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පාර්ලිමේන්තුවේ රජයේ ගිණුම් පිළිබඳ කාරක සභාව විසින් සභාගත කරන ලද වාර්තා සම්බන්ධයෙන් ස්ථාවර නියෝග අංක 119(4) යටතේ ගරු මුදල්, ක්‍රමසම්පාදන සහ ආර්ථික සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යවරයාගේ නිරීක්ෂණ සහ ගනු ලබන පියවර පාර්ලිමේන්තුව වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කිරීම

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Through Hon. Leader of the House of Parliament
Hon. Speaker of Parliament
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**Submission of observations and actions taken by the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, regarding the report presented to Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts (COPA) concerning Ministries, Departments, Provincial Councils, and Local Authorities.**

**Parliamentary Series No. 487 - Report of the Committee on Public Accounts**

Following the investigation of the affairs of Ministries and Departments by the Committee on Public Accounts as per the revised Standing Order No. 119(4) of the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance is required to submit to Parliament his observations and the steps taken regarding the observations, recommendations, and orders contained in the report presented to Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts (COPA).

Accordingly, the report compiled by the Committee on Public Accounts (COPA) based on the investigation into the Departments under the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development which was conducted during the First Session of the Tenth Parliament, is contained in Parliamentary Series No. 487. I hereby present the report containing my observations and the measures being taken on the matter, in my capacity as the Honorable Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

The attention of the Honorable Parliament is hereby drawn to the fact that this report includes the measures and observations taken by five departments functioning under the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, with regard to the recommendations pertaining to the departments functioning under the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, contained in the report compiled by the Committee on Public Accounts.

**Sgd.**
**Anura Kumara Dissanayake**
**Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development**

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## Seven Departments under the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

| අංකය இல்லை No. | දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ නම / துறையின் பெயர் / Name of Department |
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| 01 | රාජ්‍ය මූල්‍ය ප්‍රතිපත්ති දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව/ **அரசிறைக் கொள்கைத் திணைக்களம்/** Department of Fiscal Policy |
| 02. | වෙළඳ හා ආයෝජන ප්‍රතිපත්ති දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව/ **வர்த்தக மற்றும் முதலீட்டுக் கொள்கைகள் திணைக்களம்** / Department of Trade and Investment Policies |
| 03. | තොරතුරු තාක්ෂණ කළමනාකරණ දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව / **தகவல் தொழில்நுட்ப முகாமைத்துவத் திணைக்களம்** / Department of Information Technology Management |
| 04. | දේශීය ආදායම් දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව/ **உள்நாட்டு இறைவரித் திணைக்களம்/** Department of Inland Revenue |
| 05. | ශ්‍රී ලංකා රේගු දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව/**இலங்கை சுங்கம்/** Sri Lanka Customs |
| 06. | ශ්‍රී ලංකා සුරාබදු දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව/ **இலங்கை மதுவரித் திணைக்களம்/** Excise Department of Sri Lanka |
| 07. | ආනයන හා අපනයන පාලන දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව/ **இறக்குமதி மற்றும் ஏற்றுமதிக் கட்டுப்பாட்டுத் திணைக்களம்/** Import and Export Control Department |

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**Name Of the institution** : **Department of Fiscal Policy**

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| | Recommendations given by the Committe | Actions taken by the institution to implement Recommendations/Current Status |
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| 01 | Submitting a proposal to increase Government Revenue. | Following the enactment of the Public Finance Management Act No. 44 of 2024 in 2024, a Revenue Management Committee was established in terms of Section 8(2) thereof. This committee, which is chaired by the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance, consists of 09 members.<br>According to the Public Finance Management Act, the main role of this Committee is to establish proper coordination between the main institutions that collect state revenue, to closely monitor the performance of those institutions, and to provide the necessary guidance to increase revenue generation by overcoming the weaknesses of those institutions.<br>The heads of the Inland Revenue Department, the Excise Department and the Customs Department also serve as members of this committee.<br>This committee meets every quarter of the year, where each revenue department discusses its future plans, progress achieved so far in relation to the estimate, concerns to increase revenue, etc., and takes decisions on future actions. |
| 06 | Weaknesses in coordination between the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies and relevant institutions | As mentioned in 01 above, establishing good coordination between the main institutions that collect government revenue is a key role of the Revenue Management Committee. Accordingly, under this mechanism, it is possible to ensure good coordination between the institutions |

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| 10 | Problems arising from subsequent revision of revenue estimates of government institutions | Following the enactment of the Public Finance Management Act No. 44 of 2024 in 2024, the Fiscal Strategy Statement 2026 was announced in Parliament by the Hon. Minister of Finance on 30th June 2025 and published on the official website of the Ministry of Finance.<br>If, for any reason, the actual values of public finance variables show a significant deviation from the predicted values, the matter should be reported to Parliament.<br>Accordingly, the budget 2026 was prepared within the limitations set out in the Medium-Term Fiscal Framework 2026, which is contained in this Fiscal Strategy Statement.<br>If, for any reason, the actual values of public finance variables show significant deviations from the predicted values, the matter should be reported to Parliament..<br><br>Also, in accordance with the agreements reached by the government under the IMF's Extended Fund Facility (EFF), the government revenue targets that Sri Lanka must achieve within the program timeframe, as well as targets related to other public finance components, have been clearly stated.<br>Accordingly, under the legal provisions of the Public Finance Management Act and subject to the agreements reached with the International Monetary Fund, there is no possibility for deviation from the government revenue targets to be achieved as a result of the subsequent revision of the revenue estimates of state institutions as mentioned herein. |

The observations and actions taken by the Department of Fiscal Policy with regard to the reports presented by the Committee on Public Accounts under Standing Order No. 119(4) of Parliamentary Series No. 488, are kindly submitted as above.

