

Annual Performance Report

2022



Department of Government Information

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Annual Performance Report for the year 2022

Department of Government Information

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Chapter 01

Institutional Profile/ Executive Summary

Institutional Profile / Executive Summary

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1.1 INTRODUCTION

The “War Information Centre” was put into operation during the period of Second World War in the British colonial era, with the intention of making the public aware of the war information.

At the end of the war, on 31st July 1948, the "War Information Centre" was re-established at Galle Face Secretariat Complex as the "Department of Government Information" upon guidance and recommendations of Soulbury Commission in order to create public awareness about Government Development Activities. In the beginning, the department consisted of three divisions, namely

1. News Providing Division
2. Government Books Division
3. Government Film Unit

The Department was set up under three main sections with the key objective of making the public aware of the Government’s National Development Role. The Institutional Structure of the department is

1. Monitoring the government’s development news and publicity activities
2. Bringing the official publications of the government to the public through the Government Publications Bureau (Printing and distribution)
3. Production and exhibition of documentaries by the Government Film Unit to raise public awareness at the village level on the development role played by the government.

Certain divisions of the department located in the Gall Face Secretariat complex were shifted from time to time to buildings such as Irrigation Department Building-Jawatta, Velona Building-Polwatta, Transworth House-Fort, and Atapattu Building-Sir Baron Jayathilake Mawatha. In the 90s, the department was shifted from a private building in Kollupitiya to Polhengoda premises where the Government Film Unit being operated. Since then, the departmental

administration worked to set up all the divisions of the Department in one location. Consequently, strengthening the institution's infrastructure new five-storied Media Development Center was opened on 30.03.2012. This was a reward for the staff to deliver an efficient service.

The position of Head of the Establishment, which was known as the Information Officer at the beginning, has now been upgraded to the post of Director General of Government Information. Mr.P.Nadeshan has served as the first Information Officer. The designation of the Head of Establishment has been promoted from Information Officer to the post of Director of Information, and then to the Director General of Information.

Mr. H.A.J Hulugalla, an experienced journalist and a newspaper editor, has been appointed as the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Government Information. Mr.L.R. Gunetilleke, Mr.S.P. Wettasinghe and Mr.P.B. Wijesinghe have served as Assistant News Officers.

Making a turning point in the Sri Lankan Mass Media, the magazine “Desathiya” was published on February 4, 1978 by the Department. “Desathiya” is a concept of Senior Minister Sarath Amunugama, then secretary to the Ministry of State. As a print media, “Desathiya” has been passing through crucial milestones over the ages nourishing the public knowledge continuously.

There can be found a number of writer generations, those who have been nurtured by “Desathiya” magazine, the path to knowledge of the universe for the Sri Lankan people. There are also many generations of readers. “Desathiya” is the only news magazine launched by the Sri Lankan public sector, representing all the classes from the policy maker to farmer and labourer. In particular, this magazine took on the main responsibility of popularizing government policies and development programs. Moreover, it has succeeded in creating an intellectual revolution in the minds of the people. The magazine has been successful in presenting information on social, economic, cultural, artistic, and international and many other fields in a very simple language, increasing the readers’ interest.

In addition, a weekly newspaper called "Thorathuru" and an English newspaper called "Alliance" were also published at the time.

The approved cadre of the Department of Government Information is 220. In addition, 40 officers from the National Media Center and 70 officers appointed as Development Officers in 2022 are also working in the department. Accordingly, as of 31.12.2022, the total staff is 330.

The Department of Government information is unique among the government institutions since it is the institution that contacts directly with media organizations, which delivers news to the public. A news release issued by the department is a government announcement and must be extremely accurate.

While doing so, the department also had to comply with the decisions taken by the government from time to time. The government censored the news in 1979, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1987, 1995 and 2000 due to the unrest situations in the country. In such cases, it is the responsibility of the Director General of Government Information to censor the news as the competent public authority.

In 1993, for the first time, news broadcasts were allowed on television channels and this is considered as a turning point in media history. Simultaneously, the Department took another step to make information accessible to the public and established the National Information Center on 18 May 1995. The center was established at the “Transworks House” in Fort, Colombo and the “Press Club” was established there in to promote camaraderie among journalists.

The department was suddenly shifted from Transworks House to two stories in a private building in Kollupitiya.

The Department of Government Information which carried out the government's publicity campaign not only locally but also internationally from the inception, has regularly distributed handbills, magazines and publications targeting the foreign embassies in Sri Lanka. During this period, special information about Sri Lanka was delivered to foreign countries through publications aimed at embassies such as “Week Happening in the Island” and “Introduction to Ceylon”. Later on, a quarterly magazine called "Sri Lanka Today" was published to spread information about Sri Lanka abroad.

The Government Publications Bureau has also been operating under a broad objective of printing and distributing the official publications of the Government, laws and regulations, for purchasing by the public. Mr. R.V.H.Vantwest has served as the founding officer here.

The Government Film Division that initiated by Mr. Julio Petroni, has played a significant role in educating the public on the post-independence national development of the country through documentaries. Government Film Unit, which has created a number of distinguished documentary film directors since then, has won awards in the documentary and semi-documentary categories at numerous foreign film festivals, including the Paris International Film Festival.

The Department of Government Information, which is moving towards the maximum that can be reached under the departmental structure created with independence in 1948, has been organized in recent years to suit the modern world and is functioning in a number of sections by 2022. The Department of Government Information comprising of Government Film Unit, Photography Division, Development Division, “Desathiya” Magazine Division, New Media Unit (www.news.lk), Government Publications Bureau, Media Accreditation Unit, Publicity Division and Research and Investigation Division has now become an active institution in the publishing and publicity sectors.

It can also be observed that the Department of Government Information committed to carrying out this role successfully, subject to change from time to time, through existing mechanisms.

Heads of the Department from the beginning

The following officers have held the posts of Information Officer, Director of Information and Director General of Information in the Government Information Department since 1948.

1948 – Mr. P. Nadeshan

1949 – Mr. D.I.H.A.J. Hulugalla

1950 – Mr.T.T.R.Vivien Horine

1952 - Mr. D.I.H.A.J. Hulugalla

1955 – Mr.Nadeshan Pararajasingam

1956 – Mr. G.Lionel Perera

1957 - Mr.G.W.A.M.Perera

1958 – Mr. James Perera

1959 – Mr. T.M. Jayarathnam

1960 – Mr. Thilak Eranga Gunarathna

1961 – Mr.W.L.Fernando

1962 – S.B. Senanayake

1966 – Mr. D. Aluviyare

1967 – P.N. Meddegoda

1968 – Dr.S.L.B.Amunugama

1972 – Mr. P.H.Pramawardhana

1974 – Mr. W.R.P.Thilakarathna

1977 – Mr. S. Anura Gunasekara

1983 – Mrs. Manel Abeyrathne

1990 – Mr.K.S.Wimalasena

1991 – Mr. K.R.L.Wijewardhana

1992 – Dr.Sunanda Maddumabandara

1994 – Mr. Ariya Rubasinghe

2003 – Mr. K.A.B. J,P, Jayasekara

2004 – Mr. W.M. Piyasena

2005 – Mrs. Kanthi Wijethunaga

Mr. S.D.Piyadasa

2006 – Mr. V.P.K Anusha Pelpita

Director Generals of Information.....

01.02.2009 to 06.05.2010	-	Mr. V.P.K Anusha Pelpita
07.05.2010 to 08.01.2015	-	Prof. Ariyaratne Ethugala
13.01.2015 to 07.05.2015 (Acting)	-	Mr. K.W.T.N.Amarathunga
08.05.2015 to 02.06.2017	-	Dr, Darshani Gunathilake
06.06.2016 to 29.09.2017	-	Dr. Ranga Kalansuriya
13.10.2017 to 26.10.2018	-	Attorney at Law Mr. Sudarshana Gunawardhana
27.10.2018 to 07.04.2021	-	K.M.G.S. Nakaja Kaluwewa
2021.04.19 to 07.09.2022	-	Mohan Samaranayaka
Up to now since 2022.09.08	-	Dinith Chinthaka Karunarathna

1.2. Vision, Mission and Goals of the Institution

-----Vision -----

Compilation of information to the public while contributing to an unbiased journalism tradition

-----Mission -----

Assisting with creating a media culture that leads to people's betterment, by disseminating accurate information to the public and assuring their right to information.

