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HON. CHAIR'S NOTE

Having served as a Chair and a member of many Committes of the Parliament of Sri Lanka, I am delighted to present the 8th Report of the Committee on Public Petitions as its current Chair. This report has been compiled by including the details of the petitions investigated into during the first session of the 9th Parliament from 20.08.2020 to 12.12.2021.

The objective of the constitution of the Committee on Public Ptetitions is to provide the people, who are faced with injustices owing to certain acts of government institutions and decisions taken by the officers therein, with the opportunity of submitting their grievances directly to the executive and seeking redress to them. The Committee is rendering a yeoman service to the aggrieved public by considering their pleas in a humane perspective and entering in to agreements with the relevant officials thus providing reliefs to them. The sheer number of petitions received by the Committee through Members of Parliament is a clear indication of the increased awareness among the public about the Committee at present.

As the country was in lockdown from 21 May to 21 June and 21 August to 01 October 2021 owing to the Covid-19 pandemic and the travel restrictions were in force from 21st of May to 5th of July there was a temporary suspension on the Committee meeting being held in Parliament resulting in investigatios of Petitions coming to a halt. The Committee then resorted to the Online method of inquiring in to the petitions but the number of petitions so investigated was limited to 16 owing to the longer time involved and the reluctance of the petitioners to participate at Online meetings.

However, it is with pleasure that the Committee announces that it was able to investigate in to 138 petitions at 24 meetings of the Committee on Public Petitions despite numerous obstacles and restrictions.

The 8th Report of the Committee has been prepared in accordance with the revised Standing Orders up to 23rd November 2022 in a manner all parties can obtain information easily and take necessary measures. This 8th Report also categorises the petitions investigated in to during the relevant period as petitions investigated in to, petitions on which relifs have been granted, petitions which have been postponed, petitions concluded and petitions on which recommendations have been made according to the Ministries so that the Hon. Members of Parliament can gain a clear understanding on them.

Even though the petitions referred to the Committee by the Parliament have been investigated in to by considering the issues contained in them in a humane perspective, it is important of comply with the legal framework of the country when providing redress to them. If recommendations which are contrary to the existing legal framework are made, the officers will face

difficulties in implementing them. Such recommendations will also have an adverse impact on the prestige of the Committee. Therefore, the Committee always strives to arrive at an agreement with the relevant officials in providing the maximum possible relief to the petitioners within the existing legal framework by investigating the matters presented by both petitioners and officials broadly within the provisions of the Committee. Yet, it must be borne in mind by all of us that all reliefs sought by the petitioners are practically impossible to be granted.

The Committee at times takes common decisions in order to maintain the affairs of the Committee properly and efficiently as well as to minimize contentious situations and such decisions are incorporated in to this report for the Hon. Members of Parliament to be aware of them.

I served as the Chair of the Committee on Public Petitions from 20.08.2020 to 12.12. 2021 in the 9th Parliament and I wish to extend my special thanks to other Members of Parliament who served as the Chair of the Committee when I was absent, for their contribution towards maintaining the affairs of the Committee.

I also wish to thank the Hon. Members of Parliament who functioned as the members of the Committee who assisted in the affairs of the Committee.

The petitions that are referred to the Committee on Public Petitions are also referred to the Parliamentary Commissioner for administration (Ombudsman) and I wish to thank the Ombudsman and his staff for the support extended to the Committee by efficiently dealing with the petitions so referred to him.

I must also mention that I owe a special sense of gratitude to the Secretaries of Ministries, Heads of government Departments, Corporations, Boards and other institutions, the Public Service Commission, National Police Commission, Director General of Pensions, Director General of Establishments, Director General of Combined Services and all other officers for the support extended to the Committee.

I wish to thank the Secretary-General of Parliament and the staff of the Public Petition Committee Office of Parliament who work with sheer effort and commitment to make the exercise of the Committee a success as well as the other staff of Parliament who assist the activities of the Committee.

I seek the unstinted support of the Hon. Members of Parliament who serve as the members of the Committee as well as the staff of Parliament to make the functions of the Committee a success.

Thank You.

Gamini Lokuge, M.P.,
Chair – Committee on Public Petitions

18.07.2023

1. Committee on Public Petitions of Parliament

Decisions taken by officers of government institutions can be unfair and unjust at times and the Committee on Public Petitions of Parliament is an important place for the the public to present their grievance on such decisions at such times.

The Committee funtions in addition to or in parallel with the following institutions that provide redress to the public;

i. Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsdman)
ii. Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka
iii. Public Servise Commission
iv. Administrative Appeals Tribunal

2. Composition of the Committee (during the First Session of the 9th Parliament)

The Committee on Public Petitions is made up of 23 Members of Parliament nominated by the Committee of Selection to represent all political parties of Parliament with three Members as its quorum (as per the Standing Orders to be effective till 22nd November 2022).

As per the resolutions passed by Parliament during the period after 1981 the number of members of each Committee has been changed from time to time. Accordingly, the list of names of the Members of Parliament who served in the Committee on Public Petitions during the period relevant to this report is given below.

Committee from 20.08.2020 – 12.12.2021 in the First Session of the 9th Parliament

As per the provisions of the Standing Order 125(1) (as ameded till 23rd November 2022) and the resolution passed by Parliament on 28th August 2020, the Committee was announced on 11.09.2020 in the first session of the 9th Parliament to consist of the following Members of Parliament;

1. Hon. Gamini Lokuge, Chair
2. Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
3. Hon. Nimal Lanza
4. Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
5. Hon. S. Viyalendran
6. Hon. Thenuka Widanagamage

7. Hon. Jeewan Thondaman
8. Hon. Imthias Bakeer Markar
9. Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
10. Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
11. Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
12. Hon. K. Cader Masthan
13. Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
14. Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda *
15. Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
16. Hon. Mujiber Rahuman
17. Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasinghe
18. Hon. Kulasingham Thileepan
19. Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
20. Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
21. Hon. Kumara Welgama
22. Hon. Waruna Liyanage } announced as members on 25.09.2020
23. Hon. S.M.M. Musharaff
24. Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithrarachchi } announced as a member of the Committee on 06.08.2021 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda

* Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda has resigned from the membership of the Committee along with the resignation as a Member of Parliament with effect from 06.07.2021.

3. Powers of the Committee on Public Petitions

In terms of Standing Order No. 30 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (amended till 23rd November 2022) subsequent to the presentation of a petition by a Member of Parliament it is referred to the Committee on Public Petitions and in terms of Standing Order 125 the Committee goes ahead with the matters pertaining to the petition.

In terms of Article 10 of Parliamentary (Powers and Privilages) Act, a properly empowered Committee has the power of summoning any person before the Committee on Public Petitions and the power of calling for any paper, book, report or document in his possession or under his control and Article 12 of that Act confers the powers of obtaining evidence from them through an oral examination. Accordingly, the functions of the Committee on Public Petitions are carried out in terms of Standing Order 125(9).

In terms of Standing Order 125(5), the opinion of the Committee in relation to the steps to be taken on the petitions referred to it, along with the other observations which the Committee deems appropriate should be reported to Parliament from time to time.

Officers who fail to attend the meetings of the Committee without giving reasons and/ or refuse to present the relevant documents can be punished by Parliament or the Supreme Court under category 'B' of the annexure of the above mentioned Act.

The petitions received by the Committee are properly investigated in to and recommendations given by the Committee. The concept of consensus is used to maintain relations with the relevant parties in order to implement the recommendation to the maximum possible level and refusing to act in accordance with the consensus reached or telling lies before Parliament is an offence punishable by the Supreme Court under part "A" of the annexure of the Parliamentary (Powers and Privilages) Act. The Committee often tries to dilute the harsh nature of the administrative decisions by looking at the problems in a humane manner. The Committee which attempts to provide redress to the petitioners on agreement plays the role of a mediator.

If petitioners find it difficult to make their submissions properly before the Committee, the Committee makes it possible for them to obtain the service of a Protection Officer. However, accompanying a Protection Officer is not encouraged by the Committee as it involves an extra cost to be borne by the petitioner.

The examination process by the Committee is flexible with no specific time frames being imposd on various stages of the examination. However, the intention of the Committee is to investigate the petitions as soon as possible and make reasonable recommendations on them.

4. Role of the Committee on Public Petitions

The Committee has the discretion of investigating in to a petition in the two manners specied below after it is presented to Parliament in terms of the Standing Orders.

(a) Investigation by the Committee itself

(b) Referring the petition to Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) for his observations and investigating those observations

(a) Investigation by the Committee itself

After the petition is referred to the Secretary of the relevant Ministry and a report on it is obtained from him, an extract of it is sent to the petitioner for his views. After such views are received the petition is ready for investigation. Then the dates are fixed for the investigation and calling letters are sent to the petitioner, the secretary of the relevant Ministry and the relevant officials to be present before the Committee. It is the responsibility of the secretary of the Ministry to make any other officials relevant the petition, if any, participate at the meeting on the day of the investigation along with the relevant documents. The Committee attempts to build a consensus among the parties with a view to providing relief to the petitioner by cross examining the officials, clarifying matters and investigating the petition. The Committee deems it the responsibility of the Secretaty of the Ministry to implement the agreement reached and provide relief to the petitioner when there is such agreement.

(b) Obtaining the observations of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman)

According to section 156 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka of 1978 which makes it necessary for the Parliament to make legal provisions to create the post of Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman), the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) Act No. 17 of 1981 was enacted by Parliament to perform the function of examining the complaints or charges of infringement of fundamental rights by public officers and officers of semi government institutions, corporations, Local Government bodies and such other institutions and other unfair acts in compliance with and under the provisions of the law and reporting on them.

Accordingly, His Excellency the President appoints a Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) and in terms of article 10 of Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) Act No. 17 of 1981, certain number of petitions received by Parliament is referred to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (ombudsman). The petition is then investigated in to and the observations are made available to the Committee under article 17 of the said Act along with the facts that formed the basis for such observations. The observations which are so received are investigated in to by the ommittee without calling the parties and if the Committee agrees with the observations, letters are sent to the relevant parties informing them of such agreement and asking them to implement them.

In the event of the Committee opining that the petitions sent by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration without observations too

should be further investigated, the Committee once again acts in the manner specified in (a) above in relation to such petitions.

The Ombudsmen always worked in close co-ordination with the Committee on Public Petitions in relation to the petition sent in by the Committee and the list of names of the Ombudsmen who served on that post from 1981, is given below;

1.	Mr. Sam Wijesinghe	1982 – 1991
2.	Mr. L.H. Alwis	1991 – 1993
3.	Mr. G. Abeygunasekara	1993 – 1995
4.	Professor. B.E.S.J. Bastianpillai	1995 – 2001
5.	Dr. R.B. Ratnaraja	2001 – 2010
6.	Mr. L.A. Tissa Ekanayaka	2010 – 2019
7.	Mr. K.T. Chithrasiri	2019 – 2023
8.	Mr. K.B.K. Hirimburegama	2023 – to date

5. Chairs and Officers of the Committee on Public Petitions

The list of names of the Chairs who served in the Committee on Public Petitions from 1983, is given below;

1.	Hon. Alhaj Abdul Bakeer Markar	- from 1983 to 1988
2.	Hon. Stanley Tilakaratne	- from 1989 to 1990
3.	Hon. (Mrs.) Chandra Ranatunga	- from 1990 to 1994
4.	Hon. Mahinda Wijesekara	- from 1995 to 1999
5.	Hon. Chamal Rajapakse	- from 1999 to 2001
6.	Hon. Harendra J. Coreya	- from 2001 to 2002
7.	Hon. Luxman Yapa Abeywardena	- from 2002 to 2003
8.	Hon. DEW Gunasekara	- from 2004 to 2005
9.	Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena	- from 2006 to 2010
10.	Hon. Janaka Bandara	- from 2010 to 2012
11.	Hon. Lalith Dissanayaka	- from 2012 to 2015

12. Hon. (Dr.) Sudarshanie Fernandopulle - from February to June 2015
13. Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe - from 2015 to 2019
14. Hon. Gamini Lokuge - from 2020 to 2021
15. Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara - from 2022 to 2023
16. Hon. Gamini Lokuge - from 2023 to date

The Secretary-General of Parliament is the Ex-officio Secretary to the Committee on Public Petitions. Accordingly, the Secretaries-General of Parliament from 1981; Mr. S.N Senevirathna, Mr. B.S.B. Thiththawella, Mrs. Priyani Wijesekara, Mr. Dhammika Kitulgoda, Mr. W.B.D. Dasanayake and the incumbent Secretary General Mrs. K.A. Rohanadeera have provided the necessary directions to the Assitant Directors of the Committee on Public Petitions to act as the Secretaty of the Committee on Public Petitions. Moreover, the Deputy Secretaries General, the Assistant Secretaries General and the Directors (Legislative Services) oversee the work of the Committee by assisting the Secretary-General of Parliament.

The following officers have served as the Secretaries of the Committee on Public Petitions during each period on the directive of the Secretary-General of Parliament.

1. Mr. K.T.N. De Silva - 1981
2. Mr. M.S.M.C.B. Sakalasooriya - 1985
3. Mr. W. Palliyaguruge - 1986
4. Mr. Ronald A. De Soyza - 1987
5. Mr. T.H.A.L. De Silva - 1991
6. Mr. U. Wijesinghe - 1995
7. Mr. J.R. Gajaweera Arachchige - 2000
8. Mr. J. Smaraweera - 2002
9. Mr. N.S.K. Waidyarathne - 2006
10. Mr. W. M.P. De Silva - 2008
11. Mrs. Ramani Jayawardena - 2011
12. Mrs. Shyama M. Fernando - 2013
13. Mr. S.B. Kulugammana - 2017
14. Mrs. K.T.C.K. Peiris - 2021 up to date

6. Summary of the petitions considered by the Committee on Public Petitions during the First Session of the 9th Parliament

Petitions relating to the following Ministries were investigated in to.
The dates of the meetings are as follows;

1) 24.09.2020 - First Meeting ; selection of the Chair

2) 09.12.2020 - Meeting to discuss the future schedule of the Committee amidst the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic situation

3) 10.02.2021 - Ministry of Industries – 03 petitions
Ministry of Transport – 01 petition
Ministry of Technology – 01 petition
Ministry of Power – 02 petitions
Ministry of Public Services, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government – 02 petitions
Ministry of Defence – 02 petitions
Ministry of Lands – 01 petition

4) 25.02.2021 - Ministry of Lands – 01 petition
Ministry of Power – 02 petitions
Ministry of Industries – 03 petitions

5) 10.03.2021 - Ministry of Lands – 01 petition
Ministry of Education – 02 petitions
Ministry of Public Services, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government – 02 petitions
Ministry of Defence – 02 Petitions
Ministry of Industries – 01petition
Ministry of Mass Media – 01 petition
Ministry of Plantations – 01 petition
Ministry of Highways – 01 petition

6) 25.03.2021 - Ministry of Education – 01 petition
Ministry of Mass Media – 02 petitions
Ministry of Irrigation – 02 petitions
Ministry of Transport – 03 petitions

7) 08.04.2021 - Ombudsman – 01 petition (has been referred to the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation later)
Ministry of Agriculture – 01 petition
Ministry of Highways – 02 petitions
Ministry of Industries – 01 petition

8) 07.07.2021 - Ministry of Industries – 05 petitions

9) 19.07.2021 - Ministry of Education – 05 petitions

10) 20.07.2021 - Ministry of Defence – 06 petitions

11) 04.08.2021 - Ministry of Public Security – 05 petitions

12) 05.08.2021 - Ministry of Health – 05 petitions

13) 02.09.2021 - Special meeting to discuss the work of the Committee in the face of the prevailing Covid–19 pandemic

14) 22.09.2021 - Ministry of Power – 02 petitions (Online)

15) 06.10.2021 - Ministry of Finance – 05 petitions (Online)

16) 21.10.2021 - Ministry of Education – 05 petitions (Online)

17) 09.11.2021 - Ministry of Public Security – 04 (Online)
Ministry of Fisheries – 01 petition

18) 16.11.2021 - Ministry of Public Services, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government –- 08 petitions

19) 23.11.2021 - Ministry of Transport – 09 petitions

20) 25.11.2021 - Ministry of Finance – 07 petitions

21) 30.11.2021 - Ministry of Defence – 10 petitions

22) 02.12.2021 - Ministry of Justice – 03 petitions
Ministry of Urban Development and Housing – 06 petitions

23) 07.12.2021 - Ministry of Health – 08 petitions

24) 09.12.2021 - Ministry of Education – 10 petitions

- **The number of times the Committee met during the relevant period - 24**

- **The total number of petitions the Committee has considered during the relevant period – 146 (same petition has been investigated into at a number of occasions)**

7. Policy Decisions resolved by the Committee in relation to the First Session of the 9th Parliament

(1) Not to consider the petitions on admission of children to Grade 1 in schools.

(2) Not to consider the petitions once rejected by the Committee unless the Committee decides that they be reconsidered.

(3) Investigating in to the petitions on matters against Public Policies without summoning the petitioner.

(4) In the event the Member of Parliament presenting the petition is not a member of the Committee, informing the date of the consideration of the petition to the relevant Member of Parliament.

(5) Not entertaining the petitions presented to the Committee for the first time over an incident that took place 10 years ago (in terms of the decision of the Committee on 24.09.2020).

(6) Concluding the petition if the petitioner does not show an interest of going ahead with the petition.

(7) If the report called for from the relenant Ministry on a petition is not received within three months, considering the petition without the Ministry Report.

(8) When the Committee deems that it is revealed that the petitioner has faced an injustice by a petition which has been rejected by the Public Services Commission on technical grounds, referring that petition back to the Public Services Commission for reviewing the plea contained in the petition.

(9) Not to consider a petition anymore when the mattes contained in such petition comes under the purview of the Judicial Services Commission and the said Commission has declined to report on it.

10) Considering a petition, which has been referred to the Human Rights Commission, Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman), Public Services Commission or the National Police Commission and is pending before them, after the investigations by the relevant institutions are over.

