



கார்டீசு சூடன வார்டாவ செயலாற்றல் அறிக்கை Performance Report

2021

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State Ministry of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and COVID Disease Control



Annual Performance Report for Year 2021

**State Ministry of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and
COVID Disease Control**

Expenditure Head : 441

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CHAPTER 01

Institutional Profile

1.1 Introduction

The State Ministry of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and Covid Disease Control was established by the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2205/14 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated 11th December 2020. This State Ministry carries out its functions under the intervention and coordination of the Cabinet Ministry, the Ministry of Health. This Ministry discharges its key functions aiming at the uplifting of living standards of the marginalized and underprivileged communities in Sri Lanka as well as the senior citizens who are identified as low income or need to uplift their living standards.

In keeping with the mission of the Ministry, the preliminary work for the establishment of this Ministry has been carried out in a planned manner in accordance with the allocations received for the year 2021.

This Ministry plays a vital role as the relevant State Ministry in achieving the main goals and objectives of the Department of Social Services, the National Secretariat for Elders, and the 1990 Suwa Seriya Foundation which are functioning under the direct supervision of this Ministry.

Similarly, necessary supervision and guidance are provided for all programs and events organized by the above institutions at the national level, thereby enabling the social attention to be focused on the community with the least attention.

It also organizes training workshops to enhance the knowledge and attitudes of the officers of the departments, and institutions under this Ministry and to direct the employees to local and foreign training opportunities to enhance their motivation and productivity.

A quarantine curfew was imposed throughout the island for a significant period of the year due to the global pandemic COVID-19. Despite the lifting of the curfew, all activities were hampered as we had to follow the instructions given by the health sector to call a minimum number of staff to the offices and to abide by the instructions given not to mobilize people.

However, this report presents all the activities carried out by this State Ministry in the year 2021 with a Supplementary Estimate and the overall financial performance for the year 2021 under Expenditure Head 441 in spite of the aforesaid obstacles.

1.2 Vision, Mission, and Objectives of the Ministry

Vision

Ensure the rights of the marginalized communities and save the lives of all Sri Lankans.

Mission

Identify the marginalized communities in Sri Lanka, persons with special needs and senior citizens, improving their living standards and providing facilities to save the lives of Sri Lankan citizens.

Objectives

- Provide allocation for expanding the ambulance service operated by the 1990 Suwa Seriya Foundation to fulfill public needs.
- Formulation of policies for providing livelihood training opportunities for people with special needs and assisting to upgrade their living standards.
- Formulation of policies on guidance for the children with special needs and security of their future through coordination of relevant activities.
- Provision of advice and guidance on improving rehabilitation facilities for drug addicts.
- Formulation of policies for empowering and ensuring the rights of senior citizens.
- Direct supervision and monitoring of the activities of the National Council for Elders, being the Secretary of this State Ministry appointed as ex-officio Chairman of National Council for Elders.

1.3 Key Functions

- Conducting supervisions and providing necessary counseling for the key functions performed by the Department of Social Services.
- Supervising the main activities carried out by the National Secretariat for Elders and conducting necessary counseling and directing them as needed.
- Supervise on and provide necessary advice for the main activities carried out by the 1990 Suwa Seriya Foundation.
- Supervision and execution of all duties related to the National Council for Elders.
- Supervision and execution of all duties related to the Visually Impaired Rehabilitation Trust Fund.
- Supervision of activities related to the purchase of ambulances required for the 1990 Suwa Seriya Foundation.
- Conducting training programs, organizing workshops, and providing necessary assistance to improve the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of the officers of the institutions and the ministry.
- Preparation of Annual Action Plan and accordingly, preparation of Performance Report.

1.5 Institutions Coming Under the Purview of The Ministry

1. 1990 Suwa Seriya Foundation
2. Department of Social Services
3. National Council for Elders and National Secretariat for Elders

1. 1990 Suwa Seriya Foundation

Introduction

The 1990 Suwa Seriya free ambulance service, being the first of its kind in Sri Lanka, started its pioneering journey on the 28th July, 2016 with 88 fully equipped ambulances in the Southern and Western provinces along with a state-of-the-art Emergency command and control center based in Rajagiriya, Sri Lanka to provide an effective and quality pre-hospital emergency care service in the country. Currently, the service is covering the entire country with 297 ambulances.

2. Department of Social Services

Introduction

With a view to safeguarding the social and economic well-being of the community of persons with disabilities, the Department of Social Services carries out a host of activities focused on them, which includes providing vocational training to the male and female youths with disabilities, directing them to employment and self-employment empowering the community of the persons with disabilities through community based rehabilitation programs, rehabilitation of drug addicts, directing children with special needs for inclusive study through early intervention.

3. National Council for Elders and National Secretariat for Elders

Introduction

The Protection of the Rights of the Elders Act.No.09 of 2000 as amended by Act No.5 of 2011 empowers the National Council for Elder to protect the rights of Sri Lankan Senior Citizens and Established the National Secretariat for Elders for its administrative functions.

