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Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Co-operative Development

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Modern Life, Rich Country...

It gives me a great pleasure to express these words as the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development in the implementation of our policy manifesto "A Thriving Nation, A Beautiful Life", the road map, which paves way to fulfill the expectations of the Nation of our country.

The main responsibility of my Ministry is to ensure the food security of our countrymen and provision of safe food to the consumers. However, consumers had to undergo certain difficulties due to the lack of coconut, rice crisis and the shortage of salt stocks. The supply of rice faced to a decline before the lapse of one month after establishing our Government as the recent Governments had not regulated the market based on correct data. However, we were able to settle these issues in the market by way of importing rice through Lanka Sathosa and State Trading Corporation, the institutions under our Ministry.

A Government should maintain buffer stocks in order to ensure food security within the country. Otherwise, the consumers would be the victims of several large-scale businessmen as it is happening now. Therefore, the Ministry and the Paddy Marketing Board have decided to maintain a buffer stock of rice from Maha Season of year 2025.

The policy of our government is to cultivate all the crops, which can be cultivated within the country. Nearly 1,600 USD million has to be spent annually for the importation of foods. We are expecting to save 40%-50% from this amount during the coming year. For this purpose, the 1000 Production Co-operative Societies to be commended in 2025 will be immensely helpful ve this target. In the meantime, programmes are now being prepared to provide value added productions to the international market through the Department of Commerce under my Ministry. In addition to expanding the sales network of Lanka Sathosa, action will be taken to establish wholesale trade centers in several selected districts by way of reactivating SATHOSA. Further, the mechanism is being strengthen to formalize the moving of qualitative goods in the market by strengthening Consumer Services Authority. We, as a Government, are now making efforts to create era of renaissance in the true sense of words eradicating corruptions and introducing modern technology. Therefore, I believe that your contribution will be ensured to make our efforts for offering you a modern life in a rich country in each and every way a success.

Wasantha Samarasinghe, M.P.
Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development

A prouder nation, a future which win the world...

The mechanism for operations built by the political structure is the main path, which brings a country towards development.

When we came to power on 22 November 2024, the country is in a grave crisis in the Food Security. Health, Economy and Education are dynamic process, which combine each and every sector and all these fields were in turmoil. However, I hereby state that we could commence a successful journey as one team for the planning of processes to bring the country to the dawn finding paths to ensure sustainable solutions in the meantime identifying issues of the Ministry within a short period.

We, as a Ministry, are taking action with firm determination to ensure a healthy meal to the nation eliminating the insecurity observed in the food supply and following short term, middle term and long-term programmes.

In the meantime, preparations have been made to renovate rice stores and mills, which were closed, after building them spending the wealth of the country, and accordingly measures were taken to store the rice production of the farmers in order to plan the rice supply of the country.

We are now planning to ensure the management in food security connected to the trade of the whole country with the involvement of Sathosa, Cooperative Shops, trade centres, Paddy Marketing Board, and private institutions. Our Ministry is ready to work with other Ministries to solve the irregularities observed for a long time in every sector due to this huge crisis.

All the activities of the communal life are connected to the trade, and commerce sectors and the actions taken within a short period to implement a clear vision, which will build the economy of the people, making Cooperatives a partner will be clearly helpful in this process.

We are now making plans to modernize traditional productions, expose productions and services with the capacity of earning foreign exchange and promote them. Identifying the capabilities of people as a community, which has the power to transform every plant of the country to an economic resource, we are now planning to introduce the people for new productions and innovations. Enhancing the regulations, laws and acts applied to the imports and exports depending on the necessity, I state with much pleasure, that plans have been prepared to encourage producers and exporters to win future foreign market.

We, as a Government, truly strengthen all the levels of the society enabling the people to be a helping hand to win the world as victorious nation.

My heartfelt complements .to our motherland, Sri Lankan Nation for looking forward to an era with progress.

R M Jayawardana, M.P.
Deputy Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security

A country with food security, beautiful life...

I take this opportunity to extend my complements as the Deputy Minister of Cooperatives in our effort for building of a country with food security. Even though Sri Lanka is identified as an agricultural country, huge amount of foreign exchange has to be spent annually for the importation of food. With the introduction of the open economy, farmers tend to leave farming and it has resulted in the decline of the Cooperative system of the country, which made a huge contribution to the rural economy, and today nearly 26% of the total population of 22 million is now living under poverty line. Under such circumstance, our new Government is taking action to rebuild Cooperatives and enhance the agricultural productions bringing modern technology to the farm lands.

Initiatives have already been made to establish 1000 production cooperatives centering 10 agricultural crops and 05 minor export crops selected at the first round under all Island production cooperatives programme commenced from year 2025. Accordingly, there will be a written concurrence among Farmers 'Organizations, Cooperatives and Wholesale Buyers with the objective of ensuring a reasonable price to the agricultural products whilst minimizing production cost. The farmer will be provided with seeds, financial facilities, fertilizers, and technology through the production Cooperative and the productions of Farmers will be collected and the supply will also be ensured by way of storing the productions under quality standards.

One of the responsibilities of our Government is to control the post-harvest damages and ensure safe food to the consumers. In the meantime, the space for the purchase of goods at a reasonable price minimizing the influence of intermediaries. The Government has the responsibility to maintain buffer stocks within the country to control oligarchy. We also expect to reduce gradually the imports from foreign countries. It is a great pleasure that our Ministry has the opportunity to make our dream for a rich country a reality whilst achieving the objectives in the policy manifesto of National People's Power.

Therefore, I cordially invite you all to participate in our effort to build a country with "Food Security and a Beautiful life. "

Upali Samarasinghe, M.P.
Deputy Minister of Cooperatives

Message of the Secretary ...

Main role of the Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Co-operative Development is to ensure maximum contribution for the enhancement of the living standards of Seri Lankans conforming to the policies of the Government. Accordingly, the Ministry has already taken a large number of measures to safeguard the rights of both trading as well as consumer communities whilst providing them facilities in the meantime providing directions to the sectors such as trade, commerce, food security and co-operative development, and ensuring maximum contribution for the food security , monitoring and regulating. Our target is to create a fair and competitive approach to the market for producer and consumer whilst enhancing the quality of trade and commerce sectors, establishing, ensuring and regulating a national trade policy in line with local and international trade policies,

With the intention to achieve this target, the Ministry has ensured its maximum intervention during the year under review to provide goods and services with high quality at a fair price by way of maintaining the network of relevant institutions connected to the fields such as trade, commerce, food security and co-operative development. However, it is highly critical to find sustainable solutions for the prices escalation and shortages of goods due to Island economy, adverse climates and market imbalances often observed in the global market. In the meantime new strategies should also be introduced in this regard. Therefore, year 2025 can be highlighted as a year which marks a new turning point. It is expected to formulate a strategic plan for five years and thereby to ensure more efficient and productive service delivery under the sectors such as trade, commerce, food security and co-operative development. The Ministry has established a Committee for Food Policies and Security aiming at the food security and it is working actively under the Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Co-operative Development and Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation.

Further, it is expected to operate the Department of Commerce to conduct international trade exhibitions, awareness programmes with trading community with a new approach to enhance international trade links, whilst expanding new market opportunities through international trade agreements and combined commissions turning to enhance the foreign exchange. Facilities are to be provided for the promotion of small and middle scale entrepreneurs as exporters to achieve this target.

Initiatives have been taken to launch programme for the establishment of 1000 co-operative societies aiming specially at productions and digitalizing the functions of National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka , Consumer Affairs Authority and Department of Measurement Units, Standards and Services. In the meantime, it is planned to modify further Laksathosa and network of co-operative shops to provide essential goods at a fair price, and expand the functions of SATHOSA and State Trading Corporation enabling direct importation. Under this context, action will be taken to restructure and reactivate SATHOSA to ensure the food supply chains under the Government.

I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Hon. Minister and two Deputy Ministers for their directions and guidance to make these efforts a success and further the staff of our Ministry and Heads of Institutes under Ministry along with their staff for their commitment to make the mission and vision of the Ministry a reality.

K. A. Vimalenthirarajah
Secretary

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Chapter One

Vision, Mission and Functions

01. Vision, Mission and Functions

1.1. Vision

"Sustainably Developed Sri Lanka"

1.2. Mission

"Establishing, maintaining, and monitoring a national trade policy in line with local as well as international standards, which ensures the equality and rights of manufacturers, traders, suppliers of measurement services or other services, whilst ensuring leadership in the trade sector, performing service and monitoring activities, obtaining new market opportunities entering in to bilateral, multilateral, and regional trade agreements, contributing to ensure a higher life standard enhancing the quality of consumer items and services of Sri Lankans.'

1.3. Objectives

i. Applying custom tariff policy as a tool for controlling the market behavior so as to secure the rights of local producers and consumers through a national trade policy and encouraging exports by way of granting tax concessions to local producers in order you induce productions.
ii. .Maintaining the cost of living at the minimum possible level maintaining the prices of essential items at such occasions where the prices of goods at the markets are escalating
iii. Providing necessary guidance to implement relief programmes for the benefit of consumers through the government institutions such as Lanka Sathosa, Co-operative Development Department, Co-operative Societies and Associations etc. at national level in an open market environment
iv. .Ensuring the application of measurement standards for the benefit of trading community as well as consumers
v. Enhancing legal framework with infrastructure facilities to maintain buffer stocks of essential items within the country to assure food security.
vi. Providing guidance to the Consumer Affairs Authority for the legal activities relevant to safeguard consumer
vii. Preparing mechanism to maintain a data base relevant to the institutions under the Ministry, update such data bases, and make links with external information providers.
viii. Providing guidance to implement the measures relevant to protect the proper standards of local products and export items.
ix. Making contribution to maintain welfare processes to encourage children for higher education.
x. Making directions to implement conservation process for the protection of national intellectual properties.
xi. Guiding for accreditation services conforming to the national and international standards

xii. Establishment of the institutional background and encouragement of connected institutions in order to protect and promote the economic and commercial interests of Sri Lanka and encourage the exporters for opportunities in international market

xiii. Providing necessary facilities and coordination in signing multilateral and bilateral trade agreements with various

xiv. Providing necessary directions for legal coordination in relation to Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), NMTR, Free Trade Agreements (FTA) and Regional Trade Agreements (RTA) of Sri Lanka

1.4. Activities

I. Formulation of policies in relation to the subject of trade in line with the national policies implemented by the Government.

II. Formulation, implementation of subjects, functions and related policies of the Departments, State Corporations and Statutory Institutions under the Ministry and carrying out follow up actions and evaluation in this regard.

III. Formulation of National Trade Policy and taking action to coordinate the institutes relevant to the implementation of such policy.

IV. Creating competition in the market for ensuring the rights of consumers, formalizing internal trade and safeguarding consumers, supervising the market, making raids and making the awareness of traders and consumers.

V. Performing the role of mediator in order to control the escalation of prices in the local market.

VI. Encouraging institutions for exploring opportunities to make new bilateral, multilateral and regional agreements and also to find new opportunities for exports in the global market and providing necessary facilities.

VII. Establishment of an intellectual property system, which promotes protection of the intellectual properties of Sri Lanka and economic sustainability.

VIII. Making legal base for companies, businesses and other institutes and formalizing their functions.

1.1. Institutions coming under the Ministry

i. Department of Commerce
ii. Lanka Sathosa Limited
iii. SATHOSA
iv. Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Scholarships Trust Fund
v. The Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment
vi. Department of Measurement Units Standards and Services
vii. Dedicated Regional Economic Centers
viii. National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka
ix. Consumer Affairs Authority
x. Department of Co-Operative Development
xi. Co-operative Employees' Commission
xii. National Co-operative Development Institute
xiii. Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation
xiv. Food Commissioner’s Department
xv. Department of the Registrar of Companies

Chapter Two

Specialties

02. Specialties

2.1 With a view to provide essential food items to consumers at a reasonable price and without any shortage, Consumer Affairs Authority was constantly instructed and directed and action was taken to provide assistance to consumer checking the quality of the goods were checked for controlling unfair trade practices, declaring maximum retail and whole sale price at necessary instances in order to provide consumer items at a bearable price and without shortage, and removing such prices considering the necessarily. Information pertaining to the imposing of retail and wholesale prices are given below.

Table 2.1. Maximum retail and wholesale prices imposed to ensure essential foods to consumers at a reasonable price

Serial No	Item	Category	Gazette number and date	Imposing maximum price		Other
				Wholesale price (Rs.)	Retail Price (Rs)	
1	Rice (Local)	Keeri Samba	2414/02 2024.12.09	255.00	260.00	
		Samba		235.00	240.00	
		Nadu		225.00	230.00	
		Kekulu		215.00	220.00	
2	Rice (Imported)	Kekule	2414/04 2024.12.09	-	210.00	
		Nadu		-	220.00	
		Samba		-	230.00	
3	Canned Fish	**Tuna** Net weight 425 grams and drained weight 280 grams	2416/29 2024.12.27		380.00	
		Mackeral Net weight 155grams and drained weight 105 grams			180.00	
		Mackeral Net weight 425 grams and drained weight 280 grams			420.00	
		Jack Mackeral (Linna) Net weight 425 grams and drained weight 280 grams			560.00	

Source: Trade and Research Division of the Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Co-Operative Development

2.2 Approval has been granted to import rice by private importers without obtaining import permits under the approval of the Cabinet in order to prevent the sale of rice at higher prices and avoid the shortage of rice in the final quarter of year 2024 and accordingly, nearly 83,215 MT of rice has been imported during the period from 02.12.2024 to 31.12.2024.

