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ආයතනයේ නම - ඉඩම් අමාත්‍යාංශය, ඉඩම් කොමසාරිස් ජනරාල් දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව, මිනින්දෝරු දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව, ඉඩම් හිමිකම් නිරවුල් කිරීමේ දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව, ඉඩම් පරිහරණ ප්‍රතිපත්ති සැලසුම් දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව

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

பாராளுமன்ற அமர்வு இலக்கம் -79

நிறுவனத்தின் பெயர் -

காணி அமைச்சு, காணி ஆணையாளர் திணைக்களம், நில அளவைத் திணைக்களம், காணி உரித்து நிர்ணயத் திணைக்களம், காணி உபயோகத் திட்டமிடல் திணைக்களம்.

பொதுக் கணக்குகளுக்கான பாராளுமன்றத்தின் குழுவினால் பாராளுமன்றத்தில் சமர்ப்பிக்கப்பட்ட அறிக்கைகள் தொடர்பில் நிலையியற் கட்டளை இல.119 (4) இன் கீழ் நிறுவனத்துக்குப் பொறுப்பு வகிக்கும் கௌரவ அமைச்சரினால் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்ட அவதானங்கள் மற்றும் நடவடிக்கைகள் ஆகியவற்றைச் சமர்ப்பித்தல்.

Parliament Session No.-79

Name of the institution – Ministry of Lands, Land commissioner General's Department, Servey Department of Sri Lanka, Land Title Settlement Department, Department of Land Use Policy Planning

Submission of the observations and steps Taken by the Hon. Minister in charge of the institute under the standing order No'119(4) related to the reports tabled into the parliament by the committee of Public Accounts (COPA) to the parliament.

Presentation of observations and actions taken regarding the report submitted to Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts in terms of Standing Order No. 119(4).

Parliament Session No.-79

Name of the institution – Ministry of Lands

Weaknesses and shortcomings identified by the Committee	Corrective actions / Current situation
First part 90.00	
Responses were not provided within a month for every audit inquiry submitted by the Auditor General. Instances where responses were not provided within a month for internal audit inquiries were reported. There were outstanding loan balances for more than a year.	Measures have been taken to prevent this situation, and responses to audit inquiries are being provided properly. The existing loan balances have now been settled and since the pension of an officer who retired due to medical reasons will be processed in 2029, only that loan balance remains outstanding.
Second part 90.00	
The number of training opportunities provided through planned training sessions was at a level below 50%.	Although a training plan was prepared for the year 2022, due to travel restrictions imposed because of the COVID-19 virus outbreak during 2022, it was not possible to conduct all the planned training programmes within that year. Moreover, due to the economic crisis that occurred that year, it was necessary to limit expenditures and therefore it was not possible to assign officers to training opportunities according to the expected schedule. However, at present, in accordance with the annually prepared training plan, paying attention to the provisions of the National Budget Circular 01/2024 and based on the approved provisions, officers are being assigned to training opportunities in a manner that covers all services in the Land Division.

Submission of observations and steps taken with regard to the report presented to the Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts in terms of Standing Order No. 119(4)

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Name of the Institution: Land Commissioner General's Department

No.	Shortcomings identified by the Committee	Current status of the action taken to rectify the shortcomings
1.	Failure to provide a response to an audit inquiry submitted by the Auditor General within one month	In instances where the information necessary to respond to certain audit queries must be obtained from Inter Provincial offices or other external institutions, additional time is required. Consequently, the period needed to provide comprehensive responses may exceed one month. In such cases, formal written requests have been submitted to the Auditor General seeking extensions of time to furnish the required information. Furthermore, instructions have been issued to the relevant divisions and officers to expedite the preparation and submission of responses to the Auditor General's audit queries. (Annexure 01)
2.	Failure to provide answers to internal audit queries within a month	All divisions of the Department have been instructed to submit their responses to audit queries within the stipulated time frame.
3.	The recommendations regarding surpluses, shortages and other recommendations revealed by the Annual Board of Survey have not been implemented within the stipulated time frame.	The F.R. 104(1) report and F.R. 109 orders concerning shortages have been obtained, and arrangements are being made to obtain the necessary provisions for write-offs. The recommendations relating to surpluses have been implemented.
4.	Condemned vehicles were not disposed of within a period of less than 08 months after condemning.	These vehicles have now been disposed of.
5.	Action had not been taken in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulations in relation to accidents involving government vehicles.	The proceedings related to vehicle accidents have been completed in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulations.
6.	Liabilities exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year had been taken on in terms of F.R 94 (1)	Such situations have been rectified, and currently, no liabilities have been incurred in excess of the remaining provision limits.
7.	Outstanding loan balances have remained unsettled for more than one year.	**Retired Officers:** • G.G. Martin – Rs. 19,940/- waived off. • R.A. Godakanda – Rs. 72,983/- recovered from gratuity. **Interdicted Officers:** • U.W. Thennakoon – Rs. 16,495/- fully paid. • D. Pushpakumara – Rs. 177,080.44/- being recovered in

