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DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOREIGN EMPLOYMENT AND TOURISM

Part 1: Sec (I) –Extraordinary Gazette No: 2412/08 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka- 25 November 2024

Subjects and Functions	Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations	Laws, Acts and Ordinances to be Implemented
1. Formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, strategies, programmes and projects, in relation to the subject of foreign affairs, foreign employment and tourism, and those subjects that come under the purview of Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations listed in Column II based on the national policies implemented by the government 2. Provision of public services under the purview of the Ministry in an efficient and people friendly manner 3. Reforming all systems and procedures using modern management techniques and technology, thus ensuring that the functions of the Ministry are fulfilled while eliminating corruption and waste. 4. Maintenance of diplomatic relations with foreign countries broadening the cooperation of Sri Lanka as an active member internationally thereby stabilizing the good image of Sri Lanka abroad 5. Adoption of necessary measures to widen international cooperation in accordance With national policies and; coordination and provision of necessary advice to the government. 6. Responding appropriately to counteract adverse	1. Diplomatic Missions in abroad 2. National Oceanic Affairs Committee Secretariat 3. Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute for International Relations and Strategic Studies 4. Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau 5. Foreign Employment Agency of Sri Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd 6. Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau 7. Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority 8. Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management 9. Sri Lanka Convention Bureau	• Consular Functions Act No. 4 of 1981 • Diplomatic Privileges Act No. 9 of 1996 • Sri Lanka Institute of Strategic Studies Act No. 45 of 2000 • Tourism Act No. 38 of 2005 • Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment Act No. 21 of 1985 • Fee-Charging Employment Agencies Act No. 37 of 1956 • All other legislations pertaining to the subjects specified in Column I and II, and not specifically brought under the purview of any other Minister

propaganda affecting the good image of Sri Lanka and stabilizing the image of Sri Lanka 7. Active engagement with international and regional associations of political, economic, environmental, social and cultural cooperation 8. Maintaining of diplomatic relations with foreign countries, and conducting negotiations in relation to treaties, agreements and conventions. 9. Provision of diplomatic immunities and privileges 10. Provision of necessary assistance to relevant Ministries and Institutions for the promotion of external trade, investment, tourism, employment and external financial relations 11. Consolidating foreign relations required for the protection of territorial integrity and maritime rights of Sri Lanka 12. Adoption of necessary measures related to the welfare of Sri Lankan residents in foreign countries 3. Provision of consular services 14. Administration of personnel in Sri Lanka Foreign Service and those attached to overseas diplomatic missions and take measures to enhance their professional skills 15. Studying geo-political trends and advising the		
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government on strategies to be adopted in the management of such trends in a manner beneficial to the interest of Sri Lanka 16. Taking appropriate measures to fulfil the new foreign policy objectives including restructuring the Ministry of Foreign Affairs 17. Evaluating the economically developing, emerging countries and areas and issuing recommendations for opening missions in order to widen international cooperation for economic development 18. Facilitating the efforts on right sizing and quality enhancement of the overseas missions of Sri Lanka to ensure improved trade enhancement, tourism promotion, professional and vocational training and employment opportunities 19. Simplifying and streamlining diplomatic processes to make them more efficient and responsive to the needs of the citizen and the State 20. Empowerment of foreign Embassies to take necessary initiatives in accordance with the overall foreign policy framework of Sri Lanka while ensuring accountability through regular oversight 21. Establishing Sri Lanka Directorate of Cultural Relations under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for promoting Sri Lankan culture abroad to build		
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“soft power” and foster mutual understanding 22. Restructuring and strengthening of the Diplomatic Training Institute and the Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute of International Relations and Strategic Studies (LKI) 23. Establishment of a robust monitoring and reporting mechanism to review and evaluate the performance of Sri Lankan diplomats, on regular basis 24. Establishing a Consultative body with the Sri Lankan diaspora in every country where considerable number of Sri Lankans are present, with a mandate to engage with the respective Sri Lankan foreign mission and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs 25. Collaborating with relevant institutes to increase and promote foreign employment opportunities and improve the skills required for such employments 26. Introducing legal and regulatory measures required to ensure the security of migrant workers 27. Providing special facilities for expatriate workers and Sri Lankans living abroad to save and invest foreign exchange in Sri Lanka 28. Implementing special projects to enable those who return to Sri Lanka after foreign employment		
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to commence enterprises 29. Implementing programmes to ensure the protection and welfare of housemaids working in Middle East and other countries. 30. Providing remedies for employment issues of migrant workers and maintaining welfare 31. Introducing legal reforms to strengthen the process of obtaining compensation entitled to persons who meet with accidents in foreign countries 32. Regulation of foreign employment agencies 33. Regulation of levy of fees by employment agencies 34. Providing career guidance for foreign employment and adopting measures to ensure welfare of those engaged in foreign employment when they are directed to workplaces by foreign employment agencies 35. Undertaking necessary measures to send skilled and trained workers abroad instead of untrained workers 36. Development of the tourism industry and promotion of high standards in line with the national policy while promoting Sri Lanka's image 37. Registration and regulation of travel agencies		
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and those involved in the tourism industry 38. Popularizing Sri Lanka as a unique tourist Island among domestic and foreign tourists highlighting Sri Lanka's biodiversity, historic heritage, environment, climate diversity, oceanic resources etc 39. Promotion of holiday resorts, internationally recognized centres related to conferences, exhibition and entertainment facilities, hotel facilities, air and sea travel for tourists 40. Provision of required facilities to encourage those engaged in the tourism trade and related entrepreneurs 41. Ensuring safety of tourists 42. Preparation of time bound action plans for sustainable usage of natural and cultural resources, developing human resources for the tourist industry, development and standardizing new tourist services, strategic destination promotion etc 43. Facilitating to enhance medical tourism by providing a whole range of medical care and treatments including Ayurvedic therapy 44. Promotion of sports-tourism industry 45. Integration of tourism industry with national and international markets for the visual arts		
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46. Facilitating to make cultural heritage a significant part of the tourism industry 47. Supervising all Institutions referred to in Column II and matters relating to all subjects assigned to such Institutions 48. Supervision of all Institutions listed in Column II		
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CHAPTER -1- INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

1.1. Introduction

The Annual Performance Report of 2024 aligned with the Public Finance Circular No. 02/2020 dated 28 August 2020, outlines the progress achieved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism during the period from 1 January to 31 December 2024 incorporating the authority granted to the Ministry through the Extraordinary Gazette notification no: 2412/08 dated 25 November 2024. It may be noted that the areas of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism were amalgamated via the aforementioned Gazette Notification and prior to that functioned as three separate ministries. This section of the Annual Performance Report covers the work related to the Foreign Affairs portfolio of the Ministry.

The Foreign Affairs portfolio under the purview of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism primarily deals with the promotion and protection of Sri Lanka's interests overseas, with the aim of ensuring the security and prosperity of the country. The conduct of international relations, maintenance of diplomatic ties with foreign nations, projecting and promoting Sri Lanka's image overseas in line with the national interests of the country, advancing Sri Lanka's interests and supporting Sri Lankans overseas are the main areas of responsibility under this portfolio.

This Report highlights the performance of sixty-one (61) Sri Lanka Missions/Posts abroad and twenty-three (23) Divisions of the Foreign Affairs.

The functions of the National Ocean Affairs Committee Secretariat (NOAC) and the Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute (LKI) are also overseen by the respective Divisions of the Ministry, in alignment with the Ministry's authorized scope through the extraordinary gazette no. 2412/08 of 25 November 2024 and this Report also highlights the achievements of these two institutions.

The Ministry engaged with a network of sixty-one (61) Sri Lanka Missions/Posts abroad, forty-three (43) Foreign Diplomatic Missions based in Sri Lanka and thirty (30) International Organizations, including the United Nations and its affiliated agencies based in Sri Lanka in advancing Sri Lanka's interests.

Sri Lanka has also commenced the process of expanding its diplomatic footprint overseas with the aim of opening up new areas of cooperation and new markets for our exports. In pursuance of this objective in November, 2024 Sri Lanka opened its first resident Diplomatic Mission in Wellington, New Zealand. It is envisaged that Sri Lanka will open a resident Diplomatic Mission in Astana, Kazakhstan in 2025 with a view to expanding cooperation in the Central Asia region. The Mission in Astana will be the first Sri Lanka Diplomatic Mission in the Central Asia region. Additionally, given the large number of Sri Lankans working in Cyprus a decision has been taken to reopen a resident diplomatic presence in Nicosia, Cyprus at the level of a Consulate General. Other Missions to be re-opened in 2025 for which formalities are in progress are Frankfurt/Germany (Consulate General), and Baghdad/Iraq (Embassy).

The work of the Ministry and Missions overseas is executed by a team of dedicated professionals who have endeavored and enabled to deliver on its purpose. Our team demonstrated their professionalism and dedication to service in demanding and sometimes dangerous circumstance. Ministry is led by the officers of the Sri Lanka Foreign Service numbering 173 officers and is supported by officers from allied services. In 2024, a new batch of 19 SLFS officers

were recruited after a lapse of close to 6 years. The Ministry over the last decade surpassed gender parity with over 60% of our officers being women. Many of our heads of mission, heads of post and senior executive roles are also held by women.

All sixty-one (61) Sri Lanka Missions/Posts abroad have efficiently discharged their duties with a minimum availability of human resources, demonstrating their commitment towards the national efforts to reduce public expenditure.

This annual performance report reviews the overall progress made by the Ministry including Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism sectors across various spectrums, including bilateral, regional, and multilateral engagements, economic diplomacy, climate change and environmental protection, connecting with the overseas Sri Lankan community, and promoting people-to-people contacts. Hence, the objective of the performance report is to evaluate the achievement of the overall performance of the mandate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism, its priorities and targets outlined in the Ministry's Action Plan for 2024.

1.1.1. Navigating a challenging external environment

The Ministry in 2024 had to navigate an increasingly complex global environment characterized by escalating geopolitical tensions, the rise of trade protectionism, resurgence of latent and open conflict, threats to multilateralism and the growing impact of climate change. Challenges in the external environment also meant that the Ministry and Missions/Posts overseas had to support Sri Lankans in distress including those that were caught up in conflict zones and others who became victims of smuggling and trafficking. The countries in which support was augmented included Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Myanmar, Cambodia and Thailand.

Through our engagements, Sri Lanka demonstrated keenness and agility in pursuing neutrality and Non-Alignment whilst actively contributing to the maintenance of regional and global peace and security. Sri Lanka continued to advocate for respect for sovereignty and the rule of law which governs interactions between states. As a small country with a significant geo-strategic location in the Indian Ocean region emphasis was placed on building strong, friendly relations bilaterally, regionally and globally.

Sri Lanka also actively supported the rules- based multilateral system, which provides a level playing field in international relations for small states such as Sri Lanka. We advocated for the voices of the Global South to be acknowledged and for multilateral systems to adapt and be more inclusive in our regional and multilateral engagements. Sri Lanka endeavored to contribute to building a multipolar world which incorporates the political, economic, social and climate change mitigation aspirations of the Global South.

1.1.2. Supporting Sri Lanka's Economic Recovery

Foremost among our efforts in 2024 was to revitalize the economy in the face of an economic downturn and ensure stability. The Ministry worked with the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank extensively, in diplomatic outreach related to ensuring the debt sustainability of Sri Lanka. These included supporting engagements with the IMF, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Paris Club and bilateral lenders. As a result of the coordinated efforts undertaken Sri Lanka was able to achieve debt sustainability.

In order to drive trade and investment the Ministry provided strategic support and guidance in promoting and safeguarding Sri Lanka's economic interests overseas. The Economic Diplomacy programme, through which Missions are assigned specific economic targets is being implemented in coordination with a number of public and private sector institutions and industry stakeholders.

Some of the key economic work undertaken by the Ministry included supporting the negotiation of Free Trade and Preferential Trade Agreements and pursuing obtaining the most out of existing arrangements. As a result the Sri Lanka-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (SLSFTA) was put back on track and the Sri Lanka-Thailand Free Trade Agreement (SLTFTA) was signed. The negotiations for a Preferential Trade Agreement with Indonesia was launched and initial discussions were held with Malaysia on entering into a Free Trade Agreement. Discussions were also coordinated on the proposed Bangladesh-Sri Lanka Preferential Trade Agreement (BSPTA) and the 14th round of negotiations of the Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreement (ETCA) with India was successfully concluded. Sri Lanka continued to lobby extensively to be included into the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) for which a Letter of Intent (LOI) was submitted to the ASEAN Secretariat in July 2023. The Ministry facilitated efforts to obtain inter regional cumulation with Indonesia for rules of origin criteria for more beneficial conditions for the Sri Lankan apparel sector under the UK Developing Countries Trading Scheme (UKDCTS) under which over seven thousand (7000) export products have duty free access to the UK market. Support was also extended to empower selected SMEs in the textile industry through the GTEX-II initiative launched in July 2024 with the support of the Swiss Government. On the EU- GSP + scheme the Ministry continues to interact with the European Commission on Sri Lanka's compliance procedures.

Several important MoUs/Agreements were inked to promote trade, investment, foreign employment, agriculture, labour, ocean affairs and tourism with partner countries such as Saudi Arabia, Romania, Italy, France, China, Japan, Viet Nam, Iran, Oman, Thailand, UK and Russia.

Economic Diplomacy was a key priority for the Ministry and Missions overseas and efforts were taken throughout 2024 to promote exports, discover new markets for exports, participate in exhibitions, and promote business to business contacts. Exploration of new markets included the first ever single country exhibition held in Brazil in the Latin American region and exploratory business engagements in Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and the Kyrgyz Republic in Central Asia. The Ministry also worked in close coordination with line ministries, industry, industry associations, chambers of commerce, the EDB and the BOI in promoting key export sectors including apparel, IT, fisheries and agriculture.

On the Tourism front the Ministry and Sri Lanka Missions overseas together with the Sri Lankan Tourism Promotion Bureau undertook promotional campaigns throughout 2024, and supported new and innovative promotional work including through social media. The Ministry also worked together with the Ministry of Public Security and the Department of Immigration & Emigration on initiatives taken to implement unilateral visa free entry for 35 countries to promote tourism, which continues to remain in operation. Reciprocal visa free entry arrangements are also being pursued with several countries and Thailand and Sri Lanka operationalized such an arrangement in 2024.

Securing Foreign Employment opportunities for diverse groups of Sri Lankans was a priority area of focus for the Ministry (Skilled, Semi-Skilled, Unskilled). New areas in which employment opportunities have been secured include nursing and auxiliary police force in Singapore.

Opportunities for nursing in the UK and geriatric nursing in Germany are being pursued. Job opportunities are also being pursued for Sri Lankan nationals in Malaysia, Poland, Romania, Italy and the UK in addition to traditional labour markets in the Middle East. The Ministry works with the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment in achieving targets set for Missions overseas in securing employment.

Sri Lanka also remains committed to the framework of rules and agreements that promote and protect the open global trading system through the World Trade Organisation (WTO). Despite being a valuable tool to drive economic growth and development, the multilateral trading system needs reform to address current challenges and deliver on the promises made through the Doha Development Agenda. Sri Lanka called for attaching highest priority to the Dispute Settlement Mechanism at the WTO Ministerial Conference held in Abu Dhabi.

1.1.3. Strengthening Relations and Advancing Interests

In the year under review, concerted efforts were taken to strengthen relations with bilateral, regional and multilateral partners. Sri Lanka's relations with India were strengthened throughout 2024 culminating in the first State Visit undertaken by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake to India from 15-17 December. This landmark visit reflected the longstanding, historic ties between the two countries whilst also signaling the upward trajectory of the relationship as outlined in the India –Sri Lanka Joint Statement issued at the conclusion of the Visit. Titled 'Fostering Partnerships for a Shared Future', the Joint Statement reaffirmed commitment to progress the bilateral relationship to a mutually beneficial partnership for the wellbeing of the peoples of the two countries. The two countries also entered into two Agreements/MoUs on Avoidance of Double Taxation, and Training and Capacity Building Programmes for Sri Lankan Civil Servants.

Other important visits from the South Asia region included a visit by the Foreign Minister of the Maldives to Sri Lanka which took place from 3-6 June, 2024.

Sri Lanka's longstanding friendly relations with the People's Republic of China were further consolidated with several high level engagements throughout 2024. The former Prime Minister's visit to China in March 2024 for the Boao Forum included a Summit Level meeting with the President and Premier of China at the conclusion of which a Joint Statement was issued. Nine (09) MoUs in areas ranging from market access for Sri Lankan products, industrial cooperation, trade promotion cooperation, media cooperation and education digitalization were signed during the visit.

Engagements with Japan, a country with which Sri Lanka shares a warm and abiding friendship included reciprocal visits by the Foreign Ministers of Japan and Sri Lanka leading to strengthening relations and opening up new areas of cooperation. Other high level visits from Japan included Minister of Finance of Japan (January 2024) and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries of Japan (February 2024).

Sri Lanka's engagement with the United States and the European Union were strengthened in 2024 with the US-Sri Lanka Partnership Dialogue and the EU-Sri Lanka Joint Commission mechanisms being successfully held. These were in addition to a multiple meetings that took place throughout the year with the US and the EU and member countries on a bilateral basis. The US and EU remain the key export destinations for Sri Lankan products and Sri Lanka continues to benefit from preferential access to these markets.

Other important incoming visits to Sri Lanka included the visit of the Prime Minister of Thailand to Sri Lanka (3-4 February, 2024), Prime Minister and Deputy Speaker of the Republic of Korea (April and March 2024 respectively), visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of Ghana (August, 2024), the visit of Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal to mark the 75th Anniversary of bilateral relations between Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom (January, 2024) and the visit of the President of Iran to Sri Lanka during which the Uma Oya Multipurpose Development Project was jointly declared open and Sri Lanka and Iran concluded five agreements related to culture, technical cooperation, film, mass media, tourism and cooperation between chambers of commerce and national libraries.

During this review period a number of outward visits were undertaken by former President Ranil Wickremesinghe with a view to enhancing Sri Lanka's diplomatic relations, both bilaterally and multilaterally. These included visits to countries such as Switzerland, Singapore, Uganda, Australia, Indonesia and India.

Former President Wickremesinghe also engaged at regional and multilateral fora including the World Economic Forum (WEF), the 19th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and with world leaders on the sidelines of these meetings.

At the “Green Technology Forum”, convened on 15th January 2024, at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, the former President spoke on the theme of “Paving the way to an energy secure Sri Lanka,”.

In addition, the former Minister of Foreign Affairs, State Minister of Foreign Affairs and Secretary of Foreign Affairs undertook visits of bilateral, regional and multilateral nature in 2024 with a view to enhancing Sri Lanka's interests. These included among others visits to Poland, Germany, Romania, Belgium, Austria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iran, India, Singapore, Myanmar and Thailand.

The Ministry initiated and facilitated bilateral political consultations with China, United Kingdom (2nd Strategic Dialogue), Estonia, Latvia, Switzerland, United States, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and Turkmenistan in 2024.

Sri Lanka was represented at the Boao Forum, the 3rd EU Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum, 60th Edition of the Munich Security Conference, BRICS Ministerial Session, Asia Cooperation Dialogue Ministerial session, Antalya Diplomacy Forum, China-Xizang Trans Himalaya Forum for International Cooperation, ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Ministerial session, BIMSTEC Ministerial session and the Reuters NEXT APAC 2024 Summit, demonstrating robust engagement at a variety of international fora dealing with critical issues of bilateral and multilateral importance.

Sri Lanka reiterated its call for an immediate ceasefire and unrestricted humanitarian access to Gaza to alleviate the suffering of civilians in 2024. The Sri Lanka Government approved the establishment of the “Children of Gaza Fund,” a compassionate initiative aimed at providing assistance to the victims in Gaza and donated USD one million through UN agencies (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees) to provide much-needed support to the victims of Gaza. Sri Lanka also joined the global calls for a sustainable political resolution to the conflict and the establishment of an independent and sovereign State of Palestine, based on the borders of 1967, in line with relevant UN resolutions, as well as ensuring the security of Israel. Sri Lanka donated another 590,000 USD to the Children of Gaza fund in August 2024.

1.1.4. Expanding Regional and Multilateral cooperation

Sri Lanka's engagements with regional groupings were strengthened during 2024 with a particular emphasis being placed on increasing engagements within regional constructs of importance including *inter alia* the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), BIMSTEC, Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), SAARC, ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), Conference on Interactions and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) and the Colombo Plan,

Sri Lanka as the Chair of IORA celebrated the IORA Day under the theme "Ensuring a Sustainable Indian Ocean for Future Generations" jointly organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education and the Sri Lanka Navy on 10 March 2024. Notably, Sri Lanka also hosted and chaired the 26th IORA Committee of Senior Officials (virtual mode), the IORA Sub-Committee on Finance (virtual mode) and convened the IORA Business Conclave together with the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce in Colombo. Sri Lanka continued to advocate for a rules based maritime order in the Indian Ocean through its engagements. By serving as Chair of IORA, Sri Lanka also demonstrated willingness to give leadership and champion the cause of littoral states.

Underscoring Sri Lanka's continuous commitment to the BIMSTEC bloc, Sri Lanka hosted the 2nd Meeting of the BIMSTEC Expert-Group on Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation and the 1st Meeting of the BIMSTEC Expert Group on Human Resources Development.

The Secretary General of SAARC visited Sri Lanka to attend the South Asia Trade Fair and Business Forum which was facilitated by the Ministry and Sri Lanka continued to actively and constructively engage with SAARC activities throughout 2024.

On the multilateral front, one of the key challenges Sri Lanka had to deal with was the country specific resolution mooted at the Human Rights Council against Sri Lanka. At the Human Rights Council Sessions held in 2024 (54th & 55th sessions) delivering Sri Lanka's National Statement the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations reiterated the rejection of HRC Resolution 51/1 and the external evidence gathering mechanism. Twelve (12) countries referred to Sri Lanka during the General Debate under Agenda Item 2 during the 55th Session of the HRC and noted the progress made by Sri Lanka.

The Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee on Human Rights formed by a Cabinet decision chaired by the former Minister of Foreign Affairs, held its first meeting on 13 February 2024. This Committee, comprising 21 government agencies, was envisaged as a standing national framework to ensure efficient coordination and reporting on Sri Lanka's voluntary international commitments regarding Human Rights and Reconciliation.

The Ministry facilitated Sri Lanka's participation in several regional fora which enhanced Sri Lanka's visibility and position on issues of regional and global concern such as Disarmament and Non-Proliferation and Disaster Relief. Sri Lanka together with Thailand and the United States co-chaired the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Inter-Sessional Meeting on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, and together with Vietnam and Bangladesh co-chaired the ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief. Sri Lanka actively engaged within the work of CICA in enhancing its engagement in particular with the Central Asia region.

Sri Lanka championed several important environmental causes within the United Nations, Commonwealth and IORA in the period under review. At the 6th United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) held in Nairobi, Kenya in February 2024 a draft resolution jointly submitted by Sri Lanka and the European Union on "Effective and Inclusive Solutions for Strengthening

Water Policies” was adopted. The Ministry also contributed to the drafting of the submission of a new resolution to the 15th Conference of Parties (COP) of the RAMSAR convention to be held in Zimbabwe in July 2025 titled “Rights of Nature in Wetlands” and is planning to lobby Member States to garner support for its adoption.

The Ministry coordinated with relevant line ministries as a champion country at the Commonwealth Mangrove Ecosystem Livelihood Action Group (MELAG) of the Commonwealth where Sri Lanka received an accolade as a United Nations World Restoration Flagship, highlighting it as one of the best examples of large scale, long-term ecosystem restoration globally at the 6th UNEA. Funding was approved under MELAG for two projects in Sri Lanka in 2024 on Blue Carbon and Mapping Technology for Seagrass-Mangroves under the Commonwealth Blue Charter Project Incubator.

The Ministry also supported the establishment of a National Maritime Task Force to deal with issues impacting Sri Lanka in the International Maritime Organization (IMO) related to a proposed new traffic separation scheme in the South of Sri Lanka and worked extensively with line ministries on CITES related initiatives.

Steps are underway together with the Ocean University to set up a SMART-IORA Centre of Excellence on Ocean Science and Environment aiming to launch it virtually in 2025. Action has also been initiated to host the annual IORA Blue Carbon Think Tank Symposium in Sri Lanka in September 2025 for which full sponsorship has been secured.

A five year partnership aimed at enhancing cooperation through the Ocean Country Partnership (OCP) was finalized. In May 2024 a MoU was signed between Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom under the Blue Planet Fund (BPF) in which the key focus areas of cooperation included tackling marine pollution, sustainable seafood, and marine biodiversity with an emphasis on capacity building and technical support.

Cooperation in the area of Hydrography between Sri Lanka and the UK has also been initiated.

The Ministry continues to support Sri Lanka’s active engagement in global climate initiatives including the G-20 Global Blended Finance Initiative (GBFI) and the Paris Pact for People and the Planet (4P).

1.1.5. Extending Consular Assistance & Supporting Sri Lankans overseas

The Ministry achieved a significant milestone by delivering speedy consular services to the general public through its Regional Consular Offices in Colombo, Jaffna, Matara, Kandy, Trincomalee, and Kurunegala, as well as via Sri Lanka Missions/Posts abroad. The Consular Division's sustainable digitalization initiatives introduces an online authentication system for GCE Ordinary Level (O/L) and Advanced Level (A/L) certificates which allows applicants to apply for online authentication for their GCE O/L and A/L certificates without physically visiting the Consular Division in Colombo.

As a part of the ongoing effort to digitalize document authentication, the integration of the e-DAS (Electronic Document Attestation System) and e-BDM (Electronic Birth, Death, Marriage registration, Registrar General's Department) databases was implemented on 02nd September 2024. This digital integration allows applicants to apply for authentication of their birth, marriage, and death certificates entirely online, eliminating the need for in-person visits to the Division.

The Ministry has spearheaded efforts to rescue Sri Lankans in dire circumstances overseas. This includes the assistance extended by our Missions in Lebanon and Israel to Sri Lankans impacted by the ongoing tensions in the Middle East.

The Ministry collaborated with the Seychelles' Defence Forces to coordinate the rescue operation of the Sri Lankan multi-day fishing trawler "Lorenzo Putha-4" with its six crew members onboard which had been seized by Somali Pirates. In total 16 cases of stranded fishing vessels were managed by the Ministry and the repatriation of 87 crew members and 9 fishing vessels were facilitated. The Ministry also handled a large number of repatriation requests and coordinated the return of 1520 Sri Lankans stranded abroad for various reasons.

In 2024 the Ministry together with Sri Lankan Missions in Thailand and Myanmar actively engaged in diplomatic efforts to rescue and safely repatriate Sri Lankans trafficked to Myanmar to work in Cybercrime centres located in the Myawaddy region. These efforts successfully facilitated the rescue and repatriation of 8 individuals in April 2024 and 20 more in September 2024. In addition, thirty-two (32) Sri Lankan nationals who were victims of human trafficking were rescued and safely repatriated in December 2024 following a successful, coordinated process. Sri Lanka continues to engage with the Governments of Myanmar and Thailand to rescue the remaining Sri Lankans (reportedly 18 remain in the Myawaddy area).

Sri Lanka remained at 'Tier 2' status in the Trafficking in Persons (TIP) report for this year.

The Emergency Response Unit of the Ministry played a crucial role in coordinating and facilitating donations of essential medicines and medical equipment from donor countries. In 2024 the Unit facilitated the donation of Ceylon Tea for the people of Palestine in Gaza, persons impacted by Typhoon Yagi in Myanmar, and the victims of floods in Libya as humanitarian aid from the Government of Sri Lanka.

1.1.6. Conclusion

Overall, this report provides a comprehensive review of the Ministry's performance during the year 2024, focusing on the accomplishments of each Division of the Ministry in collaboration with the respective Sri Lanka Missions/Posts abroad, line Ministries/agencies, foreign diplomatic Missions, and international organizations based in Colombo.

1.2. Foreign Affairs - Vision and Mission

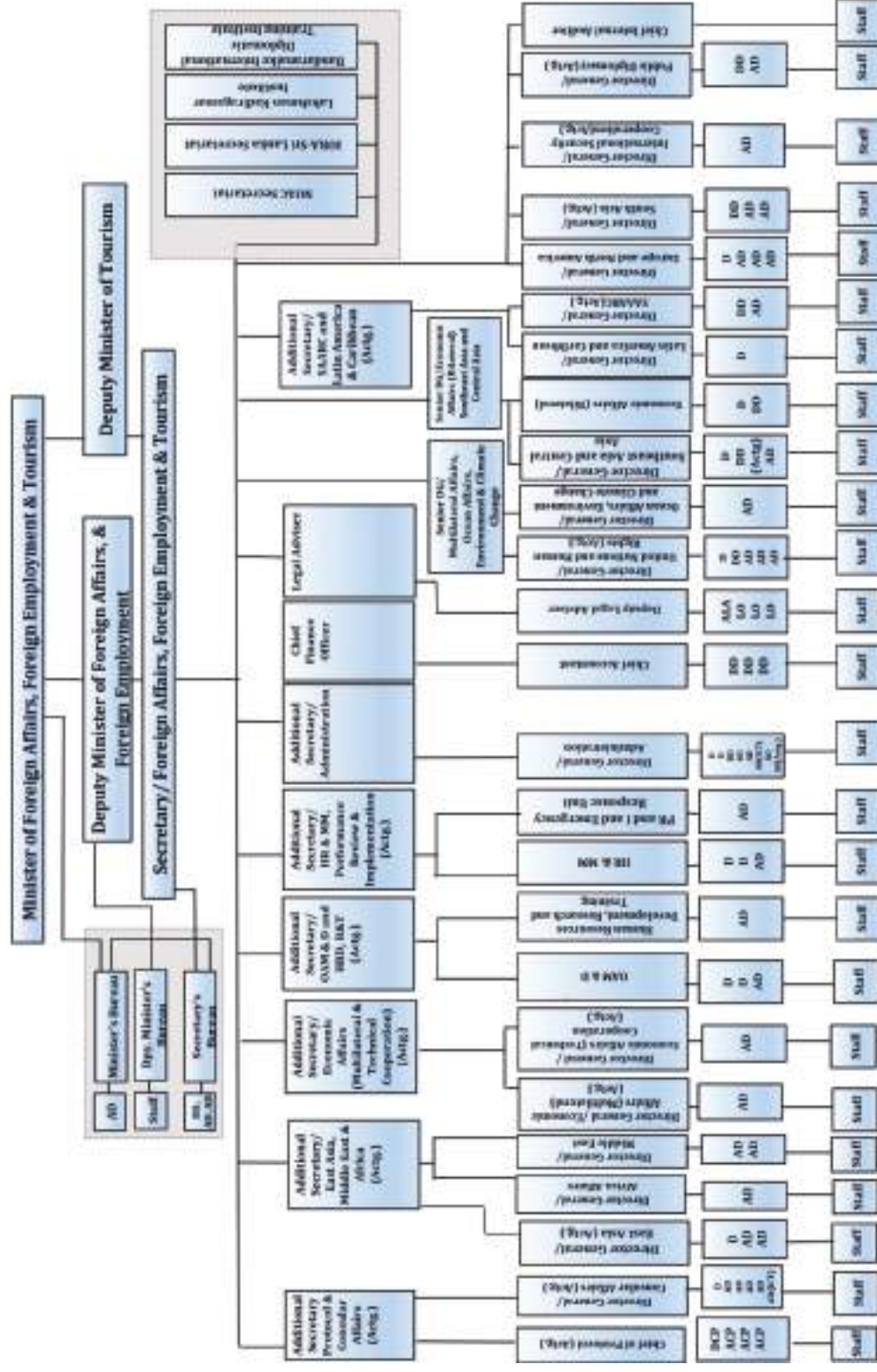
Vision

To be a responsible nation within the international community and to maintain friendly relations with all countries.

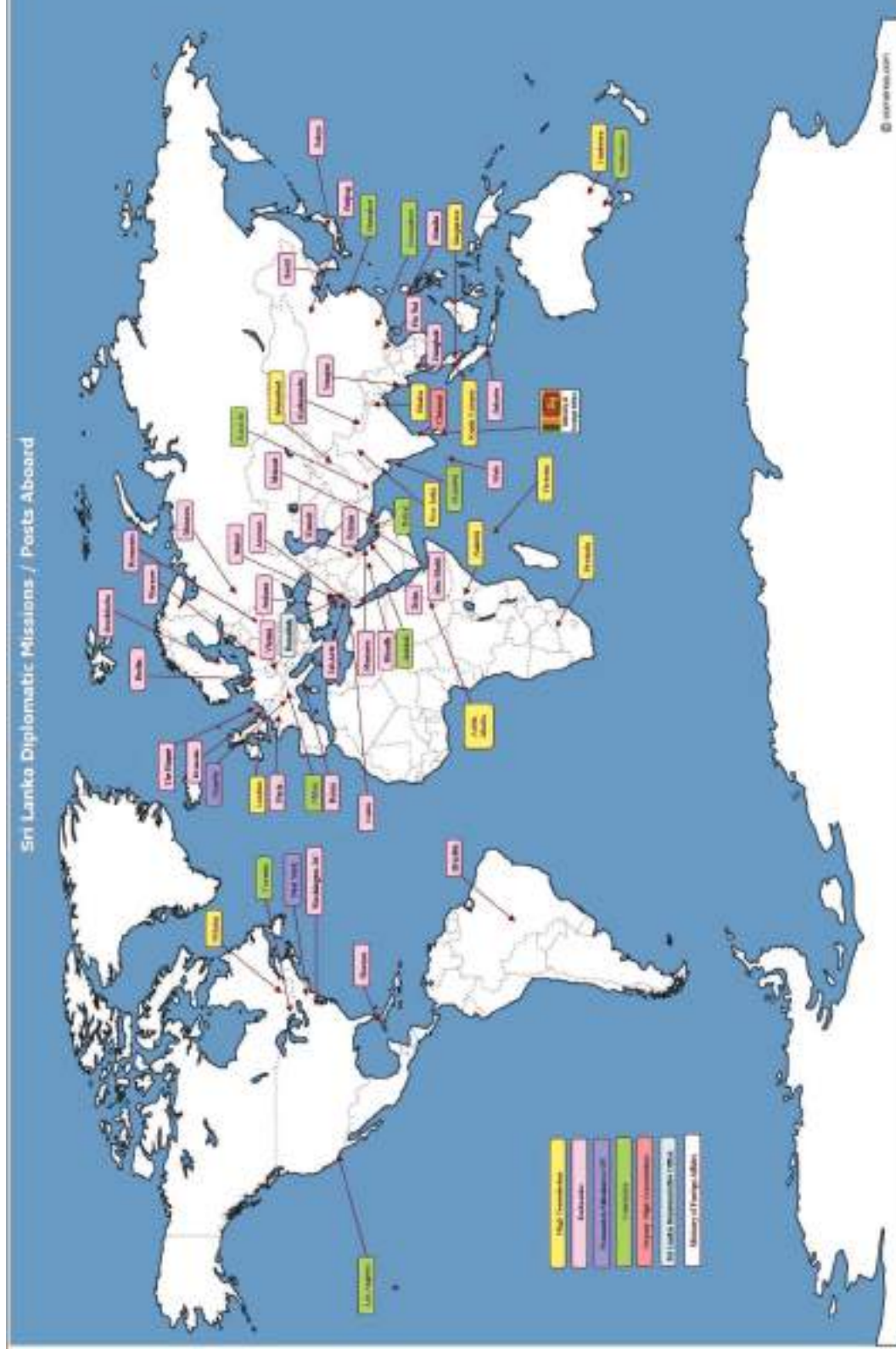
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The promotion, projection, and protection of Sri Lanka's national interests internationally, in accordance with the foreign policy of the Government and to advise the Government on managing foreign relations in keeping with Sri Lanka's national interests.

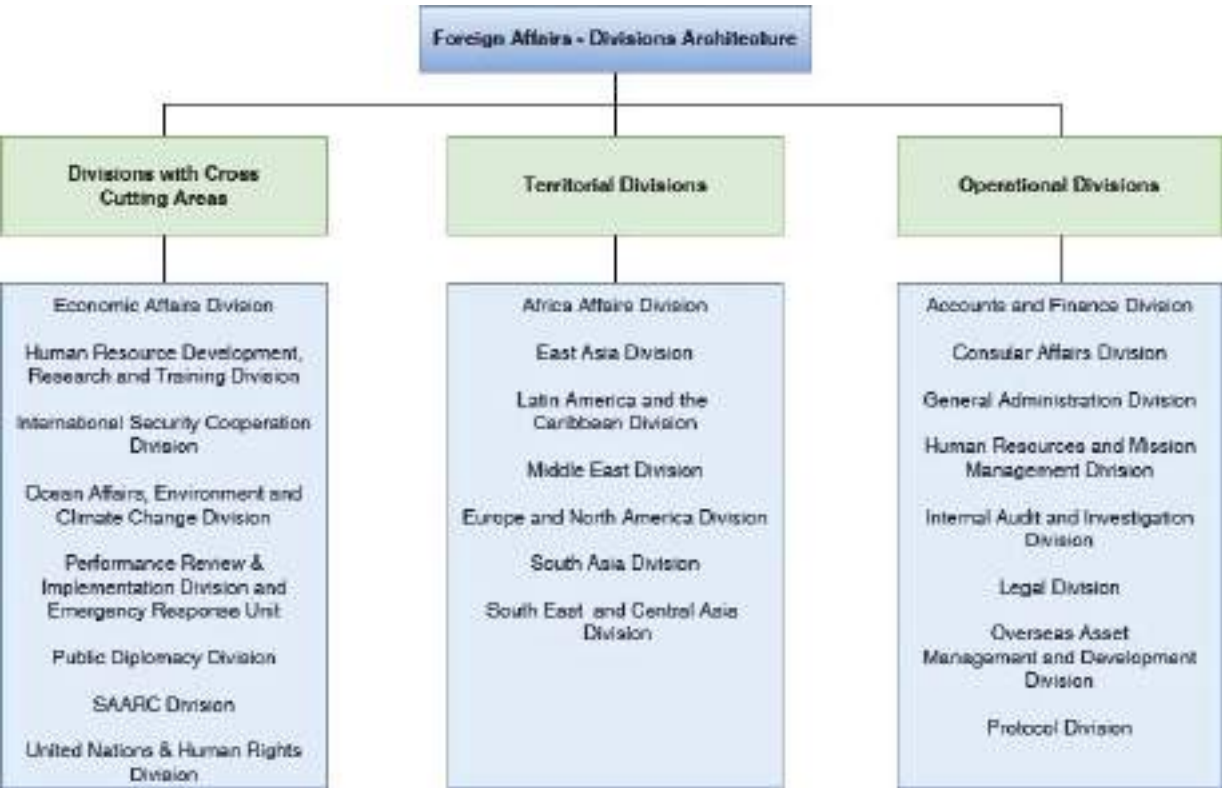
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1.4. Spread of Diplomatic Missions/Posts abroad



1.5. Divisions Architecture of Foreign Affairs



CHAPTER - 2 - PROGRESS AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Employment and Tourism of Sri Lanka made productive and successful achievements in 2024. Building on past achievements, the Ministry displayed resilience and determination to overcome various challenges. The Ministry carried out various activities throughout the year to enhance Sri Lanka's diplomatic presence worldwide. The Ministry fostered stronger relationships with key partners, addressed regional and global challenges, and promoted trade and investment. The Ministry facilitated partnerships to boost Sri Lanka's economy and create new opportunities for growth. Additionally, the Ministry has showcased Sri Lanka's rich heritage and fostered people-to-people relations with other countries.

Looking ahead, the Ministry's future outlook focuses on enhancing Sri Lanka's diplomatic presence globally. The Ministry will further strengthen Sri Lanka's diplomatic presence by expanding outreach in key regions and capitals. In line with the current digital age, the Ministry will embrace digital platforms for diplomacy to increase its online presence and engagement with global audiences. Economic diplomacy will remain a priority, with efforts to attract foreign investment and promote Sri Lankan exports. The Ministry will also focus on promoting Sri Lanka's culture, tourism, and heritage to a global audience. Moreover, the Ministry will engage in global efforts to address climate change and promote sustainable development goals. Improving consular services for Sri Lankans abroad will remain a key priority, focusing on enhancing efficiency and accessibility. The Ministry will continue to work diligently towards achieving its goals and objectives for the betterment of Sri Lanka and its people.

2.1. Diplomatic Outreach of Sri Lanka

During the period being considered, various high-ranking officials of Sri Lanka, including the President, Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, State Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Secretary of Foreign Affairs, actively participated in engagements with their foreign counterparts and interlocutors to address national priorities.

Year 2024 marked notable diplomatic engagements between both Sri Lanka and the South Asian nations. H.E. the President undertook a state visit to India from 15 to 17 December, resulting in the signing and exchange of two MoUs.

Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Audrey Azoulay undertook a visit to Sri Lanka from 16 – 19 July 2024 at the invitation of the Government of Sri Lanka, in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Sri Lanka's membership in UNESCO. The Director-General Azoulay held meetings with high-level political dignitaries and the event included the launch of a Commemorative Publication. As a result of the visit, support from the UNESCO was sought in developing the World Heritage Site of the ancient city of Anuradhapura, organizing an expert conference to mobilize conservation, scientific support, training of experts and funding support for Anuradhapura, digital documentation (3D geo-mapping) of World Heritage Sites such as Anuradhapura and Sigiriya, and conservation of Sigiriya frescoes.

The international community's support for Sri Lanka's measures to address economic challenges contributed to the restoration and re-graduation of Sri Lanka's economy. Official visits by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the State Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Secretary of Foreign Affairs to various countries opened new vistas for cooperation between Sri Lanka and foreign nations. The following tables, I and II, illustrate the details of Sri Lanka's inward and outward high-level visits during the period under review.

Table – I - High Level Visits: Inward

Visit of Heads of the State and Heads of Government		
1.	His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin Saheb, Spiritual Leader of the International Bohra Community	29 January – 27 February 2024
2.	State visit of H.E. SretthaThavisin, Prime Minister of Thailand	04 February 2024
3.	Official visit of H.E. Dr. Ebrahim Raisi, President of Islamic Republic of Iran	23-24 April 2024
4.	His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin Saheb, Spiritual Leader of the International Bohra Community as a State Guest	25 June – 03 July 2024
5.	Private visit of H.E. Julius Maada Bio, President of Sierra Leone	20-21 October 2024
6.	His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin Saheb, Spiritual Leader of the International Bohra Community	26 October- 08 November 2024
Visit of Foreign Ministers		
1.	Visit of Hon. Hossein Amir Abdollahian, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iran	19-20 February 2024
2.	Visit of Hon. Yoko Komikawa, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Japan	04 - 05 May 2024
3.	Visit of Hon. Moosa Zameer, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Maldives	03 - 06 June 2024
4.	Visit of Hon. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar , Minister of External Affairs. India	20 June 2024
5.	Visit of Hon. Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of Ghana	19-21 August 2024

6.	Visit of Hon. Subramanian Jaishankar , Minister of External Affairs. India	4 th October 2024
7.	Private visit of Hon. Foreign Minister of Poland	23 December 2024
Visits of Speakers of the Parliament and other Ministers		
1.	Visit of Hon. Miri Regev, Minister of Transport and National Infrastructure and Road Safety of Israel	13-18 February 2024
2.	Visit of Hon. Gerry Brownlee , Speaker of New Zealand	07-11 July 2024
3.	Visit of K. Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister of Law of Singapore	11-14 August 2024
4.	Visit of Hon. Qin Boyong , Vice Chairmen of CPPCC, China	16-19 December 2024

Visits of other Senior Dignitaries		
1.	Visit of Princess Anne, The Royal Princess of the United Kingdom	10 – 12 January 2024
2.	Visit of Mr. Kairat Sarybay, Secretary General of Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA)	22-23 February 2024
3.	Visit of Mr. Salman Al Farisi, IORA Secretary General to participate to the celebration of IORA Day	08-10 March 2024
4.	Visit of Professor Danniel Froschauer, Chairman of Vienna Philhamonic Orchestra	02 - 06 April 2024
5.	Visit of Mr. Indra Mani Pandey, Secretary General of BIMSTEC	08 - 10 April 2024
6.	Visit of Mr. Eric Sholkaim	27 April - 03 May 2024
7.	Visit of H.E. Golam Sarwar, Secretary General of SAARC	10 - 14 June 2024
8.	Visit of Mr. Ajith Doval , National Security Advisor of India	27 - 29 August 2024
9.	Visit of Secretary General of French Foreign Ministry	10 - 11 December 2024

Table – II - High Level visits: Outward

Visits of the President		
1.	Visit to Davos, Switzerland to attend World Economic Forum (WEF)	13- 18 January 2024
2.	Visit to Uganda to attend 19 th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)	21 – 22 January 2024
3.	Visit to Perth, Australia to attend the Indian Ocean Conference (IOC)	09 - 10 February 2024
4.	Visit to Bali, Indonesia to attend the 10 th World Water Forum High Level Meeting	19-20 May 2024
5.	Visit to New Delhi, India to attend swearing- in ceremony of Hon. Narendra Modi ,Prime Minister of India	09-10 June 2024
6.	State visit to New Delhi, India	15-17 December 2024
Visits of the then Prime Minister		
1.	Visit to China to attend the opening plenary of the Boao Forum	24-30 March 2024
2.	Official Visit to Republic of Korea	02-05 April 2024
Visits of the Foreign Minister		
1.	Visit to Uganda to attend 19 th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)	22-27 January 2024
2.	Visit to London, United Kingdom	27-29 January 2024
3.	Visit to Brussels, Belgium to attend Third EU Indo – Pacific Ministerial Forum	01-04 February 2024
4.	Visit to Perth, Australia to attend the Indian Ocean Conference (IOC)	09-10 February 2024
5.	Visit to Munich, Germany to attend the 60 th Edition of the Munich Security Conference	16- 18 February 2024
6.	Visit to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	27 February -03 March 2024
7.	Visit to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia to attend to the World Economic Forum	28-29 April 2024

8.	Visit to Moscow, Russia to attend BRICS Ministerial Session	10-13 June 2024
9.	Visit to Tehran, Iran to attend the funeral of late president Hon. Ebrahim Raisi	21-23 June 2024
10.	Visit to Tokyo, Japan	01-07 July 2024
11.	Visit to Singapore to attend the Reuters NEXT APAC 2024 Summit	09 July 2024
12.	Visit to Romania	15-18 July 2024
13.	Visit to Poland	18-21 July 2024
14.	Visit to Egypt	7-11 August 2024
15.	Visit to New Delhi with H.E. the President	15-17 December 2024
Visits of the then State Minister of Foreign Affairs		
1.	Visit to Antalya, Turkey to attend 3 rd Edition of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum (ADF)	01-03 March 2024
2.	Official visit to Myanmar	9-14 June 2024
3.	Visit to Thailand	9-14 June 2024
4.	Visit to Tehran, Iran to attend 19 th Ministerial Meeting of the Members State of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD)	22-24 June 2024
5.	Visit to Moscow, Russia	25-28 June 2024
6.	Visit to China to attend the 4 th China Xizang Trans-Himalaya Forum for International Cooperation	01-05 July 2024
7.	Visit to New Delhi to attend the 2 nd BIMSTEC Foreign Minister's Meeting	11-12 July 2024
8.	Visit to Lao PDR to attend 31 st ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)	26-29 July 2024

Conferences and Meetings

1.	Colombo Security Conclave	29 th August 2024
2.	Joint Commissions and Political Consultations	January – September 2024
3.	Other Stakeholders meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs	

Social Events with the participation of the Diplomatic Corps –2024

1.	Celebration of IORA Day	10 April 2024
2.	Sinhala/Tamil new year celebration 2024	17 April 2024
3.	Vesak celebration 2024	21 May 2024
4.	Kandy Esala Perahera	20 August 2024
5.	Diplomatic Bazaar	07 December 2024
6.	Christmas Celebration 2024	20 December 2024

2.2. Regional and Multilateral Engagements of Sri Lanka

Under the Sri Lanka's Chairmanship of IORA, during the period under review, Sri Lanka hosted and participated in several meetings and conferences of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) at the regional level. IORA Day was commemorated on 10 March 2024 under the theme "Ensuring a Sustainable Indian Ocean for Future Generations," jointly organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, and Sri Lanka Navy. The Government of Sri Lanka hosted the Fifth Meeting of the IORA Functional Bodies' Chairs and Coordinating Countries (FBC-CC) virtually on 23 April 2024. Sri Lanka chaired the IORA Sub-Committee on Finance (SCF) virtually on both 7 May and 28 October 2024. Additionally, Sri Lanka chaired the virtual interview process for the selection of the next Secretary-General of IORA on 21 May 2024. The IORA Business Conclave 2024, themed "Sustaining Growth – Bridging Horizons," was held from 28–29 May 2024 in , in collaboration with the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. Over 80 business representatives from the IORA region participated. Sri Lanka also hosted and chaired the 26th IORA Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) Meeting virtually from 30–31 May 2024.

Sri Lanka successfully led the Colombo Plan Process by holding the Colombo Plan Council Presidency from 10 April 2023 until 9 May 2024.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs' participation in the 19th Ministerial meeting of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) on 24 June 2024 further highlighted Sri Lanka's regional engagements. Sri Lanka's participation at the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at the Head of State level demonstrated Sri Lanka's commitment to the UN and multilateral relations. Sri Lanka also continued to engage with the UN Human Rights Council to address human rights and reconciliation issues. Sri Lanka participated in the 55th , 56th and 57th Sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC). Sri Lanka Missions overseas were continuously apprised of steps taken locally with regard to reconciliation and human rights in order for them

to apprise their interlocutors on the progress being made in the country and seek support for local mechanisms to address consensus. At every Council session, the national statement of Sri Lanka rejected the HRC Resolution 51/1 on Sri Lanka.

On 20 November 2024, Sri Lanka was elected as a member to the UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) to serve the term 2025-2031.

2.3. Confronting Challenges

All sixty-one (61) Sri Lanka Missions/Posts abroad have efficiently discharged their duties with a minimum availability of human resources, demonstrating their commitment towards the national efforts to reduce public expenditure.

The Ministry achieved a significant milestone by delivering consular services to the general public through its Regional Consular Offices in Colombo, Jaffna, Matara, Kandy, Trincomalee, and Kurunegala, as well as the Sri Lanka Missions/Posts abroad. The Consular Division's sustainable digitalisation initiatives introduced an online authentication system for GCE O/L & A/L certificates starting in August 2023. This e-DAS system allows applicants to apply for online authentication for their GCE O/L & A/L certificates without physically visiting the Consular Division in Colombo. Between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024, a total of 46,520 GCE O/L and A/L certificates were authenticated online. This initiative represents a major step toward the digitization of document authentication services within the Consular Division. GCE O/L and A/L certificates constitute the bulk of daily authentications, accounting for around 30-40% of the total documents processed.

As part of the ongoing effort to digitalize document authentication, the integration of the e-DAS and e-BDM (Registrar General's Department) databases was implemented on September 2, 2024. This digital integration allows applicants to apply for authentication of their birth, marriage, and death certificates entirely online, eliminating the need for in-person visits to the Division.

2.4. Performance Overview: Divisions with Cross-cutting Areas

2.4.1. Economic Affairs Division

The Economic Affairs Division is mainly entrusted with activities related to promoting economic diplomacy. It plays a catalyst role between the Missions abroad and the line Ministries/agencies in Sri Lanka while providing strategic support and guidance to the Sri Lanka Missions in promoting and safeguarding Sri Lanka's economic interests overseas. The Economic Diplomacy Program, one of the main tasks of the Division, under which the Missions are assigned with economic targets is being implemented in coordination with a number of public and private sector institutions including the president's Office, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance & its affiliated agencies (External Resources Department, Department of National Planning, Sri Lanka Customs, etc), Department of Commerce, Board of Investment, Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau, Sri Lanka Export Development Board, Sri Lanka Tea Board, Sri Lanka Gem & Jewelry Authority, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Department of Inland Revenue, Chambers of

Commerce, Joint Apparel Association, Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA), Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE), etc.

2.4.1.1. Economic Affairs (Bilateral)

In 2024, the Economic Affairs Division played a pivotal role in advancing Sri Lanka's international trade relations. Notably, on March 14, negotiations for the Sri Lanka–Indonesia Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) were launched, aiming to enhance bilateral trade ties. Subsequently, from July 24–26, the 14th round of negotiations for the Economic & Technical Cooperation Agreement (ETCA) with India was held in Sri Lanka, focusing on strengthening economic and technical collaboration between the two nations.

The Division facilitated significant diplomatic and investment initiatives throughout the year. On April 30, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in Riyadh between Sri Lanka and Saudi Arabia to promote direct investment, coordinated by the Division. Additionally, the DigiEcon Global Investment Summit 2024, held on June 25 in Colombo, brought together 80 investors and 50 tech companies, showcasing Sri Lanka's potential in the digital economy. Later, on November 26, the Division facilitated the participation of foreign delegations at the Marine Summit Voyage Sri Lanka 2024 in Colombo, focusing on maritime industry advancements.

The Division also facilitated key international agreements to bolster Sri Lanka's trade relations. A MoU between Sri Lanka and Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) was facilitated to enhance investment cooperation. Played a crucial role in facilitating the signing of a protocol between Sri Lanka and China on the inspection, quarantine, and sanitary requirements for Sri Lankan poultry products, promoting poultry exports. Additionally, the Division facilitated the signing of the Treaty between Russia and Sri Lanka on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters.

Throughout 2024, the Division organized and facilitated several high-level visits to strengthen diplomatic ties. In December, President Anura Kumara Dissanayake's State Visit to India focused on enhancing bilateral relations, with discussions covering areas such as trade, investment, energy, and regional security. The visit resulted in the signing of agreements aimed at deepening cooperation between the two countries. Additionally, the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs visited Cairo, Egypt, from August 7–11, 2024, to enhance ties between the two countries. The Division also facilitated an inward visit by a Syrian business delegation from the tourism sector.

The Division provided comprehensive support to Sri Lankan exporters and facilitated their participation in international trade fairs, B2B meetings, and business engagements overseas. Additionally, in collaboration with SLASSCOM, the Export Development Board (EDB), and the Federation of Information Technology Industry Sri Lanka (FITIS), the Division worked to promote Sri Lanka's IT sector internationally, showcasing the country's capabilities in the digital domain. The Division also facilitated Colombo Dockyard PLC in finding a strategic investment partner through Sri Lanka Missions abroad and shared details of the investment opportunities available in Sri Lanka with the Sri Lanka Missions to find foreign investors, in collaboration with the Board of Investment (BOI).

2.4.1.1.1. Economic Diplomacy Programme

The Division coordinated to allocate Rs. 7.25 million for Trade and Investment projects and Rs. 2.88 million for Tourism promotional projects by Sri Lanka Missions abroad under the Economic Diplomacy Programme. A total of Rs. 10.14 million has been allocated for the Missions from the total allocation of Rs. 15 million for the year 2024.

Achievement of Economic Targets of 2024 and programmes conducted under the Economic Diplomacy Programme by the Economic Affairs Division

The Economic Affairs Division engaged in activities relating to promoting economic diplomacy and provided support and guidance to the SL Missions/Posts abroad in promoting and safeguarding Sri Lanka's economic interests overseas. The Economic Diplomacy Programme, one of the main tasks of the Division was conducted in coordination with a number of public and private sector institutions.

Having noted that a substantial balance is left with the Economic Diplomacy Budget allocated for 2024, the Economic Affairs Division called proposals from Missions/Posts, evaluated and upon the approval of the Foreign Secretary allocated funds for the following projects:

No.	Mission	Event Proposed
1	New York	Photographic Exhibition
2	Canberra	Business Forum
3	Jakarta	Promotion of SL Cinnamon
4	Tokyo	Trade/ Investment Event
5	Ha Noi	Participation at Medi Pharm Expo
6	Pretoria	Tourism Promotion Project
7	Paris	Sri Lanka Trade & Investment Event in Barcelona, Spain
8	Berlin	A tourism promotion event focused on consumers
9	Manila	Participation at the International Bazaar 2024
10	Brussels	Trade & Investment Promotional Event in Antwerp, Belgium
11	Singapore	A Sri Lankan Food Festival in collaboration with a five-star hotel
12	Amman	Networking sessions with tour operators, airline representatives and media personnel
13	Stockholm	Ceylon Cinnamon Promotion Event
14	Riyadh	Promotion of Tourism/Trade and Investment in Eastern Region
15	Male	Inauguration of Sri Lanka Business Council of Maldives and B2B meetings

In addition to the allocation of funds for the above programmes, the Economic Affairs Division was instrumental in facilitating the implementation of these projects in coordination with the respective line agencies.

2.4.1.2. Economic Affairs (Multilateral)

The Division serves as the focal point for the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), which Sri Lanka currently chairs. Between 1 January and 10 December 2024, the Division facilitated/participated in 42 IORA-related meetings, workshops, and training programmes, in coordination with relevant ministries and the IORA Secretariat in Mauritius. It also took part in 11 meetings, both in person and virtually.

Under Sri Lanka's Chairmanship, IORA Day was commemorated on 10 March 2024 under the theme "Ensuring a Sustainable Indian Ocean for Future Generations," jointly organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, and Sri Lanka Navy.

The Government of Sri Lanka hosted the Fifth Meeting of the IORA Functional Bodies' Chairs and Coordinating Countries (FBC-CC) virtually on 23 April 2024. Sri Lanka chaired the IORA Sub-Committee on Finance (SCF) virtually on both 7 May and 28 October 2024. Additionally, Sri Lanka chaired the virtual interview process for the selection of the next Secretary-General of IORA on 21 May 2024.

The IORA Business Conclave 2024, themed "Sustaining Growth – Bridging Horizons," was held from 28–29 May 2024 at the Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo, in collaboration with the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. Over 80 business representatives from the IORA region participated. Sri Lanka also hosted and chaired the 26th IORA Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) Meeting virtually from 30–31 May 2024. The Division played a central role in both logistics and substantive matters for these meetings.

H.E the President attended the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos Klosters, Switzerland, from 13–18 January 2024. The Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs participated in the Forum's Special Meeting on Global Cooperation, Growth and Energy for Development from 28–29 April 2024 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Sri Lanka also took part in BIMSTEC sectoral meetings hosted by other member states and hosted several key events in 2024:

Knowledge-Sharing Event on emerging infectious diseases, tabletop exercise, and Asia-Pacific Health Financing Forum, from 24–27 June 2024.

2nd BIMSTEC Expert Group Meeting on Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation, held 25–26 July 2024 in Colombo. 1st Expert Group Meeting on Human Resource Development, hosted virtually from 21–22 August 2024.

The 2nd BIMSTEC Foreign Ministers' Retreat was held from 11–12 July 2024 in New Delhi, attended by the Hon. State Minister of Foreign Affairs. Sri Lanka also agreed to host the 3rd Expert Group Meeting on Cultural Cooperation (dates pending). Sri Lanka led the delegation at the 24th Senior Officials' Meeting, held virtually on 19 December 2024.

Efforts are ongoing to establish the BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility (TTF) in Colombo. The BIMSTEC Secretariat announced that the Memorandum of Understanding of the TTF

entered into force on ratification by all Member States on 28 March 2025. The Division is in the process of finalizing the Host Country Agreement in consultation with all stakeholders.

The Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs addressed the BRICS Ministerial Forum on 11 June 2024 in Russia, representing IORA. The Division is coordinating efforts to pursue membership in BRICS and the New Development Bank, as directed by the Cabinet of Ministers.

The Hon. State Minister of Foreign Affairs participated in the 19th Ministerial Meeting of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) held in Tehran on 24 June 2024. A Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) was held virtually on 18 September 2024, where the Doha Declaration was finalized. The 3rd ACD Summit and the 2nd Business Forum were held in Doha, Qatar, from 2–3 October 2024, attended by Sri Lanka's Ambassador. Another SOM was held virtually on 23 December 2024.

Throughout the year, working group meetings on Connectivity, Science, Technology and Innovation, Education and Human Resource Development, and Food-Energy-Water Security were conducted virtually.

Sri Lanka held the Colombo Plan Council Presidency from 10 April 2023 until 9 May 2024, when it was handed over to Thailand at the 308th Session. Under the Colombo Plan's Capacity Development Project, a delegation from the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Aviation, led by the Secretary and Chairman of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, undertook a Smart Port Visit to the USA and UAE from 10–22 May 2024.

Sri Lanka participated in the 48th Consultative Committee Meeting (CCM) of the Colombo Plan in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, from 29–31 May 2024 and the 309th Session of the Colombo Plan Council held in Colombo on 19 September 2024 under Thailand's presidency.

2.4.1.3. Technical Cooperation

The Division verified and recommended 212 short-term entry visas, 65 long-term entry visas, and 129 resident visas for employees of international organizations on specific assignments in Sri Lanka. Visas were facilitated for participants attending workshops and seminars organized by Line Ministries, including the Sustainable Development Council under the Ministry of Finance.

The Division facilitated 156 procurement notices received from Ministries, Departments, and Institutions, and advised Sri Lanka Missions overseas to provide adequate publicity for the notices and to update the websites and social media platforms of the respective Missions/Posts.

Additionally, 120 visas were facilitated for individuals requiring assistance from Government institutions, entrepreneurs, and others. The Division also facilitated nine verifications of international companies through Sri Lanka Missions overseas.

2.4.2. Human Resource Development, Research & Training Division

The Human Resource Development, Research and Training (HRD, R & T) Division coordinates and facilitates matters related to career development of officers who serve at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism and Sri Lanka Missions/Posts abroad including the Sri Lanka Foreign Service (SLFS) officers. The progress made by the Division in line with the scope of the Division, during the period under review is as follows:

Reports and Publications: Published the Directory of Diplomatic, Consular and other Representation Abroad as of 31 December 2024 (book published in January 2025).

Examinations: Facilitated officers of the Ministry from various categories in coordination with the respective entities to conduct following examinations/tests for ensuring smooth recruitment of officers to the Ministry and Sri Lanka Missions abroad:

- a. Published a Gazette Notification to conduct First and Second Efficiency Bar Examinations and Foreign Language Test for the Officers of the Sri Lanka Foreign Service –2020 (2024) (Examination was held March 2025).
- b. Published a Gazette Notification for the Limited Competitive Examination for filling vacancies in the Home Based Management Service Officers Cadre in the Sri Lanka Missions/ Posts abroad. (Examination to be held in June 2025).
- c. Necessary internal procedures were completed to finalize a Gazette Notification for the Limited Competitive Examination for filling vacancies in the Home Based Personal Assistants' Posts in Sri Lanka Missions/Posts abroad in 2025.
- d. Necessary internal procedures were following in coordination with the Public service Commission to publish a Gazette Notification to conduct the Open Competitive examination for recruitment of officers to Grade III of the Sri Lanka Foreign Service (Examination to be held in December 2025).