**A.K.Gunasekara**

Additional Director General

For Director General

**Parliamentary Series No.** 488

**Department Name:** Department of Fiscal Policy

Presentation of the observations and steps taken by the Hon. Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to Parliament under Standing Order No. 119(4) regarding the reports tabled by the Committee on Public Accounts of Parliament.

**Observations and Actions Taken on Committee Recommendations**

| No | Recommendation made by the Committee in the report | Steps taken / Current status by the Institution regarding the recommendation |
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| 06 | Establishing a separate unit under the administration of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies to increase state revenue earned through Sri Lanka Customs, the Department of Inland Revenue, and the Department of Excise | In accordance with Section 8(2) of the Public Financial Management Act No. 44 of 2024, the Revenue Management Committee has been established for the purpose of developing and formulating revenue strategies consistent with the Fiscal Strategy Statement and providing strategic advice to public entities that generate revenue It shall consist of the following members:<br><br>(a) Ex-officio Members:<br>i. Secretary to the Treasury who shall be the Chairman<br>ii. Deputy Secretary to the Treasury in charge of the subject of Fiscal Policy<br>iii. Commissioner General of Inland Revenue<br>iv. Director General of Customs<br>v. Commissioner General of Excise<br>vi. Director General of the Department in charge of Treasury Operations<br>vii. Director General of the Department in charge of Fiscal Policy<br><br>(b) two other members appointed by the Minister of Finance from among persons who have achieved eminence in the field of revenue management.<br><br>According to the Public Financial Management Act, the Secretary to the Revenue Management Committee shall be an officer of the Department responsible for the subject of fiscal policy, nominated by the Secretary to the Treasury.<br><br>Furthermore, the Revenue Management Committee is scheduled to follow the broad strategic plans mentioned below to increase government revenue:<br>• The Revenue Management Committee, is expected to invite proposals representing both the public and private sectors and formulate a medium-term revenue strategy to strategically increase government revenue. |

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| | | • The Medium-Term Revenue Strategy Action Plan prepared accordingly is to be monitored by the Revenue Management Committee.<br><br>• To further strengthen the medium-term revenue strategy, technical assistance is planned to be obtained from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in July 2026, which will take steps to further strengthen government revenue.<br><br>In addition, a Tax Policy Analysis Unit has been established within the Department of Fiscal Policy. It performs revenue analysis, economic and distributional analysis of tax policies, tax expenditure assessment, evidence-based tax analysis, and the planning, assessment, and monitoring of tax policy reforms through internationally accepted methodologies.<br><br>Furthermore, according to the Revenue Management Circular, the Department of Fiscal Policy monitors the revenue collection performance of the relevant entities by obtaining monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, and annual revenue reports.<br><br>Moreover, these main revenue-collecting entities are also involved in the monthly Cash Flow Review Meetings.<br><br>Through these measures, the performance of the main revenue-generating entities is subject to regular review.<br><br>Through the tax administration reforms and fiscal consolidation strategies adapted by the above mentioned measures and committees, a government revenue that is higher then the estimated revenue target for 2025, has been achieved.<br><br>Accordingly, since the objectives expected to be achieved via the administrative unit recommended to be established by the Committee on Public Accounts is already being met, it is observed that there is no need to establish another separate unit. |

I kindly submit the above information regarding the observations and actions taken by the Department of Fiscal Policy under Standing Order No. 119(4) concerning the reports presented by the Committee on Public Accounts for Parliamentary Series No. 488.

Signed by :-

Dr. M.K.C. Senanayake
Director General

**Parliament Publications No.** : **488**

**Name of the Department** : **Trade and Investment Policy Department**

**The submission of observations and the actions taken of Hon. Minister of Finance , Planning and Economic Development under Standing Order No. 119(4) regarding the reports tabled by the Committee of Public Accounts of the Parliament.**

| No. | The recommendations made by the Committee mentioned in the report. | The actions taken by the entity on the recommendations/ Current status. |
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| 01 | The Committee has observed that the Department of Customs and the Department of Inland Revenue has submitted only proposals of increasing the revenue while the Excise Department has submitted proposal and action plan of increasing the revenue despite the fact that the Committee has ordered the Chief Financing Officer/ Financing Officer of the Ministry of Finance , Planning and Economic Development to submit a proposal and action plan of increasing the revenue of the Department of Customs , the Department of Inland Revenue and the Department of Excise.<br><br>The Chief Financing Officer / Financing Officer has informed to the Committee that the Department of Fiscal Policy and the Department of trade and Investment Policy were in the process of preparing a work plan to implement the submitted proposals of the relevant three Departments and further informed that the selected proposals were expected to be implemented as | The Fiscal Policy Department has the mandate of formulation of policies for increasing the government revenue by increasing the revenue of the Department of Customs, Department of Inland Revenue and the Department of Excise meanwhile the Department of Trade and Investment Policy has the mandate to assist that process relevant to the Department of Customs.<br><br>The Trade National Single Window Project Implementing Unit has been established by October 2024 which insists a long term strategic mechanism for increasing the revenue of the Department of Customs. And nowadays the software development activities are being processed as planned. The objective of the Trade National Single Window Project is providing facilities to the import and export traders to obtain certificates, approvals, licenses etc. efficiently on that trading process through a onetime data entering access to a single digital platform. Accordingly the import and export trading would be driven efficiently after completion of the project successfully. And that will lead to increase the trade volume and revenue of the Department of Customs. The Trade and Investment Policy Department is proceeding as the coordinating entity of the Trade National Single Window Project on behalf of the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.<br><br>The National Trade Facilitation Committee is now been established in Sri Lanka as per the Trade Facilitation Agreement of the World Trade Organization. And the objectives of that are simplifying and renovating the trading processes, making ordinations within government entities, |