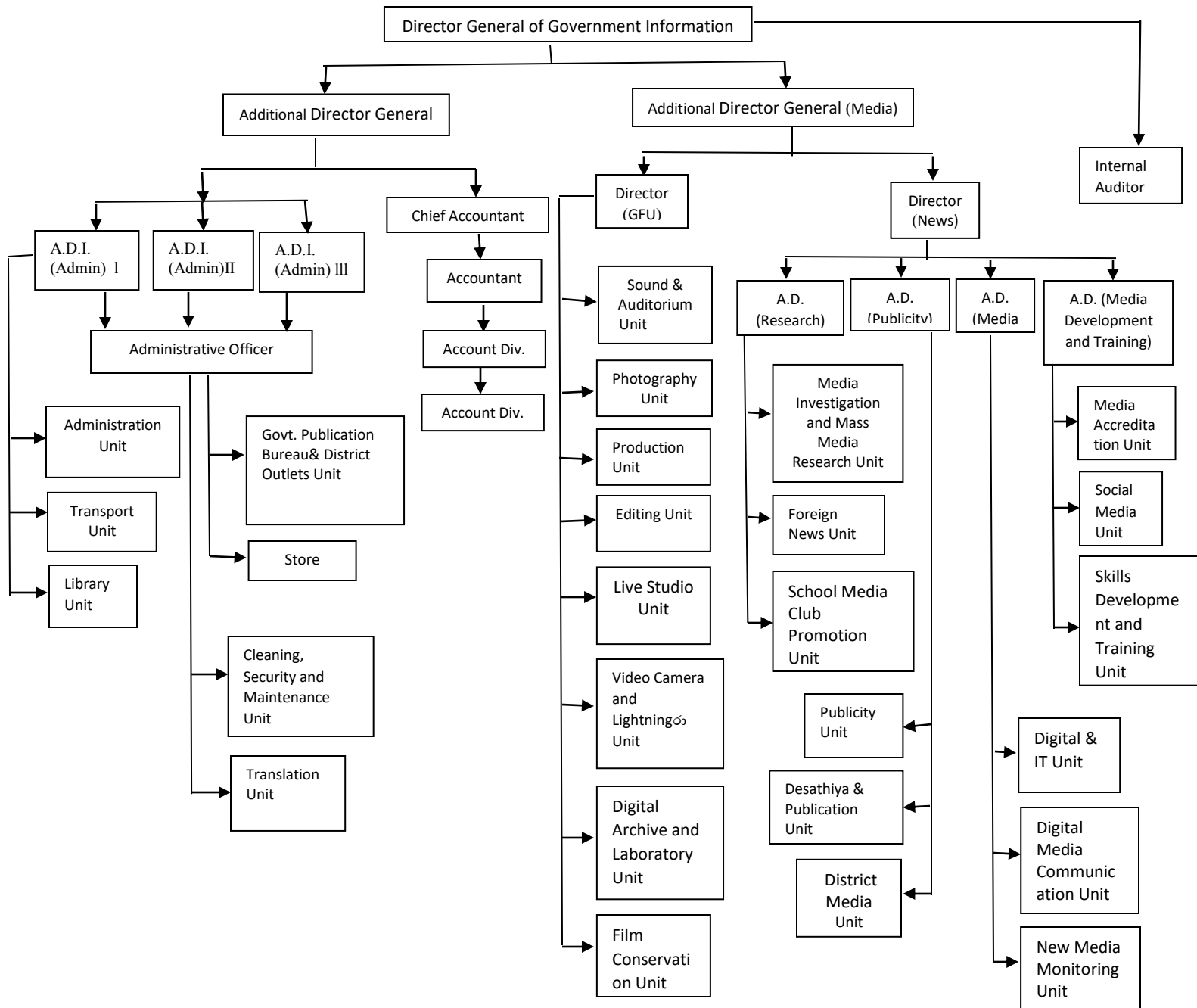
-----Objectives -----

- Making aware the general public on the Government's socio-economic vision, planning and National Development Effort
- Developing an advanced media culture.
- Dissemination and preservation of important current affairs, government information and activities through audiovisual and print media
- Developing Physical Resources and Human Resources in the field of Mass Media
- Providing training and other facilities to the journalists and appear for the welfare of them when necessary.

1.3 Main Functions

- Coordinate with Ministries to release information to the media.
- To dissemination of information regarding the development process of the government
- To Inform the general public about nationally important events and emergency situations.
- To make aware the general public regarding the development progress of the government through films and videos.
- Production of news and documentary video films on government development information, historical information and other information of current importance.
- Production of experimental documentaries.
- Disseminate local information to foreign countries and foreign information to the people of Sri Lanka through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Updating News.lk website and government social media units in all three languages.
- Updating the “Desathiya” Magazine, Government Memo and Research Journals.
- Implementation of Government Publication Bureau. (Including 07 District Publication Counters).
- Coordinating local and foreign journalists for national missions and diplomatic events
- Organizing media tours to promote local development efforts and new programs implemented by ministries to the masses.
- Acting as Chief Media Coordinator in the events with national importance.
- Keep a close coordination with media units of line ministries.
- Book printing on the subject of events of current and national importance (Associate with ADB and UNDB and secure necessary financial facilities)
- Collecting media coverage of the President's local and foreign official events in the form of printed and audio-visual reports.
- Analyzing the daily newspaper reports and presenting them to the President.

1.4 Organization Chart



Main Divisions/Units of the Department

1. Administration Division
2. Account Division
3. Government Film Division
4. Publicity Unit
5. Social Media Unit
6. New Media Monitoring Unit
7. Desathiya and Desathiya Publication Unit
8. Photography Unit
9. District Media Unit
10. Media Accreditation Unit
11. Digital & Information Technology Unit
12. Government Publication Bureau, District Sales Counter Unit
13. Research and Media Investigations Unit
14. Liberty Unit
15. Transport Unit
16. Cleaning, Security and Maintenance Unit
17. Translation Unit
18. Sound and Auditorium Unit
19. Production Unit
20. Editing Unit
21. Live Studio Unit
22. Video Camera and Lighting Unit

- 23. Digital Archiving and Laboratory Unit
- 24. Film Archive Unit
- 25. Foreign Information Unit
- 26. School Media Club Promotion Development Unit
- 27. Digital Media Communication Unit
- 28. Skills Development & Training Unit
- 29. Internal Audit
- 30. Store

1.6 Institutions maintained under the Department

- District Publication Sales Counters
- District Media Units

1.7 Details on foreign aided projects

There are no foreign aided projects in the Department of Government Information

Chapter 02

Progress and Objectives

Progress and Objectives

The vision of the Department of Government Information is to become the leader in government official news communication in keeping with the new technological priorities in communication, always collaborating with new technology.

The Department of Government Information is moving forward in the digital space where all tasks are being digitized and modernized, with the advent of digital technology that transcends traditional tasks.

As the news source, the Department of Government Information develops a network connecting all the media outlets and implements the government mechanism of providing government current and development information to all print and electronic media.

It is also a significant achievement for the Department of Government Information this year in being able to enhance the digital platform for communicating information to the public, facing the enormous challenge of being a reliable information provider to the public in today's digital space.

The Departmental Websites and Social Media Network have also been able to create a people-centric information network, introducing a number of different activities within a short period such as a year.

Digitalization

It is essential to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the information received by the public through social media as misinformation is often circulated on the social media network. Therefore, the department is working at present to provide reliable information to the public in the digital space using popular social media. Accordingly, the Department communicates reliable information directly to the public through www.dgi.gov.lk, the “Department of Government Information” YouTube Channel and Face Book Page and the www.newslk website and Twitter.

Significant Achievements in Digitization-Department of Government Information

	Program	Implementation
Facilitating the media		
01	using the cloud storage to provide information	The Department of Government Information, which serves as the source of information to the media, has stepped forward in its traditional way and efficiently delivers videos, audios, photographs, and news releases to all media at once.
02	Promptly releasing all the media coverages of the department to the media	Release of all videos, audio recordings, photographs etc. related to the programs implemented by the government to the media with an announcement containing information on the media coverage carried out. Prior to the introduction of this methodology, there was no formal methodology for this and it has enabled all activities to be well-coordinated among all media institutions.
03	Setting up a proper email system	Exchange information using nearly 200 email systems for all media in the country i.e. print, electronic, web media, new media, foreign media
04	Issuing Media Accreditations for all journalists	Maintaining a database in the place of file-based Media Accreditation issuance system and proceeds to provide the journalists their professional dignity.
Providing information directly to the public		
	Maintaining the	Department of Government Information You Tube The channel, which was inactive at the time of January 2019, had

	“Department of Government Information” YouTube channel	only 12 viewers and by the end of that year was able to add more than 1000 viewers and, by 2022, the number of viewers has grown tremendously. The videos have been prepared and presented on various themes such as, INFO News, INFO Highlights, Inside, INFO News Parliament Highlights, Provincial Highlights, Taller, Documentary, Short video Reel. A large number of Sri Lankans and foreigners joined this YouTube channel at the moment and the channel was highly appreciated by the people.
	Maintaining the “Department of Government Information” Facebook page	By now the Departmental Facebook page has received a number of “Likes”. The number of face book like, people reached, engage number increased day by day after the content was processed in a formal way. Here, videos, creative posts and photos related to current and development news are updated with a brief description. The transmission of the official election results of the 2019 Presidential Election and the posting of the official election results on Facebook gathered hundreds of thousands of people p around it. It has now been able to maintain a number of over one lakh “reached” per week.
	web Site www.news.lk	This is the official news website of the Government, which is updated 24 hours a day in all three languages. All current and development news is updated on this site. Face book page, YouTube channel and twitter pages are operated under this website. In addition, the live broadcasts of special media briefings including the Cabinet press briefing, are being conducted and, these live broadcasts receives high response from the public.
	Desathiya	Efforts were made to release Desatia magazine, which has a 44-year history of condensing current and development as well as foreign information to the people, on the scheduled dates. Due to the Covid-19 epidemic in the country, the work of the Department was disrupted for many months. But the staff, who performed their duties from home, managed to publish ten (17) standard “Desathiya” magazines with a very high quality during the year 2022. Desatheia magazine has been disseminated to the readers through a formal distribution network covering the whole of Sri Lanka through Lake House.

