurrent expenditure	126.00

- **Physical targets for the year 2025 (programs and projects expected to be implemented)**

No.	Programme	Unit of Measurement	Target	Total Cost (Rs.Mn.)
Treasury Provisions				
01	To provide favorable prices to spice producers, to market spices and related products more quickly, and to encourage finished products.	Number of micro and small-scale farmers producing spices	Purchase of *5.4* mt of pepper and *1.*6 Mt of turmeric	7.00
02	Encouraging micro, small and medium scale spice and related product entrepreneurs by providing financial assistance to promote their products to the export market.	Number of certificate recipients	30 recipient of GMP certificates	2.25
03	Developing the production value chain of micro, small and medium scale spice and related products entrepreneurs, developing and encouraging their capacity to introduce new products for value addition.	Number of programs	Number of programs - 14 (In-house -12) (Field - 02)	1.85
04	Promotion of spice and related product brands locally and internationally and promotion of micro and small scale local spice and related producers, processors and value adders to the export market.	Number of Programs	Participating exhibitions both locally and internationally. (Local - *05*, International - *01)*	3.00
05	Providing research and innovation facilities for value addition to spices.	Number of Instrument	Obtaining essential testing equipment for the Spices and Related Products Testing Laboratory. (Microscope and necessary accessories)	0.20

06	Developing the capacity of the Embilipitiya Spice Processing Center.	Square feet/Number of essential furniture	Necessary improvements to the Officers' Residence, including sanitation and water supply facilities, and purchase of essential furniture.	3.20
		Number	Number of security camera systems (NVR) - *01 (*purchase of *04* cameras, communication devices and computer accessories).	0.50
		Number	Repair and restoration of the bridge scale at the Embilipitiya Spice Processing Center and acquisition of related equipment.	0.50
07	Developing the staff capacity of the Battaramulla Head Office	Number of programs	Conducting essential training programs for key office staff.	0.50
08	Improving infrastructure facilities at the Battaramulla Head Office	Software number Television File Cupboard	Improve Third Eye ERP software at the head office and purchase a television and 04 file cupboards.	1.00
Total				**20.00**

No.	Programme	Unit of Measurement	Target	Total Cost (Rs.Mn.)
Self Financing - Capital				
01	Capacity development of the Spices and Related Products Marketing Board.	Number	Number of "Spice Houses" to be opened - 02	2.00
02	Expanding the market for spices and related products.	Number	Promoting online sales of spices and related products.	0.20
03	Export development.	Number	Number of countries to which samples are exported-10	0.10
04	Brand promotion of spices and related products by the Spices and Related Products Marketing Board.	Number	Number of promotional programs carried out on social media networks - 20	0.10
05	Full utilization of the land of the spice processing center.	No. of Plants	Cultivation activities on the premises of the Embilipitiya Spice Processing Center (commercial mango cultivation)	0.10
Total				**2.50**

- **Financial progress of the Institution's as at 31.12.2024**

No.	Program	Allocated amount for the year 2024 (Rs. Mn.)	Amount spent up to 2024.12.31 (Rs. Mn.)	Financial progress as a percentage
01	Capital Expenditure (Treasury Provisions)	10.00	8.853	88.53%
	Capital Expenditure (Self-financing Provisions)	84.39	69.605	82.48%
	Total	**94.39**	**78.45**	**83.11%**
02	Recurrent Expenditure (Treasury Provisions)			
	Personnel Emoluments	31.60	31.60	100%
	Other Requirement	25.00	25.44	101.76%
	Total	**56.60**	**57.04**	**100.77%**
03	Recurrent Expenditure (Self-financing Provisions)			
	Personnel Emoluments	40.00	43.00	107.5%
	Other	50.00	48.08	96.16%
	Total	**90.00**	**91.08**	**101.20%**

- **Physical progress of development programs as at 31.12.2024**

Program	Project	Allocated Amount (Rs. Mn.	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)	Physical Progress
Treasury Provisions				
Capacity Development of Embilipitiya Factory.	1.1 Payment of outstanding bills for machines purchased in 2023.	3.50	3.457	The costs for the installation of the machines and the outstanding amount for the Movable Trolley including 09 machines have been paid.
	1.2 Improvement of product packaging at the Embilipitiya factory.	1.75	1.30	This machine was purchased in December after analyzing the need for this machine.
	1.3 Installation of office equipment and security cameras at the Embilipitiya factory.	0.15	0.025	10 office chairs have already been purchased and supplied for the factory. Although the purchase of security cameras was expected to be done during this quarter, it has not been postponed to next year

	1.4 Carrying out the remaining work on the employee lounge and raw material washing building at the Embilipitiya factory.	2.60	2.608	The release of the construction contract retention money was done in December.
Improvement of Battaramulla Head Office Facilities	2.1 Procurement of necessary equipment for the Battaramulla head office.	0.195	0.1774	02 file cabinets and 50 chairs were purchased
	2.2 Payment of outstanding bills for vehicle repair work in 2023.	0.915	0.9103	The outstanding amount to be paid after capitalizing the bill related to the repair of the jeep has been fully paid.
Brand Promotion of micro, small and medium scale spice and related products processors, value chain aggregators and manufacturers and prompt marketing of their products in a more appropriate manner.	3.1 Participation in the main marketing exhibition to be held at the BMICH premises in December for marketing promotion.	0.375	0.375	Participation in the main marketing exhibition to be held at the BMICH premises in December for marketing promotion
				Participated in the Colombo Festival 2024 trade fair held at the BMICH premises
Institutional provisions (Self Generated Funding)				
1. To develop the capacity of the spiceis and Allied products marketing board	1. 1 Engaging in value chain activities including procurement, processing, value addition and marketing of spices.	72.15	68.18	Raw material MT 01. Chilli 13.34 02. Curry powder 5.6 03. Turmeric 5.64 04. Gummaris 2.21 05. Mustard 0.255 06. Goraka 1.21 07. Fenugreek 0.691 08. Cummin seeds 0.432 09. Fennel seeds 0.42

	1.2 Appointing 10 Franchises sales agencies to market spices and allied products in rural/urban areas.	0.06	0.05	09 Franchise agents have been appointed.
2. To expand the market for spices and allied products.	2.1 Register a service provider with a local and international network to transport and deliver orders received through online methods.	0.08	0.01	"Pronto" has registered as a distribution institution for an online spice sales program. Updated the "online sale" website of the company so that customers can get more detailed and timely information about the products.
3. To act as the advisory, regulatory and certification body for spices in Sri Lanka.	3.1 Issuing necessary recommendations for granting accreditation certificates to micro, small and medium scale spice and allied product processors, value chain aggregators and manufacturers. (SGS Sri Lanka Pvt. Ltd.)	0.11	0.028	Registering SGS as a certified certification body. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with SGS on 2024.08.01. 25 selected micro, small and medium scale spice and related product processors, value chain aggregators and manufacturers were initially selected and recommended to SGS for the certification process, out of which 02 have been included in the certification process and further work is underway.
	3.2 Providing recommendations for requests for obtaining short and medium term loans on concessional interest basis from Hatton National Bank on behalf of the institutions recommended for obtaining accreditation certificates.	0.03	0.01	The procedure has been prepared in consultation with the staff of HNB Bank. A MOU has been signed with the company on 2024.08.01. 25 selected micro, small and medium scale spice and related product processors, value chain aggregators and manufacturers were initially selected and an awareness program was

				held in the company in collaboration with bank officials.
4 To develop export activities	4.1 Providing samples to countries and importers that have requested samples under the Spice Export Promotion Program.	0.01	_	505 samples have been sent to 09 countries.
5. To support the expansion of marketing activities through brand promotion of the Spices and Allied Products Marketing Board and to create opportunities for consumers to obtain pure spices.	5.1 Posting advertisements on social media networks	0.05	0.016	Number of Advertisements - 22 Conducting 2 sales promotion programs each at Nugegoda, Madiwela and Battaramulla outlets. Introducing an attractive bag at a reasonable price in a way that attracts consumers and motivates consumers to minimize the use of polythene and also promotes the corporate brand in a way that minimizes the costs incurred by the institution on packaging.
	5.2 Participating in exhibitions to promote the corporate spice brands locally and internationally.	1.295	0.930	Participated in 04 exhibitions.
6. To improve the production capacity of local entrepreneurs. .	6.1 Registering small and medium scale spice and related product entrepreneurs and conducting regular workshops for capacity development necessary to regularize their production and marketing activities	0.105	0.006	Number of Workshops Conducted - 01) A workshop was conducted at the head office premises for small and medium scale spice and related product entrepreneurs on providing their products to the consumers with quality and hygiene. It was confirmed through follow-up that they are working enthusiastically to provide their products at a higher level of quality by discussing their ideas and

				suggestions. Started to facilitate in providing the necessary advice and capacities building by meeting Micro, Small and Medium scale spices and allied product entrepreneurs registering them with the institution.
7. To fully utilize the capacity of the Embilipitiya factory site.	7.1 Carrying out cultivation activities in the area around the Embilipitiya factories	0.50	-	In this regard, the initial stage of land preparation was initiated after obtaining the assistance of a Regional Field Officer of the Department of Export Agriculture.

Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation

Vision

Become the most powerful government –owned plantation company.

Mission

Providing the maximum contribution to the local production of the country and to the well-being of the families of the plantation workers and the neighboring villages, by proper management of the assets owned by the Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation with the participation of employees.

- **Finacial Goal of the Year 2025**

No.	Programme	Estimated Amount (Rs.Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	1,266.79
02	Recurrent Expenditure	1,773.73

- **Physical goals of the year 2025 (expected programs and projects to be implemented)**

No.	Programme	Unit of Measure	Target	Total Cost (Rs.Mn.)
01	Replanting - Tea	Hectare	29	75.26
02	New Planting Tea	Hectare	19	18.62
03	Infilling Tea	Hectare	41	79.05
04	Cardamom Cultivation	Hectare	24	1.66
05	Cloves Cultivation	Hectare	06	4.28
06	Coffee Cultivation	Hectare	16	0.24
07	New Planting Timber	Hectare	02	0.60

- **Financial Progress of the Institute's Development Programs as at 30.11.2024)**

No.	Programme	Allocated amount for the year 2024 (Rs.Mn.)	Incurred Expenditure as at 30.11.2024 (Rs.Mn.)	Financial progress as a percentage
01	Capital Expenditure	1,041.00	97.00	9.3%
02	Recurrent Expenditure	1,540.00	1,123.00	73%

- **Physical Progress of the Institute's Development Programs as at 30.11.2024)**

Programme	Project	Allocated amount (Rs.Mn.)	Spend Amount (Rs.Mn.)	* Physical Progress (Hectare)
Tea replanting year 2022/2023 (these projects have been implemented in the districts of Kandy, Matale, Badulla)	Replanting tea – 1st Year Upkeep (Tea Replanting Programme 2022/2023)	19.04	31.08	36.16
	Replanting tea- 2nd Year Upkeep (Tea Replanting Programme 2022/2023)	37.38	82.15	57.55
	Tea new planting- 1st year upkeep (Tea Replanting Programme 2022/2023)	31.55	31.08	34.50
	Tea new planting- 2nd year upkeep (Tea Replanting Programme 2022/2023)	25.57	27.95	30.12
Walahanduwa Estate Special Project (2022) (This project has been implemented in Walahanduwa estate in Galle district.)	Tea new Planting 1st Year upkeep. (No of Plants 25,)000	15.68	2.30	2.00
	Coconut Cultivation 1st Year Upkeep (No of Plants 1600)	3.05	3.78	10.00
	Cinnamon Cultivation 1st year Upkeep (Plants 9,000)	1.10	0.75	1.00
Eco Tourism Project	Maintenance of Weawatenna tourism premises	1.84	0.65	

- **Special projects/activities proposed to be undertaken for the improvement of the sector in the year 2025**

  ❖ **Development of the tea lands in the estates of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation located in the upper layer of the Knuckles mountain range under the Green Climate Fund.**

  Currently, 13 of the plantations managed by the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation are located in the upper reaches of the Knuckles range. The purpose of this is to increase the green population of the Knuckles region by growing coffee in the fields where the population of tea bushes is less than the prescribed amount in the fields where the tea is grown in the tea plantations located in this way, earning a higher income. Through the above activities, the Plantation Corporation will create a brand of coffee unique to the Knuckles Hills, prevent soil erosion and sedimentation, improve water management, agriculture and value chain, forest conservation, community forestry and tourism industry and strengthen the community around Knuckles in terms of income.

Kurunegala Plantations Limited

Vision

To be the model Plantation and Agribusiness management Company in the South East Asian Region.

Mission

To manage the Plantation and other Agribusiness Productively, Profitably and sustainably through effectively harnessing natural, physical and human resources in an environment-friendly and socially responsible manner to the benefit of all stakeholders and the country at large.

- **Finacial Goal of the Year 2025**

No.	Programme	Estimated Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	619.08
02	Recurrent Expenditure	1,317.59

- **Physical targets for the year 2025 (Programmes and Projects to be implemented)**

No.	Programme	Unit	Target	Total Income (Rs.Mn.)
01	**Generating of Income**			
	Coconut	Nuts	15,150,000	986.75
	Rubber	Kgs.	134,550	80.73
	Coconut related products	-	-	36.35
	Milk Production	-	-	4.13
	Intercrops	-	-	147.24
	Value added Products and Sales outlets	-	-	516.68
	Others	-	-	3.92
02	**Land and Land Development**			
	Establishment of coconut underplantation	Seedlings	5,043	50.47
	Infilling of coconut seedlings	Seedlings	3,850	4.83
	Establishment of coconut nurseries	Seedlings	43,000	9.77
	Planting of timber	Plants	3,800	0.28
	Tea planting	Hactare	04	6.34
	Planting of Tom E.J.C. Mango	Plants	1,500	3.13
	Planting of Cinnamon	Plants	149,120	47.47
	Planting of Cashew	Plants	300	1.12
	Planting of Coffee	Plants	2,100	0.51

	Planting of Passion Fruit	Plants	400	0.64
	Planting of Clove	Plants	400	0.08
	Cutting of draining	Mtr.	5,750	0.69
	Repairing of fence	Mtr.	24,000	3.61
03	**Development of Land**			
	Fencing	Mtr.	10,400	17.81
	Preparing of roads	Mtr.	700	6.50
	Irrigation Projects	Nos.	04	2.10
	Construction of Wells	Nos.	07	1.80
	Establishment of C.C.T.V. Camera Systems	Nos.	11	3.10
	Other constructions	-		1.28
04	**Buildings**			
	Construction of watch huts	Nos.	07	19.50
	Construction and repairing of estate quarters	Nos.	-	15.84
	Construction of Cabanas	Nos.	06	13.50
	Construction and repairing of other buildings			17.32
05	Furniture for Head office and Estates			2.10
06	Equipments			5.39
07	Vehicles and Machineries			4.20
08	Computers and equipments			0.54
09	Installation of Solar Panel Systems			16.00
10	Establishment of Ice Cream Factory			150.00
11	Establishment of Computer system			5.00

- **Financial progress of the programmes Company as at 30.11.2024)**

No.	Programme	Allocated amount for the year 2024 (Rs.Mn.)	Incurred Expenditure as at 30.11.2024 (Rs.Mn.)	Financial progress as a percentage
01	Capital expenditure	730.54	265.63	36.35%
02	Recurrent expenditure	1,304.49	863.72	66.13%

- **Progress of Development Programmes as at 30.11.2024 (Obtaining of Income)**

Item	Annual Estimated Income (Rs.Mn.)	Actual Income as at 30.11.2024 (Approximately) (Rs.Mn.)
Coconut	943.38	736.80
Rubber	55.66	63.40
Coconut related products	18.44	55.80
Dairy Project	7.02	1.98
Intercrops	136.81	105.60
Value added Products	376.48	162.50
Others	3.60	3.10

- **Physical progress of Development programmes by the 30.11.2024**

Item	Annual Estimated Income (Rs.Mn.)	Actual Income as at 30.11.2024 (Approximately) (Rs.Mn.)	Item	Annual Estimated Income (Rs.Mn.)
Development of Cultivations	Establishment coconut underplantations	35.18	24.87	Completed the planting of 6992 Nos. of coconut seedlings covering the 44.05 Hectares at Attanagalla, Dambadeniya, Dodamgaslanda, Hiriyala, Katugampola, Kurunegala and Narammala Area Estates (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).
	Establishment of Coconut Nurseries	6.01	2.89	Completed the production of 32,000 Nos. of coconut seedlings at Dambadeniya, Dodamgaslanda, Hiriyala, Kurunegala and Narammala Area Estates. These seedlings are used to cultivate withing the estates of company balance seedlings are sold to outsiders. (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when

				preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).
Development of Cultivations.	Planting of Timber	0.35	0.18	Completed the planting of 3550 Nos. of timber trees at Attanagalla, Dambadeniya, Dodamgaslanda, Hiriyala, Katugampola, Kurunegala and Narammala Area Estates (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).
	Planting of Tea	9.11	2.20	Completed the planting of 4.00 hectares of Tea plantation at Wayagolla division of Attanagalla, Area Estates (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).
	Planting of Tom E.J.C.Mango	3.22	2.98	Completed the planting of 2600 Nos. of Tom E.J.C.Mango plants at Dambadeniya, Dodamgaslanda and Katugampola,Area Estates (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).
	Planting of Cinnamon	6.60	4.65	Completed the planting of 32992 Nos. of Cinnamon plants at Dambadeniya, Dodamgaslanda, Katugampola, Kurunegala and Narammala Area Estates (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).