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| | per the agreements within the Departments. | identifying the obstacles on trading, taking policy decisions and disclosing the data for trading transparently ect. Accordingly the Secretariat of the National Trade Facilitation Committee is established in the Department of Customs. This committee is consisted with public entities and private entities as the Department of Customs, the Department of Commerce, Sri Lanka Standard Institute, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, and Trade Chambers etc. By functioning tis committee the trade volume would be increased and it will lead to increase the revenue of the Customs Department in the long run. The Trade and Investment Policy Department is proceeding as the coordinating entity of the National Trade Facilitation Committee on behalf of the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. |

The observations and the actions taken by the Department of Trade and Investment Policy are submitted above regarding the reports submitted by the Committee of Public Accounts of the Parliament for the Parliament Publications No. 488 under Standing Order No. 119(4)

**Director General**
Trade and Investment Policy Department.

**Parliamentary Series** : **488**

**Name of the Department** : **Department of Information Technology Management**

Submission of the observations and measures taken by Hon. Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to Parliament under Standing Order No. 119(4) regarding the reports tabled by the Committee on Public Accounts of Parliament, to the Parliament.

| Number | Recommendations made by the Committee as mentioned in the report | Measures taken by the Institute for Recommendations/ Present status |
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| 05 | The Committee, drawing attention to the issues arising from the failure to digitize government institutions, emphasized the need for the digitalization of government institutions. In this regard, the Committee recommended that suitable individuals or institutions be selected through advertisements to develop the relevant data systems, and that action be taken to pay their service fees as a percentage of the revenue generated.<br>The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies stated that it has been decided to call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for this purpose at present. | Suitable individuals have been selected through external agencies by publishing advertisements to develop systems for respective departments of the Treasury and, as an interim solution to minimize the delays that have occurred in this regard until systems are thus procured for certain departments, the Department of Information Technology Management of the Treasury developed and provided the systems. However, due to human resource constraints and other issues, steps have currently been taken to obtain the assistance of GovTech Sri Lanka (Pvt) Ltd for this task, upon the instructions of the Secretary to the Treasury. |

The information regarding the observations and actions taken by the Department of Information Technology Management with respect to the reports presented by the Committee on Public Accounts under Standing Order No. 119(4) for Parliamentary Series No. 488 is kindly submitted above.

J.H.S.P. Jayamaha
Additional Director General (Administration & Finance),
For Director General,
Department of Information Technology Management.

08/07/2026.

Parliamentary Series No. : 488

Department : Inland Revenue Department

Submission of observations and actions taken by the Hon. Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development on the reports of the Committee on Public Accounts tabled in Parliament under Standing Order 119 (4).

| No. | Recommendations given by the committee specified in the report | Steps taken by the institute/ Present Status |
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| 01 | **Submission of proposals to increase the state revenue**<br><br>The Committee observed that although the CAO/AO the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies had been recommended to provide the Committee with a proposal to increase the state revenue of the Sri Lanka Customs, the Inland Revenue Department and the Excise Department and an action plan to implement it, the Sri Lanka Customs and the Inland Revenue Department had only submitted a proposal to increase the revenue while the Excise Department had submitted a proposal to increase the revenue and an action plan as well.<br><br>The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies informed the Committee that the Department of Fiscal Policy and the Department of Trade and Investment Policies are in the process of designing a programme to implement the proposals made by the three relevant institutions and it is expected to implement the proposals in the identified action plans with the agreement of the parties. | Refer Annexure 01. |
| 04 | **Present status of Temporary Value Added Tax (VAT) Registration**<br><br>The C.A.O./A.O. of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies stated that;<br>- a committee was appointed in this regard under the chairmanship of the Director General of the Department of Fiscal Policy and | 01. Instead of entering QR codes for the temporary VAT registration certificate, limit the temporary registration to that specific purpose only by entering the invoice number and Bill of Lading number on which the temporary registration is requested. |

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| | • The committee has made 08 recommendations and the Secretary to the Treasury has advised the Sri Lanka Customs and the Department of Inland Revenue regarding their implementation;<br>• Some of the recommendations have already been implemented; and<br>• Temporary VAT registration numbers will not be issued to parties with permanent VAT registration.<br><br>**<u>Observations/ Recommendations</u>**<br><br>The Committee suggested that it will be appropriate to take measures to use a Verifiable QR Code enabling the Department of Inland Revenue and Sri Lanka Customs to exchange data on temporary VAT registration.<br><br>The Committee stated that temporary VAT registration has led to many frauds and emphasized the need to abolish temporary VAT registration to prevent this situation. Further, the Committee recommended to the C.A.O of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies to obtain the necessary cabinet approvals and fulfil other legal requirements in this regard and to submit a written report to the Committee before 27.05.2024 on the progress of implementing this recommendation.<br><br>This has been reported through the letters No. MF06/04/COPA Genera 2022 dated 07.06.2024, MF06/04/COPA Genera 2023 – Vol-iii dated 19.07.2022 and the letter dated 22.07.2024 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies.<br><br>Since this Committee will be convened again on a future date, it was further recommended to the C.A.O of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies to arrange an online programme (as applicable to the Department of Inland Revenue and Sri Lanka | 02. The Value Added Tax Amendment Act No. 04 of 2025 made permanent VAT registration compulsory to import goods for resale (Commercial Purpose) or to export goods.<br><br>With the said amendment, temporary VAT registration was limited to matters such as import/export of one's own personal goods or the import of a capital good related to one's business.<br>03. Refer Annexure 02. |

