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Shortcomings and guidance Highlighted by the Public Accounts Committee	Steps taken by the Accounting officer	Present Progress
Part 1: 95.00		
The balances in arrears exceeding 1 year had not been settled	I acknowledge that there has been an outstanding debt balance for more than a year.	The overdue loan balances that could not be recovered have been written off. I will take steps to recover the remaining outstanding loan balances.
The revenue collected had not been directly credited to the revenue or not been remitted to the Revenue account within a period less than one month having maintained them in the deposit account.	I will act in accordance with the relevant circulars and instructions regarding revenue collection and accounting.	I will act in accordance with circular instructions and guidelines with special supervision
Part 2 : 83.00		
District Housing Committee had not been convened monthly.	In the year 2023, the District Housing Committee met on 28.03.2023, 22.09.2023 and 23.10.2023	At present, the District Housing Committee is conducted according to circular instructions
District Fertilizer Coordinating Committee had not been convened monthly.	Due to the economic crisis in the country, there was a shortage of fertilizer. To prevent this, I would like to kindly inform you that limited institutions such as the Ministry of Defense and the Department of Fertilizer Development have joined forces and held online fertilizer committees	Currently, two fertilizer committees have been held each year.

District Price Regulation Committee meetings had not been held monthly.	The District Pricing Committee has met twice in the year 2023. The dates are 10.04.2023, 01.11.2023. Accordingly, the circular instructions have been followed.	At present, District Price Determination Committees will be held in accordance with circulars and instructions.
A methodology had not been formulated to monitor and evaluate the application of citizen/ client charter by the institution.	In the year 2023, the institution's Citizen / client charter was prepared and displayed to the public. I acknowledge that its implementation was not monitored or evaluated in the year 2023	I would like to kindly inform you that at present, citizen / client charter monitoring and evaluation are being carried out and actions are being taken in accordance with the circular instructions.
The human resource development plan that had been prepared, did not ensure at least a minimum training opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for more than 50% of the member of the staff.	Due to the economic crisis prevailing in the country in 2023, training programs could not be held. That is, they could not be reached as stated in the observations.	Since 2024, the Human Resources Plan has provided training opportunities of at least 12 hours to more than 50% of the staff. Accordingly, I would like to kindly inform you that training activities will be carried out so that each officer will receive two days of training opportunities during the year.
Performance agreements covering the entire staff had not been drafted or entered	I accept the observations shown	It has been notified that the performance agreement is no longer required in accordance with Public Administration circular 02/2018(1)
The audit opinion about the accounts of the institution had been a qualified opinion/disclaimed opinion/ an unfavorable opinion.	I acknowledge that I have provided a qualified opinion on the annual financial statements of the Colombo District Secretariat.	I act in accordance with the audit observations and circulars and guidelines, with the intention of obtaining a clean opinion on the annual financial statements of the Colombo District Secretariat.
Performance aims had not been submitted by the due date.	I accept the observations shown	I will take note of the observations made and work to correct them.
District and Divisional Narcotic Prevention Committee had not been held once in each quarter.	There was a vacancy for a Development Officer in relation to drug prevention activities in the year 2023. Furthermore, due to the economic crisis, it was not	Currently, District and Regional Drug Prevention Committee meetings are held once a quarter.

	possible to perform the duties as usual. Therefore, it was not possible to hold drug prevention committees	
District Land Utilization Committee meetings had not been held at least once in each quarter.	The District Land Utilization committee of the year 2023 was held on 25.05.2023 and 22.09.2023	I will take note of the observations made and work to correct them
In terms of Sri Lanka Disaster Management Act bearing No.13 of 2005, Disaster Management Committee meetings had not been held.	I accept the observations shown	Will act in accordance with the Sri Lanka Disaster Management Act No. 13 of 2005, held on 24.04.2026 in the year 2026.
District Environmental Committee had not been convened at least once in two months.	The District Environment Committee was held on 08.03.2023, 24.05.2023, 19.07.2023, 22.09.2023, and 16.11.2023	I will take note of the observations made and work to correct them

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Recommendation of the Secretary

Measures taken by the District Secretary are recommended and instructions have been given to District Secretaries to pay personal attention on the other shortcomings pointed out and to take corrective measures regarding them.



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Recommendation of the Minister and the Action Taken

Instruction have been given by me to the Ministry Secretary to take necessary steps by paying special attention on the instructions given to the District Secretary by the Committee on Public Accounts, to ensure that such shortcomings may not occur again and it is expected that the such measures would enable the provable level to reach the optimum level within the year 2026.



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