

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

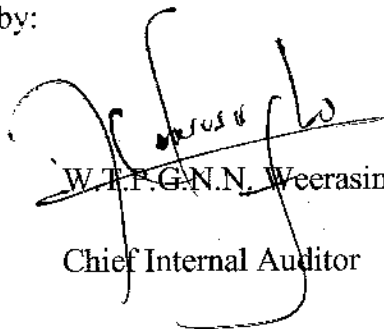
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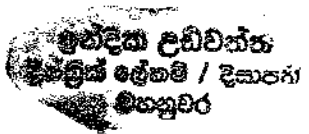
No	Shortcomings identified by the Report	Current Status																												
01.	Action had not been taken in accordance with Financial Regulation (F.R.) 571 regarding expired deposits in the General Deposit Account. Collected revenue had either not been credited directly to revenue or had been held in the deposit account for more than a month before being credited to the revenue account.	In accordance with Financial Regulation (FR) 571, expired deposits have been credited to the Government Revenue. Furthermore, all relevant payees have been duly informed, and all payment processes have been finalized.																												
02.	The Divisional Secretaries' Conference convened by the District Secretary was not held monthly. District Agriculture Committee meetings were not held monthly as per the Irrigation Ordinance No. 32 of 1946. The District Housing Committee, District Fertilizer Coordination Committee, and District Price Fixing Committee did not meet on a monthly basis.	The committee meetings have been conducted as follows: <table><tr><th>Type of Meeting</th><th colspan="3">Number of Meetings Conducted</th></tr><tr><th></th><th>2023</th><th>2024</th><th>2025</th></tr><tr><td>Divisional Secretaries' Conference</td><td>02</td><td>01</td><td>04</td></tr><tr><td>District Agricultural Committee</td><td>06</td><td>05</td><td>05</td></tr><tr><td>District Housing Committee</td><td>05</td><td>04</td><td>04</td></tr><tr><td>District Fertilizer Coordinating Committee</td><td>02</td><td>02</td><td>02</td></tr><tr><td>District Price Fixing Committee</td><td>02</td><td>02</td><td>02</td></tr></table>	Type of Meeting	Number of Meetings Conducted				2023	2024	2025	Divisional Secretaries' Conference	02	01	04	District Agricultural Committee	06	05	05	District Housing Committee	05	04	04	District Fertilizer Coordinating Committee	02	02	02	District Price Fixing Committee	02	02	02
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		• Divisional Secretaries' Conference: In addition to the frequencies mentioned above, discussions were held with Divisional Secretaries on the days of District Coordinating Committee meetings as per requirements. • District Agricultural and Housing Committees: These meetings were held to monitor progress and address current requirements. • District Fertilizer Coordinating Committee: Two meetings per year have been conducted, corresponding to the Yala and Maha seasons. • District Price Fixing Committee: Action has been taken to convene these committee meetings based on market price fluctuations and necessity.
15.	The audit opinion on the institution's accounts was at a Qualified / Disclaimer / Adverse level	The financial years of 2023 and 2024 qualified audit opinion has been received.

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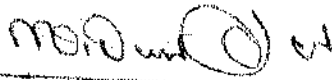

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Recommendation of the Secretary

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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