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| | Customs) and make a computer presentation on its implementation to avoid the problematic situation arising due to temporary VAT registration. | |
| 06 | **Weaknesses in coordination between the Ministry of Monetary Economic Stabilization and National Policies and relevant institutions**<br><br>**Observations/ Recommendations**<br>The committee pointed out that only 1/3 of the state revenue that the government could collect is collected at present and consequently 2/3 of the revenue has not been collected and emphasized that a practical programme led by the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies should be prepared to collect the entire state revenue that could be collected.<br><br>The Committee continuously pointed out that there are weaknesses in coordination between the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the Sri Lanka Customs, the Department of Inland Revenue and the Department of Excise which contribute to the largest percentage of state revenue. Further, the Committee emphasized the importance of establishing a separate unit under the administration of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies to increase the state revenue generated through these three institutions. | A Revenue Administration Reform and Modernization Unit has been established in the Presidential Secretariat to address coordination weaknesses between the Ministry he Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies and relevant institutions. |
| 11 | **RAMIS (Revenue Administration Management Information System) of the Inland Revenue Department.**<br><br>It was revealed at the Committee that the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was received on 30th April 2024 to extend the maintenance and services agreement for another 03 years due to the delay in recruiting staff to take over the RAMIS of the Inland Revenue Department. | I. A maintenance agreement has been signed with the developer of the RAMIS, Singapore Corporation Enterprise (SCE) for a period of 03 years from 01.02.2024 to 31.01.2027 upon the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers. As per the maintenance agreement, the proposal for taking over the RAMIS to the Department of Inland Revenue was submitted to the Ministry of Finance on 06.11.2024. Furthermore, the report of the committee appointed by the Director |

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| | **Observations and Recommendations**<br>• The Committee observed that a cost that would not exceed Singapore Dollar (S$) 31,808,289 (excluding tax) will have to be borne.<br>• The Committee paid attention on the matter that whether measures had been taken to recruit the staff required to take over and maintain the system even after the expiry of the said 03 years.<br>• The Committee regretted on the matter that although the RAMIS had been completed bearing a much higher cost than expected, it had not yet been implemented properly.<br>• The Committee revealed that even the operation of Call Center of the RAMIS has been given to external parties and that it is impossible for a third party to inspect the agreement related to this system.<br>• The Committee pointed out that it would be more appropriate to develop this data system as suitable the country by obtaining the assistance of a qualified entity through a public advertisement excluding traditional methods and to pay the relevant service fee as a percentage of the amount obtained by increasing the revenue. | General (Establishments) to review this takeover plan and to submit recommendations has been submitted to the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance. Accordingly, Cabinet approval has been received on 08.09.2025 to implement the recommendations of this report.<br>II. Approval was received at the Cabinet meeting held on 08.09.2025 for the implementation of the recommendations of the Cabinet Memorandum No. MF/088/CM/2025/221 (Annexure 03) dated 24.08.2025 submitted by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. Accordingly, a committee consists of 10 members was appointed on 17.11.2025 under the chairmanship of the Secretary to the Ministry of Digital Economy to assess the feasibility of the proposed takeover plan understanding the human resource limitations that may arise. The report prepared by this committee was submitted to the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance on 08.01.2026.<br>III. As per the above recommendations of the Cabinet of Ministers, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) should be entered into with the Ministry of Digital Economy, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Commissioner General of Inland Revenue and Secretaries of respective Ministries on functional responsibilities and financial commitments before commencing the takeover plan. The draft of this MoU was forwarded to the Ministry of Finance for legal clearance on 27.04.2026. |



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| | | IV. | Before initiating of taking over an advisor to the Ministry of Digital Economy and a Director of the Presidential Secretariat / two IT experts from Gov Tech Sri Lanka Pvt. were appointed on 26.02.2026 in order to gain a full understanding of the RAMIS and to obtain recommendations on the takeover plan. Accordingly, they had discussions with the Department of Inland Revenue, University of Moratuwa and SCE/NCS (Pvt) Ltd. They will submit the plan and recommendations for the takeover of the RAMIS. |

I hereby kindly submit information on observations and steps to be taken by the Department of Inland Revenue in relation to the reports submitted by the Committee on Public Accounts under Standing Order No. 119(4) for Parliamentary Series No. 488

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Annexure 01

**9. බදු පරිපාලනය ශක්තිමත් කිරීම (දේශීය ආදායම් දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව).**

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| ඉදිරි වසර දෙක තුළ ඇතිවන පුරප්පාඩු ද ඇතුළත්ව දේශීය ආදායම් දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ පුරප්පාඩු වහාම පිරවීම. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1. වර්ෂය තුළ සහකාර කොමසාරිස්වරු 57 දෙනෙකු බඳවා ගෙන ඇත.<br>2: වර්ෂය තුළ සහකාර කොමසාරිස්වරු 98 දෙනෙකු බඳවා ගෙන ඇත.<br>3. සහකාර කොමසාරිස්වරු 200 දෙනෙකු බඳවා ගැනීමට කටයුතු කෙරෙමින් පවතී. |
| දේශීය ආදායම් දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව නිලධාරීන්ට ප්‍රමාණවත් කාර්ය මණ්ඩල පුහුණු පහසුකම් සැපයීම (මෑතකාලීන බදු නීති සංශෝධන, ජාත්‍යන්තර බදු, ඩිජිටල් සේවා සහ තොරතුරු තාක්ෂණය ආශ්‍රිත වත්මන් ප්‍රවණතා, බදු මගහැරීම් සහ බදු ගෙවීම් පැහැර හැරීම් වලට එරෙහිව ක්‍රියා කරන ආකාරය ආදිය). | | | | 1.විදේශ පුහුණු අවස්ථා<br>2023-47<br>2024- 50<br>2025- 41<br><br>2.දේශීය පුහුණු අවස්ථා<br>2024- 26<br>2025- 12<br><br>3. දෙපාර්තමේන්තුගත පුහුණු අවස්ථා<br>• වර්ෂයක් සඳහා පැය 12 බැගින් සියළු නිලධාරින සඳහා පුහුණු අවස්ථා ලබා දීම<br>• බඳවා ගන්නා ලද නව නිලධාරින් සඳහා කාර්යක්ෂමතා කඩයිම් විභාග සඳහා දේශන මාලාවක් පැවැත්වීම<br>2024- 536<br>2025- 576 |
| දේශීය ආදායම් පනතේ 99 වන වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව දේශීය ආදායම් දිරිගැන්වීමේ අරමුදල ස්ථාපිත කිරීම සහ දේශීය ආදායම් දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ නිලධාරීන් උනන්දු කිරීම සඳහා අරමුදල මඟින් දිරි දීමනා ගෙවීම | | | | නිලධාරීන් සඳහා අර්ධ වාර්ෂික දිරිදීමනා ගෙවීම නිවැරදිව කරගෙන යනු ලබයි. |
| අයවැය යෝජනා ඇතුළුව බදු සම්බන්ධ වෙනස්කම් සඳහා දේශීය ආදායම් දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව වෙතින් නිරීක්ෂණ ලබා ගැනීම ( වෙනස්කම් අවශ්‍යද | | | | 2024,2025 වර්ෂ සඳහා නිරීක්ෂණ ලබා දී ඇත. |