8. Details of the petitions which have been investigated into

All petitions which were investigated into by the Committee on Public Petitions from 20.08.2020 to 12.12.2021 during the first session of 9th Parliament have been categorized according to the following categories under the current Ministries.

Further, the date of investigation of a petition given here is the date the petition was investigated for the last time and the details pertaining to those petitions have been updated up to 31.12.2022.

1) Petitions for which reliefs have been granted (from page 13 to 14)

2) Petitions which have been postponed (from page 15 to 32)

3) Petitions concluded (from page 33 to 54)

4) Petitions on which recommendations have been made (from page 55 to 141)

1) Petitions for which reliefs have been granted

1. Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mrs. D.M. Priyanka Hemamali Dasanayake COM/PP/2020/150 Presented by Hon. Niroshan Perera, M.P., Investigated on 10.03.2021. Ministry Ref: KKS/V02/P 2802	She has requested her widows' and orphans' pension.	As the relief sought by the petitioner has been granted, the Committee decided to close the proceedings of this petition.	The Director General of Pensions has informed the Committee that Widows' and Orphans' pension has been granted to the petitioner and Widows' and Orphans' pension payments have been made from January 8, 2021 on monthly basis. (Letter No. - PEN/POL/03/CPP/08(30) Date - 01.01.2021) *Through the letter dated 10.02.2021, the Committee has been informed that the petitioner has also received the desired relief.

2. Ministry of Fisheries

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. Udaya Prasad Sanjeeva Nelumdeniya COM/PP/2021/487 Presented by Hon. Nimal Lanza, M.P., Investigated online on 09.11.2021. Ministry Ref: 02/03/23/01/2019	Requested reinstatement.	As the relief sought by the petitioner has been granted, the Committee decided to close the proceedings of this petition.	By the letter dated 10.10.2021, the petitioner informed the Committee that he received a favorable response from the institution.

3. Ministry of Transport and Highways

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. K. Sumanasiri Fernando COM/PP/2021/353 Presented by Hon. Gamini Lokuge, M.P., Investigated on 25.03.2021. Ministry Ref: T/ET/PPC/1005/06/CGR and PNS/P5/01/පොදු ගොනුව	Pension has been requested.	As the relief sought by the petitioner has been granted, the Committee decided to close the proceedings of this petition.	The petitioner informed the Committee that he received the pension salary for the months of February, March and April and monthly salary is being paid.

2) Petitions which have been postponed

1. Ministry of Urban Development and Housing

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. L.P. Jayasundara COM/PP/2021/414 Presented by Hon. S.M. Marikkar, M.P., Investigated on 02.12.2021. Ministry Ref: MUD&H/ADM/02/05	It has been requested to grant reasonable relief regarding the unfair non-payment of salary arrears related to the post of clerk, not granting allowances for additional duties, non-conversion of salary on promotions accurately , and not granting the post despite the performance of the duties of Manager (Control) in the Machinery Department.	The General Manager of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation was also informed with a copy to the Secretary of the Ministry that the Committee decided to reconsider this petition at a future date. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2021/414 Date - 10.12.2021)	Petitioner was asked to submit those documents to the Committee if there are other claims related to the fact that allowances are not paid for the duties that are performed in addition to the stipulated duties. The Committee decided to consider the petition on a future date after such documents are submitted.

2. Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policy

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. A.B. Daulagala COM/PP/2020/201 Presented by Hon. Vijitha Herath, M.P., Investigated on 25.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MPED/ES/3/4/COM/PP/2018/1968 (Ministry of Public Enterprise and Kandy Urban Development)	He has requested promotion to the management grade.	The Committee informed the petitioner to get back with the decision of the appeal submitted to the Committee on political victimization and accordingly, the petitioner can proceed with this petition if he wishes so. Consequently, the Committee decided to postpone the proceedings of this petition.	

3. Ministry of Education

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. B.A.B.S. Jayawardena COM/PP/2020/183 Presented by Hon. Sahan Pradeep Withana, M.P., Investigated on 10.03.2021. Ministry Ref: ADM/01/09/v (Ministry of Skill Development and Vocational Training)	The interdicted individual has asked for the reinstatement, payment of salary arrears, promotion that he didn't get and the concessional vehicle license.	The Committee decided that this petition should be investigated once again with the petitioner and the relevant officials.	

4. Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. P.R. Gnanasiri COM/PP/2020/107 Presented by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 08.04.2021. Ministry Ref: එව්13/දෙණි/පොදු/2015	He has requested to clear the title of the land where he engages in agricultural activities.	The Committee considered the relevant matter and decided to reconsider this petition at a future date.	Conservator General of the Forests Department informed the Committee that the surveys have been done by the Surveyors Department in order to release this Land to Athuraliya Divisional Secretary under legalizing illegitimate lands as per the recommendation by the letter dated 2020.12.16 related to this petition which was investigated in the 8th Parliament. Further it was stated that the petitioner is enjoying the Possession of DO, DV and DW plots and approval of the Conservator General of Forests Department is pending for the said Plots and the other 254 plots. Such lands are to be transfered to the Divisional Secretary and subsequently legal measures will be taken by the Athuraliya Divisional Secretary in this regard. (Letter No. – DFC/PLE/2/10/4/02/ 2021, Date - 19.12.2022)

5. Ministry of Agriculture

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. M.A. Piyadasa COM/PP/2021/341 Presented by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 08.04.2021. Ministry Ref: MOA/AD/EA/07/ම.ඓප.කා.ස.	Farmers Pension has been requested.	Committee decided to consider the petition in a future date.	In terms of the recommendations made to the chairman of the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board, by the Committee of the 8th Parliament, to the effect that the measures should be taken to pay the pension as all the installment have been paid and the Committee of the 9th Parliament which met on 09.06.2022, directed the chairman of Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board to implement aforesaid recommendation within a month and report back to the Committee. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2021/341 Date – 18.07.2022)

				*The Chairman of Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board informed the Committee that measures have been taken to refer the petitioner's claim to the Board of Directors and necessary measures will be taken in the next first meeting of the Board of directors, even though the Board of directors do not meet due to the current situation of the country. (Letter No. – 6/FPS/ඇ/6/5/2 Date – 15.08.2022) *The Committee has again informed the Chairman of the Agriculture and Agricultural Insurance Board to report on the progress of the above recommendations. (Letter No. – COM/PP/2021/341 Date – 28.12.2022)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
2	Mr. M.P. Amarasena COM/PP/2020/168 Presented by Hon. Vijitha Herath, M.P., Investigated on 07.07.2021. Ministry Ref: MOA/AD/AS/E7/4/38	Requested to do the justice regarding disentitlement of tenant rights.	The Committee decided the relevant facts and decided to reconsider the petition on a future date.	The Committee met on 09.06.2022 and decided to conclude the hearing of the petition as the relevant matter had occurred 25 years back and no provision to grant the relief that the petitioner claims.

6. Ministry of Irrigation

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. W.L. Gunapala COM/PP/2020/171 Presented by Hon. Vijitha Herath, M.P., Investigated on 25.03.2021. Ministry Ref: MIWRM/AD/05/04/ඔ.(04-2020)	Requested to grant clear possession of the land with the grant deed that he is entitled to.	The Committee decided to consider the petition on a future date.	Petitioner, by the letter dated 29.09.2020 has informed that, though the grant deed which was issued erroneously, in the name of Mr. Amarasena, has already, been cancelled, his grant deed that he is entitled has not been issued yet, whereas the Director General, Mahawali, by the letter No. DL/09/01/20-01 dated 21.05.2019, as informed that the grant deed No. හ/උව/මුර/ඵ/5115 (වාරි) issued to Mr. W.L. Amarasena, has been canceled and clear title of the land has been granted to the petitioner, and as per the recommendations of the Committee. *The Committee met on 25.03.2021 and decided to hear this petition on a future meeting date with the petitioner and the relevant officials.

7. Ministry of Tourism and Lands

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mrs. T. Premalatha COM/PP/2020/2 Presented by Hon. Gamini Lokuge, M.P., Investigated on 10.03.2021. Ministry Ref: 2/15/27/33	Requested to grant a fair compensation regarding the 12 acre land which was distributed among public by the state without his prior knowledge.	The Committee decided to reconsider this petition on a future Committee meeting.	The Secretary to the Ministry of Lands informed the Committee that, if there is an additional extent of Land, other than the extent of land acquired to Udawalawa National Park from Pubborupotha Nidadangama Land and extent of land acquired under Lands Grant (special provisions) Act, facts should be inquired regarding the release of 12 acre land that the petitioner claims and officials have been advised to get the consent of the petitioner and proceed with the task. (Letter No. - 2/15/27/33 Date – 08.04.2021)

				*Balangoda Divisional Secretary has informed the Committee on the date of 08.03.2022, that the Grama Seva division that is relevant to the petitioners issue, is under Kalthota Divisional Secretariat and all the inquiries should be directed to Kalthota Divisional Secretariat. (Letter No. - BLDS/LND/01/07 Date – 02.03.2022) *This petition was considered on 08.03.2022 and the Committee directed the Rathnapura District Secretary With a copy to Secretary to the Ministry of Lands to inspect the relevant deeds to ensure the title and grant an alternative land to the petitioner or an alternative land is unavailable, grant her an appropriate compensation after making sure that the relevant land has be acquired by the state. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/2 Date – 31.03.2022)

				*District Secretary, Rathnapura was directed by the Committee to set up a spot check again with the participation of Divisional Secretary, Kalthota, Surveys Department and the petitioner and identify the land physically. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/02 Date – 15.12.2022) *The District Secretary Rathnapura has informed, Divisional Secretary, Kalthota, with a copy to the Committee to hold the spot check before 11.01.2023 and send him a detailed report . (Letter No. - DSRT/LAND/08/LAND/Pub. Petition committee Date – 21.12.2022)

8. Ministry of Transport and Highways

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. Dayarathne Nahinna COM/PP/2020/221 Presented by Hon. Tissa Attanayake, M.P., Investigated on 25.03.2021. Ministry Ref: MTCA/10/1/3/86 (Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation)	Requested to provide all the benefits including the Employee Provident Fund benefits and the service gratuity.	The Committee which decided to reconsider this petition on a future date, informed the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Transport Board to make arrangements to send the EPF number of the petitioner to the Committee. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/221 Date – 22.04.2021)	The Committee has been informed by the Depot Manager of Mathugama Depot that the petitioner's EPF Number is 12244/C/472 (Letter No. - ශ්‍රී ලංගම/මතු/ඩික/2021 Date – 06.05.2021) *This petition was investigated in the 9th Parliament on 05.05.2022 and the Committee directed SLTB Chairman, with a copy to the Secretary to the Ministry of Transport to take the required measures to pay then gratuity to the petitioner , if there is a possibility to do so, after confirming the information related to the service period, as the personal file of the petitioner has got misplaced. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/221 Date – 23. 05.2022)

				*The SLTB Chairman has informed that there was no possibility to trace adequate proofing documents to pay the gratuity to the petitioner. (Letter No. –ශ්‍රීලංගම/නි.සා.පා/13/6 /2022 Date – 22.07.2022)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
2	Mr. K.A. Thabrew COM/PP/2021/316 Presented by Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka, M.P., Investigated on 25.03.2021. Ministry Ref: EK/PPC/507/02 and ඒ.ඔ.ඝ./සභ/15/2011	It has been requested to provide the particular promotion and the pensions and payments accordingly.	The Committee decided to re-consider this petition on a future date.	
3	Mr. S. V. K. T. De Silva COM/PP/2020/19 Presented by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana M.P., Investigated on 23.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MTCA/10/01/3/75 (Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation)	It has been requested to grant the relief entitled for July Riots.	The Committee informed the Secretary to the Ministry of Transport that this would be investigated in a future Committee after considering whether an administrative issue might arise as a result of granting this relief. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/19 Date – 10.12.2021)	The Committee which investigated this petition on 05.05.2022 and decided to complete the matters related to it due to the lack of required provisions to grant the relief requested by the petitioner. (Considering the submissions made by the officers present, to the effect that, the petitioner had been reinstated with effect from 27.01.2015 and made to retire in 2019 as per the Committee decision in the year 2014 and that there is no other possibility).

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
4	Mr. K.D. Upali Perera COM/PP/2020/165 Presented by Hon. Vijitha Herath, M.P., Investigated on 23.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MTCA/10/1/3/109 (Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation)	It has been requested to adjust the tax assessment making it relevant to the land used by him and to grant a relief period to settle the outstanding tax payment.	The Secretary to the Ministry of Transport was informed by the Committee that this petition should be re-investigated on a future Committee meeting with the participation of the officers of the Assessment Department to check the possibility of reducing the assessment of the land as requested by the petitioner. (Letter No.- COM/PP/2020/165 Date – 10.12.2021)	The Committee which directed to settle the arrears payment to be paid up to 01.01.2021 within a period of one year and to prepare a payment schedule for the petitioner, relating to the settlement of the outstanding payment from 01.01.2021 within the next 06 months, further informed the petitioner to come to a final conclusion in relation to this payment after meeting the General Manager of Railways on 09.05.2022. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/165 Date – 25.05.2022)
5	Mrs. W.P.G. Indra Kumarihami COM/PP/2021/346 Presented by Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna, M.P., Investigated on 08.04.2021. Ministry Ref: MPH/HWY/ADM13/45/01 (Ministry of Highways and Road Development)	It has been requested to make arrangements to put up the protective wall located near the petitioners residence which was demolished afterwards.	The Committee decided to reconsider this petition on a future date with the participation of the petitioner.	10.11.2022, This petition was investigated in the meeting of the Committee held on 10.11.2022 and there, it was revealed that this boundary wall of the petitioner's residence had been removed in the year 2012 as per the proposal of the JICA Development Project. The Committee decided to terminate the matters related to the petition based on the submissions made by the officers present , to the effect that there is no possibility with the Provincial

				Road Development Authority to make the required allocations in spite of the fact that it is more appropriate to have a wall to ensure the protection of the land as per the integrated field inspection done by the Divisional Secretariat in the year 2019.

9. Ministry of Industries

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. W. Sirisena Perera COM/PP/2021/404 Presented by Hon. Susil Premajayantha, M.P., Investigated on 08.04.2021. Ministry Ref: MIC/PAF/01/13-1	It has been requested to pay a justifiable compensation to the petitioner who has been interdicted as a result of taking part in a token strike in the year 1978.	The Committee decided to reconsider this petition on a future date.	

10. Ministry of Mass Media

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mrs. K.M.V.R. Menike COM/PP/2020/140 Presented by Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna, M.P., Investigated on 10.03.2021. Ministry Ref: MPS & MR/ADM/5/14454(PP) /2016 (Ministry of Posts, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs)	Has been appointed to the post of sub post master on recommendation made by the 8th Parliament and it is requested to ensure the pensions entitlements and to settle the salary in arrears due to the said po-sition being a position without pension entitle-ments.	The Committee decided to reconsider this petition on a future date.	The Director General of Pensions has informed the Committee that there is no possibility to grant pensions entitlements to the petitioner she does not fulfill the criteria for pension entitlements given in the Pensions statute and that there is also no possibility to register her in the W &OP scheme. (Letter No. - PEN/POL/03/CPP/ 08(06) Date – 23.03.2022)

				*This petition was investigated on 24.03.2022 and the Committee which observed the defects of the interview which was conducted for selecting for the post of sub post master directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Mass Media to grant the permanent appointment with effect from the date of Supreme Court Determination, making her entitled for the pensions and to provide the salary and the allowances in arrears and to backdate the appointment of the petitioner which has been given on 12.07.2018 if it is so required through obtaining a cabinet approval. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/140 Date – 29.04.2022)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
2	Mr. L.P. Karunarathne COM/PP/2021/309 Presented by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana , M.P., Investigated on 25.03.2021. Ministry Ref: MMI/05/7/4/31-6 and MMI/5/7/SLBC/2/2	It has been requested to pay the Pensions payments.	The Committee decided to reconsider this petition on a future date.	

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
3	Mr. A.S.M. Pathiranaarachchi COM/PP/2021/368 Submitted by Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, M.P., Investigated on 25.03.2021. Ministry Ref: එම්එම්අයි/5/12/1/65/1	It has been requested to pay the salary increments disentitled to and the other privileges.	The Committee decided to reconsider this petition on a future date.	The Public Services Commission has been informed to grant all the privileges entitled to the petitioner after having investigated this petition in the 8th Parliament, and in response to that, the Committee has been informed by the Secretary to the Public Service Commission that the petitioner has been reinstated without the salary and the 03 increments for the period of vacating the post, instead of sending on compulsory retirement, considering the petitioner's appeal and that their decision can not be changed as the petitioner has not appealed to the Cabinet within a period of one year, being the procedure to follow in case of an disagreement and as the performance and the attendance of the petitioner had been unsatisfactory during the service period. (Letter No. - PSC/APL/13/52/2016 Date – 19.01.2018) *The Committee which met in the 9th Parliament on 24.03.2022 decided to complete the petition, considering the above factors.