CHAPTER 02

Progress and Future Outlook

2.1 Progress and Achievements as per Annual Action Plan - 2021

1. For the creation of a pleasant working environment, the State Ministry has been established in a spacious premise.
 - Cabinet Approval has been granted on 17.08.2021.
 - The building development activities have been assigned to the Government Factory at Kolonnawa on 02.09.2021.
 - Electricity, water, and Air conditioning facilities have been obtained.
 - Essential goods such as office furniture, equipment, computers as well as services have been procured.
 - The inauguration of the affairs of the State Ministry was carried out at the auspicious time on 31.12.2021. The official duties with the staff commenced on 03.01.2022.
2. Recruitment of qualified staff to ensure the client's satisfaction through the expeditious fulfillment of services has been made to a certain degree as at 31.12.2021.
 - The Department of Management Services has approved the cadre on 01.07.2021.
 - However, except for several essential posts, no other posts had been filled as of 31.12.2021. (This has been stated in the Human Resources Profile on Chapter 06)
 - Action was taken to give on-the-job training to the new staff.
3. The accounting process which was carried out by the Ministry of Health until then was taken over by this State Ministry in order to ensure an efficient financial management process.
 - A Chief Accounting Officer (Grade 1) has been attached with effect from 21.07.2021.
 - Having prepared a supplementary estimate and obtained Cabinet and Parliamentary approval, therefore, provisions have been made for our Ministry from October 2021.
 - Accordingly, payments were formalized by a delegation of financial authority under FR 135.
4. A better coordination was maintained with the Department of Social Services, National Secretariat for Elders, and 1990 Suwa Seriya Foundation belonging to this State Ministry.
 - The Presidential Secretariat is taking necessary action to provide 60 ambulances for the 1990 Suwa Seriya Foundation by the "Itukama" Fund. Procurement activities are carried out by the Ministry of Health.

2.2 Challenges

1. Since there was a very limited number of staff to perform duties, assignment of duties could not be properly carried out. A female officer and a graduate trainee had been attached to the accounts division and officers for the establishment affairs had to be attached while changing subjects from time to time. As these graduate trainees were attached to our Ministry from time to time the duties assigned to them had to be changed on each occasion.
2. As the posts of the staff grade officers had not been completed, difficulties were found in the monitoring process. The same officer had to be nominated to the Procurement Committee or other committees.
3. The receipt of the first appointment as the Chief Accountant (Grade 1), the appointment of a new officer as the Assistant Secretary, the vacancies in the posts of Senior Assistant Secretary, Director (Planning), Accountant, and Internal Auditor posed a severe challenge on the performing duties
4. Having to maintain the State Ministry in a single room of the Ministry of Health was a great challenge throughout the year. Tables and chairs needed for this room for the officers including the Secretary to the Ministry had to be obtained from the Ministry of Health and officers had to be called for duties from time to time due to the Covid – 19 pandemic situation.
5. Provisions for the State Ministry has been made by a supplementary estimate since October 2021 and severe difficulties had to be faced in adapting to a formal accounting process with new officers. The Chief Accountant himself had to be involved in the activities with the graduate trainees who had no knowledge of accounting, and the Secretary to the Ministry, Additional Secretary and the Assistant Secretary strongly assisted for that purpose.

2.3 Future Targets

1. Improving the efficiency of the activities of the Ministry by obtaining officers to the posts of the approved cadre required to conduct activities in accordance with the powers vested in this State Ministry.
(Approved Cadre = 80 Actual Cadre = 18)
2. Taking measures to procure ambulances for the 1990 Suwa Seriya Foundation.

‘Itukama’ President’s Fund -	60 Ambulances
ADB project -	45 Ambulances
3. Although the Ministry has been nominated as the Ministry of Primary Health Care, Epidemics, and Covid Disease Control, it is not possible to function in accordance with the name of the Ministry due to the fact that there are no relevant institutions in the field of health as the relevant statutory bodies and no delegation of its powers by the gazette notification. The Secretary to the President and the Committee on Public Accounts have been informed to that effect. It is expected that the name of the Ministry is amended and published in the Gazette to suit to relevant institutes of our Ministry, the Department of Social Services, the National Secretariat for Elders, and the 1990 Suwa Seriya Foundation or to vest the relevant powers.

CHAPTER 03

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Financial Performance for the Year Ended on 31st December 20213.1 Statement of Financial Performance Year Ended on 31st December 2021

Budget		Note	Actual		
			This Year (Rs.)	Pev. Year	
-	Revenue Receipts		-	-	
-	Income tax	1	-	-	ACA-1
-	Taxes on local goods and services	2	-	-	
-	Taxes on International Trade	3	-	-	
-	Non-tax revenue and other	4	-	-	
-	Total Revenue Receipts (a)		-	-	
-	Non-revenue receipts		-	-	
-	Treasury Imprests		41,810,000	-	ACA-3
-	Deposits		402,221	-	ACA-4
-	Advance Accounts		-	-	ACA-5
	Receipts of other major ledger accounts			-	
-	Total Non-Revenue Receipts (b)		42,212,221	-	
-	Total Revenue Receipts and Non-Revenue Receipts c = (a) + (b)		42,212,221	-	
	Remittances to the Treasury (d)		947,479	-	
	Net revenue receipts and non-revenue receipts e = (c)-(d)		41264742	-	
	Less : Expenditure				
-	Recurrent Expenditure		-	-	
-	Salaries, Wages and Other Employee Benefits	5	23,258,747	-	ACA-2(ii)
-	Other Goods and Services	6	19,784,623	-	
-	Subsidies, grants and transfers	7	12,129,164,114	-	
-	Interest payments	8	-	-	
-	Other recurrent expenses	9	-	-	
-	Total Recurrent Expenditure (E)		12,172,207,484	-	
	Capital Expenditure				
-	Capital Asset Rehabilitation and Improvements	10	13,312,036	-	ACA-2(ii)
	Acquisition of capital assets	11	9,902,906	-	
-	Capital transfers	12	68,676,650	-	
-	Acquisition of Financial Assets	13	-	-	
-	Capacity development	14	-	-	
-	Other capital expenses	15	-	-	
	Total Capital Expenditure (g)		91,891,592	-	
	Deposit payments		402,221	-	ACA-4
	Advance payments		-	-	ACA-5
	Other major ledger account payments			-	
	Major Ledger Expenditure (h)		402,221	-	
	Total Expenditure I = (f+g+h)		12,264,501,296	-	
-	Balance as at 31 December J = (e-i)		((12,223,236,554))		
	Balance according to the Imprest Reconciliation statement		(12,223,236,554)	-	ACA-7
	Imprest balance as at 31 December				ACA-3