2.3 Action has been taken to import 70,000mt of Nadu Rice through Sri Lanka State Trade Corporation and Lanka Sathosa under the approval of the Cabinet in order to ensure food security and accordingly 780 MT of the above has been imported by 31.12.2024 by Sri Lanka State Trading Corporation and distributed through Lanka Sathosa and Co-operative Societies and Super Markets. Orders have been placed for importing another stock of 25,200 MT.

2.4 A special programme has been launched to sell rice and coconut to the consumers at a reasonable price by Lanka Sathosa network as a remedy to the shortage occur in local market during the last period of year 2024. Accordingly, Lanka Sathosa has purchased nearly 4.5 million kilograms of imported rice during the period from December 2024 up to 15 January 2025 and nearly 1.5 million kilograms out of the above has been sold. In the meantime, nearly 13 million kilograms of local rice has also been sold during the time from September 2024 up to 15 January 2025. 893,442 coconuts have been purchased during December 2024 and 726,285 out of the above have been sold.

2.5 With a view to protect local farmers, action has been taken to submit recommendations and proposals to the Department of Trade and Investment Policies on import tarrif for imported essential food items depending on the situation. Ex. Potatoes, Big Onions, and Canned Fish.

2.6 Procurement process has been commenced obtaining the approval of the Cabinet on 18.12.2024 to import 30,000 MT of salt , to which Iodine has not been mixed, by State Trading Corporation considering the facts submitted by Salt Producers' Association regarding a possible shortage of salt in the future market.

2.7 Granting approval of the Cabinet at its meeting held on 01.07.2024 for the establishment of National Quality Council for planning, organizing, coordinating and promoting activities connecting to the implementation of National Quality Policy

2.8 Taking action to refer all the representations on the issues and grievances of manufacturers, traders, and consumers to relevant institutions for getting solutions and providing necessary directions.

2.9 Getting approval for the Cabinet Memorandum declared on the regulations under the Intellectual Property Act No 36 of 2006 for the registration of Geographical Indicators.

2.10 Taking action to suspend with immediate effect the future action as per the Cabinet Paper No 24/1712/627/001-1 dated 02.09.2024 on the liquidation of CWE when assuring the contribution of the state in market operations in order to ensure welfare of consumers, food security, provision of facilities to farmers and small and mediumscale entrepreneurs as per the policy framework of the Government and making plans for restructuring and utilizing CWE for operations.

2.11 Taking action as per the Cabinet Paper No /24/2338/817/005 dated 30.12.2024 to alienate following stores to the CWE, which managed by Regional Development Bank and Peoples Bank making capacity for CWE to purchase and store paddy in Maha season 2024/2025.

Particulars on stores

Table 2.2 Stores alienated to CWE

No	Location of the store	District	Capacity (m t)	Ownership
1	Murunkan*	Mannar	5,000	Secretary of the General Treasury
2	Medirigiriya*	Polonnaruwa	5,000	
3	Upuldeniya*	Anuradhapura	5,000	
4	Buththala*	Monaragala	5,000	
5	Killinochchi*	Killinochchi	5,000	
6	Embilipitiya*	Rathnapura	5,000	
7	Dahampura-Medirigiriya**	Polonnaruwa	3,000	
8	Hingurakgoda	Polonnaruwa	4,000	Lanka Sathosa limited
9	Pannegamuwa	Hambantota	4,000	
10	Oyamaduwa	Anuradhapura	24,000	Government Agent
Total capacity of stores (MT)			65,000	

Source: CWE

Note: * managed by Regional Development Bank ** managed by Peoples Bank.

Chapter Three

Progress- 2024

03. Progress of year 2024 (From 01.01. 2024.to 2024.12.31)

3.1. Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Co-operative Development

I. Financial Progress up to 31.12.2024

Table No3.1 Financial Progress

Description of the expenditure	Revised Provisions for 2024 (Rs)	Financial Progress up to 31.12.2024	
		(Rs)	%
Recurrent Expenditure	1,323,295,000.00	1,007,929,990.94	76.17%
Capital Expenditure	34,600,000.00	6,755,854.22	19.53%
	1,357,895,000.00	**1,014,685,845.16**	**74.72%**

Source: Ministry Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Co-Operative Development- Accounts Division, Accounts Division

I. Internal Audit Division

a) Four Meetings of the Audit and Management Committee, which is a statutory requirement, have been held.

b) Action has been taken to verify whether the functions of the Ministry are carried out properly and systematically as per the audit plan and for that purpose 06 internal audit queries have been issued. Further supervision has been made to verify whether the decisions are implemented.

c) Special investigations assigned by the Secretary and 06 preliminary inquiries have been conducted and their particulars are given below.

Table No3.2 Special Investigations and Preliminary Investigations

Serial No	Date	Reference No	Subject	Relevant Institute
01.	05.06.2024	MT/IA/SPAU/2024/1	Calling information pertaining to the appointments in grade III of office Employee Assistant	Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Co-Operative Development
02.	31.07.2024	MT/IA/SPAU/2024/2	Special investigations on the cadre and inventoried items of the Department of Commerce	Department of Commerce
03.	19.09.2024	MT/IA/SPAU/2024/3	Special audit report pertaining to the management audit on Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund	Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund
04.	2024.11.24	MT/IA/SPAU/2024/4	Special audit investigation on the complaints made against malpractices of the officers in Consumer Affairs Authority	Consumer Affairs Authority
05.	03.12.2024	MT/IA/SPAU/2024/5	Special audit investigation report submitted on the petition regarding the supply of cleaning services for year 2025/2024	Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Co-Operative Development
.06	2024.12.11	MT/IA/SPAU/2024/6	Special audit report on the matters containing in the anonymous letter submitted under the title 'informing the corruptions and frauds in the Department of Commerce	Department of Commerce

Source: Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Co-Operative Development- Accounts Division, Internal Audit Division

II. Implementation of development projects and programmes

a) Tharapuram Co-operative Village project

Approval has been given to take action as mentioned in sub para 3.1 para 3 of the Cabinet Memorandum referred on 11.03.2024 as per the Cabinet Paper No 24/0503/627/011 dated 01.04.2024 given for the future works of this project. Accordingly, it has been proposed to turn this to a suitable project through National Agency for Public Private Partnership (NAPPP) under the Ministry of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development with a view to continue this project suspended. Even though Rs. 54 million has been allocated in the budget of year 2024 for this project, it could not be carried out as a result of the issues arisen in making payments.

Accordingly, discussions have been conducted with NAPPP in this regard as per the instructions given by the Cabinet. However, action is now being taken to submit a new cabinet memorandum on the future works of the project as that proposal has not been implemented.

b) Southern Development Project

Even though an allocation of Rs. 87 million has been made by budget provisions for settling the bills of this project in year 2024, payments could not be made even by 31.12.2024 as there were certain issues. Accordingly, action is now being taken to take a cabinet decision for referring them to relevant Ministry to make payments pertaining to these bills and files.

c) Amalgamated project for food security (Rs. 250 million)

Even though the project has been prepared, it has to be suspended the works of the project temporarily due to the letter dated 01.08.2024 sent by the Election Commission under Elections Law.

d) Project for uplifting low income women entrepreneurs for food security (Rs.100 Mn)

Rs. 6.5 million has been paid to State Trading Corporation for the works of the project.

This project has to be suspended temporarily due to the letter dated 01.08.2024 sent to the Ministry by the Election Commission under Presidential Elections Law.

III. Establishments activities

a) The interview for recruitment to the post of Director of Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund has been conducted on 12.09.2024 and Schemes of Recruitments to the approved posts of Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund have been prepared.

b) Taking action to prepare regulations under registration of geographical indicators under Intellectual Property Act of Sri Lanka. Action has been taken to obtain approval of the Cabinet for amendments, which should be made to the Intellectual Property Act in order to have the access to Madrid Agreement, which provide facilities to register local trademarks internationally.

c) The report of the committee appointed to make recommendations for restructuring the Consumer Affairs Authority established by Consumer Affairs Authority Act No. 09 of 2003, enabling to achieve expected objectives has been submitted to the Consumer Affairs

Authority on 18.0-4.2024 and guidelines have been given accordingly by way of making recommendations on changes to be made under each division.

d) The revised scheme of recruitment relevant to the posts of Assistant Measurement Units and Standards Services Officer and Measurement Laboratory Testing Officer of the Department of Measurement Units Standards and Services, has been referred to Public Services Commission for its approval and further action has been taken to appoint a committee to amend Measurement Units and Standards Services Act No 35 of 1995.

e) Proposals have been made by the Food Commissioner's Department for reviewing the staff approved for the Department and accordingly a report has been prepared identifying the staff required in the process for restructuring the Food Commissioner's Department as per the Cabinet Decision dated 12.08.2024 reviewing the proposals submitted.

IV. Formulation of the National Trade Policy

Based on the views of the reviewing committee by 11.08.2023, the second draft of the trade policy has been prepared in 2024 and it has been submitted for the review of the Export Promotion Division of the Presidential Secretariat. Having reviewed the draft of the concept paper prepared by this Ministry, it has been submitted to the United Nations Trade and Development Organization.

V. National Evaluation Policy of Sri Lanka

In terms of the Project Management and Monitoring Circular 01/2024 on 'Responsibility and role of all public institutions for the implementation of the National Evaluation Police of Sri Lanka', proposals were called for the evaluation of projects in order to get the provisions allocated by the budget of Government in the financial year of 2025.

a) Accordingly, stores complex with the facilities to store Agri productions of 5000 mt with necessary temperature, of which constructions are concluding, has been submitted to project evaluation programme and approval of the Department of Project Management and Monitoring has been obtained.

b) Provisions required for that evaluation programme have been allocated by budget 2025 under Department of Project Management and Monitoring.

3.2 Department of Commerce

I. Multilateral Affairs Division

a) World Trade Organization (WTO)

The 13th Ministerial conference of the World Trade Organization has been held at Abudabi from 26 February to 1st March 2024 and multilateral discussions were held there on the trade issues.

Sri Lanka has joined with G 33 and other developing countries on matters such as Agricultural discussions and agreements for assistances to fishermen and further

supported the formulation of flexible policies to protect the rights of the fisheries community in special economic zones.

In the meantime, the Hon. Minister conducted bilateral discussions with the Minister of Trade of Israel and further, joined with the discussion of scholars, which paid attention to the assistance provided by the Advisory Center on World Trade Organization Law (ACWL) hosted by WTO.

The final review of the trade policy of Sri Lanka, as a member, was conducted in 2016 and the next review is due to be held on 15 -17 October 2025. For this purpose, The Department has provided comprehensive information coordinating relevant institutions (Ministries, Departments, Boards, etc.) to the questionnaire sent by WTO to commence the works of the report of the General Secretariat.

Discussions with Uzbekistan for an approach to WTO -Since Sri Lanka is interested in the export of tea to Uzbekistan the, Department along with the Sri Lanka Tea Board has concluded discussions between Sri Lanka and Uzbekistan for Uzbekistan's approach to WTO obtaining International Normalized Ratio (INR) for black tea.

b) Activities on the representation of Sri Lanka in WTO (World Trade Organization) /EU (European Union /FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) /IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development) /WFP (World Food Programme)

Sri Lanka has joined 69 multilateral discussions on Agriculture, Trade Facilities, assistance for Fishermen, WTO reforms, and trade and development fields to protect the country's requirements in bilateral discussions. It has made preparations for the 13th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization conducted in Dubai in UAE the and the 5th review of trade policies in 2025 and it includes other main activities for participation.

Joining with the committee discussions of the WTO, Mission of Sri Lanka to the UN Geneva has made 43 written and oral interventions paying attention to the matters such as food security, agriculture, fisheries assistances, issues on development etc. In addition to the above, 25 group discussions and bilateral discussions have been made to continue the necessities of Sri Lanka.

Provision of facilities to build technical assistance and development skills-

Sri Lanka has advantages from several training programs and workshops aimed at the skill development of public officers on trade policy, services trade and agreements of WTO such as **sanitary and phytosanitary measures** agreement. With the assistance of organizations such as the International Trade Center (ITC) and UNCTAD (UN Trade and Development), the Mission of Sri Lanka to the UN Geneva has assured 12 short - term and long - term training programs for officers of Sri Lanka.

Bilateral promotional activities - Providing assistance to make a survey on the opportunities for Sri Lankan business in Switzerland, this Mission has made facilities for 14 business inquiries on the export of spices and processed foods. In addition to the above, 11 promotional programs have been held including the efforts for reforming Swiss-Sri Lanka Business Council and WTO Open Day.