3) Petitions Concluded

1. Ministry of Defence

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
1	Mr. S.S.U. Hettiarachchi COM/PP/2020/80 Presented by Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 10.02.2021. Ministry Ref: D/256/PEN/AY	It has been requested to give the promotions which were disentitled unjustifiably.	This petition has been investigated in the 8th Parliament and the Committee decided to conclude this petition by informing the Army Commander to grant the promotions entitled to the petitioner as per the recommendations given and if it is not possible, to proceed with the matter, having summoned the petitioner in front of a preliminary court having, informed HE the President of the same.
2	Mr. K.G. Titus COM/PP/2020/212 Presented by Hon. Anura Dissanayaka, M.P., Investigated on 10.02.2021. Ministry Ref: MOD/DEF/14/22/01/PPC/13	It has been requested either to grant the pensions entitlements or the opportunity to complete the remaining service period.	The approval of HE the president has been received in relation to the retiring of the petitioner and the petitioner has not completed the minimum service period of 20 years which is required for pensions entitlements as per the policies and regulations of the Sri Lanka Army. Therefore, the Committee decided to conclude the petition considering the facts presented by the Army Commander – in Chief through letter No. යුසේලේශා/සීඑච්/03/සෙව්(193), dated 18.12.2019.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
3	Mr. B.A. Jinapala Amarasinghe COM/PP/2020/34 Presented by Hon. Jayarathna Herath, M.P., Investigated on 20.07.2021. Ministry Ref: HAF-3-DICIP-02-004-CA/354/2012 (Ministry of Home Affairs)	It has been requested to retire after reinstating in the appropriate grade along with the salary arrears including the salary increments and the promotions suspended.	The petitioner has been proven guilty for all the 4 charges filed in the Charge Sheet as per the formal disciplinary inquiry conducted in relation to the charge sheet bearing number 2/11/3/250 and dated 2007.08.21 issued by the District Secretary of Kurunegala , being a government institution and further as the appeals made by the petitioner have been nullified by the Public Service Commission and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, the Committee decided to conclude the matters related to the petition.
4	Mr. D.M.A. Jeewananda Dissanayake COM/PP/2020/1 Presented by Hon. Gamini Lokuge, M.P., Investigated on 30.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MOD/DEF/GS/PPC/SLA/62	It has been requested to allow the petitioner to work until 25.09.2022, which should be the date of retirement as the petitioner completes 55 years on that day.	The Committee decided to conclude the matters related to the petition as the Committee has no possibility to make recommendations to extend the service period up to 55 years as requested by the petitioner, as the retired officers of the army are resumed only for essential duties and only on the special approval of H.E. the President.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
5	Mr. Y.S.W. Witharana COM/PP/2020/21 Presented by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 30.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MOD/DEF/14/22/01/PPC/48(26)	It has been requested to reinstate in service with the promotion to the post of Lieutenant Colonel or to promote duly as a Lieutenant Colonel based on seniority.	The petitioner has retired as per the policies and regulations related to retirement, although being claimed to have been done forcibly. The Committee decided to conclude the petition after considering the contents of the report sent by the Ministry of Defense in this regard explaining the inability to reinstate or promote the petitioner.
6	Mr. H.M.T.C. Rathnayake COM/PP/2020/101 Presented by Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, M.P., Investigated on 30.11.2021. Ministry Ref: D/275/PEM/AF	It has been requested to pay the Pensions payments.	The petitioner has obtained leave without prior approval on several occasions and abstained from reporting to duty. Accordingly, the final warning letter has been sent on 17.02.2004 informing of possible dismissal in case of any further violation of Air Force laws. In spite of this situation, the petitioner has once again been absent for one week from 10.04.2014 and has therefore been dismissed on the basis of "Service No Longer Required". The Committee decided to conclude the petition after considering the contents of the report sent by the Ministry of Defence in this regard stating that a person dismissed in the above manner is not entitled to pensions of service gratuity.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
7	Mrs. H.R.M.E. Madhushani COM/PP/2020/177 Presented by Hon. Vijitha Berugoda, M.P., Investigated on 30.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MOD/PAC/05/PPC/2020/03	It has been requested to reinstate in service.	The petitioner has been dismissed for getting absent with no prior approval of leave when the service period was 2 years, 9 months and 20 days and has surrendered to the Navy only after a very long period of 06 years. The Committee decided to conclude the petition after considering the contents of the report sent by the Ministry of Defense in this regard stating of the absence of legal provisions to reinstate a person lawfully dismissed for being guilty of a naval offence .
8	Mr. M.S.D.S. Perera COM/PP/2020/189 Presented by Hon. Gamini Lokuge, M.P., Investigated on 30.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MOD/PAC/05/PPC/2020/03	It has been requested to allow the petitioner to lawfully retire from the Army along with pensions entitlements.	The investigation was carried out in the absence of the petitioner as the petitioner did not attend the Committee and as the financial scam the petitioner has performed with the support of two other individuals after preparing fake documents has been confirmed by the initial inquiry of the Army, the Committee decided to conclude the petition.

2. Ministry of Technology

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
1	Mr. A.T.M. Somasiri Banda COM/PP/2020/95 Presented by Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka, M.P., Investigated on 10.02.2021. Ministry Ref: විෂ.සං./ඇ.වැ.ඒ./11 (Ministry of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports)	It has been requested to grant the pensions entitlements.	This petition was investigated in the 8th Parliament and in response to the directive given to the Secretary to the Ministry of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports to take an effective measure in the form of relief considering the service period of 31 years of this petitioner and as per the cabinet paper number FPEA/DP/01/47F the pensions entitlements have been given only to the permanent and pensionable staff completing a service period of 10 years in the Department of Telecommunication. The Committee decided to conclude the petition as it has been informed by the Secretary to the Ministry of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports that this can not be fulfilled due to the position of the petitioner being neither pensionable nor permanent (Relief Watcher).

3. Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
1	Mr. M.A.M. Hussain COM/PP/2020/24 Presented by Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna, M.P., Investigated online on 06.10.2021. Ministry Ref: MF1/11/03/12/COM/PP/2020/24	It has been requested to arrange the pension payment along with the promotions entitled to the petitioner as he has been suspended as a result of a financial malpractice.	The Committee decided to conclude the petition as it has been observed that the petitioner has been proven guilty for all the charges leveled against him in the formal disciplinary inquiry conducted on the charge sheet which included 14 charges in relation to the financial fraud of Rs. which the petitioner had done while been attached to the Kandy Branch of the National Savings Bank.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
2	Mrs. K.L. Danawathi COM/PP/2020/27 Presented by Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, M.P., Investigated online on 06.10.2021. Ministry Ref: MF1/01/22/SLIC/3	It has been requested to grant the due amount of money after the maturity of the life insurance certificate.	The Committee decided to conclude the petition informing the secretary to the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation to examine and report to the committee whether any payment is due to the petitioner. The Committee has been informed by the General Manager (Life Insurance) of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation 23.11.2021 that a sum of Rs. 156,074.00 has been paid to the petitioner after cancelling the insurance Policy which has been issued by the name of the petitioner's son and that there is no other dues to be paid to the insurance holder .
3	Mr. W.A. Amith Kumara Perera COM/PP/2020/32 Presented by Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara, M.P., Investigated online on 06.10.2021. Ministry Ref: MF1/01/22/NSB/8-1	It has been requested to promote the group including the petitioner to grade I of Clerical service.	The Committee decided to conclude the petition as it observed that the promotion methodology of the bank depends upon the decisions taken periodically by the director board and on the number of existing vacancies and that promotions have been given to the members of the petitioner's group as well on such occasions based on the qualifications.
4	Mr. H.A. Wilbert Perera COM/PP/2020/65 Presented by Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, M.P., Investigated online on 06.10.2021. Ministry Ref: MPED/ES/3/4/COM/PP/2017/1415 (Ministry of State Enterprises Development)	It has been requested to make the required arrangements to retire with the salary in arrears.	The petitioner has been dismissed by the Disciplinary Board of the Bank of Ceylon as per the charge sheet issued against the anti-disciplinary actions of the petitioner and the cases filed by him against the said decision in the Labour Tribunal and the High Court have been dismissed confirming the just and fair decision of the bank and as the pensions gratuity too has been paid to the petitioner, the Committee decided to conclude the petition.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
5	Mr. R.M. Tikiri Banda COM/PP/2020/44 Presented by Hon. Gamini Lokuge, M.P., Investigated on 25.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MPED/ES/01(PP/2015/63)	It has been requested to nullify the affidavit which was forcibly obtained from the petitioner to pay a minimum pension payment and a minimum amount as the arrears and further it has been requested to repay the pensions after removing the unfair and unlawful calculations in the pensions payment hitherto made.	As per the recommendation of the Committee which was held on 26th October 2018, the petitioner has come to a final agreement with the bank by now and has produced an affidavit to the effect that no benefit would be claimed from the bank hereinafter. He has obtained the pensions and the payments in arrears and therefore, the Committee decided to conclude the petition.
6	Mr. H.G. Premadasa COM/PP/2020/163 Presented by the Hon. Vijitha Herath, M.P., Investigated on 25.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MF1/05/21/CBSL/A&P/2019	It has been requested to provide the promotions, the relevant salaries and the pensions of which the petitioner has been deprived of in an unfair manner.	The petitioner has faced the interviews held for promoting to the post of senior deputy chief security officer in 2010 and 2014 and has failed to reach the relevant cut off mark level and therefore has not been promoted. The Committee which observed the above situation, decided to conclude the petition.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
7	Mrs. M.W. Nandana Kumarihami COM/PP/2020/178 Presented by Hon. Dilan Perera, M.P., Investigated on 25.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MFI/01/22/BOC/AP.& Peti COM/PP/2019/2211	It has been requested to provide the relevant promotion to the post of chief manager, the position for which the petitioner fulfilled all the relevant qualifications and sat for the interview prior to retirement.	Interviews have been conducted on 2 separate occasions (2016 and 2017) for promoting to the post of senior deputy chief security officer and the petitioner has applied on both these occasions and has failed to get qualified as per the marks given according to the approved circulars. The Committee decided to conclude the petition as there are no provisions to grant the said relief.

4. Ministry of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
1	Mr. S.L. Mohomad Hazeem COM/PP/2020/86 Presented by Hon. Hector Appuhamy, M.P., Investigated on 02.12.2021. Ministry Ref: MOJ/E/05/2590	It has been requested to rein-state in service.	As per the recruitment procedure, the applicant should have passed 06 subjects in the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination with 2 credit passes to be selected for the post of KKS and the petitioner has not fulfilled the said qualifications. Accordingly, the Committee decided to conclude the petition as no provisions are available to provide the relevant relief to the petitioner.

5. Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils, and Local Government

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
1	Mr. U.S. Withanawasam COM/PP/2020/104 Presented by Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara, M.P., Investigated on 10.02.2021. Ministry Ref: PL/6/3/5/com/pp/2016/407 (Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government)	It has been requested to allow the petitioner to get retired after reinstating him in service.	This petition had been investigated in the 8th Parliament and a report has been sent as per the recommendations made there on (letter dated 22.08.2019) the disciplinary orders given by the Chief Secretary of the Sabaragamuwa Province to the other officers connected to the relevant case and stating whether the contractor has been blacklisted. The Committee which considered these criteria, decided to conclude the petition determining that no provisions are prevalent to grant the relief sought.
2	Mr. J.A. Lionel Chandrarathne COM/PP/2020/23 Presented by Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena, M.P., Investigated on 16.11.2021. Ministry Ref: PL/6/3/com/pp/2017/1396	It has been requested to implement the decisions issued by the Human Rights Commission and the Committee on Political Victimization in relation to not confirming in the service of Acting Librarian.	The Committee decided to conclude the petition as the relevant matter has been declined by the Supreme Court.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
3	Mr. I.M.R.B. Kohombakadawala COM/PP/2020/73 Presented by the Hon. Jayarathna Herath, M.P., Investigated on 16.11.2021. Ministry Ref: Pns/P5/01/55	It has been requested to pay the pensions, pension payment arrears and the relevant gratuity as amended at the date of re-tirement considering as the petitioner retires at the age of 60. Further the duty free vehicle permit entitled for the post.	The Committee which observed the fact that the petitioner has voluntarily got retired, under the Public Administrative Circular 30/88, decided to conclude this petition as there are no provisions to grant the relevant relief.
4	Mrs. W.M. Podimanike COM/PP/2020/112 Presented by Hon. Ranjith Siyam-balapitiya, M.P., Investigated on 16.11.2021. Ministry Ref: Pns/P5/01/54	It has been requested to make arrangements to pay the W&OP payments.	The petitioner's husband has got retired on 08.12.1989 and thereafter, has married the petitioner on 26.06.1996. As per the section 43 of the Ordinance, such persons are not entitled to get the W&OP and the petitioner is thus not entitled for it as she has got retired prior to the marriage. Further as the W & OP entitlements were there for the child of the petitioner's first marriage by the time of his retirement, there was no possibility to repay the W&OP payments. Based on the above submissions made by the Director General of Pensions, the Committee decided to conclude the matters related to the petition.

6. Ministry of Education

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
1	Mr. A.W.G.D. Karunathilaka COM/PP/2021/397 Presented by Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda, M.P., Investigated on 25.03.2021. Ministry Ref: ADM/01/09/vi (Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training)	The petitioner has requested that he be reinstated and be confirmed in service, and that the salary and allowances in arrears be paid to him.	The Committee has directed the Chairman of Sri Lanka Vocational Training Authority to submit to the Committee copies of the reports of the boards of inquiry that had been appointed during the 8th Parliament, after investigating this petition, to examine the duties and roles of the petitioner and copies of the reports that have been presented regarding the amount of money that should be recovered from the petitioner, and the Committee decided to close the proceedings of this petition based on the facts contained in the report No. HRD/15/02/I/CB/3261 that has been sent accordingly.
2	Mr. S. Chandrasena COM/PP/2020/33 Presented by Hon. Sanath Nishantha, M.P., Investigated on 19.07.2021. Ministry Ref: ED/05/152/03/01/2018/08	The petitioner has requested that necessary arrangements be made to issue him the concessionary motor vehicle import permit.	It has been provided in the Trade and Investment Policy Circular No. 01/2016 that the relevant concession can be granted to a person only if that person has been qualified in terms of the provisions of that circular as at the date of his retirement and only if the said circular is in effect by such date, and as it has been informed by the Ministry of Education that the petitioner cannot be given the requested concessionary vehicle import permit since the Circular No. 01/2016 was not in effect by the date on which the petitioner retired from service despite that he was qualified to get the permit in terms of the said circular, and therefore the Committee decided to close the proceedings of this petition.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
3	Miss. S.D. Abewickrama COM/PP/2020/18 Presented by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 19.07.2021. Ministry Ref: ED/05/152/03/01/2017-45	The petitioner has requested that she be given a permanent appointment as a teacher.	Taking into consideration the facts that the petitioner, according to the information gathered by the Zonal Education Office, Embilipitiya, and the Provincial Ministry of Education, Sabaragamuwa Province, had started teaching English at R/EMB/ Maduwanwela Sri Sarananda Vidyalaya on 21.06.1999 as a volunteer teacher according to the log book of the school, but no other written record has been found to verify that she had been teaching at that school, that the list of names of the volunteer teachers that had been sent to the Provincial Department of Education does not contain the name of the petitioner, and that, as this had happened 14 years ago, no evidence could be found to prove that the petitioner had submitted any appeal regarding this, the Committee decided to close the proceedings of this petition.
4	Mr. Mathugamage Premarathna COM/PP/2020/67 Presented by Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, M.P., Investigated online on 21.10.2021. Ministry Ref: ED/05/152/03/01/2018/11	The petitioner has stated that he has been reinstated subject to a formal disciplinary inquiry, but no such disciplinary has been conducted so far, and requests that the said disciplinary inquiry be conducted without delay.	As the set of conditions that have been laid down when the petitioner was reinstated does not contain any mention of a formal disciplinary inquiry, and as it is not an obstacle for the petitioner to retire from service, the Committee decided to close the proceedings of this petition.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
5	Mr. N.A. Nimal Ranjith De Silva COM/PP/2020/59 Presented by Hon. Charitha Herath, M.P., Investigated online on 21.10.2021. Ministry Ref: ED/05/152/03/2019/18	The petitioner has requested that he be given his employment again.	The Committee observed that, at the formal disciplinary inquiry that was conducted with regard to the charge sheet issued against the petitioner by the Provincial Public Service Commission, the petitioner has been proved to be guilty for all the charges made against him, and that the appeal that had been submitted by him to the Governor, too, has been rejected, and therefore decided to close the proceedings of this petition.
6	Mr. W.D. Lionel Chandrasoma COM/PP/2020/113 Presented by Hon. Johnston Fernando, M.P., Investigated on 09.12.2021. Ministry Ref: ED/4/58/1/5/173/52	The petitioner has stated that he had lost the opportunity to get the concessionary motor vehicle import permit because of his appointment to a position in Class III of Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service on supernumerary basis, and has requested that this be taken into consideration and justice be served to him.	The Committee observed that the petitioner had retired on 05.03.2007 and he was qualified to get the concessionary vehicle import permit only after 10.11.2005, and determined that he is not entitled to receive the concessionary vehicle import permit as a circular had not been in effect for the period prior to his retirement from that date to issue vehicle permits and as the date from which the Trade and Investment Policy Circular, which was issued after the petitioner had retired, was to be implemented was 25.04.2007, and therefore decided to close the proceedings of the petition.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
7	Mr. J.H. Sumathipala COM/PP/2020/116 Presented by Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera, M.P., Investigated on 09.12.2021. Ministry Ref: ED/05/152/05/01-07	The petitioner has requested that he be given the opportunity to get the pension.	The Committee observed that the date of first appointment of the petitioner's wife was 02.05.1979 and as the petitioner's wife was a public officer who had been appointed prior to 01.08.1983, she should have expressed her consent to contribute to the widowers' and orphans' pension scheme in order for her husband to be entitled to receive the widowers' and orphans' pension, but as she had expressed on 27.01.1984 that she does not consent to contribute to this scheme, the relief that the petitioner has sought cannot be given to him, and therefore the Committee decided to close the proceedings of the petition.
8	Mr. A.L.M. Nazis COM/PP/2020/124 Presented by Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka, M.P., Investigated on 09.12.2021. Ministry Ref: ED/05/152/03/2017/79	The petitioner has requested that he be reinstated and be then given the opportunity retire from service.	The Committee observed that the petitioner is not entitled to receive the pension as a period of time during which an employ has vacated his post cannot be taken into account for calculating the period of service in terms of the Minutes on Pensions, and he is not entitled to receive the ex gratia allowance either as he is deemed to have vacated his post, and therefore the Committee decided to close the proceedings on this petition.