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| YouTube නාලිකා, වෙබ් අඩවි සහ ජංගම දුරකථන පදනම් කරගත් ව්‍යාපාර වැනි නවීන ආදායම් ඉපැයීමේ ක්‍රමවලින්ආදායම් උපයනු ලබන බදු ගෙවන්නන්ගෙන් බදු එකතු කිරීමට පහසුකම් සහ පුහුණුව (තාක්ෂණික දැනුම සහ තොරතුරු රැස් කිරීම සම්බන්ධ දැනුම) ලබා දීම. | | | | පුහුණු අවස්ථා ලබා දෙමින් පවතී. |
| ව්‍යාපාරික ස්ථාන, පෞද්ගලික සේවාසැපයීමේ (PP) ස්ථාන , සේවායෝජකපරිශ්‍ර ආදිය වෙත නිරීක්ෂණ චාරිකා වැනි නව බදු ගෙවන්නන්ලියාපදිංචි කිරීම ඉලක්ක කරගත් ස්වේච්ඡා ලියාපදිංචි ක්‍රියාකාරකම් හඳුන්වා දීම (ලියාපදිංචි කිරීමේ පෝරම බෙදා හැරීම සහ එම ස්ථානවලින්ඒවා අවශ්‍ය ලියකියවිලි සමඟ එකතු කිරීම). | | | | වීදි සමීක්ෂණ පැවැත්වීම මඟින් අදාල කාර්ය 2025 වර්ෂයේ සිට සෑම වර්ෂයකම සිදුකරමින් පවතී. |
| ලියාපදිංචි නොකළ බදු ගෙවන්නන් ස්වේච්ඡාවෙන් ලියාපදිංචි වීම සඳහා පෙළඹවීමට බදු පිළිබඳ දැනුවත් කිරීමේ වැඩසටහන් පැවැත්වීම. | | | | 1. 2024 වර්ෂය තුළ මුළු රටම ආවරණය වන පරිදි වැඩසටහන් 84ක් පවත්වා ඇත.<br>2. 2025 වර්ෂය තුළ මුළු රටම ආවරණය වන පරිදි වැඩසටහන් 143ක් පවත්වා ඇත.<br>3. 2026 වර්ෂයේද වැඩසටහන් පැවැත්වීම සිදු කරමින් පවතී. |
| යහපත් බදු ගෙවන්නන් සඳහා රන් සහ රිදී කාඩ්පත් ක්‍රමය නැවත සක්‍රීය කිරීම සහ ඔවුන් සඳහා එකඟ වූ ප්‍රතිලාභ සහතික කිරීමට ක්‍රියාමාර්ග ගැනීම | | | | 1. 2024 වර්ෂයේදී කාඩ්පත් 06 නිකුත් කර ඇත.<br>2. 2025 වර්ෂයේදී කාඩ්පත් 09 නිකුත් කර ඇත.<br>3. 2026 වර්ෂයේදී කාඩ්පත් සඳහා අයදුම්පත් 1200ක් පමණ ලැබී ඇත. |
| සාමාන්‍ය ජනතාවගේ ප්‍රයෝජනය පිණිස බදු ගෙවන්නන්ගේ බදු ගෙවීම් ඵලදායී ලෙස යොදාගන්නා බවට බදුගෙවන්නන් දිරිමත් කිරීම සඳහා ප්‍රචාරණ වැඩසටහන් පැවැත්වීම | | | | ප්‍රධාන ජනමාධ්‍ය හා සමාජ මාධ්‍ය හරහා ප්‍රචාරන වැඩසටහන් ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීම සෑම වර්ෂයකම සිදු කරයි. |

Annexure 02

# Proposed recommendations for an online process to exchange data to reduce risks related with temporary Value Added Tax (VAT)

*Sri Lanka Customs*
*(SLC)*
*and*
*Inland Revenue Department*
*(IRD)*
*03 June 2026*

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## 1) Information Exchange Framework

- All data are generated by systems(ASYCUDA,RAMIS) and transferred to the destination system automatically
- There are four (4) data sets;
  - (data set 1) - VAT/Temp VAT (Sole proprietary business ) registration data from RAMIS to ASYCUDA
  - (data set 2) -VAT/Temp VAT (Other) registration data from RAMIS to ASYCUDA
  - (data set 3) -Import/Export CUSDEC data from ASYCUDA to RAMIS
  - (data set 4)-VAT credit voucher data from RAMIS to ASYCUDA
- File format is xml and both departments have agreed for the data specification