	Plating of Coffee	0.22	0.12	Completed the planting of 1000 Nos. of Coffee plants at Dodamgaslanda Area Estates (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).
	Planting of Guava	0.97	0.66	Completed the planting of 2000 Nos. of Guava plants at Kurunegala Area Estates (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).

Programme	**Project**	**Allocated amount (Rs. Mn.)**	**Incurred Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)**	***Physical Progress**
Land and Land Development	Fencing	16.16	8.50	Capital fencing has been budgeted to construct of 10,400 Mtrs. of fence at all estates and 4826 Mtrs. had been completed by the end of November 2024. Balance quantity of fence are in progress. (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).
	Construction of Irrigation Projects and Pathaha	2.13	0.29	Completed the Construction of 03 Nos. of Pathaha and Irrigation projects at Area Estates (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).
	Construction of Wells	0.90	0.30	Completed the construction of 05 Nos. of wells for the use of the estate staff, watchers and estate labourers at Area Estates (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments

				to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).
	Construction of Gates	1.40	0.19	Completed the construction of 10 Nos. Gates at Area Estates (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).
Construction of Buildings	Installation of C.C.T.V. Camera Systems	7.80	3.70	Completed the installation of C.C.T.V.Camera systems for the safety of coconuts heaps at Area Estates (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).
	Construction and Repairing of Watch huts/Estate Quarters and other Buildings	49.70	23.00	Funds were allocated to construct 05 Nos. of watch huts at Area Estates and construction are in progress. (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).
Construction of Buildings	Construction of Fruit Juice Production Factory	7.00	-	Commenced the construction at Hiriyala Area Estates (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024)
	Establishment of Sales Outlets and Plant Nurseries	2.00	2.81	Completed the construction of sales outlets and nursery at Oliyadeniya division of Narammala Area Estates (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).
	Installation of Solar Panel Systems and Electrification	5.34	3.30	Completed the electrification of existing Watch huts and electricity supply to be obtained for newly constructing watch huts at Area Estates (Incurred expenditure to be calculated

				with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024)
Furniture for Head office and Estates	Purchasing of furniture for the requirement of Head Office, Estate Offices and Staff	2.15	1.59	Completed the purchasing within the year
Equipments	Purchasing of equipments for the use of Head Office, Estate Offices, Estate quarters and Field work	5.40	6.73	Completed the purchasing within the year (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).
	Computer equipments (Head Office)	8.01	5.73	Completed the purchasing within the year (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).
Vehicles and Machineries	Motor cycles	1.70	-	Not purchased.
	Machineries for coir production	3.00	3.74	Purchased for Katugampola Area Estates.
	Trucks	5.50	-	Approval from the General Treasury has not received.
	Tractor trailers	1.50	1.63	Purchased.
	Repairing of vehicles (Capital expenditure)	5.55	1.25	Works are in progress (Incurred expenditure to be calculated with the adjustments to the actual expenditure when preparing the final accounts for the year 2024).
Special Projects	Ice cream factory with machinery	135.00	10.14	Preliminary construction have been commenced at Head Office premises.
	Water bottling projects	50.00	-	Preliminary construction have been commenced at Head Office premises.

	Coconut Techno Park	100.00	21.00	Commenced at the Oliyadeniya division of Narammala Area Estates
	Installation of Solar Panel	35.20	7.20	Preliminary works have been initiated for installation of solar panel. (Sales Outlets 10, Estate Offices 07, Superintendents' bungalows 07, Managers' bungalows - 04)

(* It is suitable for include the area where project commenced, number of beneficiaries and cultivated land extent (Hectares), etc.)

- **A brief of special projects/ activities to be implemented for the development of industry for the year 2025**

Area Estate	**Agricultural & Non-agricultural Projects**	**Research & Development Projects**
Head Office	Ice cream factory	
Attanagalla	Eco/ coco tourism Dehydration of *Heenbovitiya, Thebu, Yakinaran, Wel Penela* King coconut oil production	Rambutan and *'Waraka'* canning Capsule production of *Heenbovitiya, Thebu, Yakinaran, Wel Penela*
Dambadeniya		Agroforestry using coffee
Dodangaslanda	Bottling of Coconut water Nature trails Supply of spices to star-class hotels	Value addition of cinnamon leaf oil Dehydration of Anoda powder Grated coconut
Hiriyala	Construction of Cabana (03 nos.)	Fruit juice bottling project
Katugampola		Coir processing
Kurunegala	Coconut based products	Protected agriculture
Narammala	Sekku oil production Meera canning project Cabanas at NCTP (3 nos.)	Carbon sequestration

Elkaduwa Plantations Ltd

Vision

To be the most challenging competitor in the plantation industry, protecting expectation of all stakeholders.

Mission

Enhance production using resources at optimum level by uplifting the living standards of employees whilst safe guarding the National Interests.

- **Financial Targets 2025**

No.	Programmes	Estimated Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	138.00
02	Capital Expenditure – Knuckles Project	120.00

- **Programmes and Projects expected to be completed during 2025**

No.	Programme	Measure Unit	Target	Total Cost (Rs.Mn.)
01	Tea Replanting	Hectares	10 Hectares	15.00
02	Coconut Replanting	Hectares	13 Hectares	6.50
03	Rubber Replanting	Hectares	27 hectares	8.50
04	Bandarapola Tea Factory Renovation	Made Tea (MT) Kgs	Increasing daily MT Manufacturing (From 525 kg to 3,150 kg per day)	35.00
05	Ratwatte Tea Factory Renovation	Made Tea (MT) Kgs	Resumption of Tea Manufacturing (Daily MT Manufacturing Capacity – 1,575 kg)	25.00
06	Purchase of New Tractors	Units	Purchase of 08 New Tractors on Financial Lease method	32.00
07	Purchase of Lorries	Units	Purchase of 02 New Lorries on Financial Lease method	16.00
08	Mechanization	Units	Mechanization of Plucking, Pruning, Weeding, Holing and other agricultural based activities to address the Labour Shortages	5.00
09	Knuckles Project (Funding Agent - International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources – IUCN and Ministry of Irrigation)	Hectares	Conservation of Watershed areas of Knuckles Mountain Range – 100 Hectares	120.00

- **Financial Progress as at end 30.11.2024**

No.	Programme	Budget 2024 (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure as at 30.11.2024 (Rs.)	Financial Progress (%)
01	Capital Expenditure	175.27	12.087	7 %
02	Revenue Expenditure	429.373	362.169	66 %

- **Summary of the anticipated Programmes/Special Projects and Activities for the development of Plantation Industries – 2024**

  - ❖ Providing Rs. 60 MN worth of provision to start the fertilizer applications after long awaited years and the 1st batch of fertilizer worth of Rs. 15 MN received on 15th December 2024.
  - ❖ Free access to an ERP/Accounting system on trial basis which has been lacking for years.
  - ❖ Initiating the procurement process to purchase a new Colour Sorter which has been lacking for more than 20 years to increase the quality of clean teas and to obtain high tea prices over and above the elevation average. The proposed machinery will be shared to clean teas, manufactured at Ratwatte Tea Factory as well once the production is resumed.
  - ❖ Recruitment of 04 trainee Superintendents from National Institute of Plantation Management for a period of 01 year from 15/12/2024.
  - ❖ Discussions were held with Sri Lanka Tea Board (SLTB) on 18/11/2024 to initiate the replanting programme under the SLTB subsidy scheme which was abandoned for many years.