		instalments. • A.A. Munasinghe – Rs. 35,424.00 recovery completed. • A.G. Liyanage – Rs. 79,650 remains outstanding out of Rs. 116,800.
8.	Action had not been taken as per F.R.571 in relation to dormant accounts.	There are currently no dormant accounts.
9.	The ad hoc sub imprests issued as per F.R. 371 had not been settled within one month from the completion of the task.	The relevant officials have been formally notified in writing and instructed to take necessary measures to prevent a recurrence of such situations.
10.	Recruitment of staff has been carried out in excess of the approved limits.	Staff is recruited only within the approved limit.
11.	The Citizen/Client Charter has not been properly prepared in accordance with Circular No. 08/2008 dated 06.02.2008 of the Ministry of Public Administration and Management, as amended by Circular No. 05/2018(1) dated 24.01.2018.	The Citizen/Client Charter has been prepared, and measures have been taken to display it starting from 01.01.2026.
12.	A mechanism has not been established within the institution to monitor or evaluate the implementation of the Citizen/Client Charter.	The Citizen/Client Charter has been prepared, and measures have been taken to display it starting from 01.01.2026.
13.	A human resource plan, prepared in accordance with the provisions of Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018 dated 24th January 2018, was not available.	The human resource plan has been prepared in 2023.
14.	The prepared human resource development plan did not ensure a minimum training opportunity of at least 12 hours per year for more than 50% of the staff members.	Due to budgetary constraints in line with the circulars on cost/expenditure control, only a limited number of training programs could be conducted. Measures have been initiated to revise the human resource development plan to ensure that, from 2026 onwards, more than 50% of the staff receives at least 12 hours of training per year.
15.	Performance agreements have not been prepared and signed for all staff members.	Signed for all staff
16.	A senior officer of the institution had not been named for the preparation of human resource development plans and to implement capacity and skill	S. A. N. M. Siriwardhana - Land Commissioner (Administration)

	development programs.	
17.	The number of training opportunities provided was at a level below 50% of the planned training opportunities.	Due to insufficient funding for staff training and capacity development, only a limited number of training programs were conducted. From this year onwards, training opportunities have been provided to more than 50% of the staff.
18.	Audit opinion on the accounts of the institution, qualified opinion / disclaimer opinion / adverse opinion	Qualified opinion

Submission of observations and actions taken with regard to the report tabled to the Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts in terms of the Standing Order No. 119 (4).	
Shortcomings by the committee	**Measures taken to rectify / current status**
Part one : 88.00	
01. The passwords related to the Government Payroll Software had not been changed once every three months in terms of the State Accounts Circular No. 171/2004 dated 11.05.2024.	Steps have been taken to change the password of the GPS-PAYROLL software at the head office of the Survey Department once every three months.
02. Every audit query submitted by the Auditor General had not been answered within a month	Although such delays in providing answers to audit queries have not occurred, certain delays have arisen in obtaining responses from the divisional offices through the Additional Surveyor General (Field), the Provincial Surveyor General, and the District Senior Superintendent of Surveys in auditing divisional offices.
03. Cases of failure to answer to internal audit queries within month are reported.	More than a month of period has not been taken to answer for every internal audit query and since information from divisional offices should be obtained to answer certain audit queries, some delay has occurred for that purpose.
04. Recommendations on surpluses and shortages revealed in the annual stores verification have not been implemented within the specified time frame.	Since the department has 189 offices, 545 Government surveyors, 10 Circuit Bungalows and 03 Institutes of Surveying and Mapping (a total of 747 ledgers) and since a large number of items specific to this department (with a large number of instruments) issued to the same offices and the officials are available, although issuance of clearances was delayed since much time was spent inspecting all of them and preparing letters, by now, all the office and government surveyors have been issued clearances.
05. A vehicle had not been disposed in less than 8 months of its condemnation.	Coordination of vehicle disposal activities in institutions spread island wide including the Divisional Survey Offices of the department is carried out by the head office and officers from other institutions are also required to participate for same committees. Here, since the process of appointing the valuation boards, obtaining approval from the ministry, cancellation of registration of vehicles, calling for bids, etc.is required to carry out under several steps, although there was some delay, action is being taken to expedite this task through the Provincial Surveyor General's committee meetings and reminders and byimmediately appointing new members to replace the members of other institutions who are not

	participating to the committee. Accordingly, further steps have been taken to achieve the specified performance indicator targets
06. Outstanding loan balances persisting for more than a year were observed.	Of theoutstanding loan balance that was in the year 2022, an amount of Rs.2,215,713.48 has been settled. The outstanding loan balance which currently being recovered is Rs.780, 527.97. Action is being taken to recover outstanding loan balance of Rs.1,363,726.25. The outstanding loan balance under action for write off is Rs.502,126.00.
Part Two :**97.00**	
07. The number of training opportunities provided was at a level of less than 50%. of those planned.	Amount of provisions received for trainings in year 2022 was Rs.8, 378,292.02 and of this amount, provisions of Rs.2, 962,437.08 remained. The percentage spent on trainings is 65%.