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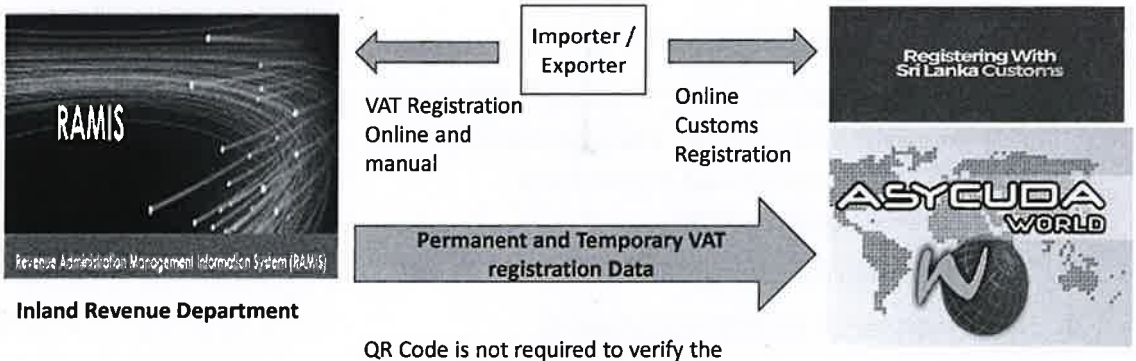
## 2) Improvements for data sharing framework:

**a) *Exchange of Permanent & Temporary VAT Registration Data (data set 1,2)***




QR Code is not required to verify the validity of the registration data as the VAT registration data is automatically transferred to ASYCUDA system

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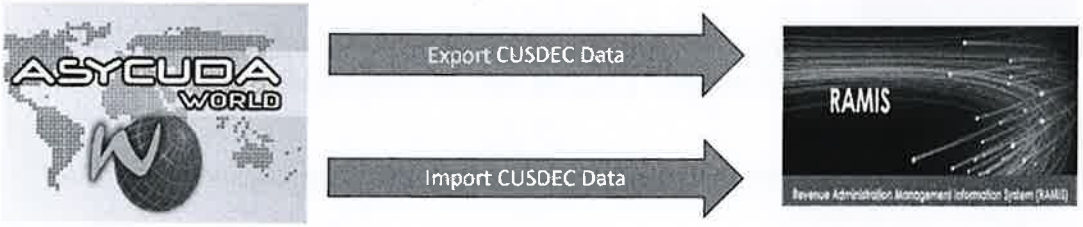
## 2) Improvements for data sharing framework

***b) Exchange of Import and Export Data (data set 3)***




**Sri Lanka Customs (SLC)**

**Inland Revenue Department (IRD)**

- ASYCUDA to RAMIS integration was already completed

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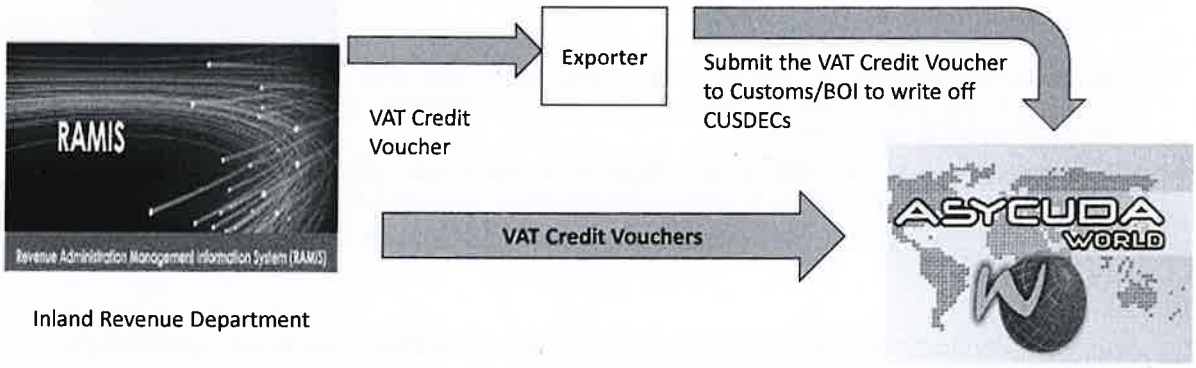
## 2) Improvements for data sharing framework:

**c) Planned VAT Credit Voucher data sharing (data set 4)**

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## 3) IRD procedural changes ( Interim Measures )

- Limiting temporary VAT registration to one consignment
- Deactivation of existing temporary VAT registrations with effect from April 30, 2024, through an internal Circular No. *ACT/10/06 dated 05/03/2024*
- Disallowing VAT on imports under temporary VAT registration by the VAT registered persons
- Non-issuance of temporary VAT registration where the value of the goods to be imported exceeds VAT registration threshold

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## 4) Amendments to the VAT Act

VAT Act is being amended to give effect to the following measures approved by the Cabinet of ministers

- All commercial traders irrespective of the facts that the VAT exempt goods are imported or the value is below the VAT threshold, are required to get a permanent VAT registration.
- Issuance of temporary VAT is only allowed, if the imports/exports are for Government, Government projects, foreign missions and personal use
- Instruct to file VAT returns for exempt supplies/purchases, although not entitled to input credits

*The VAT (Amendment) Bill which includes these provisions has been submitted to the Hon. Attorney General*

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## 5) Implementation Time frame

| Tasks | Estimated Implementation Date | Responsibility | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Inland Revenue Department | Sri Lanka Customs |
| Permanent/Temp (other) VAT data sharing ( data set 2) | 15th July 2024 | Implemented | Implemented |
| Temporary VAT certificate include B/L ,and Invoice number limited to clear only such import | 1st Nov 2024 | Implemented | N/A |
| Mandatory permanent VAT registration introduced for the commercial imports | 30th OCT 2024 | Implemented | N/A |
| VAT Credit Voucher data sharing (Permanent VAT) (data set 4) | 1st Dec 2024 | RAMIS system should be configured | ASYCUDA system should be developed to update the credit vouchers |

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# Thank You !

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Annexure - 03

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# Cabinet Memorandum

## Takeover Plan for Revenue Administration Management Information System (RAMIS) to Inland Revenue Department (IRD)

### 1. Background

RAMIS is a fully automated tax system with end-to-end automation of all tax functions. Having considered the recommendations made by the Cabinet Memorandum dated 21.11.2023 (Annexure 01) the Cabinet of Ministers by its Decision dated 11.12.2023 (Annexure 02) decided to submit takeover plan by the Ministry of Finance as the ongoing maintenance service agreement with the Singapore Corporation Enterprises (SCE) by 31.01.2027 as per the Cabinet Decision dated 30.04.2024 (Annexure 03). The SCE has assigned its subcontractor NCSI Solutions (pvt) Ltd (NCS) for design, development, and maintenance of RAMIS.

