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ආයතනයේ නම - දිස්ත්‍රික් ලේකම් කාර්යාලය-ගාල්ල

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  
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නිරුචනත්තීන් පෙයර් : කාලි මාවඳ්ඳ් සෙයලකම්

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Name of the institution -District Secretariat Galle

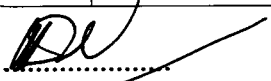
Submission of observations of the Hon. Minister in charge of the  
institutions and steps taken with regard to the reports tabled by the  
Committee on Public Accounts in terms of Standing Order No.119(4)

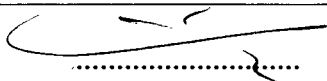
| Shortcomings identified by the report (2023).                                                            | Actions taken by the Institution to rectify the Shortcomings / Current Status.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                             |                                        |                          |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Part One</b>                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                             |                                        |                          |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| There had been instances where internal audit queries had not been answered within a period of one month | All the staff officers of the District Secretariat, all the Divisional Secretaries, and all the heads of the Divisions have been informed at the District Audit and Management Committee Meetings , meetings of the Divisional Secretaries and Audit Management Committee meetings held at the Divisional Secretariats that providing answers to the internal audit reports within the stipulated timeframe should be considered as a priority task. |                                             |                                        |                          |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                          | Year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Number of audit reports submitted           | Number of answers given within a month | Percentage               |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                          | 2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 88                                          | 50                                     | 57 %                     |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                          | 2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 109                                         | 69                                     | 63 %                     |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                          | 2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 131                                         | 130                                    | 99 %                     |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                          | 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 150                                         | 126                                    | 84 %                     |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Action had not been taken in terms of F.R. 571 for lapsed deposits in the General Deposit Account.       | The current status of unsettled balances of the General Deposit Account is as follows:-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                             |                                        |                          |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                          | Treasury General Deposit Account No.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Balance of lapsed deposits as at 31.12.2023 |                                        | Balance as at 31.12.2025 |       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Rs.                                         | Cents                                  | Rs.                      | Cents |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                          | 6000-0-0-002-0-094-0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | -                                           | -                                      | -                        | -     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                          | 6000-0-0-013-0-062-0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 10,072,460                                  | 20                                     | -                        | -     | Release has been completed                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                          | 6000-0-0-017-0-015-0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 97,718                                      | 50                                     | -                        | -     | Release has been completed                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                          | 6000-0-0-016-0-045-0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 201,659,426                                 | 75                                     | 19,169,426               | 44    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An amount of Rs. 9,821,865.39 has been released</li> <li>An amount of Rs. 172,668,134.92 has been credited to Government Revenue. The details are as follows</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Part Two</b>                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| District Coordinating Committee meetings had not been held monthly       | <p>Due to the economic crisis faced towards the end of 2022 and the resulting necessity to manage state expenditure, it was not possible to hold District Coordinating Committee meetings physically. Consequently, a significant number of these meetings were conducted via online platforms. Subsequently, from July 2023 onwards, arrangements were made to convene District Coordinating Committee meetings on a monthly basis. At present, in accordance with the reorganization Circular No. 03/2025 issued on 01.09. 2025, by the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, and Local Government, instructions have been provided to conduct District and Divisional Coordinating Committee meetings at least once per quarter. Accordingly, District Coordinating Committee meetings have been duly conducted, and I shall take the necessary steps to conduct District Coordinating Committee meetings in the future.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| District Housing Committee had not been convened monthly                 | <p>According to the Cabinet Memorandum dated 22.06.2016, it has been stipulated that the District Manager of the National Housing Development Authority of the respective district shall serve as the Convener of the Housing Committee. Furthermore, the District Secretary has only been assigned a Co-Chairmanship of the said committee. In 2022, the District Housing Committee was not convened, and consequently, no meetings were held.</p> <p>As this matter is beyond the control of the District Secretariat, I have informed the Secretary General of Parliament by my letter No. DSG/FIN/16/03/05/2025 dated 06.01. 2026, suggesting that it is appropriate to amend the evaluation criteria regarding conducting of the District Housing Committee through the Online Information Management Questionnaire which is designed to evaluate the financial and performance standards of institutions under the oversight of the Committee on Public Accounts of the Parliament of Sri Lanka.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| District Fertilizer Coordinating Committee had not been convened monthly | <p>In the year 2021, two meetings were held to achieve the cultivation targets for the Yala and Maha seasons, and two additional meetings were conducted to discuss matters related to follow-up evaluations and monitoring. In the year 2022, due to the special organic fertilizer programme of the Government, monthly meetings were held to identify new organic fertilizer producers in the district and to address the practical issues and problematic situations that arose in connection therewith. Furthermore, owing to the complexities and issues associated with the organic fertilizer subsidy scheme introduced during that year, 12 monthly meetings were conducted.</p> <p>Generally, two fertilizer sub committee meetings are held annually to establish cultivation targets for the Yala and Maha seasons. In special circumstances, if issues arise outside these meetings, they are discussed during the District Agricultural Committee as required, since the same officials who serve on the fertilizer sub-committee also participate in the District Agricultural Committee.</p> <p>According to the committee meeting schedule of the District Secretariat for the year 2023 and the dates provided by the Fertilizer Division, Fertilizer Sub-committee meetings were held on 20.02.2023, and 29.08.2023 and Fertilizer Sub-committee meetings were conducted concurrently with the Agriculture Committee on 25.04. 2023, and 03.10. 2023. As holding two Fertilizer Sub-committee meetings is generally considered sufficient, monthly meetings were not conducted.</p> |

