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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)

**OBSERVATIONS REGARDING THE STANDING ORDER 119 (4) TABLED BY PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
AND SUBMISSION OF STEPS TAKEN THEREIN TO THE PARLIAMENT**

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Deficiencies pointed out & guidelines given by the Committee on Public Accounts	Actions taken by the Counting Officer and Present Progress
Part One	
The fixed asset register was not kept updated.	All Divisional Secretaries have been instructed to update the Fixed Assets Register in accordance with paragraphs 8.1 and 8.2 of Public Accounts Circular No. 267/2018. According to the circular letter dated 12.07.2013 of Department of Public Accounts issued regarding the accounting of non-financial assets, the assets have been classified and given corresponding codes, and according to paragraphs 8.1 and 8.2 of the Public Accounts Circular No. 267/2018, As a fixed asset module in the CIGAS computer program being set up, it keeps all assets accounted for and up to date.
The risk register has not been kept up to date.	I would like to state that in accordance with the Circular No. 01/2019 dated 2021.05.21 of the Department of Management Audit, the Internal Audit Division is maintaining the risk register up to date from the year 2024.
Answers had not been provided within a month for every audit query submitted by the Auditor General.	In accordance with Section 38 of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, all Divisional Secretariats and all divisions of the District Secretariat have been informed to prepare answers to audit inquiries within a month, and I kindly inform you that work is being carried out accordingly.
The recommendations regarding surpluses, shortages and other recommendations revealed in the Annual Board of Survey had not been implemented within the stipulated time frame.	It is kindly informed that all Divisional Secretariats and all divisions of the District Secretariat have been informed to conduct Board of Surveys and submit the relevant reports within the prescribed time frame in accordance with Public Finance Circular 01/2020, and that work is being carried out accordingly.
There were outstanding loan balances dating back more than a year.	All outstanding loan balances, except for two that have been overdue for more than one year, are being recovered, and necessary actions are being taken to collect the same. Among these two outstanding loan balances, one belongs to Mr. S.A.P. Makehelwala, who worked at the District Secretariat, since he had obtained the loan by pledging a loan protection insurance policy as collateral, requests have been made to the National

	Insurance Trust Fund to settle that loan. The other loan balance belongs to Mr. K.P.G. Gunathilaka, who worked at the Dimbulagala Divisional Secretariat and this loan, which had been granted without collateral at the time, has been recovered from the pension of the then Divisional Secretary and the Accountant, and it was fully settled by April 2026.
Part Two	
Monthly District Coordination Committee meetings had not been held.	In this regard, as per the circular No. 2/2021 of the Secretary to the State Ministry of State Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management dated 2021.02.12, it is stated that the District Coordination Committee should be held every month and at least for 02 days per quarter. Since the position of Chairman of the District Coordination Committee is held by a public representative representing the district, this meeting has been held based on the dates provided by him or her based on the dates of the parliamentary sessions.
The District Housing Committee had not been held monthly.	Arrangements have been made to hold the District Housing Committee meeting every month in parallel with the Divisional Secretaries' meeting.
The District Fertilizer Coordination Committee had not been held monthly.	The District Fertilizer Coordination Committee is held only at the beginning of a season and future activities are carried out based on the decisions taken there. Accordingly, this committee has been held.
District Pricing Committees had not been held monthly.	Arrangements have been made to hold the District Pricing Committee 4 times a year.
The audit opinion on the accounts of the institution was at the level of unqualified//adverse.	It has been shown that the financial position of the Polonnaruwa District Secretariat as at 31 December 2023 and the financial performance and cash flow statement for the year then ended have been presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Work is underway to obtain a clear opinion in the future.
The performance targets for the year under review were not submitted on time.	The Annual Action Plan and Annual Procurement Plan for the year 2023 have been prepared and efforts have been made to positively achieve the objectives in the following targeted areas. (Indicators - Annual Performance Report) ➤ Compensation applications related to wildlife damage in the Dimbulagala, Elahera, Medirigiriya and Welikanda Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Polonnaruwa District were approved by the Compensation Committees based on the reports of the Wildlife Conservation Department and the relevant Divisional Secretariat reports, and more than 50% of the compensation payments were completed during the year. ➤ By providing timely provisions to the elderly allowance, kidney disease and disability allowance recipients scattered throughout the district, and implementing the Aswesuma

	Poor Relief Program from June 2023, efforts have been made to achieve the desired social welfare through lump sum payments. ➤ In the Polonnaruwa District, which has an agricultural economy, small and medium-scale rice mill owners have been encouraged to purchase the paddy harvest at the right time and at the right price under the full intervention of the state mechanism, thereby meeting Sri Lanka's domestic rice production targets. ➤ The Human Resource Development Plan has been prepared as indicated in the Circulars No. 02/2018 and 02/2018(1) of the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government, and the human resource development indicators have been maintained in the range of 100% - 90% through training of officers accordingly.
District and Divisional Drug Prevention Committee meetings had not been held once per quarter.	Arrangements have been made to hold the Drug Prevention Committee four times a year.
The District Land Use Committee had not met at least once a quarter.	It is informed that the District Land Use Committee is convened based on the information and land proposals received by the District Secretariat regarding unresolved land issues and land release in each division of the district.
Disaster Management Committees had not been established in accordance with the Sri Lanka Disaster Management Act No. 13 of 2005.	Disaster Management Committees have been held in accordance with the Sri Lanka Disaster Management Act No. 13 of 2005.
The recommendations of the Auditor General's report had not been implemented.	The Public Accounts Committee had pointed out 03 issues that were still unresolved, and all 03 of those issues have now been completely resolved by now.
Arrangements had not been made to properly transfer officers who had completed their maximum service.	Annual transfers are carried out in accordance with the relevant procedures and following the prescribed time frames, and steps have been taken to implement internal transfers annually for a period of service exceeding 05 years. Accordingly, those transfers have been implemented from 02.04.2026.
The District Environmental Committee had not met at least once every 2 months.	Arrangements have been made to hold the District Environmental Committee meeting once every two months, concurrently with the District Agricultural Committee.

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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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