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**NATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES**

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Preface

The National Council and The National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities have been established to make provisions related to the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No. 28 of 1996 with the vision of making the persons with disabilities a part of the national development.

Promotion, development, protection the rights of persons with disabilities and making arrangements for related or ancillary matters, guidance, coordination, implementation and management of development activities are the main roles.

The primary objective of the 2023 annual report is to present the performance of the programs implemented in the year 2023 related to the welfare, promotion and protection of the rights of the disabled community to the Honorable Members of Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Executive Summary

The National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities implemented various programs and projects for the disabled community in the year 2023. Due to the epidemic situation in the country and the economic crisis as well as the fuel crisis, there were difficulties in the implementation of these programs; however, the physical and financial progress achieved in the programs planned for the year 2023 is 100%.

Among the programs and projects implemented based on the promotion of the welfare and rights of the disabled community, the life assistance program and kidney patients life assistance program had a special place due to the economic crisis in the country. With the support of the World Bank and Asian Development Bank, an additional allowance of Rupees two thousand five hundred was given for six months in addition to the regular allowance of Rupees five thousand and an allowance of Rupees five thousand was given to those in the waiting list. Through this program, 98369 low-income disabled people and 63428 low-income kidney patients were benefitted in all over Sri Lanka. We were able to overcome this challenge in view of the prevailing situation in the country.

The guidance of the Hon. Minister of Women, Child's Affairs and Social Empowerment and the Hon. State Minister as well as the support of the Minister's Staff should be highly appreciated to make this task successful.

Further, special thank should go to instructions and guidance of the Secretary to the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment, staff of the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities, staff of the Department of Samurdhi Development, District Secretaries, Divisional Secretaries and all officers who contributed to the entire process including all Social Services Officers who cover the subject related duties in Divisional Secretariats and District Secretariats.

Introduction

National Council and National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities have been established to make provisions related to the Protection of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No. 28 of 1996. Accordingly, the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities works to promote the rights of persons with disabilities and to provide assistances including their welfare in order to create a favorable environment for persons with disabilities.

In the year 2023, various programs were implemented for the welfare, rehabilitation and empowerment of persons with disabilities as well as their legal services. In order to provide maximum justice for the disabled community in accordance with the current social pattern, amendment of the Act for the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities No. 28 of 1996, drafting the Sign Language Act, drafting the current gazette related to access orders according to international standards and specifications, various programs like providing living assistances, providing kidney aid allowances, medical aids, educational aids, assistive devices, housing aids and self-employment assistance and granting employment to disabled persons in the private sector, capacity building programs, awareness programs are also implemented for the benefits of low income disabled persons.

It is our ultimate desire to free the disabled people from the mentality of dependency and make them the resources of the country and make them partners in the gross national product by empowering the people with disabilities.

National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities

National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities has been established under the legal provisions of the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No. 28 of 1996.

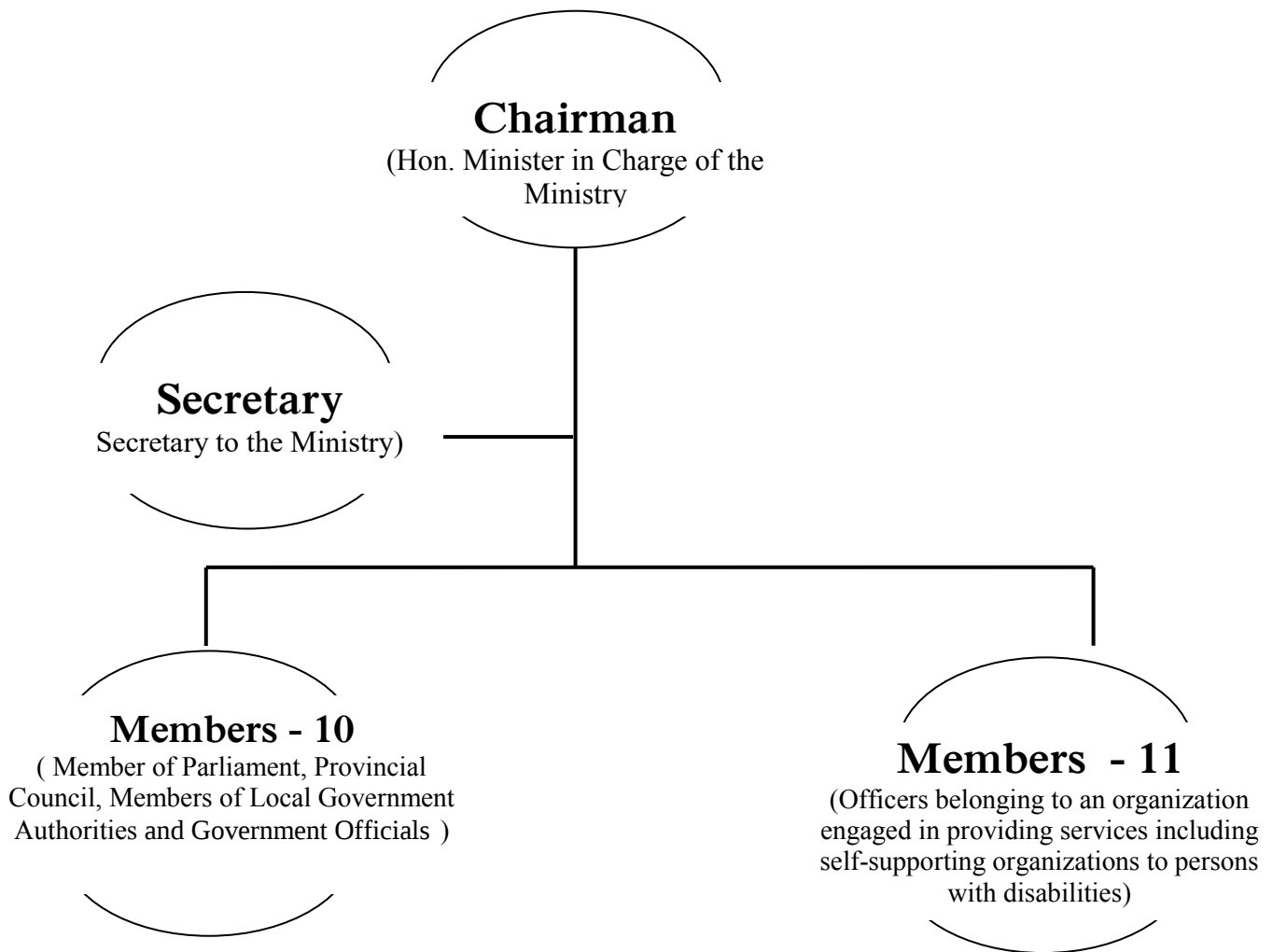
Vision

To make persons with disabilities in Sri Lanka partners of the national development.

