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பாராளுமன்றத்தின் அரச 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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Part 1

	Shortcomings Identify by the Committee	Action taken by the Institution rectify the shortcoming / Current Status
1	Fixed Assets Module of the CIGAS Programme was not maintained up to date basis, in terms of Para 8.1 and 8.2 of the guidelines No 05/2022 dated 13.12.2022 issued by the Department of State Accounts.	All expenses incurred every month under the asset expenditure items are inventoried in the CIGAS accounting system within the same month. At the end of each month, the Asset Management Division also re-checks whether the process has been carried out correctly. Furthermore, the valuation of assets whose cost cannot be identified among the non-financial assets held by the department that have not been accounted for in the CIGAS system so far is currently being carried out and accounting is being carried out in the CIGAS system. In this regard, valuation reports have been called for from the Government Valuation Department for buildings and the buildings for which valuation values have been received have been completed and accounted. Valuation of vehicles owned by the department is being carried out at the regional level and the vehicles for which valuation values have been received have also been completed and accounted for. The CIGAS accounting system will be updated in the future according to the valuation reports to be received.
2	Inventory was not maintained up to date basis.	Officers have been instructed to keep the inventory register up to date and the inventory register is currently being kept up to date.
3	Register of Risk was not maintained up to date basis.	The risk register for the year 2023 was prepared in accordance with the Management Audit Circular Letter No. DMA/01- 2019/1 and Circular dated 2021/04/05. The annual internal audit plan was prepared accordingly. The risk register prepared in accordance with the circular was updated and maintained annually.
4	In delegating such financial authority, the authority had not been delegated in such manner so as to pass each transaction through minimum of two officers?	When delegating financial powers, powers have also been delegated for the year 2026 so that every transaction is subject to the scrutiny of at least two officers.
5	Answers had not been sent to all the audit queries of the Auditor General within one month after receiving such audit queries	Since the responses to audit inquiries sent to regional offices have to be obtained from those offices, in some cases there is a delay in submitting the responses, but so far, the responses to all audit inquiries sent to the Irrigation Department up to the year 2025 have been forwarded to the Auditor

		General's Department.
6	There had been instances where internal audit queries had not been answered within a period of 1 month.	Continuous awareness was raised at the Audit Management Committees held quarterly in the Department that responses to audit queries issued by the Internal Audit Division should be submitted within a month, and reminder letters were sent to those queries that had not been answered within a month, informing them to submit responses promptly.
7	The relevant reports had not been submitted to the Auditor General by the due date after conducting Board of Survey in accordance with F.R. 756 (6) within the time frame mentioned in paragraph 11.1 of Part 1 of Public Finance Circular No. 01/2020 dated 28.08.2020.	Circular No. FIN/ST/VER/2025 dated 26.11.2025 has instructed to conduct annual verification and all the Verification survey reports scheduled to be conducted by 31.12.2025 have been submitted to the Auditor General by 31.03.2026
8	No actions had been taken for the recommendations on excesses and shortages & other recommendations revealed by the Board of surveys.	Steps are being taken to inform the Zonal Irrigation Directorates about the surpluses and deficiencies revealed in the 2025 Annual Verification Reports and the implementation of the recommendations.
9	Documents to confirm ownership of all vehicles were not in possession.	The registration certificates of about 93% of the vehicles used by the Irrigation Department and owned by the Irrigation Department are in possession of the Department. Ownership has been confirmed upon obtaining relevant documents for the remaining vehicles.
10	Daily running charts and monthly summaries of running charts of fleet of vehicles had not been submitted for the Auditor General on regular basis.	Daily running charts and monthly expenditure reports of the year 2023 have been presented to the state audit division.
11	The emblem of the state had not been painted on all pool vehicles.	Arrangements have been made to paint the state emblem on the vehicles of the Irrigation Department.
12	Condemned vehicles had not been disposed of within a period of less than 8 months after condemning.	Actions have been taken to dispose the condemned vehicles in 2023
13	Log books on all vehicles were not maintained on up to date basis.	Actions have been taken to keep the log books for the vehicles of Irrigation Department updated.
14	Actions had not been taken on accidents occurred to motor vehicles owned by the government as per the Financial Regulations.	Every vehicle accident is being dealt with according to the F.R.
15	Bank reconciliation statements had not been prepared, certified and submitted for audit on the due date.	Instructions have been given that bank reconciliation reports should be prepared and submitted for audit before the 15th of every month and reports should be submitted accordingly. All bank reconciliation reports up to April 2026 have now been received

