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பாராளுமன்ற வெளியீட்டுத் தொடர் இலக்கம்: 492

பாராளுமன்றத்தின் அரசு கனக்குக் குழுவினால் முன்வைக்கப்பட்ட அறிக்கை தொடர்பாக கட்டளை இலக்கம் 119(4) இன் கீழ் கௌரவ அமைச்சரின் அவதானிப்புக்களும் மற்றும் அது தொடர்பாக எடுக்கப்படும் நடவடிக்கைகளும் பாராளுமன்றத்திற்கு சமர்ப்பித்தல்

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(Irrigation Division)

|    | <b>Shortcomings identified by the Committee</b>                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Action taken by the Institution to rectify the Shortcomings / current status</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 1. | Answers had not been sent to all the audit queries of the Auditor General within one month after receiving such audit queries.                                                                                            | As there are several institutions and the projects throughout the country functioning under this Ministry, information to prepare answers for audit queries issued to those institutions and projects should be obtained from the said institutions and projects. As it takes a considerable period of time for that purpose answers cannot be submitted within a month. In such occasions approval of the Auditor General/Superintendent of Audit is obtained for the extension of the period to answer the queries                                                                                                              |
| 2. | Information about purchases of assets and disposals relating to year 2018 had not been submitted to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of Paragraph 07 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017 of 26.06.2017. | As per Asset Management Circular No. 06/2023, the information of the vehicles under the custody of the Ministry has been uploaded to the NFAMS system. Changes made in relation to the vehicles are updated via the system and referred to the Comptroller General.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 3. | No actions had been taken for the recommendations on excesses and shortages & other recommendations revealed by the Board of surveys.                                                                                     | Activities related to the recommendations on excesses and shortages revealed by the Board of survey on 2023 have been completed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 4. | Documents to confirm ownership of all vehicles were not in possession.                                                                                                                                                    | Currently, there are currently 71 vehicles directly used by this Ministry in accordance with the revision of the scope of the Ministry. Registration certificates of 69 vehicles out of them are in the custody of the Ministry. The information related to the remaining 02 vehicles is being verified. A number of registration certificates of vehicles used by other institutions registered in the name of the Secretary of this Ministry (Projects, Irrigation Management Division, Kotmale International Training Institute) are in the custody of the Ministry and information regarding the registration certificates of |

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|     |                                                                                                                                                                                     | other vehicles is being verified through the institutions which use those vehicles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 5.  | Daily running charts and monthly summaries of running charts of fleet of vehicles had not been submitted for the Auditor General on regular basis.                                  | Action has been taken to submit some of the Daily running charts and monthly summaries of running charts of the vehicles out of 23 fleet of vehicles currently under the custody of the Ministry, to the Auditor General as indicated in Annexure 01 and action is being taken to submit the reports on the remaining vehicles expeditiously after examining the documents.                                                                                                                      |
| 6.  | The emblem of the state had not been painted on all pool vehicles.                                                                                                                  | Currently, measures have been taken to display the state emblem in printed form on the front of vehicles and initially the process of calling for quotations to paint the state emblems on the pool vehicles used by the Ministry, has been started.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 7.  | Log books on all vehicles were not maintained on up-to-date basis.                                                                                                                  | As stated in Annexure 1, Log books related to 12 pool and allocated vehicles used by this Ministry are not available and these vehicles are to be auctioned and disposed and, some of these vehicles which were in custody of Kotmale International Training Institute, have been brought to the Ministry for disposal. Log entries related to 59 remaining vehicles are available and Log entries related to 04 vehicles out of them, are to be updated and the said activities are being done. |
| 8.  | Balances that are revealed by the findings of Bank Reconciliation Statements & should be adjusted, had not been adjusted within a period of one month as per Financial Regulations. | Currently, out of 12 Accounts of coming under the Irrigation Division, only balances related to Irrigation Management Division and Mahaweli Water Security Program remain to be adjusted and measures will be taken to settle the same within the month of June 2026 as per F.R.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9.  | The balances in arrears exceeding 1 year had not been settled.                                                                                                                      | It is informed that necessary measures are being taken to write off an unidentified loan balance of Rs.434,066.03 remaining unsettled for 20 years of the Irrigation Management Division functioned under this Ministry, under the Public Finance Circular 01/2024 No.PFD/RED/REG/CIR/2023/04 dated 29.05.2024                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10. | Action had not been taken as per F.R.571 in relation to dormant accounts.                                                                                                           | The amount of Rs.5,000,000/- is a security deposit. This agreement is valid for 25 years (Up to 28.02.2041) This amount is retained until the said period is terminated. The retention amount of Rs.79,436.25 related to Chaminda Construction is to be credited to the government revenue in the month of May 2026.                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| 11. | Citizen/ client charter had not been prepared or applied properly as per the circular number 05/2008 of Ministry of Public Administration and Management dated 06.02.2008 as amended by circular No. 05/2018(1) dated 24.01.2018. | <p>The Citizen/ client charter related to the year 2025 of the Administrative Division of the Irrigation Division has been prepared and the Citizen/ client charters related to the Divisions of Transport, Land, Project Personnel and Progress Management, Procurement and Contract, Agriculture, Accounts and Internal Audit, have been prepared (Annexure 02)</p> <p>It has been informed in writing to prepare and submit the Citizen/ client charter related to remaining sections expeditiously.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 12. | A methodology had not been formulated to monitor and evaluate the application of citizen/ client charter by the institution.                                                                                                      | <p>A box has been kept in the ground floor at the entrance of Irrigation Division for complaints/suggestions as a follow up process (Feed Back) to obtain the views of the public.</p> <p>As the activities of internal clients rather than external clients of the Ministry are carried out, initiatives have been made to obtain feedback from the officers who arrive to the administration brance, through a specimen form in order to inspect whether the service requirements of the officers are properly accomplished.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 13. | A human resource plan drafted in keeping with the provisions of public administration Circular No 02/2018 dated 24th January 2018 was not available.                                                                              | A human resource plan for the year 2025 has been prepared and submitted as Annexure 3. Further, the human resource plan prepared for 2026 has been submitted by Annexure 4.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 14. | The human resource development plan that had been prepared, did not ensure at least a minimum training opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for more than 50% of the member of the staff.                               | <p>Training courses related to 2025 for the Staff Officers, Secondary and Primary Officers were held as follows.</p> <p><b>Staff Officers</b></p> <p>Two Training courses for Staff Officer except post graduate courses have been organized with the participation of all the officers and a higher number of officers have participated for the same. The information in that regard has been submitted by Annexure 5. Accordingly, percentage of entire participation for that purpose indicates 68% progress.</p> <p><b>Secondary Level Officers</b></p> <p>12 training courses of the year 2025 have been organized for Secondary Staff and the resource persons were invited to the office and training opportunities were provided to a number of officers, and 67%</p> |