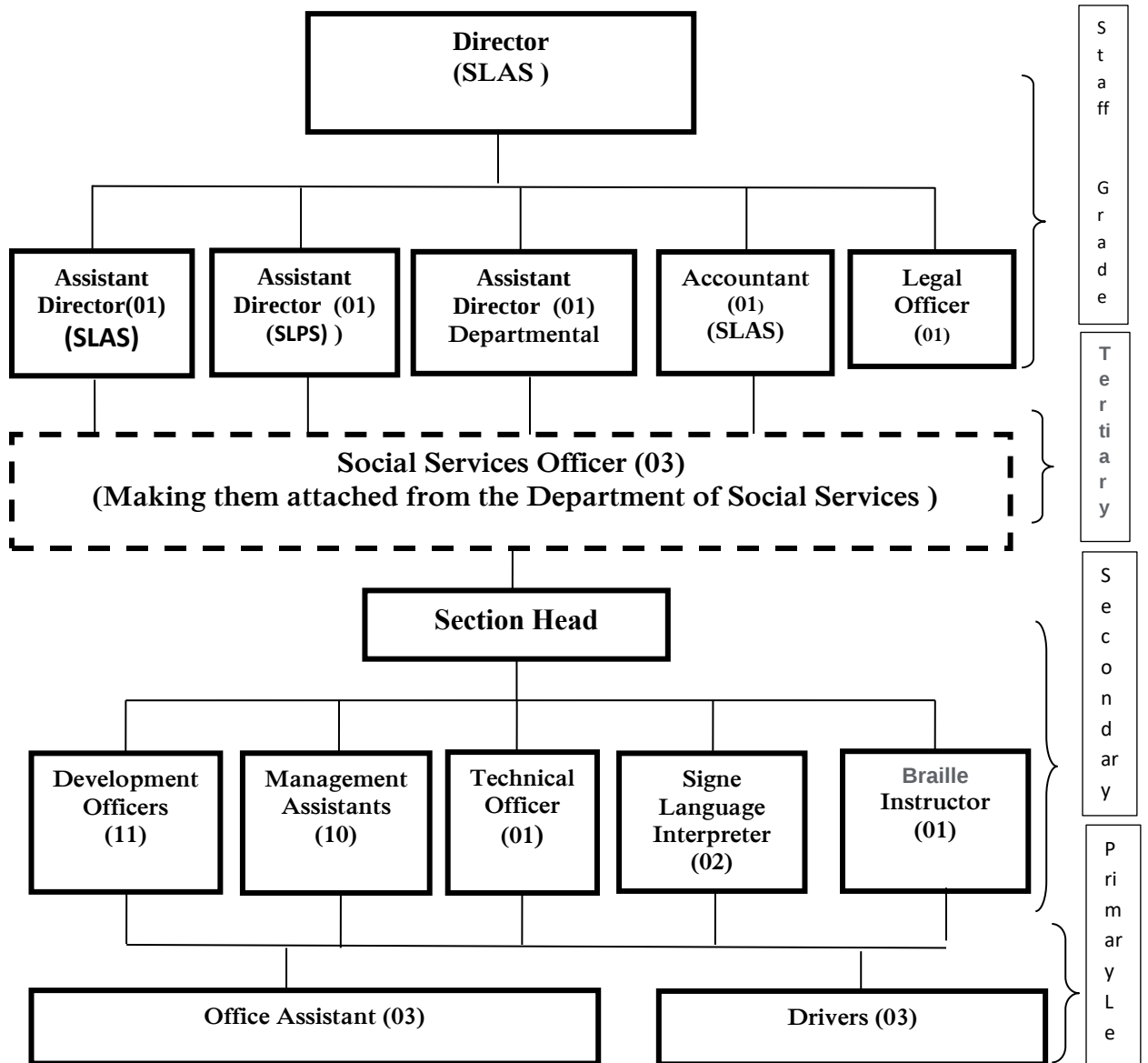
Mission

To promote, improve and ensure the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities through guidance, coordination and implementation & monitoring of development activities.

National Council for Persons with Disabilities



Organizational Structure of the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities



Message from the Chairman of the National Council for Persons with Disabilities

A National Council has been established within this Ministry to oversee the implementation of activities for persons with disabilities, as mandated by Act No. 28 of 1996. The primary focus of the council is to promote and safeguard the rights of individuals with disabilities. The National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities is tasked with executing the decisions made by the National Council, in accordance with the authority vested in it by this Act. This includes implementing measures, formulating policies aimed at safeguarding the rights of individuals within this community and offering guidance where necessary.

Our current focal point lies in the implementation of the United Nations Charter for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, a commitment endorsed by the Government of Sri Lanka. This task stands as our principal challenge at present. I prioritize the empowerment of this community above all else, including welfare benefits. It is my firm belief that enabling their self-sufficiency and advancement is paramount. Empowering this community can be achieved by prioritizing access to quality education, improving road infrastructure, facilitating job referrals, and enhancing healthcare services.

It is my privilege to serve as the minister in charge in the year 2023, and I am deeply committed to advancing the welfare of our community. As part of this commitment, I will participate in the 16th session of the United Nations held in New York, focusing on the rights of the disabled. My aim is to garner attention for the successful implementation of our programs within our country. Through this platform, I aspire to secure the requisite financial and technical support to establish a solid foundation for a successful five-year program in Sri Lanka.

It's indeed regrettable that as a nation, we haven't instituted a comprehensive program to address this issue, especially considering reports indicating that over 70% of the disabled community could be empowered. What's become evident to me is the necessity of shifting our focus towards enabling these individuals to showcase their abilities rather than dwelling on their limitations. To achieve this transformative vision, we must open the doors to primary, secondary, and tertiary education within the realm of special education. Equally crucial is ensuring that every official and administrator in these domains is well-versed and enlightened about the unique needs and capabilities of individuals with disabilities. It is imperative that we institute a structured program dedicated to this noble cause. Through such concerted efforts, we can forge a landscape where people with disabilities are not merely accommodated but empowered to flourish, enriching our collective tapestry with their invaluable contributions. All governmental and non-governmental organizations, transportation service providers, as well as those involved in urban and road development, and local governments, should collaborate to ensure accessible facilities for people with disabilities. This community, which holds potential as a valuable resource for the country, requires concerted efforts towards empowerment. Currently, dedicated individuals including the Director of the National General Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities, alongside private and non-governmental organizations, are investing their time and energy in these endeavors. I extend my sincere appreciation for the ongoing efforts aimed at uplifting the disabled community and express gratitude to all involved.

Anupa Pasqual

State Minister of Social Empowerment
Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment
Chairman, National Council for Persons with Disabilities

Report of the Director of National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities

The under mentioned is the summary information of the performance achieved in the year 2023 by the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities while performing its role as per the policy decisions and determined actions of the National Council for Persons with Disabilities in compliance with the policies and decisions of the government. Even though, under challenging conditions such as the epidemic situation, economic crisis and oil crisis in the country, it was possible to achieve a very good performance in this year.

New Draft Bill of protection of rights of persons with disabilities no.28 of 1996

New draft Bill has been forwarded to the Department of Legal Draftsman, Carrying out revisions to this Bill in accordance with the current social pattern to achieve maximum justice for the disabled community.

Sign Language Draft Bill

Sign Language Draft Bill, prepared by the Department of Legal Draftsman in accordance with the Ministry observations for establishment the sign language as a reputed communication mode, forwarded to the Department of Attorney General's to obtain Clearance Certificate for that.

Gazette of Accessibility Regulations for persons with disabilities

Actions are being made to revise the Gazette extraordinary of accessibility regulations for persons with disabilities bearing no.1467/15 dated 17.10.2006 and the Gazette extraordinary no.1619/24 dated 18.09.2009 issued to amend that Gazette, as suit for the current situation. Revisions are being made by a committee made up of Experts in relevant fields.

Establishment of 3 caring centers

Cabinet approval has been granted for construction of 6 caring centers by Cabinet paper no. CMN/18/0755/711/015. Construction activities of the early childhood development centre of Matara - Akurassa Centre were completed and it has been planned to initiate its activities in the year 2024.

Providing Rs.5000/- life assistance for persons with disabilities

With the aim of promoting the welfare of low-income persons with disabilities, this program, which has been carrying out since 2007, is executed to empower persons with disabilities and their families. Improving the standard of living, improving nutrition, and improving the mental and social condition can be identified here. The living allowance of Rs. 3000/- given since 2007 was increased to Rs.5000/- from May 2019, and 40,000 new beneficiaries were added to the number of 32,000 beneficiaries from July 2019 to increase the total number to 72,000 beneficiaries. By spending of the monthly allowance of Rs. 5,609.28 Million to 72,000 permanent beneficiaries of disabled persons and additional 17, 882 beneficiaries and 16,139 wait listed beneficiaries; the said allowance was paid as mentioned above in the year 2023.

Providing Rs.5000/- life assistance for kidney patients

Paying monthly assistance for the chronic kidney patients with undiagnosed root cause is implemented from year 2015. This life assistance was started as Rs.3000/- per month and now it has been increased up to Rs.5000/-. These payments have been made for the patients live in 84 Divisional Secretariat areas in 11 Districts, recommended as chronic kidney disease is spread by the Ministry of Health. From September of 2020, it was able to make payments to 39,169 of patients who are suffering from all types of kidney diseases as covered the whole Island. By spending of the monthly allowance of Rs. 2,901.39 Million to 39,150 permanent beneficiaries of kidney patients and additional 18, 159 beneficiaries and 1,924 wait listed beneficiaries; the said allowance was paid as mentioned above in the year 2023.

Providing assistance for maintenance of Victoria home

Actions were taken to provide an amount of Rs. 9 Million at the rate of Rs. 0.75 Million per month for the payment of salaries and allowances of employees, water, and electricity and phone bills of the Victoria Home in Rajagiriya

Providing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities

Persons with disabilities but with capabilities to deploy in employment are directed for a job in private sector and 50% of basic salary, paid by that agency (up to a maximum of Rs. 15,000) is paid by this Office for 24 months. On the reason of limitation of new recruiting's due to economic crisis and epidemic in the country, closure of existing institutions, the number of beneficiaries were decreased. However it was able to provide 31 opportunities in this year as well.

Providing Medical assistance

Assistance are provided as a maximum of Rs.30,000 for low income families to buy medicines which are not-provided from government hospitals, attend for clinics, cover the expenses for any surgery such as cardiac, eye, kidney, brain, pelvic bone transplant and ear drum transplant.

Number of beneficiaries	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn.)
542	9.74

Providing assistive devices

Assistances are provided as instruments such as spectacles, wheelchairs, hearing aids, tricycle elbow clutches, clutches etc. and as financial assistances of Rs.20,000/- maximum to purchase special instruments such as air mattress and water mattress as to make contribute the person with disabilities for inclusive development and make them independent by helping for their rehabilitation. Financial assistance from Rs.15,000 to 35,000 is provided to purchase hearing aids. This assistance is given for low income persons on the recommendations of Doctors. Assistive devices have been distributed as follows conducting 13 mobile services in this year.

Commode wheel chairs	Wheel chairs	elbow clutches	clutches	walkers	Spectacles (near & distance)	Spectacles (reading)	Special devices	Artificial legs	Special shoes
14	65	66	38	24	64	7425	39	22	02

Skill development programme

To improving skills such as sports, art and aesthetic and other special skills of the persons with disabilities and to develop special education units for persons with disabilities, a sum of Rs.50,000/- maximum is paid under this programme..