Recruitment of Interns

Trainings: During the period under consideration, this Division coordinated with Sri Lanka Missions abroad and Foreign Missions based in Colombo for 64 foreign training programmes for SLFS officer and facilitated participation of 19 SLFS officers at 07 foreign training programmes.

This Division conducted 03 local training programmes for the SLFS officers in the Ministry with a view to enhancing their knowledge, skills and capacity.

- Awareness Session on “Mission Administration and Financial Formalities”
- Special Lecture by Prof: Patrick Mendis - " Sri Lanka's Geo Strategic Challenges and Sino-American Competition in the Indo Pacific Region and Beyond "
- Awareness Programme on Cyber Security for all SLFS officers – 2024
- Conducted Diplomatic Training Programme for newly recruited nineteen SLFS officers in 2024.

- Also conducted 02 Heads of Missions Orientation programmes (HOMs) in March and August in 2024.
- Also conducted 05 Orientation programmes at the Ministry for the qualified Management Service Officers Cadre (MSOs), Personal Assistants (PAs), OES, Drivers and Labour Officers who served in the Sri Lanka Missions / Posts abroad.

2.4.3. International Security Cooperation Division

LTTE-related matters: The Division provided the required inputs and coordinated with relevant Missions regarding the continued proscription of LTTE in the European Union. The Division prepared the biannual submissions to the EU which were submitted in 31 March 2024 and 04 October 2024, respectively. The EU announced the retention of the LTTE in February 2024. The Division has submitted information to support the retention of the LTTE listing in Canada on 22 March 2024. The Division coordinated meetings and prepared submissions with a view to countering the recognition of genocide by Canadian authorities. The Division continued the monitoring of activities related to the LTTE abroad on significant days and events to identify patterns and developments to be addressed.

Capacity Development of Local Defence, Security, and Legal Agencies: The Division coordinated participation in capacity-building programs, offered by other governments and international organizations (e.g.: UNODC), for officials of the Armed Forces, Ministry of Defence etc.

In addition, the Division is coordinating the organization of the first Thematic Working Group on Rehabilitation and Reintegration under the South Asian Network for Prevention of Violent Extremism (SAN-PVE) with UNODC intending to share good practices and knowledge to enhance comprehensive Rehabilitation and Reintegration strategies through multidisciplinary collaboration.

Support Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism Efforts: The Division continued with support strengthening cooperation between the relevant agencies in countering and preventing violent extremism.

The Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF- a global fund dedicated to preventing violent extremism) under its Accelerated Funding Mechanism for Sri Lanka identifies projects and consolidates funding under the UNODC SAN-PVE network. This Division coordinates the work between the GCERF and other Sri Lankan stakeholders.

As a member of the South Asian Network for Prevention of Violent Extremism (SAN-PVE), the Division submitted two Notes to the Cabinet on SAN-PVE to formalize Sri Lanka's engagement with the SAN-PVE.

Countering Terror Financing: Together with the Deputy Legal Adviser, the Division represented the Foreign Ministry in the Officials' Committee convened by the Chief of National

Intelligence to review the Designated List of Persons and Entities under UN Regulation No.1 of 2012 to promulgate UNSCR 1373.

Support other aspects of addressing threats to national security/image: The Division has been coordinating with the relevant political Divisions and SL missions to combat the false propaganda on Sri Lanka through monitoring statements, events, social media, and political activity by pro-LTTE elements and providing recommendations and input for countermeasures.

Participation in Meetings/Conferences: This Division coordinated, the official visit by Hon. MFA to Munich Security Conference in Germany, from 16-18 February 2024. The Division has participated in the “Seminar on the EU Counterterrorism and Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Ecosystem and Priorities of Practice” from 23-25 January 2024 in Brussels organized by the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) /International Center for Counter Terrorism (ICCT) along with two officials from the Ministry of Defence. The Division also coordinated the visit of “UNOCT-UNCCT Regional Workshop on CBRN Exercise Programme” held from 9 - 12 July 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand, for which three officials of MoD participated.

2.4.4. Ocean Affairs, Environment and Climate Change Division

The Ocean Affairs, Environment & Climate Change Division is responsible for promoting, coordinating, and ensuring coherence in Sri Lanka's international engagements related to ocean affairs, environment, and climate change, while providing foreign policy insights to relevant government ministries and agencies. Additionally, the Division works to strengthen Sri Lanka's role in international, regional, and sub-regional organizations in these areas, positioning the country as a bridge builder to advance both organizational objectives and Sri Lanka's national interests.

The Division facilitated the finalization of a five-year partnership aimed at enhancing cooperation through the Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCP). On 17 May 2024, the Ministry of Environment signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Kingdom under the £500 million Blue Planet Fund (BPF). As a Champion Country of the Commonwealth Mangrove Ecosystem Livelihood Action Group (MELAG), the Ministry has been coordinating with relevant line ministries to advance mangrove conservation efforts. Sri Lanka's leadership was recognized globally when it was named a UN World Restoration Flagship at the 6th United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA), held from 26 February to 1 March 2024—highlighting it as one of the best examples of large-scale, long-term ecosystem restoration.

In support of ocean-related initiatives, Sri Lanka reaffirmed its long-term commitment to establish a virtual Centre of Excellence (CoE) on Ocean Sciences and Environmental Studies, in collaboration with the Ocean University of Sri Lanka. The Centre's website is expected to be launched in time for the IORA Council of Ministers meeting in 2025. Additionally, the 4th Meeting of the IORA Working Group on Maritime Safety and Security (WGMSS) was held virtually on 24 May 2024, and the Division is actively working to fulfill Sri Lanka's commitments made during the meeting.

The Division advanced key climate partnerships and initiatives, including initiating a membership agreement with the Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance (ORRAA), now pending Cabinet approval, and finalizing a bilateral Agreement on Climate Change with the Republic of Korea, awaiting a signing date. It is also in the process of establishing a Regional Office of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) in Sri Lanka and actively participated in global climate platforms such as the Global Blended Finance Alliance (GBFA) and the Paris Pact for People and the Planet (4P), ensuring coordinated national engagement.

With regard to environment-related activities, progress has been achieved on two key CITES-related initiatives. With respect to Sri Lanka's submission to the CITES Secretariat concerning the Malagasy Rosewood stockpile seized in 2014, this Division coordinated with the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Environment and jointly prepared a Cabinet Memorandum seeking the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers for the said submission.

This Division also coordinated with relevant line ministries and facilitated a series of consultative meetings to develop a consolidated national position on proposals to be considered at COP20 of CITES concerning the conservation status of sharks, Mobula rays, and related species.

In the area of marine biodiversity, the Division conducted extensive stakeholder consultations in 2024 in preparation for the signing of the Agreement on Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement). These efforts culminated in the signing of the agreement in February 2025. The Division is now coordinating the ratification process and engaging bilateral and multilateral partners for technical assistance to ensure its timely conclusion, allowing Sri Lanka to fully benefit from this landmark international treaty.

Aligning with Sri Lanka's Chairmanship of IORA and to enhance the country's visibility in ocean governance, for 2025 the Division is in the process of organizing a webinar in collaboration with the Global Ocean Accounts Partnership, as well as a Think Tank Symposium in partnership with the IORA Blue Carbon Hub, Australia. In addition the Division will be coordinating Sri Lanka's participation at the 3rd UN Ocean Conference in 2025 and its follow-up action.

Through these wide-ranging efforts across ocean governance, environmental protection, and climate diplomacy, the Division remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing Sri Lanka's national priorities. By fostering international partnerships, mobilizing technical expertise, and championing global initiatives, the Division plays a critical role in positioning Sri Lanka as a proactive and responsible actor in addressing pressing global environmental and climate challenges.

2.4.5. Performance Review & Implementation and Emergency Response Unit

The Performance Review and Implementation Division, which was established in January 2023, has been mandated with the functions of (i) preparation of the Ministry Action Plan, evaluating the implementation of the Ministry Action Plans and Reforms, (ii) preparation of all annual & quarterly performance reports of the Ministry and evaluating the achievement of the targets identified (iii) Monitoring the status and the implementation of MoUs/Agreements signed with the foreign countries (iv) Coordinating the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Consultative

Committee meeting, COPA and other related audit and finance meetings (v) handling the functions of the Emergency Response Unit.

Accordingly, the progress made by the Division during the period under review is as follows:

Annual Action Plan of the Ministry: Prepared the Ministry's Annual Action Plan-2024 and shared it with the respective entities.

Annual Performance Report of the Ministry: Prepared the Annual Performance Report-2023 and submitted it to the Parliament of Sri Lanka and other government entities.

Emergency Response Unit: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs established an Emergency Response Unit since January 2023 to handle all types of Emergency Responses Activities. Accordingly, this Unit cooperated with several government institutions like Presidential Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Health, National Medicines Regulatory Authority (NMRA), Disaster Management Centre (Ministry of Defence) and other institutions like Sri Lanka Tea Board, Board of Investments and Sri Lankan Airlines, Ceylon Shipping Corporation as well as Sri Lanka Missions abroad and Foreign Missions in Sri Lanka in such emergency operation activities.

This Unit coordinated a donation with the High Commission of Sri Lanka in London with The Library of Haverstock School, London, and a collection of academic and non-academic books to the Ministry of Education in Sri Lanka. Also, the Unit organizes and coordinates donations by the Government of Sri Lanka to other Foreign Countries. During their major emergency situations / calamities.

A thousand (1000) kilograms of Ceylon tea were donated to the people of Palestine in the Gaza Strip at an event organized by the Emergency Response Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Unit has donated another 227 kg of Ceylon tea as humanitarian aid in support of those affected by Typhoon Yagi in Myanmar.

2.4.6. Public Diplomacy Division

The Public Diplomacy (PD) Division carries out all media and public communication related activities of the Ministry which includes those of the Hon. Minister, Hon. Deputy Minister, and Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism and Sri Lanka Missions and Posts abroad. These activities involve important meetings, events, briefings, policy decisions and positions of the Government of Sri Lanka with a foreign policy perspective.

The PD Division monitors important news items related to the Ministry/Sri Lanka on the local/foreign media and web news and keeps the Hon. Minister, Secretary and officials of the Ministry and all Missions/Posts informed. Daily updates of the news items that are detrimental to the image of the Ministry and Sri Lanka are brought to the attention of the Secretary and rebuttals are issued when deemed necessary.

The PD Division responds to the all written and verbal media queries including on weekends and holidays.

During the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024, the Division organized several media briefings including media briefing by Hon. M/FA on the outcome of the official visit of the Prime Minister of Thailand on 06 February 2024, joint press briefing by Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka and Iran on 20 February 2024, joint media briefing by Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka and Japan on 04 April 2024, media briefing by the State Minister of Foreign Affairs to brief on the positive outcomes of the "Temple to Temple" diplomatic initiative on 22 May 2024, joint media briefing by the State Minister of Foreign Affairs and the H.E. the Ambassador of Russia to brief on the Sri Lankans being deployed in the Russian Ukraine conflict on 30 May 2024, joint Media Briefing by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka and Maldives on 05 June 2024, a media briefing by the Hon. State Minister of Foreign Affairs to brief on the rescue of 20 Sri Lankans who were victims of human trafficking and stranded in Myanmar held on 16 August 2024, media briefing on the progress of the Ministry during last two years on 28 August 2024 at the PMD.

The Division also coordinated the media aspects of the visits/events undertaken during the period under review, including visit of Her Royal Highness Princess Anne, The Princess Royal of the United Kingdom to Sri Lanka from 10 -13 January 2024, official visit of the Prime Minister of Thailand from 03-04 February 2024, IORA Day 2024 on 10 March 2024 at the Galle Face Green, official visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran from 19-21 February 2024, official Visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan on 04 April 2024, state visit of the President of Iran on 24 April 2024, visit of Vietnamese journalists to Sri Lanka on 17 May 2024 to cover the National Vesak Day Festival, official visit of the Hon. Minister of External Affairs of India on 20 June 2024, state visit of H.E. the President to India from 15-17 December 2024, the media aspect of the commemorative event to mark the 75th anniversary of Geneva Conventions which was held on 14 August 2024 and Diplomatic Charity Bazaar held on 07 December 2024.

Moreover, the PD Division organized an interactive session for 10 journalists from the Middle-Eastern region with Ministry officials on 29 August 2024 on Sri Lanka's foreign policy at the request of the Sri Lanka Press Institute.

Since Sri Lanka Missions abroad did not have access to issue visas through the agent module system, the PD Division coordinated the issuance of visas for several journalists from the following media organizations with the Department of Immigration and Emigration:

ARD German Radio, Ananda Vikatan Publishers, BBC, China Global Television Network, SBS Australia, Le Monde, The Economist, Associated Press, Les Echos, Swedish Broadcasting Corporation, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Duestsche Welle, New Generation Media, The Publishing PVT LTD, Aljazeera Media Network, Financial Times, New York Times, Agence-France Presse, Bloomberg, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Chinese Media Group, Collective News Room, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitng, Globo Reporters, ITV London, Jiji Press, Kyoudo News, Mediacorp, New Generation Media Corporation, Japan Broadcasting Corporation, Nikkei Inc, Reuters, Radio Radicale, Sky News, Stringer News Agency, Taz.die.tageszeitung, The Week, TRT

World, Wall Street Journal, Youmiuri Shinbun, NDTV India, Strait Times, The Print, National Public Radio (NPR)

In addition to the above, 225 Ministry Media Releases, 675 Mission releases and 207 Notices have been disseminated to local print, online and electronic media and Foreign Correspondents based in Colombo.

The Division engages daily on social media platforms to further strengthen public relations through X –231 posts, Facebook – 197 posts, and Youtube – (03 videos).

The Division facilitated 104 media accreditations for foreign journalists visiting Sri Lanka and facilitated the work of 51 foreign film crews making documentaries in coordination with the National Film Corporation.

The Division provided Sri Lanka Missions/Posts information on policy statements and daily updates on key development pertaining to GoSL institutions relating to trade, investment promotions, tourism promotion, and the evolving economic situation.

The Division also played an active role during the Independence Day commemorated in 2024. In addition, the Division provided coverage for important meetings, cultural and religious events held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs during the period under review.

The Public Diplomacy Division expects to carry out all media and public communication related activities of the Ministry with enhanced efficiency in the year 2025.

The Public Diplomacy Division has ensured timely and efficient coordination of all media-related aspects of the Ministry in the year 2024.

2.4.7. SAARC Division

The SAARC Division handles matters related to the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), facilitates Sri Lanka's participation in SAARC meetings, and manages SAARC visas for Sri Lankan officials and other entitled individuals. SAARC Division coordinates the activities conducted by the Secretariat of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), its Regional Centers (05), Specialized Bodies (04), Apex Bodies (06) and Recognized Bodies (18).

The Division also oversees Sri Lanka's engagement with SAARC, including participation in meetings and visa facilitation for eligible officials. It also coordinates activities with the SAARC Secretariat, Regional Centers, Specialized Bodies, Apex Bodies, and Recognized Bodies. In this endeavour, the Division actively engaged in several key SAARC-related initiatives in 2024. The 59th Session of the SAARC Programming Committee (DG-level) was held in Kathmandu, Nepal from 6-7 March 2024 after a four-year gap, with Sri Lanka represented by the DG of the SAARC Division. The Division, in collaboration with the Protocol Division of the Ministry and the SAARC

Secretariat, facilitated the introductory visit of the SAARC Secretary General, Amb. Md. Golam Sarwar, to Sri Lanka from 10-14 June 2024, during which he paid courtesy calls on H.E. the President, the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs. During this visit, he also participated in a roundtable discussion at the Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute (LKI), attended the inaugural session of the 45th SAARC FINANCE Governor's Meeting, and visited the SAARC Cultural Centre (SCC) and a SAARC Development Fund project in Kandy.

The Division further coordinated the Secretary General's visit from 01-04 August 2024 to attend the South Asia Trade Fair and Business Forum, organized by the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka. Additionally, the Division coordinated Sri Lanka's annual share contribution to the SAARC Secretariat for 2024, and the Acting Additional Secretary for SAARC served as the Chief Guest at the SAARC Charter Day celebration on 8 December 2024 in Colombo, delivering a statement on the occasion. During 2024, the Division recommended 60 SAARC visa endorsements to eligible dignitaries/ officials and businessmen.

The SAARC Division, following guidance from the SAARC Secretariat, resumed the issuance of SAARC Business Visas for local businessmen and industrialists from 01 April 2024, after being suspended since 30 April 2020. The Division will continue to issue recommendation letters for dignitaries, Members of Parliament, Government Officials, participants of SAARC meetings and officials of the Secretariat and its regional centres under 'Category A' of the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) and for general/ public categories including businessmen, journalists, sportsmen etc. under 'Category B' of the SVES as per the requests received from the relevant Sri Lankan authorities. Additionally, the South Asia Division is actively coordinating with the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs and the SAARC Cultural Centre (SCC) to identify a suitable permanent venue for the SCC in Colombo.

2.4.8. United Nations and Human Rights Division

Sri Lanka's Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York, Geneva, and the Embassies/Permanent Delegations accredited to the affiliated agencies of the UN in Vienna, Paris, The Hague, Rome, Nairobi and Bangkok come under the purview of this Division in the context of Sri Lanka's engagement with the UN and its affiliated agencies.

79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), New York: The UN&HR Division provided substantive inputs/guidance for Sri Lanka's participation at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). Voting instructions were also provided following analysis of information available and in keeping with line GoSL foreign policy priorities.

During the High-Level Week of the UNGA from 22 – 30 September 2024, the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations addressed the 79th UNGA on 30 September 2024, and further engaged and delivered statements at Summit of the Future (23.09.2024), High-Level Plenary Meeting on Addressing the Existential Threats Posed by Sea Level Rise (25.09.2024), High-level Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance (26.09.2024) and High-Level

Meeting to Commemorate and Promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (26.09.2024)

Meetings held on the sidelines of the 79th UNGA in which Sri Lanka participated:

- 24th Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting (CFAMM) - 23.09.2024
- NAM Ministerial Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs - 23.09.2024
- Third Annual Gathering of the Global Non- Communicable Diseases (NCD) Compact - 24.09.2024
- 11th Ministerial Meeting of the Friends of the CTBT - 24.09.2024
- Second Group of Twenty (G20) Foreign Ministers Meeting - 25.09.2024
- 36th Annual Meeting of Senior Officials of the Group of 77 & China - 25.09.2024
- Global Development Initiative (GDI) - 25.09.2024
- Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) - 25.09.2024
- Side Event: 'Decoupling agri-food systems from routine antimicrobial use: the importance of animal health and welfare' - 26.09.2024
- 19th Ministerial Meeting of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) - 26.09.2024
- NAM Ministerial Committee on Palestine - 26.09.2024
- Ministerial Meeting on "The Situation in Gaza and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution as the Path to Just and Comprehensive Peace" - 26.09.2024
- 48th Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 & China - 27.09.2024
- UNAOC Group of Friends High Level Meeting - 27.09.2024
- BIMSTEC Foreign Ministers' Meeting - 27.09.2024

Sri Lanka participated in the 79th Sessions of the UNGA, covering all six Committees of the UNGA:

- First Committee, Seventy-ninth session, New York, 3 Oct to 08 November 2024.
- Second Committee, Seventy-ninth session, New York, 03 October to 27 November 2024.
- Third Committee, Seventy-ninth session, New York, 03 October to 22 November 2024.
- Fourth Committee, Seventy-ninth session, New York, 03 Oct to 20 November 2024.
- Fifth Committee, Seventy-ninth session, New York, 07 October to 10 December 2024.
- Sixth Committee, Seventy-ninth session, New York, 02 Oct to 22 November 2024.

Reconciliation and Human Rights: Sri Lanka participated at the 55th, 56th and 57th Sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC) held in March, June and September 2024 respectively. Sri Lanka Missions overseas were continuously apprised of steps taken locally with regard to reconciliation and human rights in order for them to apprise their interlocutors on the progress being made in the country and seek support for local mechanisms to address consensus. At every Council session, the national statement of Sri Lanka rejected the HRC Resolution 51/1 on Sri Lanka.

The Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee on Human Rights held its first meeting on 13 February 2024, following Cabinet approval. This Committee, comprising 21 government agencies, is

envisaged as a standing national framework to ensure efficient coordination and reporting on Sri Lanka's voluntary international commitments regarding human rights and reconciliation.

The UN&HR Division continued preparations for Sri Lanka's 9th Periodic Review under the CEDAW which is scheduled to take place on 13 February 2025. Meetings were held at the Ministry with the participation of relevant officials from the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs and Sri Lanka's member of the CEDAW Committee.

Sustainable Development: The Division organized a one-day national event to showcase Sri Lanka's priorities towards the objectives of the Summit of the Future on 22 August 2024 at the Presidential Secretariat. The event featured four panel discussions corresponding to the proposed chapters of the Pact of the Future. The topics covered during the event included Sustainable Development and Climate Financing, Digital Divide and Global Digital Compact, Women, Youth and Future Generations and Promotion of Humanitarian Methods in Warfare.

Disarmament: The Division has facilitated Sri Lanka's participation at major meetings, which enhanced Sri Lanka's visibility and position in the disarmament fora. Sri Lanka, together with Thailand, co-chaired the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) – Inter-sessional Meeting on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament in Hawaii from 29 April 2024 to 01 May 2024. The following visits/exercises were facilitated by this Division in cooperation with the CTBTO related to the integrated filled exercise in 2024;

- CTBTO delegation visited Sri Lanka for Technical-Operational Visit (TOV) from 14 to 23 February 2024.
- A delegation from Sri Lanka participated at the OSI Build-up Exercise (BUE24) from 29 June to 03 July 2024 in Hungary.

Other major disarmament-related forums in which Sri Lanka participated in 2024:

- The Fourth Review Conference (RevCon4) on the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and on its International Tracing Instrument (ITI) for Asia was held from 23 -25 January 2024 in Kathmandu, Nepal with the participation of Sri Lanka.
- The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka delivered an online video Statement at the High-Level Segment of the Conference on Disarmament on 26 February 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The 2nd Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) was held from 22 July 2024 to 02 August 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland. Sri Lanka was represented at the meeting by the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations where Sri Lanka delivered a statement reiterating its commitment to the NPT objectives and the goal of a world free from nuclear weapons and that Sri Lanka remain hopeful towards meaningful deliberations in the coming days.

- The 12th Meeting of States Parties (MSP) to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) was held from 10 – 13 September 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland. The PRUN/Geneva Mission represented Sri Lanka and made a statement. Sri Lanka played the role of Vice Chair at the 12th Meeting of State Parties on the CCM, which was held from 10 to 13 September 2024.
- The 68th Regular Session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was held from 16 - 20 September 2024, Vienna, Austria. Sri Lanka's Permanent Representative to the IAEA participated and made a statement at this Session.
- Sri Lanka participated in the 29th Session of the Conference of State Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention, held from 25 to 29 November 2024, in The Hague, The Netherlands. Sri Lanka's Permanent Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) made a statement at the said Session.
- Sri Lanka participated in the 66th Session of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group A and informal/expert meetings held in Vienna, from 16 to 18 Oct 2024.
- Sri Lanka delegation participated at the Fifth Review Conference of the States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, held in Siem Reap, Cambodia, from 2 to 6 December 2024, and made three interventions. Sri Lanka was appointed as a member to the Victim Assistance Committee under the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention.
- Sri Lanka participated in the 7th, 8th and 9th Session of the Open-Ended Working Group on Security of and in the Use of Information and Communications Technologies 2021–2025, held in New York, respectively from 4-8 March 2024, 8-12 July 2024 and 2-6 December 2024. Sri Lanka's representatives made interventions at the said Sessions.

Multilateral engagement in Socio-Economic spheres: This Division Facilitated Sri Lanka in participating at the Eightieth Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) from 22 to 26 April 2024, at the United Nations Conference Center in Bangkok, Thailand, The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) from 08-17 July 2024, New York and Policy Roundtable held on improving the response to people going missing along dangerous routes in Asia co-organized by IOM, UNHCR, RSO/ Bali Process and ICRC from 26-27 November 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Audrey Azoulay undertook a visit to Sri Lanka from 16 – 19 July 2024 at the invitation of the Government of Sri Lanka, in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Sri Lanka's membership in UNESCO. The Director-General Azoulay held meetings with high-level political dignitaries and the event included the launch of a Commemorative Publication. As a result of the visit, support from the UNESCO was sought in developing the World Heritage Site of the ancient city of Anuradhapura, organizing an expert conference to mobilize conservation, scientific support, training of experts and funding support for Anuradhapura, digital documentation (3D

geo-mapping) of World Heritage Sites such as Anuradhapura and Sigiriya, and conservation of Sigiriya frescoes.

The Ministry co-hosted the South Asia Sub-Regional Consultation on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) from 5-6 November 2024 in Colombo as a precursor to the 2nd Asia-Pacific Regional Review of the GCM to be held in February 2025 in Bangkok. The consultation served as a platform for dialogue and deliberation among Governments and civil society from South Asian countries (including Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Pakistan) as well as multiple local stakeholders and UN agencies, which will be reported in an outcome document for the upcoming regional review in Bangkok. The Division coordinated the event in collaboration with IOM.

Candidatures: The Division continued to coordinate Sri Lanka's efforts towards forging meaningful partnerships within multilateral fora by supporting candidatures proposed by other States to various bodies in the UN and other International Organizations.

This Division successfully carried out the election campaigns relating to the following three elections held in 2024, by guiding Sri Lanka's Missions abroad to lobby with their respective counterparts and engaging with Colombo-based diplomatic Missions. Through intense lobbying, Sri Lanka succeeded in getting elected to the below UN bodies and International Organizations:

- UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) (for the term 2025-2027): 07 June 2024: Sri Lanka obtained 182 votes, of the 189 member states present and voting, securing the 2nd highest vote count from the region, and the 7th highest number overall from the UNGA.
- UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) (for the term 2025-2031): 20 November 2024: Sri Lanka obtained 177 votes at the said election, securing the 2nd highest number of votes within the Asia Pacific Group, and 2nd highest overall among the thirty-one members elected.
- Evaluation Body – 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) (for the term 2025-2028) - 07 December 2024: Sri Lanka's candidate, Dr. B. D. Nandadeva was elected as an expert to the prestigious Evaluation Body of UNESCO's 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) at the 19th Session of the ICH Committee Meeting held in Asunción, Paraguay. Sri Lanka's candidate secured 16 votes out of the 23 member states present and voting.

The Division has provided inputs on candidature details for 159 requests received from Territorial Divisions of the Ministry, relating to 262 countries in 2024, to be used for bilateral discussions, negotiations and meetings.

Credentials: No. of credentials issued during 1 January to 31 December 2024: 53

Visas: No. of visas facilitated during 1 January to 31 December 2024: 406

2.5. Performance Overview: Territorial Divisions

2.5.1. Africa Affairs Division

The Africa Affairs Division is dedicated to enhancing diplomatic engagement across the African continent. With a focus on building and strengthening relations with all 54 African nations, the Division actively works towards establishing new diplomatic ties, facilitating high-level political interactions, and enhancing cooperation in various sectors including defense, trade, and cultural exchanges.

In alignment with the Government of Sri Lanka's "Look Africa" policy, The Division furnished comprehensive briefings to His Excellency the President for his discussions with the leaders of South Africa, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Benin, and Uganda on the sidelines of the NAM and G77 summits held from 15-20 January 2024 and 21-23 January 2024 in Uganda. As a part of strengthening bilateral relations, an agreement between Sri Lanka and the Republic of Benin on visa exemption for holders of Diplomatic, Official and Service Passports was signed on 20.01.2024 in Kampala, Uganda. Additionally, detailed preparatory materials were supplied for his engagements with Ghanaian counterpart during the World Economic Forum Interactions held in Dalian, China from 25-27 June 2024.

The Division has been instrumental in supporting the MFA for the meetings with his counterparts in Algeria, Seychelles, Ghana, and Kenya on the sidelines of the G77 and NAM, ensuring smooth diplomatic dialogue. Furthermore, to enhance the political relations, the Division facilitated the MFA's meetings with Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of Ghana, High commissioners of Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Mauritius and Ambassador of Algeria. Division facilitated the visit of Hon. MFA to Egypt where the Minister had meetings with the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade the Cairo Chamber of Commerce.

During the visit of Hon. MFA to Egypt, MOU was signed between BITDI of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Institute for Diplomatic Studies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt. The Division facilitated the participation of Sri Lankan Boxing team in the Seychelles Constitutional Day Boxing tournament.

The Division collaborated with the Seychelles' Defence Forces to coordinate the rescue operation of the Sri Lankan multi-day fishing trawler "Lorenzo Putha - 4," with its six crew members onboard, which had been seized by the Somali pirates.

The Division facilitated the enhancement of Defence and Security cooperation through the Chief of Defense Staff's visit to Kenya and Rwanda from 25-29 March 2024, as well as the participation of the Sri Lankan Navy in the meeting of the Heads of Drugs and Maritime Law Enforcement Agencies within the Southern Route partnership. Also, Division assisted the visit of Chief of Defence forces of Seychelles to Sri Lanka from 14-21 July 2024.

Sri Lanka Navy offers training courses to Sudan and Nigeria on payment basis to enhance the professional skills of naval personnel. The Division collaborated with relevant authorities of the countries to disseminate the information.

Division shared the information regarding scholarship offered by the Kothalawala Defence University for two officials from the each country of Egypt, Kenya, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia for the year 2025.

In conclusion, the Africa Affairs Division has made substantial progress in strengthening Sri Lanka's diplomatic relations with African nations, aligning closely with the country's "Look Africa" policy. By facilitating high-level diplomatic meetings, promoting defense cooperation, and supporting cultural and educational exchanges, the Division has successfully advanced Sri Lanka's interests in Africa. Moving forward, the Division remains committed to further enhancing these ties and exploring new avenues for collaboration across the continent.

2.5.2. East Asia Division

The East Asia and Oceania Division manages Sri Lanka's bilateral relations with countries in East Asia and Oceania, including Australia, China, Japan, The Republic of Korea and New Zealand. The division focuses on enhancing cooperation in trade, investment, technology, and cultural exchange, aiming to leverage Sri Lanka's strategic position for economic growth and development.

2.5.2.1. Economic Diplomacy: The Sri Lankan Mission in the Republic of Korea promoted Sri Lankan products and tourism through business interactions, exhibitions, and virtual platforms. They participated in the Seoul Friendship Festival and Korea International Tourism Show to showcase Sri Lanka's attractions, culture, and handicrafts. Additionally, 14 online B2B meetings were organized to introduce Sri Lankan exports to potential buyers in Korea.

2.5.2.2. Political Diplomacy

Australia: the Division coordinated the visit of the former President to Australia, to attend the Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) held in Perth 9-10 February 2024.

China: In March 2024, the Division coordinated the former Prime Minister's visit to China for the Boao Forum. The Prime Minister held meetings with President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Qiang. The Division also facilitated the signing of 9 MoUs on various areas of cooperation. In June 2024, the 13th round of Diplomatic Consultations with China was held in Beijing, co-chaired by former Foreign Secretary Ms. Aruni Wijewardane and Vice Minister Hon. Sun Weidong.

Japan: In 2024, the Division facilitated several high-level visits from Japan, including those of Hon. Suzuki Shunichi, Minister of Finance, in January, and Hon. Norikazu Suzuki, State Minister of Agriculture, in February. In May, the Division coordinated the visit of Hon. Kamikawa Yoko, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, during which bilateral discussions were held with the President, Prime Minister and with the Foreign Minister, and a joint press briefing was also conducted by the two Foreign Ministers. The Division also facilitated the former Minister of Foreign Affairs' visit to Japan in July 2024, where bilateral talks with Foreign Minister Hon. Kamikawa Yoko focused on strengthening Sri Lanka-Japan relations.. Key meetings included

Japan's Justice and Digital Transformation Ministers, JETRO, JICA, and JITCO. The Division coordinated the exchange of letters for the Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship Program 2024. Additionally, notes were exchanged to promote further economic and social development between the two nations.

New Zealand: The Division coordinated the visit of New Zealand's Speaker, Rt. Hon. Gerry Brownlee, in July, with bilateral talks held with the Prime Minister, Speaker and the Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka.

The Republic of Korea: The Division facilitated in coordination with SLEMB/Seoul, the Prime Minister and Speaker's visits to the Republic of Korea in March and April 2024, where they held high-level discussions with ROK Prime Minister, Speaker, Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment.

2.5.2.3. Multilateral Diplomacy: Supported the Republic of Korea for their candidature for the UNHRC for the term 2025-2027. The election was held at the UNGA in New York on 9 October 2024.

2.5.2.4. Defence and Security Cooperation: The Division coordinated the signing of an agreement between Sri Lanka and China for military assistance, securing a grant of RMB 52 million for defense support, including repairs to a Sri Lankan Navy patrol vessel. The Division facilitated Sri Lankan military personnel's participation in training and defense cooperation programs in China. Additionally, it coordinated with the Sri Lanka Navy for their involvement in the "Indo-Pacific Naval College Seminar" in Tokyo in 2025.

2.5.2.5. Consular Assistance and Migrant Employment Welfare: Missions/Posts provided consular assistance to repatriate Sri Lankans, especially medical students who were expecting to resume their studies in China, including illegal migrants and deportees, and resolved various issues such as visa extensions, student concerns, death cases, and labor welfare in Australia, China, Japan, RoK and other accredited destinations. The Division also engaged with South Korean authorities to increase the re-entry limit and upgrade the EPS quota for Sri Lankan workers.

2.5.2.6. Cultural Diplomacy and People-to-People Relations: The Division coordinated the exchange of letters for emergency humanitarian assistance from China, including rice, fishing nets, and housing, during the Prime Minister's visit to Beijing in March 2024. It also facilitated the exchange of letters for the Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship Program in July and promoted further economic development with Japan. Additionally, the Division coordinated donations for the Colombo North Center for Liver Diseases, including RMB 580,000 from the Guangdong Buddhist Community and LKR 6 million from the Korean Mahavihara. It also supported Sri Lanka's participation in EXPO 2025 in Osaka.

2.5.2.7. Other: The Division coordinated various graduate, postgraduate scholarships, and training opportunities received from Australia, China, Japan, and South Korea for Sri Lankan students and officials. It also supported the Sri Lankan Embassy in Japan, resulting in the addition of new job categories under Japan's Special Skilled Worker Program, expanding from three to seven categories, including accommodation, building cleaning, and aviation industries in 2024.

In conclusion, the East Asia and Oceania Division has played a pivotal role in strengthening Sri Lanka's diplomatic, economic, and cultural ties with key countries in the region. Looking ahead, the Division will continue to foster collaborative efforts to promote sustainable development and enhance bilateral relations with East Asia and Oceania.

2.5.3. Latin America and Caribbean Division

The Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) comprises 33 countries and three principle sub regions: South America, Central America and the Caribbean.

The countries under the purview of the LAC division are Cuba, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Brazil, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Commonwealth of Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela.

The Division continues to strengthen relations through two resident Missions in the region, namely Brazil with concurrent accreditation to nine (09) Latin American countries Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname and Uruguay, and Cuba with concurrent accreditation to nine (09) Caribbean countries, Common Wealth of Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ecuador, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Panama, Venezuela. Washington D.C. concurrently accredited to Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago and the Permanent Representative to the United Nation (PRUN) in New York concurrently accredited to the Bahamas. Furthermore the Division also engages its outreach with countries in the LAC Region through PRUN in New York and the High Commission of Sri Lanka in New Delhi.

The Division acts as the first point of communication with the Latin American and Caribbean countries based in Colombo, New Delhi and Vietnam. Brazil and Cuba have established Embassies in Colombo to manage their interests in Sri Lanka. Many other LAC countries look after their interests in Sri Lanka through Missions based in New Delhi. The Panama Embassy in Vietnam is concurrently accredited for Sri Lanka.

There are 10 Honorary Consuls from the Latin America and Caribbean Region in Colombo. (Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Mexico, Panama, Peru, and Uruguay) and Sri Lanka has appointed 14 Honorary Consuls to the Region. (Bahamas, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ecuador, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Suriname)

2.5.3.1. Economic Diplomacy

Embassy of Sri Lanka in Brazil: The Mission organized the first ever single country exhibition in Brazil/Latin America under the theme “Explore Sri Lanka” on 12 and 13 January 2024 with the Secretariat of International Relations of the Federal District of Brazil, Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau and Sri Lanka Tea Board.

The Mission facilitated to finalize the MoU between Bogota Chamber of Commerce in Colombia and Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and organized an awareness session with the Industry Development Board in Brazil in March 2024.

Facilitated meetings/online meetings with Ms. Clara Savelli, International Affairs Coordinator of the Association of Brazilian Software Companies and SLASSCOM officials in June 2024, Mr. Christian Tadeu, President of the Association of Brazilian Information Technology Companies, and Mr. Marco Aurélio Kühner, First Vice President of the Federation of Foreign Trade Chambers (FCCE) of Rio de Janeiro on 12 June, 2024, Mr. Marcelo Abreu, Sales Manager of Rio de Janeiro for Emirates and Mr. Patrick Corrêa, President of Riotur on 13 June 2024.

Participated at the International Food and Culture Exhibition on 01 June 2024, the ABAV Expo 2024 exhibition held from 26 to 28 September, 2024 and the Espacio Food and Service Exhibition in Santiago, Chile from 01 to 03 October 2024.

The National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka and the Brazil-Asia Chamber of Commerce of Brazil signed a MoU digitally in August 2024 and facilitated having the first official meeting (online) on 03 September 2024.

During the visit to Paraguay in March 2024 the Ambassador met Ms. Monica Costa, Chairman of Paraguayan Association of Travel and Tourism Companies (ASATUR) and other officials to seek the possibility of cooperation between two countries to promote tourism.

Embassy of Sri Lanka in Cuba: The Mission conducted a tea promotional event, “Ceylon Tea Time,” in Havana on 23 July 2024 and facilitated a link between the Hidden Hills Tea Company and counterparts in El Salvador. The Ambassador called on the Minister of Foreign Trade and discussed potential trade opportunities between the two countries.

The Mission established a link between the Sri Lanka Coconut Research Institute and the Honorary Consul in Jamaica. The Mission participated at the Havana International Trade Fair held from 04 to 09 November 2024.

Latin America and the Caribbean Division: As a follow up to the visit of expert from the Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC), the Division held meetings with the National Science Foundation, the Ministry of Agriculture and Plantation Industries, the Ministry of Investment Promotion and the Sugarcane Research Institute on 18 July, 2024 for the dairy sector development and sugarcane projects. The Division is in the process of signing the two projects.

2.5.3.2. Political Diplomacy

Embassy of Sri Lanka in Brazil: The Ambassador met Mr. Eliseu Kessler, Vice Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Municipal Council of Rio de Janeiro and Mr. Lucas Padiha, Secretary of the Civil House of the Municipal Secretariat of the Civil House, on 13 June 2024 in

Rio de Janeiro and discussed the establishment of sister city project between Colombo and Rio de Janeiro Municipal Councils.

Initiated action to hold political consultations and Economic cooperation with Argentina, Colombia, Chile and Suriname and the draft Agreements/Memorandum and Understandings are being reviewed by the respective governments.

Embassy of Sri Lanka in Cuba: The Mission hosted a Diplomatic Reception to mark the 76th anniversary of Independence of Sri Lanka at Hotel National on 05 February 2024.

The Ambassador made a courtesy call on the President of Cuba, Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez on 24 July 2024 and extended greetings for the 65th anniversary of Sri Lanka-Cuba bilateral relations. Mission conducted an event to commemorate the 65th anniversary of Sri Lanka-Cuba bilateral relations on 07 August 2024 with high-level participation.

Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington DC: The Mission shared positive developments in Sri Lanka, particularly in reconciliation and economic recovery, governance, etc., with the governments of Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago through their resident Missions in Washington DC and the respective Foreign Ministries.

The Mission cooperated closely with the Organization of American States Secretariat in Washington DC (where Sri Lanka is as an Observer State) and member states through their resident Missions. Information on useful events, statistics, good practices etc., received were regularly shared with the respective Government of Sri Lanka institutions.

The Division coordinated the scholarships for medical studies in Cuba with the Ministry of Higher Education and the Cuban Embassy. One Sri Lankan student was selected for the scholarship in the year 2024.

The Division prepared speaking notes and facilitated Courtesy calls by the Ambassador of Guatemala Omar Castaneda Solares, Ambassador of Colombia Victor Hugo Echeverri Jaramillo, Ambassador of Paraguay Fleming Duarte and Ambassador of Cuba Andres Marcelo Gonzalez Garrido on the Minister of Foreign Affairs on 04 February, 06 June, and 01 July 2024 respectively at the Foreign Ministry.

The Division followed up on 64 pending Bilateral Agreements/MoUs of the countries in the Latin America & the Caribbean Region.

The Division facilitated and prepared speaking notes for the first courtesy call by the Ambassador of Cuba to Sri Lanka Andrés Marcelo González Garrido on 02 October, 2024 on the newly elected President, His Excellency Anura Kumara Dissanayake.

The Division facilitated a courtesy call on the Hon. Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs of Sunil Kumara Gamage for H.E. the Ambassador of Cuba to Sri Lanka on 26 December 2024.

Ambassador of Cuba Andres Marcelo Gonzalez Garrido paid a courtesy call on the Director General, Latin America and the Caribbean Division Mrs. Chaminda I. Colonne on 22 November, 2024.

The Division arranged a virtual courtesy call meeting between H.E. David Puig, Ambassador of Dominican Republic in New Delhi and Mrs. Chaminda I Colonne Director General of Latin

America and the Caribbean Division on 06 November, 2024.

The Division prepared speaking notes, county briefs and speeches for bilateral meetings, with high dignitaries, felicitation messages for national day celebrations and felicitation messages for newly elected leaders of the region.

The Division facilitated and prepared speaking notes for the first courtesy call by the Ambassador of Cuba to Sri Lanka Andrés Marcelo González Garrido on 15 October, 2024 on the newly appointed Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Hon Dr. Harini Amarasuriya.

Cabinet papers to be submitted for the signature of Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism in the near future on the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between the Bandaranaike International Diplomatic Training Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka and the Rio Branco Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil, Political Consultations with Guatemala, Dominican Republic, and the Establishments of Diplomatic Relations with Belize and Antigua & Barbuda.

Felicitations have been received for the newly elected President, His Excellency Anura Kumara Dissanayake, Hon. Prime Minister Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, and Hon. Foreign Minister, Foreign Employment and Tourism Vijitha Herath by their counterparts of the following Latin America & the Caribbean countries and prepared Letters of Thanks for the congratulatory messages which were sent to their counterparts as follows:

1. Brazil (His Excellency the President Lula Da Silva), 2. Jamaica (Hon. Prime Minister Andrew Holness), 3. Venezuela (His Excellency the President Nicolas Maduro Moros) 4. Nicaragua (His Excellency the President Comandante Daniel Ortega Saavedra and Vice President Companera Rosario Murillo), 5. Uruguay (His Excellency the President Luis Lacalle Pou), 6. Cuba (His Excellency the President Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermúdez and Hon. Manuel Marrero Cruz, Prime Minister), 7. Venezuela (His Excellency the President Yván Eduardo Gil Pinto, Minister of the People's Power for Foreign Affairs).

The Division is in the process of activating the Parliamentary Friendship Associations of the Latin America & the Countries of Cuba, Brazil and Venezuela.

Placement of Statue of Cuban National Hero Jose Marti near the Public Library close to the Ho Chi Minh Statue: The Latin America & the Caribbean Division had shared the relevant correspondences with the office of the Mayor of Colombo, and proposes to unveil the statue soon.

Expanding diplomatic presence; Appointment of four (04) Honorary Consuls (Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, and Trinidad & Tobago) and consideration of the extension of the period of seven (07) Honorary Consuls (Bahamas, Chile, Brazil (Saopaulo), Colombia, Dominican Republic, Panama, and Suriname)

The Division is in the process of streamlining the accreditation of countries in Latin America & the Caribbean countries which is mandatory, as some of them are yet to be accredited to the Sri Lanka Missions abroad, even though diplomatic relations have been formalized. (So far DPL relations have been established with 11 countries out of 13 countries approved by the Cabinet Paper in 2012 for the establishment of DPL relations).

2.5.3.3. Multilateral Diplomacy

Embassy of Sri Lanka in Brazil: The Mission requested support and constructive intervention of the governments of Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Paraguay for the Oral Update on Sri Lanka presented by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights at the 55th session of the UNHRC held on 04 March 2024 and the Interactive Dialogue at the 57th session held on 09 September 2024.

Embassy of Sri Lanka in Cuba: Cuba and other accredited countries have ensured their support for Sri Lanka in the international forum during meetings with the Ambassador. Meetings were held with the Missions of accredited countries to seek assistance for Sri Lanka at the UNHRC sessions in May and September 2024.

Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington DC: The Mission lobbied for the support of Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago following Sri Lanka's international initiatives and candidatures: Sri Lanka's resolution on Effective, Inclusive, and Sustainable Multilateral Action towards Climate Justice 6th Session of the United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA) in Nairobi, Kenya, took place from 26 February to 01 March, 2024, Sri Lanka's candidature to the ECOSOC for the term 2025-2027 at the elections held on 07 June 2024 in New York.

Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in New York: Ambassador/PRUN, continued to Chair the High-Level Meeting on South-South & Triangular Cooperation and participated in several meetings hosted by the UN Office for South-South Cooperation. PRUN/New York participated at the Group of Twenty (G20) Foreign Minister's Meeting held on 25 September 2024 in New York.

2.5.3.4. Public Diplomacy

Embassy of Sri Lanka in Brazil: The Mission facilitated the visit of a four-member TV crew from "Globo Reporter," a Brazilian TV show, to Sri Lanka from 3 to 30 September 2024 to film a documentary on Sri Lanka tourism and the first episode of the documentary was telecasted in December 2024.

The Mission published an article on Sri Lanka in Portuguese in the monthly publication of International Relations of the Federal District of Brazil. Also participated in the media campaign of the Government of District Federal (GDF) called "Minuto Do Embaixador" to promote Sri Lanka tourism. Participated in the "Connect Sri Lanka" TV Program to create awareness on the Brazil Market opportunities among the Sri Lankan business community in Sri Lanka on 01 July 2024.

Embassy of Sri Lanka in Cuba: The Mission looked after the welfare of Sri Lankan medical students and the monthly allowance paid to the Sri Lankan students has been increased from USD 15.00 to USD 40 w.e.f. 1 July 2024 by the Ministry of Education of Sri Lanka.

2.5.3.5. Consular Assistance and Migrant Employment Welfare

Embassy of Sri Lanka in Brazil: The Mission dealt with host government and the accredited countries to address issues related to Sri Lankans living in Brazil and other South American countries.

Embassy of Sri Lanka in Cuba: The Mission extended Consular assistance to Sri Lankans living in Cuba and other accredited countries. The Mission liaised with Turkish Airlines in Havana and obtained approval for Sri Lankan employees travelling to the Cayman Islands and other Caribbean countries to board at the Istanbul Airport (mandatory requirement of Turkish Airlines for transit)

Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington DC: The Mission continues to receive reports and information on illegal or suspicious transit of Sri Lankan nationals through Mexico. Mexico is a popular transit hub for illegal immigrants. Both sides are working closely to exchange timely information and reduce or halt such unlawful incidents.

Sri Lanka's Honorary Consul in Mexico resigned for personal reasons and the Sri Lanka Mission in Washington, DC, is in the process of identifying a suitable candidate.

2.5.4. Middle East Division

2.5.4.1. Bilateral Relations: The Middle East Division together with the Sri Lanka Missions in the Middle East Region works to enhance engagements in diplomatic, political, economic, cultural, defence, and other sectors with all 14 states in the Middle East Region.

Sri Lanka has established formal Diplomatic Relations with 14 Middle East Countries; Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Kuwait, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and the State of Palestine. Out of these 14 countries, Sri Lanka has established 11 resident Missions, except for Iraq, Syria, and Yemen.

In addition to the resident Missions, Sri Lanka also have to Consulate General Offices in, Dubai, and Jeddah and a Representative Office in the State of Palestine. In alignment with the national policy framework of the Government of Sri Lanka; 'A thriving nation and a beautiful life', Sri Lanka aspires to enhance bilateral relations with the 14 countries in Middle East Region. This Division together with the Sri Lanka Missions in the Middle East Region, works to further enhance bilateral relations in political, economic, development, and cultural spheres. The special focus is on attracting Foreign Direct Investments, diversification of trade, enhancement of tourism and foreign employment opportunities for Sri Lankans in the region.

It is estimated that there are one million Sri Lankans living and working in the Middle Eastern Region. They belong to unskilled, semi-skilled, and skilled categories. They contribute to the economic development of Sri Lanka and the country that they work. The highest amount of remittances generated for Sri Lanka are sourced from the Sri Lankan workers in the Middle Eastern region.

High level visits: The Division facilitated high-level visits including the following, with the assistance of respective Sri Lankan Missions abroad, in order to further enhance the bilateral relations.

Dr. Hossein Amir Abdollahian, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran undertook an official visit to Sri Lanka from 19-21 February 2024 on the invitation extended by former Minister of Foreign Affairs Ali Sabry. During the visit the Minister paid courtesy calls on

former President Ranil Wickremesinghe and former Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena and had official discussions with former Foreign Minister Ali Sabry at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

At the invitation of H.E. Ranil Wickremesinghe, former President of Sri Lanka, H.E. Ibrahim Raisi, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran visited Sri Lanka to jointly declare open the Uma Oya Multipurpose Development Project on 24 April 2024. Five agreements in the fields of culture, science, academic, media, and tourism were signed during the visit.

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs M.U.M. Ali Sabry led a high level delegation to Tehran to participate at the state funeral of late President Dr. Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi, Foreign Minister Dr. Hossein Amirabdollahian and other senior Iranian officials, held in Tehran on 22 May 2024. Further, Hon. Ali Sabry, former Foreign Minister visited Saudi Arabia from 28 to 29 April to participate in the world Economic Forum's Special Meeting on Global Cooperation, Growth and Energy for Development, and held meeting with HH. Prince Faisal Bin Farhan, Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E Faisal Al Ibrahim, Minister of Planning and Economy, and H.E. Deemah Al Yahya, Secretary General of the Digital Cooperation Organization.

Moreover, Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, former State Minister of Foreign Affairs led a delegation to Tehran to participate in the 19th meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the member states of Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) preceded by the Senior Officials of the ACD member states. A number of other Ministers of Sri Lanka visited Iran, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates.

MoU/ Agreements: The MoU on the Establishment of a Political Consultation Mechanism between Sri Lanka and Jordan was signed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Jordan on 10 July 2024 and it is proposed to have 01st round of Political consultations in 2025. Further, MoU in the field of Tourism Cooperation between Sri Lanka and Oman and MoU in the field of Agriculture between Sri Lanka and Oman were signed in Colombo, on 02 April and 10 June 2024, respectively.

The division facilitated finalization of following MoUs; MoU on Bilateral Consultations between the two Foreign Ministries of Sri Lanka and Kuwait, Extradition Treaty with the United Arab Emirates, MoU on Mutual Legal Assistance between Sri Lanka and Saudi Arabia, and MoU on Transfer of Sentenced Persons between Sri Lanka and Saudi Arabia.

2.5.4.2. Migrant Labour Welfare, Overseas Sri Lankans : Sri Lankan Missions in the Middle East Eastern Region have worked towards providing labour related services in a timely manner. The Sri Lanka Embassy in Tel Aviv, in collaboration with NAITA and TVEC, organized NVQ (National Vocational Qualification) Level 3 and 4 written and practical exams in Israel from 23 July to 02 August 2024. Sri Lanka Missions in Beirut and Tel Aviv in particular, worked towards assisting Sri Lankans effected by the tensions in the Middle East.

SLEMB/Kuwait in collaboration with the Kuwaiti and Sri Lankan authorities facilitated the transfer of the first batch of 32 Sri Lankan sentenced prisoners from Kuwait on 25 November 2024, in line with the provisions of the agreement on transfer of sentenced persons, signed in 2007 between the two countries.

Sri Lanka Missions/Posts in the region are looking after the welfare of the Sri Lankans and also continue to finding job opportunities for Sri Lankans.

2.5.4.3. Cultural/Public Diplomacy: With the objective of protecting and promoting Sri Lankan culture, Sri Lanka Missions/Posts based in Middle East region organized New Year Celebration, Iftar, Vesak, Poson, Deepawali, and Christmas programmes, in association with Sri Lanka community organizations.

SLEMB/Abu Dhabi has finalized and presented the concept note and the design of a proposed Buddhist temple to the UAE side (H.H. Sheikh Mubarak Al Nahyan-Minister of Tolerance, and H.E. Noura Al Kaabi- State Minister of Foreign Affairs) and is in the process of establishing the working committee with the participation of Embassy representatives of other Buddhist countries and all other with Buddhist communities based in the UAE.

2.5.4.4. Defence & Security Cooperation: The Sri Lanka Missions/ Posts based in the Middle East Region together with the Sri Lankan authorities worked towards enhancing the cooperation in defence and security. H.E. the Ambassador in Beirut visited Syria on 24 September 2024 to hold meetings with the Officials of the Foreign and Defence Ministries, upon the request of the Sri Lankan side. With regard to the Combined Maritime Forces, the Sri Lanka Embassy in Manama facilitated the appointment of Commander, Mr. Jayamuni Sanjaya Dinesh Silva, of Sri Lanka Navy to Combined Maritime Force, Bahrain, and also assisted the participation of Rear Admiral MHN Peiris of the Sri Lanka Navy, in the Combined Maritime Forces Maritime Security Conference (MSC 24) from 15 - 19 April 2024.

Sri Lanka Embassy in Abu Dhabi with the Ministry of Defence of UAE facilitated the Study Tour of Defence Service Command and Staff College of Sri Lanka to the UAE from 02-11 September 2024. Further, two delegations from the Sri Lanka Navy visited Israel for the bilateral Defence Consultations. The first delegation consisting of five senior officers of the Sri Lanka Navy participated in the Factory Acceptance Tests (FAT) and Factory Visit for the installation and commissioning of ten stabilized electro-optical devices held in Israel from 11 - 15 November 2024. The second delegation consisting of three senior Sri Lanka Navy officials visited Israel for Factory Acceptance Tests [FAT] from 02 - 10 December 2024.

2.5.4.5. Human Resources, Mission Management, Overseas Assets Management Development: The appointment letter of an Honorary Consul for Sri Lanka in Haifa and Northern Israel was issued on 01 March 2024, to promote trade, investment, and tourism in Haifa and Northern Israel.

The Government of Sri Lanka has focused on the enhancement of relations with the Middle Eastern countries for augmenting trade relations, attracting more tourists and Foreign Direct Investments. Hence, the Division together with the Sri Lanka Missions/Posts in the Middle East Region are closely working to enhance the bilateral relations, and multilateral relations. Further, the Middle East Division also closely working with the Colombo based Embassies of the Middle East Countries for better communication and cooperation. It is hoped that, in 2025, there will be frequent high - level visits and interactions, political consultations will be convened, many new

MoUs will be signed, tourist arrivals from the Middle East region will be increased, and bilateral trade will be enhanced.

2.5.5. Europe and North America Division

Europe and North America Division covers Sri Lanka's bilateral relations with USA, Canada, and the countries in Europe, the Member States of the European Union, as well as bilateral relations with Azerbaijan, Albania, Andorra, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Georgia, Holy See, Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, San Marino, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine. The Division covers total of 51 countries. The Division is also responsible for relations with the European Union and the Commonwealth. The Desk works closely with Sri Lanka's 14 resident Missions, 2 Consulates and through concurrent diplomatic accreditation covers countries without any resident Missions, to foster Sri Lanka's relations in the region.

Sri Lanka has proactively engaged with countries in Europe and North America, creating a conducive environment for result-oriented interactions and further outreach. These engagements, including Foreign Ministry Consultations, high-level visits and the signing of MoUs/Agreements, have facilitated mutual understanding and collaboration. This approach has facilitated in-depth discussions, strengthened partnerships, and delivered tangible benefits and educational and technical assistance to Sri Lanka.

2.5.5.1. Political Diplomacy

Bilateral Relations: During this period, the Division coordinated bilateral consultations with 5 countries in the region: the United Kingdom (2nd Strategic Dialogue), Estonia (Inaugural), Latvia (Inaugural), Switzerland (4th Round) and the United States (5th Round).

Visits: Some of the most significant high-level visits facilitated by this Division include: The participation of H.E. the President in the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) held in Davos, Switzerland 13-18 January 2024, during which he met with his counterpart from Switzerland. The Visit of Her Royal Highness Princess Anne, the Princess Royal and Sir Tim Laurence on 10-13 January 2024 to mark the 75th Anniversary of bilateral relations between Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom. Also the Division facilitated the Visits of Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs to; the UK (on the invitation of the prestigious Cambridge Union and Wilberforce Society of the University of Cambridge from 23 – 24 January 2024), Poland (from 18 to 21 July 2024 which marked a Foreign Ministerial visit to Poland after 30 years), Germany (from 16-18 February 2024 to attend the 60th edition of the Munich Security Conference (MSC)), Romania (in the context of the opening of the Sri Lanka Embassy in Bucharest, Romania on 16 July 2024 , Belgium (in February 2024 to attend 'Third EU-Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum').

The incoming visits of various senior bureaucrats and dignitaries, notably U.S. Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources, Ambassador Richard Verma; Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Department of State, Elizabeth Allen; Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Alexis Taylor; and CEO of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, Scott Nathen.

Agreements/Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs): The following Agreements/MoUs were signed:

- i. Agreement between Sri Lanka and France to establish a Regional Centre for Maritime Studies in Sri Lanka.
- ii. MoU on the Ocean Country Partnership Programme under the Blue Planet Fund of the UK.
- iii. MoU between the Sri Lanka Navy and the U.S. National Nuclear Security Administration to detect and interdict illicit trafficking in nuclear and radioactive material through technical cooperation.
- iv. MoU on Cooperation in Education, Science, Culture, Media, Youth and Sports was signed with Romania.
- v. Coordinated meetings to operationalize the Healthcare MoUs on with United Kingdom and Germany for the employment of Sri Lankan nurses.

Technical Assistance: This Desk coordinated the receipt of technical assistance for the Inland Revenue Department in collaboration with His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Unit. The Desk oversaw the opening of the German - Sri Lanka Friendship Hospital for Women in Galle on 27 March 2024, funded by the Federal Republic of Germany, Helmut Kohl Maternity Hospital Galle Foundation and the Government of Sri Lanka.

2.5.5.2. Defense and Security Cooperation: U.S. Army has offered two training slots to the Sri Lanka Army at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Moore, Georgia, in Maneuver Captain's Career Course (MCCC), annually. The Mission in Moscow secured twelve training courses offered to the Sri Lankan Military by the Russian Ministry of Defence (MOD) at Military institutes for the training year 2023/2024. This Division coordinated the ongoing collaboration between Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom on Hydrography. Facilitated the visit of the Italian Navy's Multi-Purpose Combat Ship "Raimondo Montecuccoli".

Further, the Ministry and the Missions of Ottawa and Toronto liaised actively with the Canadian High Commission in Colombo and Global Affairs Canada to indicate our grave objection to the perpetuation of an outrageously false narrative based on malicious disinformation and fabrications for vote bank politics by the use of the term "genocide" by the Canadian Prime Minister in his statements on 18 May 2024 on Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day and on 23 July 2024 on the 41st Anniversary of Black July. The Ministry and Missions also indicated our grave objection to the action taken by the Brampton City Council, Ontario on 28 February 2024 to construct a monument purportedly commemorating a so-called "Tamil Genocide", also to perpetuate the outrageously false narrative based on malicious disinformation and fabrications for vote bank politics.

2.5.5.3. Cultural relations and People to People Relations: Six artefacts are expected to be restituted from the Netherlands as a part of the second phase of the restitution of artefacts taken during the Dutch colonial rule. In the first phase, the Netherlands returned six artefacts last December. Upon request made by the Foreign Ministry, the French Embassy with the Alliance Française, Colombo, offered 08 scholarships for SLFS officers to study the French language. The Mission in Moscow has initiated the establishment of 02 Russian language centres opened by the

Chuvash State Pedagogical University in the Helena Wijayawardhana Balika Vidyalaya and by the Ural State University of Economics in the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, respectively.

2.5.5.4. Other: Coordinated the Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS), the new UK GSP scheme. Recently, it participated in the DCTS Regional Symposium held in Colombo from July 22-23, 2024, organized by the Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office of the United Kingdom (UK). Participated in the National Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force meetings to finalize the GoSL submission to the US State Department Trafficking in Persons Report 2024 and responses to the follow-up questions. Following extensive consultations with U.S. and Sri Lankan authorities (both the Ministry and the Mission in Washington D.C.) regarding the U.S. 2023 TIP Report, Sri Lanka's status remained unchanged at the 'Tier 2' level. Coordinated with the Swiss Embassy in Colombo in implementing the TROIKA proposal (a joint initiative by Switzerland, Japan, South Africa), which is aimed at promoting reconciliation and unity in Sri Lanka, with a focus on truth-telling, accountability, power devolution and socio-economic development.

2.5.5.5. Multilateral Relations

European Union: This Division Coordinated and facilitated the convening of the EU – Sri Lanka Working Group on Trade and Economic Relations, Working Group on Development Cooperation and Working Group on Governance, Rule of Law and Human Rights during the period. Facilitated Sri Lanka's active participation at the 26th Joint Commission, which was held with the EU in February 2024 in Brussels. Further, the Desk coordinated the arrival of several Election observers for the recently concluded Presidential Election and General Election, including the EU Election Observation Mission, EU Election Expert Mission, Commonwealth Election Observer Group (COG), and their reports have viewed the Sri Lankan electoral process in an extremely positive light. The Division further coordinated the matters relevant to raising awareness of the requirements and importance of the newly implemented EU Regulation on Deforestation (EUDR) for a sustainable future of the industry and the country's rubber exports. In this respect, the Ministry has organised a virtual information session with the EU on 18th March 2024. The Desk, with the support of the SLEMB/Brussels, continued its engagement with the European Union (EU) and member states as to the implementation of the required criteria with justification as to retaining the benefits under GSP plus concessions. The EU approved the continuation of the current GSP Regulation of 2012 until 31 December 2027.

Commonwealth: A delegation led by the Secretary/Foreign Affairs attended the Commonwealth Senior Officials Meeting and the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole held in London from 03-06 September 2024. Permanent Representative in New York attended the Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting held in New York on 23 September 2024. The Ministry was involved in developing the CHOGM Communiqué and the Commonwealth Ocean Declaration which was presented at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Apia, Samoa in October 2024. An official-level delegation from Sri Lanka attended CHOGM. The Commonwealth appointed a Commonwealth National Climate Finance Adviser for Sri Lanka through the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub (CCFAH) to help the country unlock climate financing.