Remarkable achievements - Promotion of the requirements of Sri Lanka and enhancing capacity for the implementation of WTO agreements in the decisive trade discussions are included in the main achievements. Collaborative efforts with UNCTAD and ITC have created an environment for progress in the development of the trade policy of Sri Lanka and the implementation of the WTO trade facilities agreement. Marking the main step of a process being implemented in 2025, these discussions were concluded by joining with Uzbekistan and it was highlighted as a remarkable moment.

c) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)

In terms of the decision taken at the quarterly meeting of the National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC) held at the Presidential Secretariat under the chairmanship of the Ministry of Finance in June 2023, 01st and 02nd quarterly meetings of NTFC have been conducted.

WTO (World Trade Organization) has been informed of the completion of several sections pertaining to TFA before the closing date. They are Consultations 2:2, exempting custom tariff and other charges from final decision 7:3, and post clearance audit 7:5, etc.

Assistances on capacity building and technical assistance has been provided in 2024 by ADB and World Bank to NTFC. World Banka provided assistance for the management of risks and the Asian Development Bank provided assistance to formalize custom procedures.

Necessary information and assistance have been provided as a member of Project Implementation Committee (PIC) to the Project Implementation Unit established under the Ministry of Finance for directing the NSW project.

d) Implementing trade remedy laws

Department of Commerce has finalized the basic regulations for the commencement of investigations on imposing anti-progressive and alternative taxes and they were sent to the Ministry of trade, Commerce and Food Securities. Accordingly, Department of Commerce has drafted operational guidelines and internal circulars required for the investigation process.

e) Investigations initiated by other countries against the producers/exporters of Sri Lanka

Investigation on imposing anti-progressive and alternative taxes on the importation of paper file covers from Kampuchea and Sri Lanka has been initiated by the Department of Commerce of the United States of America on 12 November 2022 (USA-DOC).
A Review of the anti-progressive measures taken on importations of bicycles from China the by European Union commenced on 29 August 2024 and it has been a remedy extended up to the goods imported from Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, and Tunisia. Therefore, exporters of Sri Lanka are also parties to this review. The transition review of the United Kingdom on imposing anti-progressive and alternative taxes has been commenced on 23.08.2024 against the importation of bicycles and certain their spare

parts from Sri Lanka, Kampuchea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan the Philippines and Tunisia.

The Department of Commerce of Sri Lanka has held several rounds of discussions with parties of the Sri Lankan Government and producers on these investigations. Since this investigation is based on the allegations of avoiding anti-progressive and alternative taxes imposed on bicycle productions from China to the European Union and the United Kingdom, the Department of Commerce has informed the Bicycle producers and exporters of Sri Lanka regarding the methods for participating in this investigation.

Providing instructions on the issues of trade remedies The Department has provided instructions to the Board of Investment on the possible investigations on trade remedies by the USA and other countries regarding several factories on mattresses and solar modules proposed to be invested in Sri Lanka. Further, The Trade Remedy Unit of the Department of Commerce has researched the risks and situations that may arise due to possible trade remedial measures by other countries and opportunities for investments in those fields by Prawn Processing and solar panel industries and the industrial sector of Sri Lanka.

f) Technical Assistance

Two workshops at a national level have been conducted with the resource persons of WTO. The First workshop was conducted in February 2024 on the agreement on the measures to be taken for the plants and animal health of WTO and second workshop has been conducted in July 2024 on the trade facilitation agreement and its future within Sri Lankan context. Nearly 60 persons representing both the public as well as private sector have participated in these workshops.

Assistance has been provided in November 2024 and March 2024 to FCAU (Food Control and Administration Ubitof the Ministry of Helth) of the Ministry of Health on the CLDP (Commercial Law Development Program) program under the Department of Commerce of USA for participating in SPS committee meetings of WTO on the measures to be taken on plants and animal health

During the tour of the representatives of the Asia Pacific region of ITC (International Trade Center) in May 2024, capacity building program supplied by the World Bank in respect of several selected parts of TFA (Trade Facilitation Agreement) to obtain technical assistance were coordinated for the institutions responsible for implementing implement TFA.

Sessions conducted to make awareness of the Fisheries Assistances Agreement of WTO were coordinated including officers of the Ministry of Fisheries and Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and experts of WTO.

Proposals have been prepared to obtain technical assistance under Advance Rulings with the coordination of Sri Lanka Customs and ITC for the preparation of the proposal to be submitted to the TFAF (Trade Facilitation Agreement Progrram) of WTO.

II. Bilateral affairs division

a) Australia and Sri Lanka Trade and Investment Framework Arrangement – Quarterly meetings of the working groups

Two quarterly meeting of the working group established under the Trade and Investment Framework Arrangement-(TIFA) between Sri Lanka and Australia have been held in May and October 2024. The action plan prepared by both parties paying attention to the investments, agriculture and knowledge sharing has been brought to the discussion table. Accordingly, it was said that considerable progress is seen in technical assistance for mining projects and agricultural projects.

b) Working group of Europe- Sri Lanka trade and economic collaboration

A meeting of the working group of Europe - Sri Lanka trade and economic collaboration has been held online on 06 February 2024 with the participation of the representatives at higher level. Development of economic and policy development, problems in bilateral market approaches, regulatory developments of the European Union including regulating forest destruction, GSP scheme, and assistance for trading activities were among the matters discussed at the meeting. At the meeting of the working group, Sri Lanka highlighted its main policy interventions to establish economic stability in the country. In the meantime, the European Union has highlighted the features of the new GSP system which is on the discussion table. Further, both parties have discussed several fields relevant to potential cooperation including the settlement of issues about certifications for market approach and technical assistance required for the regulatory compliance. When settling issues about to trade and establishing an environment friendly for strengthening bilateral economic links in the future, both parties approved the importance to continuing productive dialogues in the future.

The progress of the meeting of the working group has been reported to the 26th EU-Sri Lanka Joint Commission on 22 February 2024.

C) Inter-Regional Accumulation Facility for the exportation of garments using Indonesian fabrics under EU GSP (Generalized System of Preferences) scheme

A sound decision has been taken by European Commission on 09 July 2024 for the combined application prepared by Sri Lanka and Indonesia for granting eligibility for custom tariffs under EU GSP scheme for the production of certain textile and garments fallen under HS chapter 61,62 and 63 of HS using Indonesian textiles fallen under HS chapter 51-58, 58 and 60 aiming the EU region. This concession will remain until both countries are considered as beneficiary countries of GSP.

d) Developing Countries Trading Schemes of United Kingdom (DCTS)

Sri Lanka became a beneficiary of UK DCTS in 2023. When items are exported to the UK under DCTS, Sri Lanka is involved in a process for submitting an application joining with Indonesia to obtain concessions of custom tariff for the items produced using Indonesian textiles.

e) 12th session of the Combined Commission for economic collaboration between Sri Lanka and Iran

Preliminary meetings were held on the session to be held with the stakeholders of Sri Lanka and line Ministries and dates have been proposed to Iran for holding the 12th session in the third quarter of 2024. However, this session has been postponed up to the 2nd quarter of 2025 due to the elections to be held during that time.

f) Development Collaboration between Sri Lanka and China under One Belt and One Road Initiative

Recommendations/ proposals have been given to the Ministry of Finance by the Department of Commerce in connection to initiating the One Belt One Road concept of China considering the importance of China as the major trade partner of Sri Lanka. Having considered the technical aspects of Free Trade Agreements, the Department of Commerce proposed that it is important to treat discussions on Trade Agreements and the One Road One Belt concept separately.

g) Updating the progress under Combined Commission between Sri Lanka and Maldives

As a part of the effort made constantly to enhance bilateral trade relationships between Sri Lanka and Maldives, the Department of Commerce has concluded its review of the Terms of Reference for the proposed Joint Working Group on Trade between Sri Lanka and Maldives. These observations have been submitted to communicate to relevant authorities and it has marked a significant step towards the establishment of JWGT (Joint Working Group on Trade) aimed at strengthening trade and economic collaboration between two countries.

h) Inter state commission on Trade, Science, and Technological collaboration between Sri Lanka –Russia

Department has provided its observations on the proposed Customs Collaboration Agreement between the two countries with the assistance of Si Lanka Tea Board and they have been distributed among relevant stakeholders.

i) Bilateral political consultations and other bilateral provisions

During the period of review, inputs on trade and economic relationships have been provided by the Department for the bilateral political consultations given to following countries by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. United Kingdom, Switzerland, Turkmenistan, Bhutan, Germany, Estonia

Recommendations /proposals have been provided by the Department for the revision of the draft of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOUS) for the establishment of combined working group on trade investment and production chain between Sri Lanka and Dominican Republic.

j) Joint Commission on Trade and Economic Collaboration (JCTEC) between Sri Lanka and Egypt

A discussion has been held at the Department of Commerce between line Ministry and stakeholders of Sri Lanka as a part of the preparations for the 3rd session of the Joint Commission.

k) Joint Commission on Economic and Technical Collaboration between Sri Lanka and Turkey

Proposals were called from stakeholders for calling the 3rd session of the Joint Commission on Economic and Technical Collaboration between Sri Lanka and Turkey

l) Free Trade Agreements at the level of discussion

Discussions on free trade agreements have been coordinated by the Office for International Trade – (OIT) during the period under review with India, China and Thailand and further discussion have been coordinated on preference trade agreements with Indonesia, and Bangladesh. Whilst holding the posts of Chairman, Co-Chairman, and member of the sub committees, Officers of the Department have provided all required reports and technical inputs including trade of goods, laws on sources of origin, SPS, TBT, trade remedies, service trade and collaboration among customs to relevant committees.

III. Regional Affairs Division

a) Working Group on Trade and Investment (WGTI) of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)

Sri Lanka Participated in the 23rd meeting of the Working Group on Trade and Investment (WGTI) of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)held online on 27 November 2024. At the meeting, the representatives discussed the implementation of an action plan for WGTI, and a strategic discussion was held with the participation of a resource person of UNCTAD on the role of trade and investment and the stability of the supply chain.

As the Chairman of IORBF, the Sri Lanka Chamber of Commerce has joined with the Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka the conference of businessmen of the Indian Ocean Rim Association under the theme 'Sustainable Growth- Limits' at Shangrila Hotel from 28,29 May 2024 at Colombo.

Main objective of the Business Conferences to enhance the dialogue, networking and collaboration among business leaders, policy makers and stakeholders of selected 12 fields of 23-member countries of IORA such as agriculture, information and communication technology, supplies, renewable powers, tourism, small and middle scale entrepreneurs and women empowering. There were 300 participants at this occasion covering representatives**.**

b) Free Trade Agreement of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)

Custom tariff concessions of HS 201/7 are prepared again for releasing trade under FTA/PTA for reviewing trade releasing program under BIMSTEC free trade zones as

per the Cabinet decision dated 08.02.2021. It was proposed to hold the 22nd meeting of the Trade Negotiation Committee and the 22nd meeting of sources of origin laws **(**WG-ROO) (Working Group on Rules of Origin) by BIMSTEC secretariat on 18, 19 September 2024.

c) Step-by-step activities of Sri Lanka Trade Information Portal

The Step-by-step process means additional involvement to enhance the user-friendly approach of the present Sri Lanka Trade Portal. Under this, 49 and 06 export productions and import productions have already been noted and it provides export and import information on export and import procedures to interested businessmen.

During the awareness session organized by the Sri Lanka Exporters National Board and National Commerce and Industries Board, step-by-step processes, trade procedures, and their implementation and benefits included in the Sri Lanka Trade Information Portal were introduced to trade stakeholders.

d*)* Sri Lanka Trade Information Portal

"Cyberia" means a company located in Lao. It has been made maintained and hosted on SLTIP up to the end of January 2022. The Calling of IFQ for hosting and maintaining has been concluded by the Department with the assistance of the Department. Under the bidding system, quotations have been called from 11 companies (Provided by ICTA)**.** Out of 03 companies which that have submitted bids to be implemented with effect from 15.11.2021 (One-year contract) Arimac Lanka Private Limited has been selected by the Department and ICTA hosts for Lanka Government Cloud -LGC free of charge. Then the service period of Arimac Lanka Pvt Ltd has extended the service period by another one year up to 31.12.2023. Later data transition activities and training for the SLTIP administration website were carried out by Cyberia company. The Department continuously updates SLTIP with 42 representatives of stakeholders**.**

e) Preparation of trade report

Nearly all trade summaries/reports on trade have been prepared and updated in comprehensive and combined level depending on the requests made by various outside parties during the period under review.