Number of beneficiaries	Financial progress (Rs.Mn.)
05 Institutes	0.22

Providing self-employment assistance

With the aim of minimize poverty of families of the disabled persons, a sum of Rs40,000/- maximum are paid to a low income persons with disabilities or a family with disabled persons to start or develop a self-employment under this programme. Monitoring the self-employment, guiding to improve the quality of the products, mediation for market facilities are also responsible areas of this programme.

Number of beneficiaries	Financial progress (Rs.Mn.)
154	5.12

Providing educational assistance

This is a programme to provide educational assistance to the children with disabilities and the children whose guardians are disabled. A worth of Rs.20,000/- maximum amount is paid to purchase educational equipment once in a life time under this programme.

Number of beneficiaries	Financial progress (Rs.Mn.)
461	5.37

Empowerment the voluntary organizations

There are 238 registered voluntary organizations under this Secretariat and most of Institutes survive without having a regular funding source. As per the requests made by these organizations, financial assistance are given up to Rs.200,000/- maximum for a physical construction after confirmed by field observations.

Number of beneficiaries	Financial progress (Rs.Mn.)
02 Institutes	0.29

Commemorating International Day of Persons with disabilities

In line with international Day of Persons with Disabilities under the theme “*United in action to rescue and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for, with and by persons with disabilities*” discussion program and program of promoting of accessible tourist industry were implemented. Rs. 1.14 Million of Assistants and donations of the private sector were utilized for this program and treasury provisions of Rs. 0.47 Million was received.

Providing housing assistance

This housing assistance programme is implemented from year 2001 for assistance to build a house to the persons with disabilities, who own a land but no house, and the funds are obtained by the deposits made by National Lottery Board annually as 5% from income generated by selling Supiri Wasana Lottery.

A sum of Rs.500,000/- to build a new house and a sum of Rs.250,000/- to renovations are paid as installments.

Number of beneficiaries	Financial progress (Rs.Mn.)
241	22.98

Summary of approved provisions and expenditure for the year 2023

	Approved Provision	Expenditure
	Rs. Million	Rs. Million
Capital	34.00	34.23 *
Recurrent	10818.00	8520.26

* The excessive amount of Rs.0.23 million has been obtained from the balance of the National fund for persons with disabilities.

The following programs are also being implemented under Asian Development Bank Assistance.

- Development of institutions with government registration and providing services to persons with disabilities.
- Providing counseling programs and dry rations for persons with disabilities.
- Providing school kids worth of Rs.15,000 each for children with disabilities and conducting stress-relief programs.
- Providing sales carts for self-employment according to disability.
- Program of Empowerment the persons with disabilities.
- And such programs as the awareness programs for family members of the persons with disabilities are being implemented.

Future Targets

- Employment of 50 disabled persons in year 2023
- Obtaining approval for Sign Language Draft Bill
- Completion the Gazette of providing accessibility facilities for persons with disabilities which is still revised.
- Completion the revisions of Draft Bill of Protection of Rights of Persons with Disabilities no.28 of 1996
- Make necessary actions to Establish of 03 caring centers for persons with disabilities.
- Establishment of sign language as an optional subject for government officers.

Jayamali C. Wickramaarachchi

Director

National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities

NATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2023

01. CORPORATE INFORMATION

General

National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities (NSPD) is an Institute incorporated on the 24th October 1996 in Sri Lanka under the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No.28 of 1996. The registered office of the NSPD is located at 1st floor, Sethsiripaya Stage II, Bathtaramulla.

The NSPD is engaged in providing assistances such as, monthly cost of living assistance, self-employment assistance, educational assistance, medical assistance, etc. for persons with disabilities.

Apart from that, NSPD is coordinating the grant of monthly assistance for CKDU (chronic kidney disease unknown) patients

02. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The financial statements of National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities comprise the statement of financial position, statement of comprehensive income, cash flow statement, statement of changes in equity, accounting policies and notes to the financial statements. These statements are prepared in accordance with the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS) as laid down by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and comply with the other requirements of protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No. 28 of 1996.

03. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General Policies

3.1.1 Basis of Preparation

The Financial statements are presented in Sri Lankan Rupees, rounded to nearest Rupee and are prepared on the historical cost basis. Accounting policies have been consistently applied with those used in previous years.

3.1.2 Comparative Information

Previous year's figures and phases have been re-arranged whenever necessary to confirm to the current position.

3.1.3 Post Balance Sheet Events

All material post balance sheet events have been considered and where appropriate, adjustments of disclosures have been made in respective note to the Financial Statements.

3.2 Valuation of Assets and their Measurement Bases

3.2.1 Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value, after due allowances for obsolete and slow-moving items. Net realizable value is the price at which inventories can be sold in the ordinary course of business less estimated cost of completion and their estimated cost necessary make the sale.

The cost incurred in bringing inventories to its present location and conditions are accounted as follows: -

Consumable materials – At actual cost on first-in-first-out basis (FIFO).

3.2.2 Cash and Cash equivalents

Cash and Cash equivalents are defined as cash in hand, demand deposits and short term highly liquid investments, readily convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

For the purpose of cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents consists of cash in hand and deposits in banks.

3.2.3 Property, Plant and Equipment

a) Cost

Property, Plant and equipment are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment loss or gain.

b) Restoration Cost

Expenditure incurred on repairs or maintenance of property, plant and equipment in order to restore or maintain the future economic benefits expected from originally assessed standard of performance, is recognized as an expense when incurred.

c) Depreciation

The provision for depreciation is calculated by using the diminishing balance method as a fixed percentage of the reducing or diminishing value of the asset standing in the books at the beginning of the year, so as to bring down the book value of the asset to its residual value. The amount of depreciation decreases every year according to the SLPSAS 7.

Furniture and Fittings	15%
Computers and IT Equipment	15%

3.3 Liabilities and Provisions

Liabilities classified as current liabilities on the balance sheet are those which fall due for payment on demand or within one year from the balance sheet.

3.3.1 Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the NSPD has present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, where it is possible that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of obligation.

3.4 Statement of comprehensive income

3.4.1 Revenue Recognition

Government Grant

Government grant for the capital has been identified separately. Capital grant is the major income source and credited to the income statement.

In addition, a percentage of five (5%) out of the profit gained by the National Lotteries Board through the sale of SupiriVasana Sampatha is provided to National Fund for the Persons with Disabilities by the Department of Treasury Operation for the purpose of granting housing assistances for persons with disabilities.

3.4.2 Expenditure Recognition

a) Expenses are recognized in the income statement on the basis of a direct association between the costs incurred and running of specific items of income; all expenditure incurred in running of the activities and maintaining the property, plant and equipment in a state of efficiency has been charged to income in arriving at the loss for the year.

b) For the purpose of presentation of Income Statement, the council members are of the opinion that function of expenses method present fairly the elements of the NSPD's performance, hence such presentation method is adopted.

3.4.3 Cash flow

The cash flow of the NSPD has been presented using the "Indirect Method" in accordance with the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS) 02 – Statement of Cash Flow.

4.0 Commitments and contingencies

Contingencies are possible assets or obligation that arise from a past event and would be confirmed only on the occurrence or nonoccurrence of uncertain future events, which are beyond the NSPD's control.

5.0 Council Members' responsibility statements

The Board of National Council takes the responsibility for the presentation at preparation of this financial statement.

6.0 Approval for Final Accounts

The National Council for Persons with Disabilities has approved this Final Account and its meeting which held on 20.02.2024.

NATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

<i>(All amounts are in Sri Lankan Rupees)</i>	2023	2022	
Cash Flows From Operating Activities			
Surplus/(Deficit)	147,747,119	81,537,169	* Restated
Non-cash movements			
Depreciation	469,176	551,972	
Increase in Provision for doubtful debts	-	-	
Increase in payables	(158,700)	78,000	* Restated
Increase in borrowings	-	-	
Increase in provisions relating to employee costs	-	-	
(Gains)/ losses on sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-	
(Gains)/ losses on sale of investments	-	-	
Increase in other current assets	-	-	
Increase in investments due to revaluation	-	-	
Increase in receivables	(149,749,459)	(76,612,050)	
Net cash flows from operating activities	(1,691,864)	5,555,091	
Cash Flows From Investing Activities			
Purchase of plant and equipment	-	-	
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	-	-	
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	
Purchase of foreign currency securities	-	-	
Net cash flows from investing activities	-	-	
Cash Flows From Financing Activities			
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	
Repayment of borrowings	-	-	
Distribution / dividend to government	-	-	
Net cash flows from financing activities	-	-	
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,691,864)	5,555,091	
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of the period (Note A)	10,763,309	5,208,219	
Cash & cash equivalents at end of the period (Note A)	9,071,446	10,763,309	
NOTE A			
Cash & Cash Equivalents			
Favorable Balances			
NSPD Current Account - BOC 2938104	3,625,278	9,834,598	
HOUSING Current Account - BOC 7040561	5,446,168	928,711	
Short-term investments	-	-	
Cash & cash equivalents at end of the year	9,071,446	10,763,309	

NATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

(All amounts are in Sri Lankan Rupees)

	NOTE	2023	2022	
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Receivables & Deposits	01	232,346,654	82,597,195	
Cash and Cash Equivalent	02	9,071,446	10,763,309	
		241,418,100	93,360,504	
Non Current Assets				
Property, Plant & Equipment	03	2,658,666	3,127,842	
		2,658,666	3,127,842	
Total Assets		244,076,766	96,488,346	
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Provisions	04	158,700	317,400	* Restated (Note 12)
Accrued Expenses				
		158,700	317,400	* Restated
Non Current Liabilities				
Total Liabilities		158,700	317,400	* Restated
Net Assets		243,918,066	96,170,947	* Restated
Equity				
Accumulated surpluses/(deficits)		243,918,066	96,170,947	* Restated (Note 12)
Reserves				
Net Equity		243,918,066	96,170,947	* Restated

We are certifying that the above given statement of financial position as at 31st December 2023 and annexed other financial statements are prepared according to the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.