Media Archive System		
	Setting up a Digital Archive system	The department has also launched a project to convert films, videos, and photographs of historical significance to digital technology. About 422 old films have been converted to digital technology and are being preserved by now. In addition, the installation of the digital archive system was a major task accomplished in this year. This year was able to archive specific videos and photos on a daily basis.

Using a systematically expanded system to deliver information

Arming media organizations with true information for reliable reporting is an urgent need for a good social existence. In order to communicate the government's development and current information to the media in a formal way, the government news department has started the formal method of providing videos, photos, press releases to the media organizations using cloud technology.

Special Achievements

1. Publication of "Janamadhya Sankathana" as a professional journalism scholarly work to expand the subject of professional journalism, develop journalism education and develop the professional knowledge, skills and attitudes of journalists.
2. Registering schools, improving the practical knowledge of school children and provide the teachers those who teach School Media Club subject, with training opportunities and an identity card to preserve their dignity.
3. In order to create a quality media culture according to the vision and mission of the Ministry of Media and Department of Government Information, school students and media subjects teachers in schools were provided with 100 sets of Communication books. Also, 100 wall newspapers have been given to the school media clubs, which aim to reveal the creative skills of communication students in schools and acquaint them with school journalism, on the initiative of the Department of Government Information.

4. With the participation of university lecturers, a number of academic and professional programs have been implemented to promote a quality media culture and create a discourse on professional journalism.
5. Under the School Media Promotion National Program, 12 monthly academic lectures, seminars and programs have been held targeting teachers and students to expand the subject understanding of media literacy and communication subject in school media clubs and the school community.
6. Another achievement is the implementation of academic programs and practical media programs with the participation of Tamil school students and the university community in the northern and eastern provinces and the registration of media clubs targeting Tamil Medium schools in the northern provinces as well.
7. 24 scholarly discourse programs have been held in order to inform the public regarding the national development policies carried out by the government according to the government policies and conducting scholarly discussions with the participation of the heads of relevant ministries and government institutions identifying the subjects with follow-ups and more practical.
8. With the aim of creating a wider social discourse on the socially desired democracy, basic human rights and human freedoms as well as the communication role played by the government in terms of public policies, the Department of Government Information has started a universal classical cinema program to improve the knowledge, skills and attitudes of the identified target groups of the society. This includes academic lectures and seminars with the contribution of university professors and 12 films targeted at the Police and 22 films targeted at the Armed Forces have been presented so far.
9. In order to create a professional media environment, the Department of Information has given the necessary guidance to move forward with government policies in a more targeted manner, together with universities for the first time.
10. In order to build a media academic discourse in the universities of the country, starting the National Journal of Media Communication, using university lecturers for lectures and signing a memorandum of understanding with the Sri Pali Campus Horana

Working to create a quality professional media culture through academic knowledge exchange between the university's media studies departments on shaping the future course of the Sri Lankan media industry by discussing the issues that have arisen in the media sector in Sri Lanka and providing that information

3. Obtaining the views of university lecturers, public leaders, civil organizations and citizens about the media in Sri Lanka and bringing those views to the attention of the government in order to determine the future direction of the field.
4. Developing the knowledge, skills and attitudes of the teachers who teach the school media subject and maintaining an information system to develop media education at the school level according to the policy statement "Vision of Prosperity" and working for developing a good and quality media culture.

Under this,

- Promotion of School Media Club Program
- Registration of School Media Clubs
- Granting 100 Wall Newspapers to School Media Units

Collecting the information of the school media subject teachers and providing them with media ID cards issued by the Government Information

5. Under the Journalism Vocational Education and Journalist Training Program for,
 - Providing practical media knowledge to officers working in the media units of the three armed forces and police as professional media officers (one program is currently being implemented)
6. Under the vision of prosperity, with the aim of creating a culturally advanced human being, conducting a series of film enjoyment programs monthly under the social responsibility of the media. (three programs have been interrupted due to the Covid-19 epidemic situation)
7. Update websites, compile news and actively maintain social media networks, identifying social media trends.
8. Carrying out live elections broadcasting through new media and live broadcasting of special press conferences including cabinet press briefing through social media.
9. Relaunching the government official news SMS service , which was inactive for some time, and starting to maintain it in Sinhala and English languages.
10. The Department of Government Information has established district media units centered on all 25 district secretariats.

11. The district media units upload their news on the Facebook page and District media unit progress review meetings are held through Zoom technology.

12. Organization of media visits by district media units

Media tours related to the project "Gama Samanga Pilisandarak" have been held in Kegalle, Kandy, Trincomalee, Kalutara and Matale districts.

In addition, media tours related to the project "Saubhagya Gammana" have been held in Kegalle district

13. Conducting annual motivational workshops for district media unit officers

Goals and Challenges

The main responsibility and role of the department is to make the public aware of government policies, current activities of national importance including the government development process and the government role for the betterment of the public. The main objectives are to support and lead the management of the IT process in line with global technology trends and to build a free and responsible high media culture.

In order to fulfill the objectives of the government's "Vision of Prosperity" policy statement, it is expected to report to the people widely through social media and websites. In order to equip the people with correct information and knowledge, the primary anticipation in the year 2022 is to take the lead in establishing a perfect media policy in the society to fulfill the responsibility assigned to the media.



Dinith Chinthaka Karunarathna

Director General of Government Information

Chapter 03

Overall Financial Performance for the Year ended 31" December

Overall Financial Performance for the Year ended 31" December

3.1 Statement of Financial Performance

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Statement of Financial Performance for the period ended on 31st December 2022

			Actual
			Re-Adjusted
Budget 2022	Note	2022	2021
		Rs.	Rs.

-	Revenue Receipts					
-	Income Tax	1	-	-		ACA-1
-	Revenue Receipts	2	-	-		
-	Taxes on Domestic Goods & Services	3	-	-		
-	Non Tax Revenue & Others	4	-	-		
-	Total Revenue Receipts (A)		-	-		
-	Non Revenue Receipts					
-	Treasury Imprests		314,704,000	328,786,100	ACA-3	
-	Deposits		46,988,583	1,368,742	ACA-4	
-	Advance Accounts		12,869,688	12,424,365	ACA-5	
-	Other major Ledger Account Receipts		-	-		
-	Total Non Revenue Receipts (B)		374,562,270	342,579,207		
-	Total Revenue Receipts and Non Revenue Receipts C = (A) + (B)		374,562,270	342,579,207		
	Remittances to Treasury (D)		24,215	1,256,028		
	Net revenue receipts and non-revenue receipt E= (C) – (D)		374,538,055	341,323,179		
	Less :Expenditure					
-	Recurrent Expenditure		-	-		
188,195,000	Wages, Salaries & Other Employment Benefits	5	174,632,967	165,108,537	ACA-2(ii)	
124,805,000	Other Goods and Services	6	94,910,133	95,701,873		
2,000,000	Subsidies,Grants and Transfers	7	1,230,942	1,403,139		
-	Interest Payments	8	-	-		
-	Other Recurrent Expenditure	9	-	-		
315,000,00	Total Recurrent Expenditure		270,774,042	262,213.549		

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Capital Expenditure				
48,300,000	Rehabilitation & Improvement Capital Assets	10	7,875,266	18,964,137
30,900,000	Acquisition of Capital Assets	11	16,091,062	61,447,644
-	Capital Transfers	12	-	-
-	Acquisition of Financial Assets	13	-	-
1,800,000	Capacity Building	14	1,006,500	714,500
-	Other Capital Expenditure	15	-	-
81,000,000	Total Capital Expenditure (G)		24,972,828	81,126,281
-	Deposit Payments		47,339,975	1,795,836
-	Advance Payments		14,032,526	12,527,049
-	Other main Ledger Account Payments		-	-
-	Main Ledger Expenditure (H)		61,372,501	14,322,884
-	Total Expenditure I = (F+G+H)		357,119,372	357,662,714
-	Balance as at 31. 12.2022 J=(E-I)			(16,339,536)
	Balance as per Imprest reconciliation Statement		17,418,683	(16,339,536)
			17,418,683	(16,339,536)
	Imprest Balance as at 31. 12.2022		17,418,683	(16,339,536)