Submitting the observations and actions taken in relation to the report presented to the parliament by the Committee On Public Accounts in terms of Standing Order No.119(4)

Parliament Session Number: 79

Name of the institute: Land Title Settlement Department

Weaknesses /deficiencies identified by the committee	**Actions taken to rectify / current situation**
Replies had not been forwarded to the audit queries of the Auditor General and internal audit queries within one month.	Although there were instances that unable to provide replies within one month for audit queries as necessary information have to obtain from the Regional offices of the Department, action is taken to provide replies within one month whenever possible .
Failure to inform to the Comptroller General's Office by appointing a suitable officer for coordinating the implementation of the provisions of the circular in terms of paragraph 13 of the Assets Management Circular No.1/2017 dated 26.06.2017 .	An officer has been nominated and informed to the Comptroller General's office in the year 2024.
Letters of confirming the ownership of all the vehicles are not in possession.	Ownership of 39 vehicles out of 40 vehicles owned by the department is with the department. Other vehicle is owned by the World Food and Agriculture Organization. Relevant documents for transferring of the same vehicle to this department have been handed over by now.
A vehicle which was condemned had not been disposed at a period of less than 8 months.	Disposal had been carried out on 11.10.2024
Non maintaining of log books in an updated manner for every vehicle.	Log books of the all vehicles owned by the department have been updated by now.
In terms of FR 94(1), except where otherwise provided for, commitment was incurred exceed such provision for the end of the year.	Commitment has not been incurred to exceed the provisions from the year 2024 and noted to consider on that matter in the future.
Existence of outstanding loan balances from the period more than one year.	Actions will be taken to recover the outstanding loan balances from the pensions gratuity of the officers who retired and two officers who were suspended from the service have been reinstated by the Ministry of Public Administration ,Provincial Councils and Local Government by now and action will be taken to recover the outstanding loan balances after

	reported to the duty. Disciplinary action of other officer who was suspended from the service has not been completed and recommendation has been granted to reinstate an officer who was vacation of post.
In terms of FR 371, ad-hoc imprest issued had not been settled within one month immediately after the completion of the purpose for which it is granted	There are instances exceeding one month period in the settlement of ad-hoc imprest granted for Regional offices. However, if such balance amount existed , those are credited to the bank account of the department immediately after the completion of the purpose. Therefore, action taken to settle those imprests within one month period whenever possible.
Non-maintaining of registers for clarifying the actions taken for documentation of the complaints on non providing of information requested .	A register has been maintained properly by now.
The Citizen/Clients Charter as per Circular No.05/2008 and dated 06.02.2008 of the Ministry of Public Administration and Management , amended by the Circular No.05/2008(1) and dated 24.01.2018 , had not been prepared properly and not implemented. A methodology to supervise or evaluation of implementation of the Citizen/Clients Charter of the institution, had not been prepared.	Citizen/Clients Charter has been properly prepared for all Regional offices of the Department and established it to display for the general public. As such, its implementation was supervised by the Deputy/Assistant Commissioners of the Regional offices and Assistant Commissioners of the Head Office
Properly prepared Human Resource Plan as per the provisions of the Public Administration circular No.02/2018 and dated 24 January 2018 has not been prepared. Training opportunity not less than 12 hours at least per year for more than 50 per cent personnel from the staff has not been confirmed by the Human Resource Plan prepared.	Human Resource Plan has been prepared by now and training programmes have been provided for the officers to be trained according to the training plan.
Performance Agreement has not been prepared including whole staff and not entered to the agreement.	Preparation of Performance Agreement has been revoked by the Public Administration Circular No.2/2018(i) and dated 30.11.2023.
A senior officer has not been nominated in the institution for the preparation of Human Resource Development Plans and implementation of capacity and skill development programmes.	A senior officer of the department has been nominated regarding that matter and informed to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government.
Out of the training opportunities planned, the existence of training opportunities granted, was less than 50%.	Training programmes are being conducted by now for the staff of all positions by selecting as regional office level and head office for training opportunities of statutory trainings

	and capacity development trainings.
Assets and liabilities statements of all the officers had not been submitted.	All staff officers have submitted Assets and liabilities statements as at due date by now.

Submission of observations and actions takenregarding the report submitted to Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts in accordance with Standing Order No. 119(4)

Parliament Session No.: 79

Name of Institution: Department of Land Use Policy Planning – 2022

Serial Number	Weaknesses / deficiencies identified by the Committee	Actions taken for rectification / Current status
01	Letters confirming ownership of all vehicles are not available in the file. The logbooks for each vehicle have not been maintained on an updated basis.	All vehicles of the Department are registered under the Director General. The log books of each vehicle have been properly updated.
02	The number of training opportunities provided was less than 50% of the planned training opportunities.	Planned training programs have been conducted achieving 100% coverage.

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