2.5.5.6. Science and Technological Diplomacy: This Division took several initiatives through relevant Missions to enhance greater opportunities for relevant line ministries, universities and institutes in the fields of science and technology.

Accordingly, the Mission in Washington D.C. facilitated a discussion between H.E. the President and Prof. Ricardo Hausmann, Harvard University in Davos, Switzerland, on 16 January 2024 and a discussion between the Sri Lanka Presidential Secretariat/Climate Team and the University of Georgia regarding the International Climate Change University. The Mission also facilitated potential STEM and other educational/research partnerships between U.S. universities and state/non-state Higher Education Institutions in Sri Lanka (Ministry of Agriculture, NSBM Green University, National Institute of Business Management and Nāgānanda International Institute for Buddhist). Coordinates a virtual meeting between the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka and the Head of the Department of International Cooperation in Higher Education (OeAD) of Austria to explore opportunities in Austrian Universities for Sri Lankan students/academics and enhance cooperation between Sri Lanka and Austria in the field of higher education. This Division continued engagement with the EU during the period under review to deepen cooperation in the field of higher education, research and technical cooperation under the ERASMUS+ & Horizon Europe Framework and opportunities for Sri Lankan participation in the Jean Monnet Programme. With the coordination of this Division, the Mission in Moscow has initiated the establishment of cooperation between 12 Sri Lankan and Russian Universities and facilitated the signing of 03 MoUs between the Universities. The Mission in Ottawa has continued to hold virtual and in-person meetings with Associate Vice-President and senior Sri Lankan professors of Universities in Canada to explore avenues for research collaboration in the areas of Agriculture, Public Health and Community Health. The Mission also launched the Canadian Network of Sri Lankan Academics (CANSLA) together with the Ministry of Higher Education to foster academic collaboration between Canada and Sri Lanka. A MoU on Cooperation in Education, Science, Culture, Media, Youth and Sports was signed with Romania in July 2024, to streamline greater opportunities for Sri Lankans.

Many countries within the Division's scope, as well as the European Union, have expressed optimism about Sri Lanka's new government, particularly commending the peaceful conduct of Presidential and Parliamentary elections and the smooth transition of office. They also recognize the government's commitment to the rule of law, good governance, anti-corruption measures and efforts toward reconciliation. The Clean Sri Lanka initiative also plays a vital role in strengthening relations with the West. In order to sustain this positive momentum and ensure continued support, Sri Lanka must address these concerns respectfully and in line with its policies. Additionally, the West primarily engages with Sri Lanka based on their Indo-Pacific strategy. Through this Indo – Pacific strategy EU, U.S., France and other important partners of Sri Lanka in the West initiate their engagement with Sri Lanka on trade, investments, education, defence and security, climate and sustainable development etc.. Sri Lanka's strategic location makes it a key player in regional geopolitics. Balancing Sri Lanka's national priorities and aspirations with the interests of the western nations, while soliciting their support for social-economic advancement remain a key priority for the Division.

2.5.6. South Asia Division

The South Asia Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment & Tourism Sri Lanka, is dedicated to managing and enhancing the country's diplomatic relations with six South Asian nations: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Pakistan. This division plays a pivotal role in formulating and implementing foreign policies that promote regional cooperation, economic integration, and cultural exchanges through both bilateral and regional engagements. The Division monitors geopolitical and socio-economic developments, shaping Sri Lanka's foreign policy in political, economic, security, education, and social sectors.

The Division and the Sri Lanka Missions in South Asian countries during the year under review have promoted economic activities, fostered friendly relations, enhanced bilateral ties, and showcased Sri Lankan culture and interests. Some of the key highlights in this regard are as follows.

Year 2024 marked notable diplomatic engagements between both Sri Lanka and the South Asian nations, with several high level visits taking place. H.E. the President undertook a state visit to India from 15 to 17 December, resulting in the signing and exchange of two MoUs. H.E. then President undertook a visit to India from 09 - 10 June 2024 to attend the swearing-in ceremony of the Prime Minister of India. The Foreign Minister of Maldives Hon. Moosa Zameer visited Sri Lanka from 03-06 June 2024. The Hon. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India undertook visits to Sri Lanka on two occasions on, 20 June 2024 and on 04 October 2024. The Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, the then State Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Hon. Shehan Semasinghe, the then State Minister of Finance participated in the 9th edition of the Raisina Dialogue held in New Delhi from 20th – 23rd February 2024. In March 27 to 28, the delegation led by the then Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor on National Security to the President, Mr. Sagala Ratnayake visited New Delhi to hold discussions on the proposed Connectivity Corridor between Sri Lanka and India. Hon. Vidura Wickramanayake the then Minister of Buddhasana and Cultural Affairs visited Pakistan as Chief Guest of the International Symposium on "From Gandhara to the World: The Legacy of Gandhara Buddhism.

In 2024, the seventh round of bilateral political consultations between Sri Lanka and Pakistan was held on 30 July. At these consultations, a number of areas of cooperation were addressed including economy and trade, defence and security, education, culture, media and sports, agriculture, technology and cooperation in the multilateral fora. Third round of Discussions on Agreement between India and Sri Lanka on Social Security held from 04-05 March 2024 at the Ministry of Labour and Foreign Employment, Colombo. First Meeting of the Joint Working Group between Sri Lanka and India for cooperation in the field of Renewable Energy, under the MoU on the Cooperation in the field of renewable energy was held 11-13 March 2024 in Colombo.

In 2024, Sri Lanka's diplomatic engagements in South Asia continued to strengthen the bilateral relations and foster regional cooperation. H.E. the High Commissioner in Dhaka paid a courtesy call on H.E. Sheikh Hasina, the then Prime Minister of Bangladesh, on 8 January 2024, and met with the then Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh on 11 March 2024 to discuss existing areas of bilateral cooperation and matters of mutual interest. In India, H.E. the High

Commissioner of Sri Lanka in New Delhi held meetings with Indian government officials on bilateral matters and facilitated high-level visits. The Deputy High Commissioner in Chennai met with the Chief Minister of Telangana, Hon. A. Revanth Reddy, in Hyderabad on 10 January 2024. Meanwhile, in Nepal, H.E. the Ambassador in Kathmandu met with the newly appointed Foreign Minister, Hon. Dr. Arzu Rana Deuba. These high-level diplomatic interactions reflect Sri Lanka's ongoing commitment to deepening ties and promoting collaboration across the South Asian region. Meetings were conducted with the Secretary of the National Heritage and Cultural Ministry, senior officials of the Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Ministry, and senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan. During the period under review, the South Asia Division facilitated the diplomatic clearance for the visits of 15 military aircraft, 10 naval ships, and 2 submarines from other South Asian countries to Sri Lanka. Additionally, the Division coordinated the training of 10 newly recruited Sri Lanka Foreign Service officers and 13 other government officers from parallel services at the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service in New Delhi in August 2024. The Division also facilitated H.E. the President's virtual participation in the Voice of Global South Summit, conducted by the Government of India in August 2024.

One of the main and recurring issues the Division is monitoring and handling is the fisheries issue with India. Accordingly, the 6th meeting of the Joint Working Group on Fisheries was held in Colombo on 29 October 2024 and the Division facilitated the meeting, which focused on addressing ongoing fisheries issues between India and Sri Lanka. Co-chaired by the Secretaries of the Fisheries Ministry/Departments of both countries, the meeting emphasized Sri Lanka's demand to end bottom trawling by Indian fishermen in Sri Lankan waters. Discussions covered cooperation in patrolling, a humanitarian approach to handling fishermen-related issues, the early release of detained fishermen and vessels, investigations into incidents at sea, challenges with new fishing techniques, India's development projects in Sri Lanka's aquaculture sector, and securing safe passage for Sri Lankan fishermen through India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) to the Arabian Sea.

The Division anticipates a total of 14 incoming and 11 outgoing visits to/ from South Asian countries in the year 2025. Specifically, there are plans for 2 outgoing and 2 incoming visits with Bangladesh, 3 outgoing and 5 incoming visits with India, 2 outgoing and 3 incoming visits with Maldives, 2 outgoing and 2 incoming visits with Nepal, and 2 outgoing and 2 incoming visits with Pakistan. These visits will be organized in close coordination with Sri Lanka's Missions and Posts in the respective South Asian nations. Accordingly, the Division is currently coordinating the forthcoming visit of the Prime Minister of India to Sri Lanka from 04-06 April 2025.

A key responsibility of the Division in advancing bilateral relations is organizing bilateral political consultations. Plans are underway for holding four Bilateral Political Consultations. The fourth round of Bangladesh Foreign Office consultation and the second round of Bhutan Foreign Office Consultation are expected to take place in the second quarter of the year. It is also expected that two meetings (Joint Commission; Joint Working Group/ Technical level bilateral consultations on Continental Shelf) will take place with India.

Further, the Division anticipates to initiate 14 new MoUs/Agreements and, is in the process of concluding 34 MoUs/Agreements with the countries in South Asia with a view to enhancing bilateral relations. The Division anticipates a round of fishermen level talk between Sri Lanka

and India to be held this year to address the fisheries issue. As of 11 March 2025, the number of Indian poaching vessels arrested this year stands at 19, with a total of 145 fishermen taken into custody.

2.5.7. South East and Central Asia Division

Sri Lanka's foreign policy engagement with Southeast and Central Asia is multifaceted, focusing on deepening economic ties, enhancing security cooperation, and strengthening diplomatic relations. The Southeast Asia and Central Asia Division is responsible for managing Sri Lanka's bilateral relations with 16 countries across these regions. This includes Sri Lanka's engagement with ASEAN through mechanisms such as the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) and its prospective role as an ASEAN Sectoral Dialogue Partner for which an application was submitted in 2019. Additionally, the Division oversees Sri Lanka's participation in the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), a Central Asia-led initiative in which Sri Lanka holds membership.

2.5.7.1. Economic Diplomacy: During the period under review, Sri Lanka made significant progress in advancing economic integration with Southeast Asia. A key milestone was the signing of the Sri Lanka–Thailand Free Trade Agreement on 03 February 2024 during the Official visit of the former Thai Prime Minister to Sri Lanka. Further, to strengthen trade ties, formal negotiations for Sri Lanka–Indonesia Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) were launched on 14 March 2024 during a virtual meeting between the former State Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka and the Vice Minister of Trade of Indonesia. Accordingly, the first meeting of the Trade Negotiating Committee with Indonesia took place in April 2024, followed by the second round of talks held in Colombo in July 2024. Preliminary discussions were held on establishing a Free Trade Agreement with Malaysia for which a feasibility study is being considered.

A Cabinet decision was taken to implement a free visa regime for 35 countries, including Thailand, Indonesia, and Malaysia, which remains in effect until further notice. Additionally, Thailand has introduced a 60-day visa-free entry for Sri Lankan passport holders starting from July 2024. Both countries are currently negotiating a bilateral agreement to allow visa-free travel for Ordinary passport holders for stays of up to 60 days.

In parallel, efforts to strengthen business-to-business ties were actively pursued, with several visits by business delegations, chambers of commerce, and exporters to the Southeast Asian region. Continuous initiatives were also undertaken to promote investment potential of the country. Moreover, the participation of Sri Lankan exporters in regional trade fairs were facilitated to enhance market access and visibility.

In Manila, the Mission facilitated the visit of the Haycarb delegation to the Philippines in September 2024, during which an Agreement on Leasing of a land was reached, with a follow-up visit planned for mid-October to finalize the agreement. Additionally, the SLEMB/Hanoi supported the participation of Astron Ltd., Morison Ltd., and Gamme Interpharm (Pvt) at the MediPharm Expo 2024 from August 1-3, 2024 held in Vietnam.

From February 27-29, 2024, the High Commission in Singapore facilitated the visit of the Director of Investment Promotion of Port City Colombo by arranging meetings with officials from Singapore Chambers of Commerce and potential investors. In March 2024, SLHC/Singapore supported Colombo Dockyard's participation in the Asia Pacific Maritime Exhibition, organizing meetings with Singapore-based buyers to enhance investment opportunities. Additionally, on April 22, 2024, with a view to working together to promote the boating and yachting industries a MoU was signed with the Singapore Boating Industry Association (SBIA) and the Chamber of Marine Industries of Sri Lanka (CMISL)

SLHC/Islamabad coordinated the visit of a delegation from the Kyrgyz Republic to participate at the Ratnapura International Gem Exhibition in June/July 2024. Additionally, SLEMB/Hanoi supported the participation of five Sri Lankan companies at the International Jewellery Vietnam 2024, while a delegation of eight from the Viet Nam Association of Gemstones (VAG) attended the Ratnapura International Gem & Jewellery Show 2024.

In April 2024, a delegation led by Dr. Abdul Jalil Abdul Karder, Assistant Chief Executive Officer of the Singapore Food Agency, visited Sri Lanka to evaluate local companies as approved sources of poultry products for Singapore. Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam, Hon. Minh Hoan Le, and the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security in Malaysia, Hon. Mohamed bin Sabu visited Sri Lanka on 21 February 2024 to participate in the 37th Session of the FAO's Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific. SLHC/Singapore facilitated the visit of a delegation led by the Chief Fintech Officer of the Monetary Authority of Singapore and Chairman of the Board of Elevandi to Sri Lanka to participate at the Digi Econ Global Investment Summit 2024 held on June 25, 2024.

The Division and its Missions prioritized pursuing employment opportunities for Sri Lankans. As a result, SLHC/Singapore in collaboration with the Singapore Ministry of Health, initiated recruitment of approximately 420 Sri Lankan nurses into the Singaporean public healthcare system, with 100 nurses arriving in March 15, 2024. Additionally, Singapore expressed interest in recruiting 250 Auxiliary Police Officers from Sri Lanka as a pilot project, with 25 officers already deployed and recruitment efforts ongoing. Furthermore, SLHC/Kuala Lumpur, in partnership with the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE), is actively seeking job opportunities for Sri Lankan nationals in Malaysia's construction, manufacturing, plantations, and security sectors, addressing a labour shortage of around 500,000 to 750,000 workers in these fields. Both countries are also working to finalise a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding the recruitment, employment, and repatriation of workers.

2.5.7.2. Political Diplomacy: In 2024, the Division, in collaboration with its Missions, organized several high-level visits to strengthen diplomatic relations. Accordingly, the Division in collaboration with the SLEMB/Bangkok, facilitated the visit of former Thai Prime Minister, H E Srettha Thavisin to Sri Lanka from February 3–4, 2024 as the Guest of Honour at the 76th Independence Day celebrations. This visit led to the signing of the Sri Lanka-Thailand Free Trade Agreement (SLTFTA), the renewal of the Air Services Agreement, and the signing of an MoU on cooperation in the Gems and Jewellery sector. The discussions highlighted key sectors for collaboration, including fisheries, renewable energy, and food processing. Following the visit,

three Thai delegations visited Sri Lanka in April/May and August 2024 to explore opportunities in the fisheries and renewable energy sectors. A Thai food processing company also made a visit. Additionally, in April 2024, a delegation from the Thai Neighbouring Countries Economic Development Cooperation Agency (NEDA) visited to discuss the potential establishment of a Debt Management Office in Sri Lanka.

The Division in collaboration with SLEMB/ Jakarta facilitated the visit of former President Wickremesinghe to participated in the 10th World Water Forum in Indonesia in May 2024. During the visit, he held discussions with President Joko Widodo and Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs and Investment of Indonesia on the sidelines of the World Water Forum. The discussions were centered on finalizing a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) between Sri Lanka and Indonesia in the first quarter of 2025. The talks also covered empowering Hydro Diplomacy and establishing bilateral task force to coordinate and implement the Tropical Belt, Blue Economy, and Seaweed Industry, research collaboration on Mangrove Cultivation. Further Sri Lanka joined the Global Blended Finance Alliance (GBFA) by signing the Letter of Intent (LoI) with 09 other countries, marking a commitment to climate action and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The two sides also discussed the establishment of a Maritime Dialogue between Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

The Division facilitated the opening of reciprocal diplomatic Missions in Astana, Kazakhstan, and Colombo in 2025 to strengthen ties with the region and with Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA). To further enhance political relations with Central Asia, the visit of Ambassador Kairat Sarybay, Secretary General of CICA, was arranged in February 2024, marking the first visit of a CICA Secretary General to Sri Lanka. Bilateral political consultations were also held with Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan in April 2024 and with Turkmenistan in May 2024.

The visit of Singapore's Non-Resident High Commissioner to Sri Lanka in early 2024 and the first official visit of Hon. Ali Sabry, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka, took place on July 7, 2024. During the visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs to Singapore, discussions were held with Singaporean high-level officials, including H.E. Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs, H E K Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law and Senior Minister H E Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore.

Additionally, through coordinated efforts with the SLEMB/Manila, Sri Lanka enhanced cooperation with the Philippines across various sectors in 2024. Significant activities included participation in the Asia and Pacific Food Security Forum and engagements that fostered women's leadership and disaster management. The first negotiations for a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) and the Treaty on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (TTSP) marked a milestone in legal cooperation. Furthermore, a visit by the Director General of the Department of South Asia, Middle East, and African Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand to Sri Lanka in August 2024 highlighted ongoing diplomatic activities in the region.

2.5.7.3. Multilateral Relations: Sri Lanka has significantly strengthened its engagement with the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) by taking a leading role in key areas such as disarmament,

non-proliferation, disaster relief, and defence university cooperation. The Division facilitated Sri Lanka's co-chairing of the 22nd ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief, held virtually in collaboration with Vietnam and Bangladesh in April 2024. Additionally, Sri Lanka is scheduled to host the 15th ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament in Honolulu, USA, alongside Thailand and the United States. The State Minister of Foreign Affairs represented Sri Lanka at the 31st ARF Ministerial meeting in Vientiane, Laos, in July 2024, following the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) held in June 2024 in Laos. Sri Lanka is scheduled to host the 26th ARF Heads of Defence Universities, Colleges and Institutes Meeting (HDUCIM) together with Cambodia in January 2025, coordinated by KDU.

The Division also coordinated the virtual participation of the Secretary, Ministry of Environment in the CICA Ministerial Conference on Environment in August. Additionally, Sri Lanka nominated a member to the CICA Youth Council, with three youth volunteers participating in the Rally of Volunteer Movement Leaders in October 2024 in Astana, Kazakhstan. Sri Lanka was also represented by an expert on mine safety at the 2nd CICA International Conference on Mine Safety Risk Prevention and Control held in Beijing. Also, in collaboration with the think tank Geopolitical Cartographer, the division organized a Central Asia Forum in August 2024, in Colombo to enhance Sri Lanka's engagement with Central Asia and emphasized its strategic and economic significance. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism, Vijitha Herath, addressed the 7th Ministerial Council Meeting of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) held virtually on 17th December 2024 highlighting Sri Lanka's growing engagement with CICA and commitment to strengthening its partnership as CICA transitions into a fully-fledged international organization.

2.5.7.4. Defence and Security Cooperation: The Division coordinated and facilitated the participation of Chief of Defence Staff General Shavendra Silva and the Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy at the 21st IISS Shangri-La Dialogue, Asia's premier security summit, in Singapore in June 2024. The Sri Lanka Mission in Bangkok facilitated a study visit by a defence delegation, led by the Air Commodore, Chief Instructor – Air Wing of the Defence Service Command and Staff College, to Thailand from 2-11 September 2024. Additionally, the Mission in Manila provided assistance to the Sri Lanka Navy regarding the shipment of an ammunition consignment from the Philippines to Sri Lanka. Negotiations are currently underway to finalize the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Defence Cooperation between Sri Lanka and Thailand and Sri Lanka and the Philippines, while the Letter of Intent (LOI) on Defence Cooperation between Sri Lanka and Indonesia has been finalized and is ready for signature.

A delegation from Singapore's Immigration and Checkpoints Authority visited Sri Lanka to ascertain opportunities for collaboration in enhancing Sri Lanka's Immigration system through the integration of advance technology, with the goal of achieving standard similar to those of Singapore. In addition, the visit of H.E. K Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law of Singapore took place in August 2024, enhancing legal and security cooperation between the two countries.

2.5.7.5. Consular Diplomacy and Migrant Labour Welfare: This Division in collaboration with the Missions in Thailand and Myanmar, actively engaged in diplomatic efforts to rescue Sri

Lankans trafficked to Myanmar to work in cybercrime centres, particularly in the Myawaddy district. These initiatives included consultations with the Governments of Myanmar and Thailand, and initiating discussions between the Sri Lankan Foreign Minister and the Foreign Ministers of both countries in January and April 2024. The President of Sri Lanka also reached out to Myanmar's Prime Minister for intervention. In June 2024, the State Minister of Foreign Affairs visited both countries to advocate for the release of the trapped Sri Lankans. The Ministry also facilitated a visit to Thailand and Myanmar by Members of Parliament to pursue the release of the trafficked Sri Lankans. These efforts successfully facilitated the rescue and repatriation of 8 individuals in April 2024 and 20 more in September 2024. The issue was also addressed during bilateral meetings held at the sidelines of the Fourth Meeting of the BIMSTEC National Security Chiefs in July 2024, attended by the Secretary of the Ministry of Defence of Sri Lanka. Thirty-two (32) Sri Lankan nationals who were victims of human trafficking (out of 45 reported to be in Myawaddy area in Myanmar) were rescued on 25 November 2024 following a successful, coordinated process. Out of the said 32 Sri Lankan nationals, 05 were deported to Sri Lanka on 06 December 2024 (as they were not identified as victims of trafficking) and 27 Sri Lankan nationals returned to Sri Lanka on 16 December 2024. Efforts are ongoing to rescue the remaining Sri Lankans.

SLEMB/Manila coordinated with the Bureau of Immigration (BI) to facilitate the release of three Sri Lankans from a detention centre in the Philippines. Meanwhile, the SLEMB/Moscow extended consular assistance and arranged the repatriation of two Sri Lankans who had been detained and imprisoned in Uzbekistan. Additionally, SLHC/Singapore successfully secured employment opportunities for 406 Sri Lankan migrant workers in Singapore.

On December 19, 2024, the Sri Lanka Navy intercepted a boat carrying 116 people, including crew members, off the North-Eastern coast of Sri Lanka. The group was escorted to safety were provided with immediate humanitarian assistance. With a newborn the total number of arrivals increased to 117. 12 individuals, including crew members, were arrested and produced before the Trinco Magistrates' Court on 23/12/2024 and were remanded for investigation. Later they were moved to the Immigration Detention Centre in Mulaitivu. Furthermore, as the boat is reported to have originated from Myanmar the Government of Sri Lanka is in contact with the Embassy of Myanmar in Colombo, with regard to assistance on establishing nationality.

The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka was granted access to the group in January 2025, and requests by ICRC and UNHCR for access are under consideration. Meanwhile the arrivals by boat from Myanmar have been found to be in violation of Immigration Law's in Sri Lanka and a case has been filed. The Ministry has been coordinating with related line ministries/departments and international organizations on this matter.

2.5.7.6. Cultural Diplomacy: The Southeast and Central Asia Division, in collaboration with Southeast Asian Missions, facilitated the "Temple to Temple" program to strengthen connections between temples and religious communities in Sri Lanka and ASEAN countries, promoting mutual understanding and cultural and economic exchanges. In collaboration with SLHC/Singapore, this Division arranged the ceremony to launch the research publication "Singapore and Sri Lanka at 50: Perspectives from Sri Lanka" at the Lakshman Kadirgamar

Institute on August 27, 2024, marking 50 years of diplomatic relations between Sri Lanka and Singapore. Additionally, SLEMB/Hanoi, together with the Central Cultural Fund, also supported the construction of an outer wall around the Bodhi Tree in Bai Dinh Pagoda, featuring Sri Lankan and Vietnamese architectural styles, symbolizing the close Buddhist cultural cooperation between Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

2.5.7.7. Science and Technology: A key achievement in 2024 was the signing of an Educational Cooperation Agreement with Vietnam, enhancing scientific and technological collaboration. The Division also worked on initiatives related to digital economy development and innovation, particularly through partnerships with Singapore.

In summary, the Southeast Asia & Central Asia Division has effectively strengthened Sri Lanka's political, economic, and cultural ties with key countries in the region. Through active participation in regional fora, facilitating high-level visits and conducting successful diplomatic initiatives, Sri Lanka has significantly enhanced its bilateral relations with ASEAN and Central Asian nations in 2024. Moving forward, the Division will continue its efforts to further elevate bilateral relations with Southeast and Central Asia regions.

2.6. Performance Overview: Operational Divisions

2.6.1. Consular Affairs Division

The Consular Affairs Division provides services to the public in compliance with the Consular Functions Act No. 04 of 1981 and the subsequent amendment in Act No. 18 of 2006. The Division coordinates and collaborates with its Regional Consular Offices (RCOs) located in Jaffna, Matara, Kandy, Trincomalee and Kurunegala as well as all Sri Lankan Diplomatic Missions and Posts abroad, in the provision of consular services to the public both in Sri Lanka and overseas. Consular Services provided to the public by the Division are structured into five main sections: Document Authentication, Repatriation, Compensation, Death (related to deaths occurring abroad), and Miscellaneous matters which addresses various consular matters.

The Consular Division and its Regional Consular Offices (RCO) generated a combined revenue of LKR 546,974,000.00 for the period from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 by authenticating 459,246 documents for 221,803 applicants. Among these Regional Consular Offices, RCO Jaffna generated LKR. 31,882,800.00, through the authentication of 25,856 documents for 13,246 applicants. The RCO Matara collected LKR 28,339,200.00 through the authentication of 23,688 documents for 14,899 applicants. The RCO Kandy contributed LKR 32,432,400.00 through authenticating 27,203 documents for 17,097 applicants. The RCO Trincomalee has generated LKR 14,128,800.00 by authenticating 11,856 documents for 7,477 applicants. Furthermore, the RCO Kurunegala has generated LKR 40,370,400.00 by authenticating 34,259 documents for 18,216 applicants.

In partnership with the Department of Examinations, the Consular Affairs Division launched an online authentication system for GCE O/L and A/L certificates in August 2023. This system enables applicants to apply for certificate authentication online, eliminating the need to visit the

Consular Division in Colombo in person. Between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024, a total of 46,520 GCE O/L and A/L certificates were authenticated online. This initiative represents a major step toward the digitization of document authentication services within the Consular Division. GCE O/L and A/L certificates constitute the bulk of daily authentications, accounting for around 30-40% of the total documents processed.

As part of the ongoing effort to digitalize document authentication, the integration of the e-DAS and e-BDM (Registrar General's Department) databases was implemented on September 2, 2024. This digital integration allows applicants to apply for authentication of their birth, marriage, and death certificates entirely online, eliminating the need for in-person visits to the Division.

During the period under review, 690 deaths of Sri Lankan nationals abroad were reported. The Division facilitated the repatriation of the remains of 440 individuals, while 203 were buried, and 47 were cremated overseas with the consent of their NOK. The Death Section processed 295 requests for Consular Death registrations from the NOK of Sri Lankans who passed away abroad. Additionally, the personal belongings of 28 deceased Sri Lankans were handed over to their NOK in Sri Lanka during this period.

During the period under review, the Compensation Section coordinated the receipt of approximately LKR. 382 million in compensation (Disbursed through Public Trustee LKR 382,035,944.31) blood money and various other entitlements for Sri Lankan citizens, in view of their demise, accident, injuries, retirement benefits, while they were overseas. This compensation was subsequently distributed among 121 families and victims in accordance with the established procedure. Further, the Division received 363 (Death compensation 245 + Non death Compensation 118) fresh compensation requests during the corresponding period, and all of these requests have been directed to the respective Sri Lankan Missions abroad for processing.

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During the period under review, the Miscellaneous Section of the Division was engaged in issuing and distributing of 648 original birth certificates to individuals born outside of Sri Lanka. Further, it facilitated the issuance of 32 citizenship certificates and handled passport-related matters. This section also coordinated the acquisition of 72 foreign police clearance certificates for Sri Lankans domiciles in Foreign Countries. Further, it verified 560 foreign degree certificates of government officials in coordination with Sri Lankan Missions and Posts. The section also provided recommendations to conduct 23 consular mobile services by Sri Lanka Missions and Posts abroad during the corresponding period.

Furthermore, the section handled more than 950 Cases related to Sri Lankan travel documents in coordination with the Department of immigration of Emigration during the corresponding period. The section also involved coordinating with foreign Missions based in Sri Lanka to obtain information for a range of inquiries and investigations required by law enforcement authorities of Sri Lanka. Further, it coordinated with Sri Lanka missions to locate the whereabouts of Sri Lankan nationals who lost contact with their families in Sri Lanka. The section also handled the labor related issues in coordination with the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau (SLBFE).

During the period under review, the Repatriation Section processed 1324 repatriation requests (286 involving jailed individuals, 911 regular cases and 127 involving individuals in cybercrime compounds in Myanmar) made by NOK, government authorities, and law enforcement entities. The Division coordinated the repatriation of 1788 Sri Lankans stranded abroad for various reasons. Regionally, 179 Sri Lankans were repatriated from the Middle East, 1,304 from Asian countries including 98 from Myanmar cybercrime compounds, 251 from Europe and Western countries, and 38 from Africa. Additionally, 3 individuals were repatriated from BIOT and 13 from Réunion Island during the same period. The Repatriation Section also managed 28 cases involving stranded fishing vessels and facilitated the repatriation of 91 crew members and 9 fishing vessels.

The Division contributed as a resource entity to awareness sessions aimed at strengthening the knowledge on awareness and response of human trafficking and safe migration organized by the SAFE foundation.

The Division coordinated inputs from Sri Lankan Missions in abroad for the Trafficking in Persons (TIP) 2025 report.

2.6.2. General Administration Division

The General Administration Division(GAD) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment & Tourism had a wide range of administrative policy planning and implementation, all operational and maintenance affairs, Human resource planning and development of Officers in all island services, Development Officers, Management Service Officers, Primary services, and Departmental services except Sri Lanka Foreign Service. Further, GAD managed daily operations, ensuring compliance, facilitating communication, and supporting strategic planning all to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the Ministry. Similarly, on the guidance of Secretary, preparation of Cabinet Memoranda, preparation of answers to Parliamentary questions, preparation of answers to Parliamentary Committees and Consultative committees were done by General Administration Division.

In addition to the daily routines, a summary of key tasks performed by the General Administration Division (GAD) for the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 are as follows;

Human Resource Management: The GAD was secured an approval from the Department of Management Services (DMS) to create a temporary cadre position for the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) for an Additional Director General (Policy Planning).In addition to that, GAD has submitted amendments to the Scheme of Recruitment for the positions of Legal Advisor,

Executive Assistant (Protocol) and Protocol Assistant to the Public Service Commission (PSC). Further, approval was obtained for the Scheme of Recruitment of Legal Officer and the creation of a cadre for the Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute of International Relations and Strategic Studies (LKIIRSS). In terms of strengthening the human resource of the Ministry, it successfully completed the capacity-building programs (IT skills and 100-hour spoken English course for OES and Drivers in collaboration with SLIDA).

Parliamentary Affairs: The GAD has submitted 29 Cabinet Papers efficiently coordinated with the Cabinet Office, in addition to that submitted the Observations of the Hon. Minister in respect of numerous Cabinet Memoranda. Apart of the Coordination of submitting answers to the Parliamentary questions, reports to the Ministerial Consultative Committee and the Committee on Public Petitions. The Committee reports on Public Accounts (COPA) was submitted through the Performance Review and Implementation Division.

Procurement and Maintenance: All the procurement activities were performed in accordance with the applicable regulations, whereby a total volume of procurement worth of Rs. 8.6 million were made for requirements in Sri Lankan Missions, while another Rs. 83.9 million was incurred for purchase for local necessities up to 31 December, 2024.

Regular and proper maintenance of the Republic Building was continued while preserving its archaeological value and elegance and cost of LKR 4.1 million was incurred during the period. Relocated the Consular Affairs Division at 16th Floor, Secretariat Building for Personal Identity, Suhurupaya at a cost of LKR 17 Million to expedite the process of serving to the general public. In addition, 27 official quarters were maintained including relevant repairs at a cost of LKR 1.8 million. Costs of LKR 8 million were incurred for the regular maintenance of plant and machinery of the Ministry.

Logistics Services: A fleet of 84 vehicles (71 Ministry vehicles and 13 leased vehicles) was efficiently utilized, with a comparable number of drivers. According to the public financial constraints, the Ministry has taken appropriate measures to pursue the existing vehicle fleet with adequate investments for run-time maintenance, without causing extra burden for purchasing new vehicles.

Translation unit: Translation of the official documents in the categories of technical and legal which include media releases, MOUs, cabinet memoranda and other documents related to Parliamentary Affairs, gazette notifications, annual reports and letters of the various divisions of the ministry is carried out by the Translation Unit.

Common Website Platform for Missions/Posts Abroad: Upon obtaining the approval from the Secretary/ MFA, FE & T to sign the contract agreement for the development, operation, and maintenance of the Common Website Platform for Sri Lanka Missions/Posts abroad with Elysian Crest (Pvt) Ltd, the selected service provider, the development of the Common Website Platform will commence immediately. In accordance with the approval of the Secretary/ MFA, FE & T, a Technical Evaluation Committee has been appointed to oversee the hosting services related to the Common Website Platform, ensuring the effective implementation of hosting arrangements. Following the signing of the agreement, the preparation of specifications for hosting services can be initiated without delay.

IT Capacity Building and Cyber Security: The Ministry's IT infrastructure and implemented robust cyber security strengthened by the GAD and measures to support secure and efficient operations. Comprehensive firewall training sessions for designated officers responsible for managing the Ministry's network security, ensuring proficiency in configuration, monitoring, and threat mitigation were organized and conducted by the GAD. All officers within the Ministry and across all Missions were informed about the circulation of spam and phishing E-mails. Provided detailed guidance on identifying such threats, recommended preventive measures, and outlined necessary actions to mitigate risks, ensuring the security of official communication channels.

Hall Reservation System: The hall booking process is currently managed manually, often leading to scheduling conflicts. To streamline the reservation process, provide real-time status updates, and enhance the overall efficiency of hall reservations, training sessions were conducted with Finetech Consultancy (Pvt) Ltd to refine the system's workflow. Based on the knowledge gained from these sessions, a cost-effective hall reservation system is being developed to address the challenges of the existing manual process.

2.6.3. Human Resources and Mission Management Division

The main responsibility of the HR & MM Division is to ensure the provision of adequate human resource facilities required by the Sri Lanka Diplomatic Missions abroad are provided in a timely manner. Further, the division is empowered to provide necessary policy directives to all Sri Lanka diplomatic Missions abroad with the view to managing human resources and related administrative requirements of each Sri Lanka Mission abroad.

The composition of the **sixty -two (62)** Sri Lanka Missions/Posts abroad is as follows;

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| • Embassies | - 35 |
| • High Commissions | - 13 |
| • Permanent Missions to the United Nations | - 02 |
| • Deputy High Commissions | - 01 |
| • Consulate General Offices | - 10 |
| • Representative Offices | - 01 |

2.6.3.1. Progress and the future outlook

Appointment of New Heads of Mission/ Heads of Post: With the directives of the Foreign Secretary processed and facilitated appointments of sixteen (16) Heads of Mission/Heads of Post for the Sri Lanka Missions abroad during the year 2024 and the Division is in the process of appointing Heads of Mission/Heads of Post accordingly.

Termination of Non-Career Head Mission/ Heads of Post including DPL Secretaries: As per the directive of the Head of State, the Division took action to terminate the tenures of thirty two (32) non-career Heads of Mission/Heads of Post appointed.

Transfers of Sri Lanka Foreign Service (SLFS) Officers: A total of thirty (30) SLFS officers have been transferred out to the selected Sri Lanka Missions/Posts abroad on diplomatic appointments under three (03) SLFS Transfer Boards for the year 2024.

The Division is currently in the process of appointing a Transfer Board to select suitable officers for the Sri Lanka Foreign Service, currently working at the Ministry to fill the vacancies at the Sri Lanka Missions abroad.

Promotion and Retirement of Foreign Service Officers: The HR & MM Division processed necessary procedural elements related to the promotion of fifteen (15) officers from SLFS Grade III to II and seven (07) officers from II to I in the SLFS. Further, necessary formalities related to the retirement processes of two (02) SLFS officers have been completed.

Promotion of SLFS Grade I Officers to Special Grade: The Division has processed of appointing SLFS officers Grade I, who are eligible for the Special Grade. Twenty Seven (27) officers faced the interview and the Public Service Commission (PSC) has approved seventeen (17) officers to the promotion of Special Grade.

Recruitment of new SLFS Officers: Facilitated the recruitment of a new SLFS batch (2024 intake) to the Ministry.

As per the directive of the Supreme Court, this Division is also working with the PSC to recruit 18 more candidates on the merit order of the same examination to the SLFS, in the first quarter of 2025.

Appointment of Non-SLFS Public Sector Officers for Diplomatic Posts: Forty nine (49) non-SLFS officers in the public service representing the Ministry of Defence (06), Department of Labour (07), Sri Lanka Administrative Service (SLAS) (05), Sri Lanka Accountancy Service (SLAcctS) (01)) and Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE) (30) were posted to the selected SL Missions/Posts abroad.

And these representations are also scheduled to be posted to the selected SL Missions/Posts abroad in 2025.

Appointment of Additional Secretaries (SLFS): During the period under review, timely initiatives were taken by the HR & MM Division to appoint four (04) Additional Secretaries in acting capacity to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Division is in the process of appointing Addl. Secretaries who have been promoted to Special Grade this year by the Public Service Commission (PSC).

Technical & Administrative Staff of SL Missions abroad: Seventy two (72) Home-based Management Service Officers (MSOs), who consented out of the seventy five (75) MSOs qualified from the last competitive examination, have assumed duties at the respective Missions/Posts abroad.

Thirteen (13) Home- based Personal Assistants (PAs) who consented out of the seventeen (17) qualified from the last competitive examination, have also been appointed to Missions /Posts based on exigencies of service.

Also, one (01) Home-based Protocol Officer, three (03) Home- based IT Officers and four (04) Home- based Typists selected through internal Transfer Boards appointed by S/FA, have assumed duties in the Missions/Posts during 2024.

Further, a new cycle of recruitment has been initiated with the action to fill vacancies in (MSOs) cadre and (PAs) cadre in Sri Lanka Missions abroad in 2025.

Appointment of Home Recruited Contractual (HRC) Staff: The appointment of two (02) home-based Drivers was processed during the period under review. Similarly, a selection process of filling vacancies of Drivers and KKSs in the vacant posts of Home Recruited Contractual (HRC) employee category was completed. Accordingly, seventeen (17) KKS and nineteen (19) Driver posts in SL Missions abroad have progressed. Further, six (06) Clerk positions have been filled during the period under reference.

A selection process to fill vacancies of Drivers and KKSs in the vacant posts of Home Recruited Contractual (HRC) employee category will be conducted in 2025.

Facilitating official visits: The HR & MM Division facilitated 149 official visits during the period.

Digitalization of the documentation procedure: In view of the new government's manifesto emphasizing digital transformation, the HR & MM Division identified the requirement of digitalization of the current processes, and accordingly preliminary action has been initiated to create a central data-base in order to enhance efficiency, accessibility and productivity of this Division

2.6.4. Internal Audit & Investigation Division

The key responsibility of this division includes monitoring and evaluating the internal control mechanism of the Ministry, Sri Lanka Missions / Posts abroad, and other institutions coming under the ministry's purview, and adequacy of the internal checks adopted in the prevention and detection of errors and frauds.

Progress - 2024

Performance Indicators	Annual Target	Completed			Progress (%)
Audit and Management committee meetings	4 Meetings	Q1	Q2	Q3	75
		√	√	√	
Internal audit reports	26 Reports	22			84
Cumulative progress					80

- Follow up actions have been taken in respect of the matters discussed at the COPA meeting held on 06th March 2019 in coordination with the respective divisions and parties.
- Actions taken to conduct the Audit and Management Committee Meetings and follow up actions were taken for its decisions.
- Coordination for compilation of replies to the 12 General Audit Queries / Reports out of 16.

Summary of Planned Activities - 2025

This division is expected to issue 26 audit reports/ queries in 2025 based on identified high-risk areas.

Audit Entity	Scope (Activities for Audit)
Ministry & Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute	Service agreements, maintenance, Procurement, Assets Management, Payment vouching, store management, Paying Salary, and completeness of personal files.
Consular Division & Regional Branches	Attestation service and e-Das, Daily collection and bookkeeping, IT assets management, and compensation payments.
Overseas Mission/Post	House rent, Procurement, Renovation, new construction, Daily collection and banking, Attestation service, Assets Management, and Payments vouching.

Prepare and submit replies for Audit reports issued by the National Audit Office coordinating with relevant divisions.

Coordinating Audit and Management Committee Meetings of the Ministry.

Dealing with petitions and urgent inquiries at the direction of the Secretary to Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment, and Tourism.

2.6.5. Legal Division

The main functions of the Legal Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to furnish legal advice on matters of International Law to the Minister through the Ministry's Secretary, to other Divisions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to the Sri Lanka Missions abroad, to the Foreign Missions in Sri Lanka as well as to other Ministries/Departments. The Legal Division is also the

Treaty depository of the Government of Sri Lanka. The Legal Division provides advice on legal aspects of all policy decisions and particularly international issues arising from time to time, such as territorial claims and boundaries, terrorism-related issues, recognition of treaty relations, diplomatic immunities and privileges, sanctions regime of UN and also on unilateral sanctions, migration including organized crime (human trafficking and smuggling) etc. Officers of the Legal Division also represent the Ministry in different expert Committees. During the time frame of 01.01.2024-31.12.2024, the Legal Division has provided legal observations/ Legal Clearance for approximately 350 MoUs/Agreements in terms of Circular No: PS/SP/SB/Circular/06/2023 issued by the Presidential Secretariat. In addition to the above, the Legal Division has made the following significant key performances.

Law of the Sea: The work of the National Oceanic Affairs Committee (NOAC) is coordinated by the Legal Division. The Sub-Commission appointed by the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf of Sri Lanka (UNCLCS) accepted that Sri Lanka has fulfilled the four criteria required to establish Sri Lanka's Continental Margin.

Consideration of the submission has been put on hold by the subcommittee, based on the objection lodged by India. Dates for bilateral discussions have been requested from India.

Inter-Governmental Negotiations on the proposed Internationally Legally Binding Instrument on Marine Bio-Diversity beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction (BBNJ): Legal Division represented the GoSL at those discussions and secured the interest of Sri Lanka in this connection.

Approval of the Cabinet to sign the treaty has already been obtained. Action is also been taken in consultation with the Ocean Affairs Division to draft legislation with view to ratify same early.

Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for Granting Diplomatic Clearance to Foreign Seaborne Vessels arriving in Sri Lanka, Foreign Military or State Aircrafts operating into Sri Lanka and Overflying Sri Lankan Territory, Clearance for Weapons, Ammunition & Communication Equipment during a VVIP/VIP Visit: SOP was finalized with the office of the Chief of National Intelligence, and approval of the Cabinet has been taken to the text.

Negotiation of Free Trade Agreements (FTA): Legal Division was involved in negotiating the FTAs and also serves in the Working Groups negotiating the Investment, Legal and Trade Remedies Chapters of FTAs. All fourteen (14) chapters of the FTA was legally vetted by the Legal Division prior to signing the FTA with Thailand. ETCA negotiations with India is on-going and the Legal Division is involved in negotiating the Investment Chapter

Further the Legal Division also engaged in with the National Trade Negotiating Committee with regard to setting the way forward for discussions on the following;

1. FTA with China
2. Review of the Singapore FTA

Investment: Certain Articles of the IPPA with the UAE is being re-negotiated. New Investment Model of Sri Lanka is being reviewed taking into account the on-going negotiations on FTA investment chapters.

Drafting the Energy Bill of Sri Lanka: Legal Division represents the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism in the expert committee chaired by Justice Sobhitha Rajakaruna, President of the Court of Appeal in drafting the above mentioned Bill which is nearing completion.

Immunities and Privileges: Action has been taken to gazette immunities and privileges granted to following organizations and to table same in Parliament in terms of the Diplomatic Privileges Act no. 9 of 1996.

- Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
- International Centre for Research in Argo Forestry (ICRAF)

The Trafficking in Persons (TIP) : The Legal Division is the Ministry focal point for the National Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force (NAHTTF). Report of the US Department of State placed Sri Lanka in the Tier 2, this Year.

Asia Pacific Group (APG) on Anti Money Laundering and combatting the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT): The 2025 Mutual Evaluation of Sri Lanka by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) was scheduled to be held in March 2025 where an Institutional wise time bound Action Plan is given to the Foreign Ministry. Legal Division is working with the FIU to get ready for the APG Evaluation. However an extension has been given by the APG for Sri Lanka Mutual Evaluation which is yet to be confirmed by FIU.

The Legal Division is presently involved in fulfilling the main Action Points, i.e. amending the existing regulations on UN Security Council Resolutions 1373, 1267, 1540 and the related UNSC resolutions regulated on Iran and DPRK and the promulgation of UNSCRs on Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs) and on Violent extremism. Cabinet approval to be obtained on enacting legislation on FTFs.

The Legal Division actively participates on the TFS committee chaired by the Secretary Defence and liaise with the Ministry of Defence and the financial intelligence unit in combatting money laundering and the financing of terrorism and proliferation.

The Legal Division represents the Legal Committee in the implementation of UNSCR 1540 by way of drafting a new Strategic Trade Management Act.

Readmission: Negotiations on the EU Readmission Protocols were finalized with, Italy, France and the Netherlands on behalf of the Benelux and the Protocols could be finalized for signature. Presently liaising with the Netherlands and France to finalize the Protocols for signature. Negotiations on a new Readmission Agreement was finalized with Georgia in 2018 and yet to be agreed upon on certain reformulated provisions to be signed. Readmission Agreement with Russia to be finalized soon for Signature.

Agreements on Avoidance of Double Taxation: Cabinet approval was sought to sign the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) with Austria in August 2024 .

Dates have been proposed by Sri Lanka to commence the third round of negotiations with Maldives, and to revise the existing DTAA with Bangladesh, in the latter half of 2024.

International Humanitarian Law Matters

- An IHL Committee meeting chaired by the Legal Division was convened with the participation of National IHL Committee members.
- Preparatory meeting to sensitize IHL Committee members relating to the 34th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent under the theme of “Navigate Uncertainty – Strengthen Humanity” was held on 27th June 2024.
- The Legal Division with financial assistance from ICRC, conducted a drafting workshop to formulate domestic legislation to give effect to the provisions of Biological Weapons Convention with the participation of all relevant stakeholders.
- In collaboration with the ICRC, 75 years of the Geneva Conventions under the theme of “Global and Sri Lankan perspectives” was celebrated at BMICH on 14th August 2024 followed by a panel discussion and photo exhibition.
- Legal Division has initiated the process of obtaining the official endorsement for Sinhala and Tamil translations of the Geneva Conventions liaising with the Department of Legal Draftsman and Department of Official Languages.
- Taking in to consideration Sri Lanka’s continuous commitment towards upholding International Humanitarian Law, the Legal Division drafted the Government of Sri Lanka’s specific pledge on the theme “Towards a universal Culture of Compliance with International Humanitarian Law” during the 34th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

Air Services Agreements

- Legal Division is a member of the Government Bilateral Negotiation Team for Air Services.
- New Air Services Agreement with Thailand was signed and action has been taken to bring the Air Services Agreement into force along with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Aviation
- Protocol to the Air Services Agreement with Israel is finalized and ready for signature.
- Legal Division has initiated action for the Renewal of MoU between the National Search and Rescue Agency of Indonesia and Civil Aviation Authority of the Sri Lanka on Search and Rescue Cooperation.
- Air Services Agreement with Myanmar was negotiated by the Government Bilateral Negotiation Team for Air Services and GoSL observations have been finalized for onward

transmission to the Myanmar side for their concurrence.

- Discussions have been started to initiate a new Air Services Agreement with Hungary and a draft model has been shared with Hungarian authorities

BIMSTEC: The Legal Division provided observations and cleared the following BIMSTEC Agreements / MoUs ;

1. Agreement on BIMSTEC Maritime Cooperation
2. MoU between the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi- Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)
3. Host Country Agreement of the BIMSTEC Energy Centre (BEC)
4. MoU on Cooperation between BIMSTEC and the World Bank on Strengthening Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response and Health Systems Resilience among BIMSTEC member States
5. MoU between the Indian Ocean Rim Organization (IORA) and the BIMSTEC
6. MoU between the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the BIMSTEC
7. MoU between the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the BIMSTEC
8. MoU between the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) and BIMSTEC

IAEA Matters: The Legal Division represented the Ministry at the IAEA Regional Workshop to Promote Universalization of the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) held from 9-21 August 2024 in Luang Prabang, Lao P.D.R

The Legal Division also represents the Committee formed to develop national legal frameworks of nuclear legislation and has provided its services to the said Committee during the year 2024

Cybersecurity and Prevention of Cyber Crimes: Legal Division actively participated in the negotiations of the UNODC Ad Hoc Committee to collaborate a Comprehensive International Convention for Countering the use of Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) for Criminal Purposes.

Eventually, the UN Convention against Cybercrime; Strengthening International Cooperation for Combatting Certain Crimes Committed by means of ICT's and for the sharing of Evidence in Electronic form of Serious Crimes, was adopted in August 2024.

Cabinet observations: 90 Cabinet observations of the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs were prepared by the Legal Division during the period from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024.

Full Powers: 45 Full Power instruments have been prepared by the Legal Division and submitted for Hon. M/FA's signature during the period from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024.

Foreign summons: Legal Division facilitated the Service of 235 Summons in foreign countries in coordination with the Ministry of Justice, relevant Courts and the Missions abroad.

The Legal Division facilitated 52 Court cases to obtain testimony from the relevant Parties of the said cases who are living abroad, through Audio Visual linkage in terms of assistance to a Protection of Victims of Crime and Witness Act no. 10 of 2023.

The Legal Division facilitated 263 No. of requests from the Foreign Countries to deliver their Summons in Sri Lanka.

Credentials: The Legal Division clear all credentials drafted by the UN Division to be signed by the Hon. M/FA

Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA), Extradition and Transfer of Offenders (PTA) requests: 43 Mutual Legal Assistance requests, 23 Extradition requests and 09 Transfer of Offenders requests have been facilitated during the period from 1st January – 31st December 2024.

Virtual Negotiations on PTA with Latvia and Saudi Arabia were finalized. Negotiations with Philippines, Saudi Arabia, on MLA, PTA and Extradition were concluded.

SAARC Arbitration Council (SRCCO): Legal Division represents the Ministry in the above Regional Corporation Organization provided the position of Sri Lanka during discussions held in Colombo in December 2024.

Signed Agreements and MoUs: 43 Agreements/MoUs were signed and deposited in the Treaty Depository of the Legal Division from 1st January to 31st December 2024.

Providing Legal Opinions: More than 225 Legal opinions have been furnished to the Foreign Secretary, to other Divisions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to the Sri Lanka Missions abroad, to the Foreign Missions in Sri Lanka as well as to other Ministries/Departments.

The Officers of the Legal Division are appointed as Members of certain Cabinet appointed Committees and other Committees

- Committee on developing Comprehensive Counter Terrorism Legislation.
- The National Ocean Affairs Committee.
- Legal Committee on the implementation of UNSCR 1540 on Strategic Trade Control (STC) and on the process of finalizing the draft laws on STC.
- The Financial Intelligence Unit, National Coordinating Committee and carry out all Ministry work related to Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) and the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
- The National Risk Assessment Committee conducted by the Financial Intelligence Unit which is a requirement for the APG mutual evaluation.

- Targeted Financial Sanctions (TFS) Committee chaired by the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence.
- 1373 (Regulation NO:1 of 2012) Listing Committee
- National Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force
- Committee on repealing the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No.02 of 1996
- Committee appointed by the Minister of Justice to develop national legislation on nuclear laws.
- Technical Advisory Committee on the Standard Operating Procedure chaired by the CDS.
- Committee on National Hydrographic Council
- New Nuclear Act Reviewing Committee
- Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Act Reviewing Committee
- Inter-Ministerial Committee to expedite the process of clearing Higher Education MoUs/Agreements with Foreign entities
- Global Action on Cybercrime Enhanced (GLACY-e) Legal Project Team
- Technical Steering Committee of National Policy and Action Plan on Migration Employment – Sri Lanka 2023-2027
- Inter Agency Committee on Tracking the Progress on Sri Lanka's Migration Related Targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and assessing the contribution of Migration towards the SDGS.

Right to Information Requests and Agreements/MoUs: Right to Information issues – 90 RTI requests were received under the RTI Act No. 12 of 2016 during the period from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024. Out of the said 90 requests, 34 requests have been facilitated, 27 requests have been denied and 29 requests are pending. Five appeals made to the RTI Commission, and all the appeals have been solved by the Commission.

Agreements/MoUs: During the period up to the 31st December 2024, Legal Division has cleared approximately 790 Agreements/MoUs and has provided around 195 advices on diverse fields

The Legal Division has provided observations for 59 Agreements/MoUs in the field of “Higher Education and Research”.

As per the available records in the Treaty Depository of the Legal Division, 43 Agreements/MoUs/ Protocols have been deposited in the areas of Free Trade, Development Cooperation, Air Services, Custom Matters, Defence Cooperation, Development Cooperation, Investment Cooperation, Trade Promotion, Double Taxation, Visa Exemptions, Diplomatic Relations, Cultural Cooperation, Education and Tourism Sector, Film Cooperation, Buddhist Ties & Sports sector in the Legal Division.

Progress and Future Outlook: The main functions of the Legal Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to furnish legal advice on matters of International Law to the Minister through the Ministry's Secretary, to other Divisions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to the Sri Lanka Missions abroad, to the Foreign Missions in Sri Lanka as well as to other Ministries/Departments. The Legal Division is also the Treaty depository of the Government of Sri Lanka. The Legal Division provides advice on legal aspects of all policy decisions and particularly international issues arising from time to time, such as territorial claims and boundaries, terrorism-related issues, recognition of treaty relations, diplomatic immunities and privileges, sanctions regime of UN and also on unilateral sanctions, migration including organized crime (human trafficking and smuggling) etc. Officers of the Legal Division also represent the Ministry in different expert Committees. During the time frame of 01.01.2024-31.12.2024, the Legal Division has provided legal observations/ Legal Clearance for approximately 350 MoUs/Agreements in terms of Circular No: PS/SP/SB/ Circular/06/2023 issued by the Presidential Secretariat during the year 2024. In addition to the above, the Legal Division has made the following significant key performances.

The Legal Division's officers are appointed as members of various Cabinet-appointed and other national committees, demonstrating their broad influence and expertise across diverse sectors. These include committees on Comprehensive Counter Terrorism Legislation, the National Ocean Affairs Committee, the Legal Committee on UNSCR 1540, the Financial Intelligence Unit committees (APG, FATF, National Risk Assessment), the Targeted Financial Sanctions Committee, the National Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force, and committees on nuclear laws, higher education MoUs, migration policy, National Hydrography, and Investments Negotiations. The Officers of the Legal Division are also involved in negotiating bilateral, regional and multilateral Agreements/MoUs, treaties representing the Government of Sri Lanka.

In summary, the Legal Division has achieved substantial progress across its core functions and specialized areas in 2024, from international law and trade agreements to security, humanitarian law, and domestic legislation. Its active engagement in numerous national and international committees highlights its central role in shaping Sri Lanka's legal and foreign policy landscape. The division's ongoing negotiations, legislative drafting efforts, and preparatory work for international evaluations demonstrate a clear future outlook focused on consolidating achievements and further strengthening Sri Lanka's standing in the international arena.

2.6.6. Overseas Asset Management and Development Division

The Division successfully fulfilled its mandate to manage and develop overseas assets related to Sri Lankan Diplomatic Missions/Posts abroad while overseeing the Travel Unit, Cypher and Security Mail Division.

With regard to the establishment of new diplomatic presence, the Division completed all necessary formalities for the Sri Lanka High Commission in Wellington, with Head of Mission and staff appointed. Further, all preliminary arrangements for the Sri Lanka Consulate General

in Cyprus were completed, pending staff appointments.

In the matter of diplomatic personnel movement, the Division facilitated 166 staff officials and 224 family members posted abroad with requisite documentation, transportation, and allowances. The Division further processed administrative matters for 205 officers returning to Headquarters.

Concerning asset management, the Division procured 12 diplomatic vehicles and processed 341 requests for capital items totaling LKR 80,788,356.93. The Division facilitated 87 new official quarters and renewed 148 lease agreements. Following high-level directives, the Division oversaw renovations at government properties in New Delhi, Canberra, Bangkok, Chennai, Jakarta, and Beijing.

With respect to administrative compliance, the Division addressed 18 audit queries and ensured all 61 Missions/Posts submitted Board of Survey reports. The Division allocated 14 housing units in Colombo for returning Foreign Service officers.

The Travel Unit arranged visas and air passages for 215 Ministry Officials supporting 100 official visits and issued 1,713 Third Party Notes for visa facilitation.

The Cypher Division processed approximately 34,780 inward and 21,408 outward diplomatic communications, while the Security Mail Division handled diplomatic pouches via Sri Lankan Airlines (outgoing: 683, incoming: 224) and DHL (outgoing: 787, incoming: 103).

The Division affirmed that all operations were conducted in accordance with established diplomatic protocols and ministerial directives.

2.6.7. Protocol Division

The work of the Protocol Division can be categorized as coordinating ceremonial functions, facilitating and monitoring diplomatic immunities and privileges extended to foreign Diplomatic Representations, UN and its specialized agencies and international organizations accredited to Sri Lanka, facilitating arrangements for Heads of Mission accredited to Sri Lanka (Based in Colombo and concurrent accreditations from other Missions.) and facilitating logistical and protocol arrangements for international conferences held in Sri Lanka.

Ceremonial Functions: Inward Visits: The Division facilitated Twenty Five (25) inward visits which included Six (06) visits of Heads of State/Government, Seven (07) visits of Foreign Ministers Twenty (04) visits of Speakers and other Ministers and Eight (08) visits of other foreign dignitaries and conference, during the period under review.

Outward Visits: Six (06) Presidential visits Switzerland, Uganda, Australia, Indonesia and twice to India Two (02) Hon. Prime Minister visit to China and South Korea Fifteen (15) Foreign Ministerial visits and Eight (08) visits of Hon. State Minister of Foreign Affairs were facilitated

by this Division, during the reporting period.

Conferences and meetings: Colombo Security Conclave was facilitated by this Division during the review period. Additionally, Joint Commissions, Political Consultations, Diplomatic Briefings and other stakeholder meetings on various subjects were facilitated.

Social Events organized by the Protocol Division: During the review period this Division organized **five (05)** events to enhance people to people contacts.

Immunities and Privileges: Issuance of clearance certificates- 1,750 certificates were issued to Foreign Missions (35 Books containing 50 certificates) and 400 certificates were issued to International Organizations (8 Books containing 50 certificates)

Customs Facilities – Imports: (1630-for Foreign Missions and 300 for other International Organizations) **Customs facilities – Exports:** (140-for Foreign Missions and 28-for other international organizations)

Vehicles (DPL / UN and other Organizations): Sale of vehicles-329, Registration of vehicles-68, Issuance of revenue licenses-772, Issuance of Driving licenses-230, Issuance of petrol coupon books-260.

Visas: Visas for Foreign Missions – 980, Visas for Foreign Missions – Residence visas-1610, Visa for International Organizations – 143 entry visas and 515 residence visas.

Airport Passes: issued 50 permanent passes and 28 temporary passes, 157 renewals of permanent passes and 18 renewals of temporary passes.

VIP lounge Permits: 2,960 Foreign Passengers and 3,100 local passengers.

Diplomatic Clearances: 167 approvals for Foreign Aircrafts and ships (Military & State-owned), 33 approvals for Foreign Ships (Military & research), 01 military exercise and 18 weapon clearances.

Identity Cards (DPL / UN and other Organizations): 598 Airport passes, 178 National day felicitation messages and 30 National day receptions.

Appointments of Heads of Mission/Honorary Consuls: The Protocol Division is responsible for arranging ceremonies for Presentation of credentials for foreign Ambassadors/High Commissioners accredited to Sri Lanka and seeking Agreement for Sri Lankan Ambassadors/High Commissioners appointed to countries that Sri Lanka has established resident Missions. The Protocol Division is also responsible for appointments of Honorary Consuls of Sri Lanka and appointments of Honorary Consuls of other countries in Sri Lanka. Accordingly, six (6) credential ceremonies, Thirty two (32) appointments of Foreign Heads of Mission to Sri Lanka, twelve (12) appointments of Sri Lankan Heads of Mission to abroad were facilitated by this Division, during the reporting period. Seven (07) appointments of Honorary Consuls of Sri Lanka and thirty five

(35) extensions of the tenures of service were facilitated in addition to the appointments of one (01) Honorary Consuls in Sri Lanka.

Arranging meetings: Courtesy call for H.E. the President 32, Hon. Prime Minister 48, Hon Minister of Foreign Affairs 92, Hon. State Minister of Foreign Affairs 41, Secretary/Foreign Affairs 47 and other Ministers 63

Arranging Official lunches 13 and dinners 12

2.7. Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute of International Relations and Strategic Studies (LKIIRSS)

The LKI is governed by a Board of Management (BOM) chaired by the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs and includes 8 members. The mission of LKI is to engage in independent research on Sri Lanka's international relations and strategic interests. To this end, the LKI, informed by contemporary global dynamics, and drawing on the best practices and internationally accepted policy standards, has sought to produce evidence-based research, which is policy relevant, and provides a 'Sri Lankan perspective', that is made available to the government and also contributes to the public foreign policy and strategic discourse.

