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Name of the institution : District Secretariat – Monaragala

**Submission of observations of the Hon. Minister and steps taken
with regard to the reports tabled by the Committee on Public
Accounts in terms Standing Orders 119 (4)**

Annexure 01

Presenting the observations and measures to the Parliament taken by the Minister in charge of Institutions under Standing Order 119 (4) regarding the reports tabled by the Parliament Committee on Public.

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Deficiencies identified by the Parliament Committee on Public Accounts	Measures taken by the organization to prevent those deficiencies / current progress
Failure to submit answers to the audit queries submitted by the Auditor General within a month	In instances where additional time was required to provide responses, arrangements have been made to submit interim replies. Furthermore, all officers responsible for audit queries relating to the Divisional Secretariats were convened, and audit discussions were conducted to facilitate the prompt submission of responses. The relevant officers have also been instructed to submit replies immediately upon receipt of audit queries. Accordingly, necessary measures have been taken to minimize delays in responding to audit queries.
Failure to submit answers to the audit queries submitted by the Internal Audit within a month	The relevant officials have been informed on the matter in the Divisional audit and management committees and motivations are being made by regular follow-up. In these committees, it discusses how to prepare a quality response for audit observations and how to take action on each observation. It has been possible to reduce the delay in providing answers to internal audit queries.
According to paragraph 7 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017 dated 26.06.2017, the information about	According to the relevant circular, the information about the assets purchased in the year 2018 and the embezzlement has been submitted to the Comptroller General's Office. Relevant information has been reported as per asset circular No. 06/2023 dated 24.08.2023.

assets purchased and embezzled in the year 2018 has not been submitted to the Comptroller General's Office.	Information requested by the Office of the Comptroller General from time to time shall be duly reported.
A vehicle not been disposed less than 08 months after conception	The eight vehicles had already been disposed of, and necessary arrangements will be made to dispose of the remaining vehicles.
Existence of outstanding loan balances dating back more than a year	• The outstanding debt balances of the Provincial Council have now been recovered. • The loan balance of the late Mr. S.D. Keerthisinghe is being settled by his wife in monthly instalments of Rs. 3,800.00 with effect from February 2026. • The matter relating to the loan balance of the late Mr. D.D. Piyadasa has been informed to his wife, and information regarding the guarantors has been requested from the Divisional Secretary, Maharagama. • A case has been filed in the Criminal Court against the dismissed officer, Mr. J.M. Hettiarachchi. • The son of the late Mrs. Seelawathi, who was dismissed from service, has agreed to settle the loan balance in monthly instalments of Rs. 5,000.00. • The relevant documents have been handed over to the Government Legal Officer to institute legal action against Mr. W.A.K. Thilak, who vacated the service. • Action has been taken to recover the loan balance from the gratuity and salary arrears payable to the retired officer, Mr. P.H.B. Wickramasinghe.

	Credit balance description		
	Officer's Name	Balance as on 31.12.2023	Balance as on 31.03.2026
	<u>Provincial councils</u>		
	<u>U.N.Wejesinghe</u>	113,820.00	0
	W.M.Dhanapala	101,600.00	0
	<u>Deceased</u>		
	D D Piyadasa	784,190.40	784,190.40
	S D Keerthisinha	227,203.20	219,603.20
	<u>Suspended</u>		
	A M Seelawathi	201,400.00	156,400.00
	J M Hettiarachchi	162,356.64	160,356.64
	<u>left the service</u>		
	W A K Thilak	230,658.00	230,658.00
	<u>Pension</u>		
	<u>P.H.B.Wicramasinghe</u>	131,600.00	131,600.00
	Total	1,982,828.24	1,682,808.24
Failure to proceeding as per F.R. 571 regarding overdue deposits	The relevant parties have been informed, and arrangements have been made for settlement. The unsettled deposits have been credited to Government revenue. All overdue deposits relating to the year 2023 have now been settled		
Monthly Meetings of district coordination committee not been held	The District Coordination Committee meetings were held under the chairmanship of the Member of Parliament of the District, as planned, during the year 2022.Eight District Coordination Committee meetings were held during the year 2023.Meetings are scheduled to be held in accordance with the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government Circular No. HA/DEVP/14/DCC/VIII dated 11.09.2025.		
The district housing committee not been met monthly	The Housing Development Authority is responsible for convening the District Housing Committee meetings. However, the relevant		

	authority has been instructed to organize and conduct these meetings in accordance with the applicable circulars.
District Fertilizer Coordinating Committee not been met monthly	Eight District Fertilizer Coordination Committee meetings were held in the year 2025. The relevant officers were instructed to conduct monthly meetings in accordance with the circular instructions.
District Pricing Committee not been met monthly	Due to continuous fluctuations in prices during the economic crisis in the country, the Pricing Committee meetings were conducted on a monthly basis. However, at present, the situation has normalized. Accordingly, eight Pricing Committee meetings were held in 2025. The District Pricing Committee meetings have been planned to be conducted in accordance with the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government Circular No. HA/DEVP/14/DCC/VIII dated 11.09.2025.
The audit opinion about the accounts of the institution had been a qualified.	We aim to achieve an unqualified (clean) audit opinion on the financial statements by accomplishing the set objectives within the specified time frame, using appropriate methodologies and ensuring the effective application of sound financial management practices.
District Land use committees had not been held at least once in quarter	District land use committee meetings have been planned to hold according to Ministry circular



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