3.2 Statement of Financial Position

ACA-P

Statement of Financial Position as at 31st December 2022

		Actual	
	Note	2022 (Rs.)	2021 (Rs.)
<u>Non Financial Assets</u>			
Property, Plant & Equipment	ACA-6	1,834,026,037	1,820,584,025

Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st Decer

ACA-P

	Note		Actual
<u>Financial Assets</u>			2021
Advance Accounts	ACA-5/5(a)	38,663,185	38,105,398
<u>Non Financial Assets</u>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	ACA-3	-	-
Property, Plant & Equipment	ACA-6	1,872,689,222	1,858,689,423
Total Assets			1,820,584,025
<u>Financial Assets</u>			
Net Assets / Equity			
Advance Accounts	ACA-5/5(a)	30,851,759	29,942,580
Net Assets for the Treasury			38,105,398
Cash & Cash Equivalents	ACA-3		
Property, Plant & Equipment Reserve		1,834,026,037	1,820,584,025 -
Total Assets			1,858,689,423
Rent and Work Advance Reserve	ACA-5(b)	-	
<u>Net Assets / Equity</u>			
Net Worth to Treasury			29,942,580
Property, Plant & Equipment Reserve			1,820,584,025
Rent and Work Advance Reserve	ACA-5(b)		
Deposits Accounts	ACA-4	7,811,426	8,162,818
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Imprest Balance	ACA-3	-	-
Deposits Accounts	ACA-4		8,162,818
Unsettled Imprest Balance	ACA-3	1,872,689,222	1,858,689,423
Total Liabilities			1,858,689,423

Detail Accounting Statements in ACA format Nos. 1 to 7 presented in pages from 07 to 35 and Annexures to accounts presented in pages from 36 to 62 form an integral part of these Financial Statements. The Financial Statements have been prepared in complying with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles whereas most appropriate Accounting Policies are used as disclosed in the Notes to the Financial Statements and hereby certify that figures in these Financial Statements, Notes to accounts and other relevant accounts were reconciled with the Treasury Books of Accounts and found in agreement.

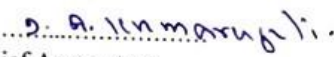
We hereby certify that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the Reporting Entity and carried out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of internal control system for the financial control and accordingly make alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out.


Chief Accounting Officer
Name : Anusha Palpita
Designation : Secretary, Ministry of
Mass Media
Date : 28.02.2023

V.P.K. Anusha Palpita
Secretary
Ministry of Mass Media
163, "Asidisi Medura", Kirulapona Mawatha,
Polhengoda, Colombo-05.


Accounting Officer
Name : Dinith Chintaka Karunaratne
Designation : Director General of
Information
Date : 22.02.2023

Dinith Chintaka Karunaratne
Director General of Government Information
Department of Government Information
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Chief Accountant
Name : K.A.D.D.A. Kumarapeli
Date : 21.02.2023

K.A.D.D.A. Kumarapeli
Chief Accountant
Department of Government Information

3.3 Statement of Cash Flows

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Period ended 31st December 2022

	Actual
	Re-adjusted
	2022 (Rs.)
	2021 (Rs.)

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Total Tax Receipts	-	-
Fees, Fines, Penalties and Licenses Profit	-	-
Profits	-	-
Non Revenue Receipts	-	-
Revenue collected for other Heads	20,720,059	15,094,001
Imprest Receipts	314,704,000	328,786,100
Advance Recoveries	11,365,073	11,434,446
Deposit Receipts	46,988,583	1,368,742
Total Cash flow generated from Operations (a)	393,777,714	356,683,289

Less – Cash disbursed for

Personal Emoluments & Ioerating Payments	273,192,850	274,673,473
Subsidies & Transfer Payments	1,230,942	1,403,139
Expenditure for other Expenditure Heads	43,293,749	6,308,509
Imprest Settlement to Treasury	24,215	1,256,028
Advance Payments	12,910,426	12,526,449
Deposit Payments	47,339,975	1,795,836
Total Cash disbursed for Operations (b)	377,992,157	297,963,434

NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (C)=(a)-(b)	15,785,557	58,719,855
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Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Interest	-	-
Devidends	-	-
Divestiture Proceeds & Sale of Physical Assets	-	-
Recoeries from on lending	-	-
Total Cash generated from Investing Activities (d)	-	-
Less - Cash disbursed for:		

Purchase or Construction of Physical Assets & other Acquisition of investments	15,785,557	58,719,855
Total Cash disbursed for Investing Activities (e)	15,785,557	58,719,855
NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
(F)=(d)-(e)	(15,785,557)	(58,719,855)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING & INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES (g)=(c) + (f)	0	0
<u>Cash Flows from financing Activities</u>		
Local Borrowings	-	-
Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Grants Received	-	-
Total Cash generated from Financing Activities (h)	-	-
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Repayment of Local Borrowings	-	-
Repayment of Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Total Cash disbursed for Financing Activities (i)	-	-
NET CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES (I)=(h)-(i)	-	-
Net Movement in Cash (k) = (g) -(j)	0	0
Opening Cash Balance as at 01st January	-	0
Closing Cash Balance as at 31st December	0	(0)

3.4 Notes to the Financial Statements

Basis of Reporting

(1). Reporting Period

The reporting period for these financial statements is from January 1 to December 31, 2022.

(2). Basis of Measurement

Financial statements are prepared on historical costs and the historical costs of some assets are upgraded to revaluated value. Account preparation is done on an enhanced cash basis when not otherwise stated.

The financial statements are presented in Sri Lanka Rupees to the nearest rupee.

(3). Revenue Identification

Transferable and non-transferable income is recognized as income during the period in which the money is received, regardless of the period for which it is due.

(4). Identifying and measuring property, plant and equipment

Reliable measurable assets that are guaranteed to bring future economic benefits to the organization are identified as property, plant and equipment. Property, plant, and equipment are recognized for the cost and re-estimated value is used at instances where the cost model is not applicable.

(5). Property, Plant and Equipment Reserve Account

This reserve account is the correspondent account of property, plant and equipment.

(6). Cash and Cash Equivalents

Local currency notes and coins in hand as at 31 December 2022 consist of cash and cash equivalents.

3.5 Performance of the Revenue Collection

Rs. ,000

Revenue Code	Description of Revenue Code	Revenue Estimate		Collected Revenue	
		Original	Original	Amount (Rs.)	as a % of Final Revenue Estimate
20.06.02.01	Vehicle	-	-	-	-
20.06.02.02	Other	0	40	207.360	518.4
20.02.01.01	Rent of Government Buildings and Houses	-	-	12.23	0
20.02.01.99	Revenue from Government Assets - Rent - Other Rent	-	-	-	-
20.02.02.99	Interest -Other	1,000	1,000	1,445.843	144.58
20.03.01.00	Sales and Fees - Departmental Sales	1,200	1200	1,880.775	156.73
20.03.02.99	Sales & Fees - Administrative Fees and Payments miscellaneous	0	20	242.954	1214.77
20.03.03.02	Sales and fees - Fines and confiscation -	-	-	-	-

	Other				
20.03.99.00	Sales and fees - Other receiving	500	500	3,898.128	779.62
20.05.99.00	Refractive assignment, National Lottery Board and other assignments	-	-	-	-

3.6 Performance of the Utilization of Allocation

Rs. ,000

Type of Allocation	Allocation			Allocation Utilization as a % of Final Allocation
	Original	Final		
Recurrent	Rs..315,000,000.00	Rs. 315,000,000.00	Rs.270,774,042.25	85.96
Capital	Rs. 81,000,000.00	Rs. 81,000,000.00	Rs. 24,972,828.51	30.83

3.7 Grant of allocations to this Department as an agent of the other Ministries/ Departments in terms of F.R. 208

Rs. ,000

Serial No.	Ministry/Department from which allocation received	Purpose of the Allocation	Allocation		Actual Expenditure	Allocation Utilization as a % of Final Allocation
			Original	Final		

01.	Ministry of Mass Media	To pay the assessment tax	-	560,844.00	560,844.00	100
		To pay 3% of the electricity bill to maintain the Ministry Tax Division in the Department Building	-	119,083.80	114,722.27	96
		Payment for the provision of security service	-	848,880.00	848,880.00	100
02.	Department of Government Printing	To pay 25% of the electricity bill to maintain their printing division in the department building	-	1,013,329.32	980,316.55	97
03.	Ministry of Public Services, Provincial Council and Local Government	Payment of wage to development officers and graduate trainees	26,858,130.17	26,586,476.72	99	26,858,130
		Payment of other allowances to	13,647,515.44	13,508,142.27	99	13,647,515

		development officers and graduate trainees				
04.	Department of Pensions	Recovery of Pension gratuity	694,366.89	694,366.89	100	694,366
			-	43742149.62	43293748.70	98.97

3.8 Performance of the Reporting of Non-Financial Assets

Rs. ,000

Assets Code	Code Description	Balance as per board of survey report as 31.12.2022	Balance as per Board Financial Position Report as at 31.12.2022	Yet to be accounted	Reporting Progress as a%

Head 210 – Department of Government Information

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Qualified Opinion

The audit of the financial statements of the Department of Government Information for the year ended 31 December 2022 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022 and the statement of financial performance and cash flow statement for the year then ended was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with provisions of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018. The summary report containing my comments and observations on the financial statements of the Department was issued to the Accounting Officer on 31 May 2022 in terms of Section 11(1) of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018. The Annual Detailed Management Audit Report relevant to the Department was issued to the Accounting Officer on 08 May 2023 in terms of Section 11(2) of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018. This report will be tabled in Parliament in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to be read in conjunction with Section 10 of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in paragraph 1.6 of this report, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Department as at 31 December 2022 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

1.2 Basis for Qualified Opinion

My opinion is qualified based on the matters described in paragraph 1.6 of this report. I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibilities for the financial statements are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities Section. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

1.3 Responsibilities of the Chief Accounting Officer and the Accounting Officer for the Financial Statements

The Chief Accounting Officer and the Accounting Officer are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and provisions in Section 38 of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018 and for the determination of the internal control that is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

As per Section 16(1) of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018, the Department is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities to enable the preparation of annual and periodic financial statements.