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|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>progress of the same has indicated.</p> <p><b>Primary Level Officers</b></p> <p>3 training courses for Primary Level Officers have been organized and thereby 57% progress has indicated. 102 officers have been attached to zonal field offices of Mahaweli Authority and those officers will be called upon to take part in training courses of the Mahaweli Authority as it is practically easy to train them at the Head Office.</p> <p>Annual Training Plan for the year 2026 has been prepared (Annexure 04) and thereby, measures are being taken to provide required training opportunities to all officers.</p> |
| 15. | Performance agreements covering the entire staff had not been drafted or entered.                                                                                                                                                                                   | As Agreement formula introduced by P.A. Circular 2/2018 has been removed by 02/2018(1), currently Performance agreements are not formulated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 16. | A senior officer of the institution had not been named for the preparation of human resource development plans and to implement capacity and skill development programmes.                                                                                          | Mrs. H.K.G. Niroshana Senior Assistant Secretary (Administration) has been nominated for the Irrigation Division in 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 17. | Out of the training opportunities planned, the extent of training opportunities granted, was less than 50%.                                                                                                                                                         | <p>The progress of the year 2025 has been indicated in Annexure 05 and 50% of the targets has been achieved by providing more than 12 hours of GroupWise training opportunities. Further, Procurement training programmes for Staff Officers and training programmes of Office Assistants scheduled to be held in the month of December had to be cancelled due to Ditta Storm.</p> <p>Necessary measures are being taken to achieve the targets for the year 2026.</p>                                                                                                                                                     |
| 18. | The audit opinion about the accounts of the institution had been a qualified opinion/disclaimed opinion/ an unfavorable opinion.                                                                                                                                    | Shortcomings and errors in the Accounts of the Institution pointed out by the Auditor General have been rectified by now                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 19. | The institution had not identified three performance indicators which can measure the progress of performing the functions of the institute so as to make its functions clear, in line with para 12.1 of the Public Finance Circular No. 02/2020, dated 28/08/2020. | Enhancing the living condition of the farming community associated with irrigation systems, ensuring sustainability of the agriculture, ensuring healthy and safe water supply and supply of water for all water consumption and power and energy requirements can be considered as the major objectives of the Irrigation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|     |                                                                                     | <p>field. The implementation and completion (% completion) of the major projects carried out under the Ministry which provides higher contribution for the achievement of the said objectives, have been identified as the performance indicators. Approval has been granted by the Decision No. අමප්: 25/1802/804/215 dated 07.10.2025 of the Cabinet of Ministers for the Organizational Result Framework(ORP) prepared under the institutionalization of the Results Based Management in the government sector and thereby the comprehensive performance indicators have been identified. Accordingly, necessary succeeding measures required to obtain the progress are being done.</p> |
| 20. | Recommendations indicated in the Auditor General's Report had not been implemented. | <p>Officers have been directed to implement the recommendations in the Audit Report and necessary measures have been taken to carry out future activities while rectifying the shortcomings.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 21. | All public officers had not submitted their declarations of assets and liabilities. | <p>All the Staff Officers of the senior level are performing as at 30.06.2026, have given the Declarations of Asset and Liabilities. 05 officers who are retired at this moment, have given the relevant reports on due date and only an officer has submitted the said report on later date. (Annexure 6)</p> <p>Further, other all officer of this institution have given Declarations of Asset and Liabilities to the personal file in terms of General 261 under the First Appointment. Accordingly, all the Officers have given Declarations of Asset and Liabilities.</p>                                                                                                             |