

பார்லிமேன்තු ப்ரகாஸன மாலா ஂகய: 492

ஂயஸனயே நம : ராஸா பரீபாலன, பலாந் ஂஸா ஂஸ பலாந் பாலன ஂமாலாஸய  
பார்லிமேன்துவே ரஸயே ஂஸூமீ பிபிஂஂ ஂஸால வியீன் ஂஸாலன ஂரன ஂஂ வார்ஂா  
ஂமீஂன்ஂயேன் ஂஸாலர நியேஂஂ ஂக 119(4) ஂஂனே ஂர ஂஸனன ஂர ஂமாலாவரஸாஂ  
நிரீஂஂஂ ஂா ஂஸு ஂஂன பியலர பார்லிமேன்துவ ஂஂ ஂஂரீபன் ஂரீஂ

பாராஸுமன்ற வெளியீஂஂத் ஂடாஂர் இலஂஂம் : 492

நிறுவனத்தின் பெயர் : பொது நிர்வாகம், மாகாண சபைகள் மற்றும் உள்ளூராஂசி  
அமைச்சு

பாராஸுமன்றத்தின் அரசாங்க கணஂஂுகள் மீதான குழுவால் தாஂஂல் ஂஸ்யப்பஂஂ  
அறிஂஂைகள் ஂடாஂர்பாக நிலையியற் கஂஂளை இலஂஂம் 119(4)  
இன் கீழ் கூரவ நிறுவனப் பொறுப்பு அமைச்சரின் அவதானிப்புகள் மற்றும்  
ஂஂஂஂஂஂஂம் நடவடிஂஂைகளை பாராஸுமன்றத்துஂஂு சமர்ப்பித்தல்

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Submission of observations of the Hon.Minister in charge of the institutions and  
Steps taken with regard to the reports tabled by the Committee on Public  
Accounts in terms of Standing Order No .119(4)

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**Part One**

| Deficiencies identified by the committee                                                                                                                                                           | Action taken and current progress                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| In accordance with paragraphs 8.1 and 8.2 of the Department of State Accounts Guidelines No. 2022/05 dated 13.12.2022, the Fixed Assets Module of the CIGAS program was not maintained up-to-date. | There are 46 air conditioners as opening balances in the CIGAS system, and those machines have been identified as assets within the CIGAS system during the years 2016/2017/2018. However, as there is a central air conditioning system in Nila Medura building, these air conditioning units are not physically present in the Home Affairs division. Furthermore, the Home Affairs division was housed in the Ministry of Public Administration building during the 2016-2018 period, and steps are being taken to obtain information regarding this matter as discussed with the Office of the Comptroller General. Although 40 vehicles have been entered into the CIGAS system as vehicles owned by the Ministry, the Ministry currently possesses only 29 vehicles. I hereby inform you that the discrepancy regarding the balance is currently being identified, and the necessary adjustments will be made in the future once identified. Other fixed assets have been updated in accordance with paragraphs 8.1 and 8.2 of the Department of State Accounts Guidelines No. 2022/05 dated 13.12.2022. |
| Responses were not provided within one month for every audit query submitted by the Auditor General.                                                                                               | Action has been taken to inform all heads of divisions at every audit and management meeting, and accordingly, responses will be provided within the stipulated time frame in the future.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Instances were reported where responses to internal audit queries were not provided within one month.                                                                                              | All heads of divisions have been informed at every audit and management meeting to provide responses within the specified time frame accordingly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| Documents confirming the ownership of all vehicles are not in possession.         | The Ministry is in possession of documents confirming the ownership of all vehicles in use.                                    |
| The State emblem had not been painted on all vehicles.                            | The State emblem is displayed on all vehicles. Plans are being made to have the State emblem painted in the future.            |
| A vehicle had not been disposed of within less than 8 months of being condemned   | It has now been transferred to another state institution                                                                       |
| There were outstanding loan balances that had been existing for more than a year. | Several officers are paying the loan installments in parts, and legal action is being taken regarding the unpaid loan amounts. |

## Part Two

| Deficiencies identified by the committee                                                                                                                                       | Action taken and current progress                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| There was no mechanism in place to monitor or evaluate the implementation of the Citizens' Charter of the institution.                                                         | In order to monitor the implementation progress of the Citizens' Charter in the Provincial Councils and Local Government Division at the monthly progress review meetings, 'Implementation of the Citizens' Charter' has been included as a new activity in the Ministry's annual action plan, and its progress is monitored monthly accordingly.                         |
| Performance agreements had not been prepared and signed, inclusive of the entire staff.                                                                                        | It is stated that according to Public Administration Circular 02/2018(I), signing annual performance agreements is no longer required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| The number of training opportunities provided was less than fifty percent of the planned training opportunities.                                                               | Subject to the provisions stipulated in 6(c) of Budget Circular No. 01/2023, training opportunities have been provided only for mandatory training programs that must be completed under the criteria specified in the said circular."                                                                                                                                    |
| The audit opinion on the institution's accounts was qualified / disclaimer of opinion / adverse. The recommendations of the Auditor General's report had not been implemented. | Since the correct value of non-financial assets must be reflected in the financial statements, the audit opinion on the Ministry is a qualified opinion. The CIGAS data system has now been updated to include the correct value of the non-financial assets.<br>Necessary measures have now been taken to implement the recommendations of the Auditor General's report. |

  
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