In terms of Sub-section 38(1)(c) of the National Audit Act, the Chief Accounting Officer and the Accounting Officer shall ensure that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the Department and carry out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of such systems and accordingly make any alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out.

1.4 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an auditor's summary report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate and its materiality depends on the influence on economic decisions taken by users on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Appropriate audit procedures were designed and performed to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement in financial statements whether due to fraud or errors in providing a basis for the expressed audit opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- An understanding of internal control relevant to the audit was obtained in order to design procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control.
- Evaluate the structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements including disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Accounting Officer regarding, among other matters significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

1.5 Report on Other Legal Requirements

I express the following matters in terms of Section 6 (1) (d) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

- (a) The financial statements are consistent with the preceding year,
- (b) The recommendations made by me on the financial statements of the preceding year had been implemented.

1.6 Comments on Financial Statements

1.6.1. Books and Records not being maintained

The department has not maintained following documents.

Audit Observation	Comment of the Accounting Officer	Recommendation
According to the Financial regulations 891 Security register had not been maintained.	It has started the activities related to obtaining employee security deposits and from the year 2023 I will be maintain the employee security register according to F.R.891.	A security register shall be maintained up-to-date as per the provisions of finance regulation 891.

2. Financial Review

2.1 Expenditure Management

Audit Observation	Comment of the Accounting Officer	Recommendation
(a) There was a net allocation of Rs.396,000,000 for the department and Rs.295,746,871 had been utilized by the end of the year under review. Accordingly, 14% of recurrent expenditure and 69% of capital expenditure were saved.	There was no requirement as expectations, work from home, Inability to implement various programs due to the prevailing situation in the country and Expenditure control on instructions of circular. Due to such reasons, these provisions have remained	Requesting and disbursement of funds should be done as accurately as possible.

- (b) As per financial Regulation 50, It is the responsibility of the accounting Officer to ensure that the Draft estimates related to their department, arranged in accordance with financial regulations. Out of the total 15 recurring Expenditure heads that had been allocated for the year under review, the allocation of Rs.12,290,000 which had been allocated to 04 recurrent Expenditure heads and 02 capital Expenditure heads had been transferred to 05 other recurrent Expenditure heads and 04 capital Expenditure heads. Therefore, it was observed that the during the audit ,working under the requirements of the financial regulations and estimates were not prepared realistically
- Transfer, retirement of employees, and Due to the taking of Leave with no pay as per the Public Administration Circular of 14/2022/02, Provisions of 1001 and 1002 Expenditure heads has been remained.
 - Due to the existed economic instability of the country, stationery prices, telephone charges and transport charges were increase, therefore it has been stated that the allocations for that purpose were not enough.
- Estimates should be prepared as accurately as possible
- (c) It had been observed that 100 percent in one Expenditure head and aother 27 Expenditure head with savings ranging from 32 percent to 95 percent
- The observations are accepted and the reasons for the remaining's were present separately.
- Estimates should be done accurately.
- (d) from finance regulation No. 66 ,allocations of 09 Expenditure heads also after transfer to other Expenditure heads, it had been observed that remaining savings range from 02 to 22 percent
- Because of voucher not presented as expected and inability to obtain goods due to import restriction, the allocations of the Expenditure heads that have been transferred, have remained in the range of 02 percent to 22 percent.
- Requesting and disbursement of funds should be done as accurately as possible

2.2 Incurring of Liabilities and Commitments

Audit Observation	Comment of the Accounting Officer	Recommendation
(a) Although the limit of provision made for the financial year in terms of Finance Regulation 94(1) should not be exceeded, exceeding the amount allocated for an expenditure item in the department's 2022 financial statements, obtain debts was Rs.816,709.	As a result of in the middle of the year 2022, the increase in telephone charges and the difficulty of controlling telephone and internet expenses according to the role of this department, Expenditure was increased more than the estimated allocation for that year.	Actions should be taken as per the Financial regulations.
(b) According to paragraph 10.1 of Public Finance Circular No 02/2020 at 28 August 2020, in Statement of commitment and Liabilities, Treasury should be in session with the Statement of commitment and Liabilities, (SA 92) issued against each Head of Expenditure. According to the department's financial statements, the balance was Rs.13,457,528, but according to the treasury reports, the balance was Rs.14,297,162 and was not settled by Rs.839,634.	Although commitments have been made in excess of existing allocations in several Expenditure heads. The reason for the above change was the inability to report liabilities in excess of the existing provision while entering liabilities in the CIGAS program.	Arrangements should be made to accurately, to record the accounting obligations of previous years.

2.3 Non-compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations

Instances of non-compliance with the provisions in laws, rules and regulations observed in the sample audit test checks are analyzed below.

Reference to Laws, Rules and Regulations	Amount Rs.	Non compliance	Comment of the Accounting Officer	Recommendation
(a) Section 16(2) of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018	-	A draft of the annual performance report along with the financial statements for the year 2022 had not been submitted to the Auditor General.	The 2022 annual performance report is being prepared and I will submit the draft to the Auditor General as soon as it is completed.	Actions should be taken as per the Financial regulations.
(b) Financial Regulations of the Democratic socialist Republic of Sri Lanka				
(i) F.R.571	7,488,596	Actions had not been taken regarding overdue deposits to credit to the state revenue or to refund and regarding contracts to recover the losses occurred from contracts. Further deposits valued at Rs. 7,488,596 older than 10 years had been included into it.	Retention money relating to construction of New media center was retained in the overdue deposit account. Because of recovery of damages is in progress, The retention money has not been released. And as agreed in the audit and management committee meeting held at the Ministry of Mass Media on	Actions should be taken as per the Financial regulations.

March 29, 2023, this deposit amount is being credited to the government revenue.

(ii) F.R.802 (1)

Although the head of the department should take action to ensure that the vehicles do not remain idle, from the year 2021 to December 31, 2022, 02 vehicles own by department with a value of Rs.18,400,000 remained idle for a period of 06 months to 23 months.

It was mention that among those vehicle, two vehicles were not repair in the year 2022. Because allocations was not enough to complete these repair. And it is decide to that repair will be complete using allocation of the year 2023

Actions should be taken as per the Financial regulations.

(iii) F.R.880

Actions had not been taken regarding government money, Revenue stamps or acceptance of consignments or being in charge, In accordance with the Government Officers' Security Ordinance, 33 officers who were required to post security

The department has identified 33 officers who need to be bailed and it is planned to start taking bail money from them in the year 2023.

Actions should be taken as per the Financial regulations.

(c) Paragraph of Public Administration Circular No. 05/2008(1) at 06 February 2008

It has informed that all government organizations should introduce Citizens'/Clients' Charters in their respective

Citizens'/Client s' Charters is being prepare.

Actions should be taken as per the Circular

Organizations. It was a written commitment that the services provided by the government organization to the public will be performed promptly, efficiently, qualitatively and continuously.

It has also stated that charter which was formally prepared in such a way that it is well displayed in the office premises in a good visual manner.

And although this need has been emphasized in the indications made about the performance of the organization under the supervision of the Public Accounts Committee, It was observed that the department has not followed the instruction of the circular.

2.4 Issuance and Settlement of Advances

Audit Observation	Comment of the Accounting Officer	Recommendation
The loan balance of Rs. 179,740 due from two officers who have left the service was not recovered and the balance was more than 5 years old.	The outstanding loan balance of Mr. M. Ariyaratne (Clerk) is Rs.56,265.00. In a letter dated 01.05.2023, it has been notified to settle this outstanding loan amount and no response received so far. Mr. DCL de Silva's outstanding loan balance to the government is Rs.127,752.00. In a letter dated December 28, 2022, it has been informed to settle the arrears.	An adequate program should be implemented to recover the loan balance.