IV. Trade Promotion Division

a) Taking action on trade inquiries

481 trade inquiries have been received by Commercial Officers and publicize productions of Sri Lanka in foreign market necessary information and directions were given. 45 inquiries made to the Department by exporters and other institutes involved in the trade have been referred to Commercial Officers for follow up action.

b) Providing assistance for settling trade disputes

45 complaints have been submitted requesting observations from the parties involved in the dispute connecting to import and export with a view to reach a peaceful settlement. Department of Commerce intervenes as a facility provider for settling import and export trade disputes by reaching a peaceful settlement for the dispute. During the period under

review, foreign missions of Sri Lanka have dealt with 57 complaints and necessary action has been taken for 28 complaints directly submitted to the Department of Commerce.

c) Making recommendations for residential visas

Letters of recommendation have been issued for visas after reviewing 57 foreigners and 30 dependents in trade and services sectors.

d) Trade Ratio Quota Certificates issued for garments with India under ISFTA

No of - 2,195 TRQCs have been issued for shares of 6.8 million.

e) **Approving Loan Providing Institutions under the Mortgage Act of 1949**

In terms of the powers vested under section 114 (i), a committee consisting of 3 members is to be appointed to make recommendations to the Director General of Commerce on Loan Agencies for publishing them in the Gazette as Approved Loan Agencies.

f) Issuing letter to give up custom tariff for Basmati rice quota under free trade agreement between Sri Lanka and Pakistan

Under the free trade agreement between Sri Lanka and Pakistan, 24 letters for removing custom tariffs are issued to import 966 MT of Basmati rice under the Sri Lanka Pakistan Free trade Agreement.

g*)* Organizing trade exhibitions/ exhibitions / ceremonies

i. The Group of Representatives for 8th China- South Asia was organized by the Department of Commerce and 106 companies were included and the Head of this was the Secretary of the Ministry.

ii. All Island awareness sessions have been organized by the Department of Commerce for the benefit of small and middle scale exporters and a new theme has also been introduced- "Trade Up Sri Lanka." With the assistance of 45 public and private business institutes and with the participation of more than 400 in small and middle scale business divisions, the inauguration ceremony was held in the Matara district on 26 June 2024.

h) Representation of foreign Commercial Agencies

During this period, a summary of the activities performed by Commercial Officers, who are abroad, is given in the following table.

Table no 3.3 Activities performed by Commercial Officers serving abroad

Serial No	Tasks of Commercial Officers	Total number of activities from 01.01.2024 to 30.11.2024
1	Conducting business adjustments (B2B meetings)	1122
2	Conducting business network sessions	89
3	Conducting trade promotion programmes in other countries (Business conferences, seminars, etc.)	70
4	Organizing the participation of Sri Lanka in trade exhibitions/ fairs in other countries	52
5	Organizing the participation of internal buyers' operations in exhibitions/ fairs conducted in Sri Lanka	32
6	Organizing tours of Ministers including other dignitaries and trade representatives to the host countries	58
7	Taking action to settle trade disputes/ complaints	57
8	Taking action on export trade agreements	481
9	Providing market information and reports on market approaches	92
10	Promoting exhibitions of Sri Lanka in host/ authorized country	121
11	Conducting meetings of potential business stakeholders and trading boards	508
12	Intervention for the matters connected to market approaches, making links with the authorities of the host country, and joining with the host country on market policy	98
13	Other activities connected to the trade (e g- requests for publicity/proposals on tenders about to Sri Lanka and overseas)	867
14	Conducting seminars on investments	35
15	Taking action on proposals for investments	78
16	Organizing investment development programms	37
17	Other activities connected to investments (e.g.- Participating in inquiries on investments)	80
18	Planning publicity and business promotion/ organizing tourist promotion activities including organization of tours/ providing necessary facilities	234
19	Organizing the participation of Sri Lanka in tourist exhibitions/ facilitating for the same	30
20	Other activities connected to tourism (e.g. Inquiries of tourism)	463
21	Coordinating combined commissions/ trade and investment framework agreements (TIFAs)	11
22	Coordinating action groups	6
23	Other related activities (Official development aids)	26
24	Activities pertaining to the participation of Sri Lanka in WTO/EU/FAO/IFAD/WFP/UNCTAD,	63

Source: Department of Commerce

V. Rules of Origin division

a) Issuance of Certificates of origin and other supportive services

Statistical data on certificates of origin issued by Rules of Origin division and other supportive services

Table no3.4 issuance of certificates of origin and other supportive services

Serial No	Task	Amount
01	Certificates of origin issued	27,670
02	Allocating quotas under ISFTA	2,745
03	New registrations under preferential schemes	170
04	EU-REX registration	51
05	Approval for cost statements	6,544
06	Affidavits	1,950
07	Making verifications	356
08	Making descriptions/clarifications to exporters	11,500
09	Number of days worked	240
10	Daily average of the issued certificates of origin	165

Source: Department of commerce

b) Online system for issuance of certificates of origin

A project has been launched for further development of the existing ECOO system for the issuance of electronic COOs with the financial and technical assistance of DOC, ITC and GIZ, action has been taken to solve the gaps in the system and add new features. This project has been launched under the context of COVID-19 and it is expected by the system to find solutions for the challenges faced by exporters, formalizing and expediting the supply of COOs and other supportive services.

2024 The Following activities have been completed under ITC and DOC project's

i. LPOP facility linked with Commercial Bank, Peoples Bank, Pan Asia Bank, and Cargill Bank provides the experience of an enhanced online payment path to exporters for ECOO.
ii. Requirements of recipients were shared with Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA) and ICTA has allocated recipients' space on the Lanka Government cloud.
iii. The Software Development Company has made necessary enhancements to the live system and matrix. A New mechanism has been made for Areca nut exporters under a quota system introduced by the Department of Export Agriculture with the Department of Commerce and the electronic facility has been interconnected with the Department of Export Agriculture. .Now the Department of Export Agriculture can enter the ECOO system to supervise and update the annual Arecanut quota.
iv. Awareness programmes have been conducted all over the year to enhance knowledge on the implementation of ECOO for existing and new exporters
v. DOC company registration, reviewing process, training on COCOs approvals and issuing, and cost statements/ affidavits reviewing have been concluded.

vi. Issuance of ECOO under ISFTA (The India-Sri lanka Free Trade Agreement), SAFTA (The South Asian Free Trade Area), SAPTA (The SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangement) and APTA (The Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement) Agreements in 2024, saving 93% of the time, enhancing a paper free environment, and total digitalization.

VI. Progress of income generation programmes and projects

Table No3.5 Progress of income generation programmes and projects

Activities	Expected income and physical target		Progress up to 31.12.2024	
	Financial (Rs M)	Physical	Financial (Rs M)	Physical
Free Trade Agreements, Regional Trade Agreements and Registering export companies under GSP	2,160,000.00	150 Companies	550,000.00	170 companies have been registered
Issuing certificates of origin under free trade agreements, Regional trade agreements, and preferential schemes of Sri Lanka	39,750,000.00	26,000 certificates	41,505,000	27,670 certificates have been issued
Customs tariff ratio quota certificates issued for garments under free trade agreements with India.	1,450,000.00	2700 Customs tariff ratio quota certificates	2,088,000.00	2784 certificates have been issued
Making recommendations for residential visas	3,210,800.00	Number of approved residential visas depending on the applications received	1,572,050.00	Recommendations have been issued for residential visas for 59 applications and 30 dependents

source: Department of Commerce

3.3. Lanka SATHOSA limited

i. Progress of the operational activities of the institute

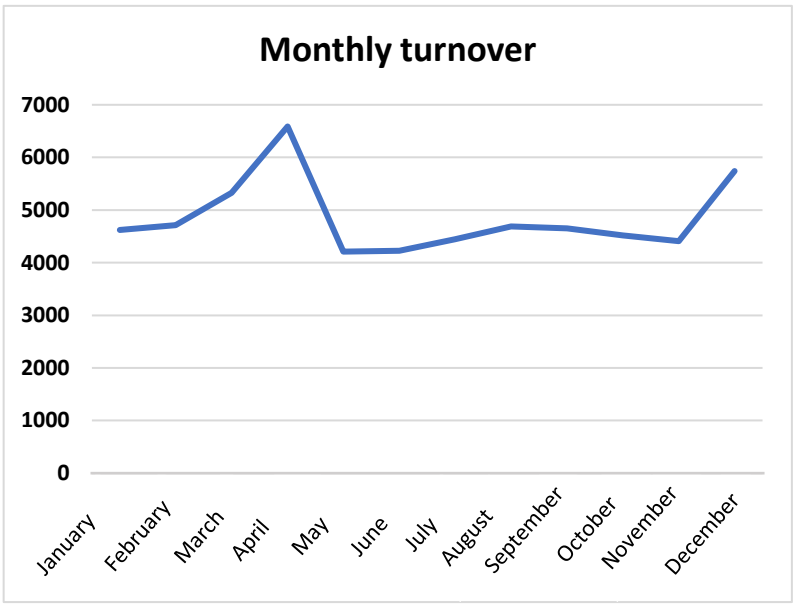
Lanka Sathosa has recorded a turnover of Rs. 47.4 billion in year 2024 (January-November) and action has been taken to settle completely the long-term loan of Rs. 3 billion during the year.

Monthly income from sales of the year is as follow (Inclusive of taxes).

Table No3.6 Progress of operations

Month	Monthly turnover (Rs.M.)
January	4,623
February	4,713
March	5,327
April	6,588
May	4,210
June	4,225
July	4,447
August	4,689
September	4,652
October	4,518
November	4,411
December	5,741
Total	**58,146**

Source: Lanka Sathosa Limited



ii. Establishment of a transport management system

A transport management system has been established in order to minimize cost through the enhancement of the efficiency of a good distribution process.

iii. Enhancing additional income

It has become possible to increase interim tax income by 100% in 2024 compared to 2023.This growth of income is due to the extension of interim tax agreements already provided and identifying opportunities for interim taxes.

iv. Settling loans and reducing expenses of loan interests

It could settle completely the loan of Rs. 3 billion in 2024, which has been obtained from people's bank on a guarantee of General Treasury and, it could reduce the interest of the loan by 100% in 2024 comparatively to 2023 as a result of reducing loan amount and loan interest ratio. It could settle this loan completely on due dates before the lapse of the prescribed period without neglecting relevant payments during the period from 2020 to 2024.

v. Opening new sales outlets

Six new sales outlets have been opened during year the 2024. (Aladeniya, Diyathalawa, Dompe, Kirinda, Kandapola, Serunuwara)

vi. Modifying sales outlets

Spending Rs. 148 million, Lanka Sathosa Limited has modified the following sales outlets. Kalutara South, Kekirawa, Lunugala, Katunayaka-01, Anuradhapura-01, Marawila, Badulla, Thalgaswala, Gampaha-02 and Kalutara-01.

3.4. Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Fund

i. Particulars of the payment of scholarships in 2024 (Universities and other institutions)

Table no3.7 Particulars of the payment of scholarships in 2024

Month	Number of students who receive scholarship of Rs. 5000 for Universities	Number of students who receive scholarship of Rs.2599 for other institutes	Contribution of Mahapola Trust Fund (Rs)	Contribution of the General Treasury (Rs)	Total amount paid monthly for Mahapola Scholarships (Rs)
January	19,137	3,970	59,864,800.00	47,211,500.00	107,076,300.00
February	38,122	580	146,713,000.00	138,915,000.00	285,628,000.00
March	37,477	3,568	110,392,088.00	93,594,900.00	203,986,988.00
April	20,228	3,472	63,442,500.00	50,685,600.00	114,128,100.00
May	23,781	3,358	62,417,950.00	59,843,700.00	122,261,650.00
June	29,695	3,434	103,726,150.00	88,792,900.00	192,519,050.00
1-10 Installments (2021-22)	14,537	-	352,869,200.00	338,313,150.00	691,182,350.00
July	41,327	753	178,839,850.00	169,167,600.00	348,007,450.00
August	25,422	515	75,233,050.00	70,373,800.00	145,606,850.00
September	39,562	2,489	153,352,250.00	136,602,200.00	289,954,450.00
October	42,712	2,310	144,081,750.00	129,271,800.00	273,353,550.00
Total	**332,000**	**24,449**	**1,450,932,588.00**	**1,322,772,150.00**	**2,773,704,738.00**

Source: Lalith *Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Fund*

ii. Total amount of scholarships granted from 2018 up to now

Table No 3.8 Particulars of granting Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship

Enrolling students	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Number of students
University Students	30830	40111	41893	41607	42147	196,588
Students of the Institutes of Higher Technology	1500	1500	1500	-	-	4,500
Other institutes and students	299	294	343	46	-	982
Total	**32,629**	**41,905**	**43,736**	**41,653**	**42,147**	**202,070**

Source: *Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Fund*

iii. Comparison between total number of university entrants and scholarship receivers

Table no3.9 *Comparison between total number of university entrants and scholarship receivers*

Year	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
Total number of students entered in University	30141	30830	40111	41893	41607	42147
Number of students who became qualified as per Income limit (Less than Rs. 5 lakhs)	13461	13456	14227	14255	14213	15084
Number of Mahapola scholarship holders	14961	14957	15827	15855	15815	16785
Number of students who became qualified as per income limit as a percentage of total number students	45%	44%	36%	34%	34%	36%
Receivers of Mahapola scholarship as a percentage of total number of students	50%	49%	40%	38%	38%	40%

Source: Lalith *Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Fund*

3.5. Sri Lanka Accreditation Board

To get the international recognition for the testing reports and certificates issued by institutes, that get accreditation from the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board, it is compulsory for our institute to obtain and maintain the membership of International Accreditation Institutes whilst ensuring active participation. Institutes which granted accreditation under International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and International Laboratory Accreditation Collaboration (ILAC)under mutual recognition are as follows.