- **Summary of the anticipated Programmes/Special Projects and Activities for the development of Plantation Industries – 2025**
  - ❖ Re-introducing the mechanization processes for harvesting, pruning, weeding and fertilizing by providing machinery & tools worth of Rs. 05 MN on interest free installment basis to as a solution to overcome the labour shortages.
  - ❖ Planning to increase the annual Green Leaf production from 1.8 MN 2.6 MN kilos by streamlining the plucking rounds, re-cultivating the abandoned tea fields and re-acquiring the lands released to Out-growers & taken back to revenue extent.
  - ❖ Transferring of idling staff at Colombo Office and Matale Office to vacant locations.
  - ❖ Organizing activities to develop housing, education, health and infrastructure facilities to improve the quality of life among the estate community through Non-government Organizations such as Berendia Or Increasing the daily manufacture capacity from 525 kg to 840 kg of made tea at the under-utilized Bandarapola Tea Factory and planning to operate under full capacity which is 3,125 kg of made tea daily.
  - ❖ Filling of vacancies at estate level after evaluating the performances to address the long tanding management problems

- ❖ Carrying out preliminary work to resume the manufacturing operations at Ratwatte Tea Factory with a daily manufacturing capacity of 1,575 kg of made tea which has been closed down for many years.
- ❖ Planning to purchase 02 new lorries and 08 new tractors in order to curtail/stop outflow of Rs. 04 million paid to rented vehicles annually.
- ❖ Arrangements have been made to incur additional income of Rs. 10 MN from Green Leaf (GL) sales to outside parties after entering in to new agreements for Rs. 172.50 per GL kilo by getting an additional Rs. 4.50 per GL kilo than the existing arrangements which is Rs. 168/- per GL Kilo.
- ❖ Planning to save Rs. 3.2 MN annually by introducing banking transactions for estate salaries instead of paying cash.
- ❖ Improving the company profitability by developing the following tourist attracted locations.
  - a). Sembuwatte Tourist Site – Elkaduwa Estate
  - b). Hulangala View Point – Selegama Estate
  - c). One Tree Hill View Point - Hunugala Estate
- ❖ Planning to launch echo-friendly hotel projects based on the above tourism sites with the consultations of Ministry of Tourism and Tourism Development Authority.

Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Limited

Vision

To be the most recognized model in manufacturing and marketing of best Sri Lankan CTC and Orthodox Tea.

Mission

To manufacture superior quality, tasty and consumer friendly Sri Lankan Tea aiming at Internal and External markets.

- **Financial Targets for the year 2025**

No.	Programme	Estimated Amount (Rs. Mn)
01	Capital Expenditure	809.180
02	Recurrent Expenditure	2,929.573

- **Physical Targets for the year 2025 (Expected Programmes and Projects)**

No.	Programme	Measuring Unit	Target	Total Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)
01	Made Tea Production	M.t	1,935.42	2,783.612

- **Financial Progress of the development programmes of the year 2024 (as at 31.12.2024)**

No.	Programmes	Allowance of the year 2024 (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure as at 31.12.2024 (Rs.Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	809.180	8.60
02	Recurrent Expenditure	2,929.573	1,249.538

- **Physical Progress of the development Programmes of the year 2024**

Programme	Project	Allocation (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)	Physical Progress
Made Tea Production		2,783.612	1,249.538	Made tea Production 948,790 Mt

- **Proposed Special Project / Activities for the year 2025 regarding the development of the sector.**

1.Production and Export of Made tea
2.Estabilishing solar panel systemes for the tea factories
3.Enhancing capacities of tea factories

Janatha Estates Development Board

Vision

To be the best Mid Grown - Orthodox Tea manufacturer in the region whilst achieving the highest net sale average to make the Organization one of the profitable and viable state- owned Institute.

Mission

Whilst utilizing of available resources with utmost care and dedication by developing skills of personnel to achieve the desired goals with teamwork towards a sustainable progress in the industry and for the benefit of the country at large.

- **Financial Targets for the year 2025**

No.	Main Development Programme	Estimated Amount (Rs.Mn)
01	Capital Expenditure	696.245
02	Recurrent Expenditure	2,671.003

- **Physical Targets for the year 2025 (Expected Programmes / Projects to be implemented)**

Number	Programme	Measuring Unit	Target	Total cost (Rs.Mn.)
01	Replanting of Tea	Hectare	24	84.00
02	Replanting of Rubber	Hectare	20	34.00
03	Maintenance of Tea Replantarions/other work	Hectare	30	61.00
04	Maintenance of rubber plantations	Hectare	103	51.00
05	Infilling	Hectare	14	51.00
06	Nurseries of Tea	Number of plants	760000	25.00
07	Repairing of tea Factories and Machineries	Number of Factories	Number of factories (Hope,Levelon and Loolkandura)	245.00
08	Repairing of Vehicles	Number	10	53.00
09	Rehahiliration of roads	Kilo Meters	4.5	07.00
10	Renovani of Estate Bungalows and others	Number	17 Bungalows	34.00

- **Financial Progress of the Development Programs of the year 2024 (as at 30.11.2024)**

Number	Programme	Allocation (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	813.587	60.5
02	Recurrent Expenditure	2,393.391	1661.42

- **Physical progress of the Development Programmes of the year 2024 (as at 30.11.2024)**

No.	Programme	Allocation (Rs.Mn)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn)	* Physical Progress
01	Replanting of Tea	54.08	2.25	4.50 Hectare
02	Maintenance of Tea Replantarions/other work	53.45	16.38	21.50 Hectare
03	Maintenance of rubber plantations	63.47	15.88	107.45 Hectare
04	Infilling	47.89	1.35	2.00 Hectare
05	Nurseries of Tea	21.50	4.09	131952 plants
06	Repairing of tea Factories and Machineries	376.77	0.03	-

- **Proposed Special Project / Activities for the year 2025 aiming the development of the sector.**

  - It is planned to Replant tea and rubber in 40 and 15 hectars respectively as Infilling with an investment of 225 million rupees.
  - Nurseries of about 700, 000 tea and rubber plants are planned in identified estates in favour of infilling process to be implemented.
  - It is planned to renovate factories complying with the standards of ISO and HACCP.

Chilaw Plantations Limited

Vision

Making the maximum contribution to the economy of Sri Lanka through the sustainable development of the plantation industry including coconut.

Mision

To improve the living standards of the workers and the public through the accepted policies, by using their limited resources effectively and efficiently for the sustainable development of the plantation industry, including coconut, and directing value-added products to foreign markets.

- **Financial Goals for the Year 2025**

No.	Major Development Program	Estimated Amount (Rs.Mn)
01	Capital Expenditure	185.00
02	Recurring Expenditure	1,190.00

- **Physical Goals of the Year 2025 (Expected Programs and Projects to be Implemented)**

No.	Program	Unit of Measure	Target	Total Cost (Rs. Mn.)
1	Under Planting-Divulapitiya	Hec/Plants	02 Hec/ 320 Plants	1,113
2	Under Planting-Mangalaeliya	Hec/Plants	05 Hec/800 Plants	16,244
3	Under Planting-Palugaswewa	Hec/Plants	05 Hec/750 Plants	4,282
4	Under Planting-Thambapanni	Hec/Plants	05 Hec/800 Plants	3,269
5	New Planting-Thambapanni	Hec/Plants	05 Hec/800 Plants	4,761
6	Cinnamon Planting-Divulapitiya	Hec/Plants	02 Hec/5000 Plants	6,926
7	Cashew Planting-Mangalaeliya	Hec/Plants	02 Hec/300 Plants	0.799
8	Cashew Planting-Thambapanni	Hec/Plants	1.5 Hec/300 Plants	1,237
9	Kapruwana Seed Nursery-Bingiriya	Plants	8,000	3,300
10	Nursery-Divulapitiya	Plants	1,875	0.399
11	Nursery-Mangalaeliya	Plants	7,500	1,539
12	Nursery-Palugaswewa	Plants	25,500	6,977
13	Nursery-Thambapanni	Plants	15,000	3,040

- **Financial progress of the Development Programs as at 30.11.2024**

No.	Program	Reserved Amount for the year 2024 (Rs.Mn)	Total Cost as at 30.11.2024 (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress as a Percentage
01	Capital Expenditure	244.00	76.00	31%
02	Recurring Expenditure	1,017.00	757.00	74%