We undertake the responsibilities of the financial statements.

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Mrs. Yamuna Perera

Secretary - Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment

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Council Member

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Mrs. Jayamali C. Wickramaarachchi

Director
National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities

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Council Member

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Mrs. I.M.I.C. Ilankoon
Accountant
National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities

NATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

2023

2022

(All amounts are in Sri Lankan Rupees) NOTE

Revenue	05	202,457,717	130,714,202
Other Income	-	-	
		202,457,717	130,714,202
Less : Expenses			
Direct Capital Expenditure	06	54,080,672	48,547,061
Administration & Establishment Expenses	07	629,926	629,972
Total Expenses		54,710,598	49,177,033
Income Over Operational Expenditure		147,747,119	81,537,169
Less: Financial & Other Costs	-	-	
Net Surplus / (Deficit) Before Other Comprehensive Income		147,747,119	81,537,169
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		147,747,119	81,537,169

**NATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN
EQUITY**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

(All amounts are in Sri Lankan Rupees)

	Accumulated Fund Rs. Cts.	Total Rs. Cts.
Balance As At 31st December 2022	96,332,347	96,332,347
Revaluation of Building		
Revaluation of Land		
Prior year Adjustments (* Restated, Note 12)	(161,400)	(161,400) (Note 12)
Balance As At 31st December 2022 (Adjusted)	96,170,947	96,170,947
Adjustments During the Year		
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Period	147,747,119	147,747,119
Balance As At 31st December 2023	243,918,066	243,918,066

NATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

2023

2022

*(All amounts are in Sri Lankan Rupees)***NOTE - 01 - RECEIVABLES & DEPOSITS**

Receivable From Supiri Wasana Lottery	225,104,617	82,597,195
Fixed Deposit Interest Receivables - FD 90309500	242,037	-
Fixed Deposit - FD 90309752	5,000,000	-
Fixed Deposit - FD 90309500	2,000,000	-
	232,346,654	82,597,195

NOTE - 02 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT**Favorable Balances**

NSPD Current Account - BOC 2938104	3,625,278	9,834,598
HOUSING Current Account - BOC 7040561	5,446,168	928,711
	9,071,446	10,763,309

NOTE - 03**PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

3.1 Cost	Balance as at 01.01.2023	Additions/ Transfers	Disposals /Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.2023
Office Furniture	279,926	-	-	279,926
Computers & IT Equipment	4,117,485	-	-	4,117,485
	4,397,411	-	-	4,397,411
3.2 Depreciation	Balance as at 01.01.2023	Charge for the period/ Transfers	Disposals / Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.2023
Office Furniture	164,006	17,388	-	181,394
Computers & IT Equipment	1,105,564	451,788	-	1,557,352
	1,269,569	469,176	-	1,738,745
3.3 Net Book Value	Cost as at 31.12.2023	Accumulated Depreciation 31.12.2023	Net Book Value 31.12.2023	
Office Furniture	279,926	181,394	98,532	
Computers & IT Equipment	4,117,485	1,557,352	2,560,133	
	4,397,411	1,738,745	2,658,666	

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(All amounts are in Sri Lankan Rupees)

NOTE - 03

PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (Contd)

3.3 Net Book Value	2023	2022
At Cost		
Office Furnitures	98,532	115,920
Computers & IT Equipments	2,560,133	3,011,922
	2,658,666	3,127,842

NOTE - 04 - PROVISIONS

Provision for Audit Fees	158,700	317,400	* Restated (Note 12)
	158,700	317,400	

NOTE -05 - REVENUE

Government Grant	34,000,000	31,880,000
Supiri Wasana Grant	166,557,422	90,012,050
Disable Person Empowerment Programme -JOB	629,178	2,575,000
Other Receipt	1,029,079	6,247,152
Fixed Deposit Interest – FD 90309500	242,037	
	202,457,717	130,714,202

NOTE - 06 - DIRECT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Housing Assistance	19,530,494	12,509,425
Assistive Devices	11,238,035	8,296,276
International Disable Day	185,995	2,898,465
Medical Assistance	9,750,568	11,338,291
Self-Employment	5,119,819	4,091,560
Educational Assistance	5,371,266	4,344,169
Skill Development & Training Programme	218,425	300,000
EMPO 2023	280,396	-
Printing Publication & Other Media	99,000	-
Self-Help Voluntary Organization	290,950	600,000
Disable Person Empowerment Programme - JOB	629,178	2,750,130
Disable Person Empowerment Programme - 1000	-	759,325
Other Expenditure	1,366,545	659,420
	54,080,672	48,547,061

NOTE - 07 - ADMINISTRATION & ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES

Office Furnitures Depreciation	17,388	20,457
Computers & IT Equipments Depreciation	451,788	531,516
Audit fees	158,700	78,000
Bank Charges	2,050	-
	629,926	629,972

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NOTE -08 - UNRECOGNISED CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

There were no commitments existing as at the reporting date.

NOTE -09 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

09.1 Contingent assets

There were no material Contingent Assets as at the reporting date.

09.2 Contingent Liability

There were no material Contingent Liabilities existing as at the reporting date to be disclosed

NOTE - 10 EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

No circumstances have arisen since the statement of financial position date would require adjustment to or disclosures in the financial statements.

NOTE - 11 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

National Secretariat For Persons With Disabilities considers its Members of National Council as the Key Management Personnel of the Institute.

During the year 2023 there were no transactions taken place with Key Management Personnel and their close family members , such require disclosure as per the LKAS 24- Related Party Disclosure.

NOTE - 12 - PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENTS

Correction made on the balance of the Provision for Audit Fee Account

Under provisions for the Audit fee of 2021 & 2022 are as follows

	<u>Rs.</u> <u>Cts.</u>
Under provisions for Audit fee - 2021 (Rs.158,700.00 – Rs.78,000.00)	80,700
Under provisions for Audit fee - 2022 (Rs.158,700.00 – Rs.78,000.00)	80,700
	<u>161,400</u>

Provision for Audit Fee Account 2022

	<u>Rs.</u> <u>Cts.</u>
Balance as per the Financial Statements of 2022	156,000
Adjustments of under Provision for Audit Fee	161,400
Restated balance for the Financial Statements of 2022	<u>317,400</u>

Accumulated Fund Account 2022

	<u>Rs.</u> <u>Cts.</u>
Balance as per the Financial Statements of 2022	96,332,347
Adjustments of under Provision for Audit Fee	(161,400)
Restated balance for the Financial Statements of 2022	<u>96,170,947</u>

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JOURNAL ENTRIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

Date	Description	Voucher Num.	DR	CR
1/1/2023	Accumulated Fund - Dr		80,700	
	Provision for Audit fee			8070
	(Being correction of under provision for Audit Fee 2021)		80,700	
	Accumulated Fund - Dr			8070
	Provision for Audit fee			
	(Being correction of under provision for Audit Fee 2022)			
1/1/2023	NSPD Current Account - BOC 2938104 - Dr		9,834,598	
	HOUSING Current Account - BOC 7040561 - Dr		928,711	
	Computers & IT Equipment -Cost - Dr		4,117,485	
	Office Furniture - Cost - Dr		279,926	
	Receivable From Supiri Wasana Lottery - Dr		82,597,195	
	Computers & IT Equipment -Accu. Depreciation			1,105,564
	Office Furniture - Accu. Depreciation			164,006
	Provision for Audit Fee			317,400
	Accumulated Fund balance as at 31.12.22			96,170,947
	(Being the Previous Year's Balances Brought Forward)			
12/31/2023	Office Furniture Depreciation - Dr		17,388	
	Office Furniture - Accu. Depreciation			17,388
	(Being Record the Annual Depreciation of Office Furniture)			
12/31/2023	Computers & IT Equipment Depreciation - Dr		451,788	
	Computers & IT Equipment -Accu. Depreciation			451,788
	(Being Record the Annual Depreciation of Computers & IT Equipment)			
12/31/2023	Fixed Deposit Interest Receivables (FD 90309500) - Dr		242,037	
	Fixed Deposit Interest (FD 90309500)			242,037
	(Being Record Receivables of Fixed Deposit Interest for the year of 2023)			
12/31/2023	Audit fee - Dr		158,700	
	Provision for Audit fee			158,700
	(Being Record Provision of Audit Fee for the Year of 2023)			

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JOURNAL ENTRIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