3. Operating Review

3.1. Planning

Audit Observation	Comment of the Accounting Officer	Recommendation
The 51 activities of the action plan had not been achieved and 13 activities had less than 50% physical progress. And greater performance than estimated targets in 11 activities, also that was a range between 149 percent and 1107 percent had been shown. Accordingly, it was observed that the planning is at a weak level.	Presence of data entry errors on the progress of certain of its activities, to determine increased performance as requirements arise from time to time, Lack of provision / inadequacy of provision as a result, discrepancies in performance have been shown and action had been taken to correct the relevant errors.	Actions should be taken as per the Action plan

3.2 Procurement

Audit Observation	Comment of the Accounting Officer	Recommendation
(a) According to the public finance circular No. 02/2020 , All accounting officers shall prepare the annual procurement plan for the implementation of recurring and capital programs in the coming year according to the subjects and tasks assigned to their organization before December 10 of the transition year. And it should be forwarded to the, obtain the approval of the Chief Accounting Officer and the Procurement Commission, Auditor General and Public Finance department, but it was not submitted on the due date.	Observations are correct. It had been noted that the procurement plan submission without further delay.	Actions should be taken as per the Circular
(b) According to the government procurement manual 4.2, the main procurement plan should be prepared by listing the expected procurement activities for a period of at least 03 years. And the procurement activities for the next year should be prepared in detail. But department prepared procurement plan was only for the year 2022. Therefore the expected objectives of the procurement plan were not fulfilled and the procurement plan was not updated once in 06 months as per 4.2.2(e).	Observations are correct. And noted to prepare the procurement plan for the next 03 years and also it should be updated at least every 6 months	Actions should be taken as per the government procurement guidelines

4 Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals

Audit observation	Comments of the Accounting officer	Recommendation
Identify the risk of not being able to continue to obtain the resources and capacities needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and Prepare a proper procurement plan as measures to be taken to minimize them, it had not been attention to inform officials and take necessary action also appointing a committee to implement the decisions.	Sustainable development objectives of the department have not been prepared yet and will preparing a proper procurement plan in the future , appoint a committee to inform the officials and implement the necessary solutions and decisions	Actions should be taken according to the circular.

5 Good Governance

5.2 Internal Audit

Audit observation	Comments of the Accounting officer	Recommendation
According to the Section 40 (I) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018, Although the accounting Officer should have appointed an internal auditor for the department, no internal auditor had been appointed for the department till 08 May 2023	Mr. T. P. Hettiarachi Niladhari, who works as the Chief Internal Auditor of the Department of Posts, has been appointed to from April 03, 2023 , to the cover of duties of the post of Internal Auditor in the Government Information Department. A government audit unit had been established.	Actions should be taken according to the section 40 (1) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018.

6. Human Resources Management

Audit Observation	Comment of the Accounting Officer	Recommendation
(a) According to the instructions of the public enterprise Circular No. 02/2018 dated January 24, 2018, no human resources development was done during the year under review.	Currently, no human resource plan has been prepared and it is to be prepared in 2023	Actions should be taken to as per the circular.
(b) At the end of the year under review, the existence of 121 vacancies including 08 senior level vacancies, 89 secondary level vacancies and 24 primary level vacancies had affected maintaining an effective service level.	Internal recruitment for senior level posts has been initiated. Also with the abolition of various institutions from time to time for the departmental vacancies of secondary level and tertiary level officers, those officers have been assigned to the Government Information Department. Recruitment for approved posts has been started but as per the circulars issued by the government, the recruitment has been temporarily stopped. The appointment to the posts in the Joint Service is done by the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government through appointments, transfers.	Effective service should be maintained by following proper work assignments and promotion procedures.

Chapter 4

Performance Indicators

Performance Indicators

4.1 Performance indicators of the Institute (Based on the Action Plan)

Specific Indicators	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% - 90%	75% - 89%	50% - 74%
Documentary Film Production, Short Video Production, Discussions, Production	-	75.71%	-

Advertisements,			
Media Coverage	-	-	55.83%
Live recording programs for the Internet	100%	-	-
Producing advertisements	108.33%	-	-
Documentary filming	100%		
News coverage and multi-camera coverage	100%		
Issuance of press releases and official statements to the media	100%	-	-
Organization of press briefing on government's special programs and providing of publicity for development projects	-	70%	-
Organizing Cabinet Press Briefing,	-	-	67%
Coordinating news conferences held at other institutions	-	-	63%
Organizing media visits to cover development programs	-	80%	-
Media coordination during visits of foreign heads of state and delegations to Sri Lanka	-	-	73%
Issuance of district level news	100%	-	-
Issuance of feature articles	100%	-	-
Organizing of media visits by district media units	-	-	0%
Preparation of telephone directories	-	-	0%
Screening of documentaries by district media units on special occasions	-	-	0%

Updating the register of regional correspondents	100%	-	-
Uploading the Facebook page with local news	100%	-	-
Conducting progress review meetings of media unit officers	-	-	40%
Conducting regional Journalism Workshops	-	-	8.5%
Establishment of Government Publication Bureau	-	-	50%
Organizing "University Communication and Media Academics International Cooperation Program" for the development of journalism careers	-	-	50%
Presentation of concept paper for the launch of website www.srilankatoday.lk with the aim of promoting Sri Lankan ideology to the world and creating a correct vision globally. (Temporarily suspended on departmental instructions.)	100%	-	-
Preparation of analytical reports based on critical news published in daily English newspapers and foreign media channels on Sri Lanka's political, economic and foreign relations.	100%	-	-
Planning to publish a magazine to promote Sri Lanka's national heritage and culture among foreign embassies and the international as well as local community.	-	-	50%
Preparation of analytical reports based on current political, economic and social news published in daily newspapers that the government should pay attention to.	100%	-	-
Conducting monthly online lecture series to develop the media knowledge of teachers and G.C.E. (A/L) students.	100%	-	-
Printing and Publishing of National Journal on Media Communications	100%	-	-
Distribution of 100 wall newspaper boards and 100 sets of co-curricular books to 100 schools under the School Media Club Promotion	95%	-	-

National Program			
Developing media literacy and professional knowledge of school teachers and students by organizing Sinhala and Tamil medium media-workshops and conferences at the district level under the School Media Society National Program (via online).	100%	-	-
Organizing six monthly training courses for the development of media literacy and professional knowledge of school teachers and students under the School Media Club National Program.	-	-	50%
Planning to publish a media instruction handbook for school media clubs.	100%	-	-
Organization of island-wide short story competitions with the aim of developing media literacy and communication skills for school media club students and students studying communication and media studies.	95%	-	-
Organizing island-wide short film competitions for school media club students and students studying communication and media studies with the aim of developing media literacy and communication skills.	95%	-	-
Issuance of a media ID card to teachers in charge of school media clubs and to teachers in charge of communication and media studies subject under the School Media Club National Program.	-	80%	-
Develop a project proposal to empower female students in school media clubs to increase female participation in future media careers.	100%	-	-
Entering in to a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of	-	80%	-

Mass Media and the Ministry of Education for the purpose of developing media literacy and school journalism.			
Signing an MoU with the Ministry of Mass Media, the Ministry of Education and the Sri Lanka UNESCO National Commission for the purpose of developing media literacy and communication and media subject under the School Media Society National Program.	-	-	60%
Registration of School Media Clubs on the instructions of Ministry of Education and Ministry of Mass Media to promote School Media Clubs.	-	-	70%
Maintaining a YouTube channel to develop media literacy and educational knowledge of teachers and school children.	100%	-	-
Conducting topical scholarly discussions under various subjects.	100%	-	-
To conduct a short term course to enhance the professional development of the armed forces officers, police officers and journalists.	-	-	50%
Conducting a one-day training workshop for professional journalists involved in judicial, health, economic, environmental and disaster management sectors.	-	-	50%
Signing of MoU between Ministry of Mass Media, Sri Lanka Campus and University of Colombo to promote media culture under professional development program.	-	80%	-
Conducting a monthly universal classic cinema show and discussion with the aim of creating	100%	-	-

a person with a developed culture as per the government policies,			
Scanning old negatives in the photo archive	-	-	74%
Preservation of Scanned Photos (Photo Archive)	-	89%	-
Hand all the photographs over to the digital archive for preservation	-	89%	-
Preparation of photo albums for visits of local and foreign diplomats, special occasions and state functions	-	-	-
Organizing photo exhibitions	-	-	-
Covering special events and development activities at various locations in the country	-	-	-
Coverage of News and Programs	-	-	41.82%
Publication of "Desathiya" news magazine	-		70.83%
"Desathiya" Distribution	-	75%	-
Promoting Right To Information, communicating the government's development program to the general public	90%	-	-
Updating of government official news website in all three languages	100%	-	-
Providing news to the official government news website	100%	-	-
Providing video news to official government news website	100%	-	-
Annual website hosting	100%	-	-
Maintain the Domain name lk	100%	-	-
Boosting the promotion of social subscribers	-	-	-

on the government's official news website			
Govt. Official Face Book Page (Compilation of news, posting of photos, posting of news by graphics, dissemination of short news videos, dissemination of Info news)	100%	-	-
Govt. Official Twitter Page (Compilation of news, posting of photos, posting of news by graphics, dissemination of short news videos, dissemination of Info news)	100%	-	-
Dissemination of information through WhatsApp, Messenger and news posted on websites and other social media platforms.	90%	-	-
Govt. Official You Tube Channel (publishing of Short News Video, publishing Info news Development Programs, Videos and Documentaries)	-	80%	-
Expanding the current short news service through Mobitel and Dialog mobile phone networks to other telephone services	-	70%	-
Social media live streaming (Media discussions, special programs of the government, current programs, video programs published in social media, reporting current events)	98%		
Parliamentary media coverage to cover the parliamentary sessions	100%	-	-
Cabinet media coverage (News Consumption and live streaming)	100%	-	-
Development News Media Coverage of Ministries	90%	-	-
Coverage of other current news and events (News Consumption and live streaming)	-	75%	-