Inland Revenue Department (IRD) has submitted the Takeover plan (Annexure 04) prepared to proceed with the takeover during the maintenance period. Having considered the report it was decided to review it with the present government policy on digitalization, by a committee comprising with the officials from the Presidential Secretariat, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED), Ministry of Digital Economy (MoDE), Inland Revenue Department(IRD), Department of Management Services, Department of Information Technology Management and Department of Legal Affairs.

### 2. Description

The committee has submitted its report to the MoFPED (Annexure 05). The Committee has identified the takeover plan in phases (Table 01). The committee recommendations are summarized in the Table 02.

Table 01: Arrangement of the scope of takeover plan in phases

| Phase | Description | Takeover of the relevant phase |
|---|---|---|
| Phase 01 | In Phase 1, the following RAMIS application modules are expected to be handed over to IRD. The modules are: External interface and Information Module, Audit Query, Clearance, Dashboard, Advance Analytic, Reporting and Data Model, CRM, Share Point Portal, Hardware RAMIS Infrastructure | Date of the resource fulfillment for Phase 01 (T1) + 03 months |

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| Phase 02 | In Phase 2, the following RAMIS application modules are expected to be handed over to IRD. The modules are:<br>Assessment (CIT, IIT, PIT, PAYE, WHT, VAT, VAT on FS, SD, ESC, NBT, CGT, SET, SSCL including GA & Audit),Appeal/ ARR, Objection, Directions, Taxpayer Financial, Taxpayer Registration, Public /Private Ruling ,Collections, Refunds, Payments | Date of the resource fulfillment for Phase 02 (T2) + 03 – 06 months |
| Phase 03 | In Phase 3, the following RAMIS application modules are expected to be handed over to IRD. The modules are:<br>Technical Architecture/ Framework, Correspondence, Other, RAMIS Security, Project Management and Administration including deployment, etc. | Date of the resource fulfillment for Phase 03 (T3) + 01 – 02 months |

Table 02: Hardware and Software maintenance responsibilities are with following entities

| Description of the scope | Description of the Method | Responsibility |
|---|---|---|
| a. Hardware RAMIS infrastructure<br>b. Program Management/ project Management | To transfer this to local service provider as per the national Procurement guidelines. When the Hardware reach the end of life/end of support to migrate to the Lanka Government Cloud (LGC) Maintenance windows, routine maintenance support | IRD, MoDE<br>PMU/GovTech/ MoDE |
| (6 Months).<br>Software<br>a. Level 1 (L1) support | L1 and Business domain requirements during and after the takeover (Basic Trouble shooting and user administration) | IRD with resources to continue |
| b. Level 2 (L2) | Beyond the basic trouble shooting need more experts, Committee proposed to absorb the local team or recruit a team to provide it by Govtech/PMU, MODE | GovTech/ PMU, MoDE |
| c. Level 3 (L3 ) | Highest level of technical support | Govtech/ PMU, MoDE |
| d. Change Request (CR) | New code development, by NCS until takeover plan completed<br>Upon completion of takeover by Govtech/PMU, MODE | NCS until completion of takeover subsequently by Govtech/ PMU, MoDE |

These L1, L2, L3 and change request will be having all 3 phases.

The committee has proposed to implement the takeover plan immediately.

However it should be noted that six members of the committee (out of the total nine members) have signed with comments. It should be noted that the official representative of

the MoDE has indicated the need for obtaining the formal concurrence of the Secretary / MoDE. This is mandatory as MoDE through GovTech would be an integral implementation partner. Comments of the other members also should be considered.

It is essential to review the technical feasibility of implementing the proposals of the committee as given in table 02, especially identifying the availability of the human resources with necessary qualifications and experiences as GovTech / PMU will have to do new recruitments.

Further they have recommended if necessary to get any further support from SCE/NCS after 31st January 2027 upon completing the takeover plan and to continue 24/7 service provided by NCS. However the implementation of Takeover plan has to be implemented with the collaboration of SEC and NCS as, the training and capacity development have to be continued with them on system management.

3. **Recommendations**

Considering the committee recommendations and the requirement of implementing the RAMIS takeover plan immediately, following are recommended, to grant approval

3.1 To accept the committee recommendations on the takeover plan.

3.2 To appoint a review committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary / Ministry of Digital Economy comprising of members (maximum 10 members) including IT industry and academia (02 members from each) who have experiences in developing and maintaining IT systems providing citizen services, to evaluate the feasibility of the proposed takeover plan understanding the human resource constraints that may arise.

3.3 To enter into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the secretaries of Ministry of Digital Economy, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development and Commissioner General of Inland Revenue Department on functional responsibilities, financial and resource obligations before starting the takeover plan.

3.4 To follow the National Procurement guideline for any outsourcing or Public Private Partnership to get the service for RAMIS.

4 **Approval**

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers is sought to implement the recommendations made in the paragraphs 3.1, 3.2 , 3.3 and 3.4 above.

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Anura Kumara Dissanayake
Minister of Finance, Planning and
Economic Development

*A decision of the Cabinet Meeting held on 2025-09-08*

08. Cabinet Paper No.25/1637/804/198, a Memorandum dated 2025-08-24 by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development on "**Takeover Plan for the Revenue Administration Management Information System (RAMIS) to the Inland Revenue Department**" - (Cabinet decisions dated 2024-04-29 and 2025-08-04 on CPNo.24/0805/604/079-I and CP No.25/1321/804/100-I respectively refers) the above Memorandum and the Officials' Committee Report attached as Annex-05 thereto, were considered by the Cabinet. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval to pursue action as recommended in sub-paragraphs 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum.

