

பார்லிமென்තු ப்ருகாஸன ஡ாஸா ஂக - 492

ஂஸதனஸே ந஡ : ஂஂத்ரிக் லேக஡ி காரீஸாலஸ - க்ருகூகூகல

பார்லிமென்துவெ ரஂஸே கிஂஂ஡ி காரக ஂஸாவ விஂஂ ஂஸாஸன கரன லஂ லாரீகா ஂ஡ிஂ஡ஸென்
ஂஸாவர நியேஂக ஂக 119(4) ஂ஡னே கரு ஂஸாஸவரஸாஸே நிரீன்ஂஂ ஂா கஂ லுஂ ஂஸவர
பார்லிமென்துவ லென ஓஂஂஂஂ கிரீ஡

பாராஸ்ரு஡ன்ற வெஸியீ஡்டுத் துாடர் இலக்க஡ - 492

நிறுவனத்தின் பெயர்: ஡ாவ஡்ட ஂஸயலக஡ - குருணாகல்

பாராஸ்ரு஡ன்ற அரசாங்கக் கணக்குகள் குழுவினால் ஂ஡ர்ப்பிக்க஡்ப஡்ட
அறிக்ஂககள் துாடர்பாக நிலையியற் க஡்டளெ இலக்க஡ 119(4) இன் கீழ்
கௌரவ அ஡ெஂஂரின் அவதானி஡்புகள் ஡ற்றும் ஂ஡ுக்க஡்ப஡ வேண்டிய
ந஡வ஡ிக்ஂககளை பாராஸ்ரு஡ன்றத்திற்குஂ ஂ஡ர்ப்பித்தல்.

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

Submission to Parliament of observations and actions taken regarding Standing Order 119(4) tabled by the Committee on Public Accounts of the Parliament of Sri Lanka

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Deficiencies and recommendations pointed out by the Committee on Public Accounts	Actions taken by the Accounting Officers to rectify the relevant deficiencies / Current progress
A vehicle has not been confiscated for less than 8 months after condemned.	Cab Vehicle No. 52-5707 Divisional Secretariat, Udubaddawa Although a reminding letter dated 16.03.2026 has been sent to the Ministry of Public Administration requesting approval to make an estimation by an estimation committee, where to call for prices and sell that vehicle by a letter dated 25.11.2025, but as no response has been received so far, the confiscation work cannot be carried out until that approval is received. Cab Vehicle No. 52-6128 Divisional Secretariat ,Giribawa The above vehicle, which was recommended for repair and use by a technical committee, was brought in with the approval of the Ministry of Public Administration after the repair work was completed on 06.04.2026.
District Coordination Committee meetings had not been held in monthly.	As usual, the plan and reserve of dates for monthly to hold District Coordination Committee meetings at the beginning of a year was carried out as per the instructions of the Co-Chairmen of the Coordination Committee as follows.

Month	Date Expected
January	10
February	03
March	03
April	07
May	04
June	02
July	11
August	04
September	12
October	10
November	14
December	12

Accordingly, I would like to inform you that the Coordinating Committee meetings were not held as planned for the year 2023, and that out of the scheduled 12 days, the Committee meetings were held for 7 days, including a special meeting with the participation of the Hon. Prime Minister on March 3rd. Since the Coordinating Committee Co-Chairmen allocate dates for District Coordinating Committee meetings based on the dates of parliamentary sessions, arrangements have been made to hold the Committee meeting on each such date. The dates of such meetings are given below for future reference.