The government official news website and news services run by the New Media Unit (Publication of balanced and accurate current news in a standardized manner on the Internet, giving priority to the development programs of the government)	100%	-	-
Benefits and publicity by district media units	-	75%	-
Preparation of News clips for social website (Facebook)	-	75%	-
Media ID printing	-	85.7%	-
ID card printing for special needs	100%	-	-
Office Id Printing	100%	-	-
Wifi Base Network & Infrastructure Project Level i & ii (6.2.19)	-	-	74%
Website and mobile application development for “DESATHIYA” magazine	-	-	74%
AI Journalism KOIKA+CIAT	-	-	74%
Communication of official information to the public	99%	-	-

Chapter 05

Performance of the achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

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5.1 Indicate the Identified Respective Sustainable Development Goals

Goal / Objective	Targets	Indicators of the achievement	Progress of the Achievement to date		
			0% - 49%	50% - 74%	75% - 100%

03. Health and well-being	3.3 To eliminate neglected tropical epidemics including AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, as well as hepatitis, waterborne diseases, and other communicable diseases by 2030.	To conduct a workshop to advise on the current status of HIV/AIDS risk and prevalence.			
04. Quality of education	4.3 By 2030, to enable all women and men to access technical, vocational and tertiary education, including high-quality and affordable university education.	To conduct a short term course for professional development of the tri-forces officers, police officers and journalists. Organizing one-day training workshop for professional journalists involved in judicial, health, economic, environmental and disaster management sectors.			
	4.4 Increase the number of youth and adults with relevant skills, including technical and vocational qualifications, for sustainable employment and entrepreneurship by 2030	Organizing International Partnership Program of Communication and media Scholars in Universities for professional development of journalism.			
		Printing, publishing of National Journal of Media Communication dissemination through professional journalists, university lecturers, media students			
		Organizing monthly training courses to develop media literacy and			

		professional knowledge of school teachers and students under the School Media Society National Program.			
		Prepare a project proposal to empower female students in school media clubs to increase the contribution of women in future media careers.			
		Maintaining a YouTube channel to develop media literacy and educational knowledge of teachers and school children			
	4.4 Eliminate gender-based disparities in education by 2030, ensuring access to all levels of education and providing access to vocational training for persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children at risk.	Skill development program for children with slow mind development.			

05. Gender equality	5.B Provide positive opportunities for access to technology, especially information and communication technology, to empower women.	Conducting a scholarly media discourse on “Gender and Women's Empowerment in Sri Lankan Society”			
06. Clean water and sanitation	6.1 Equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all by 2030	Awareness programs on rural and regional drinking water supply projects			

5.2 Briefly Explain the achievements and challenges of the sustainable Development Goals

Achievements of the sustainable Development Goals :

1. Printing and Publishing of National Media Communications Academic Books.
4. Distribution of 100 wall newspapers and 100 sets of co-curricular books to 100 schools under the School Media Social Promotion National Program.
5. Issuance of 87 media ID cards to teachers in charge of school media society and teachers in charge of communication and media studies.

Challenges :

1. Inadequate provision for implementation of programs required to achieve sustainable development goals.
2. Obstacles in the implementation of programs due to the crisis situation in the country.
3. Contributing private media organizations to achieve sustainable development goals.
4. Use of new technologies to implement programs with the advancement of technology.
5. To produce international level media professionals.
6. Creating a quality media culture together with the State as well as the private sector.

Chapter 06

Human Resources Profile

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06.1 Cadre Management

	Approved Cadre	Existing Staff	Vacancies/	Excess
Senior	18	10	08	0
Territory	16	02	14	0
Secondary	244	169	75	0
Primary	53	39	14	0
Total	331	220	111	0

Officers not included in the *Cadre*

- 40 officers from the National Media Center and 70 officers appointed as Development Officers in 2022 are attached to the Government Information Department and they are not included in the approved staff as on 31.12.2022

Officers attached from National Media Centre	40
Development Officers appointed in 2022	70
Total	110

06.2 ** Briefly state how the shortage or excess in human resources has been affected to the performance of the institute.

Shortage of tertiary and secondary level human resources has directly affected the performance of the department. Vacancies, especially in the technical staff, have made it difficult to carry out day-to-day duties. The main reason for this issue is the retirement of experienced and skilled officers who have been working in departmental posts. The main reason is the retirement of knowledgeable and skilled officers who have been working in departmental posts. There is also a shortage of officers for posts at various levels due to obstacles in granting promotions to vacancies.

06.4

*** Briefly state how the training program contributed to the performance of the institution**

Newly appointed officers to the Public Service have been able to perform their duties accurately, systematically and efficiently by being properly trained by external agencies in relation to the divisions to which they are attached and the duties assigned to them. It is also expected to achieve staff motivation through this.

Furthermore, through these training courses, the officers get the opportunity to break away from the monotony of the work environment and improve their abilities by acquiring new knowledge.

By providing training opportunities for the staff, it is possible to increase the performance of the department.

Chapter 07

Compliance Report

Compliance Report

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status	Brief explanation	Corrective actions
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		(Complied/ Not Complied)	for Non Compliance	proposed to avoid non- compliance in future
1	The following Financial statements/accounts have been submitted on due date			
1.1	Annual financial statements	Comply with	-	-
1.2	Advance to public officers account	Comply with	-	-
1.3	Business and Manufacturing Advance Accounts(Commercial Advance Accounts)	Not Relevant	-	-
1.4	Stores Advance Accounts	Not Relevant	-	-
1.5	Special Advance Accounts	Not Relevant	-	-
1.6	Others	Not Relevant	-	-
2	Maintenance of books and registers (FR445)			
2.1	Fixed assets register has been maintained and updated in terms of Public Administration Circular 267/2018	Not comply with	It has been informed by St.Acc.Cir. 271/2019 (Financial Statements - 2019) that it is no longer necessary to maintain those documents.	
2.2	Personal emoluments register / Personal emoluments cards has been maintained and update	Comply with	-	-
2.3	Register of Audit queries has been maintained and updated	Comply with	-	-
2.4	Register of Internal Audit reports has been maintained and updated	Comply with	-	-
2.5	All the monthly account summaries (CIGAS) are prepared and submitted to the Treasury on due date	Comply with	-	-

2.6	Register for cheques and money orders been maintained and updated	Comply with	-	-
2.7	Inventory Register has been maintained and updated	Comply with	-	-
2.8	Stocks Register has been maintained and updated	Comply with	-	-
2.9	Register of losses has been maintained and updated	Comply with	-	-
2.10	Commitment Register has been maintained and updated	Comply with	-	-
2.11	Register of Counterfoil Books (GA — N20)has been maintained and updated	Comply with	-	-
03	Delegation of functions for financial control (FR 135)			
3.1	The financial authority has been delegated within the institute	Comply with	-	-
3.2	The delegation of financial authority has been communicated within the institute	Comply with	-	-
3.3	The authority has been delegated in such manner so as to pass each transaction through two or more officers	Comply with	-	-
3.4	The controls has been adhered to by the Accountants in terms of State Account Circular 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014 in using the Government Payroll Software Package	Comply with	-	-
4	Preparation of Annual Plans			
4.1	The annual action plan has been prepared	Comply with	-	-

4.2	The annual Procurement Plan has been prepared.	Comply with	-	-
4.3	The Annual Internal Audit Plan has been prepared	Not relevant	-	-
4.4	The annual estimate has been prepared and submitted to the National Budget Department on due date	Comply with	-	-
4.5	The annual cashflow has been submitted to the treasury Operations Department on time	Comply with	-	-
5	Audit Quarries			
5.1	All the audit quarries has been replied within the specified time fixed by the Audito Genral	Not comply with	Due to the crisis situation in the country, this could not be completed by the due date	This will be done as scheduled in the future.
6	Internal Audit			
6.1	The Internal Audit Plan has been prepared at the beginning of the year after consulting the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(2) DMA/1-2019	Not relevant	-	-
6.2	All the internal Audit Reports has been replied within one month			
6.3	Copies of all the internal audit reports has been submitted to the Management Audit Department in terms of sub section 40(4) Of the National	Not relevant	-	-