7. Ministry of Health

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
1	Mr. Nandasena Vithanage COM/PP/2020/17 Presented by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 08.05.2021. Ministry Ref: MH/AD/01/06/01/10/2017 (Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine)	The petitioner has requested that an investigation be carried out into to the incident of removing him from his employment due to political vengeance, and that he be provided with some appropriate relief.	The Committee observed that, as per the information gathered from the Office of the Medical officer of Health, Walasmulla, the petitioner had been employed as a spray machine operator from November 1987 to January 1988, and no information could be discovered about the petitioner's service thereafter, and that the petitioner did not possess any written evidence to verify his period of service either, and therefore the Committee decided to close the proceedings of the petition as there are no provisions to give him the relief sought by him.
2	Mr. S. Senthil Kumar COM/PP/2020/184 Presented by Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan, M.P., Investigated on 05.08.2021. Ministry Ref: 06/F/621/S/2012 (Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine)	The petitioner has requested that he be reinstated.	The Committee observed that a notice of vacation of post has been issued to the petitioner on the grounds of absence from service without leave, and that the appeal that had been submitted by the petitioner, too, has been rejected by the Public Service Commission as there are no reasonable grounds to reinstate the petitioner, and therefore the Committee decided to close the proceedings of the petition.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
3	Mr. B.V.V.J. Bandarawaththa COM/PP/2021/547 Presented by Hon. Gamini Lokuge, M.P., Investigated on 07.12.2021. Ministry Ref: MH/AD/01/06/01/2018 (Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine)	The petitioner has requested that necessary arrangements be made to place him on MM salary scale with effect from 01.01.2006 in terms of the provisions of MSD 30.	The Committee pointed out that this restructuring was implemented throughout the entire public service, and that, as it has been implemented in a large number of institutes, giving a recommendation that is specific to one particular employee could lead to anomalies affecting many employees, and therefore decided to close the proceedings of this petition.
4	Mr. D.H. Jayalath Gunawaradane COM/PP/2021/548 Presented by Hon. Gamini Lokuge, M.P., Investigated on 07.12.2021. Ministry Ref: MH/AD/01/06/01/21/2017 (Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine)	The petitioner has requested that necessary arrangements be made to place him on MM salary scale with effect from 01.01.2006 in terms of the provisions of MSD 30.	The Committee pointed out that this restructuring was implemented throughout the entire public service, and that, as it has been implemented in a large number of institutes, giving a recommendation that is specific to one particular employee could lead to anomalies affecting many employees, and therefore decided to close the proceedings of this petition.

8. Ministry of Transport and Highways

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
1	Mr. R.A.D. Premadasa COM/PP/2020/190 Presented by Hon. Gamini Lokuge, M.P., Investigated on 23.11.2021. Ministry Ref: EK/PPC/553/03	The petitioner has requested that steps be taken to reinstate him nominally on ex gratia basis and to pay the pension as per the decision of the Public Petitions Committee dated 17.08.2007.	Although it has been recommended through a Cabinet memorandum to give a pension to the petitioner, the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers, by his letter No. ඇමැ/10/0391/358/009 dated 10.03.2010, had proposed to pay only an ex gratia allowance on the basis of sympathy, and therefore, the Committee decided that further relief cannot be given to the petitioner at institution level overriding the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers and therefore decided to close the proceedings of this petition.
2	Mr. A.D. Dayarathna COM/PP/2020/256 Presented by Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena, M.P., Investigated on 23.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MTCA/10/1/3/96 (Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation)	The petitioner has stated that the employees of the Peoplized Transport Service are paid only Rs.10/- even at present per share of Rs.10/- that have been awarded to those employees, and has requested that at least Rs. 100/- be paid per share taking into consideration the current devaluation of the Rupee.	As the Cabinet of Ministers had granted approval to pay for these shares at the rate of Rs. 10/- per share, and as payment of share money to shareholders has already been completed accordingly, the Committee decided to close the proceedings of this petition.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
3	Mr. W.R.A. Silva COM/PP/2021/322 Presented by Hon. Anura Dissanayaka, M.P., Investigated on 08.04.2021. Ministry Ref: MHE&H/HWY/ADM13/45/01	The petitioner has requested that the recommendations given by the Human Rights Commission with regard to the injustice caused to him due to the closure of the Highways Department be implemented.	This petition was investigated during the 8th Parliament and the Committee directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Highways and Road Development to take steps to pay some compensation to the petitioner and the rest of that group as recommended by the Human Rights Commission, and it was decided to refer this matter to the Director General of Pensions to get the issues regarding their salary anomalies resolved. As the Director General of Pensions, by his letter No. PEN/POL/03/CPP/08(12) dated 17.07.2020, has informed that calculation of the pension is done only on the basis of the period of service of employees, and that the pension cannot be paid to the petitioners as requested by them considering that they had been in service until they were 60 years of age, and therefore the Committee decided to close the proceedings of this petition.

9. Ministry of Industries

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
1	Mr. W.A. Sunil Jayasinghe COM/PP/2020/120 Presented by Hon. U.K. Sumith Udukumbura, M.P., Investigated on 10.03.2021. Ministry Ref: MIC/RST/08/17/03	The petitioner has requested that his employment be given to him again.	As the Secretary to the Ministry of Industries, by his letter No. MIC/PAF/01/13 dated 20.01.2021, has informed that there is no possibility of reinstating the petitioner as per the conclusions and the observations of the Committee that had been appointed to examine the matters relating to this petition, the Committee decided to close the proceedings of this petition.

10. Ministry of Public Security

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
1	Mr. D.R.C. Dissanayake COM/PP/2020/47 Presented by Hon. S.M. Chandrasena, M.P., Investigated on 04.08.2021. Ministry Ref: 02/03/23/01/2020	The petitioner has requested that an investigation be carried out into the disciplinary order given against him depriving him of his salary and salary increment for 07 years, and that some relief be given to him.	The Committee observed that the appeals that had been submitted by the petitioner against the disciplinary order that had been issued against him have been turned down by the National Police Commission, Public Service Commission as well as the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, and therefore decided to close the proceedings of this petition.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
2	Mr. R.A. Senevirathna COM/PP/2020/49 Presented by Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna, M.P., Investigated on 04.08.2021. Ministry Ref: 02/03/23/30/2018	The petitioner has requested that the promotion to the post of Superintendent of Police – Grade II be given to him on the due date.	The Committee took into consideration the matters that have been explained by the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence citing the contents of the letters sent by the Public Service Commission, Inspector General of Police and the Ministry of State Defence and Urban Development informing that the petition that has been submitted by the petitioner cannot be considered as the petitioner had not taken steps to submit an appeal to the relevant appellant authorities within the due period of time as informed by the Secretary of the Public Service Commission by his letter No. PSC/APP/6/299/2013 dated 22.04.2015 and as the petitioner is not a party either to the fundamental rights petition filed at the Supreme Court or the appeal No. AAT/37/2007 filed at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal by a group of officers with regard to promotion of officers to the rank or Superintendent of Police in years 2000 and 2003, and decided to close the proceedings of the petition.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee
3	Mr. Dodampahala Hewage Jagath Sri Darshana COM/PP/2020/57 Presented by Hon. Ajith Rajapakse, M.P., Investigated on 09.11.2021. Ministry Ref: 02/03/23/06/2019 (Ministry of Defence)	The petitioner has requested that he be reinstated and he be paid the salary and the allowances for the period during which he had been interdicted.	Although the petitioner was acquitted of the charges against him and was released by the court, all the charges that had been made against him had been proven at the formal disciplinary inquiry that was conducted with regard to the charge sheet that had been issued against him by the Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police, Southern Province, and as the National Police Commission and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal had accordingly turned down the petitions that had been submitted by him, the Committee decided to close the proceedings of this petition.

4) Petitions on which recommendations have been made

1. Ministry of Defence

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. N.A.P.M.W. Senanayaka COM/PP/2020/87 Presented by Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera, M.P., Investigated on 20.07.2021. Ministry Ref: MOD/DEF/14/22/02/PPC/06	The petitioner has requested that he be reinstated, the timely promotions he is entitled to be given to him together with the relevant salary, and he be given retirement with all the privileges he is entitled to receive for the entire period of active service he was deprived of due to compulsory retirement.	The Committee directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence to refer the petitioner to an appropriate panel of doctors at the National Hospital, Colombo, to get an independent examination performed on the petitioner by coordinating with the Director of the National Hospital to find out whether the petitioner had been suffering from the disease condition called Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) and to find out the present condition of the petitioner's disease, and to perform an independent examination about the petitioner's disease using his biosamples, and to submit the report of the said examination to the Committee. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/87 Date – 29.07,2021)	The Committee that met on 06.10.2021 in relation to a request made by the petitioner informed the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence further to the aforesaid letter dated 29.07.2021 to use new biosamples of the petitioner at the independent medical examination that is to be performed on the petitioner, and not to make use of the reports of medical examinations that were performed in 1997. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/87 Date – 08.10.2021)

				*The Deputy Director General of Sri Lanka National Hospital has informed the Committee that, after the biosamples of the petitioner had been tested by a board of medical examiners of the Sri Lanka National Hospital, it was not concluded that the petitioner had contracted the disease called Systematic Lupus Erythematosis (SLE) or that he is suffering from that disease at present either.. (Letter No. - AD/13/22 Date – 08.04.2022) *The Committee, at its meeting held on 05.07.2022, directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence to take action to reinstate the petitioner with effect from the date he had been retired without paying salary arrears and also to give him the timely promotions that he is entitled to receive. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/87 Date – 28.07.2022)

				*The Committee has sent a reminder to the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence asking him to take steps to send the abovementioned report to the Committee within two weeks. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/87 Date – 05.10.2022) *The Secretary to the Ministry has informed the Committee that the Ministry has sought the advice of the Hon. Attorney General regarding giving the said relief to the petitioner, and that action will be taken accordingly soon after the advice of the Hon. Attorney General has been received and the Committee will be informed of the action that will be taken. (Letter No. - MOD/DEF/GS5/14/22/02/PPC /06(173) Date – 02.11.2022)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
2	Mr. H.M. Upali Samaraweera COM/PP/2020/60 Presented by Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, M.P., Investigated on 20.07.2021. Ministry Ref: MOD/DEF/03/02/PPC/01/(48)	The petitioner has requested that he be paid the salary and allowance that he is entitled to receive on behalf of his deceased son.	The Committee directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence to carry out an extensive examination about the death of the petitioner's son and about the cause of the death through a board of medical examiners that include the judicial medical officer who conducted the post-mortem on the petitioner's son by coordinating with the Director of the Colombo North Teaching Hospital and the Commander of the Navy. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/60 Date – 11.08.2021)	The Secretary to the Ministry of Defence has informed the Committee citing the letter bearing reference CC/54/පෙත්සම් dated 08.12.2021 of the Director of the Colombo North Teaching Hospital (together with the report of the post-mortem) and the letter bearing reference DGHS/CNTH/ 054/2021-BG, dated 16.12.2021 of the Director General of Health Services that it has been reported after a tissue examination of the dead body that the death had been caused by Acute Renal Failure due to extensive diarrhea. (Letter No. - MOD/DEF/03/02/PPC /01(62) Date – 31.12.2021)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
3	Mr. K.M.G.A.G.W. Dias COM/PP/2020/79 Presented by Hon. (Dr) Ramesh Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 20.07.2021. Ministry Ref: MOD/DEF/45/PPC/SLA/56	The petitioner has requested that the period of time for which approval has been given to pay the salary and allow-ances be extended up to 31.12.2009 and that the salary and the allowances be paid to him until he is 55 years old.	The Committee directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence to look into the possibility of finding a way to provide some relief to the petitioner, too, when obtaining the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers to provide relief to the personnel who become disabled while engaged in military duty. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/79 Date – 30.07.2021)	

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
4	Mr. A.D.P. Amarasinghe COM/PP/2020/82 Presented by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 20.07.2021. Ministry Ref: MOD/DEF/GS -05/PPC/GENERAL(75)	The petitioner has requested that he be provided with some relief because his employment has been terminated considering that his service is not required.	The Committee directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence to deeply study the relevant files relating to this, to retire the petitioner, and to look into the possibility of giving him a pension, and also directed the petitioner to hand over to the Director (Pay and Records) of the Sri Lanka Army copies of all the documents in the possession of the petitioner regarding his service in the Army before he was called for active service. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/82 Date – 30.07.2021)	The Secretary to the Ministry of Defence has informed the Committee that the petitioner is not entitled to receive a pension as he had not completed a period service of 22 years, that he has completed a period of service that qualifies him to the entitlement of service gratuity, but as it has been pointed out that the said gratuity should be not more than a half of the gratuity he should have been entitled to, action should be taken by coordinating with the Division he had been serving in order to make arrangements for him to get the gratuity. (Letter No. - MOD/DEF/GS-5/PPC /GENERAL (75), Date – 22.10.2021) *This petition was investigated for the second time in the ninth Parliament on 06.10.2022, and the Committee observed that the petitioner is not entitled to receive the pension as he had failed to complete a period of service of 22 years and he is entitled to receive only a gratuity, and therefore decided to close the proceedings of the petition.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
5	Mr. I.R.D. Imbulana COM/PP/2020/98 Presented by Hon. Shantha Bandara, M. P., Investigated on 30.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MOD/PAC/05/PCC/2020/02	It has been requested that the petitioner be reinstated or be provided with reasonable compensation and a pension, having given sympathetic consideration to this matter.	The Committee directed the Air Force Commander, with a copy sent to the Secretary to the Ministry of Defense, to take the necessary steps to refer the petitioner to a medical board, provide him with entitlement to compensation, and grant him a disability pension in accordance with Public Administration Circular No. 22/93 due to the fact that this is an accident that has occurred while on duty. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/98 Date - 10.12.2021)	The Air Force Commander informed the Committee that since the petitioner was not entitled to disability pension as his last Medical Board Reports had confirmed his disability to be 10%, he was referred to a fresh Medical Board for reconsideration of his disability on sympathetic grounds but it was recommended even there that action slould be taken based on his earlier medical board reports and that he would be provided with compensation entitlement upon the approval of the Compensation Board of the Ministry of Defence due to the fact that he is not entitled to a disability pension according to the laws and provisions of the 1981 Pension and Gratuity Code as a result of having a disability of less than 20%. (Letter No. - ශ්‍රීලංගුහ/ර.026041/ප3 Date – 07.02.2022)

				*This petition was investigated for the second time in the 9th Parliament on 06.10.2022 and the Committee emphasized that the petitioner, who is as young as 35 and has been greatly disappointed due to this accident while on duty, should be treated with sympathetic consideration on a more humane basis and directed the Commander of the Air Force to make recommendations to reinstate the petitioner without salary arrears to enable him to complete the minimum period of service required to be eligible for pension and to provide him with the opportunity to remain in service and he be posted on light duties until then as his disability is less than 10%. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/98 Date - 28.10.2022)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
6	Mr. E.J.A.P. Dayananda COM/PP/2020/93 Presented by Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva, M.P., Investigated on 30.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MOD/DEF/GS-5/PPC/Gen-eral(157)	He has requested that his pension be granted.	The Committee directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Defense to check whether the petitioner's contributions to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund have been made correctly and make arrangements for payment if there is any difference. (Letter No. – COM/PP/2020/93 Date – 10.12.2021)	According to the report called from the Army Commander, the petitioner is entitled to receive a sum of Rs. 1,711.60 under Regulation No. 35(1) of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Act No. 18 of 1970, for the period of service from 03.11.1989 to 29.07.1991, but the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence has informed that a sum of Rs. 1,050.00 is due from the petitioner under the Public Officials' Festival Advances Account - B and a sum of Rs. 661.60 has been paid to the petitioner after the aforesaid sum was recovered. (Letter No. - MOD/DEF/GS-05/PPC/GEN-II(164) Date - 11.03.2022)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
7	Mr. H.P. Ananda Jayaratne COM/PP/2020/137 Presented by Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, M.P., Investigated on 30.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MOD/PAC/05/PCC/2020/05	He has requested to be reinstated with salary and allowances which he has been deprived of since March 2018, along with promotions.	The Committee directed the Secretary to the Public Service Commission to advise the Director of Navy (Civil Administration) regarding the payment of salary from 19.02.2018 to 30.11.2021 and the payment of salary increments for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021, which is the period of absence of the petitioner, as has been requested by him. (Letter No. – COM/PP/2020/137 Date - 10.12.2021)	The Public Service Commission has informed the Committee that the Secretary to the Ministry of Defense has been informed with a copy to the Director (Civil Administration) of the Sri Lanka Navy, that it has been decided to treat the entire period of the appellant's absence from service as a period without salary, and to place him in the prescribed salary step without paying salary increments but only the benefits of salary increments for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021. (Letter No. – PSC/APL/14/47/2018 Date – 10.01.2022) *The Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, with a copy sent to the Committee, has informed the Director of Civil Administration of the Sri Lanka Navy to act as per the order and report it to him in order that the Public Service Commission could be informed. (Letter No. - MOD/ADM/HRM/IM/02 Date - 02.02.2022)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
8	Ms. N.W.A. Padmadaya COM/PP/2020/220 Presented by Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka, M.P., Investigated on 30.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MOD/PAC/05/PCC/2020/06	The petitioner asked for adequate compensation for the goods stored in his shop, which was destroyed by the explosion of the Army Armory at Salawa on 05.06.2016.	The Committee directed the Divisional Secretary of Sitawaka with a copy sent to the Secretary to the Ministry of Defense to check whether any relief can be provided and do the neeedful. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/220 Date - 10.12.2021)	The Divisional Secretary of Sithwaka has informed the Committtee that he has been informed by the Valuation Department by the letter No. CD/LM/7926 dated 15.03.2022 that the assessment of damages to goods has been done by a special committee coordinated by the District Office of Colombo and based on the appeals submitted by the victim in relation to the property, an amount of Rs. 8,882,000.00 has been assessed on 20.08.2016 as the valuation after the re-inspection of the property considering it as a completely damaged house , and there will be no further revision of the valuation amount . (Letter No. – DSS/1/8/SA-ගැටළු 13 Date – 06.05.2022) *Considering the above matters, the Committee which met on 06.10.2022 concluded that the Committee does not have provisions to provide further relief to the petitioner and decided to close the proceedings of this petition.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
9	Ms. R.K. Ashoka Ranjani COM/PP/2020/234 Presented by Hon. Lalith Ellawala, M.P., Investigated on 30.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MOD/DEF/GS/PPC/SLA/58	The Widows' and Orphans' pension which her husband is entitled to has been requested.	The Committee ordered the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government to give a grace period to express their preference for making contributions to the said fund in order to provide relief to a large number of people who lost their Widows' and Orphans' pension. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/234 Date - 10.12.2021)	The Ministry of Finance has wanted to ascertain the specific information about the additional cost to be borne by the government regarding the extension of the period for the expression of preference for the Widows'/Widowers' and Orphans' pension system, and observations on the information received from the Ministries and State Ministries in this connection have been called from the Director General of Pensions and accordingly, the Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government has informed the Public Petitions Committee Office that it is possible to take action in accordance with the policy decision that will be taken in the future. (Letter No. - Pns/P5/01/79 Date - 24.02.2022)