3.2 State of Financial Position

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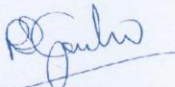
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st December 2021

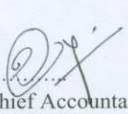
	Note	Actual	
		2021 Rs	2020 Rs
<u>Non Financial Assets</u>			
Property, Plant & Equipment	ACA-6	9,902,906	-
<u>Financial Assets</u>			
Advance Accounts	ACA-5/5(a)	6,009,960	-
Cash & Cash Equivalents	ACA-3		-
Rent Advance			-
Total Assets		15,912,866	-
<u>Net Assets / Equity</u>			
Net Worth to Treasury			-
Property, Plant & Equipment Reserve		9,902,906	-
Rent and Work Advance Reserve	ACA-5(b)	6,009,960	-
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Deposits Accounts	ACA-4	0	-
Unsettled Imprest Balance	ACA-3	0	-
Total Liabilities		15,912,866	-

Detail Accounting Statements in ACA format Nos. 1 to 7 presented in pages from 77 to 82 and Notes to accounts presented in pages from 73 to 80 form an integral part of these Financial Statements. The Financial Statements have been prepared in complying with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles whereas most appropriate Accounting Policies are used as disclosed in the Notes to the Financial Statements and hereby certify that figures in these Financial Statements, Notes to accounts and other relevant accounts were reconciled with the Treasury Books of Accounts and found in agreement.

We hereby certify that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the Reporting Entity and carried out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of internal control system for the financial control and accordingly make alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out.


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Chief Accounting Officer
Name :
Designation :
Date : 28/02/2022


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Accounting Officer
Name :
Designation :
Date : 25/02/2022


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3.3 Cash Flow Statement

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Cash Flow Statement For the year ended 31st December 2021

	Actual	
	Current Year (Rs)	Previous Year (Rs)
<u>Cash Flow Generated from Operating Activities</u>		
Total receipts from tax	-	-
Fess, Surcharges, Fines, and Licenses	-	-
Profits	-	-
Non-revenue receipts	93,314	-
Revenue collected for other revenue heads	-	-
Imprest receipts	41,810,000	-
Recovery of Advances	-	-
Deposit receipts	402,222	-
Cash Flow Generated from Operating Activities (a)	42,305,536	-
<u>Less : Incurring expenditure</u>		
Personal emoluments and operating expenses	18,893,259	-
Subsidies and transfers	7,603	-
Expenditure incurred on other Objects	-	-
Imprests settled to the Treasury	947,479	-
Advance payments	-	-
Deposit Payments	402,222	-
Cash flow incurred for operating activities (b)	20,250,563	-
Net cash flow generated from operating activities (c)=(a)-(b)	22,054,973	-
<u>Cash Flow Generated form Investment Activities</u>		
Intrests	-	-
Dividends	-	-
Provision for withdrawal of equity and sale of physical assets	-	-
Recovery of on-lending	-	-
Cash flow generated from investment activities (d)	-	-
<u>Less : Expenditure</u>		
Construction or purchase of physical assets and acquisition of other investments	22,054,973	-
Total cash flow spent on the investment activities (e)	22,054,973	-
Net cash flow generated from investment activities (f)=(d)-(e)	(22,054,973)	-
Net cash flow generated from operating and investment activities (g)=(d) + (f)	(0)	-

<u>Cash flow generated from financial activities</u>		
Local borrowings	-	-
Foreign borrowings	-	-
Receipt of grants	-	-
Total cash flow generated from financial activities (h)	-	-
<u>Less : Expenditure</u>		
Repayment of local borrowings	-	-
Repayment of foreign borrowings	-	-
Total cash flow spent on financial activities (i)	-	-
Cash flow generated from financial activities (j)=(h)-(i)	-	-
Net difference in cash (k) = (g)+(j)	-	-
Opening cash balance as at 01 January	-	-
Closing cash balance as at 31 December	-	-

3.4 Notes to the Financial Statements: Not applicable

3.5 Performance in Collecting Revenue: Not applicable

Rs. 000

Revenue Code	Descriptions of the Revenue Code	Revenue Estimate		Revenue Collected	
		Original Estimate	Final Estimate	Amount (Rs.)	Revenue as a percentage of the final estimate

3.6 Performance in the Utilization of Provisions Made

Rs. 000

Type of Provision	Provision made		Actual Expenditure	Provision utilized as a percentage of the final provision
	Initial Provision	Final provision		
Recurrent	12,450,700	12,440,700	12,172,207	97.80
Capital	273,000	283,000	91,891	32.47

3.7 Provision Awarded to this Department/District Secretariat/Provincial Council as a Representative of Another Ministries/Departments in Terms of F.R.208.

Not applicable

Rs. 000

Serial No.	Ministry/Department that received provision	Objective of the provision	Provision		Actual expenditure	Provision utilized as a percentage of the final provision made
			Initial Provision	Final provision		

3.8 Performance in Reporting Non-Financial Assets

Rs. 000

Asset code	Description of the code	Balance as per the Board of Survey Report as at 31.12.2019	Balance as per the Statement of Financial Position as at 31.12.2019	Scheduled to be accounted in the future	Reporting the progress as a percentage
9151	Buildings and structures				
9152	Machinery		9,902		
9153	Lands				
9154	Intangible assets				
9155	Biological assets				
9160	Work-in-progress				
9180	Leased assets				

3.9 Auditor General's Report

Secretary,
Ministry of Health

Summary Report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of the *State Ministry of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and Covid Disease Control* for the year ended 31 December 2021 in terms of Section 11 (1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018.

