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Serial No.	Observation	Answers for the Observation / Current Status
01.	Progress in implementing the recommendations contained in the Interim Report tabled in Parliament on 23.11.2016 by the Sub Committee of the Committee on Public Accounts for the purpose of growing government revenue using information technology systems.	A project has been approved by the Ministry of Digital Economy to integrate the existing systems in various institutions in a comprehensive manner in line with the digital economic strategy of the Government. Under this project which is known as the National Data Exchange, it is expected to connect all the data systems together and to increase the efficiency through a centralized platform. There, priority will be given to the institutions that primarily collect revenue and the advantages of the existing systems of such institutions will be developed and revenue collection will thereby be developed through this digital circle. It is scheduled to be implemented this project by integrating the main revenue collecting institutions by the Second Quarter of the year 2026.
02.	The Committee paid its attention on the need of implementing expeditiously the digital National Identity Card used to integrate the data systems of Public institutions.	The Department for Registration of Persons is exchanging the Departmental data with 15 Public Institutions and 89 Semi-governmental, Financial and Private Institutions even at present. Furthermore, the Department for Registration of Persons has

		obtained the data exchange facility of 03 external Public Institutions for its functions. (Registrar General's Department, Department of Immigration and Emigration and Election Commission) Additionally, in a background where the Cabinet approval has been granted to carry out future action for a wide area beyond an identity of citizen under the overall digital economic strategy of the government utilizing the Indian Funds as a single project since January 2026 onwards instead of both the eNIC and SLUDI projects, related activities are being coordinated. The Joint Project Steering Committee has been established officially updating the Memorandum of Understanding for SLUDI between the Government of India and the Government of Sri Lanka in the month of April 2025 and since the Commissioner General for Registration of Persons is a permanent member, it is possible to optimize the practical usage of Digital Identity Card to integrate data systems of Public Institutions in the new technological / legal environment which contains DPI Management, Centralized Data Exchange and Data Protection laws.
03.	When government institutions are digitalized, it was revealed before the Committee meeting that it is difficult to attract the human resources required to maintain the integrated data systems with the salary structure available in the Government Information Technology Service.	Implementation of a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) Programme which covers all sectors under a broader arrangement regarding the facts mentioned herein has been initiated as per the Digital Economic Strategy of the new

		Government. The Ministry of Digital Economy takes action to make aware all sectors of the government about this Programme. Under the same, necessary action is being taken regarding the facts mentioned herein.
04.	The concept of Connected Government expected to be created by connecting the data systems of such institutions	Creating the Connected Government is a key task of the Digital Economic Strategy of the new Government. For the purpose, major projects such as the Lanka Government Network, Lanka Government Cloud, Sri Lanka National Unique Digital Identity Card, and National Data Exchange are being implemented under the development of the digital infrastructure facility of the Government. The facility provided by these projects is to connect the data systems of all Public Institutions through the National Data Exchange. Work of these projects has already begun and the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank have agreed to provide technology and credit facilities.
05.	Department for Registration of Persons	About 8.5 million digitally available data based on the established data and about 16 million non-digital data are available in the Department for Registration of Persons. The Department exchanges the data with 15 Public Institutions and 89 Semi-government and private institutions through the NIC Lookup web service introduced by the Institute of Information and Communication Technology. The Department also exchanges the aforesaid data with 02 Public Institutions and 12 Semi-government,

		Financial and Private institutions through the Application Programming Interface (API) service. As the Department for Registration of Persons has been recommended by the Cabinet of Ministers as a critical information infrastructure facility related Public institution which shall have to be included in the National Cyber Security Operations Centre (NCSOC), which is a project of the Sri Lanka CERT Institute, greater attention is being paid to the security required for all digital services of the Department.
06.	Observations of the Committee	The Department of Information Technology Management has already issued a Circular containing instructions to take measures to include the National Identity Card Number, Taxpayer Identification Number and Passport Number for foreigners as general Codes in integrating the data systems. Action is being taken on other facts in accordance with the digital economic strategy of the new Government. It may be pointed out that necessary action is taken on the facts mentioned herein by establishing the State Digital Infrastructure Facility under the same.

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