2. Ministry of Urban Development and Housing

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. Chaminda Bandara Gunathilake COM/PP/2020/7 Presented by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 02.12.2021. Ministry Ref: 05/02/02/01/CC/01-VolumeII	It has been requested that the impediments made by the Urban Development Authority be removed and permission be granted to start their project and run it within the approved period.	The Committee directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing to take action to discuss and resolve this issue expeditiously under the leadership of the Secretary to the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing, with the participation of the petitioner, the Secretary to the State Ministry of Urban Development, Waste Disposal and Community Sanitation, the officials of the Sri Lanka Board of Investment (BOI), Urban Development Authority (UDA), Janatha Estate Development Board (JEDB) as well as the other relevant parties and the petitioner. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/7 Date - 10.12.2021)	The Secretary to the State Ministry of Urban Development has informed the Committee that the Janata Estate Development Board has informed him by letter No. JEBD/LND/357/UDA dated 11.03.2022 that there are several case files pertaining to the information related to the petition and that it is possible to present them on the committee day if need arose, and further that Janatha Estate Development Board has no agreement to take further action in this regard as the petitioner has taken legal action against the government assessor and the Janatha Estate Development Board. (Letter No. - SMUD/EST/E04/03 /01-3 Date – 09.05.2022)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
2	Mr. M.A. Rauf COM/PP/2020/12 Presented by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 02.12.2021. Ministry Ref: MMWO/E03/UDA/COM	A reasonable solution has been requested in regard to the matter of not receiving a shop room, though money has been paid for the said shop room.	The Committee directed the Chairman of the Urban Development Authority with a copy to the Secretary to the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing that the following action should be taken; i. The first revision of the rent of the shop room should be done after the lapse of a period of 71/2 years, considering the fact that it took almost 20 years to hand over the shop though the petition-er had deposited a sum of Rs. 3 lakhs and as a relief for the said delay, in a manner that shall be applicable only to the pe-titioner, and subsequently the normal procedure should be followed. ii. The relevant security deposit amount and VAT should be charged from the aforesaid amount of Rs. 300,000/=	The Committee has been informed by the Additional Secretary of the State Ministry to Urban Development, Waste Disposal and Community Sanitation that taking into account the recommendations of the Public Petitions Committee, the rask of renting the GS-55 shop room to the petitioner has been completed on a monthly rental basis. (Letter No. - SMUD/ADM/E04/03/01-4 Date – 08.02.2022)

			iii. Arrangements should be made to compensate the remaining amount for the monthly rent of the shop room; and iv. Arrangements should be made to collect the applicable VAT amount after it has been revised to the current VAT rate. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/12 Date - 10.12.2021)	

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3	Mr. M.G. Nimal Padmasiri COM/PP/2021/477 Presented by Hon. Pradeep Undugoda M.P., Investigated on 02.12.2021. Ministry Ref: MUD&H/ADM/02/05	He has requested to be reinstated and promoted in the promotion system that existed at the time of his recruitment as a Field Assistant in the Urban Development Authority.	The Committee directed the Director General of the Urban Development Authority to look into the possibility of giving relief to the petitioner, having considered the general situation of the Authority after approval was granted for the new recruitment procedures, in a manner in which injustice would not be caused to other employees as well, due to the fact that the petitioners are also requesting to be promoted to the JM service category. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2021/477 Date - 10.12.2021)	The Additional Secretary to the State Ministry of Urban Development, Waste Disposal, and Community Cleanliness has informed the Public Petitions Committee office that it is not possible for the petitioner to be promoted to the junior management level, that all the recruitment procedures have been referred to the Management Services Department for its approval currently, and that if any relief is possible according to the recruitment procedures applicable in the future, necessary measures will be taken. (Letter No.- SMUD/EST/E04/03/01 Date - 03.01.2022)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
4	Mr. P.G. Cyril Gunaratne COM/PP/2021/530 Presented by Hon. Shantha Bandara, M.P., Investigated on 02.12.2021. Ministry Ref: 2/1/171/15(II) (Ministry of State for Rural Housing and Construction and Build-ing Materials Industries Promotion)	He has asked to be reinstated.	The Committee directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing to reinstate the petitioner without any arrears/allowances and other benefits on compassionate grounds. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2021/530 Date - 10.12.2021)	

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5	Mrs. Padma Malani Mahagamarachi COM/PP/2021/537 Presented by Hon. Sahan Pradeep Withana, M.P., Investigated on 02.12.2021. Ministry Ref: MMWD/EST8/Public Petition (Ministry of Metropolitan and Western Development)	An alternative house or fair compensation has been asked for the house that was taken over by the Colombo Municipal Council for the government before its being demolished and removed.	It has been decided to check on whether the value of the house of the petitioner has been included in the assessment report related to the payment of compensation for her property and obtain a report of it, and also to check on the electoral register of 1983 under this assessment number from the Election Commissioner's Department in order to get it verified whether she was a permanent resident of the place and obtain a report of that as well, and the said decision has been conveyed to the chairman of the Urban Development Authority. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2021/537 Date - 10.12.2021)	The Director General of the Urban Development Authority informed the Office of the Committee on Public Petitions that the Chief Appraiser was asked by letter dated December 10, 2021 to provide information about whether the value of the house was included in the determination of the petitioner's compensation, but no response has been received so far. (Letter No. - 10/2/296 Date - 20.07.2022) *A copy of the above letter has also been forwarded to the Committee by the Secretary to the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing. (Letter No.-SMUD/EST/E04/03/01-5 Date – 15.08.2022)

3. Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mrs. K.B. Champika Jayasinghe COM/PP/2020/78 Presented by Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, M.P., Investigated online on 06.10.2021. Ministry Ref: MF1/11/2/SLIC/2021/3	She, who has been dismissed, has requested to be reinstated and to be paid the wages and allowances to which she is entitled.	The Committee directed the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation with a copy sent to the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance to give her a job in the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation on a contract basis or according to her qualifications. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/78 Date - 2021.10.18)	The Chairman of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation has informed the Committee that since the petitioner has met the necessary qualifications for the rank of junior employee, even though it is not possible to provide a job for the petitioner on a permanent and contract basis in their company, it is possible for her to work in the head office through an outsourced company. (Date of the Letter - 14.12.2021)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
2	Mr. Kolitha Balapatbandi COM/PP/2020/134 Presented by Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 25.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MF1/05/21/CBSL/A&P/2019	It has been requested to be placed on III-III grade from the year 2012 and 02 grades to be given from the existing grade.	The Committee directed the Chairman of the National Savings Bank with a copy sent to the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance to provide a report on the marks obtained by each applicant who participated in the interview conducted for promotion to Grade III-III in the year 2012 and the criteria for awarding those marks. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/134 Date - 10.12.2021)	As requested by the letter dated 10.12.2021, the General Manager/CEO of the National Savings Bank has sent to the Committee on 07.02.2021 the marks obtained by the applicants including the petitioner in relation to the promotion procedure conducted in the year 2012 along with the criteria for awarding those marks. *The Committee, which met on 29.11.2022, considering the aforesaid levels of marks and the criteria for awarding marks, decided to close the proceedings of this petition as it was not observed that any injustice had been caused to the petitioner in granting the relevant promotions.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
3	Mr. T.K.M. Madduma Bandara COM/PP/2020/161 Presented by Hon. S.B. Dissanayake, M.P., Investigated on 25.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MF1/02/20/EXC/02/PPC-01	The petitioner has requested that a fair investigation be conducted in this regard and action be taken to grant him a new licence as the officials of the Department of Excise have transferred his local and foreign liquor retail license to a third party.	The Committee directed the Commissioner General of the Excise Department, with copies sent to the Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and the Government Analyst, to verify the signatures and send a report of it to Committee. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/161 Date - 10.12.2021)	As per the order given by the Public Petitions Committee, the Sri Lanka Excise Department has informed the Committee that photocopies of 06 documents, including the relevant affidavits, have been sent to the Government Analyst's Department for checking the handwriting and the signature contained in the two letters given to Mr. Thusitha Sanjeeva Wijesinghe and Mr. T.K.M. Madduma Banda by Mr. M.M.A. Indasara Senaratne, the original holder of the license, in regard to the transfer of the liquor license bearing the No. ර.ජ. 04 of the liquor shop named Aruna. (Letter No. - ED/09/01/09/2019 Date - 29.07.2022)

				* This petition was considered for the second time in the 9th Parliament on 01.12.2022 and it was concluded that the recommendation given by the Excise Department to transfer the successive right of this license to Mr. Thusitha Sanjeeva Wijesinghe was not agreeable and the Committee took a decision to correct the injustice done to the petitioner for a long time and transfer the ownership of this liquor license to him. Accordingly, the Committee cancelled the license granted to Mr. Thusitha Sanjeeva Wijesinghe and ordered the Commissioner General of Excise to transfer the said license to the petitioner. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/161 Date - 16.12.2022)

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4	Mr. A.S. Silva COM/PP/2020/206 Presented by Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna M.P., Investigated on 25.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MPED/ES/3/4/COM/PP/2017/1815	The petitioner has asked for justice in relation to the deprivation of 23 employees, including himself, who worked in the Sri Lankan Catering Company, of the opportunity of working until 60 and being forced to retire at 55, despite the fact that such an opportunity had been granted to them by the Department of Public Enterprises Circular PED 2013/1.	The Committee directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance to take into consideration the court rulings to be given on this matter and consult with the officials of the Public Enterprises Department to reach a decision on whether Circular PED 2013/1 applies to Sri Lanka Catering Company which is a subsidiary company of Sri Lanka Airlines. (Letter No. – COM/PP/2020/206 Date - 10.12.2021)	In this regard, the Director General of the Department of Public Enterprises has informed the Committee that it is appropriate to act according to the decision of the pending case. (Letter No. – PED/S/SLCL/1/ 12(i) Date - 28.03.2022)

4. Ministry of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. K.A. Quinton Dias Appuhamy COM/PP/2020/3 Presented by Hon. Arundika Fernando, M.P., Investigated on 12.02.2021. Ministry Ref: MPRRH/Co:Se:/01/Pri/ Petition	The petitioner has asked to provide pension.	Secretary to the Ministry of Public Service, Provincial Councils and Local Government with a copy being sent to the Secretary to the Ministry of Justice to look into the possibility of making the petitioner eligible for a petition considering the request on compassionate grounds. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/3 Date – 10.12.2021)	Secretary to the Ministry of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms has informed the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government with a copy being sent to the Committee that it is appropriate to convert the announcement of vacating a position into being retired under inefficiency of section 2:15 of the Minutes on Pensions after considering the continuous appeals made by the petitioner and the 10 years of service. (Letter No. - SMPM&PR/AD/05/ KIVINTAS DIAS Date – 10.08.2022)

				*The Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government has informed the Committee that there is no possibility of acting according to the aforementioned recommendations made by the Secretary to the Ministry of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Affairs since the appeal made by the petitioner to the Public Service Commission has been rejected whereas such a rejected appeal can be reconsidered only by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal although the time period allocated for the process has also expired. (Letter No. - Pns/P5/01/80 Date – 22.09.2022)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
2	Mr. E.M. Rathnayake COM/PP/2020/26 Presented by Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne, M.P., Investigated on 12.02.2021. Ministry Ref: MOJ/E14/ම.පෙ.කෝ/2021	The petitioner has requested to provide the pension considering pre-service period.	The Committee ordered the Secretary to the Ministry of Justice to reconsider this matter to provide a relief on compassionate grounds considering the 13 years of service of the petitioner. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/26 Date – 10.12.2021)	Secretary to the Ministry of Justice has informed the Committee on Public Petitions since the petitioner had failed to submit government medical certificates after being summoned before a medical examination board on three occasions as mentioned in the letter of the Deputy Director of Health of the North Central Province the matter would be referred to the Director General of Combined Services for future measures after receiving reply letters from Deputy Director of Health of the North Central Province and the Magistrate of Anuradhapura. (Letter No. - MOJ/E14/ම.පෙ.කෝ/ 2021 Date – 04.03.2022)

5. Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mrs. H.H. Swarna COM/PP/2020/106 Presented by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 02.10.2021. Ministry Ref: PL/6/3/5/com/pp/2016/735 (Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government)	The petitioner has requested permission to construct a shop in the small land area situated adjoining the main road.	Whereas the Committee observed it is appropriate to further look into the matters that were mentioned before it also decided to call a report from Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka, M.P., who is a member of the Committee and to reconsider the petition after the report is received. (Letter No. – COM/PP/2020/106 Date – 22.03.2021)	Whereas the report requested from Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka in terms of the recommendations made by the Committee is yet to be received a letter dated 29.08.2022 has been sent to the Hon. Member requesting him to submit the report to the Committee. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/106 Date – 29.08.2022)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
2	Mr. B.G.W. Jayasinghe COM/PP/2020/48 Presented by Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna, M.P., Investigated on 10.03.2021. Ministry Ref: පී.එල්.7/4/5/11	The petitioner has requested to make arrangements to remove the soil piled up in front of his house in order to construct the access road.	The Committee directed the Engineer of Gampaha district to prepare an alternative mechanism that can provide a solution to the matter. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/48 Date – 01.04.2021)	The Assistant Local Government Commissioner (Acting) of Gampaha district informed the Committee an alternative proposal that would divert the water flow to a drainage system instead of allowing the water to flow through the relevant road can be proposed and an amount of Rs.1,000,000.00 has been estimated for the aforesaid development activity under the year 2001 Pradeshiya Sabha Fund. (Letter No. – LGD/GM/පෙත්සම් කාරක සභා /2020 Date – 18.01.2022)

				*Whereas the aforesaid petition was considered for the second time in the 9th Parliament on 22.11.2022 and the petitioner was advised to construct the access road to the house and the garden accordingly as the construction of drainage system along the by road would address the issue. The Committee also ordered the Secretary to Dompe Pradeshiya Sabha to submit a report on the progress regarding the construction of drainage system.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
3	Mr. W.M.W.G.T. Bandara Wijerathne COM/PP/2020/25 Presented by Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna, M.P., Investigated on 16.11.2021. Ministry Ref: PL/COM/PP/2020/25	The petitioner has requested to offer the post of Provincial Motor Vehicle Driver Grade III to him.	The Committee informed the Hon. Governor of the Central Province with a copy of the letter being sent to then Secretary of Public Service, Provincial Councils and Local Government to give priority to the petitioner when recruiting persons for the Motor Vehicle Driver service. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/25 Date – 03.12.2021)	Secretary to the Public Service Commission of the Central Provincial Council has informed awarding of an appointment of Motor Vehicle Driver Grade III position to the applicants including the petitioner can be considered by giving priority to the marks obtained if there are any applicant who have passed on open basis in year 2018 and when the approval is granted for new recruitments by amending the Management Services Circulars 01/2020 and 02/2020. (Letter No. - CPC/PSC/28/19/2018 Date – 15.08.2022)

				*The Chief Secretary of the Central Province has informed that there is no possibility of implementing the recommendations issued until the aformentioned circulars are amended. (Letter No. - CPC/CS/01/17 Date – 22.11.2022) *The Committee which sat for the second time during the 9th Parliament on 24.11.2022 considered the aforementioned petition and ordered the Chief Secretary of the Central Province again to give priority to the petitioner when approval is granted after the aforementioned circulars are amended as well as to report the action taken regarding the matter to the Committee.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
4	Mr. J. Kariyawasam COM/PP/2020/63 Presented by Hon. Madhura Vithanage, M.P., Investigated on 16.11.2021. Ministry Ref: Pns/P5/01/41	The petitioner has requested to remove the salary anomalies and to provide the petition he is entitled to.	A report has been called from then Secretary to the Ministry of Public Service, Provincial Councils and Local Government on whether the service and the pension had been calculated correctly when the petitioner had retired as well as whether the salary had been placed on the proper scale during the subsequent amendments made to the pension. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/63 Date – 10.12.2021)	
5	Mr. M.H. Mohamed COM/PP/2020/84 Presented by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 16.11.2021. Ministry Ref: PMAS/59/71	The petitioner has requested to make arrangements to backdate his permanent appointment and the promotions he is entitled to.	The Committee directed the Secretary of Public Service Commission with a copy of the directive being sent to the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Service, Provincial Councils and Local Government to issue recommendations required to convert the casual appointment of the petitioner into a permanent appointment, backdate the appointment into 31.08.1988 and to grant relief whatever possible. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/84 Date – 10.12.2021)	

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6	Mr. L.R.V. Pieris COM/PP/2020/89 Presented by Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 16.11. 2021. Ministry Ref: PL/6/3/COM/PP/2017/1267	The petitioner has requested to reinstate him in the service and grant him the relevant promotions and salary arrears.	The Committee has ordered the Chief Secretary of the Southern Province, with a copy to the then Secretary to the Ministry of Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government to consider the appeal submitted by the petitioner taking the facts and related documents presented by him into consideration. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/89 Date - 12.10.2021)	The Commisioner of the Department of Local Government has informed the Chief Secretary of the Southern Province, with a copy to the Committee recommending that it is suitable to deliver justice to the petitioner after having closely examined the related facts as it is basically perceived that he has been subjected to an unfair treatment in this regard whereas the petitioner has taken necessary steps as per the PSC procedural rule No. 174 by submitting an appeal within 3 months of the service termination notice and while having confirmed the receipt of his telegram with the notice of his absence, no action has been taken by the relevant officials and due to the fact that the petitioner has not been absorbed as an employee of the Provincial Public Service. (Letter No - 4/2/2/13 Date - 27.12.2021)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
7	Mr. Mahendra V. Wijethilake COM/PP/2020/91 Presented by Hon.Vijitha Herath, M.P., Investigated on 16.11.2021. Ministry Ref: Pns/P5/01/50	The petitioner has requested to rectify the deduction of the pension due to non-payment of the salary entitled for the last position held.	The Committee has decided to obtain a report from the Public Service Commission after having examined whether the accurate salary scale has been paid to the petitioner at the time of absorption and after the process of absorption into Sri Lanka Technical Service. Further, the Committee has informed the Secretary of the Public Service Commission that it is also necessary to refer this matter to the Public Service Commission and the petition would be examined in a coming Committee at the presence of the Public Service Commission too. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/91 Date - 04.12.2021)	As per the recommendations made at the Committee conducted on 16.11.2021, the Public Service Commission Officials have intimated that the letter no. NSCC/01/GP/14/3-VIII dated 04.04.2022 issued by the National Salary Commission has confirmed that the pension conversion of the petitioner has been accurately paid and the letter No. PEN/POL/03/CPP/08/2002/08 dated 04.04.2022 issued by the Department Pensions has affirmed that the pension entitled to the last designation/position held by the petitioner has also been accurately calculated and paid without any issue. In addition to that, Commission officials have further pointed out that it is not acceptable to confer a permanent appointment for a retired employee as the petitioner had not been appointed to the acting position held by him when the approval for new recruitments to the position concerned was granted.

