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மாவட்ட செயலகம் - பதுளை

பாராளுமன்றத்தின் அரச கணக்குக் குழுவினால் முன்வைக்கப்பட்ட அறிக்கை தொடர்பாக நிலையியற் கட்டளை இலக்கம் 119(4) இன் கீழ் கௌரவ அமைச்சரின் அவதானிப்புக்களும் மற்றும் அது தொடர்பாக எடுக்கப்படும் நடவடிக்கைகளும் பாராளுமன்றத்திற்கு சமர்ப்பித்தல்.

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District Secretariat – Badulla

Submission of the 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)

Annex 01

Submission of the observations and actions taken in relation to Standing Order 119 (4), as tabled by the Committee on Public Accounts of the Parliament of Sri Lanka. **Parliamentary Series No.: 492** **Name of Institution: Badulla District Secretariat – Badulla**	
Shortcomings Identified by the Committee on Public Accounts	**Actions Taken by the Accounting Officer and Current Progress**
The expenditure appropriation ledger had not been maintained in an updated manner.	Relevant officers have been instructed to maintain the expenditure appropriation ledger in an updated manner, and it has now been updated accordingly.
In compliance with Public Accounts Circular No. 171/2004 dated 11.05.2004, the first password relating to the government payroll preparation computer software is not used only by the Accountant or authorized staff officer.	In compliance with the said Public Accounts Circular, the first password relating to the government payroll preparation computer software is now used only by the Accountant
In terms of Public Accounts Circular No. 171/2004 dated 11.05.2004, the passwords relating to the government payroll preparation computer software had not been changed once in every three months.	Relevant officers have been instructed to change the passwords relating to the government payroll preparation computer software once every three months, in accordance with the aforesaid Public Accounts Circular. Further , the register maintained in relation to the changing of password under the custody of Accountant.
The annual procurement plan had not been prepared.	Instructions have been given to the subject officer to prepare the annual procurement plan, and the APP/MPP/APPP and annual procurement time frame for the year 2026 have been prepared and forwarded to the relevant Ministry for approval.
Replies had not been submitted within one month for every audit query raised by the Auditor General.	This matter is brought to attention at every quarterly Audit Management Committee meeting and progress is reviewed accordingly. Necessary steps have been taken to avoid delays. All Divisional Secretaries have been informed to provide accurate replies to audit queries within the stipulated time period. At present, replies are being submitted within one month.
Instances were reported where replies to internal audit queries had not been submitted within one month.	Necessary measures have been taken to avoid delays, and all Divisional Secretaries have been informed to provide accurate replies to internal audit queries within the

	stipulated period. At present, replies are being submitted within one month.
In terms of F.R. 134(2), the internal audit programme had not been prepared at the beginning of the year after consulting the Auditor General.	In terms of F.R. 134(2), the internal audit programme is now prepared at the beginning of the year. The internal audit plan for this year has been prepared and forwarded for the approval of the Director General of the Department of Management Audit on 23.01.2026.
In terms of Paragraph 7 of Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017 dated 26.06.2017, information relating to assets purchased and disposals made during the year 2018 had not been submitted to the Office of the Comptroller General.	Instructions have been given to the relevant subject officer regarding this matter, and action is being taken to forward information on assets purchased and disposals made during the year 2025 to the Office of the Comptroller General.
A vehicle had not been disposed of within a period of less than eight months after becoming unserviceable.	At present, two vehicles remain to be disposed , and the necessary instructions have been given to the subject officer for the disposal of the said vehicles.
Proper action had not been taken in terms of the Financial Regulations regarding government vehicle accidents.	Relevant officers have been instructed to act in accordance with the Financial Regulations regarding government vehicle accidents, and action is currently being carried out accordingly.
Outstanding loan balances exceeding one year had existed.	Out of the outstanding loan balance existing in the year 2023, a balance of Rs. 580,675.66 has now been settled, while a balance of Rs. 648,327.91 remains outstanding. Relevant officers have been instructed to take the necessary steps to settle the remaining balance as well.
Action had not been taken in terms of F.R. 571 regarding lapsed deposits in the General Deposit Account.	Actions has been taken to act in accordance with F.R. 571 regarding lapsed deposits in the General Deposit Account.
Ad hoc sub-imprests issued under F.R. 371 had not been settled within 10 days after completion of the relevant task.	Action has now been taken to settle ad hoc sub-imprests issued under F.R. 371 within 10 days after completion of the relevant task.
Staff had been recruited exceeding the approved cadre, excluding attached Development Officers.	Recruitment and attachments are carried out by the Director General of Combined Services, and officers are attached to various offices accordingly.
Monthly District Coordination Committee meetings had not been conducted.	Although plans had been made to hold District Coordination Committee meetings every month, the dates had to be finalized after considering the parliamentary

