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the reports tabled by the Committee on Public Accounts in terms of**

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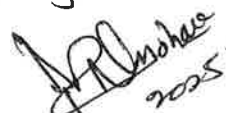
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Se. No.	Deficiencies Identified by the Committee	Current Situation and Measures Taken to Rectify the Deficiencies
01	The Accounting Officer stated that tax collection within the Colombo Municipal Council has been carried out through a computerized system since the year 2000, and that revenue collection has been conducted through an online system since 2014. At present, approximately LKR 1 billion in revenue is being collected through the online system. The Accounting Officer further informed the Committee of the Colombo Municipal Council that, under financial assistance provided by the Korea International Co-operation Agency (KOICA), an amount of USD 8 million has been received to establish a system for the collection of tax revenue. Under this project, arrangements are being made to collect stamp duty revenue, assessment tax, business tax, and business licence revenue through the online system.	Regarding the project for establishing a revenue collection system at the Colombo Municipal Council (<i>Establish of IT Master Plan on Tax Administration and Implementation of E-Tax System for Colombo Municipal Council</i>), the Korea International Co-operation Agency (KOICA), the Colombo Municipal Council, the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, and the Department of External Resources jointly signed the Record of Discussion (ROD) for the project on 03 July 2025. It is further informed that the subsequent activities of this project are scheduled to be carried out after the KOICA representatives visit the Colombo Municipal Council.
02	The Accounting Officer stated that when local government institutions collect court-imposed fines, the related records of such fines are examined and documented, and thereafter, the fines are obtained from the Provincial Revenue Department once they are certified by the court. The Committee observed that there is no formal mechanism for transferring court fines directly to local government institutions. Accordingly, the Committee recommended to the Chief Accounting Officer / Accounting Officer that a direct mechanism be established, integrating the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs, the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government, the Ministry of Justice,	Officers of the Colombo Municipal Council prepare the supporting documents for the Magistrate's Courts of Maligakanda, Kotuwa, and Aluthkade, which handle fines payable to the Colombo Municipal Council. These prepared documents are then forwarded to the Provincial Revenue Department, after which the amounts related to these documents are remitted to our office by the Municipal Council. At present, this procedure continues to operate in the same manner. The Committee on Public Accounts has identified the institutions that need to be involved in establishing a formal mechanism to transfer court-imposed fines directly to local government institutions, namely the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs, the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government, the Ministry of Justice,

Prison Affairs, and Constitutional Reforms, and the provincial local government ministries, to calculate tax revenues such as assessment taxes, fines, and stamp duty within local government institutions. Furthermore, the Committee recommended to the Core Technical Committee to take steps to involve the Ministry of Justice, Prison Affairs, and Constitutional Reforms in the next meeting. The Committee on Public Accounts also emphasized that the Ministry of Justice, Prison Affairs, and Constitutional Reforms should be informed regarding this matter.	Prison Affairs, and Constitutional Reforms, and the provincial local government ministries. It is proposed that the establishment of such direct mechanisms should be undertaken under the leadership of the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs.
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