				Therefore, the Committee held on the 05.04.2022 has decided to conclude the examinations regarding this matter concerning the facts presented by the Public Services Commission officials and taking the fact that the matter concerned has also been dismissed by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal into account.

6. Ministry of Education

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mrs. P.D. Siriyawathie COM/PP/2020/29 Presented by Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, M.P., Investigated on 10.03.2021. Ministry Ref: ED/05/152/03/1580	The petitioner has requested the pension entitled to her be paid taking his 13 years of service into consideration.	The Committee ordered the Secretary to the Ministry of Education to expedite the payment of gratuity entitiled to her as recommended by the Committee held on 17.09.2019 in the 8th Parliament. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/29 Date - 01.04.2021)	The Secretary to the Ministry of Education has informed the Director General of Pensions, with a copy to the Committee, that copies of all documents pertaining to the consideration of petitioner's eligibility to be entitled for the gratuity will be produced as per the recommendations made by the Committee. (Letter No. - ED/05/67/08/17 Date - 19.05.2021) *The Secretary to the Ministry of Education has informed the Committee that the Senior Assistant Secretary (Non-Combined Services) has made him aware that no response has been received yet/ a response in this regard is still pending whereas a request has been made from the Director General of Pensions via the letter dated 19.05.2021, seeking the eligibility of the petitioner for the gratuity entitlement. (Letter No. - ED/05/152/03/1580 Date-19.07.2021)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
2	Mr. R.P.W. Rajapaksha COM/PP/2020/50 Presented by Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna, M.P., Investigated on 19.07.2021. Ministry Ref: ED/05/152/05/01-4	The petitioner has requested to cancel the already approved transfer and allow him to serve in the nearest national school.	The Committee instructed the petitioner to make the Senior Assistant Secretary(Discipline and Investigation) of the Ministry of Education aware of several schools that he intends to get transferred and directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Education to take actions to transfer the petitioner to one of the suitable schools requested by him. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/50 Date - 02.08.2021)	The Secretary to the Public Service Commission has instructed the Secretary to the Ministry Education to revoke the transfer order made on 27.09.2016 and take measures to transfer the petitioner to Hanwella Rajasinghe Central College. (Letter No. - PSC/APL/08/60/2016 Date – 12.12.2021) *The Additional Secretary (Establishments) of the Ministry of Education has informed the petitioner that the transfer has been approved to Hanwella Rajasinghe Central College revoking the previous transfer order made in the above mentioned letter. (Letter No. - ED/01/27/04/04/2017 Date - 29.12.2021) *The petitioner has informed that he has assumed duties in Hanwella Rajasinghe Central College via the letter dated 03.01.2022. *The Committee held on 18.10.2022 has decided to conclude the hearing of this petition since the expected relief has been granted.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
3	Mrs. D.G. Anula Menike COM/PP/2020/08 Presented by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 19.07.2021. Ministry Ref: ඊසී/01/10/01/01/59/(iii)	The petitioner has requested to approve the teaching appoinment.	The Committee has instructed the Secretary to the Ministry of Education to take necessary measures confining it only to this matter, to approve the requested appointment with the salary arrears and other perks entitled to the petitioner from the date of request for the approval exluding the duration from 2014 to the date on which the request for the approval of the appointement was made. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/08 Date – 30.07.2021)	In response to the letter sent by the Secretary to the Ministry of Education to the Southern provincial Director of Education including the instructions to be followed at the approval process, Southern Education Ministry has informed that the appointment has been approved with effect from 02.02.2007. (Letter No. - දප/අ෭෭දෙ/ජාපා/ED/ජාපා/02/02/05 Date - 18.04.2022) *The Committee held on 20.10.2022 has decided to conclude the hearing of this petition as the petitioner has informed the Committee, with the letter dated 10.10.2022 that the expected relief was granted.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
4	Mrs. K.M. Vitharana COM/PP/2020/10 Presented by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, M.P., Investigated online on 21.10.2021. Ministry Ref: ED/05/152/05/2021/1-06	The petitioner has requested that she be exempted from the Widows' and Orphans' pension scheme and the pension and the gratuity be paid to her.	The Committee instructed the petitioner to take steps to get the monthly pension and the gratuity disbursed in agreement with expressing the consent to deduct the W&OP amount from the gratuity. Further, the Committee ordered the Secretary to the Ministry of Education to take measures to return her the deductions made from the W&OP scheme subsequently the date on which the petitioner's son completes his 26th birthday since provisions are available to act accordingly. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/10 Date - 29.10. 2021)	The Director General of the Department of Pensions informed the Committee that payment of her pension is being paid from December 2021 and the arrears is in progress and measures will be taken to pay the gratuity as the required funds are disbursed in the due course. (Letter No. - PEN/POL/03/CPP/08/ 2021(i) Date - 02.12.2021)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
5	Mr. R. Premalal Abeykoon COM/PP/2020/35 Presented by Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha, M.P., Investigated online on 21.10.2021. Ministry Ref: ED/05/152/03/01/2017-08	The petitioner has requested to absorb him to the post of Teacher Educators' Service (Grade III) and send him on retirement.	The Committee has ordered the Secretary to the Ministry of Education to take necessary steps to pay him the entitled pension placing him in the position in which he finally served at Siyane College of Education from 25.06.2014, the date on which he was temporarily appointed to the post of Lecturer in that college. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/35 Date – 29.10.2021)	The Secretary to the Ministry of Education has informed the committee that the petitioner, being attached to the Siyane College of Education can never be a right which he is entitled with and therefore, the Ministry has no legal provisions to breach the service minute to give appointments to Teacher Educators' Service. Hence, he has informed the Committee that implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee is controversial. (Letter No. - ED/04/59/01/03/02 Date - 02.03.2022)

				*The Public Service Commision has informed that implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee cannot be initiated based on the absence of required basic qualifications with the petitioner to be recruited for a post in Sri Lanka Teacher Educators' Service and the fact that the appeal that has been submitted to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal has also been rejected by them. (Letter No. - PSC/APP/8/6/111/2021 Date - 28.03.2022)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
6	Mrs. K.C.J. Basil Fernando COM/PP/2020/58 Presented by Hon. Charitha Herath, M.P., Investigated online on 21.10.2021. Ministry Ref: ED/01/10/03/02/10 (විවිධ)	The petitioner has requested the appointment be backdated with effect from 09.01.2012.	The Committee ordered the Secretary to the Ministry of Education to backdate the appointment of the petitioner with effect from 09.01.2012. The committee further instructed the petitioner to take the request letter pertaining to the backdate of the appointment from Piliyandala Zonal Education Office and submit it to the Ministry of Education. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/58 Date - 29.10.2021)	The Divisional Director of Piliyandala Zone, with a copy to the Committee has informed that certified copies of relevant documents confirming the petitioner's service at WP/Pili/St. Thomas College since 09.01.2012 have been submitted to the Western Provincial Ministry of Education. Further, the appointment has been recommended by the Zonal Director and forwarded it for the approval. (Letter No. - ඛප/සිළු/ගුරු/ඇ/02 Date - 30.11.2022)

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7	Mr. K. Karunasena COM/PP/2020/77 Presented by Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapaksha, M.P., Investigated on 09.12.2021. Ministry Ref: ED/05/152/05/01-05	The petitioner has requested the salary of 49 ½ months which has been recommended by the Director Establishments be paid in full as he has not received any compensation as per the provisions of the Public Administrative Circular No. 22/93.	The Committee ordered the Secretary of the Eastern Provincial Education Department, with a copy to the Secretary of the Education Department to pay the recommended compensation to the pensioner since the then Director Establishments has already recommended the salary of 49 ½ months excluding other allowances be paid to the petitioner. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/77 Date - 10.12.2021)	The Secretary of the Eastern Provincial Education Ministry has instructed the Zonal Director of Education of Ampara to take steps to pay him the salary of 49 ½ months as a compensation deducting the amounts of compensation that have already been paid to him as per the recommendations made by the Eastern Provincial Compensation Board and the Eastern Provincial Board of Compensation Appeals. (Letter No. - EP/3/1/H/5 Date - 10.02.2022)

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8	Mrs. B.W.D.M.K. Darmakeerthi COM/PP/2020/96 Presented by Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka, M.P., Investigated on 09.12.2021. Ministry Ref: සිපිසි/සිළමිළස්/1/14/A/2015/03 (Central Provincial Ministry of Education)	The petitioner has requested the justice be delivered to her as she has faced various difficulties by not being appointed to the post of Acting Principal.	The Committee ordered the Secretary to the Ministry of Education to execute the recommendations made by the Human Rights Commission on 29.03.2021 after having a close examination of the appeal submitted in this regard. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/96 Date - 10.12.2021)	The Secretary of the Central provincial Education Ministry has informed the Regional Coordinator of the Human Rights Commission, with a copy to the Committee that appointing a new Principal to Galewela Central College as per the recommendation of the commission could be an unfair treatment caused to the current Principal. Instead, it is informed by him that arrangements could be made available so that the aforesaid petitioner could also apply when the position concerned is vacant. (Letter No. - සිපිසි/සිළමිළස්/1/14/A/2015/03 Date - 22.09.2022)

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9	Mr. M. Jayathissa COM/PP/2020/99 Presented by Hon. Shantha Bandara, M.P., Investigated on 09.12.2021. Ministry Ref: ED/05/152/03/01/2017-85	The petitioner has requested to reinstate him in the service with effect fro the date on which his service was terminated.	The Committee ordered the Secretary to the Ministry of Education to execute the order given by the Governor of the North Western Province and take steps to send the petitioner on compulsory retirement. Further, it was ordered the Secretary to the Ministry of Education to immediately do the needful in order to pay the pension and the gratuity entitled to the petitioner with all the arreas payments with effect from the date on which he was sent on retirement. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/99 Date - 10.12.2021)	The Secretary to the Ministry of Education through the letters dated 24.12.2021 and 03.02.2022, has informed the Secretary of the North Western Provincial Ministry of Education with a copy to the Committee, to immediately send certified copies of all the relevant documents pertaining to the compulsory retirement of the the petitioner concerened and it has been further informed that steps would be taken as soon as possible to do the needful once the aforementioned documents are received. (Letter No. - ED/04/60/05/J/ මහජන පෙත්සම් Date - 17.02.2022)

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10	Mr. V.G.A. Jayasekara COM/PP/2020/102 Presented by Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma, M.P., Investigated on 09.12.2021. Ministry Ref: HE/AD/03/ම.ෙප.කා.ස	The petitioner has requested to deliver him the justice,considering the loss he has incurred by not being able to get retired as a Professor since he was not given the post of Lecturer entitled to him be considered.	The Committee ordered the Chairman of the UGC with a copy to the Secretary to the Ministry of Education to grant him the promotion concerned with effect from 01.02.1996 if only the petitioner has passed the evaluation mentioned in the letter No. UGC/R/E/2001 dated 28.11.2001 submitted through the Chairman of the UGC and the Secretary to the Ministry of Education to the Director General of the Department of National Budget. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/102 Date - 10.12.2021)	The Chairman of the UGC has informed the committee of Public Petitions that it is not not possible to approve the promotion of the petitioner to Grade II with effect from 01.02.1996 and he has further explained that if it is approved, it will affect the seniority of the other retired staffs and result in a severe disparity as well. (Letter No. - UGC/HR/4/15/30 Date - 28.02.2022) *The Committee held on 05.04.2022 has decided to conclude the hearing of this petition based on the facts mentioned in the letter dated 28.02.2022 sent by the UGC.

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11	Mr. S.T.U.J. Gunawardene COM/PP/2020/130 Presented by Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva, M.P., Investigated on 09.12.2021. Ministry Ref: ED/05/152/03/01/2017-88	The petitioner has requested the amount of money deducted from 01.09.1972 for the pension.	The Committee ordered the Chairman of the Director General of the Department of Pensions to pay the total W&OP contributions deducted from the petitioner's salary unless he has no dependants to be benefited from the W&OP pension scheme. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/130 Date - 10.12.2021)	The Director General of the Department of Pensions has written to the Committee that the petitioner's spouse and the child have already been entitled to the W&OP pension scheme at the time of the termination of his W&OP contribution and as per the provisions of sections 48 and 49 of the Widows', Widowers' and Orphans Ordinance No. 01 of 1898, a public servant could be eligible to get back the contributory funds if only he/she is unmarried or a widower and has no children who are eligible for a pension at the time of his/her retirement. (Letter No. - PEN/POL/03/CPP/08/2021(19) Date - 07.03.2022) *The Committee held on 20.09.2022 has decided to conclude the hearing of this petition taking the above mentioned facts into consideration.

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12	Mrs. K.M. Leelawathie COM/PP/2020/135 Presented by Hon. S.M. Marikkar, M.P., Investigated on 09.12.2021. Ministry Ref: ED/05/152/03/01/2017-88	The petitioner has requested to make his appointment permanent.	The Committee ordered the Secretary to the Ministry of Education to seek the possibility of offering the petitioner a teaching appointment from Uva or Western Provinces. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/135 Date - 10.12.2021)	The Secretary to the Ministry of Education has informed the Committee that it is impossible to consider the request concerned as no evidence is found of the petitioner's service in the particular school in the Western Province and the Secretary to the Ministry of Education, with the Circular ED/2/29/3/1/1 list and letters dated 18.04.2012 and 07.02.2013 has already ordered not to submit any appeals pertaing to appointments of voluntary teachers as Teaching Assistants after 30.04.2012. (Letter No. - ED/02/29/03/02/336 Date - 07.04.2022) *The committee held on 20.09.2022 has decided to conclude the hearing of this petition taking the above mentions facts into consideration.

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13	Mrs. S.L. Fathima Riyana COM/PP/2020/145 Presented by Hon. Mahin-dananda Aluthgamage, M.P., Investigated on 09.12.2021. Ministry Ref: ED/2/29/3/2/255	The petitioner has requested to reinvestigate the request made regarding her teaching appointment which was already recommended by the Committee under the petitions No. 2016/364 in the year 2018.	The Committee ordered the Secretary to the Ministry of Education to offer a teaching appoint to the petitioner. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/145 Date - 10.12.2021)	The Secretary to the Ministry of Education has informed the Secretary of the Central Provincial Council to produce the relevant observations and recommendations to offer a teaching appointment to the petitioner according to the results of the competitive examination held in 1996, as it is recommended by the Committee held on 09.12.2021 to give her a teaching appointment. (Letter No.- ED/02/29/03/02/255 Date - 17.10.2022)

7. Ministry of Health

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. K.D. Lal COM/PP/2020/92 Presented by Hon. Waruna Liyanage, M.P., Investigated on 05.08.2021. Ministry Ref: MH/AD/01/06/01/24/2017 (Ministry of Health, Nutritions & Indigenous Medicine)	The petitioner has requested to sympathetically consider the termination of his service and deliver him the justice.	The Committee informed the Secretary to Hon. Governor of Sabaragaramuwa Provincial Council with a copy to the Secreatary to the Ministry of Health that the Committee decided to make a kind request to Hon. Governor to seek the possibility of nominally reinstating the petitioner in the service repealing the order made to terminate his service and send him on retirement from the date on which he completes his 60th birthday paying him the pension with effect from the date of retirement without any arreas payment. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/92 Date - 22.09.2021)	The Committee held on 05.04.2022 has decided to conclude the hearing of this petition based on the letter No. GS/ES/13/4/H/7 dated 31.01.2022 sent by the Secretary to Hon. Governor of Sabaragaramuwa Provincial Council, as it has been informed that the request that has been made to reinstate the petitioner in the service cannot be considered after a duration of 19 years and it is noted that the attendance and the conduct of the petitioner has not been in a satisfactory level at the time of his service as per the observations of the Provincial Director of Health Services.