	schedules, public days, special functions, and various meetings of the co-chairpersons of the committee. Accordingly, due to the heavy schedules of the co-chairpersons, it has been challenging to hold meetings monthly. However, action will be taken to conduct meetings monthly in the future.
The Divisional Secretaries' conference convened by the District Secretary had not been held monthly.	It is acknowledged that meetings should be held monthly in terms of the circular. However, due to the fuel crisis and other prevailing circumstances in the country, separate meetings for the same purpose were not repeatedly convened. Nevertheless, necessary awareness programmes, progress reviews, and special discussions have been conducted continuously through other monthly committee meetings such as environmental committees, district coordination committees, forest protection committees, as well as through online methods and special discussions.
The District Housing Committee had not met monthly.	District Housing Committee meetings are organized by the National Housing Development Authority, and only the summoning of Divisional Secretaries for such meetings is carried out by this office.
The District Fertilizer Coordination Committee had not met monthly.	At present, District Fertilizer Coordination Committee meetings are being conducted.
The District Price Fixing Committee had not met monthly.	According to Section 2.3 of Circular No. 03/2025, the District Price Committee is required to meet within the first month of the relevant year, and it is not stated that meetings should be held every month. At present, District Price Committee meetings are being conducted.
In terms of the Ministry of Public Administration and Management Circular No. 05/2008 dated 06.02.2008, as amended by Circular No. 05/2018(1) dated 24.01.2018, the Citizen/Client Charter had not been properly prepared and implemented.	The Citizen / Client Charter currently in use is being displayed through the Divisional Secretariat offices.
Performance agreements covering the entire staff had not been prepared and entered into.	Performance agreements covering the entire staff have now been prepared.
The audit opinion on theaccounts of the institution was in qualified level/disclaimed level/adverse level.	Relevant officers were informed to ensure to receive true and fair opinion from the financial statements.

The performance targets for the year under review had not been submitted on the due date.	At present, the performance report is submitted on the due date.
District and Divisional Drug Prevention Committee meetings had not been held once every quarter.	The District Drug Prevention Council has been established and quarterly meetings are being conducted.
The District Land Use Committee had not met at least once every quarter.	According to internal circulars, meetings of the District Land Use Committee are conducted only when deemed necessary by the Chairperson and Secretary of the Committee.
The number of training opportunities provided had remained below 50% of the planned training opportunities.	Training programs are being conducted based on the financial allocations received amidst the COVID-related economic crisis. Many trainings were held under online methods.
Not all officers had submitted declarations of assets and liabilities.	In accordance with Circular No. 1/2025, all officers have now submitted their declarations of assets and liabilities.
Recoveries in terms of F.R. 156(1) had not been made in respect of losses caused to the Government by officers.	Instructions have been given to the relevant subject officer to recover losses caused to the Government from officers in terms of F.R. 156(1).
Officers who had completed the maximum service period had not been properly transferred.	Transfers have now been effected through the Transfer Board, while uncovered transfers have been made based on the recommendations of the "Internal Transfer Board."

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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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