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Opinion

The audit of the financial statements of the State Ministry of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and Covid Disease Control for the year ended 31st December 2021 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31st December 2021 and the statement of financial performance and cash flow statement for the year then ended was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with provisions of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018. My comments and observations on these financial statements submitted to the State Ministry of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and Covid Disease Control in terms of Section 11 (1) of National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 appear in this report. The detailed management audit report in terms of Section 11 (2) of National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 will be issued to the Accounting Officer in due course. The Auditor General's Report to be tabled in Parliament in pursuance of provisions in Article 154 (6) of the Constitution to be read in conjunction with Section 10 of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018 will be tabled in Parliament in due course.

In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the *State Ministry of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and Covid Disease Control* as at 31st December 2021, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

1.2 Basis for Qualified Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAS). My responsibilities, under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

1.3 Responsibilities of the Accounting Officer for the Financial Statements

Accounting Officer is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and provisions in National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, and for such internal control as management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

As per Section 16 (1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the Ministry is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities, to enable annual and periodic financial statements to be prepared of the Ministry.

As per Sub-section 38 (1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the accounting officer shall ensure that an effective internal control system for financial control exists and carry out periodic review to monitor the effectiveness of such systems and accordingly make any alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out.

1.4 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate and its materiality depends on the influence the economic decisions taken by users on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Appropriate audit procedures were designed and performed identify and assess the risks of material misstatement in financial statements whether due to fraud or errors in providing a basis for the expressed audit opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- An understanding of internal control relevant to the audit was obtained in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

The significant audit findings, major internal control deficiencies and other matters which I identified during the audit will be informed to the Accounting Officer.

2. Financial Review

2.1 Imprest Management

Although imprest of Rs.65,376,800 should have been demanded as planned for the year under review was, a sum of Rs.58,076,700 only had been demanded. Accordingly, the expected objective by planning imprests had not been achieved. However, the General Treasury had issued only Rs.41,810,000 as imprests, thus not issuing Rs.16,266,700. As such, it was not possible to utilize the provisions made by Parliament as planned.

2.2 Expenditure Management

It was observed according to the following observations that accurate and realistic estimates had not been prepared for the year under review in terms of provisions in Financial Regulation 50.

- (a) The total provision of Rs.3,000,000 made for 02 recurrent Objects had been transferred to another Objects through Financial Regulations 66 and 69. Further, 80 or 90 per cent of total provision amounting to Rs.1,300,000 out of Rs. 1,500,000 made for 02 recurrent Objects had been transferred through Financial Regulations 66 and 69 to another Objects.
- (b) A sum of Rs.265,000,000 and Rs.8,000,000 respectively made for 02 recurrent Objects and 03 capital Objects had been increased up to Rs.603,000,000 and Rs.35,350,000 by 100 per cent and 300 per cent respectively by supplementary estimates and Financial Regulation 66 transfers.
- (c) Out of provision totaling Rs.61,500,000 made for 07 recurrent Objects and 06 capital objects, a sum of Rs.900,000 had been transferred to other objects and the remaining provision of Rs.60,600,000 had been totally saved.
- (d) Subsequent to the transfer of Rs.10,600,000 from the provision of Rs.286,700,000 made for 03 capital Objects and 17 recurrent Objects, a sum of Rs.276,100,000 of the net provision had been saved, of which provision amounting to Rs.190,163,190 had not been used. That savings had ranged from 50 per cent to 90 per cent of the net provision.

2.3 Incurring Liabilities and Commitments

Sums totaling Rs.70,537 of telephone bills payable as at 31st December 2021 by the State Minister and the staff relating to the months of November and December 2021 and the other bills payable had not been included in the Statement of Commitments and Liabilities as at 31st December 2021 according to Note (iii) format.

2.4 Certification to be made by the Accounting Officer

Even though the Accounting Officer shall ensure on the following matters in terms of provisions in Section 38 of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018, action had not been taken accordingly.

- (a) The Accounting Officer shall ensure that an effective internal control system for financial control exists and carry out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of such systems and accordingly make any alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out, and that such reviews are carried out in writing and the copies of the same are made available to the Auditor General. Nevertheless, it was not stated to the audit that such a review had been carried out.
- (b) The Accounting Officer shall ensure that an effective mechanism exists to conduct an internal audit. Nevertheless, that requirement had not been met.

2.5 Non-compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations

In terms of Financial Regulation 835 (3), the concurrence of the Attorney General had not been obtained for the lease agreement entered into on 29th October 2021 for obtaining office space facilities for the State Ministry.

3. Operating Review

3.1 Performance

3.1.1 Vision and Mission

Implementing a joint programme with all offices of Provincial and Regional Director of Health Services and Medical Officer of Health Offices in coordination with the Ministry of Health for the control of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases, Prevention of the spread of epidemics and strengthening the maternity and infant health care services to keep the maternal and infant mortality rate as low as possible, Expansion of Medical, nursing and other allied support facilities in all regional and primary hospitals so that the rural people can easily access health services, Implementing relevant programs to improve the immunity of children, Taking necessary steps to improve primary health care and basic infrastructure, Implementing health promotion and health education programs to enhance public health education, Expansion of adult health care facilities targeting low income earners in rural, backward and urban areas, Strengthening the health services of low income and rural people by coordinating the dispensaries and maternity clinics owned by Local Government Institutions, the Department of Health Services, Family Health Care Services, Provincial Ministries and Departments of Health have been specially prioritized by the Extraordinary Gazette No.2205/14 dated 11th December 2020. Nevertheless, powers for the implementation of relevant Acts to carry out those activities or taking decisions including the custody of the institutions had not been vested to the State Ministry. As a result, the above specific priority tasks had not been stated under the objectives and functions of the State Ministry in the annual performance report drafted for the year 2021.