i. Making Accreditations

Table no3.10 Progress of making accreditations of Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment

Scope	Second range	Third range	No of accreditations granted
IAF mutual recognition	Certification of goods.	ISO/IEC 17065	13
	Valuation and certification institutes	ISO/IEC 17029	04
	Accreditation on management of management systems	ISO/IEC 17021-1	
	Food security management systems	ISO/IEC22000 (FSMS)	05
	Quality management systems certifications.	ISO 9001 (QMS)	05
	Environmental management systems certifications	ISO 14001 (EMS)	04
	Occupational Health and Safety Management System	ISO 4501 (OHSMS)	03
	Energy management System	ISO 50001 (En Ms)	01
ILAC mutual recognition	Testing Laboratory	ISO/IEC 17025	124
	Medical Laboratory	ISO 15189	26
	Calibration laboratories	ISO/IEC 17025	17
	Testing Institutes	ISO/IEC 17020	11
	Institutes which supply skill tests	ISO/IEC 17043	04

Source: Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessments

New accreditations granted from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024

Table no 3.11 New accreditations granted in 2024 by Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment

No	Name of the institute	Scope
Medical Laboratories		
01	Army Hospital	Pathology, cell science
02	Asiri Laboratories, Asiri Hospital,Matara	Clinical Biochemistry/Chemical Pathology, Hematology and Clinical Pathology
03	Hemas Hospital Laboratory Service, Wattala	Clinical Biochemistry/Chemical Pathology, Rheumatology and Clinical Pathology, Microbiology
Testing laboratories and Calibration laboratories		
04	GSSITM	Temperature Calibration
05	Texlan Laboratory	Chemical tests- Threads and socks
06	National Post Harvest Management Institute	Chemical and mechanical testing on food and grain productions
07	Basilar Tea Export Pvt Limited	Chemical and mechanical testing on tea
08	Ceylon Green Elevators	Microbiological testing for chicken
09	Precision Technical International Pvt Limited	Mechanical, Thermal & time & Frequency
10	Pussallawa Meat Production Pvt Limited	Biological testing on meat and animal food raw material
11	Technical Institution	Chemical testing on petrol related productions and oil
12	Buro Veritas Consumer service productions Private Limited	Acoustic and mechanical tests
13	Navesta Pharcy Pvt Limited	Chemical Testing on pharmaceutical products
14	Water Supply Board	Chemical testing on water
15	Buro Veritas Consumer service productions Private Limited	Testing on restricted materials
16	National Water Resources and Aquatic Board	Chemical testing on water and microbiology testing
17	Scientific Calibration Testing	Calibration and related activities
Inspection Institutes		
18	National Building Research Institute	Assessment on landslide risks
19	Sri Lanka Standard Institute	Inspections on imports and exports

20	T C I S Inspection Lanka Pvt Ltd	Inspections on exports
21	Buro Veritas Consumer service productions Private Limited	Inspections on exports
Production Certification Institutes		
22	A T C National Private Limited	Welding productions and metal productions
23	Indexpo Certification Institute	Sound production habits and food supply
24	National Cleaner Production Centre	Environmental labels
Systems Certifications Institutes		
25	Sri Lanka Standard Institute	Professional health and security management systems (Information technology)
26	Sisert Pvt Ltd	Security methods-Information technology
27	ATC International Pvt Limited	Quality management systems Environmental management systems Professional health and security management systems
Validation and certification institutes		
28	National Cleaner Production Centre	ISO/IEC17029:2019, ISO/IEC14065:2020
29	Ecolance Pvt Ltd, India	ISO/IEC17029:2019, ISO/IEC14065:2020, ISO 14064-2:2019, Greenhouse air organization and validation and accreditation scheme- project level
30		ISO/IEC17029:2019 Production carbon, verification of GHG related declarations
Skill Testing Institutes		
31	Department of Measurement Units Standards and Services	Conducting skill tests on chemical tests

Source: Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment

Income earned to date from 01.01.2024 is Rs. 83 million and income earned from foreign Accreditation Institutes is Rs. 73 million

3.6. Department of Measurement Units Standards and Services

i. Progress of the tasks conducted locally

Table No 3.12 Progress on tasks conducted locally

Classification of income		Physical Progress		Income Rs Million	
		Targets	Amount performed	Targets	Actual income
Revision of numbers					
01	Number of revisions made to numbers by National Measurement Laboratory	1,375	1,313	4.125	6.95
	Nominal income not accounted for internal number revisions		79		**0.**63
Issuance of registration certificates					
02	Issuance of registration certificates (Repairing , sale by importing, sale by production and sale)	479	465	1.38	1.58
	Number of examinations conducted		8		
Approval for models					
03	Number of approvals granted for models	37	52	0.46	1.28
Verification programmes					
04	Number of weighing and measurement equipment verified (Head Office)	550,000	42,257	403.33	73.89
	Number of weighing and measurement equipment verified (District Office)		344,642		278.47
Raids					
05	Number of raids conducted	12,631	36,779	-	-
06	Number of awareness programmes conducted	821	11,496	-	-
07	Number of prepackages	8,250	2,865	-	-
Training Programmes					
08	Number of training programmes conducted (Planned)	7	5	0.92	2.55
	Number of training programmes conducted (On requests)		5		

Source: Department of Measurement Units Standards and Services

ii. Progress of the tasks carried out using international relationships

Department of Measurement Units Standards and Services holds associate membership of Bureau of Weights and Measures, (BIPM) which is the leading institute of all over the world on scientific measurements, and full membership of the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML). Further, it holds full membership of Asia Pacific Metrology Programme, which is a regional organization on measurement science and the Department has been offered the post of Chairman for the second time for 2024 of DEC- Developing Economies Committees. Further, the Executive Officers of the Department of

Measurement Services Standards and Services make a significant contribution to the task force established there.
At present, Department of Measurement Units and Devices takes action in relation to the following projects.

a) Projects of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

Mainstreaming Standard based best practices for Agri – Food sector development project (BESP).

The New project of UNIDO is implemented from 2023 to 2025 and it provides infrastructure facilities for strengthening food security and protection of foods of Sri Lanka. Department of Measurement Units Standards and Services actively participating as a main stakeholder of this project. This project provides training, consultation services, and equipment for the National Measurement Laboratory as foreign aids for the development of measurement.

b) Asia Pacific Regional Project for Metrology – Enabling Developing Economies in Asia (MEDEA)

Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB) has been commenced in May 2021 MEDEA 3 for activating developing economies in Asia and it will be continued up to 2025. It is aimed by this project to assist to the sustainable development goals of United Nations in targeted economies and this project will provide contribution for activities and training activities related to building capacity in various fields of measurement science.

The committee of the Developing Countries of Asia Pacific Metrology Programme (APMP-DEC) performs activities of this project by now.

Providing a service with higher quality for National Measurement Laboratories of Sri Lanka by way of obtaining international recognition.
Accreditation for number revision laboratory has been obtained from 28 December up to know to three parameters on length (up to gauge block – 100 mm ę, measuring ruler-2000 mm, Rule calibrator – 2000 mm) ISO17025:2017. On receipt of that accreditation, it will issue number revision certificates with ISO 17025: 2017accreditation with international recognition for gauge block and measuring rulers out of consumer number revisions of technical division.
Reviews of Specialists relevant to number revisions of external micrometer for range between 0 to 25 have been concluded and now it is waiting for ISO 17025:2017 accreditation offer from Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessments.
In addition to this, maintaining accreditations obtained by laboratories on pressure and volume with necessary updating.

It has planned to commence the process required for number revision facilities to the fields and to prepare methodologies for number revision of equipment used in the field of Infusion Pump/Syringe Pump joining with volume and pressure laboratory of this Department. This task is carried out under PTB (Physikalisch Technische Bundesanstalt) – MEDEA (Metrology – Enabling Developing Economies in Asia) project. For this purpose, contribution as resource providers is made by National Measurement Laboratory of Thailand.

Table No3.13 Maintaining the accreditations obtained by laboratories on pressure and volume with necessary

Laboratory	Measurements	Intercomparing
Measurement Division	Measurements on length	Comparison between Vernier caliper and dial caliper (with local laboratories)
Pressure Laboratory	Air pressure (35 bar)	Supply of pilot laboratory and reference values for inter-comparison conducted with NMI (National Measurement Institute) of Central African Region under the assistance of PTB, Germany and I S M Silva, Deputy Director acts as the Head of the Measurement Laboratory under comparison programme. For this Uzbekistan, Kirghizstan, Mongolia and Georgia participate.
Pressure Laboratory	Air pressure 1000 bar	Nearly 11 number revision laboratories participate for the implementation of pressure measuring programmes as local National Measurement Institute. By this way it is expected to confirm the accuracy of pressure measurements of such institutes.
Volume Laboratory	(Volume **20**, 100 ml)	With the leadership of National Measurement Laboratory of China, inter-comparison has been commenced on APMP.M.FF. K4. For this purpose nearly 14 countries including National Measurement Laboratory of Sri Lanka participate.

Source: Department of Measurement Units, Standards and Services

iii. Income Generating Activities

Income from technical number revisions is Rs. 6.94 million up to November 2024 and income from equipment approving is Rs. 1.4 million. Income from verification of measuring equipment is Rs. 352.25 million.

3.7. Dedicated Regional Economic Centers

Programme for the establishment of Economic Centers in Sri Lanka was commenced in 1998 and main objective of that programme was to affirm a reasonable price for the production of farmers of villages and to establish a wide distribution network all over the Island in order to ensure an opportunity to the consumers for purchasing their food items at a reasonable price without convenience. At present, action is taken to provide legal instructions, ensure follow up action and evaluation with a view to maintain proper operation at Economic Centers.

Accordingly, action taken in this regard are in the following manner.

i. Appointment of members to Management Trusts and their updating.
ii. Establishment of Management Trust Fund of economic centers.
iii. Taking action to formulate a common lease agreement for all economic centers on issuing business places on lease.
iv. Taking action to settle the issues on the ownership of the land where the economic Centers are located.
v. Taking action to widen composition of Management Trust of Economic Centers.
vi. Making essential development activities of Economic Centers.

3.7.1 Financial progress of regional economic centers -31.12.2024

Table no3.14 Financial progress of regional economic centers

Serial no	Name of the regional economic center	Total Income (Rs)	Total Expenditure (Rs)	Surplusඋ / Deficit (Rs.)
1	Dambulla	101,924,209.67	42,434,786.88	59,489,422.79
2	Nuwaraeliya	22,347,993.00	1,738, 372.00	20,609,621.00
3	Keppetipola) (30.09.2024)	37,245,071.43	10,987,401.20	26,257,670.23
4	Thambththegama	36,287,967.00	21,139,706.00	15,148,261.00
5	Embilipitiya	38,630,577.63	37,981,338.83	649,238.80
6	Meegoda	21,536,605.40	20,380,617.18	1,155,988.22
7	Welisara	18,286,438.35	9,276,634.69	9,009,803.66
8	Weyangoda	18,020,036.00	17,076,205.00	943,831.00
9	Narahenpita	120,377,600.00	60,632,000.00	59,745,600.00
10	Rathmalana	32,737,372.00	14,111,515.52	18,625,856.48
11	Piliyandala	19,736,799.41	15,962,621.96	3,774,177.45
12	Kandehandiya	134, 650.00	104 , 758.00	29,892.00
13	Kurunduwaththa (30.11.2024)	3,800,973.53	1,873,139.93	1,927,833.60
14	Ampara	943,056.00	769,436.00	173,620.00
	Total	**472,009,349.42**	**254,468,533.19**	**217,540,816.23**

Source: Development Division, Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development

3.7.2 Progress of the tasks performed by the Management Trusts of Regional Economic Centers

Table no 3.15 Progress of the tasks performed by trust funds of regional economic centres

Serial No	Name of the Dedicated Regional Economic Center	Development Activity	Estimated Amount Rs.	Physical Progress %	Financial Progress %
1	Narahenpita	Repairing drain system of premises of vegetable, making a roof for premises of vegetable, making a park for motorcycles, .	1,561,802.50 1.125,350.20 573,429.72	100 100 100	100 95 100
		Making a new gate at MD institute, Making a cover for electricity meters, making roof for textile complex	594,400.80 254,000.00	100 100	100 95
		Making a new gate at STC store.	1,265,402.73	100	100
		Color washing the wall of the center	349,034.76	100	100
		Repairing the doors of daily garbage containers .	1,218,118.35	100	95
		Laying concrete around the premises for vegetables	304,367.00 326,506.00	100 100	95 95
2	Thambuthth egama	Establishment of generator room and security checkpoint	42,031,991.68	100	30
3	Embilipitiya	Fixing iron gates at the entrances to the building	2,464,841.30	100	100
		Repairing the canteen of economic center	2,942,670.78	100	100
		Repairing the toilets of two storied building.	746,127.93	100	100
		Laying tiles on the front plight of steps of the center and laying tiles in the center.	661,402.86	100	100
4	Meegoda	Repairing the water tank of economic center,	1,362,130.75	100	90
		Repairing the rain gutters of the Seylan bank building of the economic center	105,779.75	100	90
5	Piliyandala	Repairing the electric wiring lines Repairing two name boards,	312,258 100,000	100 100	100 100
		Colour washing the path between the market premises,	Not yet paid.		
		Repairing damaged electricity meter boxes	314,840	50	
		Demolishing concrete slabs at the front of the building where fish stands are located	172,536.10	100 100	100 100

