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நிறுவனத்தின் பெயர் : பொது நிறுவாக மாகாண சபைகள் மற்றும் உள்ளூராட்சி அமைச்சு

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

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Steps taken relating to Directives given to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government at the meeting of the Committee on Public Accounts held on 21.09.2023 for the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council

Number relating to the Matter	Deficiencies identified by the Committee	Measures taken by the Institution to rectify the Deficiencies/Current Position
05	**Note of the Auditor General –Paragraph No.2.2 (Provincial Council Secretariat - Reference 1.5.2(b)).2022** Non-performance of a large number of functions including committees due to dissolution of provincial councils although there are 22 persons attached to the Provincial Council Secretariat. However, the possibility of effectively attaching the excess of employees existing since a period of 05 years to other offices until recommencement of functions of the council, has not been looked into.	A letter was forwarded to the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies through letter No. PL/6/7/4/SGP dated 17.01.2024 to the Committee on Public Accounts along with copies, for carrying out a cadre review. (Annexure 01) Accordingly, the cadre review is being carried out by the Department of Management Services with assistance of the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government and the Finance Commission. Cadre requirements have been presently identified for the remaining provinces except for the North Western and Western provinces after holding discussions.
07	**Note of the Auditor General – Paragraph 2.5 (Department of Provincial Revenue – Reference 1.335.6(a)ii, 2022)** Accuracy of stamp duty charged for 59 deeds of gift amounting to Rs. 95,400,000 registered in years 2019, 2021 and 3004 deeds above Rs.05 lakhs registered in the Ratnapura Land Registry in year 2021, has not been assessed by the Department of Provincial Revenue.	Discussions were held in this regard with the Registrar General's Department and all provincial revenue commissioners and it was revealed that the collection of revenue has been obstructed as the notary office, bank, land registry, local authority and the Department of Local Government which are related with collection of revenue are not interconnected. It was proposed that this issue can be addressed using the online system followed already by the North Western Provincial Department of Revenue. As such, all Provincial Chief Secretaries and Commissioners of Local Government were made aware of this system at the Interprovincial Subject Coordinating Conference held on 06.02.2024 and those officers were notified to implement the said system within the province. The Committee on Public Accounts has been notified in that regard by letter No.L/6/7/4/SGP dated 30.06.2024. (Annexure 02)

11	**Note of the Auditor General - Paragraph 2.10(Department of Local Government - 5.4(a), 2019)** Approval of a monthly fuel allowance subject to a limit of Rs.5000/-by the Department of Local Government despite monthly providing an approved quantity of fuel litres to Heads of local authorities.	The Committee on Public Accounts has been notified by letter No. PL/6/7/4/SGP dated 29.03.2024 that the Commissioner of Local Government has taken action to issue a new revised circular dated 14.11.2023 by revising the relevant circulars having considered the observations of the Auditor General relating to providing the fuel allowance for motor bicycles used in official visits of people's representatives of local authorities. (Annexure 03) It has been explained by letter No.PL/6/7/4/SAB -1 dated 16.07.2025 that the powers to grant approval for incurring expenditure through certain Sections of the Pradeshiya Sabhas Act, No.15 of 1987, Provincial Councils Act, No. 42 of 1987 and the Urban Councils Ordinance and the Municipal Councils Ordinance, are assigned to Hon. Governor, Minister and provincial councils and forwarded to the committee. (Annexure 04)

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