3.2 Security of Public Officers

In terms of Financial Regulation 880, the officers who are administratively responsible for, or who under delegation are entrusted with, the receipt or custody of public money, revenue stamps or stores, or the disbursement of public money or the issue of stamps or stores and those who certify vouchers or sign cheques on Government Account will be required to give security in accordance with the Public Officers (Security) Ordinance (Cap. 612) for the faithful discharge of their duties. Nevertheless, three officers who are involved in the affairs of the bank account of the State Ministry and in charge of the items of goods of the Ministry had not so deposited securities.

3.3 Management Weaknesses

In terms of Circular No.03/2017 dated 19th April 2017 issued by the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration and Management, steps should be taken to maintain records for the confirmation of attendance and departure of the public officers to and from the office through the fingerprint scanners in all the public institutions. Further, it had been informed by Letter No. DMS/0016 dated 12th May 2017 issued by the Secretary to the Treasury that if fingerprint scanners are not used to confirm their arrival and departure from 01st July 2017 action should be taken to ensure not to pay overtime allowances to the health staff as per the present salary. The provisions in this circular and the letter had not been implemented even by 31st December 2021. Without being confirmed the arrival and departure, the State Ministry had paid total of Rs.18,393,754 including Rs.12,821,220 for salaries and Rs.5,572,534 for overtime and holiday pays during the year under review.

4. Good Governance

4.1 Audit and Management Committees

In terms of provisions in Management Audit Circulars Nos. DMA/2009/ (1) dated 09 June 2009, DMA/2009/ (1) (i) dated 28 January 2016, and DMA/1-2019 dated 12th January 2019, 04 Audit and Management Committees should be conducted annually at 01 meeting per a quarter. Nevertheless, committee meetings had not been conducted during the year under review.

5. Human Resource Management

Even though the Department of Social Services, National Secretariat for Elders, and 1990 Suwaseriya Foundation only had been assigned under the supervision of the Ministry established on 04th December 2020, a cadre consisting of 80 members had been approved without doing a formal study on the scope of the State Ministry. Five posts of Medical Administrative Grade including an Additional Secretary and 03 Posts of Medical Officer had included in the approved cadre although duties relating to the Medical Administrator Services are not performed by this ministry. However, the actual cadre of the State Ministry as at 31st December of the year under review was only 15 members.

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Deputy Auditor General.
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CHAPTER 04

Performance Indicators

4.1 Performance Indicators of the Institute (Based on the Action Plan 2021)

Serial No,	Objective	Special Indicators	Actual output as a percentage of the expected output		
			100%-90%	75%-89%	50%-74%
01	Creating a conducive work environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing efficiency and decreasing delays in a suitable office environment. Satisfied staff with completed office equipment and furniture and requirements 		√	
02	Providing an efficient and effective service to the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved Cadre Number of completed recruitments and attachments knowledgeable, efficient, and Satisfactory staff 	√		√
03	Efficient financial management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proper accounting system under the Chief Accountant Approval of the Supplementary Estimate and receipt of provisions Document of FR 135 Delegation of Financial Authorization 	√ √	√	
04	Efficient and effective coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of public requests fulfilled Number of explanations made for difficulty in performing Amount of relief provided for the visually impaired persons 		√	√
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of projects implemented by the relevant institutions for disabled persons and senior citizens. Lack of facts and audit queries in the audit reports. 	√	√	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambulances donated to the 1990 Suwa Seriya Foundation (provision) and other support is given to them 		√	

4.2 Justification for not Reaching the Expected Performance

1. Due to the non-completion of vacancies, there was a shortage of officers, and that caused improper assigning of duties and distribution of work.
the assignment of duties and the distribution of work were found to a very difficult situation.
(Approved Cadre -80, Actual Cadre 15)
2. Due to the adverse conditions prevailing in the country owing to COVID-19 epidemic in the year 2021, the existing staff could not be called for work continuously.
3. Failure to bring the project implementation progress of the Department of Social Services and the National Secretariat for Elders coming under the purview of this State Ministry to an optimum level due to the COVID- 19 situation.

CHAPTER 05

Performance in the Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

5.1 Sustainable Development Objectives identified in relation to this State Ministry (SDG)

5.1.1 Introduction

SDG 1 –	Eradication of all forms of poverty.
SDG 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring healthy living stands and promoting the well-being of individuals of all ages.
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction of maternal mortality rate.
3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elimination of preventable deaths in newborns and children under 5 years of age
3.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction of the number of injuries and deaths due to road accidents
SDG 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring a perfect, fair and quality education and providing opportunities for all to learn throughout their life span.
4.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing opportunities for vocational training for persons with disabilities and children at risk.
SDG 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring access to water and sanitation facilities for all and their sustainable management.
6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring adequate and equitable access to sanitation for all and focusing attention to the special needs of individuals at risk.
SDG 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion of good jobs for all.
8.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide effective employment opportunities for all, including persons with disabilities and youth.
8.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the number of uneducated, untrained and unemployed youth.
SDG 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building effective, responsible, and completed institutions at all levels for sustainable development.
16.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of institutions with effective, accountability and transparency at all levels