		Repairing the doors of toilets			
6	Welisara	Colour washing the outer walls of 2nd and 3rd buildings Repairing the floor of premises E as it was damaged at certain places Repairing the 2nd and 3rd buildings as there were places where water was seeping at certain places Repairing the damaged name board	556,215.45 157,916.81 606,743.34 980,000	100 100 100 100	90 100
7	Rathmalana	Repairing the gutter of the roof Transforming the premises for fish sale to a store Repairing the wire nets of economic center Repairing the toilets of Police check point Laying tar carpet on the damaged roads of economic center	26,200,586.12 2,458,536.68 2,251,750.24 96,264.30 9,000,000	95 100 100 100 100	92 90 90 90 90
8	Dambulla	Reconstruction of bank building complex	26,714,124.48	0	Quotations have been called and technical evaluations are carried out

Source: Development Division, Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development

3.8. Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka

i. Progress of the tasks of the institute

(a) Patent (From 01.01.2024 to 3-.11.2024)

Table No3.16 Physical Progress

Matter	National	International	PCT	Total
No of applications received	224	07	170	**401**
No of applications accepted for registration after secondary examination	27	11	111	**149**
Informing the defects after examination and no of rejections	223	13	146	**382**
No of applications published	28	07	96	**131**
No of registration	35	06	102	**143**

Source: Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka

(b) Technical plans (From 01.01.2024 to 30.12.2024)

Table No3.17 Technical Plans

Description	National	International	Total
No of applications received	159	36	**195**
No of applications accepted for registration after secondary examination	42	23	**65**
Informing the defects after examination and no of rejections	61	03	**64**
No of applications published	49	26	**75**
No of registration	46	30	**76**

Source: Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka

(c) Patents(From 01.01.2024 to 30.12.2024)

Table No 3.18 Trade marks

Description	National	International	Total
No of applications received	8,157	2,846	**11,003**
No of applications accepted for registration after secondary examination	9,485	3,937	**134,22**
No of applications accepted	6,081	4,105	**10,186**
No of applications rejected	2,617	467	**3,084**
No of applications published	3,579	3,395	**6,974**
No of registration	3,499	3,139	**6,638**

Source: Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka

ii. Main activities carried out in 2024

a) Launching initial works for digitalizing files on intellectual properties

This is a service facility given free of charge for the development of business services at Intellectual Property Office under bilateral agreement proposed between World Intellectual Property Office and Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka. It could make initiatives to make agreements in 2024 for the commencement of this project.

b) Satisfying basic qualifications for entering in Madrid Protocol

It could obtain approval of the Attorney General with the concurrence of the Legal Draftsman and World Intellectual Property Organization to make necessary revisions to the Intellectual Property Act for entering in the Madrid Protocol, which provides facilities for registering trademarks internationally. Accordingly, the matter has been referred for the submission of Cabinet Memorandum.

c) Providing facilities for the registration of geographical indicators

No special methodology was available so far in Sri Lanka for the registration of geographical indicators in Sri Lanka and only it has been registered as a certified mark under trademarks. It could publish the regulations drafted for the implementation of law for the registration of geographical indicators in the Gazette with the signature of the Minister

d) Participating in foreign training, programmes and workshops on the subject of intellectual properties

It could direct 10 officers of the institute in 2024 for 12 foreign training, programmes and workshops on the subject of intellectual properties.

3.2. Consumer Affairs Authority

i. Progress of the institute from January to September 2024

Table no3.*19* Progress of the activities of Consumer Affairs Authority

Description	Amount
Consumer security and relief services	
Market raids	22,543
Filing cases at courts	22,344
Fines (Rs)	192,010,999
Sample Test	73
Consumer Awareness Programmes	
Awareness for General Public	307
Awareness for traders	102
Awareness for schools	124
Exhibitions	07
Mobile awareness programmes (Trade and Public)	367
Special awareness	05
Media awareness programmes - Usage of electronic media	29
Media awareness programmes - Usage of social media	07
Complaints made by consumers in writing	
Receipt of new complaints	1,736
Rejections, referring to other institutes and raids	595
Investigations	756

Inquiries made on the complaints made by consumers-as per section 13 and 32	403
Settling complaints whilst conducting inquiries	88
Issuance orders-as per section 13 (4)	135
Giving effects to Court judgments - (13(6) and 32 (7)	34
Cases filed at Magistrate court by the Legal and Empowerment Division (Section 11,30,31 and 57 Authority ACT)	37
Appearing before court including cases - Magistrate Court - Supreme Court - Appeal Court - District Court	 407 10 45 10
Values of cases referred for mediation (Rs)	340,000
1977 Consumer Hotline	
Total number of complaints	2,757
Total number of complaints to which action has been taken	1,348
Complaints to which action is to be taken	1,409
Promotion of competition	
Conducting inquiries and intervention on controlling or eliminating economic centralization, promoting healthy competition, complaints on anti-competitive or unfair trade practices	
- Investigations are being conducted	46
- Complaints received during last year	25
- Complaints received during 2024	57
- Disputes settled	36
Making traders aware of the activities of Authority and other regulations - Conducting consultancy programmes for promotion of competition	10
Safeguarding local industries from anti-competitive practices by tax/taxes - Giving effect to regulation no 87(HS code 5) - Observing declared/ certified MRP of the imported productions at the market	 198 85
Conducting research and development studies for the promotion of healthy society - Conducting intelligence surveys - Making reports	 08 02
Market sample tests	09
Anti-competitive practices - Market raids	23

Source: Consumer Affairs Authority

3.9. Department of Co-operative Development

i. Progress of the audits on Co-operative societies

Authority has been given to audit 57 societies and all such 57 audits have been completed. Accordingly there Physical progress is 100%

ii. Progress of Societies Division

Table No3.20 Progress of the Societies Division of Department of Co-operative Development

1	Registration of new Co-operative Societies	1
2	Reactivating Co-operative Societies of which management is weak	3
3	Revision of interim constitutions	3
4	Conducting Elections of Co-operative societies	5
5	Making directions to prepare methodology election process where such methodology is not available at societies	1
6	Revising manpower assessments	1
7	Conducting progress review meetings of Co-operative societies	3
8	Making enquiries on information of members and taking relevant decisions	163

Source: Department of Co-operative Development

iii. Progress of the Legal Division

Table No3.21 Progress of the Legal Division of Department of Co-operative Development

Serial No	Task	Targeted amount	Implementation	Progress%
01	Appointing Arbitrators on request of Societies	37	21	56%
02	Number of appeals made by parties	15	03	20%
03	Requests for court action	60	55	91%
04	Appointment of Inquiry/ Investigation Officers	07	2	28.5%
05	Number of interim constitutions submitted for registration/ revision	04	04	100%
06	Cases filed against the Department	05	15	100%

Source: Department of Co-operative Development

Amount regained from the court is Rs. 9.18 million. This amount has been released among societies.

iv. **Training Division**

Ten training programmes have been planned and 09 out of them have been completed successfully.

v. **Banking Division**

Table No 3.22 Progress of the Banking Division of the Department of Co-operative Development

01	Calling statements of financial position from the societies registered under line Ministry and analyzing, reviewing and providing instructions.	12
	Number of societies from which analytical reports of financial position, their analyzing and giving instructions	03
	Physical progress %	25 %
02	Conducting meetings of Provincial Coordination committees for regulating banks	03
	Number of the meetings conducted by Provincial Coordination committees for regulating banks	01
	Physical progress %	34 %

Source: Department of Co-operative Development

vi. **Accounts Division**

Accordingly Progress in the implementation of procument plan is 100%.

3.10. Co-operative Employees' Commission

Table No3.23 Progress connecting to the role of Co-operative Employees 'Commission

Description	Number received during year 2024	Number of solutions made
Settling appeals	81	01*
Providing consultancy services	60	03*
Recruitment and promotion of employees	85	11*

Source: Co-operative Employees' Commission

*No décision has been taken as the Commission has not been appointed after the termes of the Chairman and two membres has expire on 03.03.2024.

Workshops conducted for awareness of Cooperative employees on human resources development and management in the field of cooperatives

06 workshops have been conducted to make the employees of the cooperatives aware of the human resources development and management.

Table No3.24 Conducting awareness workshops

Serial No	Cooperative society/ association where the workshop was conducted	Participation	Scope of the workshop	Amount spent (Rs.)
01	National Co-operative Council of Sri Lanka	33	Disciplinary Procedure	26,230.00
02	General Association of Thrift and Credit Co-operative societies of Sri Lanka සි	27	Disciplinary Procedure	20,980.00
03	Co-operative Bank Society of Posts and telecommunication Employees Pvt Ltd සි	37	Salaries and allowances	29,980.00
04	Education Services Employees thrift and Credit Cooperative Society- Southern Province	73	Disciplinary Procedure	70,750.00
05	Education Services Employees thrift and Credit Cooperative Society- North Western Province	106	Disciplinary Procedure	89,620.00
06	Public Service Co-Operative Credit & Thrift Society Ltd	34	Disciplinary Procedure	28,360.00

Spruce : Co-operative Employees Commission

3.11. National Co-operative Development Institute

i. Courses Division

Rs. 4.2 million has been earned by conducting 14 Diploma Courses, 05 certificate courses, and 46 short term courses.

ii. Internal Audit Division

a) Internal Audit Reports issued

Reports of examination division- 4 reports
Reports of study and development division- 1 report
Report of administration division-03 reports
Reports of hostels- 03 reports
Reports of libraries- 01 report
Reports of study and development division- 01 report

b) Three meetings of Audit and Management Committee have been held during the year.

c) Four quarterly evaluation reports of Internal Auditor have been submitted to the Ministry

d) Preparation of a report on the differences of the running distances in the running chart and the invoice issued in this regard for the vehicle bearing number NA 6537.

e) Working as a member of the Committee appointed to consider the lecture hours and related allowances of the internal lecturers as per the decision taken by the Board of Management.

f) Working as a member of the Committee appointed to take a decision on the payments for construction works of the auditorium and to submit a comprehensive report as per the decision of the Board of Management.

g) Supervising the banking process followed to bank the monthly salaries, overtime and holiday pay of the staff through SLIPS as per the decision of the Board of management.

iii. Tasks performed by the institute

Table No3.25 Tasks performed by the national Co-operative Development Institute

Task	Progress
Programme of the institute for International Co-operative Day	For the first time, a research conference has been held on 26.07 2024 at Mahinda Rajapaksha Theater to mark the International Co-operative Day.
Publishing books	Nava Pivisuma magazine has been launched concurrently to 102nd International Co-operative day marking 60th anniversary of Co-operative Rural Bank and 118th birth anniversary of Shridhara Wincent Subasingha
Staff training	Since this is an academic institute, it is highly essential to update the knowledge of the staff. There letters have been sent to the Secretary of the Ministry and the Director of Budget requesting approval for giving training opportunities to specially the academic staff. It has been informed that approval cannot be granted to use institutional provisions for training deviating from National Budget Circular No. 2024/01.
Evaluation of staff	Mid-term affairs have now been concluded
Performing tasks on welfare and social responsibilities of the staff	A manioc dansela has been held with the contribution of the staff of the institute to mark the Wesak Poya day. Diploma Holders held a blood donation camp within the premises of the institute and contribution of officers was also made for that. Sudantha Institute has held a dental clinic for the officers of institute on 21.11.2024 free of charge.
Affairs of Board of management	08 meetings of the Board of Management have already been held.
Affairs of academic board	01 meeting of the academic board has already been conducted.

Source: National Co-operative Development Board

3.12. State Trading Corporation

i. Income and gross profit

A turnover of Rs. 8.18 billion has been reported in 2024 and the gross profit earned during the year is Rs. 986 million.

ii. Profit before tax

The Corporation has earned Rs. 455 million in 2024 as the profit before tax.

iii. Special operations in 2024

a) Widening the range of productions

State Trading Corporation of Sri Lanka acts as an importer and distributor whenever it is necessary to balance the supply and the pricing of the market in the face of a shortage of food items. Accordingly, when there was a shortage of eggs in the market, under the direction and of the Ministry of Trade Commerce food security it managed properly this situation by way of importing stocks in order to distribute them through the network of Lanka SATHOSA. Further action was taken to import and distribute Undu, Dhal to settle the shortage in the market.

Under the direction of the Government, action was taken to import and distribute yellow wheat as an animal food.

Cloths for uniforms of school students and Sri Lanka Army have been imported with the assistance of the Government.