Date	Description	Voucher Num.	DR	CR
12/31/2023	Government Grant -Dr		34,000,000	
	Supiri Wasana Grant -Dr		166,557,422	
	Disable Person Empowerment Programme -JOB -Dr		1,442,000	
	Other Receipts -Dr		1,029,079	
	Fixed Deposit Interest – FD90309500		242,037	
	Housing Assistance			19,530,493
	Assistive Devices			11,238,035
	International Disable Day (2023.12.01)			185,995
	EMPO 2023			280,396
	Medical Assistance			9,750,568
	Self-Employment			5,119,819
	Educational Assistance			5,371,266
	Skill Development & Training Programme			218,425
	self-help voluntary organization			290,950
	Disable Person Empowerment Programme - JOB			1,442,000
	Printing Publication & other Media			99,000
	Other Expenditure			1,366,545
	Office Furniture Depreciation			17,388
	Computers & IT Equipments Depreciation			451,788
	Audit fee			158,700
	Bank Charges			2,050
	Accumulated Fund			147,747,119
	(Being Record the Revenue and Expenses Transfer to the Accumulated Fund)			



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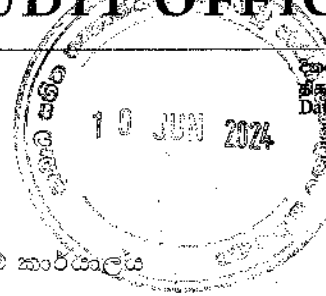
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1.1 තත්ත්වගණනය කළ මතය

ආබාධ සහිත තැනැත්තන් සඳහා වූ ජාතික මහලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට මූල්‍ය තත්ත්ව ප්‍රකාශනය සහ එදිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා වූ මූල්‍ය කාර්යසාධන ප්‍රකාශනය, ශුද්ධ වත්කම් වෙනස්වීමේ ප්‍රකාශන සහ එදිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා මුදල් ප්‍රවාහ ප්‍රකාශනය සහ ප්‍රමාණාත්මක ගිණුම්කරණ ප්‍රතිපත්ති වලට අදාළ තොරතුරුද ඇතුළත් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවලට අදාළ සටහන්වලින් සමන්විත 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා වූ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 154(1) ව්‍යවස්ථාව සමඟ සංයෝජිතව කියවිය යුතු 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ සහ 1971 අංක 38 දරන මුදල් පනතේ විධිවිධාන ප්‍රකාර මාගේ විධානය යටතේ විගණනය කරන ලදී. ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 154 (6) ව්‍යවස්ථාව ප්‍රකාරව මාගේ වාර්තාව යථා කාලයේදී පාර්ලිමේන්තුවේ සභාගත කරනු ලැබේ.

මාගේ වාර්තාවේ තත්ත්වගණනය කළ මතය සඳහා පදනම් කොටගේ විස්තර කර ඇති කරුණු වලින් වන බලපෑම හැර, මහලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන තුළින් 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට මූල්‍ය තත්ත්වය සහ එදිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා එහි මූල්‍ය ක්‍රියාකාරීත්වය හා මුදල් ප්‍රවාහ ශ්‍රී ලංකා රාජ්‍ය අංශයේ ගිණුම්කරණ ප්‍රමිතීන්ට අනුකූලව සත්‍ය හා සාධාරණ තත්ත්වයක් පිළිබිඹු කරන බව මා දරන්නා වූ මතය වේ.

1.2 තත්ත්වගණනය කළ මතය සඳහා පදනම්

(අ) සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයේදී ආයෝජනය කරන ලද රු.5,000,000 ක් වූ ස්ථාවර කැන්පතු සඳහා වර්ෂයට අදාළ රු.1,021,574 ක් වූ පොලී පාදායම ලැබිය යුතු ආදායම ලෙස ගිණුම්ගත



නොකිරීම හේතුවෙන් එම ප්‍රමාණයෙන් වර්ෂයේ ආදායම් හා ලාභීය යුතු පොලී ආදායම් අඩුවෙන් දක්වා තිබුණු අතර රු.2,000,000 ක් වූ භූමිමාලිකා ස්ථාවර ගුණපද සඳහා සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයට අදාළ පොලීය රු.211,744 ක් වුවත් රු.242,037 ක් වශයෙන් ගිණුම් ගත කිරීම හේතුවෙන් රු.30,293 කින් වර්ෂයේ ආදායම් වැඩිවෙත් දක්වා තිබුණි.

(ආ) මහලේකම් කාර්යාලයට අනුයුක්ත නිලධාරීන් සඳහා දරන ලද වැටුප් වියදම් වෙනත් පාසන වසින් දැරීම හේතුවෙන් මහලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන තුළින් නිවැරදි තත්ත්වයක් පිළිබිඹු නොවේ. ඒ අනුව වාර්ෂික වැටුප් වියදම් ශ්‍රී ලංකා රාජ්‍ය අංශ ගිණුම්කරණ ප්‍රමිති අංක 1 හි 127 ඡේදය ප්‍රකාරව සටහන් යටතේ හෙළිදරව් කර නොතිබුණි.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා විගණන ප්‍රමිතිවලට (ශ්‍රී.ලා.වි.ප්‍ර) අනුකූලව මා විගණනය සිදු කරන ලදී. මෙම විගණන ප්‍රමිති යටතේ වූ මාගේ වගකීම, මෙම වාර්තාවේ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන විගණනය සම්බන්ධයෙන් විගණකගේ වගකීම යන කොටසේ තවදුරටත් විස්තර කර ඇත. මාගේ තත්ත්වවිගණනය කළ මතය සඳහා සඳහාමක් යැපීමේ උදෙසා මා විසින් ලබාගෙන ඇති විගණන සාක්ෂි ප්‍රමාණවත් සහ උචිත බව මාගේ විශ්වාසයයි.

1.3 මහලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ 2023 වාර්ෂික වාර්තාවේ ඇතුළත් අනෙකුත් තොරතුරු

මෙම විගණන වාර්තාවේ දිනට පසුව මට ලබා දීමට බලාපොරොත්තු වන මහලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ 2023 වාර්ෂික වාර්තාවේ ඇතුළත් කර ඇති තමුන් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන සහ ඒ පිළිබඳව වූ මගේ විගණන වාර්තාවේ ඇතුළත් නොවන තොරතුරු, අනෙකුත් තොරතුරු යන්නෙන් අදහස් වේ. මෙම අනෙකුත් තොරතුරු සඳහා කළමනාකරණය වගකිව යුතුය.

මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන සම්බන්ධයෙන් වූ මගේ මතයෙන් අනෙකුත් තොරතුරු ආවරණය නොකරන අතර මම ඒ පිළිබඳ කිසිදු ආකාරයක සහතිකවීමක් හෝ මතයක් ප්‍රකාශ නොකරමි.

මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළිබඳ මගේ විගණනයට අදාළව, මගේ වගකීම වන්නේ ඉහත හඳුනාගත් අනෙකුත් තොරතුරු ලබා ගත හැකි වූ විට කියවීම සහ එසේ කිරීමේදී අනෙකුත් තොරතුරු මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන සමඟ හෝ විගණනයේදී හෝ වෙනත් පාකාරයකින් ලබාගත් මගේ දැනුම අනුව ප්‍රමාණාත්මක වශයෙන් නොගැලපෙනවාද යන්න සලකා බැලීමයි.

මෙම විගණන වාර්තාවේ දිනට පෙර මා ලබාගත් අනෙකුත් තොරතුරු මත හා මා විසින් කරන ලද කාර්යයන් මත පදනම්ව, මෙම අනෙකුත් තොරතුරු ප්‍රමාණාත්මක වශයෙන් වැරදි ලෙස දක්වා ඇති බව මම නිගමනය කරන්නේ නම්, එම කරුණ මා විසින් වාර්තා කිරීමට අවශ්‍ය වේ. මේ සම්බන්ධයෙන් මට වාර්තා කිරීමට කිසිවක් නැත.

මහලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ 2023 වාර්ෂික වාර්තාව කියවන විට, එහි ප්‍රමාණාත්මක වරදවා දැක්වීම් ඇති බව මම නිගමනය කළහොත්, නිවැරදි කිරීම සඳහා පාලනය කරන පාර්ශවයන් වෙත එම

කරුණු සන්නිවේදනය කළ යුතුය. තව දුරටත් නිවැරදි නොකළ විරෝධා දැක්වීම් තිබේ නම්, ඒවා පාණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 154 (6) ව්‍යවස්ථාව ප්‍රකාරව මා විසින් යථා කාලයේදී පාර්ලිමේන්තුවේ සභාගත කරනු ලබන වාර්තාවට ඇතුළත් කරනු ඇත.

1.4 මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළිබඳ කළමනාකරණයේ සහ පාලනය කරන පාර්ශවයන්ගේ වගකීම්

මෙම මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන ශ්‍රී ලංකා රාජ්‍ය පංශයේ ගිණුම්කරණ ප්‍රමිතීන්ට අනුකූලව පිළියෙල කිරීම හා සාධාරණ ලෙස ඉදිරිපත් කිරීම සහ වංචා හෝ වැරදි හේතුවෙන් ඇතිවිය හැකි ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන්ගෙන් තොරව මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළියෙල කිරීමට හැකිවනු පිණිස අවශ්‍ය වන අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනයන් කීරණය කිරීම කළමනාකරණයේ වගකීම වේ.

මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළියෙල කිරීමේදී, මහලේකම් කාර්යාලය අඛණ්ඩව පවත්වාගෙන යාමේ හැකියාව තීරණය කිරීම කළමනාකරණයේ වගකීමක් වන අතර, කළමනාකාරිත්වය මහලේකම් කාර්යාලය පැවර කිරීමට අදහස් කරන්නේ නම් හෝ වෙනත් විකල්පයක් නොමැති විටදී මෙහෙයුම් තැවැත්වීමට කටයුතු කරන්නේ නම් හැර අඛණ්ඩ පැවැත්මේ සඳහාම මත ගිණුම් තැබීම හා මහලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ අඛණ්ඩ පැවැත්මට අදාළ කරුණු අනාවරණය කිරීමද කළමනාකරණයේ වගකීමකි.

මහලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ මූල්‍ය වාර්තාකරණ ක්‍රියාවලිය සම්බන්ධව පරීක්ෂා කිරීමේ වගකීම, පාලනය කරන පාර්ශවයන් විසින් දරනු ලබයි.

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1.5 මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන විගණනය සම්බන්ධයෙන් විගණකගේ වගකීම

සමස්තයක් ලෙස මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන, වංචා සහ වැරදි නිසා ඇතිවන ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන්ගෙන් තොර බවට සාධාරණ තහවුරුවක් ලබාදීම සහ මාගේ මතය ඇතුළත් විගණන වාර්තාව නිකුත් කිරීම මාගේ අරමුණ වේ. සාධාරණ සහතිකවීම උසස් මට්ටමේ සහතිකවීමක් වන නමුත්, ශ්‍රී ලංකා විගණන ප්‍රමිති ප්‍රකාරව විගණනය සිදු කිරීමේදී එය සැමවිටම ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන් අනාවරණය කරගන්නා බවට වන තහවුරු කිරීමක් නොවනු ඇත. වංචා සහ වැරදි තනි හෝ සාමූහික ලෙස බලපෑම් නිසා ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන් ඇතිවිය හැකි

දහර, එහි ප්‍රමාණාත්මක භාවය පරිදි මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පදනම් කරගනිමින් පරිශීලකයන් විසින් හඳුනාගත හැකි ආර්ථික තීරණ කෙරෙහි වන බලපෑම මත රඳා පවතී.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා විගණන ප්‍රමිති ප්‍රකාරව විගණනයේ කොටසක් ලෙස මා විසින් විගණනයේදී වෘත්තීය විනිශ්චය සහ වෘත්තීය සැකමුසුබවින් යුතුව ක්‍රියා කරන ලදී. මා විසින් තවදුරටත්,

- ප්‍රකාශ කරන ලද විගණන මතයට පදනමක් සපයා ගැනීමේදී වංචා හෝ වැරදි හේතුවෙන් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ඇති විය හැකි ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන් ඇතිවීමේ අවදානම් හඳුනාගැනීම හා කක්ෂේරු කිරීම සඳහා අවස්ථාවෝචිතව උචිත විගණන පරිපාටි සැලසුම් කර ක්‍රියාත්මක කරන ලදී. වරදවා දැක්වීම හේතුවෙන් සිදුවන ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන්ගෙන් සිදුවන බලපෑමට වඩා වංචාවකින් සිදුවන්නා වූ බලපෑම ප්‍රබල වන්නේ ඒවා දූෂණාත්මකයන්, ව්‍යාජ ලේඛන සැකසීමෙන්, වේගනාන්විත මහඟුරුමෙන්, වරදවා දැක්වීමෙන් හෝ අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනයන් මත හැරීමෙන් වැනි හේතු නිසා වන බැවිනි.
- අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනයේ සම්පූර්ණත්වය පිළිබඳව මතයක් ප්‍රකාශ කිරීමේ අදහසින් නොවුවද, අවස්ථාවෝචිතව උචිත විගණන පරිපාටි සැලසුම් කිරීම පිණිස අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනය පිළිබඳව අවබෝධයක් ලබාගන්නා ලදී.
- භාවිතා කරන ලද ගිණුම්කරණ ප්‍රතිපත්තිවල උචිතභාවය, ගිණුම්කරණ ඇස්තමේන්තුවල සාධාරණත්වය සහ කළමනාකරණය විසින් කරන ලද සම්බන්ධිත හෙළිදරව් කිරීම් අගයන ලදී.
- සිද්ධීන් හෝ තත්ත්වයන් හේතුවෙන් මහලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ අඛණ්ඩ පැවැත්ම පිළිබඳ ප්‍රමාණාත්මක අවිනිශ්චිතතාවයක් තිබේද යන්න සම්බන්ධයෙන් ලබාගත් විගණන සාක්ෂි මත පදනම්ව ගිණුම්කරණය සඳහා පායතනයේ අඛණ්ඩ පැවැත්ම පිළිබඳ පදනම් යොදා ගැනීමේ අදාලත්වය කීරණය කරන ලදී. ප්‍රමාණවත් අවිනිශ්චිතතාවයක් ඇති බවට මා නිගමනය කරන්නේ නම් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ඒ සම්බන්ධයෙන් වූ හෙළිදරව්කිරීම් වලට මාගේ විගණන වාර්තාවේ අවධානය යොමු කළ යුතු අතර, එම හෙළිදරව්කිරීම් ප්‍රමාණවත් නොවන්නේ නම් මාගේ මතය විකර්ණය කළ යුතුය. කෙසේ වුවද, අනාගත සිද්ධීන් හෝ තත්ත්වයන් මත අඛණ්ඩ පැවැත්ම අවසන් වීමට හැකිය.
- මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ව්‍යුහය හා අන්තර්ගතය සඳහා පාදක වූ ගනුදෙනු හා සිද්ධීන් උචිත හා සාධාරණව ඇතුළත් වී ඇති බව සහ හෙළිදරව් කිරීම් ඇතුළත් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල සමස්ත ඉදිරිපත් කිරීම් අගයන ලදී.

මාගේ විගණනය තුළදී හඳුනාගත් වැදගත් විගණන සොයාගැනීම්, ප්‍රධාන අභ්‍යන්තර පාලන දුර්වලතා හා අනෙකුත් කරුණු පිළිබඳව පාලනය කරනු ලබන පාර්ශවයන් ඇතුළත් කරමි.

2. වෙනත් තෛතික හා නියාමන අවශ්‍යතා පිළිබඳ වාර්තාව

- 2.1 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ පහත සඳහන් අවශ්‍යතාවයන් සම්බන්ධයෙන් විශේෂ ප්‍රතිපාදන ඇතුළත් වේ.
- 2.1.1 2018 අංක 19 දරණ ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 6 (1) (ඇ) (iii) වගන්තියේ සඳහන් අවශ්‍යතාවය අනුව මහලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන ඉකුත් වර්ෂය සමඟ අනුරූප වේ.
- 2.1.2 2018 අංක 19 දරණ ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 6 (i) (ඇ) (iv) වගන්තියේ සඳහන් අවශ්‍යතාවය අනුව ඉකුත් වර්ෂයේදී මා විසින් සිදුකරන ලද නිර්දේශයන් ඉදිරිපත් කරන ලද මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ඇතුළත්ව ඇත.
- 2.2 අනුගමනය කරන ලද ක්‍රියාමාර්ග සහ ලබා ගන්නා ලද සාක්ෂි මත හා ප්‍රමාණාත්මක කරුණුවලට සීමා කිරීම තුල, පහත සඳහන් ප්‍රකාශ කිරීමට තරම් කිසිවක් මාගේ අවධානයට ලක් නොවීය.
- 2.2.1 2018 අංක 19 දරණ ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 12 (ඇ) වගන්තියේ සඳහන් අවශ්‍යතාවය අනුව මහලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ පාලක මණ්ඩලයේ යම් සාමාජිකයෙකුට මහලේකම් කාර්යාලය සම්බන්ධව යම් ගිවිසුමක් සම්බන්ධයෙන් සෘජුව හෝ අනායාකාරයකින් සාමාන්‍ය ව්‍යාපෘතික කන්ඩයෙන් බැහැරව සම්බන්ධයක් ඇති බව.
- 2.2.2 2018 අංක 19 දරණ ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 12 (ඊ) වගන්තියේ සඳහන් අවශ්‍යතාවය අනුව පහත සඳහන් නිරීක්ෂණ හැර යම් අදාල ලිඛිත නීතියකට මහලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ පාලක මණ්ඩලය විසින් නිකුත් කරන ලද වෙනත් පොදු හෝ විශේෂ විධානවලට අනුකූල නොවන ලෙස ක්‍රියා කර ඇති බව.

නීති රීති/ විධානයට යොමුව

අනුකූල නොවීම

ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ මුදල් රෙගුලාසි සංග්‍රහය

(ආ) මුදල් රෙගුලාසි 756

මහලේකම් කාර්යාලය සතු රු.2,658,666 ක් වූ ස්ථාවර වත්කම් පිළිබඳ භෞතික පරීක්ෂාවක් සිදුකර නොතිබුණි.