5.1.2 Implementation of Identified Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Goals/ Targets (SDG)	Targets	Achievements Indicators	Progress in achieving success		
			0%- 49%	50%- 74%	75%- 100%
16 (16.6)	❖ An office with adequate space	❖ Arranged a suitable office environment ❖ Procured office equipment/goods			√ √
8 (8.5 8.6)	❖ Obtaining a Qualified Staff ❖ Improvement of knowledge and skills through training	❖ Staff that could be attached (Staff grade - 04 Non-Staff grade 11)	√		
16 (16.6)	❖ Started accounting activities at the State Ministry	❖ Transfer of Accounting to the State Ministry from October 2021. ❖ Approval of Supplementary Estimates and Provision of providing Financial Provisions ❖ Assignment of Financial Powers of FR 135			√ √ √
1 6.2	❖ Providing immediate solutions/remedies for the requests of the public.	❖ Ability to provide assistance and facilities through the Visually Impaired Rehabilitation Fund		√	
4.5	❖ Coordinating and assisting projects implemented by these institutions for senior citizens with disabilities.	❖ Ability to complete and commence the construction of Vocational Training Centers and Child Mentoring Centers.		√	
3 (3.1 3.2 3.6)	❖ Providing ambulances and provisions to the 1990 Suwa Seriya Foundation.	❖ Taking action to obtain 60 ambulances from the Presidential Itukama Fund for the 1990 Suwa Seriya Foundation.		√	

5.2 Achievements and Challenges in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

Achievements

SDG 16.6 It is an achievement to be able to obtain building and office facilities for this State Ministry and to relocate the office by providing equipment, machinery, etc. under the building of effective, responsible institutions for sustainable development.

Challenges

1. Failure to complete the attachment of the staff
Only 15 vacancies of the posts for graduates and 4 vacancies of the staff grade posts have been filled at present. All other posts are still vacant. (This information is stated in Chapter 6.2). Therefore, the work of the office cannot be performed effectively. In particular, the 5 posts of Planning Director, Accountant, Senior Assistant Secretary, Internal Auditor, and Administrative Officer remained vacant and the 18 posts of the Management Services Officer are still vacant.
2. Although functions to be discharged as per the powers vested in this State Ministry are to deal with the subjects of Social Services, Secretariat for the Elders and the 1990 Suwa Seriya, the name of the Ministry is referred to as the State Ministry of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and Covid Disease Control. Although none of the institutions pertaining to that name have been assigned to this State Ministry, matters relevant thereto are sought in progress inquiries and meeting discussions. Further, the general public also inquire about vaccines for COVID-19 and health issues, which will then be referred back to the Ministry of Health, it has resulted in the displeasure of the public.
3. In the allocation of provisions for the year 2021, the allocations made for the 1990 Suwa Seriya Foundation were insufficient, and therefore, requests for the provisions were made from time to time from the General Treasury. Since the 1990 Suwa Seriya Foundation provides a very efficiently free ambulance service, provisions for all of its maintenance should be made.

CHAPTER 06

Human Resource Profile

6.1 Cadre Management

The Department of Management Services has granted approval for the cadre for the State Ministry of Primary Health Care Epidemics and Covid Disease Control on 15.01.2021.

The details of the approved cadre of the Ministry and the actual cadre of the Ministry who were in place as at 31.12.2021 have been given in Table 01 and Table 02.

Table - 01

Service Category	Approved Cadre	Actual Cadre	No. of Vacancies
Senior	19	05*	15
Tertiary	03	01	02
Secondary	37	07**	34
Primary	21	05***	19
Total	80	18	70

Table – 02

Details of the cadre of the State Ministry of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and COVID Disease Control

Service Category	Post	Service	Class/ Grade	As at 2021.12.31		
				Approved Cadre	Actual Cadre	No. of vacancies
Senior	Secretary	SLAS	Special	1	1	-
	Additional Secretary	SLAS	Special	1	1	-
	Additional Secretary	M.A.S.	D.D.G.	1	1*	1
	Medical Officer	SLMS.	P/II/I	3	-	3
	Chief Accountant	SLAcS.	I	1	1	-
	Senior Assistant Secretary	SLAS	I	1	-	1
	Senior Assistant Secretary	M.A.S.	SMAS.	2	-	2
	Accountant	SLAcS	III/II	2	-	2
	Internal Auditor	SLAcS	III/II	1	-	1
	Director	M.A.S.	SMAS.	2	--	2
	Director	SLPS	I	1	-	1
	Assistant Director / Deputy Director	SLPS	III/II	1	-	1
Assistant Secretary	SLAS	III/II	2	1	1	
Tertiary	Administrative Officer	M.S.O. S	Supra Grade	1	-	1
	Coordinating Secretary to the Secretary	Temporary	-	1	1	-
	Information and Communication Technology Officer	SLICTS.	II/I	01	-	1
Secondary	Development Officer	DOS	III/II/I	15	7 **	12

	Management Services Officer	M.S.O.S	III/II/I	18	-	18
	Information and Communication Technology Assistant	SLICTS.	III/II/I	04	-	4
Primary	Driver	C.D.S.	III/II/I/ Special	10	-	10
	Office Assistant	O.A.S	III/II/I/ Special	8	3 ***	8
	Video Cameraman	Temporary	-	1	-	1
	Still photographer	Temporary	-	1	1	-
	Photographer Assistant	Temporary	-	1	1	-
Total				80	18	70

* An officer had been appointed on a contract basis.

** Three permanent Development Officers and four Graduate Trainees were employed.

*** There were three trainees attached to the training from the Multipurpose Development Task Force Department.

6.2 The Manner in which the Human Resource Scarcity has Affected the Performance of the Ministry

Although the approved cadre of the Ministry is 80, the total staff employed in the Ministry as at 31.12.2021 was 18. The staff is as follows.

Secretary	- 01
Additional Secretary	- 02*
Chief Accountant	- 01
Assistant Secretary	- 01
Coordinating Secretary to the Secretary (Temporary)	- 01
Development Officer	- 03
Graduate Trainees	- 04
Karyala Karya Sahayaka (Multipurpose Force)	- 03
Photographer (Temporary)	- 01
Assistant Photographer (Temporary)	- 01

* An officer had been appointed on a contract basis.

The existence of vacancy of 70 posts in the approved cadre of this Ministry had a severe adverse effect on the performance of the Ministry.