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	Udubaddawa	The Ministry of Agriculture has sent a letter dated 03.02.2026 informing that this land should be considered as government land. Accordingly, the Divisional Secretary has sent a letter dated 17.04.2026 to the Ministry of Home Affairs informing that a request letter should be sent to transfer the land for further activities in acquiring this land.	
	Mallawapitiya	The value of the land has been assessed and accounted under property, machineries and equipments category. It has also been included in the CIGAS program.	
	Rasnayakapura	This land has been transferred to the Divisional Secretariat on 28.01.2025 and taken in to the accounts.	
	Galgamuwa	This land was valued at Rs. 11,750,000.00 in 2016 and has been included in the CIGAS program and taken in to the accounts.	
(b). The value of Rs. 6,590,261 spent on 16 Sewa Piyasa buildings constructed in 05 Divisional Secretary’s Divisions under the Gama Samaga Pilisandara Project in the year 2022 had not been identified as fixed assets.	The current status regarding the money spent on the 16 Sewa Piyasa building constructions indicated in the audit in relation to 05 Divisional Secretary’s Divisions under the Gama Samaga Pilisandara Project in the year 2022 is as follows.		

	Divisional Secretariat	Grama Niladhari Division	The value shown by the audit	Actual Expenditure	Description
	Pannala	Maththegama	346,290.00	339,500.00	The actual cost for the construction of 05 Sewa Piyasa buildings is Rs. 2,279,500.00, which has been recorded as fixed assets.
		Narangoda North	494,700.00	485,000.00	
		Mukalana	197,877.00	194,000.00	
		Horawadunna	692,580.00	679,000.00	
		Paragammana	593,640.00	582,000.00	
	Ibbagamuwa	Udathammita	236,170.00	230,170.00	The development of infrastructure facilities at the Udathammita Village Secretariat, which was carried out in the year 2022 under the Gama Samaga Pilisandara

					Rural Development Program with an amount of Rs. 230,170.00, was not capitalized under the Udathammita Village Secretariat and was accounted as fixed assets by Account Summary in May 2024.	
	Nikaweratiya	Danduwawa	372,300.00	372,300.00	Development work is being carried out at the Seva Piyasa building. It has been accounted in the summary of accounts in July 2024.	
		Tharanagolla	1,188,000.00	1,188,000.00	The Sewa	

		Nikaweratiya South	346,800.00	346,800.00	Piyasa buildings related to these divisions have been identified as fixed assets in June 2024 and included into the monthly account summary.
		Dalukgolla	493,677.00	493,677.00	
		Pinnapolegama	594,000.00	594,000.00	
		Kirindigalla	273,360.00	273,360.00	
	Maho	Karambe	253,305.00	253,305.00	The money spent on the construction of this Sewa Piyasa building has been recorded as fixed assets in the account summary of the month of May and entered into the fixed assets register.
		Kadambawa	263,288.00	263,288.00	

	Wariyapola	Kahagolla	1,188,000.00	1,188,000.00	Under the Gama Samaga Pilisandara Program, the first installment of Rs. 746,975.50 and the final installment of Rs. 417,024.50 have been paid on 31.03.2022 and 31.08.2022, respectively, under the development of the Grama Niladhari Office by providing essential facilities (electricity, sanitary facilities). Accordingly, the approved	
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					payment amount of Rs. 1,164,000.000 has been paid for this project and that amount has been included in the CIGAS program in May 2023. Accordingly, the audit query states that the total cost of this project is Rs. 1,188,000.00, including the 2% administrative cost paid to the Divisional Secretariat, which is Rs. 24,000.00.	
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		Tennakoongama	243,086.00	219,085.00	An estimated cost of Rs. 1,164,000.00 had been proposed for the construction of a Sewa Piyasa building in 1284-Tennakongama division under Public Infrastructure Development of Gama Samanga Pilisandara Program. The first phase of the project was completed with the payment of only Rs. 219,085.76 on 31.03.2022 as	

					the first payment. Since there is no provision for the second payment, the remaining part has not been completed. The payment amount of Rs. 219,085.76 has been included in the CIGAS program in May 2023.	
1.6.2 Non Comparisons Although the Treasury printed note showed bond and liabilities of Rs. 819,568 in respect of 06 subjects as at 31 st December 2023, no such balance was indicated in the statement of liabilities as per the departmental books.	Please be informed that Form SA-80 is a summary report on non-financial assets and the same information is also shown in Form SA-82 attached to the financial statements, therefore, arrangements have not been made to submit Form SA-80 with the financial statements.					
1.6.3 Failure to maintain records and books It was observed during sample audits that District Secretariat had not maintained certain documents listed below, and that certain documents had not been maintained properly and up-to-date.	Document category		Present condition			
	(i) Fixed Asset Register		All fixed assets of the Divisional Secretariats identified in the audit have been included in the register; the register has been updated and compared and balanced with the CIGAS program.			