2.7.1. Progress and Future Outlook: A revised 'LKI Research Programme', approved by the Board of Management in July 2023, is structured under three pillars - Global Governance, Global Economy, and Global Relations. In recent times, increased focus has been on the Global Relations pillar. Its key scholarly contribution from its research is the series of 'LKI Policy Briefs', which provides a comprehensive analysis on policy issues affecting Sri Lanka and the contemporary world (Summaries of the same are available in Sinhala and Tamil). Recently published Policy Briefs have been on: 'Straddling the major power rivalry in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR): Sri Lanka's quest to navigate in an Increasingly 'Zero-Sum' Environment', 'Sri Lanka's Role in UN Peacekeeping: Possibilities and Challenges for a Mutually Beneficial Process', 'Sri Lanka's Path to Economic Integration: An Assessment of Past Efforts and Prospects through the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership'. 'Sri Lanka's Voting Coincidences with Major Powers in the United Nations General Assembly', 'Office on Missing Persons in Sri Lanka: Evolution, Challenges, Lessons Learnt, and the Way Forward', 'Borrowing Wisely: Gaining Insights from Debt Restructuring in Ghana, Sri Lanka and Zambia', 'Debt-for-Renewables' Swaps: How to Address Climate, Debt and Energy Sector Vulnerabilities in Sri Lanka', 'Strengthening Sri Lanka-US Engagement', 'Countering Maritime Crime in the Indian Ocean: Evaluating the Effectiveness of IORA'. Additionally, LKI Expert Roundtables' have been held on: 'Strengthening Engagement in Sri Lanka - Australia Relations', 'The Future of SAARC' - SAARC Secretary General, 'Regional Cooperation through BIMSTEC' - BIMSTEC Secretary General'.

As part of its public outreach, the LKI has held periodic LKI Foreign Policy Forum sessions on: 'The Relevance of Non-Alignment in a Polarized World', 'Changing Global Dynamics: Implications for Sri Lanka', 'Israel-Palestine Conflict and Its Ramifications: Global Perspectives', 'Debt Restructuring Outcome and Economic Diplomacy'. LKI Cultural Events were held on; 'Sri Lanka

as a Destination: From Antiquity to Modernity’ and ‘Martin Wickramasinghe’s Impact on the Cultural Legacy of Sri Lanka’. The annual memorial event was held to honour the legacy of Hon. Lakshman Kadirgamar in August 2024. Several LKI Collaborative Events were also organized: with the Australian National University and the

Australian High Commission on ‘Building Maritime Domain Awareness in Sri Lanka’, with the Republic of Korea on ‘Economic Security in the Indian Ocean Region; Prospects for Collaboration between Sri Lanka and the Republic of Korea’, with the ICRC on ‘Artificial Intelligence (AI), Autonomous Weapons Systems (AWS) and Contemporary Challenges’.

As part of its Strategic Communications, the LKI’s Executive Director and Researchers regularly participate as speakers in external events, and the LKI has also commenced the practice of conducting seminars/ briefings for students from universities/other institutions who are interested in delving deeper into the field of foreign policy and related studies. Regular news releases and a bi-annual LKI update on the LKI’s work is disseminated on the website, social media posts and in the media. Efforts were also made to expand the LKI Library collection through book/collection donations. In order that its resources could be made more accessible to the public, its database was also upgraded using the ‘Poorna Web-based Library Management System’.

As for Organizational Matters, there had been no revision of the cadre of the LKI since that originally provided for in 2001 at the founding of the Research Institute affiliated to the Foreign Ministry, which consisted of an Executive Director and 15 other officers and appointments had been made on an ad hoc basis. Following a negotiation process initiated in September 2023, this anomaly was rectified through consultations with the Department of Management Services (DMS), which on 17 April 2024 approved the revised cadre requested by the LKI, numbering 26 positions - including an Executive Director, a Director/Research, a Deputy Director/Administration and Finance, a Deputy Director/Communications and Strategic Outreach, and 9 further positions earmarked for research activities at different levels. Following improvements made to the ‘Lighthouse Auditorium’ of the LKI in recent times, and the greater visibility the institute has received in the public domain, venue hire doubled from Rs. 2.7 million in 2023, to Rs. 5.2 million in 2024. The Total Expenditure for the year 2024 was Rs. 32.7 million. In 2024, 70% of these expenses were met from self-generated funds (from interest from investments and venue hire), while the rest was provided from the National Budget through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In 2025, LKI is finalizing Policy Briefs on; ‘Optimizing Benefits from EU GSP+, ‘Assessing the Belt and Road Initiative 2.0’, ‘Transitional Justice and Reconciliation in Sri Lanka’, ‘Prospective Membership in BRICS’, ‘Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation in Northeast Asia’, ‘Intellectual Property Protection and Innovation’, ‘Autonomous Weapons Systems’ and ‘The Colombo Security Conclave’. LKI will also host a LKI Roundtable session on ‘Sri Lanka’s preparedness to meet the emerging global economic challenges’ in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in March 2025, while in April 2025 the ‘LKI Colloquium-2025’ will be held to present its research output to an audience comprising students, academics and practitioners of foreign policy and strategic studies.

2.8. Bandaranaike International Diplomatic Training Institute (BIDTI)

The BIDTI was established in 1995, as the training institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to produce a competent diplomatic service that is well versed in diplomatic skills and conduct of foreign relations. In addition, the BIDTI conducts programmes for those who wish to acquire knowledge on Diplomatic Skills and conduct of International Relations. It also conducts Special Guest Lectures and Panel discussions relevant to the timely topics, which are relevant to the diplomacy & world affairs. Since 2006, it is vested as a unit of the Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute of International Relations & Strategic Affairs.

2.8.1. Progress & Future Outlook

I. Academic Activities conducted: For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- i. Facilitated conducting the induction programme for the new recruits to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service (2024 intake) from 13 June 2024 to 25 July 2024
- ii. Conducted the 1st Efficiency Bar Examination of MA Non-Tec-2 Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Protocol Assistant) on Friday, 29 November 2024.

Programmes organized for those interested in learning diplomatic skills & practice and conduct of International Relations

Diploma in Diplomacy & World Affairs Programme

- i. Completed the academic activities of the XXVII Diploma Programme
- ii. Completed the academic activities of the XXVIII Diploma Programme
- iii. Commenced the academic activities of the XXIX Diploma Programme
- iv. Enrolling participants for the XXX Diploma Programme.

II. Examinations conducted

i. For the XXVII Diploma

- 11 February 2024 - 3rd Module Examination of the XXVII Diploma Programme
- 19 May 2024 - 4th Module Examination of the XXVII Diploma Programme
- 4 August 2024 - 5th Module Examination of the XXVII Diploma Programme

ii. For the XXVIII Diploma

- 7 January 2024 - 1st Module Examination of the XXVIII Diploma Programme
- 7 April 2024 - 2nd Module Examination of the XXVIII Diploma Programme
- 28 July 2024 - 3rd Module Examination of the XXVIII Diploma Programme
- 27 October 2024 - 4th Module Examination of the XXVIII Diploma Programme

iii. For the XXIX Diploma

- 1 December 2024 - 1st Module Examination of the XXIX Diploma Programme

III. Assignments conducted

i. For the XXVII Diploma

- 15 April 2024 - 4th Module Assignment of the XXVII Diploma programme
- 24 June 2024 - 5th Module Assignment of the XXVII Diploma Programme

ii. For the XXVIII Diploma

- 28 February 2024 - Bilateral Negotiating Skills for XXVIII Diploma Programme
- 13 March 2024 - Multilateral Negotiating skills for XXVIII Diploma Programme

- 10 June 2024 - 3rd Module Assignment of the XXVIII Diploma Programme
- 11 October 2024 - 4th Module Assignment of the XXVIII Diploma Programme

iii. For the XXIX Diploma

- 19 November 2024 - 1st Module Assignment of the XXIX Diploma Programme

IV. Post Graduate Diploma

Completed the 9th Post Graduate Diploma Programme

V. Special Programmes

- 9 May & 10 May 2024 - Skill Development Programme in conduct of International Relations for the Administrative Staff of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL)
- 27 May 2024 - Memorial Lecture in honour of Ambassador Jayantha Dhanapala on 'Multilateralism in the context of current challenges' delivered by Ambassador HMGS Palihakkara, the former Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 10 July 2024 - 25th Convocation relevant to the 8th Post Graduate Diploma Programme and XXIV, XXV & XXVI Diploma Programmes held.

VI. Journal of the BIDTI

Published the 6th Volume of the journal of the BIDTI 'Diplomacy & World Affairs'.

Action Plan for 2025

I. Academic Activities

Conducting training programmes /exams as and when requested by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment & Tourism

II. Continuing with programmes organized for those interested in learning diplomatic skills and practice and conduct of International Relations

i. Diploma in Diplomacy & World Affairs Programme

Continuation of the XXVIII and XXIX Course of the Diploma in Diplomacy & World Affairs Programme

Commencement of the XXX Diploma in Diplomacy & World Affairs Programme in February 2025

Conducting relevant exams and assignments of the XXVIII, XXIX & XXX Diploma Programmes

ii. Post Graduate Diploma Programme: Commencing the 10th Post Graduate Diploma in Diplomacy & World Affairs Programme in April 2025

iii. Special Training programmes: To conduct the tailor-Made Programme on Diplomatic Practice for the Staff of the Secretariat of the Sri Lanka Parliament – Discussed and planned in 2024

Diplomatic skills and etiquette training programme for the senior officers of the

Sri Lanka Police – Discussed and planned in 2024

Conducting Tea Serving Etiquette Training programme for Office Aides of Sri Lanka Export Development Board planned in 2024

iv. Other activities relevant to the institute

Panel Discussions

Organizing the Panel discussion on 'Trump 2.0 Impact on South Asia' on 30 January 2025

Special Guest lectures

Organizing Special Guest lectures to create awareness on issues of global importance.

2.9. National Oceanic Affairs Committee Secretariat (NOAC)

2.9.1. Introduction

Sri Lanka presented its technical and scientific data and other material to the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (UNCLCS) to establish its outer limit of the legal continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles, in May 2009. In its submission, Sri Lanka has claimed seabed rights, in the Bay of Bengal Sedimentary Fan, for an approximate area of over twenty times of its land area (Fig. 1). The National Ocean Affairs Committee (NOAC) successor to DEOCOM was established by the Cabinet of Ministers, by its decision dated 28th March 2012 to handle all matters connected with the aforesaid submission presented by Sri Lanka to UNCLCS. NOAC comes under the purview of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the supervision of its Legal Division. In October 2016, the UNCLCS appointed the Subcommission to consider Sri Lanka's submission. As of today eleven rounds of discussions between the Subcommission and the Sri Lankan delegation have taken place. The technical elements required to establish the Continental Margin of Sri Lanka have already been submitted and accepted by the Subcommission. Accordingly, during the last round of discussions, the Subcommission has accepted that Sri Lanka has successfully established its continental margin under the Statement of Understanding (SoU) of United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

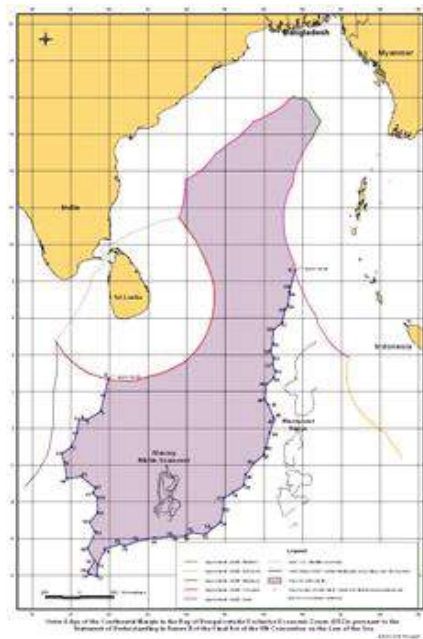


Fig. 1 Sri Lanka's first claim

However, the Subcommittee has requested Sri Lanka to submit fixed points applying 350 nautical miles constraint to the continental margin of Sri Lanka, in order to delineate the outer limits of the continental shelf. In terms of Article 76 of UNCLOS, Sri Lanka's entitlement is to be recognized by other Signatories to UNCLOS, once the Commission makes its recommendation with regard to its Continental Shelf.

Sri Lanka objected to the application of 350 nautical mile constraint to its continental margin as Sri Lanka is of the view that the 350 nautical mile limit is a general constraint contained in the UNCLOS and does not apply to the continental margin of Sri Lanka. In the meantime in October 2022, India lodged a Note Verbale requesting UNCLOS not to “consider and qualify” the submission made by Sri Lanka stating that the consideration by the sub-commission on the submission made by Sri Lanka would prejudice the rights of India over the parts of the continental shelf, as India has the right to make further submissions under the SoU. Taking into account the aforementioned note verbale, the Commission has decided, after considerable discussion concerning the Indian notification at the advanced stage of consideration of the submission of Sri Lanka to suspend the consideration of the submission made by Sri Lanka.

2.9.2. Performance – 2024

Formal requests have been made to the Indian Government through Sri Lanka High Commission in New Delhi and the Indian High Commission in Colombo for technical level discussions but the Indian Government has not responded. This issue has also been raised by the Foreign Minister with the Indian Foreign Secretary, when he visited Colombo in 2024.

NOAC made a presentation and had a discussion with the Parliament Committee in January 2024. Also a presentation was made in January 2024 to the Hon Foreign Minister on the objections

raised by the Indian Government for Sri Lanka's first claim.

Two NOAC meetings were held in 2024.

Due to the redefining of the foot of the slope of Sri Lanka's scientific continental shelf, Sri Lanka had the opportunity for claiming an additional area around the Comorin Ridge between Sri Lanka and Maldives (Fig 2).

The technical and scientific data for the second submission were acquired. Maps were prepared and the Executive Summary and the Main Body of the second submission were drafted, and hopefully to be submitted in 2025.

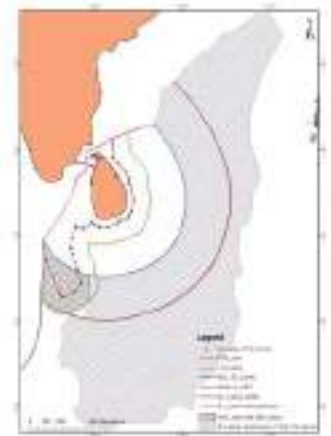


Fig. 2 Sri Lanka's first and second claims

2.10. Significant Events – 2024



The Visit of Hon. Suzuki Shunichi, Minister of Finance of Japan, to Sri Lanka-January 2024



The Visit of Hon. Kamikawa Yoko, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, to Sri Lanka



The introductory visit of the SAARC Secretary General, Amb. Md. Golam Sarwar, to Sri Lanka from 10 to 14 June 2024



UNESCO Director-General meets former President during official visit 16-19 July 2024



H.E. the President's state visit to India from 15 to 17 December 2024



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The External Affairs Minister of India Hon. Dr. S. Jaishankar visited Sri Lanka on 04 October 2024



Visit of the former Prime Minister to China attend to the Boao Forum for Asia 2024, 25-30 March 2024.



Secretary General of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France Anne-Marie DESCÔTES meets the Prime Minister during her official visit to Sri Lanka from 10-11 December 2024 to attend the inauguration of the Regional Centre for Maritime Studies at the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU).



CICA Secretary General undertook a visit to Sri Lanka on 22 February 2024.



Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran Dr. Hossein Amir Abdollahian, undertook an official visit to Sri Lanka from 19 - 21 February 2024.



Foreign Minister convenes the inaugural meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee on Human Rights Inter-ministerial standing committee on human rights



The International Bazaar & Cultural Extravaganza 2024 was held at the Good Market, Race Course, Colombo 07 on 07 December 2024.



Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism addresses the 7th CICA Ministerial Council Meeting, emphasizing collective action for a peaceful and prosperous Asia.



Sri Lanka - Permanent Representative Addresses United Nations General Debate, 79th Session



Visit of Her Royal Highness Princess Anne, the Princess Royal of the United Kingdom to Sri Lanka.



The Foreign Minister of Maldives Hon. Moosa Zameer visited Sri Lanka from 03 to 06 June 2024



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sri Lanka, the Embassy of Switzerland to Sri Lanka and the Maldives and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) commemorated the 75th Anniversary of the Geneva Conventions in an event



The seventh round of bilateral political consultations between Sri Lanka and Pakistan was held on 30 July 2024



Bilateral Political consultations with Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan - April and May 2024



Bilateral discussions between Secretary General of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France Anne-Marie DESCÔTES and the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism



The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Day was commemorated under the aegis of Sri Lanka's Chairmanship at the Galle Face Green overlooking the Indian Ocean on 10 March 2024.



Central Asia Forum - The Central Asia Forum 2024 organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka, together with the Geopolitical Cartographer held at the Granbell Hotel in Colombo on 21 August 2024



The Programming Committee of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation convened its 59th Session at the SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu, on 06 to 07 March 2024.



The Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, Srettha Thavisin undertook a two-day Official Visit to Sri Lanka from 3-4 February 2024.



2nd World Seagrass Day event on 1 March, 2024, in Negombo, with participation from academia, experts, and diplomats.

Coordinated the Hon. State Minister of Urban Development and Chairman of Marine Environment Protection Authority's attendance at the Commonwealth Ocean Ministers Meeting (COMM) in Cyprus (17-19 April 2024), contributing to the draft Ocean Declaration for the Commonwealth Heads of State Meeting in Apia, Samoa (21-25 October 2024)

CHAPTER-3- FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

3.1. Statement of Financial Performance

Statement of Financial Performance for the period ended 31 st December 2024					
Revised Budget Allocated 2024 Rs.		State	2024 Rs.	Actual 2023- Rs.	
-	Revenue Receipts				
-	Revenue Tax	2		-	AC A-1
-	Surplus Disbursements & Services	3		-	
-	Surplus International Trade	4		-	
-	Non Tax Revenue & Others	4		-	
-	Total Revenue Receipts (A)			-	
-	Non Revenue Receipts				
-	Timeliness Receipts		12,161,999,886	12,191,813,387	AC A-2
-	Deposits		2,736,068,147	2,127,894,748	AC A-4
35,000,000	Advance Payments		40,785,176	40,440,233	AC A-8
-	Other Main Ledger Receipts		-	-	
55,000,000	Total Non Revenue Receipts (B)		14,997,932,009	14,639,258,168	
44,000,000	Total Revenue Receipts & Non Revenue Receipts C = (A)+(B)		14,997,932,009	14,639,258,168	
-	Non Receipts in the Treasury (D)		31,714,571	-	
14,000,000	Net Revenue Receipts & Non Revenue Receipts E = (C)-(D)		14,966,217,438	14,639,258,168	
-	Less: Expenditure				
-	Revenue Expenditure				
10,943,273,000	Wages, Salaries & Other Employment Benefits	5	10,887,033,385	8,971,036,490	AC A-2(a)
6,502,303,000	Other Goods & Services	6	1,700,637,339	1,501,599,039	
1,383,800,000	Subsidies, Grants and Transfers	7	1,386,500,364	1,144,954,322	
-	Interest Payments	8	-	-	
57,366,000	Other Revenue Expenditure	9	24,232,131	6,830,738	
18,736,275,000	Total Revenue Expenditure (F)		14,926,777,555	14,626,141,129	
-	Capital Expenditure				
657,300,000	Rehabilitation & Improvement of Capital Assets	10	185,006,779	186,041,628	AC A-2(b)
253,800,000	Acquisition of Capital Assets	11	136,739,088	185,098,876	
1,000,000	Capital Transfers	12	-	139,150	
-	Acquisition of Financial Assets	13	-	-	
5,000,000	Upgrade Building	14	4,683,165	3,431,500	
13,000,000	Other Capital Expenditure	15	21,327,154	11,064,898	
879,599,000	Total Capital Expenditure (G)		442,495,561	391,299,952	
-	Deposits Payments				
15,000,000	Advance Payments		2,961,039,408	2,638,696,903	AC A-4
-	Other Main Ledger Payments		51,564,294	37,637,031	AC A-8
20,000,000	Total Main Ledger Expenditure (H)		3,012,603,702	2,676,333,934	
19,087,825,000	Total Expenditure I = (F)+(G)+(H)		19,989,975,147	19,652,624,666	
119,812,025,000	Balance as at 31st December J = (E)-(I)		14,626,217,438	15,026,773,668	
	Balance as per the Imprest Adjustment Statement		15,016,796,279	15,012,264,090	AC A-7
	Report Balance as at 31st December		1,209,321,585	1,010,487,618	AC A-8
			14,616,894,894	15,016,773,661	

3.2. Statement of Financial Position

Statement of Financial Position As at 31st December- 2024

	Note	Actual 2024 Rs	2023 Rs
Non Financial Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	ACA-6	13,757,488,605	13,519,280,058
Financial Assets			
Advance Accounts	ACA-5/5(a)	100,530,161	93,951,036
Cash & Cash Equivalents	ACA-3	1,394,020,584	1,010,480,418
Total Assets		15,256,039,350	14,623,720,492
Net Assets / Equity			
Net Worth to Treasury		(214,295,393)	(196,940,667)
Property, Plant & Equipment Reserve		13,757,488,605	13,519,280,038
Rent and Work Advance Reserve	ACA-5(b)		
Current Liabilities			
Deposits Accounts	ACA-4	330,825,352	290,391,699
Unsettled Import Balance	ACA-3	1,594,020,580	1,010,480,418
Total Liabilities		15,256,039,350	14,623,720,492

Detail Accounting Statements in ACA Form Nos. 1 to 7 presented in pages from .66., to .67., and Addendums to accounts presented in pages from .68., to .145., form an integral part of these Financial Statements. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Government Financial Regulations 159 & 151 and State Accounts Guideline No. 06/2024, dated 16.12.2024, 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 corrections as required for such systems to be effectively carried out.


Chief Accounting Officer

Name :

Designation :

Date : 27.02.2025

Aruni Ranaraja

Secretary

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Employment and Tourism
Sri Lanka


Accounting Officer

Name :

Designation :

Date : 27.02.2025

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Sri Lanka


Chief Financial Officer/ Chief Accountant/
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Name :

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Date : 27.02.2025

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3.3. Statement of Cash Flow

Statement of Cash Flows for the Period ended 31 st December 2024		
	2024 Rs.	2023 Rs.
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Total Tax Receipts	-	-
Fees, Fines, Penalties and Licenses	-	-
Rents	-	-
Net System Receipts	-	-
Revenue Collected on behalf of Other Revenue Heads	6,181,716,922	6,770,898,799
Interest Received	1,122,305,068	12,871,373,829
Revenues from Airlines	67,505,207	54,436,036
Deposits Received	3,389,505,548	2,877,008,746
Total Cash generated from Operations (A)	10,999,034,245	19,476,215,380
Less – Cash disbursed for:		
Personal Expenditure & Operating Expenses	(1,288,536,872)	(2,407,337,701)
Debitors & Transfer Payments	(1,164,852,002)	(1,144,054,062)
Expenditure incurred on behalf of Other Heads	(84,286,422)	(122,591,093)
Interest disbursed to Treasury	31,704,511	-
Advance Payments	(11,018,248)	(7,554,197)
Deposit Payments	(2,960,034,449)	(2,608,493,962)
Total Cash disbursed for Operations (B)	(5,399,023,394)	(6,060,430,915)
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (C) = (A)-(B)	16,398,057,639	13,415,784,465
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Interest	-	-
Dividends	-	(1,171,171)
Dividends Received & Sale of Physical Assets	(1,256,454)	(8,844,883)
Revenues from Dividend	-	-
Total Cash generated from Investing Activities (D)	(1,256,454)	(10,016,054)
Less – Cash disbursed for:		
Capital Expenditure	(87,803,318)	(11,775,962)
Total Cash disbursed for Investing Activities (E)	(87,803,318)	(12,942,016)
NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES (F) = (D)-(E)	(86,546,864)	(2,925,962)
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING & INVESTING ACTIVITIES (G) = (C)+(F)	16,311,510,775	13,412,858,503
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Local Borrowings	-	-
Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Grant Received	-	-
Total Cash generated from Financing Activities (H)	-	-
Less – Cash disbursed for:		
Repayment of Local Borrowings	-	-
Repayment of Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Total Cash disbursed for Financing Activities (I)	-	-
NET CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES (J) = (H)-(I)	-	-
Net Movement in Cash (K) = (G)+(J)	16,224,963,911	13,409,932,541
Opening Cash Balance as at 31 st January 2024	13,051,899,416	1,460,463,361
Closing Cash Balance as at 31 st December 2024	29,276,863,327	14,920,395,902

3.4. Notes to the Financial Statements

Basis of Reporting

1) Purpose of Preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Government Financial Regulations 150 & 151 and State Accounts Guidelines No. 06/2024, dated 16.12.2024.

2) Reporting Period

The reporting period for these Financial Statements is from 01st January to 31st December 2024.

3) Basis of Measurement

The Financial Statements have been prepared on historical cost modified by the revaluation of certain assets and accounted on a modified cash basis, unless otherwise specified.

The figures of the Financial Statements are presented in Sri Lankan rupees rounded to the nearest rupee.

4) Recognition of Revenue

Exchange and non exchange revenue are recognised on the cash receipts during the accounting period irrespective of relevant revenue period.

5) Recognition and Measurement of Property, Plant and Equipment (PP&E)

An item of Property, Plant and Equipment is recognized when it is probable that future economic benefit associated with the assets will flow to the entity and the cost of the assets can be reliably measured.

PP&E are measured at a cost and valuation model is applied when cost model is not applicable.

6) Property, Plant and Equipment Reserve

This reserve account is the corresponding account of Property Plant and Equipment.

7) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash & cash equivalents include local currency notes and coins in hand as at 31st December 2024.

* In cases where there are transactions which are specific to a particular reporting entity, relevant information can be entered in and revisions can be made as needed in the format and the disclosure required for those specific transactions may be included under "Reporting Basis"

* Only the accounting policies relevant to the reporting entity should be disclosed under the reporting basis.

3.5. Performance of the Revenue Collection

LKR'000

Revenue Code	Description of the Revenue Code	Revenue Estimate 2024		Collected Revenue (As at 31 Dec. 2024)	
		Original	Final	Amount	as a % of Final Revenue Estimate
1003-07-02	Department of Registrar General's	10,000	12,800	34,684	271%
2002-01-01	Rent on Government Building & Housing	3,000	3,000	3,772	126%
2002-02-99	Other Interest	5,000	9,100	12,050	132%
2003-02-07	Fees of Passports, Visas & Dual Citizenship	3,600,000	3,800,000	3,643,095	96%
2003-02-13	Examinations & Other fees	25	25	1	4%
2003-02-14	Dept. of Motor Traffic	30,000	36,000	35,203	98%
2003-02-99	Consular Fees	2,000,000	2,200,000	2,119,938	96%
2003-99-00	Other Receipts	325,000	350,000	258,271	74%
2004-01-00	Social Security Contributions - (Central Government)	35,000	40,000	39,299	98%
2004-02-00	Social Security Contributions - (Provincial Councils)	600	675	697	103%
2006-02-01	Sale of Capital Assets (Vehicles)	6,000	6,000	1,479	25%
2006-02-02	Sale of Capital Assets (Other)	200	200	118	59%
Total		6,014,825	6,457,800	6,148,607	95%

3.6. Performance of the Utilization of Allocation

LKR '000

Type of Allocation	Allocation 2024		Actual Expenditure (As at 31 Dec.2024)	Allocation Utilization as a % of Final Allocation (as at 31 Dec.2024)
	Original	Final		
Recurrent	18,874,025	18,736,075	16,528,778	88%
Capital	738,000	875,950	443,416	51%
Total	19,612,025	19,612,025	16,972,194	87%

3.7. In terms of F.R 208 grant of allocations for expenditure to the Ministry

LKR '000

Serial No (Head No)	Allocation Received from Which Ministry/Department	Purpose of Allocation	Allocation		Actual Expenditure	Allocation Utilization as a % of Final Allocation
			Original	Final Allocation		
001	Presidential Secretariat	VVIP Vist	79,666	79,666	51,064	64%
002	Prime Minister's Office	VVIP Vist	998	998	517	52%
101	Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs	Expenses of Dutugamunu retirement Hall in Nepal Lumbini Viharaya and Religious activities	1,616	1,616	1,579	98%
102	Ministry of Finance	Allocation for VVIP Visits	434	434	434	100%
103	Ministry of Defence	Expenses of Defense Attachés and Official visit expences	2,693	2,693	2,383	89%
111	Ministry of Health	Expenses on Local Transport Facilities for Hon. Min. of Health and delegation	1,607	1,607	1,607	100%

116	Ministry of Trade , Commerce and Food Security	Expenses for Ministerial Conference and SL promotion evets	4,264	4,264	4,018	94%
126	Ministry of Education	Payment of Annual Contribution UNESCO & ICCROM , Educational Allowances to students studying in Cuba	51,946	51,946	49,369	95%
194	Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs	Payment for contributions to the Commonwealth Youth Programme	20,000	20,000	19,792	99%
222	Sri Lanka Army	Excess Baggages By Sea and Official vehicle allocation to Military Defense attache	30,807	30,807	28,169	91%
225	Police Head Quarters	Annual Financial Contribution – INTERPOL General Secretariat and UNCOPS - Entertainment Allowance	26,149	26,149	25,656	98%
290	Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources	Expenses related to bringing the fishing technicians of the Sri Lankan fishing vessels arrested by the Indian Government and expenses related to migrants recued by the Seychells Coast Guard from Somali Pirates	1,691	1,691	1,576	93%
	Total		221,872	221,872	186,166	84%

3.8. Performance of the Reporting of Non-Financial Assets

LKR'000

Asset Code	Code Description	Balance as per Board of survey report as at 31 Dec. 2024	Balance as per Financial Position Report as at 31 Dec.2024	To be accounted	Reporting progress as a %
9151	Building and Structure		10,555,257		100%
9152	Machinery and Equipment		2,130,872		100%
9153	Land		1,010,362		100%
9154	Intangible Assets		60,997		100%
9155	Biological Assets		-		-
9160	Work in Progress		-		-
9180	Lease Assets		-		-

3.9. Overall Financial Performance for the year – 2024

LKR'000

Category	Estimated 2024	Actual (As at 31.12.2024)	Deficit/ Surplus	*Major reasons for variances
Revenue (if relevant)	6,457,800	6,148,607		As expected Capital item(vehicles/other)sales is not occurred

Total Expenditure	19,612,025	16,972,194		
Recurrent	18,736,075	16,528,778		Expenditure being controlled as per the directions given by the Treasury
Capital	875,950	443,416		01. Expected expenditure not being done for renovation work in Overseas Missions 02. Expenditure being controlled as per the directions given by the Treasury

*Major reasons for the significant variances in revenue and expenditure should be briefly stated here.

CHAPTER - 4 - KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

4.1. Overall Achievement of Key Performance Indicators (KPI) of the Foreign Affairs

This chapter elaborates on the summary of the output of the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) used by the Foreign Affairs based on the Action Plan-2024 for strengthening and enhancing Sri Lanka's national Interests abroad through bilateral, regional, and multilateral engagement national.

The performance of the Foreign Affairs in 2024 focused on the recovery of the economy of Sri Lanka, which has been adversely affected by most subsequent global crises. In this context, the Sri Lanka Missions/Posts abroad extensively promoted Sri Lanka tourism, employment, trade and investment through their bilateral and multilateral engagements. The Sri Lanka Missions/Posts abroad performed their duties and functions with a due focus on the following priority areas:

- Economic Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral)
- Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral)
- Multilateral Diplomacy
- Cultural Diplomacy and people-to-people relations
- Defence & Security Cooperation
- Public Diplomacy
- Consular Assistance and Migrant Labor Welfare
- Science Diplomacy
- Human Resources, Mission Management, Overseas Assets Management & Development
- Other

The overall performance of the Foreign Affairs through its KPIs based on the Action Plan-2024 is shown in the table-IV below.

Table IV- Key Performance Indicators

#	Priority Focus Areas/Key Performance Indicators	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
		100-70	70-40	Below 40
1.	Representation of Sri Lanka in the MultilateralFor a			
2.	Engagements with Regional Organizations			
3.	Number of high-level visits			
4.	Number of Bilateral Political Consultations/Joint Committees/ meetings/ discussions			
5.	Engagements with Overseas Sri Lankans			

6.	Cooperation under Health Diplomacy			
7.	Number of initiatives under the Ministry's strategic communication approach			
8.	Number of Agreements and MoUs initiated/finalised			
9.	Engagements with media (effectiveness of public diplomacy to promote and safeguard Sri Lanka's national interests abroad)			
10.	Number of trade promotional events			
11.	Number of tourism promotional events			
12.	Number of export promotional events			
13.	Number of investment promotional events			
14.	Number of initiatives taken under the Economic Diplomacy Programme of the Ministry			
15.	Defence and security cooperation engagement			
16.	Number of cultural promotional events			
17.	Number of scholarship opportunities for Sri Lankans/Engagements with foreign education authorities			
18.	Cooperation in the science and technology sector			
19.	Number of initiatives taken under consular services and labour welfare			
20.	Number of initiatives taken under Human Resources, Mission Management, Overseas Asset Management & Development			

4.2. Achievement of Key Performance Indicators: Divisions with Cross-cutting Areas

4.2.1 Economic Affairs Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Economic Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral/ Technical Cooperation) 1. Implement and execution of the Economic Diplomacy Program (EDP) of the Ministry a) Trade: To increase export earnings, find new markets, strengthen existing markets, and diversify exports. b) Investment: To secure foreign direct investment to the country based on Sri Lanka's actual needs, in coordination with the line agencies c) Tourism: To successfully carry out tourism promotion campaigns in coordination with the line agencies d) Foreign Employment: To increase foreign employment opportunities for Sri Lankans based on priority areas identified by the relevant line agencies e) Promotional Activities and enhancement of the image and profile of the country 2. Implementation of MoUs /Agreements and participation in Joint Commissions on Economic Cooperation (JCEC) 3. Engagement with Regional Organizations to Strengthen Cooperation 4. Engagement with Multilateral Organizations to Strengthen Cooperation on specific areas (WIPO, UNCTAD, WTO, WEF, ACD IOM, Colombo Process) Abu Dhabi Dialogue, GFMD Increase cooperation and engagement with Multilateral Organizations to seek more technical and capacity building opportunities for Sri Lankans	90%	80% 75% 85% 80%	
		75%	
		75%	
		75%	

5. Harmonization of Sri Lankan vocational and technical qualifications with foreign qualification frameworks Strengthen the efforts of the Government to seek more semi-skilled and skilled foreign employment opportunities	70%		
6. Global Compact on Migration Effective implementation of the priority objectives of the GCM		75%	
7. Trade Dispute Resolution and Visa Facilitation To assist local and international business parties to resolve trade matters and facilitate visas for the participation of trade fairs and business engagements.	80%		
8. Enhance foreign employment opportunities for Sri Lanka in line with the Economic Diplomacy Programme	80%		
9. Tourism, Travel Advisories: Inform the Tourism authorities of the travel advisories enabling necessary action	100%		
10. Business Forums and Promotional Events	90%		
11. Procurement & Tender To assist local agencies to publish their Procurement & Tenders	100%		

4.2.2. Human Resources Development, Research and Training Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Promotional Matters of the SLFS Officers			50%
Reports and Publications	100%		
Recruitments	100%		
Capacity Development Programs	100%		

4.2.3. International Security Cooperation Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
LTTE related activities	√		
Capacity development of local defence, security and legal agencies		√	
Support preventing/countering violent extremism efforts		√	
Countering terror financing	√		
Support other aspects of addressing threats to national security/image		√	
Participation in meetings/conferences	√		

4.2.4. Ocean Affairs, Environment and Climate Change Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Economic Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral) I. Finalizing MoU with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) of the UK to obtain funds from the Blue Planet Fund (BPF) through Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCPP) <i>- Number of bilateral consultations/zoom meetings</i> <i>- Number of key negotiations with focal points to finalize the Agreement</i> II. Disseminating of Sri Lanka's initiatives/events aimed on the World Seagrass Day <i>- Number of Diplomatic Missions invited for the events</i>	100%		

III. Organize symposiums in collaboration with Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources & Security (ANCORS), University of Wollongong - <i>Number of programmes convened</i>	} 100%		
IV. Contributing the Interagency Task Force to oversee and manage maritime affairs and strengthen Merchant Shipping Secretariat - <i>Number of key negotiations with focal points to finalized TOR for the Task Force</i> - <i>Number of Meetings convened</i>	} 100%		
V. Sri Lanka's participation at the 7th Indian Ocean Conference, Perth, Australia- 9-10 February 2024 - <i>Number of bilateral meetings organized</i>	} 100%		
VI. Joining the Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance (ORRAA) as a full member and sign the ORRAA membership agreement by the GoSL - <i>Number of key negotiations with focal points to finalize the Agreement</i>	}		60%
VII. Collaboration with Max Planck Foundation and UNODC on maritime safety and security related activities as adopted on the Work Plan of the IORA Working Group on Maritime Safety and Security (WGMSS) - <i>Number of webinars conducted</i> - <i>Number of training programmes conducted</i>	} 100%		
VIII. Launching and Operationalizing the IORA Centre for Excellence (CoE) and its digital platform on Ocean Science & Environment at the Ocean University of Sri Lanka - <i>Number of meetings conducted with the Ocean University</i> - <i>IORA CoE launched</i>	}	75%	

IX. 03rd Meeting of the Mangrove Ecosystems & Livelihoods Action Group (MELAG) of the Commonwealth Blue Charter - <i>Number of preparatory meetings convened</i> - <i>Number of key negotiations with focal points to finalize the MELAG Plan of Action (POA)</i> - <i>Convening the meeting</i> X. Work with the Commonwealth Secretariat to identify feasibility to conduct the Climate and Ocean Risk Vulnerability Index (CORVI) full assessment for the entire coastal belt of Sri Lanka and whether we can raise funds - <i>Number of webinars/zoom meetings convened</i> XI. Sri Lanka's participation at the UNFCCC - COP29, Baku, Azerbaijan – 11-24 November 2024 - <i>Number of bilateral meetings conducted</i> - <i>Number of stakeholder meetings/bilateral consultations convened</i> XII. Finalizing the Agreement for Cooperation on Climate Change between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the GoSL - <i>Number of key negotiations with focal points to finalize the Agreement</i>	100%		
			50%
	100%		
	90%		

4.2.5. Performance Review & Implementation Division and Emergency Response Unit

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Timely preparation of the Annual Action Plan	100%		
Timely preparation of the Annual Performance Report	100%		
Preparation of Other Reports	100%		

4.2.6. Public Diplomacy Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Providing a daily update to the Hon. M/FA, Hon. SM/FA, S/FA and all other officials of the ministry and all Missions/ Posts abroad regarding important news items related to the Ministry and Sri Lanka			
Number of local news reports disseminated	100%		
Number of local news items that brought to the special attention	100%		
Number of news articles of foreign and local websites disseminated	100%		
Number of social media uploads brought to the special attention	100%		
Number of rebuttals issued	100% ¹		
Disseminating Media Releases, Statements, Mission News, Notices to local print, Online Media and Foreign Media Correspondents			
Number of Ministry Media Releases disseminated to the media	100%		
Number of Ministry Media Releases published on the Ministry website and social media platforms	100%		
Number of Mission Media Releases disseminated to media	100% ²		
Number of Missions Media Releases published on the Ministry website, social media platforms			
Facilitating the visits of foreign media crews to Sri Lanka			
No. of recommendation letters issued to the foreign journalists enabling them to obtain media accreditation	100%		
No. of requests accommodated in coordination with the National Film Corporation	100%		
No. of letters issued to the Sri Lanka Customs	100% ³		

¹ The Division issued rebuttals for all articles that undermined the image of the Ministry, Missions and Posts, published during the period under review, despite the goal set for the year 2024.

² The Division published all media releases received from Missions abroad on the Ministry website, and disseminated them among media, despite the goals set for the period under review.

³ The Division processed all requests received for customs clearance for the equipment of foreign journalists, during the period under review, despite the goals set for the year 2024.

requesting to clear media equipment of foreign journalists.			
Providing media coverage for VVIP/VIP visits to Sri Lanka Number of visits media coverage was facilitated for Number of Press Briefings and joint Press Briefings arranged Number of visits during which foreign media crews were assisted to access other government agencies, obtain clearance for media equipment, obtain media accreditation cards, etc.	⁴ 100% 100% 100%		
Building a strong media network to disseminate and publish accurate information Number of interactions held with journalists in order to forge professional relationships Number of media queries responded to	⁵ 100% 100%		
Increasing the number of website hits of the Ministry and standardize websites of Sri Lanka Missions overseas and increase the followers of Twitter account and 'likes' on the Facebook account of the Ministry Updating the website continuously and regularly Number of followers of the X account Number of followers of the Facebook Account Number of followers of the Instagram account	 100% 39.1k 52k 1106		
Enhancing awareness of Sri Lanka among foreigners, especially investors, diplomats and potential tourists Number of Twitter posts by HoMs and SL Missions abroad Number of engagements on social media posts Number of occasions where publicity was given to the national and cultural events organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other government institutions	⁶ 100%		

⁴ The Division covered all media-related aspects of the VVIP/VIP visits to Sri Lanka in the year 2024, despite the goals set for the period under review.

⁵ The Division interacted with media frequently and responded to approximately 2-4 media queries on a daily basis.

⁶ SL Missions regularly updated the respective Mission websites.

strengthening existing relations with the media and projecting government's viewpoint	7		
Number of media interviews facilitated for Hon. M/FA, SM/FA and senior officials of the Ministry on relevant issues of national interests			

4.2.7. SAARC Division

Priority Area	Actual Outputs percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% - 90%	89% - 75%	74% - 50%
Multilateral Diplomacy - Engagement with the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). As per the Action Plan - 2024 actions were promptly taken to complete the tasks assigned to this Division in collaboration with the SAARC Secretariat and line Ministries/Agencies of Sri Lanka on the following areas: i. Enhancement of Cooperation between Sri Lanka and the Member States of SAARC through the Secretariat of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) ii. Recommending visas under the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) iii. Enhancement of Cooperation between Sri Lanka and the SAARC Regional Centers iv. Enhancement of cooperation between Sri Lanka and the SAARC specialized bodies v. Enhancement of cooperation between Sri Lanka and the SAARC Apex Bodies and Recognized Bodies	90%		

⁷ The Division processed all requests received to facilitate media interviews with Hon. M/FA, SM/FA, DM/FA and senior officials of the Ministry, despite the goals set for the period under review.

vi. Enhancement of cooperation between SAARC International Organizations/Agencies			
vii. Enhancement of cooperation between GoSL and SAARC Observer States			

4.2.8. United Nations and Human Rights Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
Multilateral Diplomacy	100-90%	89-75%	74-50%
A. Human Rights			
UN Human Rights Council (HRC) - number of meetings/events attended; - number of statements (written/oral) delivered; - number of resolutions/joint statements supported; - number of meetings held with relevant stakeholders to present an accurate narrative on SL - number of consultations held with Line Ministries to respond to reports - number of interventions made in support of other countries - number of resolutions/joint statements supported - number of like-minded events attended	100%		
Treaty Bodies (TB) - Number of consultations held with Line Ministries to prepare/review Reports/responses; - Number of Reports/responses submitted - Number of consultations held with the TB - Number of statements delivered - Number of meetings held with Line Ministries to discuss implementation and follow-up work	100%		
Special Procedures Mandate Holders (SPMH) - Number of visits facilitated - Number of meetings attended where SPMH made presentations; - Number of statements delivered outlining SL position on specific issues - Number of consultations held with Line Ministries to review their reports/communications	100%		
Universal Periodic Review (UPR) - Number of consultations convened - Submission of Sri Lanka's National report under the UPR 4th Cycle - Number of statements delivered at the UPR sessions	100%		
B. 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)			
High-level segment (HLS) of the session	100%		

• Successful participation of the delegation at the session • Number of statements delivered at the session • Number of bilateral meetings held during the session			
Committee stage of the Session • Number of meetings/events attended • Number of statements (written/oral) delivered • Number of resolutions/joint statements supported	100%		
C. United Nations Security Council (UNSC)			
UN Security Council • Number of meetings followed, and statements delivered • Number of consultations held with members of the UNSC • Number of resolutions supported	100%		
D. UN peacekeeping Missions			
UN peacekeeping Missions • Timely rotation of troops and delivery of supplies • Number of engagements with the DPKO on bilateral matters related to PK deployments • Number of engagements at the multilateral PK dialogues	100%		
E. Matters related to Humanitarian Affairs			
Humanitarian Affairs • Number of interactions held and outcome for UNHCR and ICRC	100%		
F. Sri Lanka at the other like-minded groupings			
Like-minded Groupings NAM/G77 • Successful participation of the delegation at the meetings • Number of statements delivered at the meetings • Number of initiatives supported by Sri Lanka	100%		
G. Candidatures			
Candidatures • Number of candidatures of other countries supported by Sri Lanka contributing to deepen bilateral cooperation with UN Member States • Updating Candidature database • Number of initiatives taken to promote SL's candidatures • Number of reciprocal arrangements secured for Sri Lanka's candidatures	100%		
H. Facilitation of Sri Lanka's representation at UN Meetings/ Conferences			
SL's representation at International For a • Numbers of letter of credence processed and issued	100%		
I. Disarmament and non-proliferation			
Disarmament and non-proliferation • Number of Meetings where Sri Lanka was represented • Number of interventions made by Sri Lanka • Number of initiatives made by Sri Lanka	100%		

• Number of initiatives supported by Sri Lanka to strengthen bilateral engagement with other UN Member Countries (Co-sponsoring, voting) • Number of Annual Reports submitted • Number of follow-ups made on each legislation measure • Enactment of the national legislation • Number of donor assistance secured • Number of sponsorships secured for Sri Lankans • Number of training programmes, workshops, seminars organized/ facilitated			
J. Global Health			
WHO • Number of meetings facilitated • Number of interventions made • Number of positions / policies coordinated and sent instructions to Sri Lanka Missions. • Number of meetings attended. • Number of statements delivered. • Number of resolutions co-sponsored/supported.	100%		
K. Combatting drugs and crimes (Trafficking, Cyber, Corruption etc)			
Combatting drugs and crimes • Number of coordination of SL's participation at UNODC meetings • Number of SL interventions made at UNODC meetings • Interventions made at the AHC on Cybercrime	100%		
L. Sustainable Development Goals			
ECOSOC • Number of meetings attended by GoSL • Number of interventions made • Number of meetings coordinated • Number of capacity building programmes	100%		
M. Promoting Sri Lanka's cultural heritage values			
UNESCO • Number of events, initiatives and reports • Number of submissions coordinated • Number of nominations coordinated	100%		
N. Processing of visas			
• Number of visas processed	100%		
O. Monetary Contributions to UN, UN Agencies, Peacekeeping Missions & Convention			
• Number of contribution payments made	100%		

4.3. Achievement of Key Performance Indicators: Territorial Divisions

4.3.1. Africa Affairs Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected out put		
	100%-90%	89% - 75%	74% - 50%
Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/ Multilateral)			
Enhance Diplomatic engagements with all 54 states in Africa Region			
Number of communications/ actions /interactions regarding rationalization of concurrent accreditations		80%	
Number of discussions by SL envoys in African countries with the envoys of African countries	90%		
Signed MoUs / Agreements	90%		
Number of Bilateral Consultations / Follow up actions with line Agencies	90%		
Number of Policy analysis prepared with regard to Agreements / MoU		85%	
Multilateral Diplomacy	90%		
Cultural Diplomacy and people to people relations		80%	
Defence & Security cooperation	90%		
Science & Technology Diplomacy	90%		
Engagement with Overseas Sri Lankans		85%	
Other	95%		

4.3.2. East Asia Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral) Eg: Enhance Diplomatic engagements <i>Number of communications/ actions/ interactions regarding rationalization of concurrent accreditations</i> - Number of discussions by SL envoys - Signed MoUs / Agreements - Number of Bilateral Consultations/Follow-up actions with line Agencies - Number of Policy analysis prepared with regard to Agreements/MoU	95%		
Science & Technology Diplomacy	80%		

4.3.3. Latin America and the Caribbean Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral) - Networking with Policy makers and officials of Brazil and accredited countries - Projection of geopolitical position, and domestic interests in Brazil and Other Accredited Countries - High level visits: engagements undertook with Mexico in sending an official government delegation to Sri Lanka to undertake the first bilateral Foreign Office Consultations in early 2025. - Mexico and Sri Lanka closely worked to expedite finalization of two agreements on Visa Exception and exchange information on Custom Matters. - Commencement of appointing an Honorary Consul for Sri Lanka in Mexico. - Maintain effective/close contact with the Embassies of Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago in the US on matters pertaining to bilateral/multilateral relations. - Providing regular updates on developments/opportunities in Sri Lanka in the areas of political/ trade/investment/tourism etc. to Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago. - Contributing to formulate economic and foreign policy in line with national interests and the Policy of the government of Sri Lanka to effectively advance the relations with Brazil, Cuba and other accredited Latin American countries. - Networking with Policy makers and officials Projection of geopolitical position, and domestic interests in Brazil, Cuba and Other Accredited LAC Countries - Expand Diplomatic Presence – Appointment/Extension of services of Honorary Consuls of Brazil, Cuba and accredited countries - Science Diplomacy and Technology Diplomacy Cooperation on science, innovation and high technology	95% 95% 90% 100% 90%	75% 75% 50% 50% 74%	50% 50% 74%

- Finalization of receiving technical assistance for the development of Dairy production and Sugarcane industry - Potential areas of cooperation in pharmaceutical industries including herbal medicines between Sri Lanka and LAC countries - Cooperation in sharing knowledge, skill and practices on traditional medicine including Ayurvedic Medicine and treatments - Number of MoUs/agreements (Initiation and Conclusion) - Number of discussions by SL envoys in Brazil and Cuba - The Division coordinated the scholarships for medical studies in Cuba with the Ministry of Higher Education and the Cuban Embassy - The Division prepared speaking notes and facilitated Courtesy calls by the Ambassadors of Guatemala, Colombia, Paraguay, Cuba and the Dominican Republic - Placement of Statue of Cuban National Hero Jose Marti near the Public Library close to the Ho Chi Minh Statue - process of streamlining the accreditation of countries in Latin America & the Caribbean countries	95% 90% 100% 95%	75% 80%	65%
Multilateral Diplomacy - Close engagement had with the Organization of American States (OAS) - Securing the support of Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago for Sri Lanka's multilateral engagements/candidatures etc. - Engagement with BRICS, Pacific Alliance and MERCUSOR member countries.	90%		55%
Public Diplomacy - Constant engagement with the Honorary Consuls to coordinate the matters of political and economic diplomacy agenda of the Mission in Brazil the respective jurisdiction of each Honorary Consul.	95%		
Cultural Diplomacy - Communicate on the similar interest cooperation on the environment protection with Brazil and other accredited countries	90%		

- MoU on Cultural, Scientific and Academic exchanges of undergraduate and postgraduate study programmes between the University of Brasilia (UnB) and the Buddhist & Pali University of Sri Lanka and the department of Pali & Buddhist Studies of the University of Kelaniya	95%		
Consular Diplomacy and Migrant Labour Welfare			
- Maintained close cooperation with the Mexican Immigration authorities on illegal entry/ transit of Sri Lankans through Mexico. (around 47 cases reported)			
- Coordinated with host government and the pertinent Sri Lankan authorities to address issues related to Sri Lankans and provided consular assistance through the Sri Lanka Missions in Brazil and Cuba.	90%		
- SLEMB/Cuba the board approval for 55 Sri Lankan employees who came to Cayman Islands and other Caribbean countries for employment, from the Turkish Airlines Office in Havana which the approval is mandatory for the Employees to board the Turkish Airlines from Colombo.			
- SLEMB/Cuba provided the assistance for Sri Lankan Employees who were travelling to Cayman Islands via Istanbul and Havana and denied boarding for various reasons by immigration authorities at the Airports and the Sri Lankan stranded in Ecuador was repatriated to Sri Lanka with the assistance of Honorary Consul of Sri Lanka in Ecuador.	100%		
Engagement with overseas Sri Lankans - Closely communicated with 'the Sri Lankan Association in Trinidad and Tobago'		75%	

4.3.4. Middle East Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Economic Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral) <i>Eg: Enhancing bilateral trade & economic cooperation</i> Number of meeting held Number of communications, follow-up actions taken Number of discussions by SL envoys Number of quarterly reports on exports, investment, and tourist arrival from respective destinations.	90%		
Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral) <i>Eg: Enhance Diplomatic engagements</i> <i>Number of communications/ actions/ interactions regarding rationalization of concurrent accreditations</i> - Number of discussions by SL envoys - Signed MoUs / Agreements - Number of Bilateral Consultations/Follow-up actions with line Agencies - Number of Policy analysis prepared with regard to Agreements/MoU	90%		
Multilateral Diplomacy	90%		
Cultural Diplomacy and people to people relations	90%		
Defence & Security cooperation		85%	
Public Diplomacy (Press Releases and Social Media Posts)	95%		
Consular Diplomacy and Migrant Labour Welfare	90%		
Science & Technology Diplomacy		85%	
Human Resources & Mission Management, Overseas Assets Management & Development and Human Resource Development	90%		
Engagement with Overseas Sri Lankans	90%		
Other	-		

4.3.5. Europe & North America Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral) - Number of incoming & outgoing visits - Number of meetings/interactions held - Signed MoUs / Agreements - Number of Bilateral Consultations/joint commissions - Number of Agreements/MoU - Expand diplomatic presence	95%		
Science & Technology Diplomacy Number of interactions with Government officials and representatives of institutes/universities to explore the possibility to initiate cooperation with the relevant institutes in Sri Lanka		75%	

4.3.6. South Asia Division

Priority Area	Actual Outputs percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% - 90%	89% - 75%	74% - 50%
Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/Multilateral) Eg: Enhance Diplomatic engagements Number of communications / actions / interactions regarding rationalization of concurrent accreditations - Number of discussions by SL envoys - Signed MoUs/Agreements - Number of Bilateral Consultations/Follow-up actions with line Agencies - Number of Policy analysis prepared with regard to Agreements/MoU	90%		
Science & Technology Diplomacy	90%		

4.3.7. South East Asia & Central Asia Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (5) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89% - 75%	74% - 50%
Economic Diplomacy (Bilateral /Multilateral) Enhancing bilateral trade & economic cooperation	95%		
- Number of meetings held			
- Number of communications, follow up actions taken			
- Number of discussions by SL envoys			
- Number of quarterly reports on exports, investment, tourist arrival from respective destinations			
Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/ Multilateral) Enhance Diplomatic engagements	90%		
- Number of communications/ actions/ interactions			
- Number of discussions by Sri Lanka envoys			
- Signed MoUs/ Agreement			
- Number of Bilateral Consultations held (on going)			
- Number of Communications/ Follow up actions with line Agencies			
Multilateral Diplomacy		85%	
Cultural Diplomacy and people to people relations			75%
Defence & Security Cooperation (visit, trainings)			70%
- Number of MoU followed up/ signed			
- Number of trainings/ visits			
Public Diplomacy (press releases and social media posts)	98%		
- Number of press releases			
- Number of Facebook posts/ updates			
- Number of tweets			
- Number of events attended			
Science and Technology Diplomacy		75%	
Human Resources, Mission Management, Overseas Assets Management & Development (meetings trainings) Number of follow up actions on HR & Assets matters			70%
Engagement with Overseas Sri Lankans		80%	
Other			

4.4. Achievement of Key Performance Indicators: Operational Divisions

4.4.1 Consular Affairs Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Authentication of Documents			
Authenticating an array of documents issued by both government authorities and private entities, including educational certificates, legal documents, export documents, birth, marriage, death certificates, and police certificates through Electronic Document Authentication System (e-DAS)	Completed on case-by-case basis		
The system integration, e-DAS with different document issuing government authorities, is under process. This facilitates applicants to complete the document authentication process entirely online	Already in operation for some Departments and discussion are ongoing for the expansion of the system integration		
Online authentication of G.C.E O/L and G.C.E.A/L certificates is in operation in partnership with the Department of Examinations	Fully operationalized in 2023 and in process		
Online authentication of birth, marriage and death certificates is in operation in partnership with the Registrar General’s Department	Fully operationalized in September 2024 and in process		
Initiating the development of Branch Module within the e-DAS to further expand system integration with other government entities, including local universities, Medical Council, Sri Lanka Police etc. and non-government entities such as British Council	Discussions are on-going with the relevant entities		
Death Related Activities			
Coordination of death reporting/ repatriation of the remains	Completed on case-by-case basis		
Repatriation of personal belongings and handing over to NoKs			
Registration and Issuance of Death certificates in coordination with Mission overseas, and Registrar General Department			

Compensations Related Activities	
Registration of compensation claims/accepting applications and authentication/verification of documents	Completed on case-by-case basis
Coordination with Mission overseas to obtain compensation from respective employers	
Disbursement of compensation money through Public Trustee	
Miscellaneous Consular Activities	
Coordinating and assisting individuals in registering births that occurred overseas, delivering Sri Lankan birth certificates to the respective recipients upon issuance and dispatch to the Division by the Missions/Posts	Completed on case-by-case basis
Assisting Sri Lankans in addressing matters concerning travel documents, citizenship certificates, marriage certificates, driving license	
Facilitating and assisting applicants in acquiring police clearance certificates from foreign countries and verifying foreign degree certificates	
Assisting NOK in locating the whereabouts of their mission relatives	
Repatriation of Stranded Sri Lankans	
Repatriating Sri Lankan citizens from foreign countries due to various distressing situations including deportation, over stay, illegal stay etc.	Completed on case-by-case basis
Coordinate with Victim, NOK and SL Mission/Posts and coordinate providing immediate support to stranded Sri Lankans.	
Repatriation of Sri Lankan citizens who are stranded and have become victims of human trafficking overseas in coordination with the respective Missions, Posts and NOK.	
Coordination of the repatriation process of Sri Lankan human trafficking victims lured into cybercrime compounds in Myanmar in liaising with	

respective SL missions abroad and other line agencies.	
Coordinate obtaining the current status and missing-in-action cases of Sri Lankan nationals who have reportedly joined the Russian Armed forces.	
Coordinate the performance of final rites of the deceased Sri Lankan nationals who have reportedly joined the Russian Armed forces and deployed in the front line of the war.	
To ensure regular follow-ups and coordinating with respective SL Mission/ Post abroad to ensure the welfare of the inmates held in foreign prisons and detention centers. Documenting the cases of prisoners serving lifetime imprisonments and death penalties.	
Assisting Sri Lankans overseas in crisis through various means.	
Engaging with international and local organizations such as IMO, ICRC, Caritas, Safe Foundation and line agencies to secure assistance for safe repatriation.	
Playing a crucial role in combating illegal migration and human trafficking by participating in activities and supporting the efforts of NAHTTF and provide inputs for Trafficking in Persons (TIP) report.	
Regularly sharing information with the law enforcement authorities about suspected human trafficking cases and potential victims for further action.	
To ensure timely response and coordinated action to address the release and repatriation of Sri Lankan fishing vessels and crew members apprehended in overseas territories, while prioritizing the safety and well-being of the crew members.	
To liaise with local authorities and law enforcement entities to facilitate the deportation of Sri Lankan Nationals from foreign countries.	