- **Physical Progress of the Development Programs as at 30.11.2024)**

Program	Project	Reserved Amount (Rs.Mn)	Total Cost (Rs.Mn)	Physical Progress
Under Planting	Bingiriya Area Estate	4.90	0.01	Land preparation activities started
Under Planting	Chilaw Area Estate	4.00	0.23	Land preparation activities started
Under Planting	Divulapitiya Area Estate	1.1	0.046	Land preparation activities started
New Under Planting	Mangalaleliya Area Estate	2.6	2.13	Land preparation work has been done and planting has started.
Under Planting	Palugaswewa Estate	4.0	2.30	Planting has been completed.
New Planting	Thambapanni Area Estate	14.5	7.0	Land preparation work has been done and planting has started.
Cinnamon Planting	Bingiriya Area Estate	0.47	0.15	Land preparation work has been done and planting has started.
Cinnamon Planting	Chilaw Area Estate	0.3	0.025	Land preparation work has been done and planting has started
Cinnamon Planting	Divulapitiya Area Estate	0.6	0.054	Land preparation activities started
King Coconut Planting	Thambapanni Area Estate	2.0	0.37	Land preparation work has been done and planting has started

- **Special Projects/ Activities Proposed to be Carried out for the Betterment of the Sector in the Year 2025**
  - ❖ It is expected to develop the new coconut cultivation and cashew cultivation in the new coconut triangle by expanding the nursery project to Jaffna district.
  - ❖ By starting the new drip irrigation project, it is expected to provide the necessary water for coconut cultivation and thereby increase productivity.
  - ❖ It is expected to further increase the production of saplings from the Kapruwana Seed Coconut Garden in the Kinyama estate division and the delivery to the farmers.
  - ❖ For the advancement of the coconut industry, CPL in the future,
    - Increasing the population of coconut trees.
    - Arrangements have been made to increase productivity.
  - ❖ Planting 10,000 areca nuts.
  - ❖ Establishment of 22 Hec. of new/under Plantation.
  - ❖ Establishment of a 7 acre Soursop project.
  - ❖ Further Expansion of Tom JC mango cultivation. (Planting 2,550 trees)
  - ❖ Expansion of freshwater fish project for ponds and de-silting tanks.
  - ❖ Further expansion of cinnamon cultivation.
  - ❖ Initiation of beekeeping in suitable estate divisions.
  - ❖ Creation of new product and expansion of sales network.
  - ❖ Expansion of inter-crop cultivation in plantation divisions belonging to wet zone.

Progress of Foreign Funded Projects
Smallholder Tea and Rubber Revitalization (STaRR) Project

Project Summary

Project total investment	Rs. 9,401 Mn.(US$ 65.4)
Project commenced date	26.04.2016
Project Period	2016 - 2024
Contribution of funds	International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD), Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL)

- **Financial Progress as at 31.12.2024**

Sources of Financiers	Total Budget Allocation 2023 (Rs. Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs. Mn.)	Bills in Hand (Rs. Mn.)
International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) - (12)	200.00	54.09	-
Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL) (17)	78.00	78.00	-
Total	**278.00**	**132.09**	**-**

❖ The Implementation of the Project ended on 30.09.2023. The closer of the Project was carried out from 01.10.2023 to 31.03.2024.

Agriculture Sector Modernisation Project (ASMP)

Project Summary

Total project cost	59.66 USD (48.62 USD changes have been made.)
Project start date	2017.03.17
Project duration	From 17.03.2017 to 31.12.2021 (Extended up to 31.12.2024.)
Fund contribution	Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL), World Bank (WB)

- **Progress as per expected performance from 2017.03.17 to 31.12.2024 up to date**

Indicator	Project Completion Target	Progress as at 2024.12.31
Direct project beneficiaries (Number) - (Core)	100,000	130,000
Female beneficiaries (Number - Supplemental) - (Core)	40,000	52,000
Clients who have adopted an improved agriculture technology promoted by the project – (Productivity Indicator); (Number) - (Core)	70,500	39321
Clients who adopted an improved agriculture technology promoted by the project – female (Productivity Indicator) (Number) - (Core)	28,000	22029
Increase in average value of sales of agriculture products due to project interventions (Market Access Indicator) (Percentage)	25	45.3
New jobs generated through investments in agribusiness organizations under the project (Value addition Indicator) (Number, gender disaggregated)	9,900	7923
New jobs generated through investments in agribusiness organizations under the project (Value addition Indicator) (Number; female version of above)	3,960	4773
Number of (small) matching grants approved in Window 1 (or A)	1,000	1277
Window 1	300	340
Clusters	700	937
Number of (large) matching grants approved in Window 2 (or B)	160	171
Share of project-supported famer producer organizations making profit (percent)	70	77.7
Share of project-supported women-led famer producer organizations making profit (percent)	70	75
Share of Matching Grant recipients operating based on approved business plans (percentage)	80	95
Share of matching grant recipients reporting improved access to markets (percentage)	50	90
Client days of training provided (Number) - (Shared with C2)	50,000	82,984
Client days of training provided – female (Number) - (Shared with C2)	20,000	40,938

Progress Report 2024

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Community Infrastructure Sector

The expansion of the plantation community in Sri Lanka dates back to about two centuries as a community brought from South India when the British started cultivating coffee in the hills in 1840. Today, this plantation community, which is about 4.1% of the total population of Sri Lanka is close to 1 million, and is spread over estates in districts such as Kalutara, Kandy, Matale, Nuwara Eliya, Galle, Matara, Badulla, Moneragala, Ratnapura and Kegalle and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka played a big role over the past two decades through a number of Ministries to promote habitats, infrastructure, livelihoods and social development of the community involved in the plantation industry. The Ministry of Plantations and Community Infrastructure makes a significant contribution to this effort and,

the 3 primary institutions that support the work of the Community Infrastructure Division under it are as follows.

01) Saumyamoorthi Thondaman Memorial Foundation
02) Plantation Human Development Trust
03) New Villages Development Authority for the Plantation Region

Implementation, follow-up and evaluation of the functions of those institutions and related policies, programmes and projects are among the main functions of this Community Infrastructure Development Division. Aiming to create a prosperous plantation community enjoying conveniences by gradually reducing the social inequalities faced by the entire plantation community through the joint efforts of the above institutions as well as the key sectors under the Community Infrastructure Development Division, improving the living standards of 261,429 estate families representing 993,021 population, actively contributing to the mitigation of housing problems, basic infrastructure problems, low income status, health and nutrition problems and providing required government intervention to achieve their educational, social and economic development goals. The districts primarily operating under this Community Infrastructure Development Division are Kalutara, Kandy, Matale, Nuwara Eliya, Galle, Matara, Badulla, Monaragala, Ratnapura and Kegalle, and these districts functioning as 7 regions operating under the Plantation Human Development Trust.

Community Infrastructure Sector - Key Functions

Among the functions assigned to the Ministry of Plantations and Community Infrastructure by the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2412/08 dated 25.11.2024, the following functions are unique to the Community Infrastructure Division.

- ❖ Formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, strategies, programmes and projects, in relation to the subject of plantation and community infrastructure, and those subjects that come under the purview of Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations based on the national policies implemented by the government.

- Provision of public services under the purview of the Ministry in an efficient and people friendly manner.
- Reforming all systems and procedures using modern management techniques and technology, thus ensuring that the functions of the Ministry are fulfilled while eliminating corruption and waste.
- Providing financial and infrastructural support to enhance housing, water and sanitation facilities for estate sector/ Malayagam communities.
- Allocating lands for estate sector communities to construct permanent houses.
- Developing affordable housing schemes in areas surrounding estates.
- Taking necessary steps to provide basic facilities, livelihood generation and community development projects and other needs to empower the estate sector community economically, socially and culturally.
- Development of basic infrastructure in rural estate sectors.
- Establishing "People – Centric Boards and People – Centric Centers" giving pride of place to community leadership and community participation.
- Implementing a special programme to ensure the availability of primary education and health facilities for children of the estate community.