During 2024 Smart Boards has been promoted and it became a new production added to the range of information technology productions of the institute.

b) Employees' Development

With a view to enhance the efficiency of operations, attention was paid for the personal and professional development and by March 2024 it could maintain a labour force of 300 in the Corporation.

c) Strategic initiatives

Action has been taken to improve the range of productions by way of introducing new productions and marketing programmes have also been launched to enhance the income of existing productions.

d) Administration and compliance

During year 2024/2023, 13 meetings of the Board of Directors and 04 meetings of the Audit and management Committee have been conducted.

3.13. Department of the Commissioner of Foods

Construction of the temperature controlled cold stores complex, Dambulla

The construction works of this project has now been completed 98%. Payments have been settled for the amount of Rs. 21.4 million, which has been born by Urban Development Authority for the development of the land in order to take over the land, where the project is carried out. Action pertaining to take over the land is being carried out. It is proposed to carry out operations of the project by a Board of Management and it is proposed that the Board of Management should carry out operations of the stores complex with the collaboration of both Public and Private sectors. Rs. 382 million will be required for the completion of constructions and management and operations in year 2025.

3.14. Department of the registrar of Companies

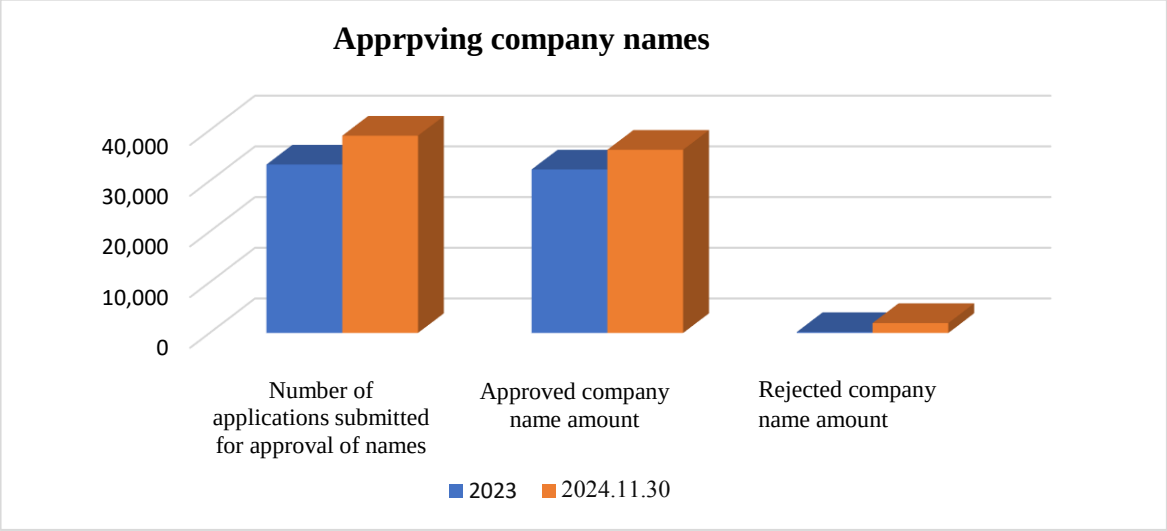
Tasks of this institute are as follows. Registration of Private Companies, Public Companies, Unlimited Liability Company, Companies Limited by Guarantee, and incorporation of Listed Companies, Registration of Foreign Companies, Offshore Companies, Societies, General Contracts, Mortgages, Debit cards, registration of Auditors and Company Secretaries, registration of documents pertaining to updating information of companies and societies as per Company Act and Society Ordinance, liquidation of companies, dissolution of companies, updating all information of companies/ societies, issuing certified copies of certificates, providing information required by General Public, confirming documents, collection of charges, and reconciliation, providing information and certified copies to Government and Non-Government Institutes, and providing necessary assistance

Approval for Company names in 2024

Table No3.26 Approval for company names

Number of applications submitted for approval of names	38,909
Approved Company names	36,137
Rejected Company names	1,948

Source: Department of the Registrar General



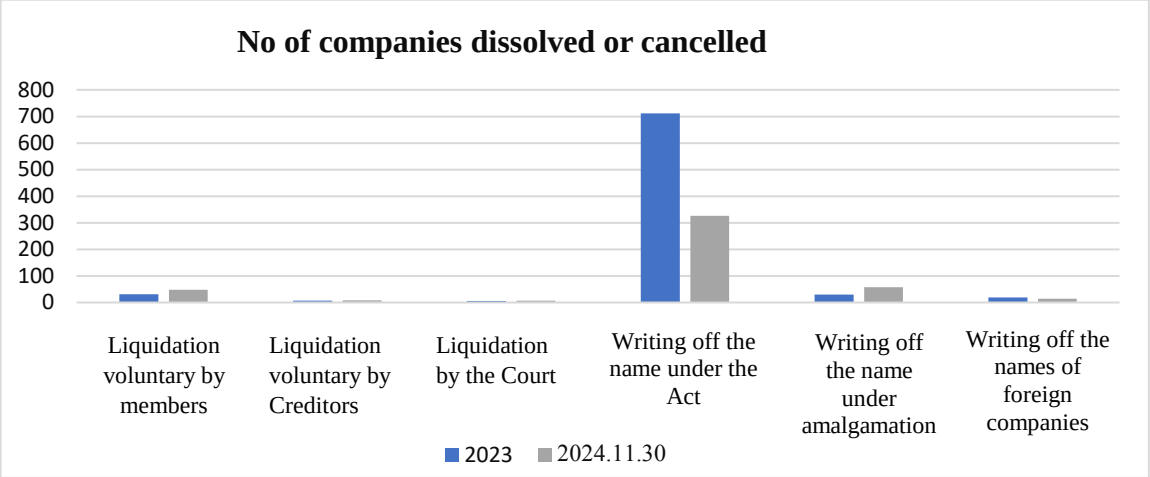
Number of the incorporated new companies in 2024 -25,076

Number of companies dissolved or cancelled - in 2024

Table No3.27 Number of companies dissolved or cancelled

Description	From 01.01.2024 to 30.11.2024
Liquidation voluntary by members	48
Liquidation voluntary by Creditors	08
Liquidation by the Court	07
Writing off the name under the Act	326
Writing off the name under amalgamation	58
Writing off the names of foreign companies	14
Total	461

Source: Department of the Registrar of Companies



Source: Department of the Registrar of Companies

Number of Societies registered from 01.01.2024 to 31.11.2024 - 38

Table No 3.28 Registered Societies

Type of society	From 01.01.2024 to 30.11.2024
Temples	1
Welfare societies	37
Total	38

Source: Department of the Registrar of Companies

Chapter Four

2025 – Future Plans

04. 2025–Future Plans

4.1. Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Co-operative Development

i. It is expected to establish a large-scale rice mill with modern facilities in Anuradhapura district within 02 years spending Rs. 10 billion.
ii. It is expected to implement small and middle scale rice production project with the expense of Rs.200 million under the project to ensure food security and strengthen women entrepreneurs by selected women, who are the beneficiaries of Aswesuma and registered Farmers' Organizations.
iii. Taking action to use the roves of store complexes under the institutions of Ministry for solar panel projects.
iv. Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Act No 02 of 2018 and Safeguard Act No 03 of 2018 have been enforced and it is expected to declare the regulations for the promotion of production economy and inform the same to World Trade Organization. In the meantime, it is expected to establish a separate unit in the Department of Commerce.
v. Since there is no act in wide range to control the international trade affairs, it is expected to formulate an international trade law with a legal framework for the promotion of export-oriented industries and goods and services.
vi. Revision of the Companies Act No 07 of 2007 to make the registration of shareholders more convenient.
vii. Revision of Consumer Affairs Authority Act No 09 of 2003 to formalize internal trade affairs and protect the rights of consumer conforming to the present economic and social conditions of Sri Lanka.

4.2. Department of Commerce

i. Department has planned to turn for awareness programmes at regional level within the year.
ii. It is expected to obtain more assistance under ITC 'USA/CLDP' for development of trade.
iii. Department of Commerce plans to organize 3 B2B promotional programmes in order to promote selected export-oriented industries. This project is to be launched with the collaboration of Ministry of Industries, Sri Lanka Export Development Board, National Chamber of Commerce, and other stakeholders of public and private sectors.
iv. As per the orders/ directions of the Government Department of Commerce participates in bilateral, regional and multilateral trade discussions.

4.3. Lanka SATHOSA Limited

i. Opening 150 New Lanka SATHOSA sales centers
   Main objectives of these measures are to getting closer to consumer and providing essential goods at the minimum price through management of distribution cost and negotiating prices for purchase by way of widening sales centers network as per economic theory whilst enhancing income of the institute.
ii. Establishment of new combined Entrepreneur's Resources Plan system (ERP).
   Lanka SATHOSA, which is a major competitor in the modern market field, needs a highly credible and efficient combined entrepreneur's resources plan system. Therefore, it is expected to establish a timely new combined Entrepreneur's Resources Plan system (ERP)

which links all sales outlets, stores, and Head Office for the decision-making process. It is expected to avoid situations such as under and over stocks, turning return of stocks to zero or minimum level.

iii. Recruitment of qualified employees with skills.
Employees with skills, who have been recruited on casual basis, have been recruited in 2024 as permanent employees and the positive effect made by the motivation gained them by such act is considerable.

iv. Direct purchases from Farmers
It is expected to provide essential items to consumers at a minimum price as there will not be space for intermediaries and in the meantime a market will be created to the farmer.

v. Enhancing additional income.
The only way for our institute, which plays in a competitive market, is to enhance additional income to gain a higher profitability.

vi. It is expected to have a growth by way of conducting a special audit at every sales center, identification of new opportunities, reassessment of prices, and increasing them.
It is expected to enhance additional income by restoring joint business plans with main suppliers.

vii. Enhancing gross profit margin.
It is expected to gain the whole profit by way of enhancing percentage of gross profit margin negotiating with suppliers.

4.4. SATHOSA

i. Commencing wholesale trade with new face restructuring SATHOSA and reconstructing 10 stores under SATHOSA

ii. Re-launching Hingurakgoda and Pannegamuwa rice mills belonging to SATHOSA and commencing their processes.

iii. Opening 03 wholesale shops of SATHOSA have been opened in Matara, Colombo and Kurunegala for selling food items at wholesale prices.

iv. To purchase paddy all over the Island subject to a maximum limit of 300,000 mt purchasing paddy as a joint effort of Paddy Cultivation Board, SATHOSA and Co-operative movement and allocate Rs. 50 million to repair existing stores to store paddy.

v. Maintaining the business of Sathosa transport service, security service and Engineering service etc. With a new face and reopening the fuel shed of SATHOSA.

vi. Taking initiatives to import directly essential food items by SATHOSA.

vii. Establishing 150 new Lanka Sathosa shops in the year 2025, increasing the 448 shops up to 1000 within 03 years and as a result of this, it is possible to make bulk imports and supply item to the shops.

viii. Possibility to control market prices as a result of issuing essential food items at a reasonable price by way of importing them to Co-operative network.

4.5. Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund

i. It is expected to pay installments of Mahapols scholarships to 17000 students of the academic year 2022/2023 during the year.

ii. Commencing online Mahapola Scholarship Library

iii. Government has decided to increase Mahapola Scholarship from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 7,500 and therefore, it is expected to collect resources to Mahapola Scholarship fund in order to ensure the financial stability of the fund. For this purpose, launching online Mahapola Lottery Scheme, establishing old boy's association for giving opportunity to past beneficiaries of Mahapola Scholarship.

4.6. Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment (SLAB)

i. programme for digitalizing accreditation process

At present, Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment has already completed the digitalizing process of tasks of laboratories. It is planned to implement digitalizing process for tasks connecting to all other accreditation schemes. With the implementation of this scheme, Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment has planned to reduce cost for operations and enhance efficiency in its service delivery.

ii. **Introducing promotion and brands for accreditation**

Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment has planned to implement a promotional program on official approval in connection with the 20th anniversary. It has planned to implement a series of programmes during the year paying attention to General Public, monitors, Accreditation Institutes, and other relevant public institutes.

iii. Taking action to widen accreditation services provided by the institute whilst introducing new accreditation programmes.

Sri Lanka Accreditation Board has planned to launch new accreditation schemes in 2025 for biobanking (ISO 20387) and ISO/IEC 17034 Raw materials producers.

iv. Taking action to expand capacity development programmes

In addition to the training calendar of the year, Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment has planned to conduct special capacity building schemes for the local and overseas participants, which are under attack.

v. Establishment of National Quality Council

Establishment of National Quality Council for introduction of qualitative concept and practices in the public sector in line with National Quality Policy. For this purpose, approval of the Cabinet has been given under /24/1148/627/021 dated 10.07.2024.

4.7. Department of Measurement Unit, Standards and Services

i. Establishment of central air condition system at National Measurement Laboratory. - Rs. 555 million has been allocated for phase I from Measurement Units, Standards and Services Fund.

ii. Widening the role of the National Measurement Laboratory establishing new measurement standards such as Power, sound and volume.

iii. Enhancing the course on measuring science of the training division of the Department up to NVQ vi level- Estimated amount is Rs. 490,800.

iv. Taking action to include measurement science as a subject for university education.
University of Colombo - Course - IA – 4301 – Precision Measurement techniques and calibration of instruments
University of Vavunia - Course - EN 541 (II)3 Metrology course

v. Updating Measurement Units Standards and Services Act and Regulations.

vi. Formulation of Measurement Standard Management Information System- Estimated amount is Rs. 70 million. It is expected to join 25 district offices with the Head Office and assure a correct and credible measurement service to the consumers by formulating trade data system.
It is expected to implement these projects using the funds of institution.