4.4.2 General Administration Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Introduce a Common Website Platform for Missions/ Posts abroad - Adapting the common domain name structure - Number of common domain names	100%		
- Migrating websites in shared servers to a Cloud service - Number of Migrated websites	All these three steps cannot be implemented due to the pending recommendations of the Ministry of Digital Economy, regarding the hosting space		
Launched websites under the new platform for the Missions that do not have an official websites yet			
Launched websites under the new platform for the Missions that already have websites based on their current contract end dates.			
Training and Development - Conduct of training programmes for the Officers of the Ministry - Number of training programmes conducted		80%	
Establishment Affairs Amendments of SOR for the post of Legal Advisor		80%	
Amendments of SOR for the post of Legal Officer	100%		
Amendments for the post of Executive Assistant(Protocol)			60%
Amendments of SOR for the post of Protocol Assistant			60%
Relocation of the Ministry under one house Negotiation with the relevant authorities	Project was in negotiate stage		
- Planning of the project ➤ Budgeting ➤ Acquisition of Land ➤ Preparation of architectural design			

4.4.3 Human Resources and Mission Management Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
A. Administrating Human Resource Functions			
1. Management of officers in the Sri Lanka Foreign Service (SLFS)	95%		
2. Maintenance of personal files	95%		
3. Controlling internal attachments of SLFS officers	100%		
4. Implementation of overseas transfers	95%		
5. Appointment of Heads of Mission/Post	95%		
6. Appointment of Diplomatic Staff to SL Missions abroad	95%		
7. Appointment of non-diplomatic staff/support & technical staff to SL Missions abroad functions	100%		
B. Conducting Management Functions			
1. Implementation of SLFS Minute	95%		
2. Formation and Implementation of Ministry Instructions	100%		
3. Management of Cadre provisions in SL Missions abroad	95%		
4. Management of salaries and relevant allowances for staff attached to SL Missions abroad	100%		
5. Management of domestic & International travels by Mission staff	100%		
6. Management of overseas leave of diplomatic and non-diplomatic staff attached to SL Missions abroad	100%		
7. Management of audit queries and implementation of policy directives	95%		

8. Managing parliamentary questions	100%		
9. Management of establishment of new SL Missions abroad and temporarily closure of Sri Lanka Missions abroad	90%		
C. Internal Management Functions			
1. Management of Staff Members of the HR & MM Division	100%		

4.4.4 Internal Audit Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	89%-75%	74%-50%
Internal Audit and Investigation Division (As per the Annual Audit Plan) - Number of internal audit reports. - Number of Audit and Management committee meetings		80%	

4.4.5 Legal Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% - 90%	89% - 75%	74% - 50%
Economic Diplomacy			
Trade and Investment -Negotiating Bilateral Investment Treaties with all possible counterparts and the local stakeholders including the Attorney General's Department and number of negotiations to finalize Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Chapters and Agreements with Thailand, India and UAE respectively			70%
Air Services Agreements Concluding Air Services Agreement with Thailand. -exploring the possibility of negotiating new Air Services Agreements with other counterparts - number of meetings to Finalize Air Services agreements with the Republic of Korea (ROK), Oman			

and Canada, Netherlands, Afghanistan with a view to expand faster and easier movement of trade and passengers between the Countries for trade and economic development. -Number of Air Services Agreements have been finalized for signing during the year 2024.	90%		
Avoidance of Double Taxation -Concluding Agreements on Avoidance of Double Taxation (DTAA) with Cyprus, Hungary, Malta and, obtaining AG's clearance for DTAA's with Ukraine, Czech Republic, Denmark & India. - exploring the possibility of negotiating new DTAA's with other counterparts -Observations of Attorney General's Department have been obtained for DTAA's with Maldives. -Follow up actions to be taken with the Inland Revenue Department to expedite the process	95%		
Visa Exemption Agreements -Concluding Visa Exemption Agreements with Bahrain, Maldives, Indonesia, Armenia and Lebanon. -exploring the possibility of negotiating new Visa Exemptions Agreements with other counterparts		85%	
Finalization of a fair and just Investor State Dispute Settlement Mechanism under United Nations Commission on International Trade and Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group III -Representing GOSL effectively at the United Nations Commission on International Trade and Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group iii on Investor-state Dispute Settlement Mechanism (ISDS) on potential reform options to review unfair ISDS system including lack of independence and impartiality of arbitrators, third party funding, and the duration and costs of proceedings, to bring about a fair and just ISDS mechanism. -Number of meeting to ensure the recommendations of developing countries like Sri Lanka are taken into consideration by the Working Group iii to bring a level playing field for both the investors and the host Countries.			30%
Political Diplomacy (Bilateral/ Multilateral)			
Providing Comprehensive observations on Treaties, Agreements and MoUs -Obtain policy perspectives from relevant political desks and line Ministries and provide comprehensive legal observations on Treaties, Agreements and MoUs.	90%		

- Finalization of number of Treaties, Agreements and MoUs for signature with a view to acquire greater benefits in year 2024.			
Multilateral Treaties, Conventions and Agreements (examine whether ratifications/accessions/signature of particular International Convention/Treaty/Agreement are advantageous to Sri Lanka and whether there is an adequate legislation to ratify the Treaty/Convention/Agreement)	90%		
Regional Cooperation - Legal Division represents the Ministry in the above Regional Corporation Organization provided the position of Sri Lanka during discussions.	85%		
Defence and Security Cooperation			
Mutual Legal Assistance -Concluding Agreements on Mutual Legal Assistance with Latvia, Maldives and Saudi Arabia - Number of meetings to be held to Finalize the Agreements with identified Countries ie Philippines in order to ensure compliance on international norms by Sri Lanka with a view to curb international crime			70%
Agreements on Transfer of Sentenced Persons -Concluding Agreements with Republic of Korea, Egypt, and Lebanon -Entering in to Agreements with Afghanistan which have already been finalized. Number of negotiations due to be held to finalize the Agreements with Republic of Korea, Egypt and Lebanon in order to facilitate the transferring of prisoners. -exploring the possibility of negotiating new Agreements with other counterparts			70%
Extradition -Concluding Extradition treaties with ROK, Egypt, Italy, Lebanon, Maldives and UAE. -exploring the possibility of negotiating new Extradition Treaties with other counterparts -Number of negotiations to finalize Agreements with ROK, Egypt, Italy, Lebanon, Maldives and UAE. -Number of negotiations to be held with identified Countries in order to ensure compliance on international norms by Sri Lanka with a view to curb international crime			60%
Consular Assistance and Migrant Welfare			
Readmission -Entering into EU/SL Readmission Protocols/Agreements, have already been finalized with the Netherlands on behalf of the Benelux countries,			

France. Italy and Georgia, subject to “clarifying the Readmission in error” clause - Number of negotiations for the safe and orderly return of citizens (failed asylum seekers and visa over-stayers) of both countries to their country of origin and in order to ensure compliance by Sri Lanka of International norms,			50%
Labour/Migrant Worker Agreements - Concluding labour/migrant worker Agreements with Bahrain, Lebanon, Philippines, Seychelles, Luxembourg, Romania and Renewal Agreement with Republic of Korea - Number of meetings to be held for conclusion of Labour/Migrant Worker Agreements with countries that have large Sri Lankan expatriate communities for effective cooperation in the governance of migration processes and the protection of the rights of migrant workers.	80%		
Other			
Providing Legal Advice on matters of policy and international law	90%		
Inputs provided to Committee on drafting legislation in which the Legal Division represents - Anti Terrorism Bill - Energy Bill - Fisheries Act amendment - EPF Act	90%		
Privileges and Immunities - Providing legal observations/advices on matters relating to privileges and immunities applicable to diplomatic missions, international and inter-governmental organizations. - Dealing with number of matters on Immunities and Privileges where Sri Lanka is concerned. - Facilitate for privileges and immunities applicable to diplomatic missions, international and inter-governmental organizations in Sri Lanka in accordance with the International Legal Framework on Privileges and Immunities and Laws of Sri Lanka.	90%		
Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for Granting Diplomatic Clearance to Foreign Seaborne Vessels arriving in Sri Lanka, Foreign Military or State Aircrafts operating into Sri Lanka and Overflying Sri Lankan Territory, Clearance for Weapons, Ammunition & Communication Equipment during a VVIP/VIP Visit and the SOP was finalized with the office of the Chief of	90%		

National Intelligence, and approval of the Cabinet has been taken to the text.			
Maintain the Treaty Index of Sri Lanka -Updating the Treaty Index with signed agreements/MoUs by liaising with line Ministries/ Agencies and Sri Lankan Embassies abroad. -Provide Details of Signed Agreements and MoUs to line Ministries/ Agencies and Sri Lankan Embassies abroad for the implementation of same. - Ratification and Implementation of bilateral/ multilateral Agreements/ MoUs signed in the areas of economic, security, investment, technical, cultural and social development of Sri Lanka.	95%		
UN and International organizations Related Matters -Convening meetings with the Attorney General's Department, The Ministry of Defence, The Financial Intelligence Unit & the Department of Legal Draftsman to discuss the way forward with regard to the compliance of the relevant international laws and obligations under United Nations and the United Nations Security Council. - Action Plan on the Sri Lankan Mutual Evaluation of FATF as a member of the Asia Pacific Group - Organizing and liaising with relevant Stakeholders, ie. the Ministry of Defence, the Financial Intelligence Unit, Attorney General's Department on the work related to the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering and Financing for Terrorist Purposes, the Financial Action Task Force and the ICRG review process. - Number of meetings to be held to uphold and strengthen the AML/CFT framework of the country through respective jurisdictional roles of Members. - finalization of draft Acts relating to relevant UNSC Resolutions on Foreign Terrorist Fighters prior to January 2025. - Participating and coordinating the National Committee for the implementation of Strategic Trade Control System - Number of discussions to be held to implement the relevant STC laws to suit International standards by the Cabinet approved Committee on STC Finalization of amendments to UNSCR Regulations made under the United Nations Act No. 45 of 1968 and gazetting same prior to December 2025		65%	
Law of the Sea			

(a) International Legally Binding Instrument under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) on the Conservation and Sustainable use of Marine Biodiversity Beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction (BBNJ). - Holding Inter- Ministerial Meetings to consider concerns raised by stakeholders regarding the Sri Lankan position. - Organizing meetings to sensitize the stakeholders about the BBNJ and the importance of signing the Agreement - Taking action to prepare documents to obtain approval to sign the agreement - Preparing necessary instruments to for Sri Lanka to become a signatory of the Agreement (b) Sri Lanka's continental shelf submission before the UN Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS). - Since consideration of Sri Lanka's submission is on hold action has been taken to pursue bilateral discussions with India both through SL High Commission in New Delhi and Indian High Commission in Sri Lanka. - Also preparation of briefs which led to taking up the matter during high level visits to Sri Lanka and India - Supervising the work of the National Ocean Affairs Committee(NOAC) which is under the Legal Division - Supervising of the work relating to preparation of the 2nd Submission of Sri Lanka to the UNCLCS. (c) Matters relating to the International Seabed authority(ISA) Action was taken to liaise with the ISA through PRUN/NY in order to lodge an objection against the claim made by India to explore and exploit cobalt with an area claimed by Sri Lanka under the Continental Shelf Submission of Sri Lanka, which led to holding of the Indian application.	90% 90% 100%		
International Humanitarian Law (IHL) -Convening IHL committee meetings liaising with IHL committee members, ie, with the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Defense, Attorney General's Department, Department of Legal Draftsman, Ministry of Health and ICRC -Holding workshops and conference to disseminate IHL in Sri Lanka as the Chair of the National IHL Committee in Sri Lanka	90%		

Taking necessary action to translate the Geneva Conventions into the National languages of Sri Lanka Action to organize 75th celebrations of the Geneva Conventions including a conference and an exhibition			
Court Cases Fundamental Rights Cases other cases- -Take necessary action in consultation with the Attorney General's Department and the Ministry of Justice. - Number of observations to be provided to the Attorney General's Department for FR matters with a view to expedite the proceedings of cases and asserting Ministry's position. Foreign Summons- -Take necessary action in consultation with the Ministry of Justice and liaising with Missions abroad to expedite the process of court summons to facilitate court proceedings. -Number of summons to be served on Sri Lanka nationals in abroad through Sri Lanka Missions in abroad. -Number of summons serving reports forwarded to the Ministry of Justice in order to keep the relevant courts in Sri Lanka duly informed.	80% 100%		77%
Right to Information -Providing information requested under the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016 in liaising with the relevant Divisions of the Ministry. - requests due to be facilitated within the stipulated time frame in the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016.		76%	

4.4.6 Overseas Asset Management and Development Division

Priority Area	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% - 90%	89% - 75%	74% - 50%
Overseas Assets Management & Development			
1. Establishment of the SLEMB in Wellington / New Zealand	100%		
2. Maintenance of GoSL owned Properties			
i. Jakarta	100%		
i. Beijing	100%		
ii. Bangkok		80%	
iii. Chennai			20%
iv. Canberra			20%
v. Tokyo			10%

4.4.7 Protocol Division

Priorities	Actual Output as a Percentage (%) of the Expected		
	100% - 90%	89% - 75%	74% - 50%
Digitalize the Protocol Division - Working with IT Division to establish a digitalized system for documentation - Working with ICTA to develop a digitalized work floor enabling to work with the Colombo based Diplomatic Missions online reducing the usage of the paper based administrative system			40%
Streamline the Visa issuance process and Introduce multiple entry visas, ID cards for accredited HoMs, Diplomats, Defence Attaché's based in third countries Current policies are under review - Change the following approval process - Implementing the Visa Process	100%		
Finalize the Protocol Manual Working with IT Division to establish a digitalized system for documentation Reviewing the Protocol Manual and updating it to cover contemporizes developments		75%	

Update the Colombo based telephone directory on quarterly basis Revamping the Protocol Division Website for broader usage by the clients An online https://mfa.gov.lk/ PDF version will be developed	100%		
Introduce guidelines for Honorary Consuls on Protocol practices. - Briefing for Honorary Consuls - Monitor Mechanism for Honorary Consuls	100%		
Formulate policy guidelines on the use of the VIP lounge facility at the BIA Katunayake Current Protocol Manual is under review Publishing the policy guidelines	90%		
Restructure the Protocol Division. Change the current appearance of the Protocol Division and shifting from current venue			70%
Recruit new Protocol Officers following the newly approved cadre Conducting interview /Exam			60%
Provide training for the Protocol Staff Conducting several training programmes for the Protocol Officers in cooperation with the Human Resources Division.			30%
printing of Protocol Guidelines and hand books, Presentation of Credentials, State levels VVIP,VIP and other Senior Officials visits Publishing the hand books			50%

CHAPTER -5 - PERFORMANCE OF ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG)

5.1 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The Sustainable Development Act No. 19 of 2017 established the Sustainable Development Council mandated with coordination, facilitation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development in Sri Lanka.

The 2021 Global Sustainable Development Report has assessed that Sri Lanka's performance on achieving the SDGs has been progressive. We continue to make progress in SDG Goals 1, 4, 7 and 13 and at present, Sri Lanka ranks 83 among 166 countries. The overall country score has increased to 69.4 which is well above the regional average of 67.2.

Sri Lanka is maintaining steady progress in Quality Education (Goal 4) and Climate Action (Goal 13). In addition, the reduction in Age-standardized death rate due to non-communicable diseases in adults aged 30–70 years (contributing to performance under Goal 3 on Good Health and Wellbeing), reduction in Permanent deforestation (contributing to performance under Goal 15 on Life on Land) and increase in the Times Higher Education Universities Ranking: Average score of top 3 universities (contributing to performance under Goal 11 on Sustainable Cities and Communities) are some of the notable improvements made by Sri Lanka during the reporting period.

Sri Lanka's Second Voluntary National Review was presented to the High-Level Political Forum of the ECOSOC in July 2022, following extensive consultations with Government, civil society and international development partners. This Review highlights the progress in integration of SDGs in the National Policy Framework and the enhanced institutional capacities for SDG governance, coordination, and monitoring since the first VNR in 2018.

In January 2023, the Sustainable Development Council issued guidelines to all government ministries to identify nationally appropriate SDG targets in line with the respective mandate of each ministry. The objective of this exercise is to direct planning and resources of all government institutions towards SDGs amidst the economic challenges, as well as to ensure robust national level monitoring and progress evaluation.

Accordingly, 21 Ministries have set 157 National SDG targets to be achieved by 2030. These national SDG targets will be integrated into a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework for SDG progress assessment in Sri Lanka.

In strengthening the SDG data landscape Sri Lanka is placed at 13th place out of 53 countries in the Asia-Pacific region for SDG data availability as per the latest analysis done by the UNESCAP. This would enable Sri Lanka's capacity for evidence informed policy making for SDGs in future.

The contribution of UN agencies towards SDGs is directed towards line ministries under the overall UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) signed between the UN Country Team and the GoSL. The Country Cooperation Frameworks of various UN agencies have aligned to UNSDCF.

- **UN agencies have assisted the SDC** on the following projects/initiatives in achieving SDGs:
 - Development of SDG Budget Coding and Tagging System to be introduced to the National Budget. (UNDP Sri Lanka)
 - Formulation of SDG Investor Map and development of Project Pipelines to unlock new levels of private capital towards SDGs. (UNDP Sri Lanka)
 - The SDG Council developed a National SDG Monitoring and Evaluating Framework based on the baseline data established for 115 SDG indicators in 2023 to have more accurate and evidence based progress assessments.(UNESCAP)
 - Formulation of the National SDG Monitoring and Evaluation Framework. (UNESCAP)
 - Conducting a National Capacity building workshop to accelerate Digital Government Transformation in Sri Lanka. (UNDESAP)
 - Technical Support in developing the Sri Lanka's First Sovereign Green Bond Framework (UNESCAP)
 - Capacity Building of Key Stakeholders on Sustainable Financing (UNESCAP)
 - Technical Support on Debt for Nature/ Climate Swaps (DFNS) (UNESCAP)
 - Technical Support to strengthen SDG motoring and evaluation capabilities(UNESCAP)
 - Strategy to promote Inclusive and Sustainable Businesses (ISBs) to achieve the SDGs in Sri Lanka was launched in January 2024 (UNESCAP)

CHAPTER- 6- HUMAN RESOURCES PROFILE OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS

6.1. Cadre Management

6.1.1 Staff of the Foreign Affairs (Colombo) as of 31 December 2024

Category	Approved Cadre	Existing	Vacancies/ Excess
Senior ⁸	105	90	15/*
Tertiary ⁹	09	05	04/*
Secondary ¹⁰	448	401	47/*
Primary ¹¹	128	127	*/01

6.1.2. Staff of the Missions as of 31 December 2024

Category	Approved Cadre	Existing	Vacancies/ Excess
Home Based			
Senior/ Tertiary ¹²	239	152	87
Secondary ¹³	247	190	57
Primary ¹⁴	07	06	01
Locally Recruited			
Secondary ¹⁵	240	182	58
Primary ¹⁶	309	242	67

⁸ Senior – Executive Level officers including Sri Lanka Foreign Service, Sri Lanka Administrative Service, Accountants Service, Legal Officers, Auditor's Service, ICT service.

⁹ Officers in Super Grade of Management Service Officer's Service, Translator Service, ICT Service

¹⁰ Officers in Development Officers Service, Management Service Officer's Service, Librarian, Receptionist, and other Departmental Service Officers

¹¹ Officers including Drivers, KKS, Sanitary Labours, Electricians, etc.

¹² Head of the Mission, Minister Counsellor, Counsellor, First Secretary, Second Secretary, Third Secretary

¹³ Officers in Management Service Officer's Service including Development Assistant, Information Technology Officers

¹⁴ Officers including Drivers, KKS, Sanitary Labours

¹⁵ Officers including Clerks, Receptionists, Stenographers, Translators, Information Technology Officers

¹⁶ Officers including KKS, Drivers and Sanitary Labours

6.2. Human Resource Development

Training Programmes conducted for all officers of the Foreign Affairs

#	Name of the Programme	No. of staff trained	Duration	Total Investment (Rs.000)		Nature of the Programme	Output /Knowledge Gained
				Local (Rs.)	(Abroad /Local)		
1.	Awareness Session on “Mission Administration and Financial Formalities”	81	01 Day	Ministry Budget	Local		SLFS officers gained knowledge of the Administration and Financial Formalities to be followed in SL Mission abroad.
2.	Orientation Programme for Ambassadors/High Commissioners-designate	17	March to April 2024 (21 Days) And August to September 2024 (17 days)	Ministry Budget	Local		Participants gained knowledge on contemporary aspects of country's Foreign Policy and conduct of foreign affairs abroad, basic knowledge and practical experience of functions of the Ministry and Missions abroad.
3.	Training Programme for the Labour Officers appointed to Sri Lanka Missions abroad.	8	01 Day	Ministry Budget	Local		Briefing session to emphasize the roles and functions of the Labor officers at the SL Mission's abroad.
4.	Orientation Programme for the qualified candidates of the Management Service Officers' Service (MSO) Cadre in Sri Lanka Missions Abroad-2020 (2023).	71	04 Days	Ministry Budget	Local		Briefing sessions on Administrative functions of Missions abroad and role of MSOs, on Overseas Assets Management and Development, Protocol Functions of Missions abroad and Personality, Ministry Budget Development and Leadership, on consular related matters (Issuance of new passports, citizenship,

						Issuance of birth certificates, marriage certificates, death certificates and other certificates other services provided by Sri Lanka Missions/Posts abroad), Financial duties of Missions, Audit and Management, Basic Writing Skills,.
5.	Diplomatic Training Programme for newly recruited SLFS officers – 2024	18	01 Month and 03 Days	Ministry Budget	Local	To familiarize with the duties, mandate and functions of the public service that need to be dispensed with effectively and efficiently
6.	Special Lecture by Prof: Patrick Mendis - “Sri Lanka's Geo Strategic Challenges and Sino-American Competition in the Indo Pacific Region and Beyond”.	18	01 Day	Ministry Budget	Local	Session of Sri Lanka's Geo Strategic Challenges and Sino-American Competition in the Indo Pacific Region and Beyond
7.	Awareness Programme on Cyber Security for all SLFS officers - 2024	All SLFS Officers	01 Day	Ministry Budget	Local	Briefing session of several cyber-attacks that could potentially compromise ministry's cyber security and numerous threat acts are attempting to steal sensitive credentials of your organization's senior staff members through targeted spear-phishing attacks.
8.	Orientation Program for the newly appointed OES for Missions/Posts abroad on HRC basis	17	03 Days	Ministry Budget	Local	Overview of job/ profiles of OES, Maintenance of Chancery and Official Residence, General conduct, confidentiality, host country rules etc. ,Reception/ front office duty, Overall introduction of Mission's activities, Personal Skills development, Confidentiality of the job role/duty, Basic Understanding of Protocol, Reception Protocol, Briefing on grooming, etiquette,

							role of function, obligation and responsibilities, social/dining Administrative Responsibilities, Mandatory Legal formalities to be followed, Administrative Responsibilities
9.	Orientation Program for the newly appointed Drivers for Missions/Posts abroad on HRC basis	21	03 Days	Ministry Budget	Local		Code of Conduct, Duties and responsibilities of a Chauffeur/Driver, Brief /Overall introduction of the Missions activities, Highest standards of professionalism, Job role/duties as a Chauffeur/Driver in SL Mission/Post, Personal Skills development, Basic Understanding of Protocol; • Flag Car • Briefing on grooming, etiquette, role of function, obligation and responsibilities, Administrative Responsibilities, upkeep & appearance of vehicles and Mandatory Legal formalities to be followed.
10.	Spoken English for OES and Drivers	30	100 learning hrs	840,000.00	Local		Enhanced knowledge in English
11.	Tamil language training for Management Service Officers and Development Officers	46	150 learning hrs	120,000.00	Local		To achieve second language proficiency
12.	CCTV Installation and Network cabling	1	06 months	41,600.00	Local		Enhanced of new knowledge for CCTV installation and network cabling
13.	Government payroll system	2	03 days	36,000.00	Local		Enhanced knowledge in payroll system

14.	Computer Hardware with Network course	2	06 months	83,000.00	Local	Enhanced of new knowledge for Computer Hardware and networking
15.	Network Administration with Security	2	06 months	87,000.00	Local	Enhanced of new knowledge for network administration with security
16.	Advanced Multimedia Web Design and Development Techniques	1	02 months	35,000.00	Local	Enhanced knowledge in Multimedia Web Design and Development Techniques
17.	Master of Law	1	02 years	245,000.00	Local	Need to complete the service requirement and improve the knowledge
18.	Master of Public Administration	1	1 year	125,000.00		Need to complete the service requirement and improve the knowledge
19.	Diploma in Public Procurement & contract Management	1	1 year	75,000.00	Local	Enhanced knowledge in procurement
20.	Information Technology Conference	2	02 days	45,000.00		Enhanced knowledge on Information Technology
21.	The Asia Foundation Young Asian Diplomat Program	01	15 days	Fully funded by the Henry Luce Foundation	Abroad (USA)	The respective officers gained knowledge and the practical experience in the respective fields in order to upgrade their capacities throughout their career in Sri Lanka Foreign Service.
22.	UNIDIR Women in AI Fellowship	01	05 Days	Fully funded by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research	Abroad (Geneva)	

23.	Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific	01	24 Days	Fully funded by the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs	Abroad (Thailand)				
24.	Sushma Swaraj - Short term course for Sri Lankan officers	10	09 Days	Fully funded by the Government of India - at Susma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service in India	Abroad (India)				
25.	VI BRICS + Young Diplomats Forum	02	05 Days	Fully funded by the Council of Young Diplomats of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation	Abroad (Russia)				
26.	Training Course in International Criminal Law	02 (01 officer attended online programme, 01 officer attended)	05 Days	Fully funded by The Hague Academy of International Law in the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands	Abroad (Netherland)				

		the programm e in the Hague)		together with the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France		
27.	30th Junior Diplomatic Course by the Foreign Service Academy	02	08 Days	Fully funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan & Foreign Service Academy	Abroad (Pakistan)	

CHAPTER - 7 - COMPLIANCE REPORT

#	Requirement	Status Complied/ Not Complied)	Brief Explanation for Non- Compliance	Proposed Corrective Measures to avoid non- compliance in future
The following financial statements/accounts have been submitted on the due date				
1.1	Annual Financial Statement	Complied	N/A	N/A
1.2	Advance to Public Officers Account	Complied	N/A	N/A
1.3	Trading and Manufacturing Advance Accounts (Commercial Advance Accounts)	N/A	N/A	N/A
1.4	Stores Advance Accounts	N/A	N/A	N/A
1.5	Special Advance Accounts	N/A	N/A	N/A
1.6	Others	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maintenances of books and registers (FR 445)				
2.1	Maintaining and updating the fixed assets register in terms of Public Administration Circular 267/2018	Complied	N/A	N/A
2.2	Maintaining and updating the personal emoluments register/personal emoluments.	Complied	N/A	N/A
2.3	Maintaining and updating the register of audit queries	Complied	N/A	N/A
2.4	Maintaining and updating the Register of Internal Audit reports	Complied	N/A	N/A
2.5	Preparing and submitting all the monthly account summaries (CIGAZ) to the Treasury on due date	Complied	N/A	N/A
2.6	Maintaining and updating the register for cheques and money orders	Complied	N/A	N/A
2.7	Maintaining and updating the Inventory Register	Complied	N/A	N/A
2.8	Maintaining and updating the Stocks Register	Complied	N/A	N/A
2.9	Maintaining and updating the Register of Losses	Complied	N/A	N/A
2.10	Maintaining and updating the Commitment Register	Complied	N/A	N/A
2.11	Maintaining and updating the Register of Counterfoil Books (GA – N20)	Complied	N/A	N/A

Delegation of functions for financial control (FR 135)				
3.1	Delegating the financial authority within the institute	Complied	N/A	N/A
3.2	Awareness of the delegation of financial authority	Complied	N/A	N/A
3.3	Delegating the authority ensuring that more than three officers are involved in the process of approving each transaction	Complied	N/A	N/A
3.4	Using the Government Payroll Software Package, which was introduced through the State Account Circular 171/2004 dated 11 May 2014 under the supervision of the Accountants	Complied	N/A	N/A
Preparation of Annual Plans				
4.1	Preparation of Annual Action Plan	Complied	N/A	N/A
4.2	Preparation of Annual Procurement Plan	Complied	N/A	N/A
4.3	Preparation of Annual Internal Audit Plan	Complied	N/A	N/A
4.4	Preparation and submission of the annual estimate to the NBD on the due date	Complied	N/A	N/A
4.5	Preparation and submission of the Annual Cash Flow Statement to the Operations Department of the Treasury on the due date	Complied	N/A	N/A
Audit Queries				
5.1	Responding to all audit queries by the date given by the Auditor General	Not Complied	Some Missions have not replied in the relevant time period	To inform and respond within the specified time.
Internal Audit				
6.1	Preparation of an Internal Audit Plan at the beginning of the year in line with the Financial Regulation 134 (2) DMA/1-2019 in consultation with the Auditor General.	Complied	N/A	N/A
6.2	Responding to all internal audit reports within one month.	Not Complied	Some Missions have not replied in the relevant time period	To inform and respond within the specified time.
6.3	Submission of copies of all the internal audit reports to the	Complied	N/A	N/A

	Management Audit Department in terms of Sub-section 40(4) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018.			
6.4	Submission of copies of internal audit reports to the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(3).	Complied	N/A	N/A
Audit and Management Committees				
7.1	Holding at least four (4) meetings of the Audit and Management Committee in terms of the DMA Circular I-2019	Not Complied	Three meetings were held.	Necessary measures will be taken to ensure full compliance.
Asset Management				
8.1	Submission of information about purchases and disposal of assets to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of paragraph 7 of the Assets Management Circular No.01/2017	Complied	N/A	N/A
8.2	The details of the Liaison Officer appointed to coordinate the implementation of the provisions of the circular are transmitted to the Comptroller General's Office in paragraph 13 of the circular above.	Complied	N/A	N/A
8.3	Conducting boards of survey and submission of the relevant reports to the Auditor General on the due date in terms of Public Finance Circular No. 05/2016.	Complied	N/A	N/A
8.4	The survey boards disclosed actions on the excesses, deficits, and other recommendations during the period specified in the circular.	Complied	N/A	N/A
8.5	The disposal of condemned articles in terms of FR 772	Complied	N/A	N/A
Management of Vehicles				
9.1	Preparation and submission of daily running charts and monthly summaries of the pool vehicles to the Auditor General on due date.	Complied	N/A	N/A
9.2	Disposal of condemned vehicles within less than six months of condemnation.	Complied	N/A	N/A
9.3	Maintaining and updating the vehicle logbooks	Complied	N/A	N/A
9.4	Actions on all accidents in terms of FR103, 104,109 and 110.	Complied	N/A	N/A
9.5	Re-examination of fuel consumption of vehicles in terms	Ongoing	N/A	N/A

	of the provisions of paragraph 3.1 of the Public Administration Circular No.30/2016 of 29 December 2016			
Management of Bank Accounts				
10.1	Preparation of bank reconciliation statements and making them ready for auditing on the due date	Complied	N/A	N/A
10.2	Settlement of dormant accounts that had existed in the year under review or since previous years.	Complied	N/A	N/A
10.3	The action had been taken regarding financial regulations regarding balances disclosed through bank reconciliation statements, for which adjustments had to be made, and whether those balances had been settled within one month.	Complied	N/A	N/A
Utilization of Provisions				
11.1	Utilisation of allocations without exceeding the limit	Complied	N/A	N/A
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year as per the FR 94(1)	Complied	N/A	N/A
Advances to Public Officers Account				
12.1	Compliance with the limits	Complied		
12.2	Time analysis on the loan arrears	Complied		
12.3	Settlement of loan balances in arrears for over a year.	Not Complied	Appoint a Committee to get action on behalf of these balance	Action will be taken to find the information
General Deposit Account				
13.1	Actions on lapsed deposits in terms of FR 571.	Complied	N/A	N/A
13.2	The control register for general deposit has been updated and maintained.	Complied	N/A	N/A
Imprest Account				
14.1	Remittance of the balance in the cash book, which is under review at the end of the year to TOD	Complied	N/A	N/A
14.2	Settlement of ad-hoc sub-imprest issued under FR 371 within one month of completing the task.	Complied	N/A	N/A
14.3	Issuance of ad-hoc sub-imprest	Complied	N/A	N/A

	without exceeding the limit approved by the FR371			
14.4	Monthly reconciliation of balance of the imprest account with the Treasury books	Complied	N/A	N/A
Revenue Account				
15.1	Spending the collected revenue in terms of the regulations	Not applicable	N/A	N/A
15.2	Crediting the collected revenue to the revenue account without crediting to the deposit account	Not applicable	N/A	N/A
15.3	Submission of the reports on arrears of revenue to the Auditor General in terms of FR 176	Not applicable	N/A	N/A
Human Resource Management				
16.1	Maintaining the staff within the approved cadre	Complied	N/A	N/A
16.2	Issuance of duty lists to all members of the staff	Complied	N/A	N/A
16.3	Submission of all the reports to the DMS in terms of circular No. 4/2017 dated 20 September 2017	Complied	N/A	N/A
Provisions of Information to the Public				
17.1	Nomination of an Information Officer and maintenance of a register of information in terms of the Right To Information Act and its Regulations	Complied	N/A	N/A
17.2	Measures to receive allegations/appreciation of the public on the institute through the Ministry Website or any other means.	Complied	N/A	N/A
17.3	Submission of bi-annual and annual reports per sections 8 and 10 of the RTI Act.	Complied	N/A	N/A
Implementation of the Citizens Charter				
18.1	Formulation and implementation of a citizens charter/citizens client's charter of the Institution in terms of the circular numbers 05/2008 and 05/2018 (1) of the Ministry of Public Administration and Management	Complied	N/A	N/A

18.2	Formulation of methodology by the Institution to monitor and assess the implementation of Citizens Charter / Citizens client's charter as per paragraph 2.3 of the circular	Complied	N/A	N/A
Preparation of the Human Resource Plan				
19.1	Preparation of a human resource plan in terms of the format under Annexure -2 of the Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018 dated 24 January 2018.	Complied	N/A	N/A
19.2	Ensuring providing minimum training opportunities, which is not less than 12 hours per year for each member of the staff	Not complied	Essential trainings were provided as per the National budget circular no.01/2023	N/A
19.3	Signing of Annual Performance Agreements for the entire staff based on the format of Annexure-1 of the Circular above	Complied	N/A	N/A
19.4	Appointing a senior officer by assigning the responsibility of preparing the human resource development plan, organising capacity building programs and conducting skill development programs as per paragraph No.6.5 of the Circular above.	Complied	N/A	N/A
Responding to the Audit Paragraphs				
20.1	Rectification of shortcomings highlighted in the audit paragraphs issued by the Auditor General for the previous years.	Complied	N/A	N/A

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CHAPTER ONE

**INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE/
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

FOREIGN EMPLOYMENT DIVISION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Migration for employment is a global phenomenon that drives economic growth, builds human capital, reduces socio-economic inequalities, and fosters interaction between different societies and cultures. It enables individuals migrating for employment and their families to pursue their aspirations, strengthens societies to acknowledge and respect the diverse perspectives and experiences of migrant workers, and benefits from their skills and expertise. Most importantly, it fuels the development of countries, regions, and the world at large.

Prime mission of the Foreign Employment Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism is to fulfil the expectations of all stakeholders by formulating, implementing and evaluating appropriate policies, programmes and projects to expand employment opportunities in various employment sectors, ensure safe migration, direct skilled human resources, and promote the quality of life of migrant workers' families.

Accordingly, the programmes of the Foreign Employment Division of the Ministry have been lined up based on the sustainable development goals and the international conventions ratified by Sri Lanka and in terms of Extraordinary Gazette No. 2412/08 dated 25.11.2024 in order to make migration for employment sector effective and productive for the development of the country.

1.2 VISION AND MISSION

Vision

Make Sri Lanka the best choice for competent human resources in the overseas market

Mission

To Formulate, direct and evaluate appropriate policies, programmes and projects to fulfil the expectation of all stakeholders by promoting competent human resource for foreign employment opportunities and quality of life of families of migrant workers

1.3 MAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE FOREIGN EMPLOYMENT DIVISION

- I. Formulating, implementing, monitoring and evaluating policies, programmes and projects related to foreign employment
- II. Collaborating with relevant institutes to increase and promote foreign employment opportunities and improve the skills required for such employments
- III. Undertaking necessary measures to send skilled and trained workers abroad instead of untrained workers
- IV. Introducing legal and regulatory measures required to ensure the security of migrant workers
- V. Providing special facilities for expatriate workers and Sri Lankans living abroad to save and invest foreign exchange in Sri Lanka
- VI. Implementing programmes to ensure the protection and welfare of housemaids working in Middle East and other countries
- VII. Providing remedies for employment issues of migrant workers and maintaining welfare
- VIII. Introducing legal reforms to strengthen the process of obtaining compensation entitled to persons who meet with accidents in foreign countries
- IX. Implementing special projects to enable those who return to Sri Lanka after foreign employment to commence enterprises
- X. Regulation of foreign employment agencies
- XI. Providing career guidance for foreign employment and adopting measures to ensure welfare of those engaged in foreign employment when they are directed to workplaces by foreign employment agencies

1.4 ORGANIZATIONL CHART

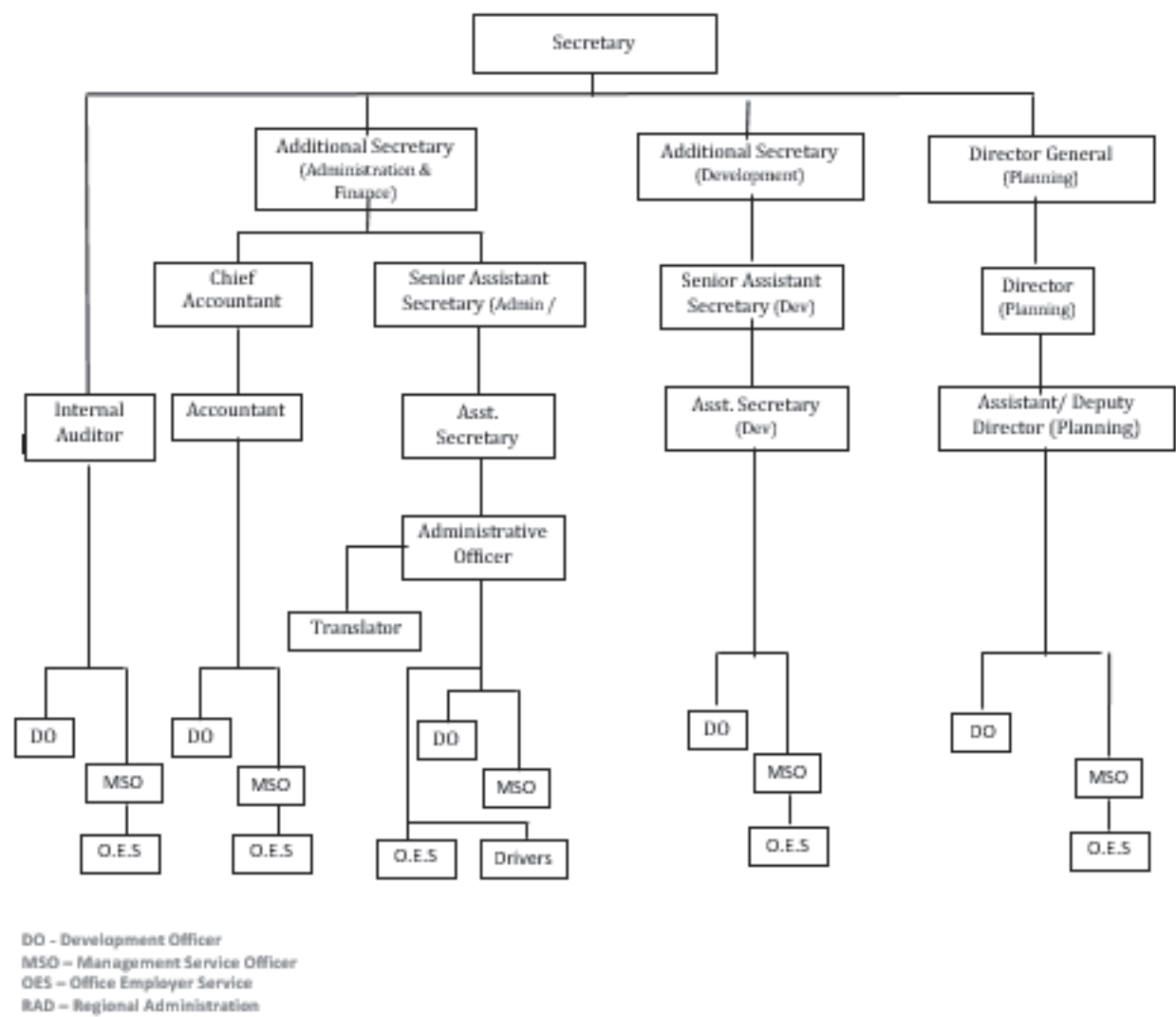


Figure 1 - Organizational Chart of Foreign Employment Division

1.5 SECTIONS UNDER THE FOREIGN EMPLOYMENT DIVISION

1.5.1 Administration Section

The responsibility of this section is to execute all establishment and administrative activities of the Foreign Employment Division with the aim of providing facilities required for the discharge of key functions relevant to the Foreign Employment Division of the Ministry.

Maintaining personal files of all public officers attached to the Foreign Employment Division and establishments activities related to them and updating information on the staff.

Preparation of cabinet memoranda and taking action in respect of cabinet decisions, providing answers to referrals made by the Consultative Committees and Public Petitions Committee, parliamentary questions and refers public complaints forwarded by the Presidential Secretariat and the Prime Minister's Office as well as public grievances received directly from the public to the relevant institutions are carried out by this section.

Administration of vehicles of the Division, provision of necessary infrastructure facilities, training activities, management of capital goods and equipment, activities relating to overtime, holiday payments, Agrahara insurance, approval of distress loans and conducting investigations.

Holding the responsibility of carrying out establishments and administrative activities of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment and Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency (Pvt) Limited.

1.5.2 Development Section

The Development Section discharges its duties under two units as Foreign Relations Unit and Development Unit.

The major functions of the Foreign Relations Unit are activities pertaining to international conventions in relation to the field of migration, submission of reports and proposals as per requests made from time to time by the United Nations and other international organizations through the Foreign Affairs Division on issues relation to the field of migration, entering into memoranda of understanding/ agreements, updating agreements, following up on the implementation of agreements, conducting activities relating to joint meetings and all activities relating to regional/ global dialogues.

The key functions of the Development Unit include the formulation, enforcement and follow up of the enactments, regulations, guidelines and policies relating to the migration sector, preparation of cabinet memoranda and notes to the cabinet pertaining to the subjects of the Foreign Employment Division, training of Development Officers(Foreign Employment) deployed for field work of the Division and maintaining the pool of trainers for Training of Trainers, implementing programmes at the District and Divisional Secretariat Divisions level through Development Officers(Foreign Employment) and holding appeals committee regarding family background reports of female migrant workers, conveying committee decisions and following up on them.

1.5.3 Planning Section

The primary responsibility of the Planning Section is the overall planning, making plans implemented, monitoring & evaluation and reporting within the scope of the Foreign Employment Division.

The Section is also responsible for the formulation, implementation, monitoring, reviewing progress and following up of development plans and annual action plans in collaboration with institutions involved in the foreign employment Division. Another important function of the Section is the planning, monitoring and reporting of programmes relevant to the foreign employment sector implemented at the District and Divisional Secretariat Division levels with the support and guidance of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment through the Development Officers attached to the District Secretariats and Divisional Secretariats.

Among other responsibilities assigned to the Planning Section include the preparation of projects relevant to the subject of Foreign Employment and the preparation of Annual Performance Report and the Progress Report submitted to the committee stage debate of the budget.

1.5.4 Account Section

The main responsibility of the Accounts Section is to ensure that the financial allocations allocated to the Foreign Employment Division by the annual budget are used efficiently and effectively to achieve the relevant objectives in accordance with the Government's policies.

Further, the section maintains updated audit query register and submits answers for the relevant audit queries to the Auditor General, supervises the financial matters related to the statutory institutions and foreign aid programmes operating under the Foreign Employment Division, represents the Ministry to each of the relevant committees and submits the reports related to the financial and asset management activities to the General Treasury.

1.5.5 Internal Audit Section

The internal audit activities are carried out as per the appointment made in terms of Section 40 of the National Audit Act ensuring the responsibilities of the Chief Accounting Officer are duly discharged as set out in Sections 38(b) and (f) of the said Act and the powers vested in the Internal Audit Division in terms of FR 133 and FR 134 and requirements of Circular No. 01/2019 dated 12.01.2019 of the Department of Management Audit.

The Internal Audit Section is responsible for conducting Audit Management Committee meetings (quarterly), preparation of annual audit plan, preparation and submission of reports and the conduct of field inspections of internal audit inquiries and special investigations, implementation of audit programmes and preparation of answers for audit queries.

1.6 INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE PURVIEW OF FOREIGN EMPLOYMENT DIVISION

1.6.1 Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment

The Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE) is the main statutory institution established by Parliament Act No.21 of 1985 as amended by Act No. 4 of 1994 and Act No. 56 of 2009. Focusing on Sri Lankans migrating for employment. The key responsibilities of the Bureau are the governance and regulation of the foreign employment sector, protection and empowerment of migrant workers and their family members and promotion and development of employment opportunities outside Sri Lanka for Sri Lankans.

In addition to the 33 operational divisions at the head office of the SLBFE, services are provided through 09 Provincial Migrant Resource Centres, 10 District Offices, 02 Training Centres and 03 Airport Units, with the staff of 1,121.

Key Functions

- I. Issuing licenses to run foreign employment agencies
- II. Conducting training programmes for those expecting foreign employment
- III. Registering Sri Lankan migrant workers in the Bureau/ recruiting Sri Lankans for foreign employment
- IV. Resolving complaints lodged by migrant workers or their family members
- V. Providing welfare facilities for migrant workers and their family members
- VI. Enforcement of laws applicable to foreign employment sector
- VII. Promoting foreign employment opportunities for Sri Lankans

1.6.2 Sri Lanka Foreign Employment agency (Pvt) Limited

The Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency (Pvt) Ltd (SLFEA), the only state-owned recruitment agency incorporated in 1996, as a subsidiary of the “Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment”, the national regulator of the foreign employment sector of Sri Lanka. The Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency, an institution, incorporated under the Companies Act No. 17 of 1982, operates with a Board of Directors of between 4-7 members.

Key Functions

- I. Conducting business activities in accordance with the rules and regulations in force from time to time by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment and any other statutory law or legal framework
- II. To offer employment to qualified workers in all job classifications, whether professional, administrative, technical and industrial hygiene, skilled, semi-skilled or unskilled domestic and related, within Sri Lanka or abroad

- III. Entering into MoUs with institutions and organizations active in the provision of manpower services, such as individuals in trade, insurance, commerce or industry, as well as institutions active in providing such services
- IV. Developing the necessary facilities to enhance the capabilities of the workforce to meet the needs of foreign employment, and managing competency building and awareness programmes

1.7 INFORMATION ON PROJECTS RECEIVING FOREIGN AIDS

Project 1

- a. **Project Name:** Establishment of Migration Resource Centre – Batticaloa District
- b. **Donor Agency:** International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
- c. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 77 million
- d. **Project Duration:** 3 years (2024–2026)

Project 2

- a. **Project Name :** Safe and Regular Labour Migration Programme – Phase IV
- b. **Donor Agency:** Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation
- c. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 930 million
- d. **Project Duration:** 3 years (May 2021 – August 2024)

CHAPTER TWO

PROGRESS AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

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2.1 PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY THE FOREIGN EMPLOYMENT DIVISION

Migration for employment plays a crucial role in bringing much-needed foreign exchange to the Sri Lankan economy. Number of migrant workers has increased since the inception of migration for employment in the 1970s. In the year 2024, receipt of foreign remittances was reported to be LKR 1,983.8 billion, accounting for nearly 9% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Migration for employment reduces the rate of unemployment by providing foreign employment and it is noted that 313,642 persons, out of which 185,692 males and 127,950 females departed for foreign employment in 2024. Thus, the migration for employment sector is placed firmly within the country's vision and development agenda, expanding global spaces for Sri Lankan labour.

2.1.1 Strengthening the necessary legal policy framework for the promotion of foreign employment

1. Implementation of National Policy and Action Plan on Migration for Employment of Sri Lanka

National Policy and Action Plan on Migration for Employment of Sri Lanka (2023–2027) was launched on 25 October 2023 and to support its implementation and monitoring, the National Advisory Committee on Labour Migration was established on 24 March 2024.

A total of 14 awareness programmes were conducted across the island for officers of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE), the primary partner in implementing this policy and other stakeholders, including representatives from relevant ministries, government institutions, foreign employment agencies, trade unions, and civil society organizations.

Additionally, as the first step towards establishing Provincial and District Coordination Committees on Migration for Employment, awareness programmes covering all provinces were successfully completed. The process of setting up these committees across the country is underway.

2. Amending the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment Act No. 21 of 1985

Actions are being taken to amend the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment Act with inputs from all stakeholders involved in the sector in order to further enhance the regulation of the foreign employment sector. The draft Act, drafted by the Legal Draftsman has been submitted to the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment for observations.

2.1.2 Empowering migrant workers through international cooperation

1. Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) / Agreements

The Government of Sri Lanka has entered into multiple agreements with destination countries on promoting foreign employment sector, human resource development, international social security programmes, training programmes, legal frameworks, and mutual relations. Currently, 21 MOUs/Agreements are actively in effect.

- I. Exchanging drafts related to signing Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)/ agreements through the Foreign Affairs Division

Drafts for MoUs/Agreements were exchanged with the following countries;

Romania	-	Employment and Manpower Sector
Italy	-	Migration and Mobility Partnership
Turkey	-	Proposed Agreement on Labour Migration

- II. Reviewing the existing Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) / bilateral agreements with destination countries regarding foreign employment

Information regarding the review of the following agreements/ Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) is being forwarded to the respective states through the Foreign Affairs Division, facilitating a bilateral exchange of views.

Republic of Korea	-	Sending Workers under the Employment Permit System
Malaysia	-	Recruitment, Employment, and Repatriation of Workers

2. Global and Regional Forums

I. Abu Dhabi Dialogue

The 7th Ministerial Consultation of Abu Dhabi Dialogue was held in the United Arab Emirates on 10 and 11 February 2024. The following guidelines for a collaborative thematic agenda for the upcoming two-year cycle were discussed at the session.

- The Link Between Climate Change in Asia and Labour Mobility – Gulf Cooperation Council Corridor (GCCC)
- Labour Mobility and Skills for a transformation to a Green Economy
- Managing short-term independent workers (Gig workers) abroad in member countries of the Abu Dhabi Dialogue
- Unlocking Opportunities for Skills and Diversity towards Labour Productivity in Abu Dhabi Dialogue Countries

II. Global Policy Network (GPN)

A high-level meeting of the Global Policy Network (GPN) was held in Geneva on 10–11 June 2024. It operates under four technical working groups:

- Committee on Licensing and Oversight, headed by Uganda
- Committee on Inspections & Enforcement, headed by Norway
- Committee on Bilateral Cooperation, headed by Sri Lanka
- Committee on Skills Dimensions of Labour Mobility, headed by Tunisia

III. Colombo Process

Joint meeting of the Thematic Area Working Group (TAWG) was conducted in Bangkok, Thailand, from 26 to 28 November 2024, under the chairmanship of India, with participation from Colombo Process member countries of Colombo process.

The following Thematic Area Working Group (TAWG) meetings were convened with the facilitation and coordination of the Colombo Process Technical Support Unit (CPTSU).

- Pre-departure Orientation and Empowerment (PDOE): The eighth TAWG meeting, chaired by the Philippines, was held on 26 November 2024
- Fair & Ethical Recruitment Practices (FERP): The eleventh TAWG meeting, chaired by Bangladesh, was held on 26 November 2024
- Skills and Qualification Recognition (S&Q): The ninth TAWG meeting, chaired by Sri Lanka, was held on 27 November 2024
- Cheaper, Faster & Safer Transfer of Remittances (CFSTR): The eighth TAWG meeting, chaired by Pakistan, was held on 27 November 2024.

3. The Safe and Substantive Labour Migration Programme Phase iv – funded by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

The project titled “Safe and Substantive Labour Migration for Sri Lankans” was implemented under the fourth phase with guidance from the Foreign Employment Division, in collaboration with the Swiss Embassy in Sri Lanka and with financial support of the Swiss Agency Development and Cooperation. The primary objective of this project is to enhance the well-being of Sri Lankan migrant workers and their families. The International Labour Organization (ILO) and the International Executive Service Corps (IESC) served as national partners for this project. The programme was completed in August 2024 at a total cost of LKR 498 million.

4. Migrant Resource Centre (MRC)

The International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Sri Lanka on 11 December 2023. Following this, the Migrant Resource Centre (MRC) was established in Batticaloa on 26 April 2024. The MRC offers comprehensive migration-related services to the persons who wish to migrate for employment. The International Centre for Migration Policy Development under the New Zealand Government has provided funding for its management processes. Expenditure as at 2024.12.31 of this project was LKR 14.53 million.

2.1.3 Guidance and Referral System for Foreign Employment

Establishing an Integrated Guidance and Referral System (IGRS) for Enhancing Foreign and Domestic Employment Opportunities in Sri Lanka

The Foreign Employment Division, with the support of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), established an Integrated Guidance and Referral System (IGRS) targeting young job seekers aiming for foreign employment. The IGRS provides career guidance for foreign employment, develops a pool of skilled and experienced job seekers, and facilitates their referral for foreign employment.

This system was officially launched on 15 July 2023, and has received 678 applications from job seekers, of which 95 have been identified as eligible for foreign employment. Additionally, 65 Development Officers (Foreign Employment) have been trained through four specialized training programmes regarding the functioning of the system.

2.1.4 Protection, Welfare and Empowerment of Migrant Workers and their Family members

1. Issuance of Family Background Reports

The Circular No. 02/2023 dated 31.03.2023 as amended by the Circular No. 02/2023(1) dated 18.14.2023 titled “Obtaining a report on the protection programme of the minor children of women expecting to migrate for employment” was issued with the objective of providing protection to minor children of female migrant workers. As per the said circular, 62,860 family background reports have been recommended at the Divisional Secretariat level in the year 2024. Recommendations were given to 19,413 reports in the first quarter, 15,028 reports in the second quarter, 14,849 reports in the third quarter and 13,570 in the fourth quarter and 328 family background reports were not recommended.

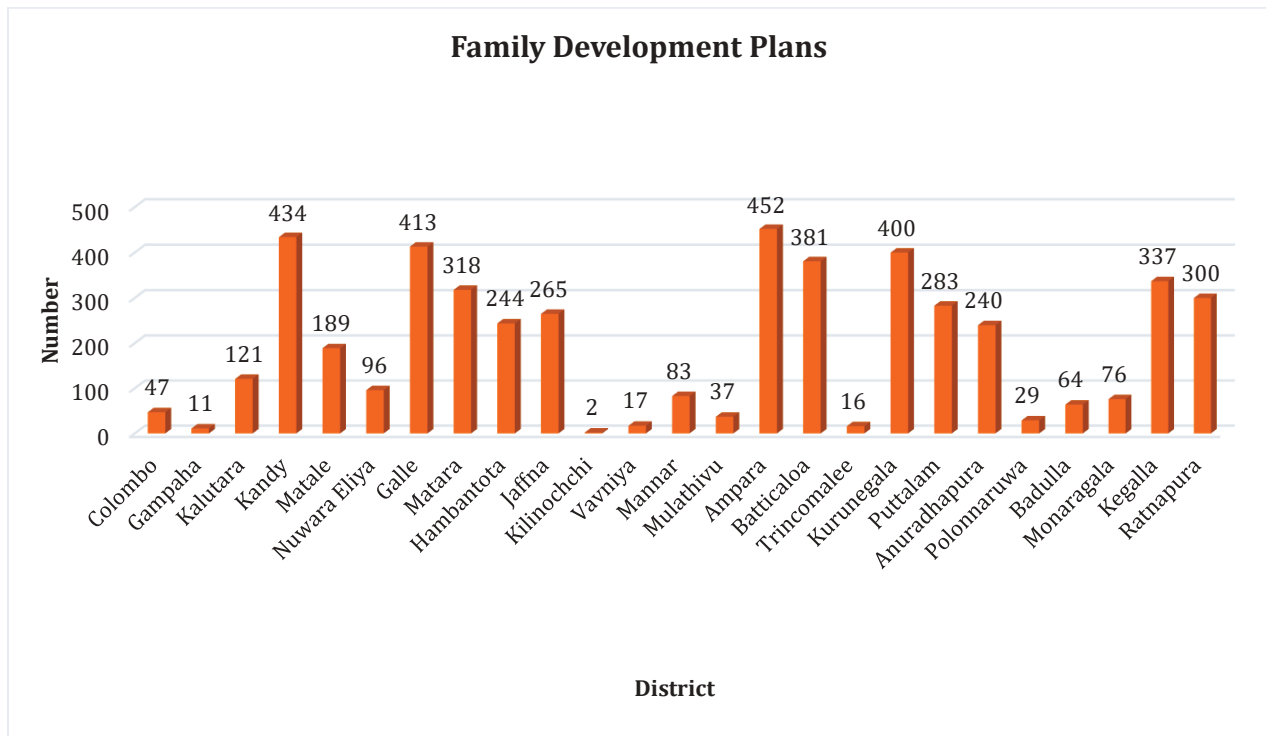
2. Appeals Committee to Review Reports on protection programme of the minor children of women expecting to migrate for employment

If applicants are dissatisfied with the reports on the protection programme of the minor children of women expecting to migrate for employment, which are not recommended at the Divisional Secretariat level, they can submit their appeals to the Appeals Committee under the Foreign Employment Division. The Committee has convened 12 times to review the appeals, resulting in 62 recommendations and 23 appeals that were not recommended. Further action is ongoing for the remaining appeals.

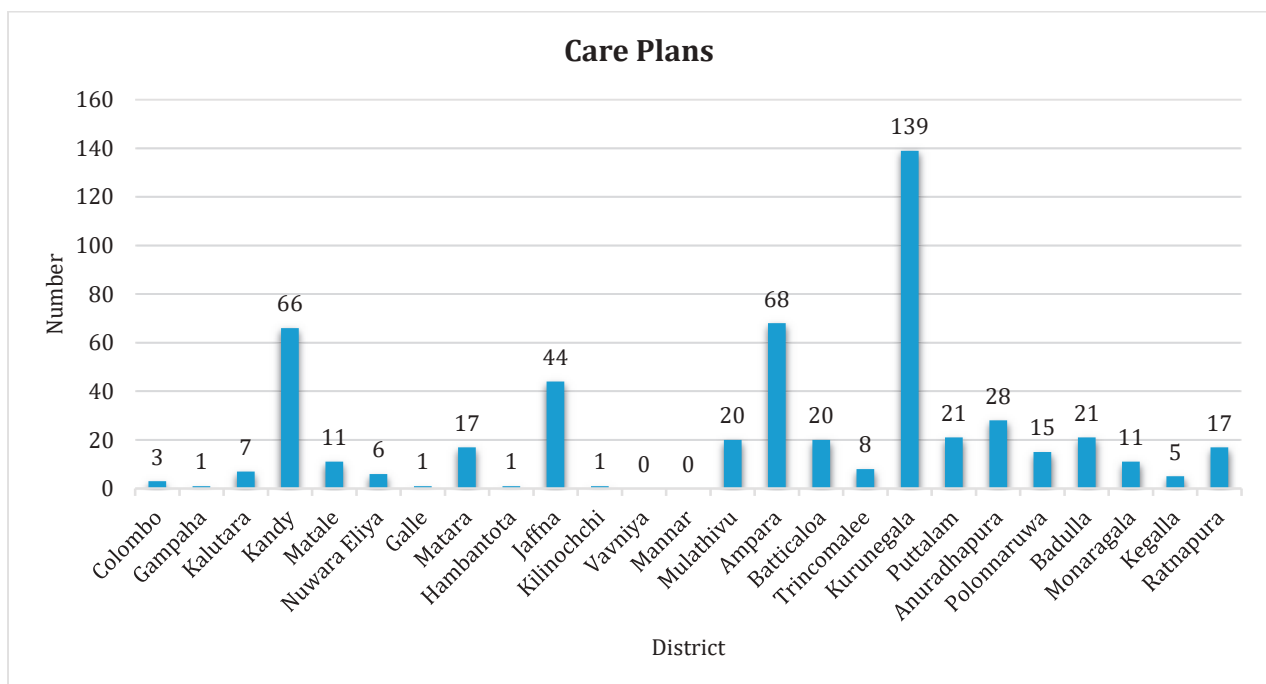
3. Preparation of Family Development Plans and Care Plans for Migrant Worker Families

The Development Officers (Foreign Employment) attached to Divisional Secretariats by the Foreign Employment Division of the Ministry, prepare and implement “Family Development Plans” aimed at uplifting the economic status of migrant worker families registered with the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment, as well as “Care Plans” targeting socially vulnerable children of migrant families, focusing on the safety and welfare of migrant workers. Accordingly, 4,855 Family Development Plans and 531 Care Plans have been prepared in 2024.

In addition, referrals to programmes conducted by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment, such as providing educational scholarships for the children of migrant families, supplying school equipment, offering self-employment assistance for returning workers, providing self-employment and housing assistance for differently-abled individuals, referring to vocational training programmes, and conducting medical clinics, are carried out by Development Officers (Foreign Employment).



Graph 1 - Family Development Plans Prepared by Development Officers



Graph 2 - Care Plans Prepared by Development Officers

4. Establishment of Migrant Workers' Societies

The formation of Migrant Workers' Societies was initiated with the intervention of Development Officers (Foreign Employment) with the aim of bringing together migrant workers, their family members, returned migrant workers and those who are expected to seek foreign employment, empowering them in society and socializing them as active members through improving their knowledge, skills and attitudes. Accordingly, as of now, 4,638 Migrant Workers' Societies have been established at the Grama Niladhari division level, 315 at the divisional level, and 24 at the district level across the island. At the Grama Niladhari division level, the total membership stands at 63,956.

5. Conducting Awareness Programmes

Development Officers attached to Divisional Secretariats by the Foreign Employment Division have been implementing awareness programmes targeting the migrant community at the divisional level. In 2024 a total of 9,029 awareness programmes were conducted island-wide, focusing on the following areas.

Table 1- Progress in Conducting Awareness Programmes for the Migrant Community

No	Programme	Number
1	Safe migration	3,095
2	The social reintegration programme	779
3	Self-Employed Skill Development and Career Guidance	672
4	Child protection	1,198
5	Drug prevention	366
6	Creating awareness on prevention of gender-based violence	350
7	Raising awareness to prevent human trafficking and protect potential victims	852
8	other	1,717
	Total	9,029

6. Progress Review Meetings to Monitor Duties of Development Officers (Foreign Employment)

The Foreign Employment Division has conducted two online meetings to monitor the progress of Development Officers assigned to Divisional Secretariats and District Secretariats. At the district level, the District Development Officers have conducted a total of 88 progress review meetings, of these, 20 were conducted online and 68 with official participation, at a cost of Rs. 949,224.72.

7. Training of Trainers Unit

I. Conducting Capacity Development Programmes

With the support of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and facilitated by Helvetas Sri Lanka, training programmes on entrepreneurship development, financial management, psychosocial support during reintegration, and gender issues were conducted for Development Officers (Foreign Employment) and other related field officers at the district level, delivered in Sinhala and Tamil media using resource persons of the Training of Trainers Unit. A total of 6 programmes have been conducted, covering the Southern, Sabaragamuwa, Central, and Eastern provinces.

In addition, with the financial support of the Voice of Migrants, 09 capacity development training programmes on organizing the migrant community were conducted for Development Officers (Foreign Employment) in the districts of Polonnaruwa, Galle, Puttalam, Badulla, Kurunegala, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, and Kegalle, utilizing the resource persons of the Training of Trainers Unit.

To enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Training of Trainers Unit's activities, coordination efforts were made to provide laptops to 15 officers of the Training of Trainers Unit with support from the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Additionally, 17 training programmes on psychosocial support for the capacity development of Development Officers (Foreign Employment) were conducted at the district level under the provisions of Foreign Employment Division. Furthermore, 19 psychosocial support training programmes for the migrant community and 29 entrepreneurship development training programmes were held at the district level under the provisions of Foreign Employment Division. With the support of the IOM, 11 training programmes on entrepreneurship development and financial literacy for the migrant community were also conducted at the district level.

8. Capacity Development of Officers in the Foreign Employment Division

Seven local training programmes for the capacity development of officers in the Foreign Employment Division were conducted in 2024. Accordingly, officers were referred to the following training programmes; the Basic Project Management Workshop - Phase II, office systems training, capacity development of Administrative Officers, and the Higher National Diploma in Public Procurement and Contract Administration.

2.1.5 Governance and regulation in the foreign employment sector

The Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment takes necessary measures to ensure safe migration by regulating the migration process in a manner that ensures the dignity, security and equality of Sri Lankans seeking employment abroad.

Table 2 - Issuance of Licenses to Foreign Employment Agencies, Approval of Foreign Employment Orders, and Registrations for Foreign Employment - SLBFE

	Description		Number
1	Issuing licenses for foreign employment agencies	Number of new licenses issued	99
		Number of licenses renewed (annual renewals)	1,095
2	Registration / renewal of employment agencies and companies in foreign countries that recruit Sri Lankans	Number of employment agencies / companies registered/ license renewed (in host countries)	1,833
3	Granting approval for foreign job orders and notices submitted by the Foreign Employment Agencies	Number of approved job orders	4,102
		Number of notices approved	2,888
4	Registration for foreign employment	Number of approvals granted to licensed foreign employment agencies to recruit Sri Lankans for foreign job vacancies and sending them abroad	122,104
		Number of migrant workers who were registered to leave for foreign employment through private channels	81,924
		Number of migrant workers who renewed registration to leave for foreign employment through private channels	29,026
		Number of migrant workers who registered through diplomatic missions in foreign countries	2,971
		Number of migrant workers who renewed registration through diplomatic missions in foreign countries	5,624
		Number of migrant workers registered to leave for foreign employment through the Airport Unit	29,782
		Number of migrant workers who renewed registration to leave for foreign employment by the Airport Unit	58,055

Table 3 - Instituting legal actions against licensed employment agencies/ other parties which are not licensees in connection with recruitment for foreign employment - SLBFE

	Description	Number
1	No of complaints lodged	4,658
2	No of complaints resolved	1,635
3	No of successful raids in respect of illegal recruitments	24
4	No of people arrested during raids in respect of illegal recruitments	27
5	No of cases filed in courts against licensed/ non-licensed parties for violation of laws	910
6	No of times appeared in courts/ labour tribunal for cases filed against licensed/ non-licensed parties for violation of laws	3,155

Table 4 - Resolving Complaints Received from or on Behalf of Migrant Workers and Actions Taken Against Human Trafficking - SLBFE

	Description	Received Complaints	Resolved Complaints
1	Resolving complaints received from or on behalf of migrant workers	7,478	7,733
2	Resolving complaints received related to resolving business issues	5,695	1,180
3	Resolving complaints related to combating human trafficking	63	61*

* Number of complaints referred to the Criminal Investigation Department from the complaints received

2.1.6 Welfare of the migrant workers

The Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment implements a number of programmes for the welfare of migrant worker families and the empowerment of returned workers.

