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Part One : 81.00		
Serial No.	**Shortcomings identified by the Committee**	**Remedial action taken by the Institution to rectify the condition of shortcomings**
1.	Register of Risks was not maintained up to date basis.	A Register of risks has not been prepared for the year 2022. However, Register of risks related to the year 2023 and year 2024 have been prepared and maintained up to date basis by now.
2.	Answers had not been sent to all the audit queries of the Auditor General within one month after receiving such audit queries.	Delays cause in preparing the final answer for audit queries after calling answers from various Divisions of the Ministry. Action will be taken to provide at least a provisional answer at such instances in future.
3.	The required number of Audit and Management Committee meetings had not been held per year.	As the officers reported for duties under the shift basis due to the Covid - 19 Pandemic situation, one meeting for the first and second quarters, one meeting for the third quarter and one meeting for the fourth quarter of the year 2022 have been held as to cover those four quarters in holding Audit and Management Committee meetings for the year 2022.
4.	The relevant reports had not been submitted to the Auditor General by the due date after conducting Board of Surveys in accordance with F.R. 756 (6) within the time frame mentioned in paragraph II. I of Part I of Public Finance Circular No. 01/2020 dated 28.08.2020. No action had been taken for the recommendations on excesses and shortages & other recommendations revealed by the Board of surveys.	The officers have been instructed to conduct the Board of surveys within the prescribed time frame and to submit the reports to the Auditor General.
5.	The Emblem of the State had not been painted on all pool vehicles.	The Emblem if the State has been painted on all the pool vehicles.
6.	Log books on all vehicles were not maintained on up to date basis.	Action has been taken to maintain Log books for each vehicle on up to date basis.
7.	Consequent to the utilization of provisions allocated for a vote as per F.R. 94 (1), liabilities were made exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year.	It has been emphasized to the officials the need to review the amount of balance provisions in the year and to take action accordingly in making commitments.
8.	The loan balances in arrears exceeding one year had not been settled.	All outstanding loan balances in arrears for more than a year have been settled by now.

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9.	The ad hoc sub imprests issued as per F.R. 371 had not been settled within one month from the completion of the task.	Action has been taken to settle ad hoc sub imprest within one month from the completion of the task.

Part Two : 83.50		
Serial No.	**Shortcomings identified by the Committee**	**Remedial action taken by the Institution to rectify the condition of shortcomings**
1.	Performance agreements covering the entire staff had not been drafted or entered in to.	Action is being taken to prepare and enter in to Performance agreements covering the entire staff.
2.	Out of the training opportunities planned, the extent of training opportunities granted, was less than 50%.	Since the trainings in the first half of the year 2022 were conducted online, the officers were not willing to participate in the physical courses even though the officers were nominated for the courses.
3.	The audit opinion about the accounts of the institution had been a qualified opinion / disclaimed opinion / an unfavorable opinion.	A qualified opinion had been granted for the year 2022. Action is being taken to rectify the shortcomings pointed out in the Audit and to obtain a true and fair opinion in the future.

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