(ආ) 1996 අංක 28 දරන ආබාධ සහිත තැනැත්තන්ගේ අයිතිවාසිකම් ආරක්ෂා කිරීමේ පනතේ 15 වගන්තිය

කාර්ය මණ්ඩලයේ නිලධාරීන් හා සේවකයින් සඳහා සේවක පරිච්ඡාදක දායක මුදල් ප්‍රතිලාභ ලබාගත හැකි පරිදි බඳවා ගැනීම හෝ 16 (1) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව රාජ්‍ය සේවයේ නිලධාරීන් හෝ පත්කළ හැක. ඒ අනුව කලමනාකරණ සේවා දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව විසින් රජයේ ස්ථීර නිලධාරීන්

බදවා ගැනීම සඳහා කාර්යමණ්ඩලයේ සනාථය 67 ක් පමණක් සැලකිය යුතුය. නමුත් මේ සඳහා බදවාගැනීමේ පටිපාටිය පිළියෙල කර අනුමැතිය හෝ බදවාගැනීම් සිදු කර නොතිබුණි. රේඛය අමාත්‍යාංශයේ නිලධාරීන් 46 දෙනෙකු හා සමාජ සේවා දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ නිලධාරීන් 03 දෙනෙකුත් කාර්යමණ්ඩලය ලෙස මහලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ කාර්යයන් සඳහා යොදවාගෙන තිබුණි. මේ සඳහා අමාත්‍යාංශයේ නිලධාරීන් 25 දෙනෙකු වෙනුවෙන් වාර්ෂික වැටුප් සඳහා අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් රු. 15,430,524 ක් ද, සමාජ සේවා දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ නිලධාරීන් 3 දෙනෙකු සඳහා රු. 2,347,260 ක් ද ගෙවා තිබුණ අතර නිලධාරීන් 21 දෙනෙකු වෙනුවෙන් වැටුප් ගෙවීම් පිළිබඳව තොරතුරු ආයතනය සතුව නොමැතිවුණි.

2.2.3 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 12 (උ) වගන්තියේ සඳහන් අවශ්‍යතාවය අනුව මහ ලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ බලතල, කර්තව්‍ය සහ කාර්යයන්ට අනුකූල නොවන ලෙස කටයුතු කර ඇති බව.

2.2.4 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 12 (ඌ) වගන්තියේ සඳහන් අවශ්‍යතාවය අනුව පහත සඳහන් නීරීක්ෂණ හැර මහ ලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ සම්පත් සකස්පුරවීම ලෙස, කාර්යක්ෂම ලෙස සහ ඵලදායී ලෙස කාලසීමාවන් තුළ අදාළ නීතිරීති වලට අනුකූලව ප්‍රසම්පාදනය කර භාවිතා කර නොමැති බව.

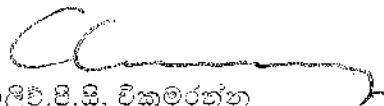
(ආ) 1996 අංක 28 දරන ආබාධ සහිත තැනැත්තන්ගේ අයිතිවාසිකම් ආරක්ෂා කිරීමේ පනතේ 13 වන වගන්තියේ (උ) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව ආබාධවලට ප්‍රධාන හේතු මොනවාදැයි සොයා දැනගැනීම සහ ඒවා වැළැක්වීමේ හා පාලනය කිරීමේ ඵලදායී පියවර ප්‍රවර්ධනය කිරීම හා (එ) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව ආබාධ සහිත තැනැත්තන් සඳහා පුනරුත්ථාපන මධ්‍යස්ථාන පිහිටුවා පවත්වා ගෙන යාම කලයුතු වුවත් අදාළ කාර්යයන් ඉටු කිරීමට ප්‍රමාණවත් හා කාර්යක්ෂම පියවර ගෙන නොතිබුණි. කවද පනතේ (ඕ) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව ආබාධ සහිත තැනැත්තන්ට නැවතීමේ පහසුකම් සලසා ඔවුන් රැකබලා ගැනීම සඳහා ආයතන පිහිටුවා පවත්වා ගෙන යාම සහ ඵලදායී තැනැත්තන්ට අධ්‍යාපනික හා වෘත්තීය පුහුණුව ලබා දීම හා පනතේ (ක) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව ආබාධ සහිත තැනැත්තන්ට නැවතීමේ පහසුකම් සැපයීමේ ආයතන පිහිටුවීම සහ ඵලදායී තැනැත්තන්ට අධ්‍යාපනික හා වෘත්තීය පුහුණුව ලබාදීමට රජය පුද්ගලයන් දිරිමත් කිරීම කලයුතු වුවද අදාළ කාර්යයන් සිදුකර නොතිබුණි.

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(ග) 2022 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට ප්‍රසිද්ධ වාසනා සම්පත ලොකරැයි ආදායමෙන් ආබාධ සහිත තැනැත්තන් සඳහා වූ ජාතික පරමුදලට ලැබිය යුතු මුදල රු. 82,597,195 ක් වුවත් 2023 ටර්ෂයේදී ඉන් ලැබී තිබුණේ රු. 24,050,000 ක් පමණි. මෙම මුදලෙන් ආබාධ සහිත තැනැත්තන් සඳහා නිවාස ආධාර ලබා දීමේ වැඩසටහන් යටතේ 2023 වර්ෂය තුළදී ප්‍රතිලාභීන් 241 දෙනෙකු වෙත රු.22,980,493 ක් නිවාස ආධාර ලෙස ලබා දී තිබුණි. ඒ අනුව නිවාස ආධාර වශයෙන් වර්ෂය තුළ ලැබුණු මුදල හෝ සම්පූර්ණයෙන් ආධාර ලබා දීම සඳහා යොදවා නොතිබුණි. තවද 2023 වර්ෂයට අදාළව ප්‍රසිද්ධ වාසනා සම්පත ලොකරැයි ආදායමෙන් කිසිදු මුදලක් ජාතික මහලේකම් කාර්යාලයට ලැබී නොතිබුණු අතර සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයේ දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට ලැබිය යුතු මුදල රු.225,104,617 ක් විය. මේ හේතුවෙන් අබාධ සහිත තැනැත්තන් සඳහා නිවාස ආධාර වැඩසටහනේ අරමුණ නිසියාකාරව සාක්ෂාත් කර ගැනීමට නොහැකි වී තිබුණි.

2.3 වෙනත් කරුණු

- (අ) ආබාධ සහිත තැනැත්තන්ට සමාන අවස්ථා ලබාදීම, සවිබල ගැන්වීම, සුභසාධනය හා සුභ සිද්ධිය උදෙසා වැඩසටහන් හා ව්‍යාපෘති ජාතික මට්ටමින් විනිවිදභාවයකින් හා විධිමත් ලෙස ප්‍රතිලාභ සමානාත්මතාවයකින් යුතුව ලබාදීමට පහසුවන පරිදි ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීම වෙනුවෙන් ආබාධ සහිත තැනැත්තන්ගේ සංඛ්‍යාව හා දිස්ත්‍රික්ක වශයෙන් ව්‍යාප්තිය, වයස් ව්‍යුහය , ආබාධිත තත්ත්වය, ආර්ථික තත්ත්වය හඳුනාගැනීම හා නිශ්චිත, නිවැරදි හා ඵලදායී තීරණ ගැනීම සඳහා ආබාධිත ප්‍රජාවගේ තොරතුරු ඇතුළත් දත්ත පද්ධතියක් සකස් කර නොතිබුණි.
- (ආ) 2023 වර්ෂයේදී ජාතික සභාවේදී වාර 04 කදී පමණ සාකච්ඡාවට ලක් කෙරුණු බස්නාහිර, දකුණ, මධ්‍යම සහ උතුර යන පළාත් 04 ආවරණය වන පරිදි රැකවරණ මධ්‍යස්ථාන 04 ක් ස්ථාපිත කිරීම වෙනුවට දකුණු පළාතේ අකුරැස්ස ප්‍රදේශයේ පමණක් මුල් ළමාවිය සංවර්ධන ව්‍යාපෘතිය මගින් ඉදිකරනු ලැබූ පූර්ව ළමාවිය සංවර්ධන මධ්‍යස්ථානය 2023 ජුනි 27 දින ආබාධ සහිත තැනැත්තන් සඳහා වූ ජාතික මහලේකම් කාර්යාලය වෙත භාර දී තිබුණු නමුත් මේ දක්වා මෙම මධ්‍යස්ථානය භාවිතයෙන් තොරව නිශ්කාර්යව පැවතුණි.


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 විගණකාධිපති

Answers regarding the Auditor General's detailed report submitted to the Chairman in terms of Section 13(7)(A) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, on the affairs of the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities including the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2023.

1.4.2 The financial statements of the Secretariat do not reflect an accurate status due to the salary expenses for the officers attached to the Secretariat have been borne by the other Institutions. Accordingly, the annual salary expense has not been disclosed under the notes as per the Section 127 of Sri Lanka Accounting Standards No. 1.

As the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities operates as a section of the Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment, salaries for all of its officers are paid by the Ministry. As it is entered by the appropriation account of the Ministry, the related figures was not included in the account of the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities. But as pointed out by the Audit, it was noted to disclose the annual salary expense as a note from the year 2024.