Table 5 - Welfare programmes implemented for migrant workers and their family members - SLBFE

	Description	Progress	
		Number	Amount (LKR, Mn)
01	Payment of insurance premia for migrant workers	213,735	368.95
02	Payment of insurance compensation for migrant workers (including expenditure for bringing back, medical expenses and compensation for deaths)	949	184.34
03	Implementation of an employer-paid foreign insurance scheme for female domestic workers in the Middle East		
	i. Number of employees covered by foreign insurance	70,444	
	ii. Number of employees who applied for insurance compensations	309	

	iii.Number of insurance compensations paid	103	4.89
04	Providing food, transportation, accommodation and medical treatment to migrant workers in need	11,369	9.63
05	Repatriation of Migrant Workers Facing Various Difficulties Through the Mediation of Foreign Missions		
	i. Through the Employees' Welfare Fund	16	8.43
	ii. Through insurance	19	
	iii. Through other sources (NGOs)	1,067	
06	Provision of Relief Through the Employees' Welfare Fund	95	19.86
07	Providing necessary equipment/ materials to workers for starting/ expanding self-employment	529	25.32
08	Providing financial support for medical treatment to migrant workers and their family members	53	5.53
09	Distribution of school equipment for children of migrant workers	13,969	132.91
10	Providing necessary assistance to the children of migrant workers in need	28	2.29
11	Number of scholarships granted to students who passed Grade 5 scholarship, GCE O/L and GCE A/L	2,688	81.12
12	Providing Sathosa vouchers worth LKR 10,000.00 to female workers who are migrating for the first time as domestic assistants	2,523	25.23
13	Implementation of a pension scheme for migrant workers		
	i. Number of migrant workers who have applied for pension scheme	5,567	
	ii. Number of migrant workers who have qualified for pensions	99	
14	The number of patients brought to the country through foreign missions and the Bureau's intervention for hospital fees		
	i. Payment of hospital fees	06	5.89
	ii. Payment for airfare	02	0.29
15	The Bureau's intervention for the female migrant workers who were provided services through the safe houses available at foreign missions	1,041	63.99
16	Providing relief for migrant workers who died abroad		
	i. Assistance from the Employees' Welfare Fund for Repatriating Remains to Sri Lanka	16	7.65
	ii. Bearing expenses for Funeral Activities	289	11.56

2.1.7 Skills development during pre-departure

The Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment conducts various training programmes during the pre-departure process to direct skilled and semi-skilled workers for foreign employment in line with global needs.

Table 6 - Progress in conducting training programmes - SLBFE

	Programme	Progress	
		Number of programmes	Number participated
01	Housekeeping Assistant of domestic sector - Middle East (National Vocational Qualification Level III)	659	14,516
02	Housekeeping Assistant training of domestic sector for East Asian and European countries (National Vocational Qualification Level III)	51	1,091
03	Attendant training (National Vocational Qualification Level III)	162	5,078
04	Training Programme Implemented for Experienced Domestic Housekeeping Assistants	90	1,395
05	Training for workers leaving for non-domestic employment	1,883	55,239
06	Pre-migration training - South Korea	80	3,598
07	Pre-migration training - Japan Technical Internship Training Course (TITP)	10	125
08	Special language training (Japanese)	25	529
09	Special language training (English)	77	2,773

2.1.8 Promotion of the foreign employment sector

1. Online Job Bank

Facilities have been made available for foreign employment aspirants to register in the online job bank maintained by the SLBFE.

Foreign employment aspirants can register personally through the website of the Bureau or through the Head Office or Provincial Offices. Such registration is valid for a maximum period of two years from the date on which the application was submitted to the job bank. The Job Bank facilitates foreign employers and licensed foreign employment agencies to find suitable candidates for foreign employment opportunities. The number of job candidates registered through the Job Bank in the year 2024 was 11,033.

In addition, 152 awareness and mobile service programmes have been conducted to promote foreign employment among aspirants and the general public, with a total of 7,848 participants.

31 job fair programmes have been conducted at the district and provincial levels, with the participation from 934 employment agencies and 54,174 foreign employment aspirants.

2. Enhancing service quality of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment

I. Adopting the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System

The Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE) Head Office was awarded the ISO 9001:2008 Quality Certification on 6 November 2012. To reconsider the ISO 9001:2015 quality certification for future years, an audit certified by the Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI) was conducted at the head office and branch offices in March 2024. Accordingly, SLSI has extended the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Certification for the SLBFE Head Office and Branch Offices, from 26 April 2024 to 25 April 2027.

II. Staff Training and Development

Table 7 - Staff training and development - SLBFE

	Description	Number of participants	Cost (LKR, Mn)
1	Workshops	43	0.44
2	Courses	30	3.54
3	Training Programmes	1,442	38.5
	Total	1,515	42.48

2.1.9 Sending workers for foreign employment

Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency (Pvt) Ltd. plans and implements activities related to the recruitment of individuals for foreign employment. Accordingly, the following activities were carried out and a total of 558 workers have been sent foreign employment in the year 2024.

- Finding job orders
- Obtaining preliminary approval for job orders
- Obtaining approval for advertisements related to job orders
- Finding suitable candidates
- Submitting applications for selection by employers and calling them for interviews
- Conducting interviews and quality tests to select suitable candidates
- Carrying out activities related to recruitment such as medical examinations, signing contracts, obtaining air tickets
- Preparing relevant documents for obtaining visas and forwarding them to the appropriate departments
- Obtaining final approval from the Foreign Employment Bureau of Sri Lanka and sending individuals abroad for employment

Table 8 - Referring persons for foreign employment - SLFEA

Employment Field	Cyprus	Romania	Dubai	Singapore	Japan	Russia	America	Maldives	Qatar
Domestic Worker	194								
Labourer	17								
Chef	1					2			
Agricultural Labourer						56			
Juki Machine Operator						77			
Kitchen assistant						4			
Cutter						4			
Specialist						2			
Helper		23	4			31			
Tour Operator								2	
Caregiver					2				
Food supplies					12				
Engineer - Production					1				
Nursing Assistant					6		1		
Police Assistant				63					
Packers						17			
Waiter									12
Waitress									3
Horseman		7							
Mason		4							
Blacksmith		9							
Electrician		1							
Chef - Helper		1							
Machine Operator			1						
Sales Officer					1				
Total	212	45	5	63	22	193	1	2	15
Grand Total	558								

2.1.10 Administration and Establishment Affairs

The Administration Section of the Foreign Employment Division issued motor vehicle permits to 3 Ministry officials and 15 Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment officials. It also responded to three parliamentary questions and submitted one Cabinet Memorandum to the Cabinet of Ministers.

2.2 FUTURE OUTLOOK OF THE FOREIGN EMPLOYMENT DIVISION

2.2.1 Future plans of the Foreign Employment Division

The primary mission of the Foreign Employment Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism is to meet the expectations of all stakeholders by formulating, implementing, and evaluating appropriate policies, programmes, and projects. These efforts aim to expand employment opportunities across various sectors, ensure safe migration, direct skilled human resources, and enhance the quality of life for migrant workers' families. Furthermore, with the aim of sending skilled workers with new technical knowledge and skills to the foreign employment markets in addition to traditional destination countries, necessary activities are being carried out to send workers to new destination countries that have not yet employed Sri Lankan workers. In preparing future plans and activities for this purpose, attention has been paid to the following points.

- Mission and Vision of the Foreign Employment Division
- Functions and tasks assigned to the Ministry by the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2412/08 dated 25.11.2024
- Sustainable development goals related to the Foreign Employment Division
- Matters included in international conventions and agreements that Sri Lanka has agreed to in relation to the foreign employment sector

1. Implementation of the National Policy and Action Plan on Migration for Employment Sri Lanka

The National Policy and Action Plan on Migration for Employment Sri Lanka (NP&APME) 2023-2027 aims to develop a globally competitive, skilled workforce that contributes to both national and global development while safeguarding the rights, dignity and well-being of migrant workers and their families. The plan is structured around the following four areas:

- I. Governance of labour migration to promote decent and productive employment
- II. Secure rights and protection of migrant workers and ensure the well-being of their families
- III. Promotion of employment opportunities for skilled and semi-skilled migrant workers in local and global economies

IV. Enhance benefits of migration and its nexus with national development

As a first step towards the establishment of provincial and district coordination committees on migration for employment, awareness programmes covering all provinces were completed and the necessary steps to establish provincial and district coordination committees were taken.

2. Amendment of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment Act

In order to provide more innovative services by the Bureau and to achieve the overall goals and objectives of the Bureau more efficiently, the Bureau Act is to be amended and finalized in 2025. Through this, it is expected to ensure the security of the jobs of migrant workers as well as the welfare, protection and empowerment of migrant workers and their family members.

3. Migrant Resource Centre - MRC

Work to reduce the risks and challenges faced by migrants while traveling, working and living abroad by raising awareness among the public and migrants about migration issues, particularly safe and regular migration, migrant protection and welfare and the dangers and consequences of irregular migration through the establishment of the Migration Resource Centre (MRC), managed by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD).

4. Providing a quality, skilled workforce to the foreign job market

Implement the Integrated Guidance and Referral System (IGRS) to provide necessary counseling and guidance to those seeking foreign employment thereby, creating a qualified and prepared workforce for the foreign employment market.

Additionally, an action committee comprising five relevant ministries has been established for this purpose. The action plan, prepared in coordination with all relevant ministries, will be implemented with a focus on jobs in high demand.

5. Empower migrant workers through international cooperation

The Foreign Employment Division makes essential contributions to serve as an active member of the Global Policy Network for Inter-Governmental Cooperation, the Abu Dhabi Dialogue, and the Colombo Process as a common approach to managing international migration. It engages in relevant meetings and conferences, facilitates the exchange of experiences through panel discussions and prepares and implements action plans while reporting on progress within the stipulated time frame.

6. Protection, welfare, and empowerment of migrant workers and their family members

Circular No. 02/2023, dated 31.03.2023, and Circular No. 02/2023(1), dated 18.04.2023, including amendments, have been issued under "Obtaining Reports on the Protection Programmes for the Minor Children of Women who wish to Go Abroad for Employment." With the aim to provide protection for the minor children of migrant women. In accordance with the circulars, family background reports will be issued by Development Officers assigned to Divisional Secretariat offices.

For the protection and welfare of migrant workers and their family members, the Ministry will continue to strengthen and implement programmes such as Family Development Plans and

Care Plans currently being implemented by the Ministry and expand regional awareness activities on effective and safe migration.

7. Strengthening the migrant community economically and socially through Migrant Workers' Societies established at the divisional, district and national levels.

Migrant Workers' Societies have been established by bringing together members of migrant worker families, individuals who have returned to the country after completing foreign employment and those who are expected to seek foreign employment and it is planned to educate them about the foreign employment sector through these societies. Furthermore, it is expected that programmes will be implemented more effectively to direct workers who have returned from overseas employment to self-employment or income-generating projects that can be implemented with the special skills they mastered during their overseas employment.

8. Capacity Development

Provide better services to the migrant worker community at the field level and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of foreign employment promotion by developing the capabilities of Development Officers (Foreign Employment) assigned to District and Divisional Secretariat offices by the Foreign Employment Division.

2.2.2 Activities expected to be implemented by Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment

1. The number of workers registered with the target

to migrate for employment	- 344,286
Expected male migrants	- 223,785(65%)
Expected female migrants	- 120,500 (35%)

Of these, 258,214 (75%) are identified as skilled workers, while 86,071 (25%) are categorized as low-skilled workers designated for foreign employment.

2. The Government of Sri Lanka intends to actively implement the deployment of Sri Lankan workers for foreign employment to South Korea, Israel, and Japan in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) established diplomatically. The expected targets for sending Sri Lankans to each country are as follows:

I. South Korea

Sri Lankan workers will be sent to South Korea under the work permit system (E9 visa system). Opportunities exist in the manufacturing, fishing, construction, agriculture, animal breeding, and service sectors. The Bureau expects to send approximately 7,600 Sri Lankan workers for jobs in South Korea in 2025.

II. Israel

In Israel, Sri Lankan workers can find job opportunities in agriculture, home-based caregiver services, construction, production, infrastructure, restaurants, and hotels. The Bureau anticipates sending about 15,900 Sri Lankan workers for jobs in Israel in 2025.

III. Japan

Sri Lankan workers are eligible for employment under the Technical Intern Training Programme (TITP) and the Specified Skilled Worker Programme (SSW). Under the SSW programme, opportunities exist in nursing care services, food services, agriculture, construction, accommodation, building cleaning, and aviation sectors. Additionally, employment opportunities will be available in the motor vehicle and maintenance services sector under the SSW programme. The Bureau expects that 9,300 Sri Lankans will be registered and sent for employment in Japan in 2025.

3. Welfare Programmes expected to be implement

The Bureau is set to implement various welfare programmes with the support of foreign missions to ensure the welfare, security, and empowerment of migrant workers and their families. For this purpose, the Bureau has estimated an allocation of Rs. 2,560 million. The following welfare programmes are primarily expected to be implemented:

Table 9 - Welfare programmes expected to be carried out by the SLBFE

	Welfare Programmes	Estimated Cost (Rs. Mn.)
1	Providing financial and technical assistance at the Divisional Secretariat Division level to implement enterprise development programmes for 1,656 migrant workers returning the country. (Priority will be given to new businesses that focus on exports, and applications have been invited.)	744.75
2	Providing computers for higher education to 120 children of migrant workers	24
3	Awarding Scholarships for 4,000 students of migrant workers who have passed the Grade 5 Scholarships, G.C.E. Ordinary Level, and G.C.E. Advanced Level exams.	125
4	Providing school equipment for 7,000 children of migrant workers.	70
5	Providing necessary equipment and materials to 2,000 migrant workers who have returned to the country to start/improve self-employment.	200
6	Providing low-interest multi-purpose loans to 180 migrant workers through licensed commercial banks in collaboration with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.	360
7	Paying insurance Coverage for workers who go abroad for employment after registering with the Bureau	456
8	Paying for the construction of new houses or the completion of existing houses of migrant workers who have become completely disabled during their employment abroad.	14
9	Providing loan facilities through licensed banks to migrant workers for constructing their own houses, in cooperation with the National Housing Development Authority and the Bureau will pay a portion of the interest on these loans.	175

4. Decentralize activities island-wide to provide better services to migrant workers and their families.

An estimated amount of Rs. 14.50 billion has been allocated for the construction of new buildings in Homagama, Ampara, Mathugama, Jaffna, Kandy, Kurunegala, and Battaramulla.

5. Training Courses for Foreign Job Seekers

Approximately 2,500 different training courses have been organized for 2025 aiming foreign employment, with over 100,000 Sri Lankans scheduled to participate. An estimated amount of Rs. 433.97 million has been allocated from the Bureau funds for this purpose.

Table 10 - Main training courses planned for foreign job seekers

	Training Course	Allocated funds Rs. Mn.
1	Assistant Housekeeper Training in the Domestic Sector (National Vocational Qualification Level III)	86.00
2	Pre-departure Training - South Korea	295.44
3	Pre-departure Training Course Japanese Technical Intern Training Programme (TITP)	16.13
4	Japanese Language Training for Overseas Job Seekers	15.12
5	Pre-departure Training Course for male and female overseas job seekers	12.78
6	Pre-departure Training Course for Domestic Caretakers (Israel - 7 days)	1.20
7	Pre-departure Training Course for the Agricultural Sector (Israel)	0.18
8	Pre-departure Training Course for the Construction Sector (Israel)	0.54

2.2.3 Activities expected to be implemented by Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency (Pvt) Ltd

Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency (Pvt) Ltd. is planning and implementing activities related to recruiting individuals for foreign employment. The Agency aims to send 1,500 workers abroad in 2025 from the fields of juki machine operators, construction areas and police assistants. It has planned 10 promotional programmes to achieve this goal.

CHAPTER THREE

OVERALL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

STATEMENT OF OVERALL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

3.1 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

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Financial Performance Statement For the year ended 31ST December 2024

Revised Budget Allocations 2024 Rs.		No te	Actual	
			2024 Rs.	2023 Rs.
-	Revenue Receipts		-	-
-	Income Taxes	1	-	-
-	Taxes on Domestic Goods and Services	2	-	-
-	Taxes on International Trade	3	-	-
-	Non-Tax Revenues and Others	4	-	-
-	Total Revenue Receipts (A)		-	-
-	Non-revenue receipts		-	-
-	Treasury Imprests		701,990,569	647,506,758
-	Deposits		69,486,786	1,598,059
-	Advance accounts Other Main Ledger Receipts		29,608,516	26,843,928
-	Total non-revenue receipts (B)		-	-
-	Total revenue receipts and non-revenue receipts C = (A)+(B)		801,085,871	675,948,745
-	Remittances to the treasury (D)		801,085,871	675,948,745
-	Net revenue receipts and non-revenue receipts E = (C)-(D)		-	-
-	Less: Expenditure		-	-
-	Recurrent Expenditure		-	-
719,920,000	Salaries, Wages and Other Employee Benefits	5	706,828,579	638,545,510
86,768,000	Other Goods and Services	6	68,855,111	69,983,133

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8,800,000	Subsidies, Grants and Transfers	7	7,983,185	2,663,889	
-	Interest Payments	8	-	-	
22,000	Other Recurrent Expenditure	9	21,020	-	
815,510,000	Total Recurrent Expenditure (F)		783,687,895	711,192,532	
	Capital Expenditure				
7,535,000	Rehabilitation and Improvement of Capital Assets	10	3,734,197	1,722,385	
3,500,000	Acquisition of Capital Assets	11	1,772,752	81,700	
-	Capital Transfers	12	-	-	ACA - 2(ii)
-	Acquisition of Financial Assets	13	-	-	
2,000,000	Capacity Building	14	191,478	231,590	
208,700,000	Other Capital Expenditures	15	150,194,940	294,903,887	
221,735,000	Total Capital Expenditures (G)		155,893,366	296,939,562	
	Deposit Payments		69,949,678	1,168,415	ACA -4
	Advance Payments		30,889,542	29,705,721	ACA -5
	Other Main Ledger Account Payments		-	-	
	Main Ledger Expenditure(H)		100,839,220	30,874,136	
	Total Expenditure I = (F+G+H)		1,040,420,481	1,039,006,230	
-	Balance as of December 31 J = (E-I)		(239,334,610)	(363,057,485)	
	Balance as per Imprest Adjustment Statement		(239,334,610)	(363,057,485)	ACA -7
	Imprest Balance as of December 31		(239,334,610)	(363,057,485)	ACA -3

3.2 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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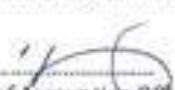
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Statement of Financial Position As of 31st December 2024

	Note	Actual 2024 Rs.	2023 Rs.
Non-financial assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	ACA-6	290,643,474	325,722,959
Financial assets			
Advance Accounts	ACA-5/5(A)	73,276,704	71,995,679
Cash & Cash Equivalents	ACA-3	-	-
Total Assets		363,920,179	397,718,638
Net assets / Equity			
Net Worth to Treasury		73,235,803	71,491,884
Property, Plant & Equipment Reserve		290,643,474	325,722,959
Rent & Work Advance Reserve	ACA-5(B) ACA-5(B)	-	-
Current Liabilities			
Deposit Accounts	ACA-4	40,902	503,794
Unsettled Imprest Balance	ACA-3	-	-
Total Liabilities		363,920,179	397,718,638

Account details and annexures from presented in formats from ACA 2 to ACA 7 in pages from 6 to 39 and detail accounting statements presented in pages 43, 44 and 57 form an integral part of these Financial Statements. The Financial Statements have been prepared in complying with Financial Regulations 150 and 151 and State Accounts Guideline 06/2024 dated 16.12.2024. The 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

Date: 2025.08.08
Arun Ranajita
Secretary
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Employment and Tourism
Sri Lanka


Accounting Officer

Date: 2025.08.08
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Sri Lanka


Chief Finance Officer/Chief Accountant

Date: 2025.08.08
Foreign Employment Division
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment & Tourism
1st Floor, "Mahaveera Plaza"
Narcissus Road, Colombo 03.

3.3 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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Statements of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st December 2024

	Actual	
	2024 Rs.	2023 Rs.
<u>Cash Flows Generated from Operating Activities</u>		
Total Tax Receipts	-	-
Fees, Surcharges, Fines, and Licenses	-	-
Profits	-	-
Non-Revenue Receipts	-	-
Revenue Collected on behalf of Other Revenue Heads	44,466,728	31,497,490
Imprest Received	701,990,569	647,506,758
Recoveries from Advance	28,341,394	24,387,502
Deposit Received	69,486,786	1,598,059
Cash Flow Generated from Operating Activities (A)	844,285,476	704,989,809
<u>Less: Cash disturbed for</u>		
Personnel Emoluments and Operating Payments	737,029,045	77,495,609
Subsidies and transfer payments	7,983,185	2,663,889
Expenditures incurred on behalf of other heads	-	53,473
Imprest settlement to Treasury	1,189,172	-
Advance payments	22,473,980	22,580,502
Deposit payments	69,949,678	1,168,415
Cash flow Disbursed for Operating Activities (B)	838,625,060	703,961,888
Net cash flow from Operating Activities (C)=(A)-(B)	5,660,417	1,027,921
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</u>		
Interest	-	-
Dividends	-	-
Divestiture Proceeds and sale of physical assets	-	-
Recoveries from On lending	-	-
Cash flow generated from investing activities (D)	-	-
<u>Less: Cash Disbursed for</u>		
Construction or purchase of physical assets and other investment acquisitions	5,660,417	1,027,921
Total Cash Disbursed for Investing Activities (E)	5,660,417	1,027,921

Net Cash flow Operated from Investment Activities (F) = (D)-(E)	5,660,417	1,027,921
Net cash flow from Operating and Investing Activities (G)=(C) + (F)		-
<u>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</u>		
Local Borrowings	-	-
Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Grants Received	-	-
Total cash flow 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 (J)=(H)-(I)	-	-
Net Movement in Cash (o) = (g)+(a)	-	-
Opening Cash Balance as of January 01	-	-
Closing Cash Balance as of December 31	-	-

3.4 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Basis of reporting

1) Period of reporting

The reporting period for these financial statements is from 01 January to 31 December 2024.

2) Basis of measurement

The Financial Statements have been prepared on historical cost modified by the revaluation of certain assets and accounted on a modified cash basis, unless otherwise specified.

The figures of the Financial Statements are presented in Sri Lankan rupees rounded to the nearest rupee.

3) Revenue recognition

Exchange and non-exchange revenue are recognized as income in the period in which the cash is received, regardless of the period in which they are due.

4) Recognition and measurement of property, plant and equipment

Assets are recognized as property, plant, and equipment when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the asset will flow to the entity and the asset can be reliably measured.

Property, plant and equipment are recognized at cost and revalued value is used where the cost model is not applicable.

5) Property, plant and equipment reserve

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

6) Cash and cash equivalent

Cash & cash equivalents include local currency notes and coins in hand as at 31st December 2024.

- In cases where there are transactions specific to a particular reporting entity, revisions can be made as needed in those forms. Also, the disclosure required for those particular transactions may be included under “Reporting Basis”.
- Only the accounting policies relevant to its reporting entity should be disclosed under the reporting basis.

3.5 PERFORMANCE IN REVENUE COLLECTION

Table 11 - Performance in Revenue Collection

Revenue Code	Description of Revenue Code	Revenue Estimate		Revenue Collected	
		Original Estimate	Final Estimate	Amount (Rs)	As a % of the final revenue estimate
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3.6 PERFORMANCE IN THE UTILIZATION OF ALLOCATED PROVISIONS

Table 12 - Performance in the utilization of allocated provisions

Type of provision	Description of Revenue Code		Revenue Estimate	Revenue Collected
	Original Estimate	Final Estimate		
Recurrent	711,000	782,725	761,205	97.25
Capital	218,000	218,000	154,222	70.75

3.7 FINANCIAL PROVISIONS GRANTED TO THIS MINISTRY AS AN AGENT OF OTHER MINISTRIES/ DEPARTMENTS IN TERMS OF F.R. 208

Table 13 - Financial Provisions granted to this Ministry as an agent of other Ministries/ Departments in terms of F.R.208

S. No	Ministry/ Departme nt from which provisions received	Objective of the provision	Provision		Actual expenditure	Provisions utilized as a % of the final provision
			Original provision	Final provision		

3.8 PERFORMANCE IN REPORTING NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS

Table 14 - Performance in reporting non-financial assets

Asset Code	Code description	Balance as per the Board of Survey report as at 31.12.2024	Balance AS AT 31.12.204 as per report on financial position	To be accounte d in future	Reporting progress as a %
9151	Buildings & structures				
9152	Machinery	290,108	290,108		
9153	Lands				
9154	Intangible assets	535	535		
9155	Biological assets				
9160	Work in progress				
9180	Assets leased				

3.9 REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Attached

CHAPTER FOUR

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

4.1 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS OF THE MINISTRY (BASED ON THE ACTION PLAN)

Table 15 - Performance indicators of the Foreign Employment Division

	Specific indicators	Actual outcome as a percentage (%) of expected outcome			
		100%-90%	75% - 89%	50% - 74 %	0% - 50%
1	Implementation of the National Policy and Action Plan on Migration for Employment	✓			
2	Review and make recommendations for ratification of international conventions on migration for employment	✓			
3	Establishment of the Migrant Resource Centre (MRC)	✓			
4	Number of joint committee meetings/discussions held				✓
5	Number of meetings and discussions held/attended to enhance regional and global cooperation		✓		
6	Participation in meetings related to the Global Policy Network	✓			
7	Conducting subject-specific training programmes for the migrant community	✓			
8	Conducting subject-specific training programmes for Development Officers			✓	
9	Conducting awareness programmes on the Integrated Guidelines and Referral System (IGRS)	✓			
10	Conducting awareness programmes on human trafficking and safe migration	✓			
11	Monitoring the progress of measures implemented to prevent trafficking in persons and submitting the relevant report to the Ministry of Defence	✓			
12	Number of family development plans prepared and implemented for migrant worker families	✓			
13	Number of care plans prepared for vulnerable children in migrant worker families			✓	
14	Monitoring the implementation of family development plans and care plans	✓			
15	Number of progress review meetings held by the Ministry regarding the duties of District Development Officers			✓	
16	Number of progress review meetings held regarding the duties of divisional level Development Officers (by Ministry Officers)			✓	
17	Number of progress review meetings held regarding the duties of divisional level Development Officers (by District Development Officers)		✓		

18	Court/Labour Tribunal appearances for cases filed by the SLBFE against licensed employment agencies or unlicensed parties			✓	
19	Payment of insurance Premiums to the Insurance Company on behalf of migrant workers.		✓		
20	Donation of houses to disabled migrant workers				✓
21	Donation of school equipment to school-going children of currently employed or returned migrant workers (number of beneficiaries)		✓		
22	Awarding scholarships to the children of migrant workers				✓
23	Appreciating migrant workers with multiple bureau registrations who are working abroad	✓			
24	Providing Sathosa vouchers to women traveling abroad for the first time as domestic helpers				✓
25	Providing relief under the Workers' Welfare Fund (WWF) to migrant workers and their families in need of assistance		✓		
26	Repatriating stranded migrant workers in coordination with foreign missions		✓		
27	Providing welfare facilities to migrant workers in need at the SLBFE Head Office or Sahana Piyasa	✓			
28	Providing medical facilities for Sri Lankan migrant workers. (Number of beneficiaries)	✓			
29	Providing food, medical facilities and other welfare facilities for migrant workers	✓			
30	Providing multi-purpose loans for migrant workers				✓
31	Providing prescribed medicines/nutritional food/other items for migrant workers requiring medical treatment and assistance to migrant workers receiving medical treatment (Number of beneficiaries)		✓		
32	Repatriating bodies of workers who died while working abroad through the Workers' Welfare Fund (WWF) and provision of financial contribution for the last rites				✓
33	Number of complaints filed by migrant workers/their family members and number of complaints resolved				✓
34	Providing National Vocational Qualification-Level III (NVQ Level III) to migrant workers (Number of persons)				✓
35	Providing pre-departure training for foreign job seekers - female/male	✓			
36	Providing necessary pre-departure training for Korean job seekers			✓	
37	Providing necessary pre-departure training for Japanese job seekers			✓	
38	Providing Japanese language training for Japanese job seekers				✓

39	Providing pre-departure training for Israeli job seekers		✓		
40	Providing English language training for job seekers	✓			
41	Providing pre-departure training for Israeli domestic care -giver job seekers	✓			
42	Conducting awareness programmes for job seekers receiving vocational training (Number of people)	✓			
43	Conducting mobile programmes / job fairs to raise awareness about foreign job opportunities for the public and job seekers			✓	
44	Dispatching delegations for foreign job promotion activities (Deployment of representatives)				✓
45	Arrival of foreign delegations for foreign job promotion activitie. (Arrival of representatives)	✓			
46	Inspection of foreign employment agencies by officers attached to Sri Lankan missions				✓
47	Dispatching job seekers for Korean jobs under the work permit system			✓	
48	Dispatching job seekers for Japanese Technical Intern Training Programme (IM Japan & IRO Programme)				✓
49	Dispatching job seekers for Israeli care giving, agricultural and construction jobs			✓	
50	Providing materials, equipment and financial assistance to workers who have returned from overseas employment to start/improve self-employment			✓	
51	Conducting job promotion programmes for job seekers			✓	

CHAPTER FIVE

**PERFORMANCE OF THE ACHIEVING
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
(SDGs)**

PERFORMANCE OF THE ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

5.1 RELEVANT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IDENTIFIED

Table 16 - SDGs relevant to the Foreign Employment Division

Goals/ Targets		Targets	Progress of achievements up to now
1	End poverty in all its forms everywhere	1.1 By 2030, reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its mensions according to national definitions	• 313,642 workers have registered with the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment for foreign employment. • Welfare programmess implemented for migrant workers and their family members - Providing financial assistance to 53 individuals for medical treatment - Providing school supplies to 13,969 school children. - Providing financial assistance to 28 children in need - Scholarships were provided to 2,688 children of migrant workers - Providing Sathosa vouchers worth Rs. 10,000.00 to 2,523 female workers who are going abroad for the first time as domestic helpers
4	Ensure inclusive and equitable education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all	4.4 By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship	• Under the Skills Development Programme, 672 awareness programmes have been conducted to identify foreign employment opportunities, refer them for training, and provide facilities for vocational training to those seeking foreign employment

				• 3,037 training programmes for foreign employment have been conducted, and 84,344 individuals have received training
8	Promote inclusive and sustained, sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all	8.3	Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services	• 4,930 family development plans have been prepared for identified migrant families • 536 care plans have been prepared for vulnerable children of migrant worker families • Self-employment assistance has been provided to 529 beneficiaries • Training programmes for self-employment and financial management have been conducted for 780 migrant workers who have returned to their country • 29 entrepreneurship development training programmes have been conducted for the migrant community at the district level through the Training of Trainers Unit
		8.8	Upholding labour rights and promote safe and secure work environment for all workers, including migrant workers, including migrant women, migrants and those engaged in hazardous jobs	• 1,102 migrant workers who faced various difficulties have been repatriated to the country through the intervention of foreign missions and 949 have received benefits under the provision of welfare facilities to them • Insurance premiums have been paid for 213,735 migrant workers

10	Reduce inequality within and among countries	10.7	Facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies Implementation of the Sri Lanka National Policy and Action Plan on Migration for Employment This policy aims to create a globally competitive, skilled workforce that contributes to both national and global development while safeguarding the rights, dignity, and well-being of migrant workers and their families Amendment of the Act No. 21 of 1985 Sri Lanka bureau of Foreign Employment The Bureau Act is scheduled to be amended and finalized in 2025 In order to provide more innovative services and to achieve the overall goals and objectives of the Bureau more efficiently Exchange of Drafts for Signing of Memorandum of Understanding/Agreements The Government of Sri Lanka exchanged drafts for signing Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and Agreements with Romania, Italy, and Turkey to promote the foreign employment sector, human skill development, international social security programmes, training programmes, legal affairs, and mutual relations - Information on the review of MoUs between the Republic of Korea and Malaysia is being shared bilaterally with the relevant countries through the Foreign Affairs Divisio - The Seventh Abu Dhabi Dialogue Ministerial
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			Consultation was held in the United Arab Emirates on 10 and 11 February 2024. Discussions focused on unlocking opportunities for skills and diversity to enhance labour productivity in Abu Dhabi Dialogue member countries over the next two years • A high-level meeting of the Global Policy Network (GPN) took place in Geneva on 10 and 11 June 2024. • The Joint Meeting of the Thematic Area Working Group (TAWGs) with the participation of Colombo Process member countries was held in Bangkok, Thailand on 26, 27, and 28 November 2024 under the chairmanship of India • The following Thematic Area Working Group meetings were held with the facilitation and coordination of the Colombo Process Technical Support Unit (CPTSU) - The eighth meeting of the Thematic Area Working Group on Pre-departure Orientation and Empowerment (PDOE) was held on 26 November 2024 under the chairmanship of the Philippines - The eleventh meeting of the Thematic Area Working Group on Fair & Ethical Recruitment Practices (FERP) – TAWG, chaired by Bangladesh, took place on 26 November 2024
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				- The ninth meeting of the Thematic Area Working Group on Skills and Qualification Recognition (S&Q) – TAWG, chaired by Sri Lanka, was held on 27 November 2024 - The eighth meeting of the Thematic Area Working Group on Cheaper, Faster & Safer Transfer of Remittances (CFSTR) – TAWG, chaired by Pakistan, was held on 27 November 2024
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5.2 ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES IN FULFILLING SDGS

Out of the SDGs to be realized by Sri Lanka by the year 2030, the goal that is directly relevant to the Foreign Employment Division in terms of the mission of the division is goal 08 which is to promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all. Accordingly, the vision and mission of the Division is in accord with this goal and the final outcome of all activities of the division and its affiliated institutions is to successfully realize this goal. Thus, the overall progress of the Foreign Employment Division reflects the progress in achieving the 08th goal. That aside, the 04th, 05th and 10th goals, i.e. Ensuring comprehensive, equitable and quality education, Achieving gender equality and empower all women and girls, reducing inequality within and among countries, too are relevant according to the functions assigned to the division. The Annual Action Plan is designed and implemented in such a way to directly and indirectly contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals/ targets applicable. In addition, the activities incorporated in other action plans connected with the subject scope of the division too are implemented.

In preparing the Annual Action Plan so as to enable the achievement of SDGs, the following challenges were encountered.

- Non-availability of adequate financial provisions
- Absence of methodology, tools and relevant data for assessing outcome and impact. The need for the national level intervention is required in this regard
- As a result of SDGs not being indicated directly in relation to the foreign employment sector, difficulties were experienced in preparing the Action Plan

CHAPTER SIX

HUMAN RESOURCE PROFILE

HUMAN RESOURCE PROFILE

6.1 CADRE MANAGEMENT

6.1.1 Cadre Management of Foreign Employment Division

Table 17 - Staff of the Foreign Employment Division as at 31.December 2024

	Approved cadre	Existing cadre	No. of vacancies	No. of vacancies as a percentage of Approved cadre (%)
Senior	156	105	51	30
Tertiary	208	181	27	13
Secondary	1,726	1,643	83	5
Primary	279	242	37	13
Total	2,369	2,171	194	8

6.1.2 Cadre Management of Foreign Missions

A group of officers selected from among the officers in the service of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment are attached to the Labour and Welfare Sections established in the Sri Lankan Embassies/Missions established in the Middle East and East Asian region. In selecting the staff for these foreign missions, selection is made from among the staff employed by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment and external applicants.

Table 18 - Cadre Management -Foreign Missions

Position	Approved cadre	Existing cadre	Vacancies/ (surplus)*
Advisor	10	09	01
First Secretary	04	02	02
Second Secretary	05	05	00
Third Secretary	16	14	02
Public Relations Officer	06	02	04
Translator	16	09	07
Clerk	51	43	08
Suraksha Housekeeper	09	04	05
Housekeeper	02	00	02
Office Assistant	05	01	04
Driver	26	10	16

Temporary Recruitments (Translator/ Public Relation Officer)	-	06	-
Temporary Recruitments (Driver)	-	07	-
Total	150	112	51

6.2 HOW THE SHORTAGE OR SURPLUS OF HUMAN RESOURCES HAS AFFECTED THE PERFORMANCE OF THE INSTITUTION

Due to vacancies in the approved staff of the Foreign Employment Division, it has not been possible to carry out the office's work efficiently and effectively. In particular, due to vacancies in 22 Management Service Officer Posts in the Foreign Employment Division, the existing officers have had to cover all the duties. As a result, the delays in duties and the decrease in staff efficiency have adversely affected the overall performance of the institution.

Although there have been vacancies in the staff of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment, measures have been taken to cover the existing duties with the staff currently in service. Additionally, approval from the Ministry has been sought to fill the vacancies through internal promotions.

6.3 HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

6.3.1 Foreign Employment Division – Local Training

Table 19 - Training programmes held for staff of the Foreign Employment Division - 2024

	Name of the Programme	No. of employees trained	Duration of the programme (Hours)	Overall investment (Rs.)	Outcome/ Knowledge acquired*
1	Basic Project Management Workshop - Phase II	21	01 day	28,060.00	• Project Introduction • Project proposal preparation • Project Report preparation • Project Management
2	Training on Financial Regulations and Accounting Systems	32	03 hours	3,231.00	• Financial regulations • Accounting systems
3	Training on Office Systems	12	03 hours	6,315.00	• Office Methods and Principles • Benefits of Office Notes • Maximum Efficiency Time in an Office

					• Formats for Writing Office Letters
4	Training on Administrative Officer Capacity Development	01	01 day	15,000.00	• Accountability of public officials • Strategic management
5	Use of IT Applications to Simplify Office Work	25	03 hours	8,550.00	• Microsoft Applications • Data Management
6	Power BI Training	01	02 days	6,000.00	• Data Analysis • Practical Exercises in Power Query
7	Higher National Diploma in Public Procurement & contract Administration	01	01 year	138,000.00	• Perform duties effectively by following the correct procedures

6.3.2 Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment- Local Training

Table 20 - Participation of Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment officers in local training courses

	Name of the Programme	No. of employees trained	Duration of the programme (Hours)	Overall investment (Rs.)	Outcome/ Knowledge acquired*
1	Certificate in Professional English	1	3 months	20,000.00	• English Language
2	Master of HRM	2	2 years	225,000.00	• Human Resource Management
3	Post Graduate Diploma in Labour relation & HRM	1	1 year	112,875.00	• Labour Relations and Human Resource Management
4	Higher Diploma in Service Management	1	1 year	93,750.00	• Service Management
5	Master of Service Management	2	1 year	472,500.00	• Service Management
6	Master of Political Science	1	1 year	67,500.00	• Political Science
7	Master of Professional Finance	1	1 year	193,500.00	• Professional Finance
8	PHD in Economics	1	2 years	140,000.00	• Economics
9	Master in Business Studies	2	5 years	450,000.00	• Business Studies
10	Diploma in Tamil Language	2	1 year	90,000.00	• Tamil Language

11	Diploma in HRM	2	6 years	174,750.00	Human Resource Management
12	Diploma in International Relation	1	1 year	41,250.00	International Relations
13	Diploma in Migrant studies	14	1 year	1,050,000.00	Migration
14	Master in Business Administration	1	1 year	251,250.00	Business Administration
15	Diploma in Quantity Surveying	1	2 years	127,500.00	Quantitative Survey
16	Activity Based Out Bound Training - 1 st Group	81	1 day	3,394,859.73	- Development of team spirit among officers - Development of interpersonal relationships and communication - Development of decision-making and problem-solving skills - Leadership skills development - Increasing enthusiasm and motivation of officers
17	Activity Based Out Bound Training - 2 nd Group	86	2 Days	3,481,907.42	
18	Activity Based Out Bound Training - 3 rd Group	101	2 Days	3,516,726.49	
19	Activity Based Out Bound Training - 4 th Group	104	2 Days	3,586,364.64	
20	Activity Based Out Bound Training - 5 th Group	92	2 Days	3,394,859.73	
21	Activity Based Out Bound Training - 6 th	89	2 Days	3,394,859.73	
22	Activity Based Out Bound Training - 7 th Group	90	2 Days	3,394,859.73	
23	Activity Based Out Bound Training - 8 th Group	89	2 Days	3,394,859.73	
24	Activity Based Out Bound Training - 9 th Group	88	2 Days	3,394,859.73	
25	Activity Based Out Bound Training - 10 th Group	31	2 Days	1,392,762.97	
26	Office Management and Financial Regulations	23	1 Day	102,535.00	- Importance of Financial Regulations and Office Management - Effective Communication Skills - Disciplinary Procedure
27	Igniting Excellence	25	2 Days	150,280.00	- Simple Formulas - Excel Shortcuts - Lookup Function - Advanced conditional formatting - Logical Functions

28	Advanced MS Excel for Data Analysis - 1 st Batch	40	3 days	868,000.00	• Preparation of bid • Role & responsibilities of TEC • Evaluation of work contracts & writing TEC reports • Major deviations & minor deviations • Understand omissions, irregularities & errors • Writing of evaluation report
29	Public procurement & Bid Evaluation procedure	30	2 days	439,000.00	• Preparation of bid • Role & responsibilities of TEC • Evaluation of work contracts & writing TEC reports • Major deviations & minor deviations • Understand omissions, irregularities & errors • Writing of evaluation report
30	Computer Literacy	21	10 days	154,356.00	• Typing on MS Word
31	Training Programme for Development Officers	33	1 day	182,332.00	• Mission, Goals, and Values of the SLBFE • Developing Skills for Successful Integration into a New Environment • Workplace Ethics: Principles and Practices • Understanding Organizational Expectations for Your Role
32	Advanced MS Excel for Data Analysis - 2 nd Batch	40	3 Days	868,000.00	• Simple Formulas • Excel Shortcuts • Lookup Function • Advanced conditional formatting • Logical Functions
33	How to delivery strong and effective PowerPoint Presentation	30	2 Days	360,000.00	• Presentation Skills
34	Induction Training	35	Day 1	17,136.00	• Disciplinary Procedure • Effective Communication Skills • Financial Regulations • Importance of Organizational Management

35	Training programme for development officers	5	Day 3	84,342.00	• Duties and Responsibilities of the Officers Attached to the Information Desk • Providing efficient and friendly service to clients
36	Improve Productivity using AI	25	1 Day	264,874.00	• What is generative AI and its pros and cons • AI application in Business with Case Studies • Implementing AI in the workplace • AI tools and technologies for workplace
37	Advanced MS Excel for Data Analysis - 3rd batch	40	2 Days	540,882.00	• Simple Formulas • Excel Shortcuts • Lookup Function • Advanced conditional formatting • Logical Functions
38	Basic MS Excel	40	2 Days	520,000.00	• Date Functions • Data Validation • Pivot Table & Pivot Chart • Absolute & Relatives Cells Reference • Logical Functions • Introduction to MS Excel
39	Disciplinary Inquiry Procedures	25	2 Days	315,000.00	• Disciplinary Procedure • Employee Misconducts • Preliminary Inquiry • Conducting formal inquiry and evidence recording
40	Updated Immigration & Emigration Act	68	1 Day	125,905.00	• Awareness of passport law and e-passport • Issues arising at the airport unit and how to deal with complaints and lawsuits arising regarding passports in the labour migration sector
41	Office Systems & Accounting Systems	56	2 Days	767,128.00	• Office work • Accounting work
42	Positive Attitudes, Customer Care & Office Etiquettes	30	2 Days	390,140.00	• Providing effective customer service • Office etiquette
43	Event Management	25	1 Day	162,500.00	• Managing time & resources • Essentials in event planning • Event budgeting • Coordinating & Logistics • Selecting suppliers
44	Internal Control Systems and Internal Audit	3		13,000.00	• Internal control systems

45	Transportation Management	3		21,000.00	• Loss and damage write-offs • Rules regarding vehicle repairs • Managing vehicle maintenance files
46	Warehouse Management	1		13,000.00	• Activities of supplies and stores functions & Inventory control systems
47	Positive thinking	3		39,000.00	• Positive Thinking & Leadership qualities
48	Preparation of Bid Documents	3		63,000.00	• Preparing bid documents
49	Bid Evaluation	14		156,000.00	• Writing of evaluation report • Understand omissions, irregularities & errors • Major deviations & minor deviations • Evaluation of work contracts & writing TEC reports • Role & responsibilities of TEC • Preparation of bid
50	Scientific Driving	5		30,000.00	• Driving Skills & Techniques
51	Establishment Code	6		72,000.00	• Introduction to the Establishments Code (transfers, salary scales, probationary period)
52	Personal File Maintenance	3		22,500.00	• Rules and regulations related to maintaining personal files
53	Transport Management	2		14,000.00	• Loss and damage write-offs • Rules regarding vehicle repairs • Maintaining vehicle maintenance files
54	Training Programme for Attaching Officers to Employment and Welfare Sections of overseas missions Affiliated to the Bureaus	140	From 26.02.2024 to 06.03.2024	2,464,496.00	• Knowledge regarding the performance of duties in Sri Lankan embassies located in foreign missions

6.3.3 Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency (Pvt) Ltd

Table 21- Participation of Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency officers in local training courses

	Name of the Programme	No. of Employees trained	Duration of the programme	Overall Investment (Rs.)	Outcome/ Knowledge acquired
1	General Management	03	03 months	195,009.00	• General Management • Labour migration
2	Digital Marketing	30	01 day	124,600.00	• Digital Marketing
3	Skill development	03	01 day	15,000.00	• Skill development

CHAPTER SEVEN

COMPLIANCE REPORT

COMPLIANCE REPORT

Table 22 - Compliance Report

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied/ Not complied)	Brief explanation for non-compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
1	The following Financial statements/accounts have been submitted on due date			
1.1	Annual financial statements	Complied		
1.2	Advance to public officers account	Complied		
1.3	Trading 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			
2	Maintenance of books and registers (FR 445)			
2.1	Fixed assets register has been maintained and updated in terms of Public Administration Circular 267/2018	Complied		
2.2	Personal emoluments register/ Personal emoluments cards has been maintained and updated	Complied		
2.3	Register of Audit queries has been maintained and updated.	Complied		
2.4	Register of Internal Audit reports has been maintained and updated	Complied		
2.5	All the monthly account summaries (CIGAS) are prepared and submitted to the Treasury on due date	Complied		
2.6	Register for cheques and money orders has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.7	Inventory register has been maintained and updated	Complied		
2.8	Stocks Register has been maintained and updated	Complied		
2.9	Register of Losses has been maintained and updated	Complied		

2.10	Commitment Register has been maintained and updated	Complied		
2.11	Register of Counterfoil Books (GA — N20) has been maintained and updated	Complied		
3	Delegation of functions for financial control (FR 135)			
3.1	The financial authority has been delegated within the institute	Complied		
3.2	The delegation of financial authority has been communicated within the institute	Complied		
3.3	The delegation of financial authority has been communicated within the institute	Complied		
3.4	Authority has been delegated so that each transaction is signed by two or more officers	Complied		
4	Preparation of Annual Plans			
4.1	The annual action plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.2	The annual procurement plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.3	The annual Internal Audit plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.4	The annual estimate has been prepared and submitted to the National Budget Department (NBD) on due date	Complied		
4.5	The annual cash flow has been submitted to the Treasury Operations Department on time	Complied		
5	Audit queries			
5.1	All the audit queries has been replied within the time specified by the Auditor General	Complied		
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	Complied		
6.2	Answers have been submitted to all internal audit reports within a period of one month	Complied		

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 Audit Act No. 19 of 2018	Complied		
6.4	In terms of Financial Regulation 134(3), copies of all internal audit reports have been submitted to the Auditor General	Complied		
7	Audit and Management Committee			
7.1	Minimum 04 meetings of the Audit and Management Committee has been held during the year as per the DMA Circular 1-2016-9	Complied		
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 07 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017	Complied		
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	Complied		
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	Complied		
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	Complied		
8.5	The disposal of condemn articles had been carried out in terms of FR 772	Complied		

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	Not compiled	During the time when it was the Ministry of Labor and Foreign Employment, a transport pool was established and the relevant activities were carried out by the Labor Division. After the change of ministries from 25.11.2024, the transport-pool related activities to the Foreign Employment Division will be carried out by the Administrative Section	Steps are being taken to properly submit daily running chart and monthly summary reports for reserve vehicles of the foreign employment division.
9.2	The condemned vehicles had been disposed of within a period of less than 6 months after condemning	Compiled		
9.3	The vehicle logbooks had been maintained and updated.	Complied		
9.4	The action has been taken in terms of F.R. 103, 104, 109 and 110 with regard to every vehicle accident	Complied		
9.5	The fuel consumption of vehicles has been retested in terms of the provisions of Paragraph 3.1 of the Public Administration Circular No. 30/2016 of 29.12.2016	Compiled		
9.6	The absolute ownership of the leased vehicle logbooks has been transferred after the lease term	Compiled		
10	Management of Bank Accounts			
10.1	The bank reconciliation statements had been prepared, got certified and made ready for audit by the due date	Complied		
10.2	The dormant accounts that had existed in the year under review or since previous years settled	Complied		

10.3	The action had been taken in terms of Financial Regulations regarding balances that had been disclosed through bank reconciliation statements and for which adjustments had to be made, and had those balances been settled within one month	Complied		
11	Utilization of Provisions			
11.1	The provisions allocated had been spent without exceeding the limit	Complied		
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year as per the FR 94(1)	Complied		
12	Advances to Public Officers Account			
12.1	The limits had been complied with	Complied		
12.2	A time analysis had been carried out on the loans in arrears	Complied		
12.3	The loan balances in arrears for over one year had been settled	Complied		
13	General Deposit Account			
13.1	The action had been taken as per F.R.571 in relation to disposal of lapsed deposits	Complied		
13.2	The control register for general deposits had been updated and maintained	Complied		
14	Imprest Account			
14.1	The balance in the cash book at the end of the year under review remitted to Treasury Operations Department	Complied		
14.2	The ad-hoc sub imprests issued as per F.R. 371 settled within one month from the completion of the task	Complied		
14.3	The ad-hoc sub imprests had been issued without exceeding the limit approved as per F.R. 371	Complied		
14.4	The balance of the imprest account had been reconciled with the Treasury books monthly	Complied		
15	Revenue Account			

15.1	The refunds from the revenue had been made in terms of the regulations	Compiled		
15.2	The revenue collection had been directly credited to the revenue account without credited to the deposit account	Compiled		
15.3	Returns of arrears of revenue forward to the Auditor General in terms of FR 176	Complied		
16	Human Resource Management			
16.1	The staff has been maintained within the approved cadre	Complied		
16.2	All members of the staff have been issued a duty list in writing	Complied		
16.3	All reports have been submitted to MSD in terms of their circular no.04/2017 dated 20.09.2017	Complied		
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	Not compiled	When it was the Ministry of Labor and Foreign Employment, it was unable to update and maintain a register of information relating to the Foreign Employment Sector in accordance with the Right to Information Act and regulations by appointing Information Officer.	Under the new ministry, steps are being taken to update and maintain a register of information in accordance with the Right to Information Act and regulations by appointing an Information Officer.
17.2	Information about the institution to the public have been provided by Website or alternative measures and has it been facilitated to appreciate / allegation to public against the public authority by this website or alternative measures	Not compiled	At that time, it was established as the Ministry of Labor and Foreign Employment, and after the change of ministries, the two sectors were	The website is being created under the new ministry.

			separated. Accordingly, this could not be implemented in relation to the Foreign Employment Sector.	
17.3	Biannual and Annual reports have been submitted as per section 08 of the RTI Act	Not compiled	As of the above	Action will be taken to submit the relevant reports after the new ministry is established.
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	Complied		
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	Complied		
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	Complied		
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	Complied		

19.3	Annual performance agreements have been signed for the entire staff based on the format in Annexure 01 of the aforesaid Circular	Not compiled	It has been informed that the signing of "Annual Performance Agreements" is no longer required in accordance with Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018 (1) and dated 2023.11.30.	
19.4	A senior officer was appointed and assigned the responsibility of preparing the human resource development plan, organizing capacity-building programs and conducting skill development programs as per paragraph No.6.5 of the aforesaid Circular	Complied		
20	Responses to Audit Paragraphs			
20.1	The shortcomings pointed out in the audit paragraphs issued by the Auditor General for the previous years have been rectified	Complied		

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Chapter 1

INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 Introduction

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism was established on 25th November 2024 under the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2412/08. Strengthening the tourism industry as a high foreign exchange income, employment and livelihood generating sector thereby making Sri Lanka is an attractive tourist destination highlighting Sri Lankan culture, biodiversity, environmental friendliness and the friendly identity of the people. Among the main objectives of the establishment of a dedicated Ministry in charge of the tourism sector are among the main objectives of the establishment of a dedicated Ministry in charge of the subject of tourism.

1.2. Vision, Mission, Purview

1.2.1. Vision

To be recognized as the world's finest island for memorable, authentic and diverse experiences.

1.2.2. Mission

To be a high- value destination offering extraordinary experiences that reflect Sri Lanka's natural and cultural heritage are socially inclusive and environmentally responsible and provide economic benefits to Communities and the country, while sustaining the flora & fauna.

1.2.3. Purview

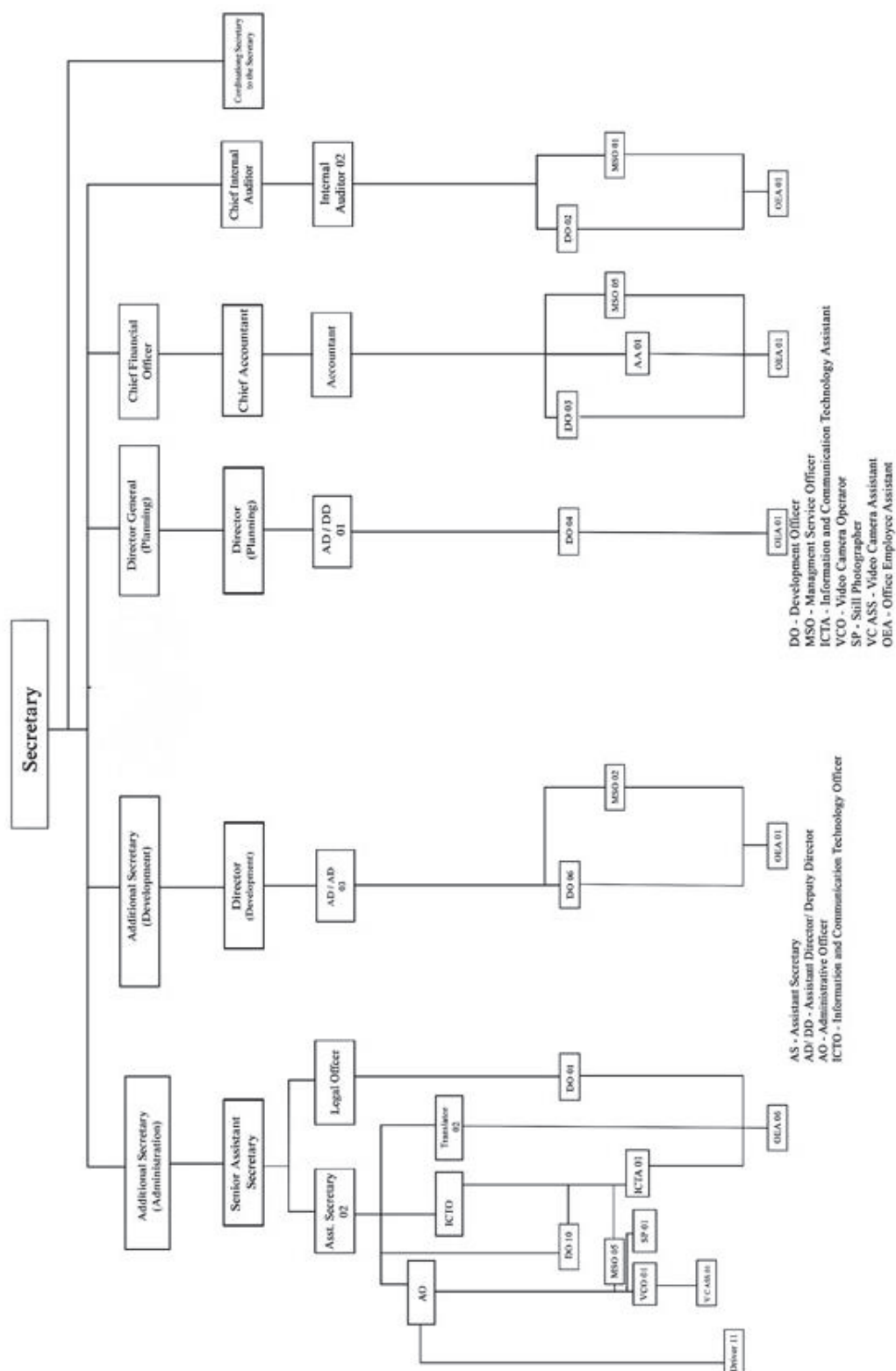
Strengthening the tourism industry as a high foreign exchange earner, employment and livelihood generating sector thereby making Sri Lanka an attractive tourist destination highlighting Sri Lankan culture, biodiversity, environmental friendliness and the friendly identity of the people.

1.3. Key Functions

1. Formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, strategies, programmes and projects, in relation to the subject of foreign affairs, foreign employment and tourism, and those subjects that come under the purview of Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations listed in the Gazette.
2. Provision of public services under the purview of the Ministry in an efficient and people friendly manner.
3. Reforming all systems and procedures using modern management techniques and technology, thus ensuring that the functions of the Ministry are fulfilled while eliminating corruption and waste.
4. Provision of necessary assistance to relevant Ministries and Institutions for the promotion of external trade, investment, tourism, employment and external financial relations.

5. Development of the tourism industry and promotion of high standards in line with the national policy while promoting Sri Lanka's image.
6. Registration and regulation of travel agencies and those involved in the tourism industry.
7. Popularize Sri Lanka as a unique tourist island among domestic and foreign tourists highlighting Sri Lanka's biodiversity, historic heritage, environment, climate diversity, oceanic resources, etc.
8. Promotion of holiday resorts, internationally recognized centers related to conferences, exhibition and entertainment facilities, hotel facilities, air and sea travel for tourists.
9. Provision of required facilities to encourage those engaged in the tourism trade and related entrepreneurs.
10. Ensuring the safety of tourists
11. Preparation of time bound action plans for sustainable usage of natural and cultural resources, developing human resources for the tourism industry, development and standardizing new tourist services, strategic destination promotion etc.
12. Facilitating to enhance medical tourism by providing a whole range of medical care and treatments including Ayurvedic therapy.
13. Promotion of sports tourism industry.
14. Integration of tourism industry with national and international markets for the visual arts.
15. Facilitating to make cultural heritage a significant part of the tourism industry.

1.4. Organization Chart



1.5. Institutions coming under the Tourism Section

- i. Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority
- ii. Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau
- iii. Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management
- iv. Sri Lanka Convention Bureau

1.6. Details of the Foreign Funded Grant Projects

- 1. a) Name of the project - Knowledge Support Technical Assistance
KSTA 9881 (ADB)
- b) Donor Agency - Asian Development Bank
- c) Estimated cost of the project - USD 1.5 million
- d) Project Duration - 24.12.2019 – 02.12.2024

- 2. a) Name of the project - Tourism Resilience Project (Pekoe Trail)
- b) Donor Agency - European Union (EU)
- c) Estimated cost of the project - Euro 2.5 million
- d) Project Duration - May 2021 – April 2024

- 3. a) Name of the project - Market Development Facility (MDF)
- b) Donor Agency - Government of Australia
- c) Estimated cost of the project - AUD 12.1 million
- d) Project Duration - 01.03.2022 – 30.06.2027

- 4. a) Name of the project - USAID Indo Pacific Opportunity Project
(IPOP)
- b) Donor Agency - USAID
- c) Estimated cost of the project - USD 3.206 million
- d) Project Duration - 31.07.2022 – 31.08.2024

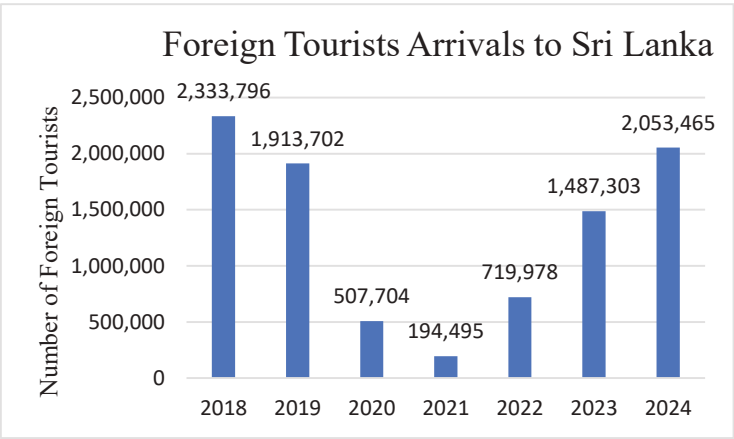
Chapter 2

PROGRESS AND THE FUTURE OUTLOOK

2.1 Progress and Future Outlook

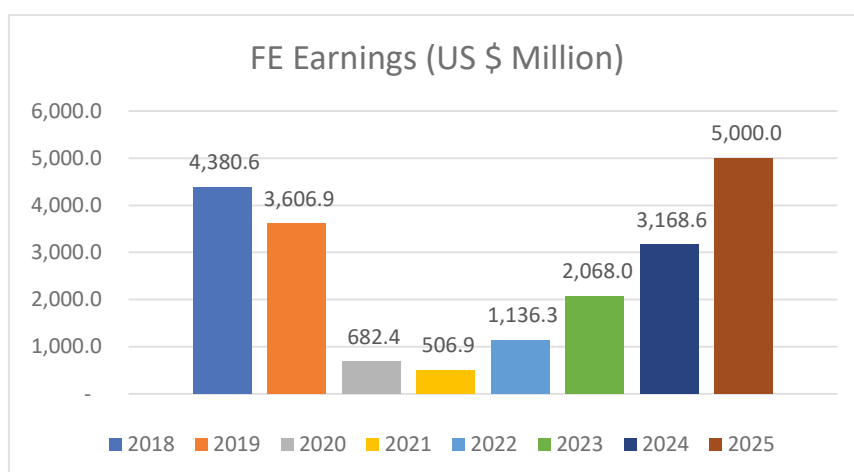
Sri Lanka is a country blessed with richness and diversity of cultural and natural heritage (eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites), enviable biodiversity (one of 36 global hotspots for biodiversity) and 1,340 km of coastline. Sri Lankans are known for their warm hospitality and friendly demeanor, which enhances the overall tourism experience for visitors. The welcoming nature of the locals often leaves a lasting impression on tourists, encouraging repeat visits and positive word-of-mouth recommendations. The attractiveness of Sri Lanka as a destination comes not only from this unique heritage but also from its strategic location in the Indian Ocean in the center of major air and sea routes.