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|                                                                                                                                  | <p>At the meeting conducted with the Ministry of Agriculture via Zoom technology on 03.12.2025, when inquiries were made regarding this matter, it was stated that the relevant provision would be amended so that only two meetings would be held for achieving the cultivation season targets, and that the District Secretary would be empowered to convene a committee meeting whenever a necessity arises. Accordingly, I have informed the Secretary General of Parliament by my letter bearing even No. DSG/FIN/16/03/05/2025 dated 06.01.2026 that as per the Circular No. NFS/2021/01 dated 22.02.2021 of the Ministry of Agriculture, that the requirement for the District Fertilizer Coordination Committee to convene monthly, should be amended.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| District Price Regulation Committee meetings had not been held monthly                                                           | <p>Prior to the Ministry of Home Affairs letter dated 21.03 2022, Price Committee meetings were held only twice a year, during the first and second halves of the year. However, due to rapid market price fluctuations in 2022, the aforementioned letter instructed that these meetings be conducted monthly. Accordingly, monthly meetings were held until March 2023. As market prices stabilized after March 2023, monthly meetings were no longer deemed necessary and following discussions with other stakeholder institutions, the committee reverted to the previous practice of conducting meetings twice a year.</p> <p>Accordingly, in the year 2025, Price Fixing Committee meetings were held only on the following two dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> January</li> <li>• 25<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul> <p>By my letter No. DSG/FIN/16/03/05/2025 dated 06.01.2026 addressed to the Secretary General of Parliament, it has been informed that the requirement for the District Price Fixing Committee to convene monthly by the District Secretaries, as stipulated in the instruction letter of the Ministry of Home Affairs dated 21.03.2022 regarding the monthly updating of construction prices, should be amended.</p> |
| The audit opinion about the accounts of the institution had been a qualified opinion /disclaimed opinion /an unfavorable opinion | <p>A qualified audit opinion was issued for the year 2024. Action will be taken to achieve unqualified opinion within the next few years by minimizing current shortcomings.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| The extent of training opportunities provided out of                                                                             | <p>The total allocation received for the year 2023 under expenditure heads 261-1-1-0-2401 / 261-1-2-0-2401 was Rs. 6,000,000.00, of which the total expenditure incurred was Rs. 1,304,008.50. Accordingly, the remaining balance is Rs. 4,695,991.50.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| the training opportunities planned , was less than 50%.                                                                                                                                                                              | Pursuant to paragraph 6 (c) of the Budget Circular No. 01/2023 issued by the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, it is mandated that local staff training opportunities should be provided only for compulsory training required to fulfill qualifications as per the provisions of service minutes, recruitment procedures, and circulars. Due to these restrictions imposed by Budget Circular 01/2023, the training programs planned for the year 2023 could not be fully executed, resulting in the utilization of training opportunities falling below 50%. However, I wish to kindly inform you that there was a significant improvement in the overall progress for the year 2024, which remained at 93%. |
| Measures had not been taken to properly transfer the officers who had completed maximum service period .                                                                                                                             | Action has been taken to transfer most of officers who had completed their maximum period of service, under both the annual transfers of the Director General of Combined Services and the internal transfers made by the District Secretariat in the years 2024 and 2025.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Compensation Committee on damages caused by wild animals and other wild animals had not been held as per the instructions of circular No. SDW/3/3/16-2016 dated 17.11.2016 of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Wild Life. | As no damages caused by elephants or other wild animals were reported within the district during the year 2023, no compensation claims were made by beneficiaries or Divisional Secretaries. Therefore, there was no requirement for the committee to convene. However, a mechanism remains active within the district to promptly convene the Compensation Committee and take necessary action whenever loss of life or property damage is reported. Accordingly, I hereby inform you that the committee had convened during the year 2024.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

  
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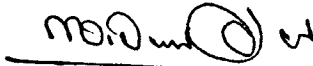
  
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### Recommendation of the Secretary

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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