ආයතනයේ නම : නාගරික සංවර්ධන හා නිවාස අමාත්‍යාංශය

පාර්ලිමේන්තුවේ රජයේ ගිණුම් පිළිබඳ කාරක සභාව විසින් සභාගත කරන ලද වාර්තා සම්බන්ධයෙන් ස්ථාවර නියෝග අංක 119(4) යටතේ ගරු අමාත්‍යවරයාගේ නිරීක්ෂණ හා ගනු ලබන පියවර පාර්ලිමේන්තුව වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කිරීම.

நிறுவனத்தின் பெயர் - நகர அபிவிருத்தி மற்றும் வீடமைப்பு அமைச்சு

பாராளுமன்றத்தின் அரசாங்கக் கணக்குகள் மீதான குழுவினால் சமர்ப்பிக்கப்பட்ட அறிக்கைகள் தொடர்பாக நிலையியற் கட்டளை 119(4) இன் கீழ் கௌரவ அமைச்சரினால் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்ட அவதானிப்புகள் மற்றும் நடவடிக்கைகளை பாராளுமன்றத்திற்கு சமர்ப்பித்தல்.

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Part One:

Serial No.	Lapses identified by the committee	Measures taken by the ministry for rectification and present status
01.	Inventory was not maintained on an up-to-date basis.	Main inventory and divisional inventories are being updated and maintained.
02.	Register of Risk was not maintained on an up-to-date basis.	The Register of Risk is being updated and maintained.
03.	Answers had not been sent to all the audit queries of the Auditor General within one month of receiving such audit queries	In this regard, the following arrangements have been made to submit the audit-related replies within a month. Accordingly, identifying the divisions and officers relevant to the audit observations and directing those to relevant divisions within a week. Making arrangements with relevant officers and divisions for obtaining replies regarding audit observations in 2-3 weeks. During the fourth week, the provided explanations and comments are compared with the relevant observations, and if any differences are found, responses are gathered again, and the final answers are submitted for the Secretary's signature. It is informed that there are challenges in comparing this methodology with certain audit observations. However, steps have been taken to provide answers to all audit queries within a month.
04.	There had been instances where internal audit queries had not been answered within a period of 1 month.	The Heads of respective Divisions have been instructed to provide answers to the internal audit queries submitted relevant to the Divisions within 01 month. Follow-up activities have been carried out and measures have been taken to rectify the existing deficiencies.
05.	An internal audit programme had not been prepared at the beginning of the year after consulting the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(2)	At the start of each year, the internal audit program is prepared, approved at the first audit management committee meeting, and then implemented
06.	Documents to confirm ownership of all vehicles were not in possession.	During the verification of ownership of all the vehicles within the ministry, it was observed that

		1. Vehicles under the Ministry's name. 2. Vehicles belonging to the Ministry but not bearing the current Ministry name as the owner's name on the registration certificate 3. Vehicles owned by other institutions, that do not belong to the Ministry Accordingly, having done a re-review on vehicle ownership, arrangements have already been taken promptly; 1. to amend ownership of the vehicles belonging to the Ministry, but requiring amendment to reflect the current Ministry's name as the owner, and 2. vest in the vehicles that do not belong to the ministry but belong to the external institutes.
07.	The emblem of the state had not been painted on all pool vehicles.	It has been planned to take immediate measures to paint the state emblem on the vehicles belonging to the ministry.
08.	Condemned vehicles had not been disposed of within a period of less than 8 months after condemning.	There aren't any such condemned vehicles by the year 2022.
09.	Log books on all vehicles were not maintained on up to date basis.	The subject officers have been instructed to update the log books of the vehicles. Accordingly, arrangements have been made to keep the log books up-to-date.
10.	Actions had not been taken on accidents that occurred to motor vehicles owned by the government as per the Financial Regulations.	Although action is being taken according to Financial Regulations (F.R.) regarding accidents, it has been observed that the said process has been delayed due to some external factors. Therefore, officials have been instructed to handle accidents properly and to report and seek advice when difficulties arise. Additionally, steps are being planned to ensure that accidents are dealt with promptly in the future.
11.	Consequent to the utilization of provisions allocated for a vote as per FR 94(1), liabilities were exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year.	For the project implemented within a single year, obligations are made only within the provisions allocated for the year. However, if projects are implemented for several years, obligation advances are arranged to cover the total project cost, with necessary provisions made annually.
12.	The balances in arrears exceeding 1 year had not been settled.	The distress loan balance of Mrs. D.L.N.S.K. Jayasinghe, who had been suspended from 29.06.2011, was Rs. 116,689.75 as at 31.12.2022, and after making payments in

		instalments, that loan balance is Rs. 114,689.75. This officer was acquitted of all charges and she had been reinstated in service on 01.08.2024. Therefore, there is the ability to recover outstanding loan balance. The balance of Mr. M.L.M. Anser, who had vacated the post, was Rs. 33,050.00 as at 31.12.2022, and this loan balance had been completely settled on 26.04.2024.
13.	The ad hoc sub-imprests issued as per F.R. 371 had not been settled within one month from the completion of the task.	Measures had been taken to settle the ad hoc interim imprests as soon as the completion of the relevant task.
14.	The staff had been recruited/attached exceeding the approved limits	staff had not been recruited exterior to the approved cadre.

Part Two

Serial No.	Lapses identified by the committee	Measures taken by the ministry for rectification and present status
01.	The website that is maintained by the institution does not provide an opportunity for the public to lodge complaints or to give commendations.	The Ministry's official website, www.moudh.gov.lk, is updated daily. A link has been added to the website for submitting comments and suggestions.
02.	The citizen/ client charter had not been prepared or applied properly as per circular number 05/2008 of the Ministry of Public Administration and Management dated 06.02.2008 as amended by circular No. 05/2018(1) dated 24.01.2018.	Although a client charter was prepared by gathering information from each Division at that time, it was not made public due to the frequent changes in ministries. Currently, a client charter has been prepared and published on the Ministry's website.
03.	A methodology had not been formulated to monitor and evaluate the application of citizen/ client charter by the institution.	Methodologies have been prepared for monitoring and evaluating client charters that have been already published.
04.	A human resource plan drafted in keeping with the provisions of public administration Circular No 02/2018 dated 24th January 2018 was not available.	A human resource development plan has been prepared according to circular provisions.
05.	The human resource development plan that had been prepared, did not	As per human resource plan prepared has been More than 50% were guaranteed a training

	opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for more than 50% of the member of the staff.	
06.	Performance agreements covering the entire staff had not been drafted or entered.	Relevant to this period, it was implemented as the State Ministry of Urban Development, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness, and performance agreements had been prepared and entered into for all the staff of the said state ministry.
07.	A senior officer of the institution had not been named for the preparation of human resource development plans and to implement capacity and skill development programmes.	Senior Assistant Secretary Mrs.M.A. Ranawaka had been nominated to prepare Human Resource Development Plans and to implement capacity and skill development programs.
08.	Out of the training opportunities planned, the extent of training opportunities granted was less than 50%.	Due to the crisis that prevailed in the country at that time and the instructions regarding cost control, it was not possible to implement the training programs as included in the Human Resources Development Plan.
09.	The audit opinion about the accounts of the institution had been a qualified opinion/disclaimed opinion/ an unfavourable opinion.	A qualified opinion on the accounts has been given by the Auditor General. Accordingly, it has been planned to investigate and correct the issues that have affected it.
10.	All public officers had not submitted their declarations of assets and liabilities.	All the officials have been informed in writing. 16 declarations of assets and liabilities for the year 2023 have been submitted as at 31.05.2023.

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