In 2023, 1,487,303 foreign tourists visited Sri Lanka, and 2,053,465 foreign tourists arrived in 2024. This is a growth of 38%. Necessary steps are being taken to attract 03 million foreign tourists to Sri Lanka in 2025. Furthermore, with an expectation of 5 million foreign tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka by 2030, the necessary plans will be implemented from 2025 to strategically create sustainable growth, strengthen global competitiveness and enhance the tourist experience. In this regards, special attention is paid to infrastructure development, marketing and investment.



Graph 1: Foreign Tourists Arrivals to Sri Lanka 2018 – 2024
Source: SLTDA Statistics

The estimated earnings of the tourism sector in 2024 are US\$ 3,169 million, which is a 53% increase compared to the US\$ 2,068 million earned in 2023. The expected revenue generated from the tourism sector by 2025 will exceed US\$ 5 billion.



Graph 2: Foreign Exchange Earnings 2018 – 2024
Source: CBSL Statistics

As the tourism sector continues to grow, the Line Ministry is actively working to further develop the industry in line with the new tourism policy introduced by the government. This policy, under the theme "Towards an Inclusive Tourism Economy" is based on the manifesto "A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life." Accordingly, the Ministry is focusing on restructuring government tourism institutions and on implementing development projects to enhance the infrastructure of tourism destinations in 2025.

Table 23: Summary of the Tourism Development Projects

No	Description	Allocation 2024 (Rs. mn)	Expenditure 31.12.2024 (Rs.mn)
1	Development Assistance	610	131.81
2	Development of Pinnawala – Kithulgala Tourism Corridor	750	100.95
3	Market Development Facility Project (MDF) - (GOSL/ Australia)	220 (Foreign 200 + Domestic 20)	*
4	Indo-Pacific Opportunity Project (IPOP) – (GOSL/ USAID)	161 (Foreign 160 + Domestic 1)	*
5	Tourism Resilience Project (GOSL/ European Union)	116 (Foreign 100 + Domestic 16)	*
	Total	Domestic 1397 Foreign 460	

Source: Ministry of Tourism

*Expenses born by the donors directly.

2.2 Development Assistance

The Ministry has allocated Rs. 610 million to develop common amenities and infrastructure at tourist destinations. The major objectives of the project are to ensure the sustainable growth of the tourism industry by developing tourist attractions in rural areas, providing quality services to tourists, increasing tourist footfall, and creating opportunities for tourists to contribute to the local economy.

Table 24: Progress of Tourist Attraction Development Projects

Serial No.	Name of the project and activities carried out under it	Total estimated cost Rs.	Total expenditure as at 2024.12.31	Current Status
1	Development of the remaining sections of the pedestrian lane from Sampath Bank to Dharmapala Roundabout	9,851,047.09	7,781,392.74	Construction work has been completed.
2	Streamlining of the drainage system at Victoria Children's Park	9,078,251.67	6,347,606.50	Construction work has been completed.
3	Landscaping and paving of walkways near the women's toilet at Victoria Park	9,320,729.46	7,876,523.60	Construction work has been completed
4	Installation of street light poles on the upper lane at Gregory Lake	1,842,329.60	1,778,400.00	Construction work has been completed
5	Construction of an open observation deck in the Goodwood area at Mandaramnuwara	6,357,400.00	6,357,400.00	Construction work has been completed
6	Development of Kolapathana Waterfall Road	2,766,400.00	2,766,400.00	Construction work has been completed
7	Development of Tourist facilities at Rambadagalla Ridi Viharaya	9,843,531.27	5,816,836.95	Construction work has been completed
8	Establishment of an eco-tourism zone around Kabaragoi Falls	2,000,000.00	1,998,200.00	Construction work has been completed
9	Installation of notice boards at tourist spots in the Pahiyangala Temple premises	324,200.51	305,617.09	Construction work has been completed
10	Development of infrastructure facilities at Pahiyangala Temple	4,978,738.88	4,978,738.88	Construction work has been completed
11	Development of infrastructure facilities and commencement of a boat service at Mawela new canal	8,883,471.26	8,883,471.26	Construction work has been completed

Serial No.	Name of the project and activities carried out under it	Total estimated cost Rs.	Total expenditure as at 2024.12.31	Current Status
12	Installation of a name board based on a flyover culvert	30,000.00	29,973.00	Construction work has been completed
13	Provision of facilities for tourists visiting Makeli Falls	1,500,000.00	1,498,650.00	Construction work has been completed
14	Development of Athweltota Falls in Athweltota Grama Niladhari's Division No. 836/ D	180,000.00	179,220.00	Construction work has been completed
15	Development of infrastructure facilities for eco-tourism in Kokilai Puliyamunai Lagoon	9,587,378.97	9,587,378.97	Construction work has been completed
16	Development of Habaraduwa Beach Park	10,000,000.00	6,939,642.77	Construction work has been completed
17	Development of Habaraduwa Eco Park	1,759,312.59	1,495,220.98	Construction work has been completed
18	Development of Galoya Eco Park and camping site	1,889,277.85	1,889,277.85	Construction work has been completed
19	Development of Galoya Eco Park	7,891,712.61	7,891,712.61	Construction work has been completed
20	Rehabilitation of Ihalakanda of Galoya Eco Park	2,469,050.00	2,469,050.00	Construction work has been completed
21	Accommodation Management at Galoya Eco Park	1,273,752.61	1,273,752.61	Construction work has been completed
22	Construction of Box Culvert on Circular Road	3,680,848.55	3,680,848.55	Construction work has been completed
23	Construction of Box Culvert on Iregeoya Road at Galoya Eco Park	3,123,927.26	3,123,927.26	Construction work has been completed
24	Development of Ella Chat Area	49,766,400.00	763,703.60	Approval has been given for the survey plans.
25	Ella Beera Ella Kandura Development Project	53,683,200.00		
26	Development of pedestrian lanes from Ella Junction to 5 th mile post on Passara Road	54,232,576.00		
27	Purchasing of Life Serving Equipment for Ethukala Life Serving Post	437,370.00	436,800.00	Equipment purchased

Serial No.	Name of the project and activities carried out under it	Total estimated cost Rs.	Total expenditure as at 2024.12.31	Current Status
28	Providing life saving equipment for Bentota Life Saving Post	5,129,610.00	6,929,610.00	Equipment purchased
	For solar power generation units on the Bentota beach	1,800,000.00		
29	Blue Flag Certification to Beaches in Pasikuda and Arugambay	45,600,000.00	None	None
30	Widening of the access road from the Main road to Sari Ella Falls at several places	4,000,000.00	3,999,996.24	Construction work has been completed
31	Development of the Wellawatta Bypass Road for Mirissa Beach Access	1,268,886.61	1,077,891.69	Construction work has been completed
32	Reconstruction of the Sunandarama Second Lane Road	1,698,768.19	1,608,964.16	Construction work has been completed
33	Development of Mirissa Udupila Maha Ela	3,069,000.00	2,652,149.73	Construction work has been completed
34	Reconstruction of the beach access road near Paradise Beach Resort in Mirissa South Grama Niladhari Division	1,278,180.27	1,164,703.00	Construction work has been completed
35	Construction of sanitary facilities at Mangala Rajamaha Vihara at Seruwila	10,000,000.00	9,998,614.10	Construction work has been completed
36	Conservation of Levangama Tanpita Viharaya	1,326,312.90	None	Construction work has been completed but bills have not been paid.
37	Development of Kalpitiya and Mannar Dutch Forts	100,000,000.00	2,780,288.04	(A bill in hand)
38	New toilet systems for Seetha Gangula Egoda Ambalama	3,382,274.22	3,283,761.38	Construction work has been completed
39	New toilet systems for Seetha Gangula Megoda Ambalama	1,540,526.43	1,363,297.73	Construction work has been completed

Serial No.	Name of the project and activities carried out under it	Total estimated cost Rs.	Total expenditure as at 2024.12.31	Current Status
40	Renovation of the roof of Natha Devalaya	9,837,413.38	1,500,000.00	(A bill in hand)
41	Preparation of the Master Plan of the North-Western Province	5,000,000.00	None	-
42	Payment of Kuruwita Bopath Ella Phase II	661,088.37	661,088.37	Construction work has been completed
	Total	462,342,966.55	131,806,811.93	

Source: Development Division

2.3 Development of Pinnawala – Kithulgala Tourism Corridor

The Pinnawala and Kithulgala areas are highly sought-after tourist attractions. Therefore, a provision of Rs. 750 million was allocated in the 2024 budget proposal for the development of the Pinnawala-Kithulgala tourist belt. This initiative aims to enhance key areas such as the Kithulgala water canoeing site, Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, and their surroundings, transforming them into a well-equipped tourist zone.

Accordingly, infrastructure and visitor facilities, including access roads, amenities, sanitary facilities (such as water and washrooms), and vehicle parks, have been developed. These implementations were carried out through the Urban Development Authority and the District Secretariat of Kegalle. The progress is summarized in Table below.

Table 25: Progress of Pinnawala-Kithulgala Tourism Corridor Development Project

No.	Serial No.	Name of the project and activities carried out under it	Total estimated cost Rs.	Total expenditure as at 2024.12.31	Current Status
1	1	Concreting and developing difficult areas on the Belilena - Handun Ella (via Yahinda) road	74,393,523.60	38,812,094.35	Construction work has been completed
2	2	Development of the access road to Uruladeniya tank	9,291,282.00	6,703,983.35	Construction work has been completed
3	3	Development of the Holombuwa Sthripura Purana Gallen Vihara road and construction of a car park	6,533,736.00	4,529,244.30	Construction work has been completed

No.	Serial No.	Name of the project and activities carried out under it	Total estimated cost Rs.	Total expenditure as at 2024.12.31	Current Status
4	4	Construction of a drain for the drainage of water in the Yattogoda Yatalena temple premises.	9,085,173.89		Construction work has been completed
	5	Construction of an access road to the Yattogoda Yatalena temple and the Siyambalapitiya tank via the rubber plantation.	9,848,621.40	7,093,560.68	Construction work has been completed
	6	Construction of an access road to the Yattogoda Yatalena temple and the Siyambalapitiya tank via the village.	9,679,940.00	6,383,853.22	Construction work has been completed
	7	Construction and improvement of the internal road system and parking facilities in the Yattogoda Yatalena temple premises.	7,367,217.00	3,775,749.93	Construction work has been completed
5	8	Preparing two toilet systems for local and foreign tourists at the Seethawaka Royal Palace	9,880,853.20	1,625,559.72	Construction work has been completed
6	9	Preparing two toilet systems for local and foreign tourists in Barandi Temple	7,391,374.60	1,222,195.80	Due to the problematic situation in the implementation of the project, it has been recommended to cancel this project
7	10	Development of the remaining part of the walking path from near Hiriwadunna Bridge to Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	16,712,298.30	2,763,450.90	This project will be implemented in 2025
8	11	Development of the parking facilities at the Daliwala Kotawehera Temple and construction of a toilet system for tourists	2,348,669.59	2,312,403.33	Construction work has been completed.

No.	Serial No.	Name of the project and activities carried out under it	Total estimated cost Rs.	Total expenditure as at 2024.12.31	Current Status
9	12	Construction of the entrance road to the Makandawa Rain Forest (Parawalathenna Makandawa Temple road)	19,608,559.14	527,386.25	The project is not fully completed. It will be continued in 2025.
10	13	Renovation of the Kalukohuthenna Bridge (Renovation of the cable bridge with new cables and plates)	14,931,381.87	4,056,575.72	Construction work has been completed.
11	14	Developing the currently closed latex rubber collection center into a Kithul product sales center	548,907.30	543,974.54	Construction work has been completed
12	16	Developing sanitation and related infrastructure facilities in the Batalegala area.	3,000,000.00	2,347,271.38	Construction work has been completed
13	17	Construction of a safety fence for Belungala.	1,000,000.00	987,688.50	Construction work has been completed
14	18	Restoration of paintings and sculptures at Bisowela Rajamaha Viharaya	133,890.00	125,420.00	Construction work has been completed
	19	Renovating the Hevisi Mandapa of the Bisowela Rajamaha Viharaya in the ancient style	1,543,808.20	1,296,945.00	Construction work has been completed
15	20	Repair of the roof of the main cave of Yattogoda Yatalaena Viharaya	3,835,722.00	1,209,882.00	The project has been completed.
		Chemical preservation inside the cave of the Yattogoda Yatalena Temple		727,880.20	The project has been completed.
		Repairing the floor of the underground temple in Yattogoda		312,675.00	The project has been completed.
		Preparing the electrical system at the Yatalena Temple in Yattogoda		1,387,983.00	The project has been completed.

No.	Serial No.	Name of the project and activities carried out under it	Total estimated cost Rs.	Total expenditure as at 2024.12.31	Current Status
16	21	Repairing the existing electrical system at the Dedigama Kotawehera premises and constructing lamp posts at the required places, modernizing the brick drainage system around the Kotawehera pagoda, laying pavers at the required places and beautifying the area around the main trees, preparing benches and preparing sand pits	2,305,836.50	2,178,633.80	Construction work has been completed.
	22	Construction of the entrance to the Kotawehera premises	810,000.00	765,000.00	Construction work has been completed
	23	Development of the entrance road to the historical Lenakaduwa Temple in Ihala Lenagala	1,925,000.00	1,197,813.24	Construction work has been completed
17	24	Development of Ambalena Entrance Road and Stairs (Malandeniya)	3,828,000.00	1,753,255.87	Construction work has been completed
18	25	Setting up a campsite and sanitation system in the Kurulu Kale (Birds Sanctuary)	3,000,000.00	2,790,167.45	Construction work has been completed
19	26	Widening and preparation of the access road to Rajasinghe Tomb	603,957.27	488,331.17	Construction work has been completed
20	27	Preservation of the Ruakashal Cable Bridge, built during the colonial era.	3,852,583.79	2,998,637.65	Construction work has been completed
		Administrative Expenses		32,972.00	
		Total	223,460,335.65	100,950,588.35	

* Revised report for the year 2025.

Source: Development Division

2.4 Foreign Funded Projects

2.4.1 Knowledge Support Technical Assistance KSTA 9881 (ADB)

Project Objective:	To build a resilient and Competitive tourism sector aftermath of the Easter attack in 2019 and the Covid pandemic
Time Duration:	24.12.2019- 02.12.2024 The Project was originally planned for two-year periods is extended by the ADB until Dec 2024
Estimated Total Cost Million:	USD 1.5 (Grant)
Funding Source:	ADB
Implementing Agency:	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA), Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau, (SLTTP), Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism AND Hotel Management (SLITHM)

Physical Progress

- a) 120 homestay operation and coaches and were trained – 100%
- b) Standards for homestay operations revised 100%
- c) 75 websites and social media profiles established – 100%
- d) Two awareness programs have been completed in Kandy and Galle districts (A total of 50 students in 2 districts)
- e) Revised curriculum of SLITHM – institutional review was completed revisions are being made of the curriculum and expected to complete in June.
- f) Development of Marin Tourism

Road Map first phase Kalpitiya, Galle Trincomalee completed. Marin Tourism Road Map Second phase (North Province) is in progress as the stakeholder validation is pending expected to completed in June.

2.4.2 Tourism Resilience Project (Pekoe Trail)

Project Objective:	To Develop a heritage walking trail network in the Central and Uva provinces as the “signature experience” linked to a small grant program to encourage business startups in order to ensure SME participation and fill in service or product gaps.
Time Duration:	May 2021-April 2024
Estimated Total Cost Million:	EUR 2.5
Funding Source:	European Union (EU)
Implementing Agency:	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism SLTDA, EU, USAID YOULEAD and AIESEC

Physical Progress

- a) 62 SMS emergency grants completed and 2 of 20 Economic opportunity grants underway – 78% Achieved.
- b) stage 1 (Hanthana to Galle) and Galaha to Loolkandura) of the Pekoe Trail are opened.
- c) Conduct promotions and destination marketing is currently underway.
- d) Provisions of “safe secure” training for implemented by National Institute of occupational safety and Health (NIOSH)
- e) 100+ SMS trained. 155 SMS to be trained in Central and Uva Province by March 2024.
- f) Contact work readiness skills development training – 100%
- g) Development and conduct short courses for SMS – 200 SMS trained.

2.4.3 Market Development Facility (MDF)

Project Objective: Foster Inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction

Time Duration: 01 March 2022 - 30 June 2027

Estimated Total Cost Million: AUD 12.1

Funding Source: Government of Australia

Implementing Agency: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism, Department of Affairs & Trade (DFAT)

Physical Progress:

Agreement was signed on 30.01.2021 and first steering committee meeting was conducted on 09.05.2024.

2.4.4 USAID Indo Pacific Opportunity Project.

Project Objective: To identify areas of growth for micro, small and medium Enterprises in the Tourism Industry to develop a sustainability framework for Sri Lanka Tourism industry to develop a Sri Lanka Tourism Development “Land Bank”

Time Duration: 2022.07.31- 2024.03.31 Extended until 31.08.2024

Estimated Total Cost Million: USD 3.206

Funding Source: USAID

Implementing Agency: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism, SLTDA, USAID

Physical Progress:

- a) Identification of area of growth for micro, small and medium enterprises in the Tourism Industry 100%.
- b) Development a sustainable framework for Sri Lanka Tourism Industry – 100%
- c) Development “Lank Bank” is in progress.

2.5 Re- Organization of Tourism related Para- Public Institutions

The main objectives are to improve governance, promote Sri Lanka as a sustainable and safe tourism destination, and enhance private sector participation.

The Cabinet Memorandum to obtain the approval for reorganization of tourism related para public institutions, has been submitted to the Cabinet of the Ministers. The approval is yet to be received.

Chapter 3

OVERALL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR

3.1 Statement of Finance Performance

Statement of Financial Performance					ACA - F
As at 31st December 2024					
Revised Budget Allocations 2024	Note	Actual			
Rs.		2024 Rs.	2023 Rs.		
- Revenue Receipts		-	-		
- Income Tax	1	-	-		
- Taxes on Domestic Goods & Services	2	-	-		ACA-1
- Taxes on International Trade	3	-	-		
- Non Tax Revenue & Others	4	-	-		
- Total Revenue Receipts (A)		-	-		
- Non Revenue Receipts		-	-		
- Treasury Imprests		154,645,000	240,223,000		ACA-3
- Deposits		8,087,059	4,570,868		ACA-4
- Advance Accounts		3,700,912	5,120,223		ACA-5
- Other Main Ledger Receipts		-	-		
- Total Non Revenue Receipts (B)		166,432,970	249,924,091		
- Total Revenue Receipts & Non Revenue Receipts C = (A)+(B)		166,432,970	249,924,091		
- Remittance to the Treasury (D)		1,214,926	4,290,000		
- Net Revenue Receipts & Non Revenue Receipts E = (C)-(D)		165,218,045	245,634,091		
- Less: Expenditure					
- Recurrent Expenditure					
84,910,000 Wages, Salaries & Other Employment Benefits	5	70,099,108	72,261,549		
88,285,000 Other Goods & Services	6	72,988,935	87,733,671		ACA-2(a)
765,000 Subsidies, Grants and Transfers	7	236,271	239,122		
- Interest Payments	8	-	-		
- Other Recurrent Expenditure	9	-	-		
- Total Recurrent Expenditure (F)		143,344,314	160,234,342		
- Capital Expenditure					
32,846,293 Rehabilitation & Improvement of Capital Assets	10	14,414,999	8,925,271		
729,153,707 Acquisition of Capital Assets	11	116,504,255	56,997,125		
610,000,000 Capital Transfers	12	123,892,264	27,714,203		ACA-2(a)
- Acquisition of Financial Assets	13	-	-		
500,000 Capacity Building	14	122,409	336,204		
497,000,000 Other Capital Expenditure	15	-	25,766,708		
- Total Capital Expenditure (G)		254,933,917	118,166,394		
- Deposits Payments		8,396,816	3,824,867		ACA-4
- Advance Payments		4,980,021	6,537,541		ACA-5
- Other Main Ledger Payments		-	-		
- Total Main Ledger Expenditure (H)		13,376,837	10,362,408		
- Total Expenditure I = (F)+(G)+(H)		411,655,070	289,456,261		
- Balance as at 31st December J = (E-I)		(246,437,025)	(43,822,170)		
- Balance as per the Imprest Adjustment Statement		(246,771,797)	(43,822,170)		ACA-7
- Imprest Balance as at 31st December		334,772	-		ACA-3
		(246,437,025)	(43,822,170)		

3.2. Statement of Finance Position

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Statement of Financial Position As at 31st December 2024

	Note	Actual	
		2024 Rs	2023 Rs
Non Financial Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	ACA-6	245,940,780	245,759,818
Financial Assets			
Advance Accounts	ACA-5/5(a)	10,606,988	9,227,877
Cash & Cash Equivalents	ACA-3	334,772	-
Total Assets		256,882,540	255,087,695
Net Assets / Equity			
Net Worth to Treasury		8,392,475	6,803,606
Property, Plant & Equipment Reserve		245,940,780	245,759,818
Rent and Work Advance Reserve	ACA-5(b)	-	-
Current Liabilities			
Deposits Accounts	ACA-4	2,234,514	2,524,271
Unsettled Imprest Balance	ACA-3	334,772	-
Total Liabilities		256,882,540	255,087,695

Detail Accounting Statements in ACA format Nos. 2 to 7 presented in pages from 07 to 53 and Annexures to accounts presented in pages from 54 to 96 form an integral part of these Financial Statements. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Government Financial Regulations 150 & 151 and State Accounts Guideline No. 06/2024, dated 16.12.2024 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 :

Designation :

Date : 28/12/25

Accounting Officer

Name :

Designation :

Date :

Chief Financial Officer/Chief Accountant

Director (Finance)/Commissioner (Finance)

Name :

Date : 2025/02/19

Aruni Ranaraja
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3.3. Statement of Cash Flows

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Period ended 31st December 2024

	Actual	
	2024 Rs.	2023 Rs.
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Total Tax Receipts	-	-
Fees, Fines, Penalties and Licenses	-	-
Profit	-	-
Non Revenue Receipts	-	-
Revenue Collected on behalf of Other Revenue Heads	3,612,465	3,239,471
Interest Received	154,645,000	240,231,000
Recoveries from Advance	3,164,670	3,401,172
Deposit Received	8,087,039	4,570,869
Total Cash generated from Operations (A)	169,589,195	251,444,512
Less - Cash disbursed for:		
Personal Emoluments & Operating Payments	142,130,300	148,997,257
Subsidies & Transfer Payments	256,271	259,122
Expenditure incurred on behalf of Other Heads	242,120	739,459
Interest Settlement to Treasury	1,214,926	4,200,900
Advance Payments	4,980,023	5,522,489
Deposit Payments	8,796,816	3,824,867
Total Cash disbursed for Operations (B)	157,220,255	163,643,194
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (C) = (A)-(B)	12,288,940	87,831,316
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Interest	-	-
Dividends	-	-
Divestiture Proceeds & Sale of Physical Assets	-	-
Recoveries from On Lending	-	-
Total Cash generated from Investing Activities (D)	-	-
Less - Cash disbursed for:		
Capital Expenditure	11,954,168	87,831,316
Total Cash disbursed for Investing Activities (E)	11,954,168	87,831,316
NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES (F) = (D)-(E)	(11,954,168)	(87,831,316)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING & INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES (G) = (C) + (F)	334,772	-
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Local Borrowings	-	-
Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Grants Received	-	-
Total Cash generated from Financing Activities (H)	-	-
Less - Cash disbursed for:		
Repayment of Local Borrowings	-	-
Repayment of Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Total Cash disbursed for Financing Activities (I) =	-	-
NET CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES (J) = (H)-(I)	-	-
Net Movement in Cash (K) = (G) + (J)	334,772	-
Opening Cash Balance as at 01st January	-	-
Closing Cash Balance as at 31st December	334,772	-

3.4. Notes of the Financial Statements

Basis of Reporting

1) Purpose of Preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Government Financial Regulations 150 & 151 and State Accounts Guideline No. 06/2024, dated 16.12.2024.

2) Reporting Period

The reporting period for these Financial Statements is from 01st January to 31st December 2024.

3) Basis of Measurement

The Financial Statements have been prepared on historical cost modified by the revaluation of certain assets and accounted on a modified cash basis, unless otherwise specified.

The figures of the Financial Statements are presented in Sri Lankan rupees rounded to the nearest rupee.

4) Recognition of Revenue

Exchange and non exchange revenues are recognised on the cash receipts during the accounting period irrespective of relevant revenue period.

5) Recognition and Measurement of Property, Plant and Equipment (PP&E)

An item of Property, Plant and Equipment is recognized when it is probable that future economic benefit associated with the assets will flow to the entity and the cost of the assets can be reliably measured.

PP&E are measured at a cost and revaluation model is applied when cost model is not applicable.

6) Property, Plant and Equipment Reserve

This reserve account is the corresponding account of Property Plant and Equipment.

7) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash & cash equivalents include local currency notes and coins in hand as at 31st December 2024.

3.5. Allocation for the Expenditure

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Summary of Expenditure by Programme for the period ended 31st December 2024

Expenditure Head No : 122

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Programme Number given in Annual Estimates	Title of the Expenditure	Annual Budgetary Provision (1)	Supplementary Estimate Provision (2)	FR 06/09 Transfers (3)	Total Net Provision (4)=(1)+(2)+(3)	Total Expenditure (5)	Net Effect Savings / (Excesses) (6)=(4)-(5)
Programme (1)	(1) Recurrent	108,150,000	5,810,000	-	113,960,000	143,344,314	30,615,696
	(2) Capital	12,500,000	-	-	12,500,000	2,025,416	10,474,584
	Sub Total	180,650,000	5,810,000	-	186,460,000	145,369,730	41,090,271
Programme (2)	(1) Recurrent	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(2) Capital	1,857,000,000	-	-	1,857,000,000	252,908,502	1,604,091,498
	Sub Total	1,857,000,000	-	-	1,857,000,000	252,908,502	1,604,091,498
	Grand Total	2,037,650,000	5,810,000	-	2,043,460,000	398,278,232	1,645,181,768

Chief Financial Officer / Chief Accountant / Director (Finance)
Commissioner (Finance)

Date :

Statement of Expenditure by Programme

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No : 122

Expenditure Code	Programme (1)					Programme (2)				Total Expenditure for the Period 2023
	Provisions					Provisions				
	Annual Budgetary Provision (I)	Supplementary Estimate Provision (II)	FR 66/09 Transfers (IV)	Total Net Provision (I+II+IV)	Expenditure (V)	Annual Budgetary Provision (6)	Supplementary Estimate Provision (7)	FR 66/09 Transfers (8)	Total Net Provision (I+II+IV+V+VI+VII+VIII)	
Recurrent Expenditure										
Personal Emoluments										
(101) - Salaries & Wages	32,000,000	-	-	32,000,000	31,000,000					31,000,000
(102) - Overtime & Holiday Payments	2,900,000	-	400,000	3,300,000	1,970,240					1,970,240
(103) - Other Allowances	22,800,000	5,800,000	-	28,600,000	25,112,299					25,112,299
Locational Expenditure										
(111) - Domestic	1,300,000	-	200,000	1,500,000	658,480					658,480
(112) - Foreign	3,500,000	-	1,000,000	4,500,000	2,100,025					2,100,025
Supplies										
(121) - Supplies & Office Supplies	3,200,000	-	-	3,200,000	2,300,000					2,300,000
(122) - Fuel	16,000,000	-	12,350,000	28,350,000	32,000,000					32,000,000
(123) - Tools & Vehicles	100,000	-	-	100,000	30,000					30,000
(124) - Medical Supplies	-	-	-	-	-					-
(125) - Other	-	-	-	-	-					-
Maintenance Expenditure										
(131) - Vehicles	9,000,000	-	-	9,000,000	8,117,500					8,117,500
(132) - Plant and Machinery	900,000	-	-	900,000	200,000					200,000
(133) - Building and Structures	2,500,000	-	640,000	3,140,000	205,205					205,205
Services										
(141) - Transport	6,400,000	-	(1,310,000)	5,090,000	3,400,500					3,400,500
(142) - Food & Accommodation	2,900,000	-	(470,000)	2,430,000	1,440,210					1,440,210
(143) - Electricity & Water	9,600,000	-	850,000	10,450,000	9,342,500					9,342,500
(144) - Rates & Local Taxes	25,000,000	-	3,000,000	28,000,000	26,102,524					26,102,524
(145) - Cleaning and Sanitation Services	3,000,000	-	-	3,000,000	2,100,500					2,100,500
(146) - Interest Payment for Loans	-	-	-	-	-					-
Others										
(147) - Security Services	1,500,000	-	-	1,500,000	1,107,810					1,107,810
(148) - Lease Rental for Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-					-
(149) - Other	4,300,000	-	(200,000)	4,100,000	2,752,140					2,752,140

Statement of Expenditure by Programme

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No : 122	Programme (1)					Programme (2)				Total Expenditure for the Period 2023 (31+5)+(8)
	Annual Budgetary Provision (1)	Supplementary Estimate Provision (2)	PR 61/09 Transfers (3)	Total Net Provision (4)=(1)+(2)+(3)	Expenditure (5)	Annual Budgetary Provision (6)	Supplementary Estimate Provision (7)	PR 61/09 Transfers (8)	Total Net Provision (9)=(6)+(7)+(8)	
Transfers										
1301 - Welfare Programmes										
1302 - Retirement Benefits										
1303 - Public Institutions Personnel (Emoluments)	550,000	-	-	550,000	43,629					41,629
1304 - Development Subsidies										
1305 - Subscriptions and Contributions										
1306 - Property Loan Interest to Public Servants										
1307 - Grants to Provincial Government										
1308 - 13087										
1309 - Public Institutions (Other Operational Expenditure)	200,000	-	(5,000)	195,000	212,942					212,942
Interest Payment and Discounts										
1401 - Interest Payment for Government Debt										
1402 - Interest Payment for Foreign Debt										
1403 - Discounts on Treasury Bill and Treasury Bonds										
Other Recurrent Expenditure										
1701 - Loans & Write off										
1702 - Contingency Services										
1703 - Implementation of the Official Language Policy										
Grand Total	650,000,000	5,000,000	-	655,000,000	143,344,214	-	-	-	-	143,344,214

Statement of Expenditure by Programme

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Code	Programme (1)				Expenditure (6)	Programme (2)				Total Expenditure for the Period 2013 (1)+(2)+(3)+(4)
	Provisions			Total Net Provision (4)=(1)+(2)+(3)		Provisions			Total Net Provision (9)=(6)+(7)+(8)	
	Annual Budgetary Provision (1)	Supplementary Estimate Provision (2)	FR 66/58 Transfers (3)			Annual Budgetary Provision (6)	Supplementary Estimate Provision (7)	FR 66/58 Transfers (8)		
Capital Expenditure										
Rehabilitation & Improvements of Capital Assets										
2011 - Building & Structures	2,500,000	-	-	2,500,000	-	-	24,846,261	26,346,261	12,692,047	12,692,047
2052 - Plant, Machinery & Equipment	3,000,000	-	-	3,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
2053 - Vehicles	4,500,000	-	-	4,500,000	1,722,054	-	-	-	-	1,722,054
Acquisition of Capital Assets										
2101 - Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2102 - Furniture & Office Equipment	1,300,000	-	-	1,300,000	178,562	-	3,092,878	3,092,878	-	178,562
2103 - Plant, Machinery & Equipment	2,000,000	-	-	2,000,000	2,000	-	20,620,807	21,620,807	-	2,000
2104 - Buildings & Structures	-	-	-	-	-	-	(36,299,703)	(36,299,703)	6,147,847	6,147,847
2105 - Land & Land Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	750,000,000	-	750,000,000	110,175,445	110,175,445
2106 - Software Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2108 - Capital Payment for Land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Transfers										
2201 - Public Institutions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2202 - Development Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2203 - Grants to Provincial Councils	-	-	-	-	-	610,000,000	-	610,000,000	123,892,264	123,892,264
2204 - Transfers Abroad	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2205 - Capital Grants to Non-Public Institution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Expenditure Code	Programme (1)					Programme (2)					Total Expenditure for the Period 2023 (1)+(2)-(3)-(4)
	Provisions				Expenditure	Provisions				Expenditure	
	Annual Budgetary Provision (1)	Supplementary Estimate Provision (2)	FR (6)(9) Transfers (3)	Total Net Provision (4)=(1)+(2)+(3)		Annual Budgetary Provision (5)	Supplementary Estimate Provision (6)	FR (6)(9) Transfers (7)	Total Net Provision (8)=(5)+(6)+(7)		
Acquisition of Financial Assets											
2201 - Equity Contribution											
2202 - Other lending											
Capacity Building											
2401 - Staff Training	300,000			300,000	(22,400)						127,600
Other Capital Expenditure											
2501 - Restructuring											
2502 - Investments											
2503 - Contingency Services											
2504 - Contribution to Financial Councils											
2505 - Procurement Preparations											
2506 - Infrastructure Development											
2507 - Research and Development											
2590 - Other											
Grand Total	12,800,000	-	-	12,800,000	2,025,416				1,857,000,000	257,808,502	24,813,917
Total Recurrent & Capital expenditure	106,650,800	5,810,000	-	106,460,800	145,365,729				1,857,000,000	157,808,502	308,779,231

Information should be provided regarding only the relevant areas

Chief Financial Officer & Chief Accountant/Director (Finance)
 2011.05.04-2011.05.04 (F10000)

Date: 10/17/2014

Statement of Expenditure for the period ended 31st December 2024

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Leach (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No: 122

Expenditure Code	N o t e	Provision				Expenditure		Total Expenditure	Savings Excess	Savings / Excess as a % of Revised Estimate	Reason for the Variance
		Actual Budgetary Provision	Supplementary Estimate Provision	PR Stated Transfers	Total Net Provision	Expenditure on per the Cash Book	Expenditure incurred by Other Ministry Dept Under the PR, 204 (to join the Treasury Provision)				
Recurrent Expenditure		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)=(1)+(2)+(3)	(5)	(6)	(7)=(5)-(6)			
Programme (1)											
Programme (1) - Ministry's Office											
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF WAGES, SALARIES & OTHER EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS											
Personal Emoluments											
1001 Salaries & Wages	11	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000	1,571,247	-	1,571,247	1,428,753	68%	Due to the end date of the financial year - 31st Dec 2024. Ministry from 1st Dec 2024, No expenditure was incurred.
1002 Overtime & Holiday Payments	11	1,425,000	-	-	1,425,000	142,452	-	142,452	1,282,548	10%	
1003 Other Allowances	11	2,800,000	-	-	2,800,000	1,115,200	-	1,115,200	1,684,800	40%	
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF OTHER GOODS & SERVICES											
Traveling Expenditure											
1101 Domestic	11	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000	16,680	-	16,680	983,320	100%	Due to the abolition of the Ministerial Portfolio of the State Assembly from 1st Dec 2024, No expenditure was incurred.
1102 Foreign	11	2,900,000	-	-	2,900,000	-	-	-	2,900,000	100%	
Total (a)		82,700,000	-	-	82,700,000	3,727,500	-	3,727,500	79,972,500	47%	
Supplies											
1201 Stationery & Office Requisites	11	700,000	-	-	700,000	89,318	-	89,318	610,682	87%	Due to the abolition of the Ministerial Portfolio of the State Assembly from 1st Dec 2024, No expenditure was incurred.
1202 Fuel	11	10,000,000	-	-	10,000,000	5,671,798	-	5,671,798	4,328,202	57%	
1203 Diesel & Lubricants	11	10,000	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	100%	
1204 Medical Supplies											
1205 Other											
Total (b)		10,810,000	-	(1,170,000)	9,640,000	3,762,108	-	3,762,108	2,617,892	41%	

Statement of Expenditure for the period ended 31st December 2024

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No : 122

Expenditure Code	N	Particulars						Total		Remarks for the Year/Remarks
		Annual Budgetary Provision	Supplementary Estimate	Other Transfers	Total Net Provision	Expenditure as per the Cash Book	Expenditure incurred to date Ministry Paid Under the P.R. 200 (as per the Treasury Provision)	Total Expenditure	Shortage/ Excess	
		(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)=(14)+(15)+(16)	(18)	(19)	(20)=(18)+(19)	(21)=(20)-(19)	
Maintenance, Current Fund										
1301 Vehicles	11	2,000,000			2,000,000	2,305,212		2,305,212	834,708	Due to the addition of the Ministry of Public Works of the State Ministry from 01.01.2024, No expenditure was incurred
1302 Plant and machinery	11	250,000			250,000	-		250,000	250,000	
1303 Building and Structures	11	5,000,000		(790,000)	4,210,000	267,400		267,400	432,600	
Total (1)		4,750,000	-	(790,000)	3,960,000	2,572,612	-	2,572,612	8,397,268	36%
Services										
1401 Transport	11	2,000,000		(610,000)	1,390,000	436,544		436,544	933,456	Due to the addition of the Ministry of Public Works of the State Ministry from 01.01.2024, No expenditure was incurred
1402 Postal & Communication	11	300,000			300,000	186,777		186,777	113,223	
1403 Electricity & Water	11	5,000,000		3,150,000	4,150,000	3,888,127		3,888,127	1,611,873	
1404 Rent and Local Taxes	11	200,000		670,000	870,000	-	816,497	816,497	3,303	
1406 Interest Payment for Loans/advance										
1408 Lease Rental for Vehicles (Personal and/or Operational Leasing)										
1409 Other	11	1,400,000			1,400,000	229,299		229,299	645,701	Due to the addition of the Ministry of Public Works of the State Ministry from 01.01.2024, No expenditure was incurred
Total (1 & 2)		5,450,000	-	(3,210,000)	8,740,000	5,702,794	916,497	6,619,291	2,098,749	24%
Grants										
1501 Welfare Programmes	11	30,000,000		(2,846,000)	27,154,000	19,364,972		19,364,972	15,528,533	48%
1502 Retirement Benefits										
1503 Public Insurance										
1504 Disallowance Subsidies										
1505 Subsidies and Contributions fees										
1506 Property Loan Interest to Public Services										
1507 Grants to Provincial Councils										
1508 Other										
1599 - Public Institutions (Other Operational Expenditure)										
Total		550,000	-	-	550,000	43,629	-	43,629	506,371	97%

Statement of Expenditure for the period ended 31st December 2024

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No : 122

Expenditure Code	Finance Code				Provision			Expenditure		Net Effect			
	1	2	3	4	Annual Budgetary Provision	Supplementary Estimate Provision	12B added Travellers	Total Net Provision	Expenditure as per the Cash Book	Expenditure Involvement by Other Ministry/Dept. (Other than P.R. 300) (As per the Treasury Estimate)	Total Expenditure	Savings / Excess as a % of Revised Estimate	Remarks for the Variance
					(1)	(2)	(3) (4)	(1)+(2)+(3)	(5)	(6)	(7)+(8)+(9)	(10)-(11)+(12)	
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF INTEREST PAYMENTS													
Interest Payments and Discounts													
1001 Interest Payment for Domestic Debt													
1002 Interest Payment for Foreign Debt													
1003 Discounts on Treasury Bills and Temporary Bonds													
Total													
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF OTHER CURRENT EXPENDITURE													
Other Recurrent Expenditure													
1201 Losses & Write off													
1202 Contingency Services													
1203 Implementation of the Official Languages Policy													
Total													
Programme 111													
Grand Total (Notes 2 to 9) Total Recurrent Expenditure					34,400,000	-	(2,040,000)	32,360,000	15,400,000	0 (0.00%)	16,960,000	54%	
Capital Expenditure													
Programme 113													
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC INVESTMENT													
Rehabilitation & Improvement of Capital Assets													
2001 Buildings & Structures	11				500,000			500,000	-		-	100%	Due to the abolition of the Maintenance Provision of the 1980 Ministry from 01.07.2024, the expenditure was reduced
2002 Plant, Machinery & Equipment	11				500,000			500,000	-		-	100%	
2003 Vehicles	11				2,000,000			2,000,000	-		-	100%	
Total (a)					3,000,000	-	-	3,000,000	-	-	-	100%	

Statement of Expenditure for the period ended 31st December 2024

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No: 122

Expenditure Code	Provisions						Expenditure		Net Effect		
	Finance Cost	Annual Budgetary Provision	Supplementary Estimate Provision	Finance Transfers	Total/Net Provision	Expenditure as per the Cash Book	Expenditure incurred as other sources (Grants for the year) (as per the Treasury Estimates)	Total Expenditure	Savings/ Excess	Savings/ Excess as a % of Revised Estimate	Reasons for the Variance
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)=(1)+(2)+(3)	(5)	(6)	(7)=(5)+(6)	(8)=(9)-(7)	(10)=(8)/(7)	
Acquisition of Capital Assets											
2101 Vehicles	11										
2102 Furniture & Office Equipment	11	50,000			50,000						
2103 Plant, Machinery & Equipment	11	300,000			300,000						
2104 Building & Structures											
2201 Land & Land Improvements											
2202 Software Development											
2203 Capital Payment for Leased Vehicles											
Total (b)		1,000,000			1,000,000				1,000,000		
Capital Transfers											
2204 Public Buildings											
2205 Development Assistance											
2206 Grants to Provincial Councils											
2207 Transfers Abroad											
2208 Capital Grants to Non-Governmental Institutions											
Total (c)											
Acquisition of Financial Assets											
2301 Equity Contributions											
2302 On-Lending											
Total (d)											
Capital Building											
2401 Staff Training											
Total (e)											

Statement of Expenditure for the period ended 31st December 2024

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Land (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No. : 122

Expenditure Head	Particulars	Provision					Expenditure		Net Effect	
		Actual Budgetary Provision	Supplementary Estimate Provision	EB Budget Transfer	Grant Not Provided	Expenditure on the Public Works Fund	Expenditure on the Public Works Fund	Total Expenditure	Savings / (Increase) in % of Revised Estimate	Remarks for the Variance
Expenditure Code	15	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7) = (5)+(6)	(8) = (7) / (9)	
Other Capital Expenditure - *	15									
2011 Researching	2011									
2012 Researching	2012									
2013 Contribution Services	2013									
2014 Contribution to Provincial Councils	2014									
2015 Provincial Councils	2015									
2016 Provincial Councils	2016									
2017 Provincial Councils	2017									
2018 Provincial Councils	2018									
2019 Provincial Councils	2019									
2020 Provincial Councils	2020									
2021 Provincial Councils	2021									
2022 Provincial Councils	2022									
2023 Provincial Councils	2023									
2024 Provincial Councils	2024									
Total (1)	Total	4,000,000	-	-	9,000,000	-	-	13,000,000	100%	
Total Expenditure on Public Investments (Part 1 - 15)	Total	38,400,000	-	-	36,200,000	15,400,000	916,497	16,325,998	20,814,902	48%
Grand Total (Sum 5 to 15) - Total Expenditure	Total									

* Amount should be provided including with the relevant notes

Chief Financial Officer / Chief Accounting Officer (Tourism)
Commissioner (Finance)
Date : 1/1/2025

1/1/2025

Statement of Expenditure for the period ended 31st December 2024

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No: 122

Expenditure Code	Provision						Expenditure			Total Expenditure	Savings / Excess as a % of Budgeted Expenditure	Reason for the Variance				
	P	1	2	3	4	5	Annual Budgetary Provision	Supplementary Expenditure Provision	13th Finance Provision				Total Net Provision	Expenditure on the Cash Book	Expenditure incurred by 31st December 2024 (As per Treasury Statement)	
Revenue Expenditure							(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)=(B)+(C)+(D)	(F)	(G)=(F)-(E)				
Programme (1)																
Programme 01 - Administration and Establishment Services																
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF WAGES, SALARIES & OTHER EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS																
Personal Expenditure																
0001 Salaries & Wages	(1)						48,000,000			48,000,000	39,337,322		39,337,322	8,662,678	100%	Expenditure of Salaries and Wages, as per the Government of the Department of the Public Job, amounted to credit.
0002 Overtime & Holiday Payments	(1)						1,000,000			1,000,000	1,631,768		1,631,768	368,212	14%	Due to value of overtime wages for annual total overtime expenditure in December only, expenditure shown based on the 01st day of January. Payments were valid.
0003 Other Allowances	(1)						25,000,000	9,810,000		23,810,000	25,792,309		25,792,309	12,901	96%	
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF OTHER GOODS & SERVICES																
Traveling Expenditure																
0101 Transport	(1)						300,000		200,000	700,000	622,290		622,290	37,720	13%	The amount of expenditure for buying official transport and for providing a car for the Department of the Public Job was zero.
0102 Foreign	(1)						1,000,000		1,200,000	2,200,000	2,100,822		2,100,822	4,978	-	
Total (H)							74,000,000	9,810,000	1,700,000	78,510,000	65,950,314		65,950,314	8,524,486	13%	

Statement of Expenditure for the period ended 31st December 2024

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No : 022

Sl. No.	Expenditure Code	Provision				Total Set Provision	Expenditure		Savings / Excess as a % of Revised Estimate	Remarks for the Year
		Annual Budgetary Provision	Supplementary Provision	PH 66.06 Transfer	Expenditure as per Budget Book		Expenditure Incurred by Other Ministry/Dept. Under the PH-200.00 per the Treasury Provision			
10	101	1,500,000	00	66.4.30	14,000,000	2,300,272	-	16,300,272	18,428	0.1%
11	102	9,500,000	00	2,200,000	8,800,000	8,377,863	-	8,377,863	422,137	5%
12	103	3,000,000	00	2,200,000	5,300,000	4,938,717	-	4,938,717	361,283	7%
13	104	8,000,000	00	00	8,000,000	2,305,306	-	2,305,306	14,694	0.2%
14	105	500,000	00	00	500,000	493,770	-	493,770	6,230	1%
15	106	30,000	00	00	30,000	30,000	-	30,000	14,000	20%
16	107	9,800,000	00	2,300,000	11,500,000	10,714,423	-	10,714,423	632,565	5%
17	108	6,000,000	00	00	6,000,000	5,841,982	-	5,841,982	158,018	3%
18	109	300,000	00	00	300,000	330,300	-	330,300	30,300	10%
19	110	1,000,000	00	1200,000	300,000	141,063	-	141,063	658,037	62%
20	111	7,700,000	00	280,000	7,500,000	6,313,856	-	6,313,856	1,186,144	14%
21	112	4,000,000	00	00	4,000,000	3,210,000	-	3,210,000	790,000	2%
22	113	2,000,000	00	00	2,000,000	1,294,943	-	1,294,943	705,057	35%
23	114	8,000,000	00	17,500,000	6,300,000	5,842,664	-	5,842,664	657,336	10%
24	115	22,000,000	00	2,300,000	25,300,000	25,185,267	-	25,185,267	114,733	0%
25	116	3,000,000	00	00	3,000,000	2,141,508	-	2,141,508	858,492	28%
26	117	1,500,000	00	00	1,500,000	1,107,819	-	1,107,819	392,181	26%
27	118	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
28	119	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
29	120	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
30	121	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
31	122	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
32	123	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
33	124	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
34	125	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
35	126	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
36	127	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
37	128	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
38	129	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
39	130	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
40	131	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
41	132	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
42	133	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
43	134	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
44	135	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
45	136	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
46	137	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
47	138	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
48	139	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
49	140	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
50	141	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
51	142	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
52	143	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
53	144	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
54	145	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
55	146	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
56	147	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
57	148	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
58	149	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
59	150	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
60	151	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
61	152	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
62	153	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
63	154	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
64	155	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
65	156	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
66	157	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
67	158	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
68	159	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
69	160	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
70	161	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
71	162	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
72	163	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
73	164	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
74	165	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
75	166	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
76	167	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
77	168	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
78	169	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
79	170	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
80	171	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
81	172	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
82	173	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
83	174	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
84	175	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
85	176	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
86	177	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
87	178	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
88	179	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
89	180	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
90	181	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
91	182	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
92	183	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
93	184	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
94	185	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
95	186	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
96	187	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
97	188	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
98	189	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
99	190	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
100	191	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
101	192	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
102	193	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
103	194	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
104	195	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
105	196	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
106	197	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
107	198	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
108	199	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
109	200	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
110	201	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
111	202	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
112	203	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
113	204	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
114	205	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
115	206	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
116	207	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
117	208	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
118	209	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
119	210	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
120	211	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
121	212	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
122	213	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
123	214	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
124	215	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
125	216	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
126	217	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
127	218	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
128	219	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
129	220	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
130	221	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
131	222	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
132	223	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
133	224	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
134	225	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
135	226	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
136	227	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
137	228	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
138	229	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
139	230	00	00	00	00	00	-	00	00	0%
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Statement of Expenditure for the period ended 31st December 2024

Expenditure Head No. 122

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Rs.

Expenditure Code	N	Annual Budgetary Provision	Provision			Expenditure Incurred		Surplus (Short)		
			Supplementary Estimate Provision	PR 06/09 Transfers	Total Net Provision	Expenditure as per the Cash Book	Expenditure Incurred in Other Ministry Dept. Under the PR 206 (A) per the Treasury Provisions	Total Expenditure	Surplus / Excess / Short	Savings / Excess as a % of Revised Estimate
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11)										
1000 Lease Rental for Vehicles Provided under Operational Running										
110 Machinery and Office Equipment	11	1,000,000	-	230,000	3,700,000	1,911,109	41,447	1,972,942	1,727,158	4.7%
111 Vehicle Insurance		800,000	-	-	800,000	311,576	-	311,576	86,919	29%
140 Miscellaneous Services Expenditure		600,000	-	-	600,000	628,563	-	628,563	173,013	21%
Total (4)		2,400,000	-	230,000	2,630,000	1,996,138	41,447	1,130,905	1,469,136	1.7%
Total Expenditure on Other Goods & Services (a-b-c-d)		45,500,000	-	10,786,000	44,016,000	40,347,321	41,447	40,189,469	3,821,531	9%
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF TRANSFERS, GRANTS & SUBSIDIES		131,500,000	8,818,000	2,625,000	141,905,000	128,735,129	41,447	128,806,574	14,098,426	10%
Transfers										
(50) Welfare Programmes										
(502) Drought Relief										
(503) Public Institutions										
(504) Development Related										
(505) Scholarships and Grants										
(506) Property Loan Interest to Public Sector										
(507) Grants to Provincial Councils										
(508) Other										
(509) Public Institutions (Other Operational Expenditure)										
Total	11	200,000	-	15,000	215,000	212,642	-	212,642	2,358	1%
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF INTEREST PAYMENTS										
Interest on Loans and Advances										
(601) Interest Payment on Charitable Debt										
(602) Interest Payment on Foreign Debt										
(603) Interest on Treasury Bills and Treasury Bonds										
Total	8	200,000	-	15,000	215,000	212,642	-	212,642	2,358	1%

Statement of Expenditure for the period ended 31st December 2024

Ministry: Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

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Statement of Expenditure for the period ended 31st December 2024

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No : 122

Expenditure Code	Provision				Expenditure		Part Effect		
	Annual Budgetary Provision	Supplementary Estimate Provision	EB & B Transfer	Total Net Provision	Expenditure as per the Cash Book	Expenditure (net of Making/Draft Under the 100,000 (A) per the Treasury Provision)	Total Expenditure	Payable? Excess	Savings? Excess as a % of Revised Estimate
11	01	03	01 12	0011121212	05	00	171,092	10,000,000	99,989,908
Acquisition of Capital Assets									
2101 Vehicles									
2102 Furniture & Office Equipment	1,000,000			1,000,000	178,962		178,962	821,038	82%
2103 Plant, Machinery & Equipment	2,000,000			2,000,000	2,000		2,000	1,998,000	99%
2104 Buildings & Structures									
2105 Land & Land Improvement									
2106 Software Development									
2108 Capital Payment for Land & Building									
Total (B)	3,000,000			3,000,000	180,962		180,962	2,819,038	94%
Capital Transfer									
2201 Public Institutions									
2202 Development Assistance									
2203 Grants to Provincial Councils									
2204 Transfer Abroad									
2205 Capital Grants to Non-Public Institutions									
Total (C)									
Acquisition of Financial Assets									
2301 Equity Contribution									
2302 Debt Funding									
Total (D)									
Current Building									
2401 Staff Training	500,000			500,000	122,400		122,400	377,600	75%
Total (E)	500,000			500,000	122,400		122,400	377,600	75%

Due to the adjustment of expenditure provided in the State Accounts (SAs) for the month of the September, the net amount has been made.

Depreciation of office assets for period of 30% (assuming 30% based on the office assets) and new 10% (assuming).

Statement of Expenditure for the period ended 31st December 2024

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Sports (Tourism Sector)

Expenditure Head No : 122

Expenditure Code	Provision					Expenditure			Not Effect	
	Annual Budgetary Provision	Supplementary Estimate Provision	Finance Transfer	Total Net Provision	Expenditure as per the Cash Book	Expenditure incurred by Other Ministries/Dept. under the F.R. 200 (As per the Treasury Provision)	Total Expenditure	Savings/ Excess	Savings/ Excess as % of Revised Estimate	Reason for the Saving
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)=(1)+(2)+(3)	(5)	(6)	(7)=(5)+(6)	(8)=(7)-(9)	(9)=(8)/(7)*100	
Other Capital Expenditure										
251 Buildings										
252 Furniture										
253 Conveyance										
254 Contributions to Provincial Councils										
255 Provincial Publications										
256 Infrastructure Development										
257 Research and Development										
258 Other										
Total (1)										
Expenditure on Public Investments										
260-264	8,500,000	-	-	8,500,000	2,425,416	-	2,425,416	6,074,583	76%	
Grand Total (Notes 5 to 10) - Total Expenditure	141,250,000	5,810,000	2,040,000	150,000,000	129,003,333	61,447	150,064,780	21,000,268	14%	

* Figures should be amended including only the relevant items

Chief Financial Officer / Chief Accountant / Treasurer
Commissioner of Finance

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Statement of Expenditure for the period ended 31st December 2024

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No : 122

Sl. No.	Expenditure Code	Provision				Expenditure			Surplus/Deficit	
		Annual Budgetary Provision	Supplementary Estimate Provision	Finance Provision	Total Net Provision	Expenditure as per the Cash Book	Expenditure incurred by other Ministries/Departments for the PR 2014s per the Treasury documents	Total Expenditure	Savings / Excess	Savings / Excess as a % of Revised Estimate
1		101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109
Recurrent Expenditure										
Programme 221										
Project 001 - Tourism Section Development										
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF WAGES, SALARIES & OTHER EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS										
Regional Employment										
1001 Salaries & Wages										
1002 Director & Fielder Payments										
1003 Other Allowances										
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF OTHER GOODS & SERVICES										
Traveling Expenditure										
1101 Domestic										
1102 Foreign										
Food										
Supplies										
1201 Stationery & Office Requisites										
1202 Fuel										
1203 Drugs & Medicine										
1204 Medical Supplies										
1205 Other										
Food										
Maintenance Expenditure										
1301 Vehicles										
1302 Boat and machinery										
1303 Building and Structures										
Total 1.1										

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Statement of Expenditure for the period ended 31st December 2024

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No (122)

Expenditure Code	Provision					Expenditure		Net Effect	
	Annual Budgetary Provision	Supplementary Estimate Provision	PR Grants Transfers	Total New Provision	Expenditure to get the Cash Book	Expenditure incurred by Other Ministry/Deptt. under the PR (100% per the Tourism Provision)	Total Expenditure	Savings / (Excess)	Balance / Excess as a % of Budgeted Expenditure
2407 Research and Development	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)=(1)+(2)+(3)	(5)	(6)	(7)=(5)+(6)	(8)=(7)-(7)	(9)=(8)/(7) x 100
2408 Other									
2409 Other	492,000,000			492,000,000				492,000,000	100%
Total (5)	492,000,000			492,000,000				492,000,000	100%
Provision (1)									
Total Expenditure on Public Investments (under 122)	492,000,000			492,000,000				492,000,000	100%
Grand Total (Sum of 121) - Total Expenditure	492,000,000			492,000,000				492,000,000	100%

* Figures should be rounded including only the relevant items

Chief Financial Officer / Chief Accountant General (Ministry)

Commissioner (Finance)

Date: 11/12/2024

Expenditure Head No : 112		Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Land (Tourism Section)		Explanation for the Variances between Original Expenditure and Revised Expenditure Estimates		AC-4-2011	
Expenditure Code	M + S	Description	Original Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Revised Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Variance	Variance as a % of Original Expenditure Estimate	Reasons for the Variance
Resident Expenditure							
Domanara (D) - Domiciliary Activities							
Project 01 - Minister's Office							
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF WAGES, SALARIES & OTHER EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	S						
Resident Expenditure							
(001) Salaries & Wages			5,000,000	5,000,000	-	-	
(002) Overtime & Holiday Payments			1,400,000	1,400,000	-	-	
(003) Other Allowances			3,000,000	3,000,000	-	-	
TOTAL							
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF OTHER GOODS & SERVICES	S						
Tourist Expenditure							
(101) Domestic			1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-	
(102) Foreign			2,400,000	2,500,000	-	-	
Total (A)			12,700,000	12,700,000	-	-	
Special							
(101) Salary & Cost of Requisites			700,000	700,000	-	-	
(102) Fuel			88,100,000	8,620,000	(-4,470,000)	-	Due to the addition of the interest Portion of the loan taken in 2011-12-2012, the expense was increased
(103) Diet & Uniform			-	-	-	-	
(104) Medical Supplies			-	-	-	-	
(105) Other:			-	-	-	-	
Total (B)			88,800,000	6,320,000	(-4,470,000)	-41%	
Minimum Expenditure							
(101) Vehicle			3,400,000	3,400,000	-	-	
(102) Post and telephony			250,000	250,000	-	-	

Explanation for the Variances between Original Expenditure and Revised Expenditure Estimates

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No : 122

Expenditure Code	S +	Description	Original Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Revised Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Variance	Variance as a % of Original Expenditure Estimate	Reasons for the Variance
1.203 Building and Structures			6,790,000	720,000	(780,000)	-12%	Due to the abolition of the Ministerial Portfolio (from 31st March 2021) till 31.03.2021. No expenditure was incurred.
Total (1 to 3)			4,750,000	3,970,000	(780,000)	-16%	
Section 208							
1.401 Transport			2,400,000	1,750,000	(650,000)	-27%	Due to the abolition of the Ministerial Portfolio of the Hon. Minister (from 31.03.2021). No expenditure was incurred.
1.402 Hotels & Accommodation			500,000	500,000	-	-	
1.403 Electricity & Water			8,000,000	4,150,000	(3,850,000)	-48%	Due to the abolition of the Ministerial Portfolio of the Hon. Minister (from 31.03.2021). No expenditure was incurred.
1.404 Buses & Local Taxes			250,000	920,000	670,000	268%	Due to the transfer of the expenditure from the Hon. Minister's Office to the Hon. Minister's Office.
1.405 Insurance Premium for Land and Vehicles			-	-	-	-	
1.406 Lease Rental for Vehicles Procurement under Operational Unit			-	-	-	-	
1.409 Other			3,400,000	1,400,000	(2,000,000)	-59%	
Total (1 to 5)			8,250,000	6,760,000	(1,490,000)	-18%	
Total Expenditure on Other Goods & Services			13,800,000	11,800,000	(2,000,000)	-14%	
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATIONS OF TRANSFERS, GRANTS & SUBSIDIES							
Transfer							
1.501 Welfare Programmes			900,000	900,000	-	-	
1.502 Government Grants			-	-	-	-	
1.503 Public Institutions			-	-	-	-	
1.504 Development Subsidies			-	-	-	-	
1.505 Subsidies and Contributions from			-	-	-	-	
1.506 Property Loan Interest on Public Services			-	-	-	-	
1.507 Grants to Provincial Councils			-	-	-	-	
1.508 Other			-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditure on Other Operational Expenditure			900,000	900,000	-	-	
Total			550,000	550,000	-	-	

Explanation for the Variances between Original Expenditure and Revised Expenditure Estimates

Expenditure Head No : 122

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Code	N	Description	Original Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Revised Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Variance	Variance as a % of Original Expenditure Estimate	Reason for the Variance
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF INTEREST PAYMENTS	9						
Interest Payments and Bonuses							
1601 Interest Payment for Domestic Debt							
1602 Interest Payment for Foreign Debt							
1603 Discretionary Treasury Bills and Treasury Bonds							
Total	9						
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF OTHER RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	9						
Other Recurrent Expenditure							
1701 Lesson & Work off							
1703 Contingency Services							
1703 Implementation of the Official Languages Policy							
Total	9						
21000005 (1)							
Grand Total (Boxes 5 to 9) Total Recurrent Expenditure			34,400,000	32,360,000	(2,040,000)	-6%	
Capital Expenditure							
Programme (1)							
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC INVESTMENT	10						
Mobilisation & Improvements of Capital Assets							
2500 Building & Structures			990,000	200,000	-	-	
2502 Tools, Machinery & Equipment			605,000	500,000	-	-	
2503 Vehicles			2,000,000	2,000,000	-	-	
Total (a)			3,000,000	2,000,000	-	-	

Explanation for the Variances between Original Expenditure and Revised Expenditure Estimates

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No : 122

Expenditure Code	N o .	Description	Original Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Revised Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Variance	Variance as a % of Original Expenditure Estimate	Reasons for the Variance
Acquisition of Capital Assets	11						
2101 Vehicles							
2102 Furniture & Office Equipment			500,000	500,000	-	-	
2103 Plant, Machinery & Equipment			900,000	900,000	-	-	
2104 Buildings & Structures			-	-	-	-	
2105 Lands & Land Improvements			-	-	-	-	
2106 Software Development			-	-	-	-	
2108 Capital Provisions for Licensed Vehicles			-	-	-	-	
Total (b)			1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-	
Capital Transfers	12						
2201 Public Institutions							
2202 Development Assistance							
2203 Contribution to Provincial Councils							
2204 Transfers Abroad							
2205 Capital Grants to Non-Public Institutions							
Total (c)							
Acquisition of Financial Assets	13						
2301 Equity Contributions							
2302 Cash-Lending							
Total (d)							
Councils Building	14						
2401 Staff Training							
Total (e)							
Other Capital Expenditure	15						
2501 Refreshment							
2502 Investments							
2503 Contingency Services							
2504 Contribution to Provincial Councils							
2505 Procurement Procedures							

Expenditure Head No : 124

Expenditure Head No : 122							Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Culture (Tourist Services)		RS.
Expenditure Code	N o f s	Description	Original Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Revised Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Variance	Variance as a % of Original Expenditure Estimate	Reasons for the Variance.		
2206 Infrastructure Development									
2207 Research and Development									
2300 Culture									
Total (f)									
EXPENDITURE (L1)									
Total Expenditure on Public Departments (a+b+c+d+e+f)			4,000,000	4,000,000	-	-			
			28,880,000	30,340,000	12,000,000	-5%			

^a Payment should be awarded including only the relevant votes.

Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Director (financial)
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Explanation for the Variances between Original Expenditure and Revised Expenditure Estimates

Expenditure Head No : 122

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

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Expenditure Code	Note	Description	Original Expenditure Estimate Rx.	Revised Expenditure Estimate Rx.	Variance	Variance as a % of Original Expenditure Estimate	Reason for the Variance
Recurrent Expenditure							
Programme (11) - Operational Activities							
Project (05) - Administration and Establishment Services							
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF WAGES, SALARIES & OTHER EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	5						
External Fundamentals							
1 001 Salaries & Wages			40,000,000	40,000,000	-	-	
1 002 Overtime & Holiday Payments			1,500,000	1,000,000	400,000	27%	Increasing the engagement in field visits to monitor the development projects.
1 003 Other Allowances			25,000,000	25,810,000	5,810,000	24%	Increased the living cost allowance in per the calendar of 2024
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF OTHER GOODS & SERVICES	6						
Travelling Expenditure							
1 101 Domestic			800,000	700,000	200,000	40%	Increasing the engagement in field visits to monitor the development projects
1 102 Foreign			1,000,000	2,100,000	1,100,000	111%	To provide opportunities for officials to participate in foreign training courses related to the field of tourism
Total			71,600,000	70,810,000	7,515,000	11%	

Explanation for the Variances between Original Expenditure and Revised Expenditure Estimates
Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No : 122

Rs.

Expenditure Code	Sl. No.	Description	Original Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Revised Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Variance	Variance as a % of Original Expenditure Estimate	Reasons for the Variance
Sub-Head							
1201 Salaries & Office Expenses			2,595,000	2,595,000	-	-	
1202 Fuel			6,100,000	6,100,000	-	-	
1607 Fuel Allowance			3,000,000	3,000,000	-	-	
1608 Fuel for Road Vehicles			3,000,000	3,000,000	-	-	
1609 Fuel for Other Purposes			3,000,000	3,000,000	-	-	
1203 Dues & Utilities			500,000	500,000	-	-	
1204 Stationary Supplies			50,000	50,000	-	-	
1205 Other			-	-	-	-	
Total (a)			9,050,000	9,050,000	2,340,000	25%	
Maintenance Expenditure							
1301 Vehicles			6,000,000	6,000,000	-	-	
1302 Plant and Machinery			700,000	700,000	-	-	
1303 Building and Structures			1,000,000	800,000	(200,000)	-20%	Due to control of expenditure
Total (c)			7,700,000	6,500,000	(200,000)	-3%	
Services							
1401 Transport			3,000,000	3,000,000	-	-	
1402 Postal & Communication			2,000,000	1,400,000	(600,000)	-30%	Due to control of expenditure
1403 Electricity & Water			8,000,000	6,100,000	(1,900,000)	-24%	Due to control of expenditure
1404 Rent & Local Taxes			22,800,000	25,100,000	2,300,000	10%	Due to increase in electricity charges and water charges
1405 Cleaning and Sanitary Services			3,000,000	3,000,000	-	-	
1406 Interest Payments on Loans			1,500,000	1,500,000	-	-	
1407 Security Services			5,000,000	5,700,000	(200,000)	-5%	
1408 Other			300,000	300,000	-	-	
150 Machinery and other Equipment Services			300,000	300,000	-	-	
160 Vehicle Insurance			2,000,000	2,000,000	-	-	
140 Miscellaneous Services Expenditure			45,800,000	44,020,000	(1,780,000)	-4%	Due to control of expenditure
Total (d)			135,550,000	131,285,000	(4,265,000)	-3%	
Total Expenditure on Other Goods & Services							

Explanation for the Variances between Original Expenditure and Revised Expenditure Estimates

Expenditure Head No : 122

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Code	Unit	Description	Original Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Revised Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Variance	Variance as a % of Original Expenditure Estimate	Reason for the Variance
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF TRANSFERS, GRANTS & SUBSIDIES	1						
Transfer							
1501 Welfare Programmes							
1502 Development Subsidis							
1503 Public Institutions							
1504 Development Subsidies							
1505 Subsidies and Contributions Rec							
1506 Property Loan Interest on Public Servants			205,000	217,000	12,000		The arrival of an official on transfer who had taken a previous transfer (1 year)
1507 Grants to Professional Councils							
1508 Other							
1509 - Public Institutions (Other Operational Expenditure)							
Total			205,000	217,000	12,000.00	6%	
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF INTEREST PAYMENTS	2						
Interest Payments and Discounts							
1601 Interest Payment on Domestic Debt							
1602 Interest Payment on Foreign Debt							
1603 Discounts on Treasury Bills and Treasury Bonds							
Total							

Explanation for the Variances between Original Expenditure and Revised Expenditure Estimates

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Leath (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Budget No : 122

Expenditure Code	Notes	Description	Original Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Revised Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Variance	Variance as a % of Original Expenditure Estimate	Reasons for the Variance
OBJECT CODE WITH CLASSIFICATION OF OTHER RECURRENT EXPENDITURE Other Recurrent Expenditure 1700 Taxes & Fees etc. 1702 Conveyance Services 1703 Reproduction of the Official Language Media Total Programme (1) Grand Total (Notes 8 to 10) Recurrent Expenditure Capital Expenditure Programme (1)	0		121,750,000	141,000,000	7,350,000	6%	
OBJECT CODE WITH CLASSIFICATION OF PLANT INVESTMENT Rehabilitation & Improvements of Capital Assets 2001 Buildings & Structures 2002 Plant, Machinery & Equipment 2003 Vehicle Total (a)	10		2,000,000 900,000 1,500,000 5,000,000	2,000,000 900,000 2,500,000 5,000,000	- - - -	- - - -	

Explanation for the Variances between Original Expenditure and Revised Expenditure Estimates

Expenditure Head No : 122

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Land (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Code	2019	Description	Original Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Revised Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Variance	Variance as % of Original Expenditure Estimate	Reasons for the Variances
Acquisition of Capital Assets	11						
2101 Vehicles							
2102 Furniture & Office Equipment			1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-	
2103 Plant, Machinery & Equipment			2,000,000	2,000,000	-	-	
2104 Building & Structures							
2105 Land & Land Improvements							
2106 Software Development							
2108 Capital Investment for Land Vehicle			3,000,000	3,000,000	-	-	
Total (B)							
Capital Investment	12						
2201 Public Investments							
2202 Development Assistance							
2203 Contribution to Provincial Councils							
2204 Travelers Allowance							
2205 Capital Grants to Non-Public Institutions							
Total (C)							
Acquisition of Financial Assets	13						
2301 Equity Contribution							
2302 On-Lending							
Total (d)							

Explanation for the Variances between Original Expenditure and Revised Expenditure Estimates
Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No : 122

Expenditure Code	Nil	Description	Original Expenditure Estimate - Rs.	Revised Expenditure Estimate - Rs.	Variance	Variance as a % of Revised Expenditure Estimate	Reason for the Variance
Capital Building	14						
2801 Staff Quarters			500,000	500,000	-	-	
Total (e)			500,000	500,000	-	-	
Other Capital Expenditure	15						
2901 Refurbishing							
2902 Investments							
2903 Contingency Surveys							
2904 Contribution to Foreign Companies							
2905 Procurement Preparation							
2906 Information Development							
2907 Research and Development							
2909 Other							
Total (f)							
Programme (1)			8,500,000	8,500,000	-	-	
Total Expenditure on Public Investments (a+b+c+d+e+f)			142,250,000	140,100,000	-2,150,000	-1.5%	

Grand Total (Notes 8 to 15)

* Variance should be attributed including only the relevant items.

Chief Financial Officer (Chief Accounts Director) (F/0000)

Expenditure (Financial)

Date: 10/10/2010

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Expenditure Head No. 122

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	Expenditure Code	Description	Original Expenditure Estimate (Rs.)	Revised Expenditure Estimate (Rs.)	Variance	Variance as % of Original Expenditure Estimate
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Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)						Rs.		
Expenditure Head No: 122	Expenditure Code	n	Description	Original Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Revised Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Variance	Variance as a % of Original Expenditure Estimate	Reason for the Variance
	Services	1						
	1201 Transport	2						
	1202 Postal & Communications	3						
	1203 Electricity & Water	4						
	1204 Rent of Land & Tenes	5						
	1205 Interest Payment on Loans & Advances	6						
	1206 Losses incurred by Vehicles, Furniture & other Operational Assets	7						
	1207 Other	8						
	Totals 43							
	Food Expenditure on other Goods & Services							
	CORRECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF TRANSMISSIONS, GRANTS & SUBSIDIES.							
	Transfer							
	1201 Welfare Programmes							
	1202 Highways & Health							
	1203 Public Administration							
	1204 Disadvantaged Schemes							
	1205 Subsidies and Contributions Etc.							
	1206 (Vapour) Loan Interest on Public Services							
	1207 Grants to Private Councils							
	1208 Other							
	Totals							
	1209 - Public Institution (Other Operational) (Spending)							

Expenditure Code	5	6	Description	Original Expenditure Estimate (Rs.)	Revised Expenditure Estimate (Rs.)	Variance	Variance as % of Original Expenditure Estimate	Reason for the Variance
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF INTEREST PAYMENTS	8							
Interest Payments and Discounts								
1601 Interest Payment on Foreign Debt								
1602 Interest Payment for Foreign Debt								
1603 Discount on Treasury Bills and Treasury Bonds								
Total								
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF OTHER RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	9							
Other Recurrent Expenditure								
1701 Losses & Write-off								
1702 Contingency Services								
1703 Implementation of the Official Languages Policy								
Total								
Programme (1)								
Grand Total (Notes 5 to 9) Total Recurrent Expenditure								
Capital Expenditure								
Programme (1)								

Explanation for the Variances between Original Expenditure and Revised Expenditure Estimates

Expenditure Head No : 112

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Code	n o s	Description	Original Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Revised Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Variance	Variance as a % of Original Expenditure Estimate	Reasons for the Variance
OBJECT CODE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC INVESTMENT							
Rehabilitation & Improvements of Capital Assets	10						
2001 Buildings & Structures			-	24,846,293	24,846,293	100%	Transfer of the accounts (insurance for the fire insurance of Premises and) buildings from under the Office of Land and Land Development through budget provision to the appropriate expenditure code according to the relevant requests.
2002 Plant, Machinery & Equipment							
2003 Vehicles							
Total (a)			-	24,846,293	24,846,293	100%	
Acquisition of Capital Assets	11						
2101 Vehicle							
2102 Furniture & Office Equipment							
2103 Plant, Machinery & Equipment							
2104 Buildings & Structures							
2105 Land & Land Improvements							
2106 Software Development							
2108 Capital Payment for Land/Vehicles							
Total (b)			750,000,000	725,153,707	(24,846,293)	-3%	Transfer of the accounts (insurance for the fire insurance of Premises and) buildings from under the Office of Land and Land Development through budget provision to the appropriate expenditure code according to the relevant requests.
Capital Transfer	12						
2201 Public Institution							
2202 Development Assistance							
2203 Contribution to Provincial Councils							
2204 Transfers Abroad							
2205 Capital Grants to Non-Public Institution							
Total (c)			610,000,000	610,000,000	-	-	
			610,000,000	610,000,000	-	-	

Explanation for the Variances between Original Expenditure and Revised Expenditure Estimates

Expenditure Head No : 172

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

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Expenditure Code	n	Description	Original Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Revised Expenditure Estimate Rs.	Variance	Variance as a % of Original Expenditure Estimate	Reasons for the Variance
Acquisition of Financial Assets	13						
2501 Equity Contribution							
2502 De-Lending							
Total (d)							
Capacity Building	14						
2400 Staff Training							
Total (e)							
Other Capital Expenditure	15						
2503 Restructuring							
2503 Investments							
2503 Contingency Services							
2504 Contribution to Provincial Councils							
2505 Provincial Preparations							
2506 Infrastructure Development							
2507 Research and Development							
2509 Other							
Total (f)			407,000,000	407,000,000	-	-	

Statement of Summary of Financing the Expenditure by Programme

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)
Expenditure Head No : 122

Code	Financing Description of Items	Programme 01 *		Programme 02 *		Grand Total		Percentage of Expenditure *** (6-5)X100 %
		Net Provision **	Actual Expenditure	Net Provision **	Actual Expenditure	Net Provision **	Actual Expenditure	
		1 Rs.	2 Rs.	3 Rs.	4 Rs.	5 Rs.	6 Rs.	
11	Domestic Funds	186,460,000	143,369,729	1,857,000,000	252,908,502	2,043,460,000	398,278,231	19%
12	Foreign Loans							
13	Foreign Grants							
14	Reimbursable Foreign Loans							
15	Reimbursable Foreign Grants							
16	Counterpart Funds							
17	Foreign Finance Associated Cost							
18	Foreign Financing Related Domestic Co-Financing							
21	Special Law							
	Total	186,460,000	143,369,729	1,857,000,000	252,908,502	2,043,460,000	398,278,231	19%

* Please include figures under each programme according to ACA 2(v)

** Allocations, referred to 4th column of ACA-2

*** State the percentage without decimals

Chief Financial Officer /Chief Accountant/Director (Finance)
Comptroller (Finance)
Date : 13.11.2014

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Statement of Financing of Expenditure of Each Programme by Projects
(Financing of Capital and Recurrent expenditure according to Projects of a Programme)

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)
Expenditure Head No : 122
Programme No. & Title : Programme 01 - Operational Activities

Code	Financing Description of Items	Project 1		Project 3		Project		Programme Total/ Page Total *	
		Net Provision	Actual Expenditure	Net Provision	Actual Expenditure	Net Provision	Actual Expenditure	Net Provision	Actual Expenditure
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
11	Domestic Funds	36,360,000	16,325,098	150,100,000	129,044,632	-	-	186,460,000	145,369,729
12	Foreign Loans								
13	Foreign Grants								
14	Reimbursable Foreign Loans								
15	Reimbursable Foreign Grants								
16	Counterpart Funds								
17	Foreign Finance Associated Cost								
18	Foreign Financing Related Domestic Co-Financing								
21	Special Law								
	Total	36,360,000	16,325,098	150,100,000	129,044,632	-	-	186,460,000	145,369,729

* Total of the last page should be equal to the programme total. If an extra page are added to each programme.

Chief Financial Officer/ Chief Accountant/ Director (Finance)

Signature (Finance)

Date : 15/01/2018

Statement of Financing of Expenditure of Each Programme by Projects
(Financing of Capital and Recurrent expenditure according to Projects of a Programme)

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)
Expenditure Head No : 122
Programme No. & Title : Programme 02 - Development Activities

Code	Description of Items	Project		Project		Project 6		Programme Total/Page Total *	
		Net Provision	Actual Expenditure	Net Provision	Actual Expenditure	Net Provision	Actual Expenditure	Net Provision	Actual Expenditure
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
11	Domestic Funds								
12	Foreign Loans								
13	Foreign Grants								
14	Reimbursable Foreign Loans								
15	Reimbursable Foreign Grants								
16	Counterpart Funds								
17	Foreign Finance Associated Cost								
18	Foreign Financing Related Domestic- Co-Financing								
21	Special Law								
	Total					1,857,000,000	252,908,502	1,857,000,000	252,908,502

* Total of the last page should be equal to the programme total, if an extra pages are added to each programme.

Chief Financial Officer (Chief Accountant/ Director (Finance))
Commissioner (Finance)

Date : 19.06.2019

Statement of Imprest Account for the year 2024

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)
Expenditure Head No. : 122

Imprest Account No.	Imprest Balance as at 1st January 2024			Imprest Received			Imprest Settlement				Imprest Balance as at 31st December 2024		Imprest Balance as at 31st December 2024 as per Treasury Books
	1			2			3				4		
	Unsettled Sub Imprests	Included Imprests (Excluding Unsettled Sub Imprests)	Total	Treasury	Other Sources	Total	Expenditure	Cash Sent to Treasury	Total	Included Sub Imprest Balance	Unsettled Imprests	Total	
58324	100	800	1500	200	2000	2000-200-2000	300	300	3000-300-3000	400	4000	4000-400-4000	5
	-	-	-	154,645,000	8,600,310	163,245,310	161,703,638	1,214,926	162,918,564	-	-	-	334,772
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1. Please show reasons for difference between 4 and 6 above .

(1) Remitted to the Treasury but not updated cash book balance as at 31/12/2023

(2) Other reasons :

State if these balances were settled as at the date of signing the report and if not, reason for not settling the balances.

Fluridly verify that the above information is true and correct.

Chief Financial Officer / Chief Accountant Director (Finance)
Commissioner (Finance)

Date : 1-1-2025

* This Balance should be shown in the Statement of Financial Performance

Statement of Deposit Accounts as at 31st December 2024

Expenditure Head No : 122

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Name of Deposit Accounts	Deposit Number	Balance as at 1st January 2024	Credited during the year	Debited during the year	Balance as at 31st December 2024	Balance as per Treasury Book as at 31st December 2024
Security Deposits	6000-0-0-1-108	141,071	*	4,371	136,500	136,500
Deposits Temporary Retained Payable to Third Parties	6000-0-0-13-105	2,374,050	8,057,514	8,360,420	2,071,164	2,071,164
Temporary Retention for Statutory Payments	6000-0-0-18-100	9,150	29,525	31,825	6,850	6,850
Total		2,524,271	8,087,059	8,396,616	2,214,514	2,214,514

* Format should be amended including only the relevant Deposit numbers

Chief Financial Officer / Chief Accountant/Director (Finance)
Commissioner (Finance)
Date : 17/12/2024

Statement of Advance Accounts as at 31st December 2024

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No : 122

Name of Advance Account	Advance Account Number	Balance as at 1st January 2024 (1)	Maximum Limits of Expenditure Rs. 5,000,000.00 (2)		Minimum Limits of Receipts Rs. 2,500,000.00 (3)		Maximum Limits of Debit Balance Rs. 30,000,000.00	Maximum Limits of Liabilities Rs.....	Balance as per Treasury Books as at 31st December 2024	Rs.
			Debits during the year		Credits during the year					
			In Cash	Through Cross Entries	In Cash	Through Cross Entries				
							Balance as 4-(1)+(2)-(3)			
(1) Advance to Public Officers	122011	9,327,877	4,578,421	-	2,763,664	-	10,506,988		10,506,988	
	122012		401,602	-	-	937,844				

Chief Financial Officer/Chief Accountant/Director (Finance)/
Commissioner (Finance)

Date : 31/12/2024

3.7. Performance of the Reporting of Non-Finance Assets

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Statement of Non Financial Assets - 2024

Non Financial Asset Report generated by the New CIGAS Web Application should be attached here instead of the format No ACA- 6.

Statement of Imprest Adjustment

Revenue Collected by Other Entities on behalf of Reporting Entity	*	
Expenditure incurred by Reporting Entity on behalf of Other Entities	242,120	
Debits made to Advance "B" Account on behalf of Other Entities	-	
Credits made to Advance "B" Account by Other Entities	937,844	1,179,964
Less:		
Revenue Collected by Reporting Entity on behalf of Other Entities	3,612,465	
Expenditure incurred by Other Entities on behalf of Reporting Entity	243,937,694	
Credits made to Advance "B" Account on behalf of Other Entities	401,602	
Debits made to Advance "B" Account by Other Entities	-	247,951,761
Imprest Adjustment Balance as at 31st December 2024		(246,771,797)

* Any Items can be added in addition to the above mentioned items if applicable.

Statement of Losses and Waivers

(Losses under F.R. 106 and F.R. 113)

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Programme No. & Title : Programme 01&02, Operational Activities and Development Activities

(i) Statement of Losses Recovered/Written off/Waived off during the year.

	Value	No. of Cases	Total Amount (Rs.)
Below	Rs. 25,000.00	Nil	Nil
Over	Rs. 25,000.00	Nil	Nil
Total			

Classification of the cases by nature of Losses.

	No. of Cases	Value (Rs.)
1	Nil	Nil
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Total		

(ii) Statement of Losses being held to be Written off/Waived off or recoverable so far

	No. of Cases	Total Amount (Rs.)
Below	Nil	Nil
Over	Nil	Nil
Total		

Classification of the cases by Nature of Losses.

	No. of Cases	Value (Rs.)
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Total		

Note: Details on losses under F.R. 106 and waivers under F.R. 113 accounted under object code no 1701 and such losses and waivers expected to be accounted in coming years should be included.

* When there are no information with regard to this report, a nil report should be submitted

Age Analysis for (ii)

	No. of Cases	Amount (Rs.)
Less than five years		
5-10 years		
Over 10 years		
Total		

Chief Financial Officer / Chief Accountant (Finance)
Commissioner (Finance)

Date : 11/11/2018

Signature

Statement of Write off from books

Expenditure Head No : 122

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Programme No. & Title : Programme 01 & 02, Operational Activities and Development Activities

1 Statement of losses and waivers under F.R. 109 during the year

	Value	No. of Cases
(i) Below Rs. 25,000.00	Nil	Nil
(ii) Over Rs. 25,000.01	Nil	Nil
Total		

Value (Rs.)

Nil

Nil

Total

2 Statement of write off from the book and recoveries under F.R. 109 during the year

* Nature of Loss	Opening balance which was not written off	Value of loss	Recoveries	Value written off from the book	Balance carried forward which was not written off	Reference No. of Approval for write off from the book
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1 Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
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Total						

Note - Excluding losses and waivers to be accounted in Annexure(i), only any other losses and waivers under F.R. 109 should be included in this format.

* When there are no information with regard to this report, a nil report should be submitted

Chief Financial Officer (Chief Accountant/ Director (Finance))

Commissioner (Finance)

Date : 11/11/2019

Statement of Commitments and Liabilities as at 31st December

Cumulative Commitment / Liability Report generated by the New CIG AS Web Application should be attached here instead of the Annexure No iii.



Cumulative Commitment/ Liability Report for the Year - 2024

Ministry of Land & Parliamentary Relations
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Govt C49	31 Dec 2024	1402	5,374.27	0.00	31 Dec 2024	5,374.27	0.00	0.00	5,374.27
Govt C21	31 Dec 2024	1101	2,800.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	2,800.00	0.00	0.00	2,800.00
Govt C22	31 Dec 2024	1101	4,800.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	4,800.00	0.00	0.00	4,800.00
Govt C31	31 Dec 2024	1101	5,374.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	5,374.00	0.00	0.00	5,374.00
Govt C11	31 Dec 2024	1101	3,850.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	3,850.00	0.00	0.00	3,850.00
Govt C32	31 Dec 2024	1101	525.48	0.00	31 Dec 2024	525.48	0.00	0.00	525.48
Govt C27	31 Dec 2024	1101	6,117.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	6,117.00	0.00	0.00	6,117.00
Govt C34	31 Dec 2024	1101	21,000.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	21,000.00	0.00	0.00	21,000.00
Govt C15	31 Dec 2024	1101	3,750.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	3,750.00	0.00	0.00	3,750.00
Govt C27	31 Dec 2024	1101	11,250.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	11,250.00	0.00	0.00	11,250.00
Govt C25	31 Dec 2024	1101	6,405.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	6,405.00	0.00	0.00	6,405.00
Govt C83	31 Dec 2024	1101	6,500.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	6,500.00
Govt C34	31 Dec 2024	1101	6,500.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	6,500.00
Govt C35	31 Dec 2024	1101	5,750.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	5,750.00	0.00	0.00	5,750.00

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Govt	C71	11 Dec 2024	Sri Lanka Telecom PLC	122- 1-1- F	5,324.75	5,324.75 Dec 2024	5,324.75	0.000.00	5,324.75122
Govt	C72	11 Dec 2024	Sri Lanka Telecom PLC	122- 1-1- F	7,224.83	7,224.83 Dec 2024	7,224.83	0.000.00	7,224.83122
Govt	C82	11 Dec 2024	Sri Lanka Telecom PLC	122- 1-1- F	2,210.47	2,210.47 Dec 2024	2,210.47	0.000.00	2,210.47122
Govt	C70	11 Dec 2024	Sri Lanka Telecom PLC	122- 1-1- F	1,380.00	1,380.00 Dec 2024	1,380.00	0.000.00	1,380.00122
Govt	C71	11 Dec 2024	S.L.T.	122- 1-1- F	1,629.84	1,629.84 Dec 2024	1,629.84	0.000.00	1,629.84122
Govt	C76	11 Dec 2024	A. Thirakumbura	122- 1-1- F	624.70	624.70 Dec 2024	624.70	0.000.00	624.70122
Govt	C80	11 Dec 2024	Government Expenditure Department	122- 1-1- F	412,850.00	412,850.00 Dec 2024	412,850.00	0.000.00	412,850.00122
Govt	C84	11 Dec 2024	S.L.T.	122- 1-1- F	571.48	571.48 Dec 2024	571.48	0.000.00	571.48122
Govt	C80	11 Dec 2024	Sri Lanka Telecom PLC	122- 1-1- F	525.48	525.48 Dec 2024	525.48	0.000.00	525.48122
Govt	C58	11 Dec 2024	Sri Lanka Telecom PLC	122- 1-1- F	4,666.53	4,666.53 Dec 2024	4,666.53	0.000.00	4,666.53122
Govt	C57	11 Dec 2024	Sri Lanka Telecom PLC	122- 1-1- F	525.48	525.48 Dec 2024	525.48	0.000.00	525.48122
Govt	C60	11 Dec 2024	Sri Lanka Telecom PLC	122- 1-1- F	7,500.00	7,500.00 Dec 2024	7,500.00	0.000.00	7,500.00122
Govt	C68	11 Dec 2024	Sri Lanka Telecom PLC	122- 1-1- F	62,825.86	62,825.86 Dec 2024	62,825.86	0.000.00	62,825.86122
Govt	C78	11 Dec 2024	M.A.S.N.J. Natarajayakar	122- 1-1- F	2,010.00	2,010.00 Dec 2024	2,010.00	0.000.00	2,010.00122
Govt	C61	11 Dec 2024	Sri Lanka Telecom PLC	122- 1-1- F	890.70	890.70 Dec 2024	890.70	0.000.00	890.70122
Govt	C61	11 Dec 2024	Nathani	122- 1-1- F	10,000.00	10,000.00 Dec 2024	10,000.00	0.000.00	10,000.00122
Govt	C81	11 Dec 2024	Nathani	122- 1-1- F	10,000.00	10,000.00 Dec 2024	10,000.00	0.000.00	10,000.00122
Govt	C40	11 Dec 2024	M.K.S.K. Rathnayake	122- 1-1- F	10,000.00	10,000.00 Dec 2024	10,000.00	0.000.00	10,000.00122
Govt	C48	11 Dec 2024	Sri Lanka Telecom PLC	122- 1-1- F	2,774.27	2,774.27 Dec 2024	2,774.27	0.000.00	2,774.27122

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Geol	E18	31 Dec 2024	S.S.Dharmasena	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	4,277.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	4,277.00	0.00	0.00	4,277.00
Geol	E21	31 Dec 2024	H.S.Panduranga	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	16,742.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	16,742.00	0.00	0.00	16,742.00
Geol	E9	31 Dec 2024	J.L.S.A.Jayasundara	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	5,290.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	5,290.00	0.00	0.00	5,290.00
Geol	E32	31 Dec 2024	A.C.Daneshgoda	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	4,540.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	4,540.00	0.00	0.00	4,540.00
Geol	E36	31 Dec 2024	R.V.Rajula	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	5,380.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	5,380.00	0.00	0.00	5,380.00
Geol	E72	31 Dec 2024	ThejapadasaDissanayake	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	2,816.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	2,816.00	0.00	0.00	2,816.00
Geol	E35	31 Dec 2024	C.S.Dissanayake	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	10,795.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	10,795.00	0.00	0.00	10,795.00
Geol	E34	31 Dec 2024	M.N.Sampawala	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	5,390.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	5,390.00	0.00	0.00	5,390.00
Geol	E73	31 Dec 2024	E.D.Hakshayana	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	8,424.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	8,424.00	0.00	0.00	8,424.00
Geol	E78	31 Dec 2024	Nishantha Wernthage	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	14,083.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	14,083.00	0.00	0.00	14,083.00
Geol	E80	31 Dec 2024	Thilini Wijesiriwardena	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	880.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	880.00	0.00	0.00	880.00
Geol	E19	31 Dec 2024	S.D.Ramaprasada	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	1,400.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	1,400.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00
Geol	E34	31 Dec 2024	R.Narula Pudupakkattai	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	4,380.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	4,380.00	0.00	0.00	4,380.00
Geol	E62	31 Dec 2024	Sectanka Telecom PLC	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	29,514.28	0.00	31 Dec 2024	29,514.28	0.00	0.00	29,514.28
Geol	E28	31 Dec 2024	S.P.M.G.Pandurang	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	1,400.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	1,400.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00
Geol	E5	31 Dec 2024	A.A.C.A.Sumanthara	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	3,917.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	3,917.00	0.00	0.00	3,917.00
Geol	E7	31 Dec 2024	R.M.N.C.Ashwaryake	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	11,025.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	11,025.00	0.00	0.00	11,025.00
Geol	E8	31 Dec 2024	J.L.S.A.Jayasundara	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	16,496.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	16,496.00	0.00	0.00	16,496.00
Geol	E10	31 Dec 2024	R.R.Sitholeasingha	122- 1-3- 0- 1000- P	13,370.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	13,370.00	0.00	0.00	13,370.00

Govt	C21	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	10,700.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	10,700.00	0.000.00	10,700.00122
Govt	C22	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	1,100.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	1,100.00	0.000.00	1,100.00122
Govt	C24	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	4,200.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	4,200.00	0.000.00	4,200.00122
Govt	C25	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	25,510.28	0.00	31 Dec 2024	25,510.28	0.000.00	25,510.28122
Govt	C26	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	1,400.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	1,400.00	0.000.00	1,400.00122
Govt	C27	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	3,317.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	3,317.00	0.000.00	3,317.00122
Govt	C28	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	11,000.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	11,000.00	0.000.00	11,000.00122
Govt	C29	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	16,496.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	16,496.00	0.000.00	16,496.00122
Govt	C30	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	13,370.83	0.00	31 Dec 2024	13,370.83	0.000.00	13,370.83122
Govt	C31	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	10,745.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	10,745.00	0.000.00	10,745.00122
Govt	C32	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	11,670.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	11,670.00	0.000.00	11,670.00122
Govt	C33	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	8,405.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	8,405.00	0.000.00	8,405.00122
Govt	C34	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	8,300.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	8,300.00	0.000.00	8,300.00122
Govt	C35	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	6,300.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	6,300.00	0.000.00	6,300.00122
Govt	C36	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	5,750.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	5,750.00	0.000.00	5,750.00122
Govt	C37	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	5,250.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	5,250.00	0.000.00	5,250.00122
Govt	C38	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	1,000.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	1,000.00	0.000.00	1,000.00122
Govt	C39	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	5,750.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	5,750.00	0.000.00	5,750.00122
Govt	C40	31 Dec 2024	Dec 31, 2024	5,750.00	0.00	31 Dec 2024	5,750.00	0.000.00	5,750.00122

Code	ESL	Sl. No.	Account Name	Sl. No.	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Govt	ESL	31	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	31	2,255.00	0.00	2,255.00	0.00	2,255.00
Govt	ESL	32	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	32	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Govt	ESL	33	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	33	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Govt	ESL	34	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	34	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	35	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	35	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	36	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	36	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	37	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	37	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	38	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	38	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	39	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	39	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	40	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	40	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	41	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	41	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	42	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	42	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	43	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	43	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	44	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	44	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	45	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	45	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	46	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	46	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	47	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	47	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	48	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	48	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	49	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	49	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	50	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	50	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	51	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	51	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	52	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	52	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	53	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	53	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	54	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	54	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	55	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	55	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	56	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	56	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	57	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	57	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	58	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	58	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	59	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	59	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	60	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	60	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	61	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	61	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	62	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	62	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	63	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	63	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	64	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	64	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Govt	ESL	65	Gov. Sec. Lanka Telecom PLC	65	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

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Gen	02412114	21	Senior Superintendent Div. of Survey - District	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen	02412115	21	Senior Superintendent Div. of Survey - District	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen	02412116	21	Senior Superintendent Div. of Survey - District	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen	02412117	21	Senior Superintendent Div. of Survey - District	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen	02412118	21	Senior Superintendent Div. of Survey - District	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen	02412119	21	Senior Superintendent Div. of Survey - District	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen	02412120	21	Senior Superintendent Div. of Survey - District	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen	02412121	21	Senior Superintendent Div. of Survey - District	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen	02412122	21	Senior Superintendent Div. of Survey - District	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen	02412123	21	Senior Superintendent Div. of Survey - District	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen	02412124	21	Senior Superintendent Div. of Survey - District	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen	02412125	21	Senior Superintendent Div. of Survey - District	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen	02412126	21	Senior Superintendent Div. of Survey - District	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen	02412127	21	Senior Superintendent Div. of Survey - District	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen	02412128	21	Senior Superintendent Div. of Survey - District	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen	02412129	21	Senior Superintendent Div. of Survey - District	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen	02412130	21	Senior Superintendent Div. of Survey - District	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	02/10/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Statement of Missing Vouchers

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Expenditure Head No : 122

Programme No. & Title : Programme 01 & 02, Operational Activities and Development Activities

Date	Voucher No.	Name of Payee	Nature of Payment	Amount (Rs.)
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

* When there are no information with regard to this report, a nil report should be submitted.


 Chief Financial Officer /Chief Accountant/Director (Finance)
 Commissioner (Finance)
 Date : 17.11.2023

**The Status Report as at 31/12/2024 on Bank Accounts opened
in terms of Treasury Operation Circular No. 3/2015 of 23/10/2015**

Expenditure Head No. : 122

Ministry : Ministry of Tourism and Lands (Tourism Section)

Serial No.	Name of Bank	Account No.	Balance as per Bank Statement as at 31/12/2024 (Rs.)	Balance as per Cash Book as at 31/12/2024 (Rs.)	Total Value of Cheques not yet Presented to Bank as at 31/12/2024 (if exceeds 6 months)	Month of Last Bank Reconciliation Prepared
01	Bank of Ceylon, Maradana Branch	0007041295	5,561,775.63	-	-	Jun 2025

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.

Chief Financial Officer / Chief Accountant / Director (Finance)
Commissioner (Finance)
Date : 14.12.2024

New CIGAS - Consolidated Trial Balance for the year ended : 2024

Code	Type	Debit	Credit
1000/2000- Vote	020-1-1-7-1409-11	204,331.00	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-1-0-1001-11	1,642,123.85	2,068,876.40
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-1-0-1002-11	342,453.42	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-1-0-1003-11	1,375,199.75	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-1-0-1101-11	36,606.00	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-1-0-1102-11	2,068,876.40	2,068,876.40
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-1-0-1201-11	89,307.75	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-1-0-1202-11	4,081,343.27	408,545.00
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-1-0-1301-11	2,305,212.00	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-1-0-1303-11	267,400.00	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-1-0-1401-11	836,540.58	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-1-0-1402-11	186,776.98	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-1-0-1403-11	1,080,137.47	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-1-0-1409-11	759,799.07	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-1-0-1502-11	43,629.12	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1001-11	39,652,505.51	215,183.87
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1002-11	1,633,787.77	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1003-11	25,845,741.57	48,642.40
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1101-11	622,280.00	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1102-11	2,100,024.97	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1201-11	2,346,398.24	45,826.00
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1202-11	8,511,325.13	133,462.00
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1203-11	36,000.00	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1301-11	5,950,607.32	108,625.00
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1302-11	330,108.90	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1303-11	141,065.00	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1401-11	3,009,999.99	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1402-11	1,257,740.64	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1403-11	6,035,687.93	573,044.14
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1404-11	25,198,923.02	11,098.13
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1405-11	2,191,597.50	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1407-11	1,107,818.78	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1409-11	2,562,659.89	631,264.61
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-1506-11	212,641.68	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-2003-11	1,722,053.50	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-2102-11	178,962.00	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-2103-11	2,000.00	
1000/2000- Vote	122-1-5-0-2401-11	122,400.00	
1000/2000- Vote	122-2-0-0-2202-11	9,918,751.28	
1000/2000- Vote	122-2-6-15-2105-11	10,000.00	
1000/2000- Vote	293-1-2-4-1302-11	37,589.00	
4000/5000-Revenue	2002-0-1-0-1-0		136,531.93
4000/5000-Revenue	2002-0-2-0-99-0		627,624.79
4000/5000-Revenue	2003-0-99-0-0-0		169,543.32
4000/5000-Revenue	2004-0-1-0-0-0		2,678,765.36
6000-Deposit	0-0-018-0-100-0		29,525.00
6000-Deposit	0-0-018-0-100-0	31,825.00	
6000-Deposit	0-0-1-0-106-0	4,576.69	
6000-Deposit	0-0-13-0-105-0		8,057,533.52
6000-Deposit	0-0-13-0-105-0	8,340,436.28	
7002-Interest	253/24	8,606,316.11	161,701,618.48
8493-Public Officers Adv	0-0-122-0-11-0	4,578,421.26	
8493-Public Officers Adv	0-0-122-0-11-0		2,763,068.14

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8493-Public Officers Adv	0-0-122-0-12-0	403,602.00	
8493-Public Officers Adv	0-0-215-0-12-0		158,500.00
8493-Public Officers Adv	0-0-217-0-12-0		35,552.00
8493-Public Officers Adv	0-0-255-0-12-0		207,530.00
9152-Asset-Machinery & Equipment	0-0-122-0-0-0	180,962.00	
9153-Asset-Land	0-0-122-0-0-0	19,000.00	
9165-Capital Asset Reserve-PPE	0-0-122-0-0-0		190,962.00
*** Total ***		183,070,016.49	183,070,016.49

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Month: December



Expenditure Summary for the Month of December 2024

To:
Ministry of Land & Parliamentary Reforms
(122)

From:

Director General,
Department of State Accounts,
General Treasury, Colombo.

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New Table No: SA-10

Old Table No: JSTBL 33

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Treasury Code	Provision	Net_Exp_upto_Last_Month	Exp_for_month	Surcharge	Net_Exp_For_Month	Tot_Exp	Savings/Excess
122-1-1- 0-1001- 0/11	12,200,000.00	8,456,400.76	0.00	2,068,876.40	-2,068,876.40	6,387,524.36	5,912.875
122-1-1- 0-1002- 0/11	4,000,000.00	2,032,543.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,032,543.92	1,967,456
122-1-1- 0-1003- 0/11	8,000,000.00	4,492,271.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,492,271.94	3,507,728
122-1-1- 0-1004- 0/11	2,800,000.00	1,418,596.80	12,240.00	0.00	12,240.00	1,430,836.80	1,398,596
122-1-1- 0-1005- 0/11	4,000,000.00	0.00	2,068,876.40	2,068,876.40	0.00	0.00	4,000,000
122-1-1- 0-1201- 0/11	2,700,000.00	1,188,433.59	58,890.00	0.00	58,890.00	1,239,223.59	1,460,776
122-1-1- 0-1202- 10/11	100,000.00	19,965.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,965.00	80,035
122-1-1- 0-1203- 0/11	16,320,000.00	11,246,861.43	0.00	488,345.48	-488,345.48	10,848,516.43	5,089,483
122-1-1- 0-1204- 0/11	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000
122-1-1- 0-1301- 0/11	10,200,000.00	8,881,738.97	562,562.00	0.00	562,562.00	9,444,300.97	755,699
122-1-1- 0-1302- 0/11	800,000.00	315,309.25	24,780.00	0.00	24,780.00	340,089.25	259,910
122-1-1- 0-1303- 0/11	820,000.00	342,850.00	8,890.00	0.00	8,890.00	351,730.00	468,270
122-1-1- 0-1401- 0/11	2,990,000.00	868,798.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	868,798.64	2,121,201
122-1-1- 0-1402- 0/11	2,000,000.00	1,122,085.33	167,123.23	0.00	167,123.23	1,289,208.56	710,791
122-1-1- 0-1403- 0/11	5,150,000.00	5,047,802.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,047,802.83	102,197
122-1-1- 0-1404- 0/11	920,000.00	916,496.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	916,496.89	3,503
122-1-1- 0-1409- 136/11	890,000.00	221,806.62	121,240.00	0.00	121,240.00	343,046.62	457,273
122-1-1- 0-1409- 136/11	790,000.00	608,612.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	608,612.87	91,387
122-1-1- 0-1409- 140/11	850,000.00	409,185.98	720.50	0.00	720.50	409,906.08	440,093
122-1-1- 0-1502- 0/11	1,550,000.00	384,681.42	- 0.00	0.00	0.00	384,681.42	365,318
122-1-1- 0-2001- 0/11	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	0
122-1-1- 0-2002- 0/11	1,000,000.00	183,323.80	44,800.00	0.00	44,800.00	148,123.80	851,876
122-1-1- 0-2003- 0/11	4,000,000.00	1,815,356.09	134,000.00	0.00	134,000.00	1,949,356.09	2,050,643

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122-1-1- 0-2002- 0/11	1,500,000.00	348,464.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	348,464.93	1,151,535.07
122-1-1- 0-2003- 0/11	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500,000.00
Sub Total Proj: 1	85,130,000.00	51,413,848.84	3,195,012.13	4,546,957.80	-1,388,675.67	58,065,773.17	25,054,226.83
122-1-3- 0-1001- 0/11	258,000,000.00	226,665,892.03	21,884,052.84	267,427.85	21,716,624.99	250,382,317.02	7,617,682.98
122-1-3- 0-1002- 0/11	3,990,000.00	2,465,111.10	135,746.73	0.00	235,746.73	2,700,857.83	1,289,142.17
122-1-3- 0-2003- 0/11	168,580,000.00	182,041,034.34	14,058,967.93	139,311.13	18,617,558.80	167,558,681.54	1,021,318.46
122-1-3- 0-2101- 0/11	2,000,000.00	1,911,621.80	292,921.50	3,360.00	289,361.50	1,721,183.40	278,816.60
122-1-3- 0-1102- 0/11	1,368,900.00	1,278,154.34	88,381.00	0.00	88,381.00	1,189,773.34	1,179,118.66
122-1-3- 0-1201- 0/11	6,990,000.00	6,228,681.12	82,474.88	0.00	82,474.88	6,146,206.24	843,793.76
122-1-3- 0-1002- 0/11	200,000.00	192,779.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	192,779.00	7,220.00
122-1-3- 0-1302- 0/11	10,000,000.00	8,472,230.58	619,107.00	0.00	819,107.00	9,291,337.58	908,662.42
122-1-3- 0-1302- 0/11	11,000,000.00	10,380,609.88	1,406,949.00	0.00	1,406,949.00	11,493,155.00	1,806,844.00
122-1-3- 0-1203- 0/11	100,000.00	83,228.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	83,228.58	16,771.42
122-1-3- 0-1301- 0/11	23,650,000.00	22,900,571.04	713,335.88	2,080.88	711,835.88	23,412,906.92	23,687.08
122-1-3- 0-1302- 0/11	2,800,000.00	786,261.77	1,306,143.88	80,545.23	1,219,584.73	1,998,857.50	1,401,142.50
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122-1-3- 0-1304- 0/11	1,627,000.00	1,626,628.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,626,628.38	171.62
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122-1-3- 0-1402- 0/11	7,000,000.00	3,748,336.23	177,774.34	2,805.50	175,168.84	4,115,499.17	2,884,500.83
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122-1-3- 0-1409- 0/11	8,004,990.00	2,384,051.83	468,224.24	0.00	468,224.24	2,852,276.07	5,152,713.93
122-1-3- 0-1506- 0/11	3,930,000.00	2,382,796.26	103,282.88	0.00	203,282.55	2,586,078.81	943,921.19
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122-1-3- 0-2003- 0/11	3,000,000.00	2,841,880.00	130,000.00	0.00	130,000.00	2,971,880.00	2,828,120.00
122-1-3- 0-2102- 0/11	4,900,000.00	3,378,007.34	543,888.88	0.00	543,888.88	3,921,896.22	1,778,103.78
122-1-3- 0-2401- 0/11	1,880,000.00	983,224.81	127,758.00	0.00	127,758.00	1,105,982.81	774,017.19
Sub Total Proj: 1	832,130,000.00	461,406,879.78	44,705,940.48	886,349.78	44,110,890.74	585,517,879.52	27,612,420.48
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122-1-5- 0-1002- 0/11	1,990,000.00	1,568,251.35	67,536.44	0.00	67,536.44	1,635,787.79	354,212.21

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122-1-5- 0-1002- 0/11	2,100,000.00	1,492,944.87	887,990.00	0.00	887,980.00	2,106,024.87	4,375
122-1-5- 0-1003- 0/11	2,000,000.00	1,455,486.94	880,911.40	45,824.06	935,085.40	2,300,572.34	199,821
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122-1-5- 0-1005- 0/11	5,380,000.00	4,131,130.05	867,627.00	0.00	867,627.00	4,998,757.03	361,240
122-1-5- 0-1006- 0/11	3,880,000.00	2,642,721.46	901,471.00	0.00	302,675.88	3,945,396.46	94,603
122-1-5- 0-1007- 0/11	58,000.00	38,000.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	36,000.00	14,998
122-1-5- 0-1008- 0/11	8,000,000.00	4,140,486.79	1,895,489.58	0.00	1,895,495.33	5,841,982.12	156,911
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122-1-5- 0-1017- 0/11	800,000.00	126,340.00	86,730.00	0.00	86,730.00	213,070.00	88,930
122-1-5- 0-1018- 0/11	800,000.00	628,967.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	628,967.29	171,032
122-1-5- 0-1019- 0/11	2,400,000.00	1,587,018.83	175,040.39	631,284.61	438,234.22	1,130,804.61	1,468,195
122-1-5- 0-1020- 0/11	215,995.00	195,607.07	22,634.91	0.00	22,094.61	212,841.46	2,378
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Program Total: 1	768,380,000.00	627,721,191.17	62,737,536.87	5,446,786.89	16,696,784.14	684,627,875.31	83,722,024
122-1-5- 0-2103- 0/11	2,000,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,998,000
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122-2-6-15-2105-0/11	701,440,221.85	49,401,758.91	64,317,600.88	542,074.54	60,773,606.34	118,575,445.29	393,264,706.56
Sub Total	1,857,908,000.00	72,977,285.91	180,475,199.31	542,074.54	179,931,215.77	281,808,101.66	1,604,991,488.24
Program Total: 2	1,857,908,000.00	2,192,933,541.38	1,374,248,993.74	13,859,141.88	1,360,398,861.66	553,314,291,346,303,685,606	
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16 Aug 2024	50925	122-1-3-0-1003-0/11	5,940,000.00	0.00	0.00
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122	6000-0-0-013-0-105-0	1,806,457.68	329,451.30	796,157.60	2,671,161.58
122	6000-0-0-013-0-136-0	3,521,709.88	2,159,541.61	190,554.69	1,552,722.96
122	6000-0-0-016-0-097-0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
122	6000-0-0-016-0-106-0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
122	6000-0-0-016-0-100-0	4,400.00	25.00	1,475.00	6,950.00
122	6000-0-0-016-0-106-0	7,950.00	0.00	1,550.00	11,500.00

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122 8493-0-0-122-0-12-0	0.00	-1,001,176.92	804,587.60	361,532.60	-649,120.92

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2	8493-0-0-122-6-11-0	0.00	4,961,171.26	2,672,225.46	0.00
3	8493-0-0-122-6-11-0	0.00	2,432,954.00	1,837,861.20	0.00
4	8493-0-0-122-6-11-0	0.00	1,621,185.00	2,478,112.96	0.00
5	8493-0-0-122-6-11-0	0.00	1,920,948.00	2,233,162.72	0.00
6	8493-0-0-122-6-11-0	0.00	3,621,114.00	2,142,161.96	0.00
7	8493-0-0-122-6-11-0	0.00	3,465,043.00	2,231,937.76	0.00
8	8493-0-0-122-6-11-0	0.00	1,220,760.00	1,759,124.96	0.00
9	8493-0-0-122-6-11-0	0.00	20,000.00	2,670,727.46	0.00
10	8493-0-0-122-6-11-0	0.00	4,990,812.00	3,665,228.22	0.00
11	8493-0-0-122-6-11-0	0.00	872,428.00	2,128,369.50	0.00
12	8493-0-0-122-6-11-0	0.00	1,366,496.00	2,684,632.61	0.00

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122 7002-0-0-383-0-23-0	4,290,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,290,000.00
122 7002-0-0-383-0-24-0	0.00	426,901,657.47	426,759,404.84	2,142,252.63

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Head Code	Opn_Bal	Current_DR	Current_CR	Clas_Balance
122 7000-0-0-383-0-32-0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
122 7000-0-0-383-0-23-0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
122 7000-0-0-383-0-24-0	2,891,565.14	16,778,380.20	17,517,693.28	2,542,262.63

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122 9151-0-0-122-0-0-0	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
122 9152-0-0-122-0-0-0	543,362,805.72	-24,085,278.96	79,360.00	0.00	-520,007,681.76
122 9153-0-0-122-0-0-0	8.00	10,000.00	79,360.00	79,360.00	10,000.00
122 9160-0-0-122-0-0-0	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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CHAPTER 4

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

4.1. Performance Indicators of the Institute (Based on the Action Plan)

Table 26: 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%
Improved tourist facilities		√	
Number of youths trained in hospitality industry			√
Number of Community Homestays villages developed			√
Number of heritage sites developed			√

Source: Ministry of Tourism

4.2. Key Performance Indicators (Tourism Sector)

Table 27: Key Performance Indicators (Tourism Sector)

(Goal)		(KPI)	Year						2024	2025	2026
			2018 *	2019 *	2020 *	2021 *	2022	2023			
1	Transforming Sri Lanka in to the best tourism destination in the region	Increase tourist arrivals from 2.2 million to 4.0 million	2.33	1.91	0.5	0.19	0.71	1.43	2.0	3.0	3.8
2	Contributing to the National Economy	Increase tourism income from US\$ 3 Billion to 7 Billion	4.4	3.6	0.6	0.5	1.1	2.07	3.2	5.0	8.0
3	Creating a productive and result oriented tourism industry for the best utilization of tourism resources.	Increase tourism related foreign investment up to US\$ 3 Billion	2,955	3,781	879.94 USD	133.7 3	No of Projects received in 2022 - 42 No of rooms- 1054 Investment US\$ Mn.- 68.437	No of Projects received in 2023 - 68 No of rooms- 1950 Investment US\$ Mn.- 232.70			

4	Enhance industry professionalism	Generation of 600,000 direct & indirect employment opportunities	381,178	402,607	347,757	357,927	386,236	42,9641	0.5	0.75	0.85
5	Creating an environment to promote upscale tourism.	Increasing the tourists stays from 7 days to 12 days in the country	10.8	10.4	8.5	15.1	9.34	8.44	9.3	10.5	11.2

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

Chapter 5

PERFORMANCE OF THE ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG)

5. Performance of the achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Table 28: Indicate the Identified Respective Sustainable Developments Goals

Goal/Target/Indicator	Baseline Year / Unit	Target					
		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2030
Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all							
Target No. 8.9 By 2030, devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products							
8.9.1 Tourism direct GDP as a proportion of total GDP and in growth rate.	2018 US\$ Mn 4,381	5,040	5,260	5,480	5,700	5,920	7,020
8.9.2 (a) Proportion of jobs in sustainable tourism industries out of total tourism direct jobs.	2018 / No 169,003	194,353	202,803	211,253	219,703	228,153	270,403
8.9.2 (b) Proportion of jobs in sustainable tourism industries out of total tourism indirect jobs.	2018 / No 219,484	252,407	285,329	318,252	351,175	384,097	436,968
Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns							
Target No. 12.b Develop and implement tools to monitor sustainable development impacts for sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products							
12.b.1 Number of sustainable tourism strategies or policies and implemented action plans with agreed monitoring and evaluation tools	No	National Tourism Policy has been reviewed by the “Committee to review the National Tourism Policy” to enhancement of the policy and submitted for the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers.					
Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development							
Target No. 14.7 By 2030, increase the economic benefits to small island developing States and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism							
14.7.1 Sustainable fisheries as a proportion of GDP in small island Developing States, least developed countries and all countries.	No Data	Baseline data is not available. The Ministry is working with the relevant agencies to find suitable targets.					

Chapter 6

HUMAN RESOURCE PROFILE

6. 1. Cadre Management (as at 31.12.2024)

The approved cadre of the Ministry is 115 and the existing cadre is 79 as at 31.12.2024.

Table 29: Cadre Management (as at 31.12.2024)

Service Category	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	Vacancies/Excess
Senior	19	13	6
Tertiary	5	3	2
Secondary	69	49	20
Primary	22	14	8
Total	115	79	36

6.2. Briefly explain how the shortage of human resources has affected the performance of the institution

The existing vacancies (shortage of human resources) should be filled to discharge the functions of the Ministry efficiently.

6. 3. Progress of the Programs for Human Resource Development

Table 30: Local Training Programs

Name of the program	No. of officers trained	Name of the officer and duration of the program	Total investment (Rs.000)		Nature of the program (local/foreign)	Output/knowledge gained*
			Local	Foreign		
1. Training program on office management systems and establishment procedures	50	All officers of the Ministry 2024.06.19	Rs. 3,900		Local	Knowledge of office management systems and establishment procedures
2. Training workshop for preparing a human resource development	02	Mrs. B.A.D. Thiloshani, Ms.J.A.D.D. Jayakody			Local	Knowledge of preparing a human resource development

plan for developing human resources in the public sector		2024.09.03				plan for developing human resources in the public sector
3. Public procurement procedure	02	Mrs. S.K.A.P.R. Samarasinghe, Mrs. R.W.M.N.A. Rathnayake 2024.10.16	13,500x2 = Rs. 27,000		Local	Knowledge of Public Procurement Procedure
4. Training Program on Scientific, Economical and Safe Driving	03	Mr. K.A.S.P. Gunasiri, Mr. W.A.S. Dharmasiri, Mr. E.A.D. Nalaka, 2024.10.10	6,000x3= Rs 18,000		Local	Knowledge of Economical and Safe Driving
5. Speech Craft Training Programme	01	Mr. S.L. Naseer 2024.12.19	Rs.35,000		Local	Knowledge of Speech and Training

Source: Administration Division

Table 31: Foreign Training Programs

Name of the program	No. of employees trained	Name of the officer and duration of the program	Total Investment (Rs.000)		Nature of the program (local/foreign)	Output/ knowledge gained*
			Local	Foreign		
01. Young Diplomats' Seminar on International Relations and Diplomatic Relations	01	R.M.M.B. Kumari from 2024.04.16 to 2024.04.29			Foreign (China)	Gaining an understanding of International Communication and global studies, by analyzing the discussions in the seminar theoretically and enhancing the skills and understanding of the relationship between a country's international image and its foreign policy by analyzing and exploring the interpretation and case studies.
02 Natural Heritage Protection and Management for BRI Countries	01.	Mr. M.A.M. Anfas from 2024.05.22 to 2024.06.04			Foreign (China)	Gaining an understanding of the protection and management of natural heritage
03. Conference on Eco-tourism Development	02	Mrs. B.D.L.M. Dharmasena from 2024.07.09 to 2024.07.24 Ms. Uma Niranjana from 2024.07.09 to 2024.07.24			Foreign (China)	Gaining an understanding of the development of eco-tourism

04. Seminar on Tourism Resources Exploitation and Environmental Protection in Developing Countries	01	D.R. Kennantudawa from 2024.09.11 to 2024.09.29			Foreign (China)	Gaining an understanding of Tourism Resources Development and Environmental Protection
05. JICA Knowledge Co - Creation Program: Sustainable Tourism Development with Cultural Heritage and Local Community	01	Mrs. I.C. Wijethunga from 2024.09.25 to 2024.10.31			Foreign (Japan)	Gaining an understanding of how Sri Lanka can use the methods of enhancing tourism attraction and protecting cultural sites

Source: Administration Division

Chapter 7

COMPLIANCE REPORT

7. Compliance Report

Table 32: Compliance Report

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied/ Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Noncompliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
1	The following Financial statements/accounts have been submitted on due date			
1.1	Annual financial statements	Complied		
1.2	Advance to public officers account	Complied		
1.3	Trading and Manufacturing Advance Accounts (Commercial Advance Accounts)	-		
1.4	Stores Advance Accounts	-		
1.5	Special Advance Accounts	Complied		
1.6	Others	-		
2	Maintenance of books and registers (FR445)/			
2.1	Fixed assets register has been maintained and update in terms of Public Administration Circular 267/2018	Complied		
2.2	Personal emoluments register/ Personal emoluments cards have been maintained and update	Complied		
2.3	Register of Audit queries has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.4	Register of Internal Audit reports has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.5	All the monthly account summaries (CIGAS) are prepared and submitted to the Treasury on due date	Complied		
2.6	Register for cheques and money orders has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.7	Inventory register has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.8	Stocks Register has been maintained and update	Complied		

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied/ Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Noncompliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
2.9	Register of Losses has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.10	Commitment Register has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.11	Register of Counterfoil Books (GA – N20) has been maintained and update	Complied		
03	Delegation of functions for financial control (FR 135)			
3.1	The financial authority has been delegated within the institute	Complied		
3.2	The delegation of financial authority has been communicated within the institute	Complied		
3.3	The authority has been delegated in such manner so as to pass each transaction through two or more officers	Complied		
3.4	The controls have 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	Complied		
4	Preparation of Annual Plans			
4.1	The annual action plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.2	The annual procurement plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.3	The annual Internal Audit plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.4	The annual estimate has been prepared and submitted to the NBD on due date	Complied		
4.5	The annual cash flow has been submitted to the Treasury Operations Department on time	Complied		
5	Audit queries			
5.1	All the audit queries have been replied within the specified time by the Auditor General	Complied		

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	Complied		
6.2	All the internal audit reports have been replied within one month	Complied		
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 Audit Act No. 19 of 2018	Complied		
6.4	All the copies of internal audit reports have been submitted to the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(3)	Complied		
7	Audit and Management Committee			
7.1	Minimum 04 meetings of the Audit and Management Committee has been held during the year as per the DMA Circular 1-2019	Complied		
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 07 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017	Complied		
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	Complied		
8.3	The boards of survey were conducted and the relevant reports submitted to the Auditor General on due date in terms of Public Finance Circular No.05/2016	Complied		
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	Complied		
8.5	The disposal of condemn articles had been carried out in terms of FR 772	Complied		

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	Complied		
9.2	The condemned vehicles had been disposed of within a period of less than 6 months after condemning	Complied		
9.3	The vehicle logbooks had been maintained and updated	Complied		
9.4	The action has been taken in terms of F.R. 103, 104, 109 and 110 with regard to every vehicle accident	Complied		
9.5	The fuel consumption of vehicles has been re-tested in terms of the provisions of Paragraph 3.1 of the Public Administration Circular No. 30/2016 of 29.12.2016	Complied		
9.6	The absolute ownership of the leased vehicle log books have been transferred after the lease term	N/A		
10	Management of Bank Accounts			
10.1	The bank reconciliation statements had been prepared, got certified and made ready for audit by the due date	Complied		
10.2	The dormant accounts that had existed in the year under review or since previous years settled	-		
10.3	The action had been taken in terms of Financial Regulations regarding balances that had been disclosed through bank reconciliation statements and for which adjustments had to be made, and had those balances been settled within one month	Complied		
11	Utilization of Provisions			
11.1	The provisions allocated had been spent without exceeding the limit	Complied		
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year as per the FR94(1)	Complied		
12	Advances to Public Officers Account			
12.1	The limits had been complied with	Complied		
12.2	A time analysis had been carried out on the loans in arrears	Complied		
12.3	The loan balances in arrears for over one year had been settled	Complied		

13	General Deposit Account			
13.1	The action had been taken as per F.R.571 in relation to disposal of lapsed deposits	Complied		
13.2	The control registers for general deposits had been updated and maintained	Complied		
14	Imprest Account			
14.1	The balance in the cash book at the end of the year under review remitted to TOD	Complied		
14.2	The ad-hoc sub imprests issued as per F.R. 371 settled within one month from the completion of the task	Complied		
14.3	The ad-hoc sub imprests had not been issued exceeding the limit approved as per F.R.371	Complied		
14.4	The balance of the imprest account had been reconciled with the Treasury book smoothly	Complied		
15	Revenue Account			
15.1	The refunds from the revenue had been made in terms of the regulations	-		
15.2	The revenue collection had been directly credited to the revenue account without credited to the deposit account	Complied		
15.3	Returns of arrears of revenue forward to the Auditor General in terms of FR 176	-		
16	Human Resource Management			
16.1	The staff had been paid within the approved cadre	Complied		
16.2	All members of the staff have been issued a duty list in writing	Complied		
16.3	All reports have been submitted to MSD in terms of their circular no.04/2017 dated 20.09.2017	Complied		
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	Complied		
17.2	Information about the institution to the public have been provided by Website or	Complied		

	alternative measures and has it been 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	Complied		
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	Complied		
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	Complied		
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.	Complied		
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	Complied		
19.3	Annual performance agreements have been signed for the entire staff based on the format in Annexure 01 of the aforesaid Circular	Complied		
19.4	A senior officer was appointed and assigned the responsibility of preparing the human resource development plan, organizing capacity building programs and conducting skill development programs as per paragraph No.6.5 of the aforesaid Circular	Complied		
20	Responses Audit Paras			
20.1	The shortcomings pointed out in the audit paragraphs issued by the Auditor General for the previous years have been rectified	Complied		