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2	Ms. P.W. Kusumawathi COM/PP/2021/327 Presented by Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon, M.P., Investigated on 05.08.2021. Ministry Ref: MH/AD/1/C/COPP/16/2011 (Ministry of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine)	It has been requested to make necessary arrangements to reinstate and grant retirement with all the pension entitlements.	The Committee, with a copy to the Secretary of the Governor of the Sabaragamuwa Province, directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Health to make a kind request to the Honorable Governor to reinstate the petitioner, grant retirement, and take steps to pay the pension as mandated by the then Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Local Medicine. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2021/327 Date - 07.09.2021)	

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3	Mr. W.J. Chandana Perera COM/PP/2021/331 Presented by Hon. Nalin Fernando, M.P., Investigated on 05.08.2021. Ministry Ref: MH/AD/01/02/10/2018 (Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine)	Reqested that he be reinstated.	The Committee directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Health to investigate the possibility of reinstating the petitioner on a one-year probationary term, considering the period of absence from service as unpaid. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2021/331 Date - 2021.09.07)	The Secretary of the Public Service Commission, with a copy to the Committee, has informed the Secretary to the Ministry of Health that it is impossible to reinstate the petitioner in the service having no provisions for reconsideration of an appeal dismissed by a higher authority, whereas, the appeal filed by the petitioner has also been dismissed by the Administrative Appellate Authority after being dismissed by himself. (Letter No. - PSC/APL/2/32/2014 Date – 30.05.2022)

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4	Mr. M.P. Senanayake COM/PP/2020/214 Presented by Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka, M.P., Investigated on 07.12.2021. Ministry Ref: MH/AD/01/06/01/02/2020	An arrears of Rs. 2,124,122.01 and interest at the rate of 15% per annum has been requested for the construction of a new building in Nuwara-Eliya Hospital in 1997.	The Committee directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Health to pay the arrears mentioned in the petition, Rs. 2,124,122.01 to the petitioner without delay, and come to an agreement regarding the interest rate to be paid on the said amount on 21.12.2021 with the Chief Secretary to the Province, the Secretary of the Provincial Health Ministry, other relevant officials and the petitioner regarding the payment of the unpaid amount for 23 years, considering the devaluation of the amount. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/214 Date – 10.12.2021)	The Committee on 23.02.2022, as per the decision of the previous Committee, once again directed the officials of the Ministry of Health of the Central Province to pay the relevant arrears to the petitioner without delay and informed the Governor of the Central Province to do necessary intervention in this regard, further, directed the Secretary to the Governor of the Central Province to take necessary steps to pay a fair rate of interest to the petitioner the under the existing legal conditions /circumstances. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/214 Date - 28.02.2022) *The Secretary of the Ministry of Health of the Central Province informed the Committee that the amount, Rs. 2,124,122.01, payable to the petitioner is paid after charging the due stamp duty. (Letter No - CPC/MH/03/01/4/1 Date – 21.03.2022)

				* The Committee met on 18.10.2022 to resolve the issue related to the late fee to be paid to the petitioner, and there as decided in the discussion on 15.03.2022, directed the Secretary, Ministry of Health of Central Province to pay Rs. 1,000,000.00 as the late fee as, the petitioner agreed to accept the said amount. (Letter No - COM/PP/2020/214 Date – 01.11.2022) *Secretary to the Ministry of Health, Central Province has informed the Committee that the aforementioned amount, Rs.1,000,000,00 is paid to the petitioner. (Letter No. - CPC/MH/03/01/4/1 Date – 15.11.2022) *The Committee is informed of the receipt of the said amount of money through a letter dated 10.11.2022 by the petitioner.

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5	Ms. B.G. Kusumawathi COM/PP/2021/358 Presented by Hon. Lalith Ellawala, M.P., Investigated on 07.12.2021. Ministry Ref: MH/AD/01/02/04/2019 (Ministry of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine)	Requested to take necessary actions to grant the pension.	The Committee directed the Director General of Pensions, with a copy to the Secretary of the Ministry of Health, to take actions, considering he service exceeding 10 years, to provide at least the ex-gratia payment, which is paid only once given that the present institutional and legal frame work does not permit the issuance of a pension. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2021/358 Date – 10.12.2021)	The Additional Director General of Pensions has informed the Public Petitions Committee that, even if pension entitlements are not granted due to the irregularity of the petitioner's appointment, the ex-gratia payment, which is paid only once as per Section 44 of the Pension Code, is offerable, and that, in accordance with Pension Circular 01/2021, applications should be forwarded to the Pensions Department from the last employed institution to claim the said payment. (Letter No. - PEN/POL/03/CPP/08/2021(18) Date – 09.02.2022)

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6	Mrs. I.K. Ruwan Pathirana COM/PP/2021/360 Presented by Hon. Lalith Ellawala, M.P., Investigated on 07.12.2021. Ministry Ref: MH/AD/01/02/02/2019 (Ministry of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine)	Requested the pension or some other relief that the Committee deemed appropriate.	The Committee directed the Director General of Pensions, with a copy to the Secretary of the Ministry of Health, to take actions, considering he service exceeding 10 years, to provide at least the ex-gratia payment, which is paid only once given that the present institutional and legal framework does not permit the issuance of a pension. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2021/360 Date - 10.12.2021)	The Additional Director General of Pensions has informed the Public Petitions Committee that, even if pension entitlements are not granted due to the irregularity of the petitioner's appointment, the ex-gratia payment, which is paid only once as per Section 44 of the Pension Code, is offerable, and that, in accordance with Pension Circular 01/2021, applications should be forwarded to the Pensions Department from the last employed institution to claim the said payment. (Letter No. - PEN/POL/03/CPP/08/2021(18) Date - 09.02.2022)

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7	Mr. S.M. Piyathissa COM/PP/2021/455 Presented by Hon. Buddika Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 07.12.2021. Ministry Ref: MH/AD/01/06/01/07/2017 (Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigeneous Medicene)	Being aggrieved by losing the employment it has been requested that he be compensated.	The Committee directed the Secretary, Ministry of Health to take measures to grant relief after discussing with all the relevant parties, including the Governor and the Secretary of the Ministry of Health of Western Province, since it is a critical fault .g that the petitioner has not been reinstated despite the decision of the Board of Ministers. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2021/455 Date – 10.12.2021)	The Secretary, Ministry of Health, in response to the inquiry about how to proceed with respect to the issues observed in connection with the petitioner's appointment when acting in accordance to the recommendations of the Committee held on 10.12.2021,has informed that there is no possibility of granting the relief requested via the letter No. PSC/EST/06-03/01/2022, dated 31.03.2022. (Letter No. - MH/AD/01/06/01/07 /2017 Date – 21.07.2022)

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8	Mr. W.W. Gamini Nanayakkara COM/PP/2021/505 Presented by Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna, M.P., Investigated on 07.12.2021. Ministry Ref: MH/AD/01/06/23/2017 (Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigeneous Medicene)	He has requested that his term of service be calculated correctly and his pension be settled as the miscalculations caused the loss of his pension.	The Committee ordered the Secretary to Local Government and the Provincial Council to act on the recommendations of the previous Petitions Committee to grant a pension commencing from 04.07.2007, based on the calculated term of service of 159 months, as it has been confirmed that the petitioner served from 05.03.1972 to 24.05.1985. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2021/505 Date – 10.12.2021)	The Secretary of the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government, with a copy to the Committee, has informed the Director General of Pensions to provide observations regarding the possibility to grant pension entitlement to the petitioner (Letter No. - Pns/P5/01/81 Date - …….09.2022)
9	Mr. P. Lokuhetti COM/PP/2021/521 Presented by Hon. Anura Dissanayaka, M.P., Investigated on 07.12.2021. Ministry Ref: MH/AD/1/C/COPP/04/2013 (Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigeneous Medicene)	It is claimed that promotions to special grade and first grade be granted on or before 01.01.1988, and that salary increments be given for the years 2006 and 2007.	The Committee observed that the previous Committee recommendation (i.e. to submit a Ministerial Memorandum including all relevant facts and documents for the promotion of the petitioner) has not been implemented so far and instructed the Secretary of Ministry of Health to implement the Committee recommendations on 24.05.2019. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2021/521 Date - 2021.12.10)	

8. Ministry of Agriculture

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. W.M. Greshon Sunil COM/PP/2020/51 Presented by Hon. Amarakirthi Athukorala, M.P., Investigated on 07.07.2021. Ministry Ref: MOA/AD/EA/ම.ෙප.කා.ස/02	It has been requested to grant the pension.	The Committee directed the Commissioner General of Agricultural Development to request the Public Service Commission, with a copy to the Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, to investigate the possibility of nominal reinstatement of the petitioner and granting retirement or other relief, and, if the petitioner has contributed to the Widow and rphans' pension, to take actions to grant the Widow and Orphans' pension to his successor on his departure. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/51 Date – 13.07.2021)	As per the instructions of the Committee, the Commissioner General of Agricultural Development, with a copy to the Committee, informed the Public Service Commission that it has been recommended to nominally reinstate, grant retirement and pay pension, or any other relief, on compassionate grounds, considering the petitioner's continuous service of about 18 years and his current medical condition. (Letter No.-7/2/8/(V)VIවෙළඹ-කා.ව Date – 04.01.2022) *Further, the Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture informed the aforesaid fact to the Committee through the letter No. MOA/AD/EA/ම.ෙප.කා.ස./02, dated 2022.08.10.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
2	Mr. M. Wijesena COM/PP/2020/242 Presented by Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera, M.P., Investigated on 07.07.2021. Ministry Ref: MOA/AD/AS/E2/1/5	It has been requested to grant the pension.	The Committee directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture to inquire of the Secretary to Ministry of Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government upon the current status of obtaining the approval for the Cabinet Memorandum regarding the provision of pension to the employees who have similarly lost their pension, including the petitioner. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/242 Date – 13.07.2021)	Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, with a copy to the Committee, has informed the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government that all applications, including the petitioner's, for which a pension was not offered due to the lack of a formal letter of appointment for the period of contract service and contribution to the Public Service Provident Fund after 45 years, have been turned over to the Pension Department, but none of the applications are being considered for pension entitlements. (Letter No. - MOA/AD/E11/1/5 Date – 06.04.2022)

				*The Director General of Pensions has informed that, at a meeting held at the Ministry of Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government on 15.02.2022, based on the facts presented regarding the calculation of service time, it was proposed to get the approval for a procedure to solve such problems immediately. (Letter No. - PEN/POL/03/CPP/08/ 2021(07) Date – 18.03.2022) *The Secretary of the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government informed the committee that the petitioner is paid a pension with arrears from September 2022, and that the gratuity would be paid at a later date when the funds are available. (Letter No - Pns/P5/01/75 Date - 04.10.2022) *Since the petitioner received the sought relief, the committee sitting on 24.11.2022 resolved to conclude the proceedings of this matter.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
3	Mr. P.P.G. Michal COM/PP/2021/273 Presented by Hon. Madhura Withanage, M.P., Investigated on 07.07.2021. Ministry Ref: MOA/AD/AS/E7/4/20	Requested to provide a solution to the destruction of the ancient outer spill canal in Pitakotte, maintained by Udahamulla Govijanaseva Center.	Committee, with a copy to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, informed the Commissioner General of Agrarian Development to discuss the matter as mentioned by the petitioner regarding the canal, with the Chairman, Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation, Chairman, Urban Development Authority, and the Kotte Municipal Council, and take measures to repair the canal with proper width and standards. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2021/273 Date – 13. 07. 2021)	*The petition was inquired into on 09. 06. 2022 in parliament and the Committee, observing that the subject matter is an issue that should be solved via court action and as there is no provision to grant the relief, decided to terminate the petition.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
4	Mr. Terrance Priyantha Thirimanne COM/PP/2021/326 Presented by Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna, M.P., Investigated on 07. 07. 2021. Ministry Ref: MOA/AD/AS/E7/4/31	Requested to implement the recommendations in the investigation report prepared by the then Secretary, Ministry of Wildlife and Agrarian Services in connection with an unauthorized land reclamation in a paddy field in Gampaha. Moragoda area.	The Committee, with a copy to the Secretary, Agriculture Ministry, informed the Commissioner General of Agrarian Development to conduct an on-site inspection with the participation of the Gampaha Divisional Secretary, a representative of the Commissioner General of Agrarian Development and the petitioner and decided to call for a report on the implementation of the recommendations included in the investigation report of the Agrarian Services and Wildlife. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2021/326 Date – 16. 07. 2021)	According to the recommendations given by the Committee, a field visit was carried out on 04.08.2021, but it was observed that no boundaries could be identified, thus Gampaha Divisional Secretary has informed the Committee that the Agrarian Development District Office has been notified in writing, to conduct the necessary survey work to separate the canal reserve within a period of 21 days from 16.08.2021. (Letter No. - 2/10/02 Date – 05. 08. 2021) *Secretary, Agriculture Ministry, with a copy to the Committee, has informed the Commissioner General of the Agrarian Development to submit a report regarding the measures taken/ progress regarding the recommendations related to this petition. (Letter No. - MOA/ADMIN/02/27/PPC-22 Date - 26. 09. 2022)

9. Ministry of Irrigation

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. K.G. Rajasinghe COM/PP/2021/308 Presented by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 25. 03. 2021. Ministry Ref: IWRM/AD/DO/02/මා.ගෙ./09/2016	Has requested the entitlement to the pension.	The Committee has informed the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Governments to look into the present situation with regards to granting a compensation to those who are eligible, including the petitioner, to be paid of such compensaton payment of Rs. 30,000.00. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2021/308 Date – 16. 07. 2021)	The Committee was informed by the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Governments that, since it is decided not to grant the compensastion payment in terms of Section 44 of the Minutes of Pensions, to a party not entitled to such payment under Section 20(I) of the Minutes of Pensions, the petitioner cannot be granted this compensation. (Letter No. - Pns/P5/01/71 Date – 18.03.2022)

10. Ministry of Tourism & Lands

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. Densil Lalith Abeysooriya COM/PP/2020/04 Presented by Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath, M.P., Investigated on 25. 02. 2021. Ministry Ref: 2/15/27/58	Requested an alternative land of equal area and value in place of the dispossessed land.	The Committee, with a copy to the Secretary of the Ministry of Lands, informed the Chairman of the Land Reform Commission, after confirming the petitioner's entitlement to the land in question through a joint investigation with the Land Reform Commission and the petitioner, to provide the petitioner with an alternative land of equal area and value in place of the dispossessed land. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/04 Date – 15. 03. 2021)	The Committee was informed by the Chairman of the Land Reform Commission that there is no available alternative 25 acres land to be given to the petitioner from the field titled Jasinjalan Jagodage Portion held by the Land Reform Commission in terms of the declaration No. ර/24. (Letter No. - ර/160(ඵඇරැ) Date – 13.12.2021 *As agreed in the Committee held on 08.03.2022, the Committee informed the Chairman of the Land Reforms Commission, in consultation with the petitioner and upon his agreement, to provide an alternative land at a suitable place for the 25 acres entitled to him. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/4 Date – 31. 03. 2022)

11. Ministry of Plantation Industries

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. A.P. Somapala COM/PP/2020/254 Presented by Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe, M.P., Investigated on 10. 03. 2021. Ministry Ref: MPI/ADMIN/12/PPCO (Ministry of Plantation)	Requested that his increments and allowances denied to him be granted.	The Committee, having been informed by the Chief Executive Officer of Small Tea Estates Development Authority and Chief Executive Officers of Tea Small Holder Factories (PLC) that all relevant payments due to the petitioner have been completed, informed the petitioner to provide with, in writing, the copies of official document and evidence to prove that the said relevant dues have not been paid to him . (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/254 Date – 08. 04. 2021)	As requested by the Committee, the petitioner has submitted the relevant salary details to the Committee by letter dated 05.05.2021.

12. Ministry of Power and Energy

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. K.D.C.P. Siriwardena COM/PP/2020/158 Presented by Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka, M.P., Investigated on 25.02.2021. Ministry Ref.: විබ/පා/12/03/2021	Requested to conduct a fair investigation on payment of compensation entitled to him to another party and render relief.	Committee, with a copy to the Secretary of the Ministry of Power, directed the Chairman of the Ceylon Electricity Board to grant the relevant compensation amount to the rightful owners in terms of the criteria given by the Commissioner General of Agrarian Development. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/158 Date – 22. 03. 2021)	The Committee has been informed by the Matugama Divisional Secretary, with a copy to the Chairman of Ceylon Electricity Board, as per the recommendation of the Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Development, that it is appropriate to pay an amount of Rs. 4,125.00 to the petitioner for the harvest and land. (Letter No. - මතු/ආ/11/1/14/II වෙළුම Date – 01. 04. 2021) *The Secretary of the Ministry of Power, with a copy to himself, informed the Chairman of the Ceylon Electricity Board, to settle the problem and complete the payment of compensation to the rightful owner as agreed by the Matugama Divisional Secretary, and as per the criteria given by the Commissioner General of Agrarian Development, and inform the Chairman of the Committee before 21.04.2021. (Letter No. - විබ/පාලන/6/පෙත්සම්/2016-30 Date – 06/04/2021)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
2	Mr. D.K. Ranasinghe COM/PP/2020/62 Presented by Hon. Waruna Liyanage, M.P., Investigated on 25.02.2021. Ministry Ref: විබ/පා/12/03/2021	Requested a compensation or a house be granted in place of his house and the land lost.	Committee, with a copy to the Secretary of the Ministry of Power, directed the Nuwara Eliya Divisional Secretary to settle the matter, after determining the current estimated value of the relevant property and granting the relevant compensation as per the agreement with the petitioner. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/62 Date – 16. 03. 2021)	The Secretary to the Ministry of Power, has informed the Chairman of the Ceylon Electricity Board, to inform the Chairman of the Committee (with a copy), before 16.04.2021 on settling the matter, after determining the current estimated value of the relevant property and granting the relevant compensation as per the agreement with the petitioner. (Letter No. - විබ/පාලන/6/පෙත්සම්/ 2016-13 Date – 06. 04. 2021) *The Nuwara Eliya Divisional Secretary has informed the Chief Valuer of the Central Province to produce the value assessment related to the land as per the recommendations of the Committee expeditiously. (Letter No. - නුඑ/3/1/8/අත්පත්/111 /50 Date - ….. 03.2021)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
3	Mrs. S.M.P. Sanjeewani Sandanayake COM/PP/2020/56 Presented by Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri, M.P., Investigated online on 22.09.2021. Ministry Ref: විබ/පාලන/6/පෙත්සම්/2018-04 (Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy)	Has requested that salary and bonus entitlements during the interdiction be granted and the promotions entitled to be granted.	Committee, with a copy to the Secretary to the Ministry of Power, directed the Chairman of the Ceylon Electricity Board to conduct an impartial investigation on the relevant matter and provide appropriate, reasonable relief to the petitioner. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/56 Date – 14. 10. 2021)	The Secretary of the Ministry of Power has informed the Chairman of the Ceylon Electricity Board to forward the progress report regarding the recommendations of the Committee, in relation to this petition. (Letter No. - විබ/පාලන/6/පෙත්සම්/2018-04 Date – 16. 11. 2021)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
4	Miss. Darshani W. Kumbalathara COM/PP/2020/142 Presented by Hon. (Professor) Ranjith Bandara, M.P., Investigated online on 22.09.2021. Ministry Ref: විබ/පාලන/6/පෙත්සම්/2017-16 (Ministry of Power and Re-newable Energy)	Has requested that she be reinstated.	Committee, with a copy to the Secretary of the Ministry of Power, directed the Chairman of the Ceylon Electricity Board to appoint an independent committee to conduct a full investigation into the matter and following that investigation, to consider sympathetically and reinstate the petitioner in a suitable position. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/142 Date – 14.10.2021)	The acting General Manager has informed that, as the petitioner has committed "Breach of Trust" in the incident in question and in her previous duties during the probationary period, the appointing authority has terminated her appointment on 28.02.2017 as per the provisions of the Establishment Code, thus a need to conduct an inquiry into the charge sheet not arises and that the petitioner is a Chartered Secretary recruited through a newspaper advertisement and since there is no other position in Ceylon Electricity Board with related qualifications, it is not possible for her to be given another position. (Letter No. - DGM(P)/HRM(RPDM)/ RP3 /Dis.42317 Date – 23. 06. 2022)

				The Committee which met on 18.11.2022, having observed that, although, as informed, it was not possible to confirm whether the voice belongs to the petitioner due to the insufficient quality of the audio tapes in accordance with the report of the Government Analyst, the eye eyewitnesses and parties who participated in the conversations confirmed that the said voice is petitioner's, by which she is confirmed guilty, and as the person in question was on probation and as the Establishment Code provides provisions to terminate a probationary appointment without giving any reason during the probationary period, decided to terminate the petition.