	Audit Act No 19 of 2018			
6.4	All the copies of internal audit reports has been submitted to the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(3)	Not relevant		
7	Audit and Management Committees			
7.1	According to DMA Circular 1-2019, at least 04 Audit and Management Committees were held during the relevant year	Not comply with	Due to the crisis situation in the country, this could not be completed by the due date	This will be done as scheduled in the future.
8	Asset Management			
8.1	The information about purchases of assets and disposals was submitted to the Comptroller General's office in terms of paragraph 7 of the Asset Management Circular No 01/2017	Comply with		
8.2	A suitable liaison officer was appointed to coordinate the implementation of the provisions of the circular and the details of the nominated officer was sent to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of paragraph 13 of the aforesaid circular.	Comply with	-	-
8.3	The boards of survey was conducted and the relevant reports submitted to the Auditor General on due date in terms of Public Finance Circular No. 05/2016	Not comply with	Board of survey is in progress	
8.4	The excesses and deficits that were disclosed through the board of survey and other relating recommendations, actions were carried out during the period specified in the circular	Not comply with	Board of survey is in progress	

8.5	The disposal of condemn articles had been carried out in terms of FR 772	Not comply with	Board of survey is in progress	
9	Vehicle Management			
9.1	The daily running charts and monthly summaries of the pool vehicles had been prepared and submitted to the Auditor General on due date	Comply with	These summaries have not been prepared	The reports have not been prepared for a long time and have been prepared for the year 2023.
9.2	The condemned vehicles had been disposed within a period less than 6 months after condemning	Not comply with	These were planned to be repaired in 2022 but have not been done due to the end of allocation	These are planned to be renovated in 2023.
9.3	Maintaining and updating vehicle log books	Comply with	-	-
9.4	The action has been taken in terms of F.R. 103, 104, 109 and 110 with regard to every vehicle accident	Comply with		
9.5	The fuel consumption of vehicles has been re-tested in terms of Public Administration Circular No. 30/2016 of 29.12.2016	Not comply with	Due to the inability to get fuel as usual, it was difficult to carry out the relevant tests.	Due to the inability to get proper fuel, it was difficult to carry out the relevant tests.
9.6	After the lease period, full ownership of the leased vehicle log books has been transferred	Comply with	-	-
10	Management of Bank Accounts			

10.1		Not comply with	Due to the prevailing situation in the country, it was not possible submit on due date.	Preparation on due date
10.2	The bank reconciliation statements had been prepared, got certified and made ready for audit by the due date	Comply with	-	-
10.3	Balances that should have been adjusted as disclosed in bank reconciliation statements have been settled within a period of one month following the financial regulations.	Comply with	-	-
11	Utilization of Provisions			
11.1	The provisions allocated had been spent without exceeding the limit	Comply with	-	-
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year as per F.R. 94(1)	Not comply with	To carry out the government's essential publicity activities, some expenditure subjects had to incur debts beyond the remaining allocations. But the total provision limit has not been exceeded	Steps taken to reach liabilities that do not exceed the year-end remaining provision limit
12	State Officers' Advance Account			
12.1	The limits had been complied with	Comply with	-	-
12.2	A time analysis had been carried out on the loans in	Comply with	-	-

	arrears			
12.3	The loan balances in arrears for over one year had been settled	Not comply with	Advice has been sought from the Attorney General's Department	
13	General Deposit Account			
13.1	Action had been taken as per F. R.571 in relation to disposal of lapsed deposits	Not comply with	The issues related to the Media Center Building have not been resolved till now	proceed in line with the F.R to release the retention.
13.2		Comply with	-	-
14	Imprest account			
14.1	Remittance of cash book balance to Treasury Operations Department at the end of the year under review	Comply with	-	-
14.2	Settlement of Ad—hoc sub imprests issued as per F.R.371, within one month of completion of the work	Not comply with	Due to the prevailing situation in the country, it was not possible to settle the Ad—hoc sub imprests within one month of the completion of the relevant works.	Proceed according to F.R.371
14.3	Issuance of Ad—hoc sub imprests not exceeding the approved limit as per F.R. 371	Comply with	-	-
14.4	Monthly Reconciliation of Account Balance with Treasury Books	Comply with	-	-

15	Revenue Account			
15.1	The refunds from the revenue had been made in terms of the regulations relevant	Comply with	-	-
15.2	The revenue collected is credited directly to the income without crediting the deposit account	Comply with	-	-
15.3	Arrears of income have been submitted to the Auditor General in terms of FR 176,	Not relevant	-	-
16	Human Resource Management			
16.1	Maintained the staff within approved staff limits	Comply with	-	-
16.2	All the staff members are provided with Duty lists in written	Not comply with	At present, duty lists is given only to the officers of the Administration and Accounts Divisions. Steps are being taken to all the officers in all the divisions of the Department provide with a duty list in future.	
16.3	All reports have been submitted to the Management Services Department in terms of MSD Circular No. 04/2017 dated 20.09.2017	Comply with	-	-
17	Provision of information to the public			
17.1	An information officer has been appointed and a proper register of information is maintained and updated in terms of Right To Information Act and Regulation	Comply with	-	-
17.2	Information about the institution to the public have been provided by Website or alternative measures and has it been	Comply with	-	-

	facilitated to appreciate / allegation to public against the public authority by this website or alternative measures			
17.3	Bi- Annual and Annual reports have been submitted as per section 08 and 10 of the RTI Act	Comply with	-	-
18	Implementing citizens charter			
18.1	A citizens charter/ Citizens client’s charter has been formulated and implemented by the Institution in terms of the circular number 05/2008 and 05/2018(1) of Ministry of Public Administration and Management	Not comply with	Expect to prepare in the future	
18.2	A methodology has been devised by the Institution in order to monitor and assess the formulation and the implementation of Citizens Charter / Citizens client’s charter as per paragraph 2.3 of the circular	Not comply with	Expect to prepare in the future	
19	Preparation of the Human Resource Plan			
19.1	A human resource plan has been prepared in terms of the format in Annexure 02 of Public Administration Circular No.02/2018 dated 24.01.2018.	Not comply with	Expect to prepare in the future	
19.2	A minimum training opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for each member of the staff has been ensured in the aforesaid Human Resource Plan	Comply with	-	-

19.3	Annual performance agreements have been signed for the entire staff based on the format in Annexure 01 of the aforesaid Circular	Not comply with	Agreements will be signed in the future	
19.4	The resource development plan has been prepared, capacity development programs have been developed and a senior officer has been assigned the responsibilities of implementing skills development programs in accordance with paragraph 6.5 of the above circular	Not comply with	A senior officer is expected to be assigned these responsibilities in the future	
20	Responding to audit paragraphs			
20.1	Correction of the shortcomings indicated by the Auditor General's Audit paragraphs for the previous year	Not relevant	-	-

Conclusion :

The key responsibility and role of this department are to make the public aware of government policies, current activities of national importance including the government

development process and, the government's role on the betterment of the people. The main objectives of the Department are to encourage and lead towards independent, responsible and standard media culture, adapting to the changing global technological trends by upgrading the IT process.

In order to achieve this role, the officers are provided with the knowledge, skills, and environment that they need to carry out the responsibilities assigned. Much attention will be paid to the basic objectives of the establishment of the Department and each section of the Department is working to achieve the objectives. The Department plays the role of disseminating government development news to the public as well as other related objectives. Various activities are planned for this purpose and the approval of the Ministry is obtained for those plans at the beginning of the year.

Thereafter, activities related to the implementation of these plans are carried out throughout the year and the basic achievements are as follows..

- Establishing a standardized media tradition
- disseminating the news on government development programs to the public promoting the right to information
- Strengthening the media investigation process
- Ensuring freedom of speech and expression by establishing good governance, reconciliation and sustainable development
- Initiate research, development and planning Applicable to the media field

The key activities carried out by the Department to achieve the above objectives can be categorized as follows.

- Awareness programs related to the functions of other Ministries (Journalists, School Children, Media Secretaries and other parties

- Organizing media briefings (in connection with the press briefing to declare Cabinet decisions and the role of other Ministries and Institutions)
- Issuing News Releases
- Organizing Media Observation Tours
- Publishing articles and publications on Development Programs
- Advertising development programs using new media (Face Book, You Tube, Twitter etc.)
- Issuing media identity cards for local and foreign journalists
- Preparation of daily investigation reports and informing the relevant sections on the need
- Research and reporting on current themes and new trends in the media field
- Production of documentaries and publishing
- Covering the national festivals and events to be conserved and photo conservation

The Department of Government Information will continue its duties more efficiently through various roles and objectives in the coming year as well, supporting the achievement of government.