Action by: **My/Finance, Planning and Economic Development**
**My/Digital Economy** - copy of Memorandum annexed.
**Commissioner General of Inland Revenue** - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum annexed.
**Attorney General** - copy of Memorandum annexed.
**Secretary to the Prime Minister** - copy of Memorandum annexed.

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**Sri Lanka Customs Department**

| No. | Shortcomings identified by the Report | Actions taken by the Institution to rectify the shortcomings/current status |
|---|---|---|
| 07 | Sri Lanka Customs Ordinance amendment bill. | Observations in this regard have been referred by my letter bearing No. SLC/ESD/01/COPA/2023 and dated 19.02.2024. (Annexure 01)<br><br>Presently, relevant activities are carried out by the Review Committee on Customs Ordinance appointed by the Presidential Secretariat and, it has been informed that actions will be taken to submit the first draft with final recommendations of the said committee. |
| 08 | Amendment to legal provisions regarding service of Wharf Clerks of Sri Lanka Customs. | Observations in this regard have been referred by my letter bearing No. SLC/ESD/01/COPA/2023 and dated 19.02.2024. (Annexure 01)<br><br>Further, proposed terms and conditions expected to be enforced for Wharf Clerks to supervise duties performed by each Wharf Clerk and take necessary actions on the division of work are prepared and actions are being taken to confirm. |
| 09 | Payment of overtime to Customs Officers and using of fingerprint machines | A committee consisting of 7 members including three trade union representatives and chaired by an Additional Director of Customs has already been appointed on 08.04.2026 to discuss practical issues on using fingerprint machines to mark arrival and departure of Customs Officers who perform field duties of Sri Lanka Customs and to decide practical solutions.<br><br>It is expected to take further actions through a methodology prepared in line with appropriate practical solutions, proposed accordingly and actions will be taken in the future to use fingerprint machines to mark arrival and departure of other officers. |

Observations of the Hon. Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development and actions to be taken regarding the reports submitted by the Committee on Public Accounts under Standing Order No. 119 (4) for Parliamentary Series 488 are kindly submitted as above.

Wimal S.K.Liyanagama
Director General of Customs

Name of the Department : Sri Lanka Excise Department

Parliamentary Series Number : 488

Submission of particulars on the steps taken and observations made regarding the reports submitted by the Committee on Public Accounts under Standing Order No. 119(4).(Parliamentary Series Number - 488)

<table>
<tr><th>Number</th><th>Deficiencies identified by the Committee</th><th>Measures taken by the Institution to address the deficiencies / Present Status</th></tr>
<tr><td>02.</td><td>Proper collection of taxes based on the actual production of the Sri Lanka Excise Department.</td><td>The Sri Lanka Excise Department has recorded a significant increase in liquor production from 2023 to 30 April 2026. The quantity of purified alcohol produced during the period from 2023 to 30 April 2026, together with the expected revenue and the actual revenue earned, expressed in millions of rupees, were as follows.
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<tr><th>Year</th><th>Purified alcohol for liquor production litres in million</th><th>Expected Revenue Rupees in million</th><th>Actual Revenue Rupees in million</th></tr>
<tr><td>2023</td><td>35.1</td><td>182,000</td><td>171,276</td></tr>
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<tr><td>2025</td><td>40.4</td><td>227,400</td><td>232,109</td></tr>
<tr><td>2026</td><td>14.4</td><td>81,620</td><td>97,383</td></tr>
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<tr><td>03.</td><td>Usage of illicit liquor</td><td>(a) The number of crime detentions made under the Excise Ordinance, the Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, the Tobacco Tax Act, and the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act during the years 2024 and 2025 were as follows.
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<tr><th>Act</th><th>2024</th><th>2025</th></tr>
<tr><td>1. Excise Ordinance Act</td><td>30,590</td><td>29,004</td></tr>
<tr><td>2. Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance</td><td>4,713</td><td>3,142</td></tr>
<tr><td>3. Tobacco Tax Act</td><td>1,860</td><td>2,312</td></tr>
<tr><td>4. National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act</td><td>392</td><td>505</td></tr>
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| | | (b) 115 new licenses were issued with the approval of the Tourist Board in the year 2025.<br>Description — Number of Licenses<br>F.L. 07/08 Hotel Bar Licenses — 35<br>F.L..11 Restaurant Licenses — 41<br>F.L. 22 B Beer,Ale,Stout and Wine on Premises Consumption Licenses — 39<br>115 |

I kindly submit the above information regarding the actions taken and observations made in relation to the reports submitted by the Committee on Public Accounts under Standing Order No. 119(4), pertaining to the Sri Lanka Excise Department, for Parliamentary Series No. 488.

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Sri Lanka Excise Department

Parliamentary Series No : 488

Name of the Institution: Imports and Exports Control Department

Submission to Parliament of the observations and actions taken by the Hon. Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Standing Order No. 119(4) regarding the reports tabled by the Committee on Public Accounts of Parliament.

| Number | Recommendations stipulated by the Committee in the report | Action taken by the Institution to rectify the same/current status |
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| 01. | Investigation into the facts disclosed by the audit query regarding the clearance into the country through the Port of Colombo of a vessel carrying fish containers traveling from Seychelles to Thailand.<br><br>Committee appointed to conduct the field investigation | The progress report concerning this matter has been forwarded to the Committee, with copies to the Auditor General, via the letter number MF06/10/Import & Export/COPA/2024 dated 11.06.2024 issued by the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance. |
| 02. | Issuance of licenses | It was stated at the Committee on Public Accounts that the import licenses were issued upon a formal request. (Annex 01) |

It is kindly submitted that the above information on the actions taken and observations made in relation to the reports submitted by the Public Accounts Committee under Standing Order No. 119(4), concerning the Department of Import and Export Control, is submitted for inclusion in Parliamentary Series No. 488.

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