Administration Division

- The Administrative Division of the Community Infrastructure Division works to maintain good coordination among all the institutions under that division.
- Deployment of staff through effective management of human resources, taking into account the duties and responsibilities of all divisions within the approved number of employees.
- The Saumyamoorthi Thondaman Memorial Foundation and its affiliated institutions under this division have been facing a long-standing issue regarding the lack of permanent staff, however, after obtaining formal approval from the Director General of Management Services, steps have been taken to approve the recruitment procedures for the same.
- Conducting a series of lectures called *"Vidwath Hamuwa"* by identified scholars to develop the knowledge, attitudes, skills of all officers and to motivate officers in order to obtain effective and efficient service from officers.
- Since this division was previously under different subject names, the registration licenses for 40 vehicles, which were held under various ministries, were transferred in 2024 to the name of the Secretary of the then Ministry of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development.

Development Division

- Implementing these projects through the institutions under the Community Infrastructure Division, District Secretariats, Divisional Secretariats and Pradeshiya Sabhas for the welfare of the people of the plantation sector, their habitats, living standards and socio-economic facilities.

- ❖ Development division carries out the task of guiding the Community Infrastructure Division towards achieving its objectives and goals using the funds provided by the government consolidated fund and under the assistance of the government of India.
- ❖ Engineering Division as well as the Planning Division assists the Development Division to properly carry out the above functions including the followings:

Implementation of Infrastructure Development Projects

- Re-roofing of dilapidated line rooms.
- Establishment and improvement of safe drinking water supply schemes.
- Implementation of sanitation improvement projects.

Implementation of following projects under the estate housing programme

- ❖ Implementation of housing projects under the New Life Housing Programme.
- ❖ Coordination and supervision of housing programme construct under the assistance of the Indian Government.
- ❖ Implementation of water, roads and electricity supply projects for houses built under the New Life Housing programme and the Indian grant housing programme.
- ❖ Recovery of loan installments relating to the New Life Housing programme
- ❖ Overall supervision of the Thondaman Vocational Training Center at Hatton, Thondaman Cultural Center at Ramboda, Thondaman Sports Complex at Norwood and Praja Shakthi (E-Kios) Development Center under the Saumyamoorthi Thondaman Memorial Foundation.
- ❖ Development of the Thondaman Vocational Training Center at Hatton under foreign grants.
- ❖ Approve development projects, regulate and recommend payment according to the progress.
- ❖ Submitting progress reports and procurement reports related to the construction and other development projects.

Planning Division

- ❖ Identify policies and programmes for the betterment of the plantation community and formulate the action plan of the Community Infrastructure Division.
- ❖ Allocation of funds required for development programmes from the general treasury.
- ❖ Assist in the formulation of development policies and formulate the annual action plan of the Community Infrastructure Division.
- ❖ Preparation of progress reports and holding progress review meetings for development programmes.
- ❖ Preparation of capital estimates relevant to the implementation of development activities of the Community Infrastructure Division.
- ❖ Identifying new development projects and preparing project proposals.
- ❖ Conducting site inspections, supervision and field visits.
- ❖ Obtaining proposed projects and identifying appropriate projects out of them, evaluating the feasibility, project monitoring and evaluation, conduct field observations, progress

reviewing, preparation of progress reports including financial progress and physical progress and refer them to relevant institutions.
- ❖ Implementing special projects to improve livelihood and basic infrastructure in rural areas, coordinating and facilitating relevant institutions.
- ❖ Updating and maintaining information on the basic needs of the estate community.
- ❖ Conducting training and awareness programmes for capacity building of the Plantation Community Communication Facilitators and Praja Shakthi Officers.
- ❖ Preparation and submission of the Community Infrastructure Division Performance Report to the Parliament.
- ❖ Preparation of Cabinet Memoranda for development programmes of the Community Infrastructure Division
- ❖ Preparation of Annual development plan.
- ❖ Coordinating programmes and projects based on the Sustainable Development Goals.
- ❖ Representing the Community Infrastructure Division for national level development programmes.

Accounts Division

- ❖ The Accounts Division bears the responsibility of all the activities related to the payments made by the government funds such as the provision of goods and services required for the the Community Infrastructure Division and institutions under its purview through the procurement process, payment of salaries and allowances, payments relevant to the development process and maintenance activities.
- ❖ Financial management of the divisions and institutions under the purview of the Community Infrastructure Division.
- ❖ Preparation and management of the procurement plan.
- ❖ Asset management.
- ❖ Use of new technologies for financial management.
- ❖ Training and development activities related to financial management.
- ❖ Coordinating the activities related to audit.

Internal Audit Division

- ❖ Conducting assessments on the existing internal control mechanisms regarding finance affairs of the Community Infrastructure Division and conducting continuous evaluations of the formality and adequacy of internal inspections used to prevent and detect shortcomings.
- ❖ Assisting in determining the progress of implementation of development projects and schemes carried out on annual allocations, disclosing relevant information at progress review meetings, preparing annual audit plan of the Estate Housing Division, guiding to correct the matters pointed out by the audit queries, coordinating the conduct of Audit Management Committee meetings.
- ❖ Evaluating the internal administration of the Community Infrastructure Division and reporting audit observations regarding the development projects implemented by the Community Infrastructure Division as well as other activities of the Community Infrastructure Division to the Treasury.

- Three Audit and Management Committee meetings have been held on 26.03.2024, 03.07.2024 and 11.10.2024.
- The number of internal audit quiries conducted by the Internal Audit Division is 15 and the number of special investigations is 4.

Engineering Division

- Providing approval for Architectural and Design Drawings.
- Submitting recommendations for specifications and estimates.
- Supervise development projects implemented through various funding sources and provide consulting services.
- Project supervision.
- Participating in technical evaluation committees and technical audits.
- Introduction of innovative methods to construction projects.
- Conducting site inspections, supervision and field visits.
- Supervise projects implemented under foreign aid and preparation of estimates

- **Financial Targets and Physical Targets for the Year 2025**

No.	Program	Estimated amount (Rs. Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure- Local	3,406.57
	Capital Expenditure- Foreign	5,961.32
02	Recurrent Expenditure	694.45
	Total	**10,062.34**

- **Physical Targets for the Year 2025 (Programs and projects expected to be implemented)**

No.	Program	Unit of measurement	Target	Total cost (Rs. Mn.) for 2025
01	Estate Housing Program (Completion of Partially built Houses) (GOSL)	No of housing units	387	923.65
02	Estate Housing Program (New Houses for Disaster Affected Families-200) (GOSL)	No of housing units	200	840.00
03	Development of Infrastructure Facilities in the Estate Sector			
3.1	Roofing	No of Line rooms unit	375	62.00
3.2	Modernization of Child Developemnt Centers (CDC)	CDC centers	40	56.00
3.3	Provision of public sanitation facilities	Toilet units	180	30.00
3.4	Development of roads	Km	6.5	108.00
3.5	Improvement of field rest rooms	Units	25	35.00

No.	Program	Unit of measurement	Target	Total cost (Rs. Mn.) for 2025
3.6	Development of play grounds	No. of projects	10	10.00
3.7	Improvement of religious places	No. of projects	20	20.00
3.8	Livelihood development	No. of projects	245	49.00
3.9	Thondaman Vocational Training Centers- TVTC Training Program	No. of students	300	20.00
3.10	Renovation of school classrooms	No. of classrooms	50	25.00
3.11	Providing drinking water facilities to schools	No. of schools	20	20.00
3.12	Providing sanitation facilities to schools.	No. of schools	20	10.00
3.13	Providing disaster relief	-	-	10.00
3.14	Conducting a census of estate housing	Units	Projects-1	45.00
3.15	Issuing land titles	Units	Land titles 1000	
3.16	Establishing a land and housing policy	No of projects	Projects-1	
04	10,000 Indian housing programme (Indian Grant)	Housing units	Completion of construction of 1,300 housing units Initiation of preliminary works for 4,700	3,740.00
05	10000 Indian Housing - Infrastructure (GOSL)	Housing units	Providing infrastructure for 1,300 housing units	643.40
06	Provision of equipment for the establishment of smart classrooms (Indian Grant)	No. of smart classrooms	60 smart classrooms	508.20
07	Establishment of smart classrooms - Renovation (GOSL)	No. of smart classrooms	60 smart classrooms	115.80
08	Rs. 3 billion program (Indian Grant)	No. of projects	-	546.23
09	Rs. 3 billion program (GOSL)	No. of projects	-	82.26
10	Facilitating the preparation of deeds (NEVIDA)	-	-	80.50

No.	Program	Unit of measurement	Target	Total cost (Rs. Mn.) for 2025
11	Establishing a Model Village (NEVIDA)	-	-	12.50
12	Study and establishing a policy for providing houses and lands for the plantation community (NEVIDA)	-	-	10.00