13. Ministry of Transport amd Highways

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. T.H.L. Gunathilake COM/PP/2020/191 Presented by Hon. Gamini Lokuge, M.P., Investigated on 10.02.2021. Ministry Ref: PL/6/3/com/pp/2015/112 (Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government)	A request has been made to provide salary arrears related to 10 years during which the service had been deprived.	The Committee has directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Transport to send a new Minterial report on the concerning matter. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/191 Date - 23.04.2021)	Since the petitioner has been granted the maximum relief under the existing legal situation and having taken into consideration that the petitioner during the period concerned has filed no appeals reagarding the vacation of the post, that there isn't any active service period from the date of service vacation to the date of re-employment and the conditions of re-employment, the Secretary to the Ministry of Transportation has informed that further payment of salary arrears would not be recommended. (Letter No. - MT/10/1/3/149 Date - 07.01.2022)

				*As the petitioner has been given a new appointment from 15.11.2006 and he has accepted it on the agreement that he will not be entitled to any arrears of salary till that date, the Committee convened on 05.05.2022 decided to close the proceedings of this petition. Since the petitioner has been given a new appointment with effect from 15.11.2006 and he has accepted it on the agreement that he will not be entitled to any arrears of salary till the aforementioned date,the Committee convened on 05.05.2022 has decided to close the proceedings of this petition.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
2	Mr. W.M.K. Jayawardena COM/PP/2020/38 Presented by Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha, M.P., Investigated on 23.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MTCA/10/01/3/110 (Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation)	Has requested that a road passenger transport Permit which was in his possession be returned to him as it was fraudulently alienated and the file of the Road Passenger Transport Authority relating to the same permit was misplaced.	As the file has been found, the Committee having ordered the OIC of the Special Crimes Investigation Division, Avissawella, to continue the judicial process to resolve this matter, has directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Transport to conduct an immediate internal investigation regarding the misplacement of the said file and make available to the Committee, the report of the above investigation and the decision of the Judicial Process once the process is over. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/38 Date - 10.12.2021)	The Secretary to the Ministry of Transport has informed the Committee on Public Petitions that Committees were appointed to look into this petition and has requested that a reasonable time be given to get statements from the concerned personnels and to check documents. (Letter No. - MTCA/10/01/03 Date - 05.01.2022) *The Secretary to the Ministry of Transport, with a copy to the Committee has informed the Chairman of the National Transport Commission by the letters no. MTCA/10/1/3/110 and dated 2022.01.13, that in order to conduct an investigation regarding the misplacement of the file related to the the passenger permit bearing No. NTC-6708, the names of the responsible officials be nominated and sent, and a photocopy of the document be kept and he be handed over with the original document

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3	Mr. W.M.Y.S.K. Jayawardena COM/PP/2020/39 Presented by Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha, M.P., Investigated on 23.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MTCA/10/1/3/64 (Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation)	Has requested that he be charged the relevant fees for the revised road permit approved in connection with the passenger bus which was operated by him and that he be reissued the permit.	The Committee advised the petitioner to send a written appeal in this regard to the Secretary of the Ministry of Transport and has directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Transport to provide a prompt solution to the issue and submit a report to the Committee. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/39 Date - 10.12.2021)	The Secretary to the Ministry of Transport has informed the Chairman of the National Transport Commission to render a prompt solution to this issue and report to him as per the orders given to provide the petitioner with a road permit upon the Committee decision on 23.11.2021. (Letter No. - MTCA/10/1/3/64 Date - 24.01.2022) *The Secretary to the Ministry of Transport and Highways has sent a reminder to the Chairman of the National Transport Commission with a copy to the Committee asking for the relevant report to be provided immediately. (Letter No. - MTCA/10/1/3/64 Date - 04.11.2022)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
4	Mr. G.W. Lal Amarasiri COM/PP/2020/233 Presented by Hon. Amara-keerthi Athukorala, M.P., Investigated on 23.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MTCA/10/1/3/47 (Minis-try of Transport and Civil Aviation)	Has requested that he be granted the previledges of the post of group Supervisor in which he has been employed for 18 years and arrange him the corresponding penion.	The Committee has directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Transport that a possible relief be granted to the petitioner. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/233 Date - 10.12.2021)	As informed by the Secretary to the Ministry of Transport and Highways, for the purpose of rendering relief to the petitioner as per the recommendations by the Committee, the members of the appointed committee have been informed with a copy to the Committee that a progress report be forwarded to convene the petitioner and discuss the necessary steps to provide relief to the petitioner as per the recommendations of the Committee and give a report on the progress thereof with a copy to the Committee. (Letter No. - MTCA/10/1/3/47 Date - 16.11.2022)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
5	Mr. S. Chandrasiri Perera COM/PP/2021/277 Presented by Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, M.P., Investigated on 23.11.2021. Ministry Ref: MTCA/10/1/3/95	Has requested to grant salary increments for the period from 1982 to 1989 and to grant promotions considering the service period starting from 1985.	The Secretary to the Ministry of Transport was directed to examine whether there is any possibility of granting any relief to the petitioner on compassionate grounds and arrange for possible relief. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2021/277 Date - 10.12.2021)	A Committee has been appointed to look into this petition and the Secretary to the Ministry of Transport has requested the Committee on Public Petitions to provide reasonable time to obtain statements from the concerned persons and to examine the documents. (Letter No. – MTCA/10/01/03 Date - 05.01.2022) *The Secretary to the Ministry of Transport has informed the Committee that there isn't any possibility of providing further relief to the petitioner as per the Committee's recommendations. (Letter No. - MTCA/10/1/3/95 Date - 07.03.2022)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
6	Mr. K.M. Kulathunga COM/PP/2020/260 Presented by Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage, M.P., Investigated on 10.03.2021. Ministry Ref: IWRM/AD/DO/02/ඔ.ගෙ./03/ 2016	Has requested that a gratuity or a pension be granted.	The Committee has called from the Director General of Pensions, a clear and analytical report which includes the periods during which the petitioner served in the Irrigation Department and the Highways Department, as to how the daily service hours were calculated during each of those periods and the provisions based thereon and the petitioner's total service period. (Letter No. -COM/PP/2020/260 Date - 08.04.2021)	The Director General of Pensions has informed the Committee that the petitioner is not entitled to a pension since he has serving on casual basis, that the petitioner's entire service period limits to 102 months although 120 months service is required to entitle him the daily service gratuity, that the exgracia payment cannot be granted to him as his service had terminated prior to 06.01.2009, the day on which the same payment was started. (Letter No. - PEN/POL/03/CPP/ 08(31) Date - 09.11.2022 and 11.11.2022) *Having considered the above facts, the Committee met on 10.11.2022 decided to terminate the proceedings of this petition.

14. Ministry of Industries

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. Stanley Abeysekara COM/PP/2020/64 Presented by Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudharshini Fernandopulle, M.P., Investigated on 25.02.2021. Ministry Ref: MIC/PAF/01/13-1	Has requested a lump sum payment, taking into consideration, the pension and all the lost benefits.	The Committee has directed the Secretary to the Ministry of Industries to devise necessary mechanism to grant positive relief to the petitioner. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/64 Date - 23.03.2021)	The Secretary to the Ministry of Industry has informed the Committee that it has been decided inappropriate to pay a compensation to the petitioner as per the decision reached at the Cabinet meeting held on 21.02.2022. (Letter No. - MIC/PAE/02/13 Date - 09.03.2022) *The Committee met on 22.03.2022 has decided to end the proceedings of the petition due to lack of provisions that is required to render relief according to te above matters.

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
2	Mr. W.A.A. Ranaginghe Perera COM/PP/2020/259 Presented by Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, M.P., Investigated on 25.02.2021. Ministry Ref: MIC/SME/TEX/5/3 (Ministry of Industries and Commerce)	Has requested that the pension be granted.	The Committee has directed the Secretary to the State Ministry of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Productions, with a copy to the Secretary to the Ministry of Industries, to inquire from the petitioner whether he intends to withdraw this petition on the grounds that he is being paid with an allowance that is paid considering the old age and destitute condition of the retired employees due to the abolition of the post as approved at the Cabinet Memorandum dated 15.07.2020. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/259 Date - 23.03.2021)	The Secretary to the Ministry of Industries has informed the Committee that it has been informed by the Secretary to the Ministry of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Productions, that this request would further be forwarded to the the Public Service Commission since the petitioner has not expressed his agreement to withdraw the concerning petition. (Letter No. - MIC/PAF/01/13 Date - 28.05.2021)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
3	Mr. R.A.D.S. Jayawardhena COM/PP/2020/258 Presented by Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, M.P., Investigated on 25.02.2021. Ministry Ref: 105/102/පොදු/1/2/වෙළුම	Has requested that the pension be granted.	The Committee has directed the Secretary to the State Ministry of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Productions, with a copy to the Secretary to the Ministry of Industries, to inquire from the petitioner whether he intends to withdraw this petition on the grounds that he is being paid with an allowance that is paid considering the old age and destitute condition of the retired employees due to the abolition of the post as approved at the Cabinet Memorandum dated 15.07.2020. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/258 Date - 23.03.2021)	The Secretary to the Ministry of Industries has informed the Committee that it has been informed by the secretary to the Ministry of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Productions, that this request would further be forwarded to the the Public Service Commission since the petitioner has not expressed his agreement to withdraw the concerning petition. (Letter No. - MIC/PAF/01/13 Date – 28.05..2021)

15. Ministry of Public Security

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
1	Mr. Indrajith Ravindra Basnayake COM/PP/2020/52 Presented by Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake, M.P., Investigated on 04.08.2021. Ministry Ref: 02/03/23/18/2019 (Ministry of Defence)	Has requested that he be reinstated in the service.	The Committee has directed the Inspector General of Police with a copy to the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security, to look into the possibility of re-employing the petitioner at least on the contract basis since the petitioner has served as a sub police officer. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/52 Date - 04.10.2021)	Citing the letters of the Senior DIG(Administration) of the Poilice Headquarters), the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security has informed the Committee that the Sri Lanka Police is not in a position to act on the matter, since the Petitioner's service was disabled and his name was cut off from the soldiers register on various disciplinary issues arisen against him and the appeal submitted to the Public Service Commission requesting his reinstatement was Dismissed by the Commission and since no appeal to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal was made afterwards. (Letter No. - 02/03/23/18/2019 Date – 20.05.2022)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
2	Mr. S.A.M. Ranjith Suriyahetti COM/PP/2020/53 Presented by Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne, MP., Investigated on 04.08.2021. Ministry Ref: 02/03/23/27/2020	Has requested that he be reinstated in the post of Sub- Inspector that he lost, be given future promotions and salary arrears that are due and be paid with the pension accordingly.	The Committee, with a copy to the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security has directed the IGP to consider the petitioner on compassionate grounds and suggest a viable relief. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/53 Date - 07.09.2021)	The Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security, citing the letter sent by the Senior DIG(Administration), has informed the Committee that it is not possible to implement committee recommendations, as its been 30 years since the petitioner's recruitment to SI post was dismissed on the grounds of him being a retired official and having bad records, it is not appropriate to recuit a person with with bad records to the SI post as decided by the appointing authority, rendering a relief on compassionate grounds as directed by the Committee leads to set a wrong example to other officials. (Letter No. - 02/03/23/27/2020 Date – 29.12.2021)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
3	Mr. M. Mohommadu Hussein COM/PP/2020/14 Presented by Hon. Buddika Pathirana, M.P., Investigated on 04 .08. 2021. Ministry Ref: 03/03/23/15/2017 (The Ministry of Law and Order and Southern Develop-ment)	Requested that he be granted arrears of salary for the period during which he was suspended.	The Committee, with a copy to the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security, directed the Secretary to the Public Service Commission to submit a report to the Committee containing the reasons as to why the salary arrears and allowances were not paid to the Petitioner while only the other two officials who were convicted along with the petitioner in the same incident were paid the same. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/14 Date - 2021.10.04)	The Public Service Commission having informed the fact that it doesn't observe any payment of salary arrears to the other officials during the period of suspension when referring to their personal files as mentioned in the report by the IGP, and the fact that the the payment of salary arrears cannot be verified by the existing files of the Police Welfare Division, has further informed about the inability to produce a report containing the observations and recommendations related to this petition on the grounds that no clue regarding the appeals by this officials can be discovered from the Appeals Division. (Letter No. - PSC/APL/19/300/2021 Date – 02.11.2021)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
4	Mr. S.C.K. Weerawardena COM/PP/2020/75 Presented by Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi, M.P., Investigated online on 09.11.2021. Ministry Ref: 02/03/23/37/2017 (The Ministry of Law and Order and Southern Development)	Has requested the grant of the arrears of wages, annual increments, and due promotions for the period under suspension.	The Committee directed the Inspector General of Police, with a copy to the Secretary of the Ministry of Public Security, to take measures to grant arrears of wages, salary increments, and due promotions related to the period during which he was suspended, and to make arrangements to antedate his induction into regular service to the date of 01.02.2006, as the petitioner was acquitted by the court. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/75 Date – 20.11.2021)	

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
5	Mr. H.L. Susantha COM/PP/2020/83 Presented by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, M.P., Investigated online on 09.11.2021. Ministry Ref: 02/03/23/02/2020	Has requested that the promotion granted to the rank of police sergeant be antedated to 11.09.2000 and necessary steps be taken to promote into the rank of Sub Inspector from 12.09.2008 and to the rank of Inspector from 13.09.2016. .	The Committee has requested from the IGP, with a copy to the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security that necessary steps be taken to grant the due promotion to the petitioner by way of converting the Parliamentary Police Division into a Special Police Division. (Letter No. - COM/PP/2020/83 Date - 24.11.2021)	The Committee has been informed by the Secretary of the Public Security Ministry citing the letter No. A1/PP/01/08/2021 dated 08.03.2022 of Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police (Administration) that , in relation to the petitioner's service period, he has been qualified for the post of Police Sergeant on 31.05.2016 and was duly granted the promotion and if the promotion to the post of Police Sergeant should be granted as per the request of the officer as stated in the appeal regardless of the existing circumstances, taking it as an example, all the officers who have completed 10 years would have to be granted promotion, thus it is likely to create an administrative issue. (Letter No. - 02/03/23/02/2020 Date – 17.06.2022)

Se. No.	Details of the Petition	Expected Relief	Decision of the Committee	Remarks
6	Mr. J.H.N. Jayamaha COM/PP/2020/141 Presented by Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, M.P., Investigated online on 09.11.2021. Ministerial Ref: 02/03/23/01/2019 (Ministry of Defence)	It has been requested the post of Inspector of Police and the post of Chief Inspector of Police be antedated and granted and upcoming posts of Assistant Superintendent of Police and Superintendent of Police be backdated and granted.	The Committee, with a copy to the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security, directed the Secretary to the Public Service Commission to reconsider the particular matter and grant the petitioner a relief that is appropriate and fair. (Letter No. – COM/PP/2020/141 Date - 26.11.2021)	The Secretary to the Public Service Commission has informed, as per Section 4:2 of volume ii of the Sri Lanka Police Gazette No. 323 of 14.11.1984, that the decision to reject the pass is accurate and it is not possible to antedate the promotion of the post of Police Inspector since the petitioner has not appeared for the promotion interview for the post of Police Inspector in the year 1994. (Letter No. - PSC/APL/01/Police/ PPC -1 Date – 24.02.2022) *Based on the facts of the above letter, the Committee assembled on 05.04.2022, having concluded that the provisions being not available to provide the concerning relief, decided to end the proceedings of this petition.

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