The Ministry initially had only three members on the staff (the Secretary, Coordinating Secretary to the Secretary, and Karyala Karya Sahayaka) and the remaining staff increased up to 18 after November 2021. Until then, even the day-to-day affairs of the ministry were found difficult. Further, that staff was not enough to set up a new office and even to meet the basic needs of purchasing office requisites and equipment for a new office. However, in the face of all these human resource challenges, the work of renting a new building, preparing an office premise, and purchasing the necessary office requisites and equipment for the Ministry was completed by 31.12.2021, existing the human resources efficiently and effectively.

There were no permanent drivers for this Ministry and those services were carried out by two drivers attached from the Ministry of Health on a temporary basis.

Even though 08 Medical Officers have been approved for this Ministry at the cadre approval, it is observed that there is no duty to be assigned to that staff according to the functions and legal framework of the Ministry. Accordingly, those officers were not included in the staff of this Ministry during the relevant period.

6.3 Contribution of Training Programs to the Performance of the Ministry.

As it has passed only a short period of one year from the establishment of the Ministry and initially had a very limited staff (Secretary, Coordinating Secretary, and Karyala Karya Sahayaka) there was no staff to refer to such training opportunities until about 8 months after the commencement of the year. It is also observed that there were not many training opportunities due to the prevailing Covid 19 epidemic. However, by the end of the year, the staff of the Ministry had increased up to 18 (including the trainees and staff given by the Ministry of Health) and was able to provide training opportunities to several officers. The details are as follows.

Name of the Programme	Number of employees trained	Programme Duration	Total Investment (Rs)	Nature of the Programme	Knowledge gained from the output
Large scale Survey on older person Experience from MARS	1	07/09 December 2021	Nil	Foreign (Online)	How to conduct a large-scale survey of the elders / elderly community
Awareness on Right to Information Act	1	November 2021	Nil	Local	Details on the Right to Information Act
Training in office work	4 (Graduate Trainees)	04 Months	Nil	Inservice training	Knowledge of office work and filing system
Training for Karyala Karya Sahayaka	3 (Multipurpose Development)	02 Months	Nil	Inservice training	Knowledge of the duties to be performed by the Karyala Karya Sahayakas

CHAPTER 07

Compliance Report

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance status (complied/not complied)	Brief explanation for non-compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
1	The Financial Statements/Accounts Have Been Submitted by the Due Date			
1.1	Annual Financial Statements	Complied		
1.2	Advance to Public Officers Account	Not applicable	No provision has been made for the advance 'B' account for the year 2021	
1.3	Trading and Manufacturing Advance Accounts (Commercial Advance Accounts)	Not applicable		
1.4	Store advance accounts	Not applicable		
1.5	Special Advance Accounts	Not applicable		
1.6	Others	Not applicable		
2	Issue of Books and Registers (F.R.445)			
2.1	The fixed assets register has been maintained and updated in terms of Public Administration Circular 267/2018	Complied		
2.2	Personal emoluments register/Personal emoluments cards has been maintained and updated	Complied		
2.3	Audit Query register has been maintained and updated	Complied		
2.4	Internal Audit query register has been maintained and updated	Complied		
2.5	All the monthly account summaries (CIGAS) are prepared and submitted to the Treasury on due date	Complied		

2.6	Cheques and money order register has been maintained and updated	Complied		
2.7	Inventory register has been maintained and updated	Complied		
2.8	Stocks register has been maintained and updated	Complied		
2.9	Losses register has been maintained and updated	Complied		
2.10	Commitment register has been maintained and updated	Not Complied	Lack of adequate staff	Prepared for the year 2022
2.11	Counterfoil Books (GA-N20) register has been maintained and updated	Complied		
3	Delegation of Functions for Financial Control (FR 135)			
3.1	The financial authority has been delegated within the institution	Complied		
3.2	The delegation of financial authority has been communicated within the institution	Complied		
3.3	The authority has been delegated in such a manner so as to pass each transaction through two or more officers	Complied		
3.4	The controls have been adhered to by the accountants in terms of State Account Circular 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014 in using the Government Payroll Software Package	Complied		
4	Preparation of Annual Plans			
4.1	Annual action plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.2	Annual procurement plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.3	Annual internal audit plan has been prepared	Not Complied	Lack of an Internal Auditor.	
4.4	The annual estimate has been prepared and submitted to the Department of National Budget.	Complied		

4.5	Annual cash flow statement has been prepared and submitted to the Department of Treasury Operations on the due date	Complied		
5	Audit Queries			
5.1	All audit queries have been replied to before the due date specified by the Auditor General	Not applicable	The financial activities of the State Ministry commenced in October 2021 and no audit queries were submitted.	
6	Internal Audit			
6.1	In terms of financial regulation 134 (2) DMA/1 – 2019, an internal audit plan has been prepared at the beginning of the year in consultation with the Auditor General	Not applicable	Lack of an Internal Auditor.	
6.2	All internal audit reports has been replied within one month	Not applicable	Lack of an Internal Auditor.	
6.3	In terms of Sub-section 40(4) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018, copies of all internal audit reports have been submitted to Management Audit Department.	Not applicable	Lack of an Internal Auditor.	
6.4	In terms of financial regulation NO.134(3), copies of all internal audit reports have been submitted to the Auditor General	Not applicable	Lack of an Internal Auditor.	
7	Audit and Management Committees			
7.1	As per the Department of Management Audit Circular 1/2019, a minimum of 04 Audit and Management Committee meetings have been held within the year	Not Complied		The Audit and Management Meeting was held for the first quarter of 2022.
8	Assets Management			
8.1	As per the Paragraph 07 of the Asset Management Circular No.01/2017, the information of purchase of assets and disposal has been submitted to Comptroller General's Office	Not Complied	Lack of adequate officers to perform the duties.	Information on fixed assets is being forwarded to the Comptroller General's Office.