Fixed Asset Register Electrical Equipment Register Debt Register Counter-foil Register Attendance Register of Procurement Committee and Technical Evaluation Committees	(ii) Electrical Equipment Register	The Divisional Secretariats maintains a register of electrical equipment as indicated by the audit.
	(iii) Debt Register	The Kuli/East Divisional Secretariat has been started and maintains a credit register from the year 2024.
	(iv) Counter-foil Register	The deficiencies as pointed out in the audit have been corrected and maintaining them properly by Kuli/East Divisional Secretariat.
	(v) Attendance Register of Procurement Committee and Technical Evaluation Committees	As pointed out by the audit, the Kuli/East Divisional Secretariat has been maintaining a record of the attendance of the Procurement Committee and the Technical Evaluation Committee from 2024. Bamunakotuwa Divisional Secretariat has been maintaining the Procurement Committee attendance register from the beginning of the year 2023 and the Technical Evaluation Committee has been maintained an attendance register from the beginning of the year 2024.
The District Land Use Committee had not met at least once a quarter.	In the year 2023, two committees were held on 16.06.2023 and 15.08.2023 The committee did not meet due to the low number of requests for recommendations from the District Land Use Committee for the first quarter of that year. Due to the fact that Regional Land Use Committees have not been established at the regional level, especially following the Corona disaster, and due to the lack of requests received by the District Committee, provisions have been allocated for only two committees in the year 2023.	

	Also, the retirement of the Assistant Director (D.L.U. P) and his re-employment on a contract basis, and during the period when that service was submitted for the approval by the Secretary of the Ministry and the inability to legally convene the committee by the Secretary. Those are also been the factors in holding of two committees. Although the number of committees in 2023 was limited to two, one committee per quarter was held as scheduled in 2024 and 2025 years and I would like to kindly inform you that the committee meetings have been held as scheduled at the moment.
Action had not been taken properly to transfer officers who had completed their maximum service period.	I would like to kindly inform you that the following measures have been taken regarding transfers of officers who have served at the same place of work for more than 05 years in accordance with the provisions of the Public Administration Circular. Instructions have been given to the Divisional Secretaries to transfer Grama Niladhari and Economic Development Officers with more than 05 years of service period between divisions. Accordingly, officers have been transferred under the internal transfer system in past few years. Transfer applications for transfers outside the district and department have been forwarded to the relevant transfer authorities. (As the powers in this regard have not vested to the District Secretary) The relevant transfer orders have been issued by the District Transfer Boards every year for officers who need to be transferred within the district, by concerning the requests of the officers also. Under non-annual transfers, transfers have been granted as per the requests of the officers. 02. I would also like to mention that due to the following reasons, a certain number of officers with more than 05 years of service period are still employed in the Divisional Secretariats and

District Secretariat.

To avoid operational difficulties arising from the transfer of officers who have received special training as well as officers assigned to special programs/duties, based on service requirements.

To avoid the problem of providing successors to remote Divisional Secretariats and the administrative difficulties arising from the transfer of limited officers in offices with more vacancies.

The number of officers with more than 05 years of service is renewed every year, which does not show a decrease in the relevant numerical values. (However, the number does not include the same group of officers with more than 05 years of service of the previous year)

The District Secretary does not have the power to transfer certain officers (such as departmental officers).

However, compared to previous years, a large number of officers who have exceeded 05 years of service have been transferred, and I would like to further inform you that necessary steps will be taken to transfer the remaining officers in stages so as not to disrupt the normal duties of the offices.


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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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