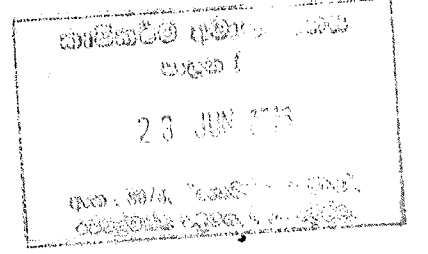


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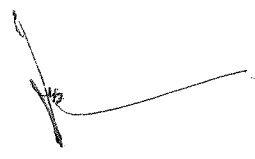
Presenting observations and actions taken regarding the report submitted to
Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts in terms of Standing
Order No 119(4).

4. Problems with the Effective Use of Information Technology Systems 4.1 Department of Export Agriculture	I would like to kindly state that the purchase of these 300 tablet computers and the development of the computer software were undertaken for the purpose of preparing a geographical index for the cinnamon crop. However, as the cinnamon crop has now been brought under a separate department, the Department is currently utilizing the software for the development and registration of other crops belonging to the Department, conducting programmes through Zoom technology, expanding crop extension activities through social media platforms such as YouTube, progress monitoring, communication, introduction of new technologies, and other project-related activities of the Department. Accordingly, these resources are already being effectively utilized by the officers of the Department. I would also like to kindly inform you that an investigation is currently being conducted through the Ministry regarding the purchase of these 300 tablet computers and the development of the computer software.
1. Preparing Plans to Achieve Export Revenue Targets	A five-year plan for the period 2025–2030 will be prepared and implemented from the year 2025, as recommended by the Committee on Public Accounts, for development and expansion activities. Accordingly, from the year 2025, the necessary activities to implement the 200 Cluster Villages Programme for export agricultural crop production have been initiated at the district level by identifying suitable lands for each crop and centering the programme around those lands. Comprehensive plans for the promotion of export agricultural crops belonging to this Department have been prepared and submitted to the Ministry and the Parliamentary Committee. I would also like to inform you that the Department's Development Programme for the period 2025–2029 has been prepared and approved by the Department of National Planning, and the necessary development and research activities are being carried out to achieve the expected targets.

2. Cultivation or Export of the Wallapatta Plant	The Attorney General has granted approval for the Amendment Bill to the Export Agriculture Promotion Act No. 46 of 1992. At present, this Amendment Bill is being submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture for Cabinet approval. Further, the Ministry of Agriculture has not yet officially announced that the Wallapatta plant will be transferred to the Department of Export Agriculture.
3. Taking Action to Acquire 29 Plots of Land Belonging to the Government and the Private Sector	The institutions involved in the land acquisition activities of this Department, as well as the other relevant institutions, have been requested to inform the Regional Coordination Committee meetings regarding these matters and to expedite the land acquisition activities. I would like to inform you that the Secretary of the Regional Coordination Committee has been informed in writing regarding each plot of land. I also submit the detailed progress relating to land acquisition in Annexures 1, 2, and 3.
4. Although a huge expenditure has been incurred for the purchase of 300 Tablet Computers and the Development of Computer Software, the expected results have not been achieved	At the Departmental Audit and Management Committee meeting held on 01 April 2025, the committee appointed for this purpose informed that formal approval should be obtained from the Secretary to the Ministry for the effective utilization of these tablet computers for other crop development and crop extension activities of the Department. I kindly inform you that further action in this regard is currently being carried out by a committee appointed by the Ministry.


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