16	Expenditure had been incurred exceeding the authorized limits.	All Regional Irrigation Directors have been instructed in writing not to incur expenses beyond the allocated limit.
17	Per FR 94(1), liabilities were exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year.	All directors are instructed in writing not to incur liabilities beyond the limits of the provisions released at the end of each year.
18	The balances in arrears exceeding 1 year had not been settled.	The outstanding loan balances up to the year 2023, after deducting the amount settled so far, are Rs. 2,788,372.28. Further efforts are being made to recover the outstanding loan balances.
19	Action had not been taken as per F.R.571 in relation to dormant accounts.	Deposits held in the General Deposit Account for more than 02 years are being processed in accordance with Section 571.
20	The revenue collected had not been directly credited to the revenue or not been remitted to the Revenue account within a period less than one month having maintained them in the deposit account.	The revenue received is used to fund the Government Consolidated Fund, while the money held in the General Deposit Account is held to cover expenses for specific purposes, and is released for that purpose after approval is received to release that money for the relevant purposes.
21	The revenue that was collected had not been reimbursed in terms of respective provisions.	The collected revenue is released after receiving formal approval to repay it for the relevant activities as per the relevant regulations
22	The staff had been recruited/attached exceeding the approved limits	Under the Employment of Unemployed Graduates 2020, 175 new Development Officer appointments have been attached to the Irrigation Department by the Director General of Integrated Services with effect from 03.01.2022. Accordingly, two letters vide No. GA/3/6/Carder dated 20.09.2022 and vide No. GA/3/6/Carder dated 07.02.2024 have been submitted to the Department of Management Services to include the surplus Development Officers exceeding the approved number of employees in the approved staff of this department.
23	All members of the staff had not been assigned duties in writing	All the employees job descriptions have been issued.

Part 2

1	The website that is maintained by the institution does not provide an opportunity for the public to lodge complaints or to give commendations.	The option is enabled for reaching the "Contact Us" in the Home page of our website and entering the queries by opening the "İnquire" file. A specimen is attached herewith. (Annexure 01)
2	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.	The Citizen/ Client charter has been prepared for each division upon appointing a committee.

3	A methodology had not been formulated to monitor and evaluate the application of citizen/ client charter by the institution.	The Citizen/ Client charter has been prepared for irrigation Department.
4	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.	Training plans have been submitted by covering all categories according to the staff classification. It is further informed that arrangements have been made to provide training opportunities for more than 50% of the staff in future.
5	Performance agreements covering the entire staff had not been drafted or entered.	By the Public Administration Circular No 2/2018 (1) dated 30.11.2023, instructions have been given that making performance agreements is not required.
6	Out of the training opportunities planned, the extent of training opportunities granted, was less than 50%.	Due to the limited financial provisions allocated for local training in the year 2023, only a limited number of training programmes had been conducted. It is kindly informed that necessary provisions will be obtained in the future to provide the planned training opportunities
7	The audit opinion about the accounts of the institution had been a qualified opinion/disclaimed opinion/ an unfavorable opinion.	The section on the opinion of the Auditor General's Financial Statement for the year 2023 is presented herewith as annexure 02.
8	Recommendations indicated in the Auditor General's Report had not been implemented.	All heads of sub departments have been informed to implement the recommendations of the Auditor General's report, and all reports and current progress reports have been provided to the Public Accounts Committee at various intervals.
9	The directives/ recommendations issued by the Committee on Public Accounts had not been implemented.	The recommendations/directives of the Public Accounts Committee are currently being implemented and the performance and current progress have been provided to the Committee on Public Accounts.
10	All public officers had not submitted their declarations of assets and liabilities.	Officers have been informed regarding the submission of declarations of assets and liabilities.