8.2	A suitable officer has been appointed to coordinate the implementation of the provisions of the circular and details of the nominated officer has been sent to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of Paragraph 13 of the aforesaid circular	Not Complied	Lack of adequate officers to perform the duties.	Information on fixed assets is being forwarded to the Comptroller General's Office.
8.3	Board of Survey has been conducted and submitted relevant reports to the Auditor General on due date in terms of the Public finance Circular No.05/2016.	Not Complied	A Board of survey is being implemented	Steps have been taken to train new officers.
8.4	The excesses and deficits were disclosed through the annual board of survey and other relating recommendations, actions were carried out during the period specified in the circular	Not Complied	A Board of survey is being implemented	
8.5	Disposal of the condemned articles has been carried out in terms of F.R.772.	Not applicable		
9	Vehicle Management			
9.1	Daily running charts and monthly summaries of the pool vehicles have been prepared and submitted to the Auditor General on due date.	Not applicable	No pool vehicles	
9.2	The condemned vehicles have been disposed of within less than 06 months after condemning	Not applicable		
9.3	Vehicle log books have been maintained and updated	Not applicable	No any vehicles	
9.4	Action has been taken in terms of FR.103,104,109 and 110 with regard to every vehicle accident	Not applicable		
9.5	Fuel consumption of the vehicles has been - re-tested in terms of the provisions of the Paragraph 3.1 of the Public Administration Circular No. 2016/30 dated 29.12.2016.	Not applicable		
9.6	The absolute ownership of the leased vehicle had been transferred after the lease period	Not applicable		

10	Management of Bank Accounts			
10.1	The bank reconciliation statements have been prepared, got certified, and made ready for audit by the due date.	Complied		
10.2	The dormant bank accounts that had existed in the year under review or since the previous years have been settled	Not applicable		
10.3	Action has been taken in terms of Financial Regulations regarding balances that had been disclosed through bank reconciliation statements and for which adjustments had to be made and had those adjustments been made within one month.	Not applicable		
11	Utilization of Provisions			
11.1	The provisions allocated have been without exceeding their limit	Complied		
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year as per FR 94(1)	Complied		
12	Advances to the Public Officers Account			
12.1	The limits have been complied with	Not applicable	Provisions for the advance 'B' account had not been allocated for the year 2021.	
12.2	A time analysis on the loans in arrears has been carried out	Not applicable		
12.3	The loan balances in arrears for over one year have been settled	Not applicable		
13	General Deposit Account			
13.1	Action has been taken in terms of FR.571 in relation to disposal lapsed deposits	Complied		
13.2	The control register for general deposits has been maintained and updated	Complied		
14	Imprest Account			
14.1	The balance in the cash book has been remitted to the Department of Treasury Operations at the end of the year	Complied		

14.2	The ad-hoc sub imprests issued as per FR.371 have been settled within one month from completion of the task	Complied		
14.3	Ad-hoc sub imprests have been issued not exceeding the limit approved as per FR.371	Complied		
14.4	Imprest account balance has been reconciled with the Treasury books monthly	Complied		
15	Revenue Account			
15.1	Refunds have been made from the revenue in terms of regulations	Not applicable		
15.2	The revenue collection has been credited to the revenue account directly without crediting to the deposit account	Not applicable		
15.3	Returns of arrears of revenue have been submitted to the Auditor General in terms of FR.176	Not applicable		
16	Human Resource Management			
16.1	The staff had been paid within the approved cadre	Complied		
16.2	All members of the staff had been issued duty lists in writing	Complied		
16.3	All reports had been submitted to the Department of Management Services in terms of MSD circular No.04/2017 dated 20.09.2017.	Complied		
17	Provision of Information to the Public			
17.1	An Information Officer has been appointed and a proper register of information is maintained and updated in terms of the Right to Information Act and Regulation	Complied		
17.2	Information about the institution to the public have been provided by Website or alternative measures and has it been facilitated to appreciate/allegation to the public against the public authority by this website or alternative measures	Not complied	The official website was not active	The official website is currently being set up
17.3	Bi-Annual and Annual reports have been submitted as per sections 08 and 10 of the RTI Act	Complied		

18	Implementing Citizens Charter			
18.1	A citizens charter/Citizens client's charter has been formulated and implemented by the Institution in terms of the circular numbers 05/2008 and 05/2018(1) of the Ministry of Public Administration and Management	Not Complied	Assignments cannot be done due to a lack of staff.	Preparing
18.2	A methodology has been devised by the Institution in order to monitor and assess the formulation and the implementation of Citizens Charter/Citizens client's charter as per paragraph 2.3 of the circular	Not Complied	Assignments cannot be done due to lack of staff	Preparing
19	Preparation of the Human Resource Plan			
19.1	A human resource plan has been prepared in terms of the format in Annexure 02 of Public Administration Circular No.02/2018 dated 24.01.2018.	Not Complied	Not prepared due to lack of staff	Prepared for the year 2022
19.2	A minimum training opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for each member of the staff has been ensured in the aforesaid Human Resource Plan	Not Complied	Not prepared due to lack of staff	Prepared for the year 2022
19.3	Annual performance agreements have been signed for the entire staff based on the format in Annexure 01 of the aforesaid Circular.	Not Complied	Not prepared due to lack of staff	Prepared for the year 2022
19.4	A Senior Officer was appointed and assigned the responsibility of preparing the human resource development plan, organizing capacity-building programs, and conducting skill development programs as per paragraph No.6.5 of the aforesaid Circular.	Not Complied	Not prepared due to lack of staff	Prepared for the year 2022
20	Responding Audit Paras			
20.1	The shortcomings pointed out in the audit paragraphs issued by the Auditor General for the previous years had been rectified	Not applicable		