- **Financial and Physical Progress of the Institute's Development Programs in the Year 2024**

No	Program	Amount allocated for the year 2024 (Rs. million)	Amount spent up to 31.12.2024 (Rs. million)	Financial progress as a percentage
01	Capital Expenditure	7,060.61	859	12%
02	Recurring Expenditure	537.87	490.94	91%
	Total	**7,598.48**	**1,349.94**	**18%**

- **Physical progress of the institution's development programs as at 31.12.2024**

Project	Allocated Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Amount Spent (Rs.Mn.)	Physical Progress
Estate Housing Programme (New Life Housing Project)			
House Construction Provision of Infrastructure for Housing Scheme	500	427.60	377 houses have been completed.
Indian Housing Programme			
Construction of 4000 houses - Indian grant	200	186.31	110 houses have been completed
Development of infrastructure facilities for 4000 houses - GOSL contribution	25	16.75	80 houses have been provided with electricity. 50 houses have been provided with water facilities
Construction of 10,000 houses - Indian grant	3600	496.69	Foundation level- 406 housing units Wall level- 35

Development of infrastructure facilities for Indian funded houses - GOSL contribution	300	65.40	units Roof level- 18 units Completion of houses- 5 units
Establishment of 60 Smart Classrooms - Indian Grant (Nuwara Eliya, Kandy and Badulla)	300	0	This project has not yet been initiated. Before signing the MoU, the Cabinet Memorandum of this project has been submitted to the Cabinet.
Establishment of Smart Classrooms – GOSL Contribution	10	0	
Infrastructure Development (2 billion)			
Ensuring land ownership with clear deed numbers for 2000 houses for families in the plantation area	2,022.26	258.51	1081 deeds have been prepared for families in the estate sector and 747 have been handed over while the remaining deeds are being prepared.
Completion of 15 water supply projects. Completion of 2 sanitation projects. Completion of 1 electricity supply project.			2 water projects have been completed and others are ongoing (3 projects 95% completed, 3 projects 75% completed).
Renovation of 595 cultural centers.			115 religious projects completed
Providing and installing roofing sheets for disaster-affected people in the plantation area.			Provision of 8500 roofing sheets and roofing for 3 line rooms. Roof repair for 3 line rooms completed.
Provision of classroom facilities for schools in plantation areas. Provision of technological teaching equipment for schools. STEM teacher training. School development projects.			STEM Teacher Training Completed (2122 beneficiaries) 8 school projects completed

Sports Development *Playgrounds *Provision of sports equipment for the sports club.			3 playground projects completed
Roads, Bridges Development			76 Roads and Bridges projects completed.
Public Facilities			08 Public Amenities projects completed.
Implementing health promotion programs to improve the health status of the people in the plantation area (providing hygiene and maternity kits).			Construction of 7 Toilets completed.
Community Empowerment and Livelihood Development *Youth Summit Livelihood Development Projects			Youth Summit project completed.
Infrastructure Development (Rs. 100 million)			
Providing vocational training to estate youth to overcome unemployment * Food for courses * Course materials * Assessments for NVQ trainees	21	13.92	For 208 beneficiaries
2023 bills in hand	2.58	3.69	-
2023 Infrastructure continuation projects	2.18		
Providing clean drinking water and sanitation facilities to line houses and schools in plantation areas that do not have drinking water facilities and sanitation facilities.	8.44	0.37	1 project completed
Ensuring religious and cultural facilities for plantation people (105 centers)	32	27.64	97 projects completed
Special Needs •Providing relief services to disaster- affected estate people •Road •Development of sports activities, playgrounds and schools •Issuance of identity cards and birth certificates	6 5 15.50 0.30	0.83 - 2.77 0.17	2 programs have been completed in Galle and Kalutara districts (139 beneficiaries)
Community empowerment and livelihood development Providing self-employment facilities to unemployed estate people (for 25 families) *Provision of goats. *Provision of poultry	5	4.71	1 project completed
Data survey for all beneficiaries in the plantation sector	2	-	-

- **Activities expected to be carried out for the advancement of the sector in the year 2025**

  - **Completion of partially built houses under the Estate Housing Programme.**
    Under this project, 387 housing units are expected to be completed by 2025. In addition, it is planned to provide new houses to 200 disaster-affected families under this program in 2025.

  - **Construction of houses under the 10,000 Indian Housing Programme (Indian Grant and GOSL)**
    Out of the 10,000 housing units expected to be constructed under this project, land has been released for 1,300 housing units and work is underway in phases from the foundation level. (Foundation level - 399, Wall level - 27, Roof level - 9). Accordingly, it is scheduled to complete these 1300 housing units in the year 2025 and start work on another 4700 houses.

  - **Development of infrastructure facilities in the estate sector**
    Under this project, it is planned to implement the infrastructure development and other specially identified project proposals of the plantation community submitted to us through the Plantation Human Development Trust / District Secretariats / Saumyamoorthi Thondaman Memorial Foundation (STMF) in the year 2025, taking into account the available funds.

  - **Provision of equipment for the establishment of smart classrooms**
    Simultaneously with this project, the renovation of selected schools in the Nuwara Eliya, Kandy, and Badulla districts to establish smart classrooms will be undertaken using allocations from the Sri Lankan Government and the provision of equipment for the establishment of these smart classrooms will be facilitated through the Indian grant. The renovation of this project is expected to be carried out in the year 2025 within the allocated provisions.

  - **Rs. 3 billion program**
    Concurrently with this project, the following 4 projects are scheduled for implementation in the year 2025.
      - Improving nutrition of children under 5 years of age attending Child Development Centers (CDCs).
      - Providing 10 Cluster Hospitals to the plantation community.
      - Building a Future Together: Renovating CDCs in Plantation Communities in Sri Lanka.
      - Construction of an auditorium building for Pakkiyam National College, Mount Lavinia.

  - **Facilitating the preparation of deeds**
    The New Villages Development Authority has planned to carry out a number of activities in the year 2025 to facilitate the preparation of deeds.

- **Establishing a Model Village**
  The objective of this project, initiated by the New Villages Development Authority is to provide a high standard of living, health services, educational facilities and an environment-friendly mechanism to the people.

- **Study and establish a policy for providing housing and land for the plantation community (NEVIDA)**
  The New Village Development Authority (NEVIDA) has recognized the necessity for a comprehensive housing policy specifically designed to address the unique challenges encountered by the plantation sector.

Plantaion Human Development Trust

Vision

To be the leading human development Organisation trusted for excellence, providing sustainable development programs to continuously improve the quality of life in the plantations

Mission

- ❖ Supplying integrated services beneficial to the plantation sector and its environs
- ❖ Improving socio-economic and spiritual well-being
- ❖ Improving knowledge and self-confidence
- ❖ Improving occupational health and safety dimensions
- ❖ Improving the talents and capabilities of the beneficiaries
- ❖ Improving the productivity of the sector

- **Financial target for the year 2025**

No.	Programme	Estimated amount (Rs. Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	1,149.00
02	Recurrent Expenditure	-

- **Physical Targets for the Year 2025 projects expected to be implemented**

No.	Program	Unit of measurement	Target	Total cost (Rs. Mn.)
01	Housing projects	No. of houses	397	765.00
02	Water projects	No. of water projects	16	124.00
03	Water projects – Indian housing		46	260.00

- **Financial progress of the institution's as at 31.12.2024**

No.	Program	Amount allocated for the year 2024 (Rs. Mn.)	Amount spent up to 31.12.2024 (Rs. Mn.)	Financial progress as a percentage
01	Capital Expenditure Housing Projects	302.00	220.00	73%
02	Recurrent Expenditure Water Projects	104.00	26.00	25%

- **Physical progress of the institution's as at 31.12.2024**

No.	Project	Allocated Amount (Rs. Mn.)	Amount Spent (Rs. Mn.)	* Physical Progress
01	Housing projects	302	220	80%
02	Water projects	104	26	35%

Saumyamoorthi Thondaman Memorial Foundation

Vision

Uplifting and promoting the religious, economic, social, cultural and educational, aesthetic, professional and physical development of Sri Lankans, especially providing self-employment opportunities to the underserved and underprivileged rural community.

Mission

Promote peace, goodwill, understanding and mutual cooperation among all Sri Lankan communities and to achieve comprehensive, complete and overall socio-economic development of the rural community through the extensive application and use of information and communication technologies in this process.