1.4.2 Accounting shortages

In the previewed year, Rs.5,000,000 had been invested as a fixed deposit and due to the interest income of Rs.1,021,574 for the year was not entered as the receivable interest income and therefore the income of the year and the interest income receivable were undercounted by that amount and though the interest was Rs.211,744 for the previewed year for Rs.2,000,000 worth three month fixed deposits, due to it was stated as Rs.242,037, income for the year was over counted by Rs.30,293.

Rs.5,000,000 was invested as a fixed deposit on 20.02.2023 for a period of 400 days. It was matured on 26.03.2024. That date is after the period applicable to the account and after the date of presentation of the account. If the fixed deposit is required to be realized in less than 400 days of period, the interest rate will be much lower than the applicable interest to that fixed deposit. Due to the interest receivable is uncertain, when inquiring it from the Bank regarding the interest receivable for all fixed

deposits on 31.12.2023 in writing, only the interest informed in writing (for three month deposits) was accounted as the interest receivable for the year 2023. It is kindly mention that the relevant interest has been received now and that interest will be counted in the preparation of accounts for year 2024. The interest informed by Bank of Ceylon as interest receivable on 31.12.2023 in writing, was accounted.

I kindly inform you that, if the interest related to the year 2023 needs to be revised, I will revise the account for year 2024 after asking the bank to recover the withholding tax on the bank interest.

1.5 (a) There was no physical survey of fixed assets worth of Rs.2,658,666 owned to the Secretariat.

The Ministry conducted a survey about all the fixed assets belonged to the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities, according to F.R.756.

(b) Officers of the staff and workers can be recruited as to be eligible for Employee Provident Fund benefits or Officers can be appointed to the public service in terms of section 16 (1). Accordingly, the Department of Management Services had approved 67 posts for the Cadre to be recruited the permanent government Officers. There were not recruitment or approval made by preparing recruitment procedures. 46 Officers of the line ministry and 03 Officers of the Social Service Department were assigned as the staff for the duties of the Secretariat. The Ministry had paid Rs.15,430,524 for annual salaries for 25 officers of the Ministry and Rs.2,347,260 for 3 officers of the Department of Social Services and the Institute did not have information about the salary paid for 21 officers.

The Audit Inquiry of 2021 submitted stating that the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities has been established as an incorporated body and activated under the line Ministry was presented to the National Council conducted on 28.06.2024 and there were no objections arisen regarding the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities is operated as a section of the Ministry. Accordingly, due to the Secretariat is functioning as a Section of the Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and

Social Empowerment, the Ministry is paid gross salary payments to the Officers attached to the Secretariat. **The salaries of the 24 Development Officers assigned to the District Secretariats are also paid by the Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment.** The Approval has been given to attach three Social Services Officers from the Social Services Department by the letter of Management Services Department no. DMS/B1/41/03 and dated 08 August 2022.

3.1. (A) As per the Section 13 of Protection of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No. 28 of 1996, there were not taken sufficient and efficient necessary steps to fulfill functions on Sub Section (g), to identify the principal causes of disablement and promote effective measures for their prevention and control and Sub Section (i), to establish and maintain rehabilitation centres for persons with disabilities. Further, there were not taken actions to fulfill relevant affairs as per the Sub Section (l), to establish and maintain institutions to accommodate and care for persons with disabilities and provide educational and vocational training for such persons and Sub Section (m), to encourage the individuals by the State to establish the Institutions to accommodate persons with disabilities and the provision of educational and vocational training to such persons.

Plans have been made to run a care center for the persons with disabilities as the second stage of Akurassa Early Childhood Development Centre. But, in this current economic crisis, it has been difficult to establish new centers due to the difficulty in obtaining allocations. Under this Ministry, the Department of Social Services provides services to disabled persons and disabled children through Child Guidance Centers, Pre-vocational Skill Development Centers, Vocational Training Centers and Care Centers.

The Department of Social Services, activated under this Ministry, provides accommodation facilities and foods for the children with disabilities between the ages of 16-45 years and it provides vocational trainings to them by establishment Institutions to take care of them. Under the Department of Social Services, 11 of such the vocational training institutes have been established covering the whole island and early childhood development centers are established for children with disabilities

between the age of 01 – 05 and they are given therapeutic treatment and pre-school education.

Plans have been made to run a care center for the persons with disabilities as the second stage of Akuressa Early Childhood Development Centre.

After building the 06 care centers, it will be possible to provide accommodation, care and necessary trainings to the persons with disabilities. The construction affairs of Akurassa Early Childhood Development Center has been completed. It has planned to maintain a care center for the persons with disabilities as the second stage. The Department of Social Services under this Ministry, provides vocational training while providing accommodation facilities and caring for persons with disabilities through 11 vocational training institutes.

The Department of Social Services runs a caring center for women at Batugammana and a caring center for men at Puwakpitiya.

Interventions on improvements the level of standard of caring and rehabilitating Institutions functioning voluntarily and registered in National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities.

3.2 Operational inefficiencies

- (A) **A National Council for Persons with Disabilities was established in terms of Section 2 of Part 1 of the Protection of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No. 28 of 1996. The important decisions taken by the National Council in the year 2023, including the formulation of Sri Lanka's National Action Plan on Disability, the formulation of the Disability Management Information System (DMIS), and the formulation of an appropriate insurance system for persons with disabilities, had not been implemented up to now.**

I National Action Plan of Sri Lanka on Disability

The National Action Plan has been meticulously drafted, recognizing the necessity for simultaneous formulation of the National Policy. Extensive consultations have taken place with the United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

(UNPRPD), resulting in their commitment to collaborate on shaping both the policy and the National Action Plan. With the invaluable assistance of a consultant, these initiatives are poised to pave the way towards comprehensive and inclusive frameworks. Accordingly, it is scheduled to be completed the National Action Plan of Sri Lanka on Disability during the year 2024.

ii Development of Disability Management Information System (DMIS).

The development of an information system was discussed extensively with the Department of Census and Statistics. Following the 2012 Census, an agreement was reached for the Department of Census and Statistics to provide statistical information on persons with disabilities at the Divisional Secretariat level.

In collaboration with the Department of Social Services, a form will be prepared to gather information concerning persons with disabilities. The data collected through these surveys will subsequently be shared with the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities.

iii Preparation of an appropriate insurance scheme for persons with disabilities

A proposal for an appropriate insurance system for persons with disabilities has been drafted and submitted to both public and private insurance agencies. In the absence of any responses from them, discussions are planned to engage with all relevant institutions. Recently, the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation and the National Council for Persons with Disabilities held a discussion regarding the provision of insurance coverage for individuals with disabilities.

- (B) As of December 31, 2022, the expected funds from the income of Supiri Vasana lottery for the National Fund for Persons with Disabilities amounted to Rs. 82,597,195. However, during the year 2023, only Rs. 24,050,000 was received. In the same year, under programs aimed at providing housing assistance to persons with disabilities, 241 beneficiaries received Rs. 22,980,493 in housing assistance. Consequently, the amount received for housing assistance during the year was not fully utilized. Furthermore, the National Secretariat did not receive any funds from

the Super Vasana Lottery income for the year 2023, leaving an outstanding amount of Rs. 225,104,617 as of December 31 of the year under review. As a result, the objectives of the housing assistance program for persons with disabilities could not be adequately achieved, as it was done in the previous years.

Letters dated 02.03.2023, 08.03.2023, 30.04.2023, 31.08.2023 and 08.09.2023 had been sent to the General Treasury for requesting funds. In addition, discussions were held with officials of the Department of Treasury Operations to secure the sufficient funds. It had been closed to Rs. 1.05 Million of returns in the rejection of housing aids due to deaths, leaving residences, building of houses of the disabled by the Provincial Department of Social Services, Housing Development Authority, voluntary organizations and so on and refusal of housing aids by beneficiaries. Housing assistance has been provided thus far using the remaining balance from the year 2023, including funds received from those returns. As of June 30, 2024, nine million rupees have been received, and housing assistance initiatives have commenced.

- (C) To facilitate the implementation of programs and projects aimed at providing equal opportunities, empowerment, welfare, and well-being to persons with disabilities at the national level, it is crucial to have transparent and formal data on the number of persons with disabilities, their distribution across districts, age demographics, and disability statuses. A data system that includes information on the disabled community has not been developed, which hinders the identification of their economic situation and the making of accurate and effective decisions.

Discussions have taken place with the Department of Census and Statistics regarding the development of an information system. The Department of Census and Statistics has agreed to provide numerical information at the Divisional Secretariat level. It has also been agreed to gather the same information through surveys conducted by the Department of Social Services.

- (d) In 2023, the plan to establish four care centers across the Western, Southern, Central, and Northern provinces, as discussed four times in the National Council, did not

materialize. Instead, the early childhood development center, which was constructed solely under the early childhood development project in the Akuressa area of the Southern Province, was handed over to the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities on June 27, 2023. However, the center has remained inactive since then.

The building was constructed with assistance from the World Bank. However, securing funds to purchase necessary operational equipment proved challenging. Subsequently, required funds were obtained through the Asian Development Bank project. As a result, furniture and some equipment have been purchased, and therapeutic equipment has been ordered, expected to arrive before July 15, 2024. Recruitment procedures have been prepared and submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval on February 26, 2024, to recruit the necessary staff. Once staff recruitment is completed, operations will commence at the center.

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