4.8. Dedicated Regional Economic Centers

With a view to operate regional economic centers in a more productive way, taking action under aids from Korea and construction of 05 small and middle scale temperature controlled cold storage facility to store potatoes, onion, and fruit at selected economic centers

4.9. Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka

i. Providing online facility for payments and submission of applications.
ii. Making facilities for the registration of geographical indicators.
iii. Amending Intellectual Property Act for entering Madrid Protocol.
iv. Performing functions of Intellectual Property Office under smart methods.
v. Enhancing Industrial Property Administration System (IPAS), the software system of National Intellectual Property Office up to level 4.
vi. Implementing digitalizing project using funds of World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) and formulation of Intellectual Property Policy to carry out tasks of Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka in more effective and efficient way.

4.10. Consumer Affairs Authority

i. Measures for the protection of consumers and producers
With a view to protect consumers and producers, it has been decided to introduce following regulatory measures.
Regulating the compulsory issuance of machine printed invoices to consumers and producers
ii. with breakdowns for the identification of cost and tax component of purchased items separately.

For this purpose, regulations have been declared to order to issue an invoice generated by machine inclusive of cost, taxes and other charges separately to consumers establishing Point of Sales machine (POS) at all businesses or trading institutes which have registered for value added tax.

When a consumer makes payments by his/her electronic card, number of trading institutes, canteens and restaurants recover a charge from 1.5% to 3% from the invoice value in addition to the value of invoice, such practices make barriers to the digital payment systems. Therefore it is proposed to regulate the recovery of such unauthorized charge.

In order to protect both consumers and producers from the above issues, suitable regulatory measures will be taken by Consumer Affairs Authority, and Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

iii. Implementing a project spending Rs. 140 million from the fund of institute for digitalizing functions of the institute, whilst making activities of Consumer Affairs Authority more convenient, and with a view to ensure consumer friendly service delivery.

4.11. Department of Co-operative Development

i. To commence the programme for the establishment of 1000 production co-operatives covering all Divisional Secretary's Division in order to implement the policy manifesto of new Government
ii. Implementing handloom and power loom textile, dried fish and mushrooms and paddy banks with the investment of Rs. 25 million.
iii. Implementing an amalgamated programme for purchasing paddy
iv. Amending Co-operative Act No 05 of 1972.

4.12. Co-operative Employees' Commission

i. Implementing a salary revision for employees of Co-operative sector.
ii. Conducting awareness programmes for Co-operative Employees.
iii. Implementing scheme of recruitment and scheme of promotion of co-operative employees with necessary updating.
iv. Preparing disciplinary procedure to suit to current needs with updating.

4.13. National Co-operative Development Institution

i. It has planned to conduct 04 consultative programmes, 01 training programme, 08 diploma courses, 04 certificate courses, 45 short term courses and the total number of participations expected is 1852.
ii. Obtaining Sri Lanka Qualification Guidelines (SLQF) status reviewing syllabus of all diploma courses conducted by the institute to suit to the requirement of the institute and commence a higher diploma at the level of SLQF-4.
iii. Automating and digitalizing the library of National Co-operative Development Institute, which is the knowledge hub of Co-operative sector.
iv. Establishment and maintenance of Digital Co-operative Societies Data System covering all co-operative societies of Sri Lanka.
v. Conducting a research study to enhance the Production Co-operative Societies of Sri Lanka up to export production level .
vi. National Co-operative Development Institute expects to commence short term, middle term and long-term courses covering relevant scopes or legal, financial, accounting related to co-operative institute including co-operative societies and take action to safeguard customers,

recipients and co-operative movement and to look forward from 2025 as an institute with economic stability.

vii. Inclusion of the knowledge on Co-operative Movement in school syllabus and taking action to make the teachers aware in this regard.

viii. Taking necessary action to upgrade Co-operative Development Institute to the level of University

4.14. State Trading (General) Corporation

i. Importing and distributing essential food items whenever the Government wants to make the supply essential foods and the market prices stable and importing rice and salt to satisfy the needs in 2025.

ii. Expansion of the promotion of smart boards, and other information technology productions conforming to the digital policy of the Government.

iii. Purchasing a land and constructing a store for explosives using Government funds as the capital.

iv. Implementing a new enterprises resources planning system

v. Modifying and reconstructing the showroom at Nawam Mawatha like other building and premises of the area and making that place an attraction of the consumers.

vi. Opening two new showrooms widening the network of showrooms of the Corporation

vii. Achieving an additional growth in the sales by introducing new productions to the existing range of productions

viii. Enhancing the turnover by extending the consumers base to the institutes of public and private sector.

ix. Future Plan of the institute

It is expected to continue its expansion to new batches of productions and markets using the strength at maximum level to assist to make the content of the policy manifesto of new Government a reality (A Thriving Nation - Beautiful Life) in order to contribute to the development of national economy.

4.15. Department of the Commissioner of Foods

i. Transforming the Temperature Controlled Cold store constructed at Dambulla under the supervision of the Food Commissioner's Department to operational level.

ii. Implementing the programme for modification of store complex belonging to the Food Commissioner's Department

iii. Making plans to earn an additional income by fixing solar panels on the roof of the buildings belonging to the Food Commissioner's Department

4.16. Department of the Registrar of Companies

i. It is expected to modify 04 floors of the building *"Samagam Medura*" and to invest Rs. 150 million for such modifications and essential development activities.

ii. It has planned to invest Rs. 32 million from the funds of the institute for vehicle repairs, development of office equipment and institutional affairs.

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இலங்கைக்கான இந்திய உயர் ஸ்தானிகர் கௌரவ. சந்தோஸ் ஜாவுடனான சந்திப்பு

Courtesy call by His Excellency Santosh Jha, High Commissioner of India for Sri Lanka.

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மகாபொல நிதியம் பற்றிய கலந்துரையாடல்

Discussion on the Mahapola Fund

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அரிசி இறக்குமதியாளர்களுடனான கலந்துரையாடல்

Discussion with rice importers

ලංකාවේ කැනේඩියානු මහ කොමසාරිස්වරයා හමුවීම

இலங்கைக்கான கனடிய உயர் ஸ்தானிகர் கௌரவ. எரிக் வோல்ஸ் உடனான சந்திப்பு

Courtesy call by His Excellency Eric Walsh, High Commissioner of Canada for Sri Lanka.

ලංකාවේ යුරෝපා සංගමයේ තානාපතිනිය හමුවීම

இலங்கைக்கான ஐரோப்பிய ஒன்றிய ஸ்தானிகர் கௌரவ. கார்மன் மொரினோவுடனான சந்திப்பு

Courtesy call by Her Excellency Carmen Moreno, Ambassador of the European Union for Sri Lanka

ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ නවසීලන්ත මහ කොමසාරිස්වරයා හමුවීම

இலங்கைக்கான நியுசிலாந்து உயர் ஸ்தானிகர் கௌரவ. டேவிட் பைன் உடனான சந்திப்பு

Courtesy call by His Excellency Devid Pine, High Commissioner of New Zealand for Sri Lanka.

වෙළඳපොළේ පැවති සහල් හිඟය පිළිබඳව සහල් මෝල් හිමියන් සමග කළ සාකච්ඡාව

சந்தையில் நிலவும் அரிசித் தட்டுப்பாடு பற்றி அரிசி ஆலை உரிமையாளர்களுடன் கலந்துரையாடல்

Discussion with rice mill owners regarding the ongoing rice shortage in the market

ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ එක්සත් අරාබි එමීර් රාජ්‍යයේ තානාපතිවරයා හමුවීම

இலங்கைக்கான ஐக்கிய அரபு எமிரேட்ஸ் உயர் ஸ்தானிகர் கௌரவ. கலெட் நாசர் உடனான சந்திப்பு

Courtesy call by His Excellency Khaled Nasser ALAmeri, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates for Sri Lanka.

වසර ගණනාවක් වසා තිබූ හිඟුරක්ගොඩ සතොස විමෝල් ගබඩා සංකීර්ණය නිරීක්ෂණය

வருடக்கணக்காக மூடப்படிருந்த ஹிங்குராங்கொட சதொச அரிசி ஆலை மற்றும் களஞ்சியத் தொகுதியைப் பார்வையிடல்

Inspection of the abandoned Hingurakgoda Sathosa rice mill & the warehouse complex

මැදිරිගිරියේ ධාන්‍ය සුරැකුම් මධ්‍යස්ථානය නිරීක්ෂණය

மெதிரிகிரிய தானியக் களஞ்சிய மத்திய நிலையத்தைப் பார்வையிடல்

Inspection of the Medirigiriya Grain Storage Center

දඹුල්ල ආර්ථික මධ්‍යස්ථානයේ ශීතාගාරය නිරීක්ෂණය

தம்புள்ளை பொருளாதார மத்திய நிலைய குளிர்பதனக் களஞ்சிய வசதியை ஆய்வு செய்தல்

Inspection of the cold storage facility at the Dambulla Economic Centre

අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ආයතන ප්‍රධානීන් සමඟ පැවති සාකච්ඡාව

அமைச்சின் கீழுள்ள நிறுவனங்களின் தலைவர்களுனான கலந்துரையாடல்

Discussion with heads of institutions under the Ministry

ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ ඉරාන තානාපතිවරයා හමුවීම

இலங்கைக்கான ஈரானியத் தூதுவருடனான சந்திப்பு

Courtesy call by His Excellency Dr.Alireza Delkhosh, Iranian Ambassador for Sri Lanka.

දේශීය ටින් මාළු නිෂ්පාදකයින් සමඟ කළ සාකච්ඡාව

உள்நாட்டு ரின்மீன் உற்பத்தியாளர்களுடனான கலந்துரையாடல்

Discussion with local canned fish producers

අතහැර දමා තිබූ ගල්ගමුවේ වී ගබඩා සංකීර්ණය නිරීක්ෂණය

கைவிடப்பட்ட கல்கமுவ அரிசி ஆலை மற்றும் களஞ்சியத் தொகுதியை ஆய்வு செய்தல்

Inspection of the abandoned Galgamuwa rice mill & the warehouse complex

දේශීය ටයර් නිෂ්පාදකයින් සමග කළ සාකච්ඡාව

ரயர் உற்பத்தியாளர்களுடனான கலந்துரையாடல்

Discussion with local tire manufacturers

අතහැර දමා ඇති ඔයාමඩුව රජයේ වී ගබඩා නිරීක්ෂණය

கைவிடப்பட்ட ஓயமடுவ அரிசி ஆலை மற்றும் களஞ்சியத் தொகுதியை ஆய்வு செய்தல்

Inspection of the abandoned Oyamada Government rice mill & the Warehouse

පිහන් සංස්ථාවට අයත් අතහැර දමා ඇති ඇලයාපත්තුව උළු කර්මාන්ත ශාලාව නිරීක්ෂණය

கைவிடப்பட்ட சிலோன் செரமிக்ஸ் கூட்டுத்தாபனத்துக்குச் சொந்தமான எலயாபத்துவ கூரை ஓட்டுத் தொழிற்சாலையைப் பார்வையிடல்

Inspection of the abandoned Elayapaththuwa roof tile factory owned by the Ceylon Ceramics Corporation

තඹුත්තේගම ආර්ථික මධ්‍යස්ථානය නිරීක්ෂණ චාරිකාව

தம்புத்தேகம பொருளாதார மத்திய நிலையத்துக்கு விஜயம் செய்தல்

Visiting to the Thambuttegama Economic Centre

වසා දමා ඇති මැදවච්චිය ආර්ථික මධ්‍යස්ථානය නිරීක්ෂණ චාරිකාව

கைவிடப்பட்ட மதவாச்சி பொருளாதார மத்திய நிலையத்துக்கு விஜயம் செய்தல்

Visiting to the abandoned Medawachchiya Economic Centre

2025 අයවැය යෝජනාවලිය පිළිබඳව අමාත්‍යාංශයට අදාළ ආයතන සමඟ කළ සාකච්ඡාව

2025 வரவுசெலவுத் திட்டப் பிரேரணை தொடர்பில் அமைச்சுக்குரிய நிறுவனங்களுடன் கலந்துரையாடல்

Discussion with relevant institutions of the Ministry regarding the 2025 Budget proposal

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நுகர்வோர் விவகார அதிகாரசபை அலுவலர்களுடன் கலந்துரையாடல்

Discussion with officers of the Consumer Affairs Authority

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சதொசவிற்குச் சொந்தமான கொழும்பு டி.ஆர். விஜேவர்தன மாவத்தையிலுள்ள சொத்துகளை பார்வையிடல்

Inspection of properties on D.R.Wijewardena Mawatha,Colombo, owned by Sathosa

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