Objectives of the institution

- to promote peace, goodwill, understanding and cooperation among all Sri Lankan communities.
- to promote and encourage inter - communal harmony and social integration.
- to promote the religious, educational, vocational, social, political, economic, aesthetic and physical development of Sri Lankans.
- to enhance the knowledge and understanding of Sri Lankans in the economic, political, educational, cultural, social and aesthetic fields.
- improving the living standards of the economically and socially disadvantaged, including improving their living conditions, encouraging Sri Lankans to invest in appropriate banks and financial institutions, and providing infrastructure facilities.
- to provide financial or other assistance to any person engaged in any activity which is si to organize seminars, workshops and training programmes in Sri Lanka and abroad on economic, political, educational, cultural and social fields.
- to provide adequate facilities for the improvement of sports and recreation capabilities of Sri Lankans.
- milar to any of the objectives of the Foundation.

- **Financial target for the year 2025**

No.	Programmes	Estimated amount (Rs.Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	15.00
02	Recurrent Expenditure	130.00

- **Physical targets for the year 2025 (programs and projects expected to be implemented)**

No.	Program	Unit of measurement	Target	Total cost (Rs. Mn.)
01	Providing vocational training to students	No. of students	300	28.00
02	Renting the Norwood Stadium for football, cricket, volleyball and netball matches.	No. of competitions held	24	0.65
03	Renting the stadium for helicopter landing	No. of helicopter landings	48	0.30
04	Renting the hall at the Cultural Center for festivals.	No. of times rented	60	0.992
05	Providing training in *Bharata natyam* and Carnatic music to students	No. of students	260	-

- **Financial progress of the institution's development programs in the year 2024, (as at 31.12.2024)**

No.	Program	Amount allocated for the year 2024 (Rs.Mn.)	Amount spent up to 31.12.2024 (Rs. Mn.)	Financial progress as a percentage
01	Capital Expenditure	15.00	13.50	96%
02	Recurrent Expenditure	125.00	107.00	86%

- **Physical progress of the institution's development programs in the year 2024, (as at 31.12.2024)**

Program	Project	Allocated Amount (Rs. Mn.)	Amount Spent (Rs. Mn.)	* Physical Progress
Livelihood Development Programme	Distribution of goats	3.50	4.70	100%
Sports Development Program	Development of football skills in plantation football clubs.	1.19	0.37	100%
Training Courses	Training course for plantation teachers in science and technology, English and mathematics	24.00	9.20	100%

New Villages Development Authority for Plantation Region

Vision

To be a frontrunner in empowering the plantation community

Mission

To formulate and implement the necessary policies and plans, becoming a platform that brings together all stakeholders to build the social and economic well-being of the plantation community through an integrated approach.

Objectives

- ❖ To ensure the social acceptance of the plantation community.
- ❖ To create an economically sustainable plantation community
- ❖ To strengthen the capacity and functions of NEVIDA to provide better services to the community

- **Financial target for the year 2025**

No.	Programmes	Estimated amount (Rs. Mn.)
01	Capital Expenditure	81.00
02	Recurrent Expenditure	10.00

- **Physical targets for the year 2025 (programs and projects expected to be implemented)**

No.	Program	Unit of measurement	Target	Total cost (Rs. Mn.)
01	Issuance of land deeds for estate housing beneficiaries	Number	1000 Beneficiaries	25.00
02	Providing facilities for public services to reach estate areas	Number of activities	1000 Beneficiaries (Birth Certificates/ ID Cards/ Provision of Midday Meals for Child Development Centers	5.00
03	Providing sanitation facilities for estate schools	Number	10 Estate Schools	10.00
04	Formulation of a housing and land policy	Number of activities	All Estate Families Deprived of Land and Housing	7.50
05	Data survey on estate housing	Number of activities	All Estate Areas	10.00

06	Livestock development in estate areas	Number	5 Animal Farms	10.00
07	Establishment of a model estate village in estate areas	Number of activities	300 Families	12.50
08	Awareness on financial literacy	Number	1000 Families	1.00
	Total			**81.00**

- **Financial progress of the institution in the year 2024, (as at 31.12.2024)**

No.	Description	Amount allocated for the year 2024 (Rs.Mn.)	Amount spent up to 31.12.2024 (Rs. Mn.)	Financial progress as a percentage
01	Capital Expenditure	5.00 *Rs. 2 million approved from the budget	1.99	100%
02	Recurrent Expenditure	13.00	7.38	57%
		5.00	5.0	100%
Special Note	The expenditure heads mentioned above have been allocated to NEVIDA only for the year 2024, and to date, there has been no development expenditure allocated under NEVIDA			

- **Financial progress of the institution's development programs in the year as at 31.12.2024**

No.	Description	Amount allocated for the year 2024 (Rs. Mn.)	Amount spent up to 31.12.2024 (Rs. Mn.)	Financial progress as a percentage
01	Capital Expenditure	1.50	1.49	99%
02	Recurrent Expenditure	22.60	20.49	91%
Special Note	Since there is no development expenditure head for the deed program implemented by NEVIDA, the expenditure for the above program is calculated through Ministry Expenditure Head No. 001-2-6-22-2509. This is not reflected in the financial progress of NEVIDA.			

- **Physical progress of the institution's development programs in the year 2024**

No.	Project/ Program	Allocation Rs. million	Actual Expenditure Rs. million	Physical Progress	Other
01	Providing land ownership for the estate community	22.61	20.40	Annual target 2445 deeds and progress achieved 1083 deeds (44%)	Delay in expected results due to announcement of elections and issues with land release.
02	Providing land ownership for the estate community	1.54	-0	A mobile phone application has been introduced. Training on data collection has been initiated (40% progress achieved so far)	Delay in the completion of training due to the announcement of elections and the delayed disbursement of funds from the Ministry.

- **Activities expected to be carried out for the advancement of the sector in the year 2025**

❖ **Formulating a Housing Policy for the Plantation Sector**

The New Villages Development Authority (NEVIDA) has recognized the necessity for a comprehensive housing policy specifically designed to address the distinct challenges encountered by the plantation sector. The Housing Policy 2025 seeks to ensure a safe, sustainable, and dignified living environment for plantation workers and their families. The key components of this strategy include the regularization of houses constructed after 2015, as well as those built prior to 2015, through partnerships between the government and non-governmental organizations.

❖ **Development of an online database for the plantation sector**

A robust online data system is crucial for the effective planning and implementation of development activities within the plantation sector. The absence of sustainable, relevant, and accurate data has hindered efforts to address the socio-economic challenges faced by the plantation community.

❖ **Plantation Sector Poverty Reduction Program**

The NEVIDA 2025 Poverty Reduction Program aims to empower plantation communities through economic, social, and educational interventions.

Information on foreign funded projects

- **Indian grant housing project**
  This is being implemented in three stages and 4,000 housing units will be implemented under the first stage (Stage 01) and the second stage (Stage 02) under the Memorandum of Understanding signed with the High Commission of India in Sri Lanka on 01.04.2016 with the Cabinet approval dated 08.01.2016 and the first and second stages of the Indian Housing Programme will be implemented by four institutions selected by the High Commission of India under the direct supervision of the High Commission of India. Under the third stage (Stage 03), 10,000 housing units will be implemented.

  A house of the Stage I and II of this project has been estimated for a value of one million rupees with Rs.2,800,000/= contribution from the government of India, Rs.75,000/= contribution from the relevant plantation company and Rs.20,000/= worth labour contribution from the beneficiary. In order to provide other infrastructure including drinking water facilities, electricity, access roads required for this housing project, the government of Sri Lanka provides Rs.120,000/= per housing unit for the first stage and Rs.300,000/= per housing unit for the second stage.

- **Indian grant housing project**

  (a) Stage I & II - 4000 houses
  (b) Stage III - 10,000 houses

  Under Stage III, the government of India has agreed to provide 10,000 new houses to the plantation community. The relevant Cabinet decision has been received on 16.08.2018 and the relevant Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the High Commission of India in Sri Lanka on 12.08.2018. Accordingly, for the plantation community in the seven plantation regions of Badulla, Hatton, Nuwara Eliya, Kandy, Kegalle, Ratnapura and Galle, it is planned to construct 10,000 housing units in three stages through the Estate Worker Housing Co-operative Societies with the headship of the estate beneficiaries.