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The Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka

Even though legal aid has not been introduced as a fundamental right under Chapter 3 of the 1978 Constitution, Articles 12 (1) and 13 (3) of the Constitution have drawn attention towards this matter.

Article 12(1) of the Constitution -All persons are equal before the law and are entitled to the equal protection of the law.

Article 13(3) of the Constitution -Any person charged with an offence shall be entitled to be heard, in person or by an attorney-at-law, at a fair trial by a competent court.

It has further been confirmed by the Rule No.44 of the Supreme Court Rules of Law of Sri Lanka in 1990.

Message of the Chairman

The Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka, having completed forty-two years since we laid our hands on dispensation of justice to the people of Sri Lanka is further engaged in expanding its course moving closer to the public. Empowering a community marginalized in social, economic and political strength is truly an achievement of enduring social development goals through which we have borne the maximum responsibility to empower the people of Sri Lanka in the face of justice.



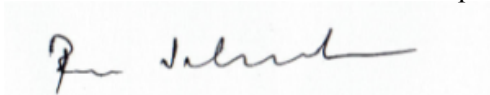
We are at a new juncture to empower the common masses who have been confined in knowledge, power and economic strength as well as to provide them an easier access to law by bringing the law closer to them whereas even amidst the Covid pandemic situation prevailed in the year 2020 we have been able to play a major role and make a fresh move.

It was a victory for us during the year 2020 to be able to alleviate the difficulties faced by the people in obtaining free legal assistance to a certain extent, in collaboration with 84 regional centres across the island by expediting and expanding legal aid to the communities of Sri Lanka who have been deprived of the shelter of justice through the mission based on our sole vision, i.e. "to facilitate all Sri Lankans with an easy access to equity, so that they may achieve justice."

We have implemented various projects during this year as well, as best as possible making it a part of our mission to educate the entire society for the provision of legal knowledge and protection that is necessary for people who are affected by various crimes, violence against women and children as well as social and economic deception. It should be exclusively noted that, when the Government had provided a relief allowance of Rs. 5000 to the householders who have lost their income and whose occupations or businesses have collapsed during Covid 19 pandemic situation, we intervened and explained to the Government about the prejudice that the applicants of maintenance cases in the Court had to undergo and although they did not possess the householder position the applicants of maintenance cases in all courts in the Island were facilitated with the opportunity to obtain the said relief allowance of Rs.5000. It is viewed as a victorious step in our mission to provide relief to people who pray for justice at a moment when they are aggrieved in the face of challenges where carrying out judicial proceedings had become an exclusive challenge itself.

The challenges encountered while leading a pluralistic society towards justice cannot be underestimated. Armed with a human resource strong enough to withstand the pressure that is being exerted, we have succeeded this year as well in duly maintaining the legal approach for the establishment of social justice to marginalized communities.

The Ministry of Justice is gratefully remembered for the wide support and auspices extended to all affairs of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka this year, similar to previous years. It was immensely beneficial to the progression of the field of legal aid. I am happy to note that the support from all parties including the staff in improving the service progress of the institution despite being confined to home for a considerable period due to the pandemic situation is highly commendable.



PC Rohan Sahabandu
Chairman/Administration
Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka

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Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka incorporated **by the Legal Aid Act No 27 of 1978**

The most provable feature of the Legal Aid Act No 27 of 1978 was to prepare a policy framework of legal aid facilitation to be launched within the country through a formal mechanism for the implementation of legal aid programme.

The establishment and setting up the operation of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka for the above objectives is the principal function of this Act.

Vision :-

**To facilitate an easy access to equity that would enable
administration of justice to all Sri Lankans.**

Mission :-

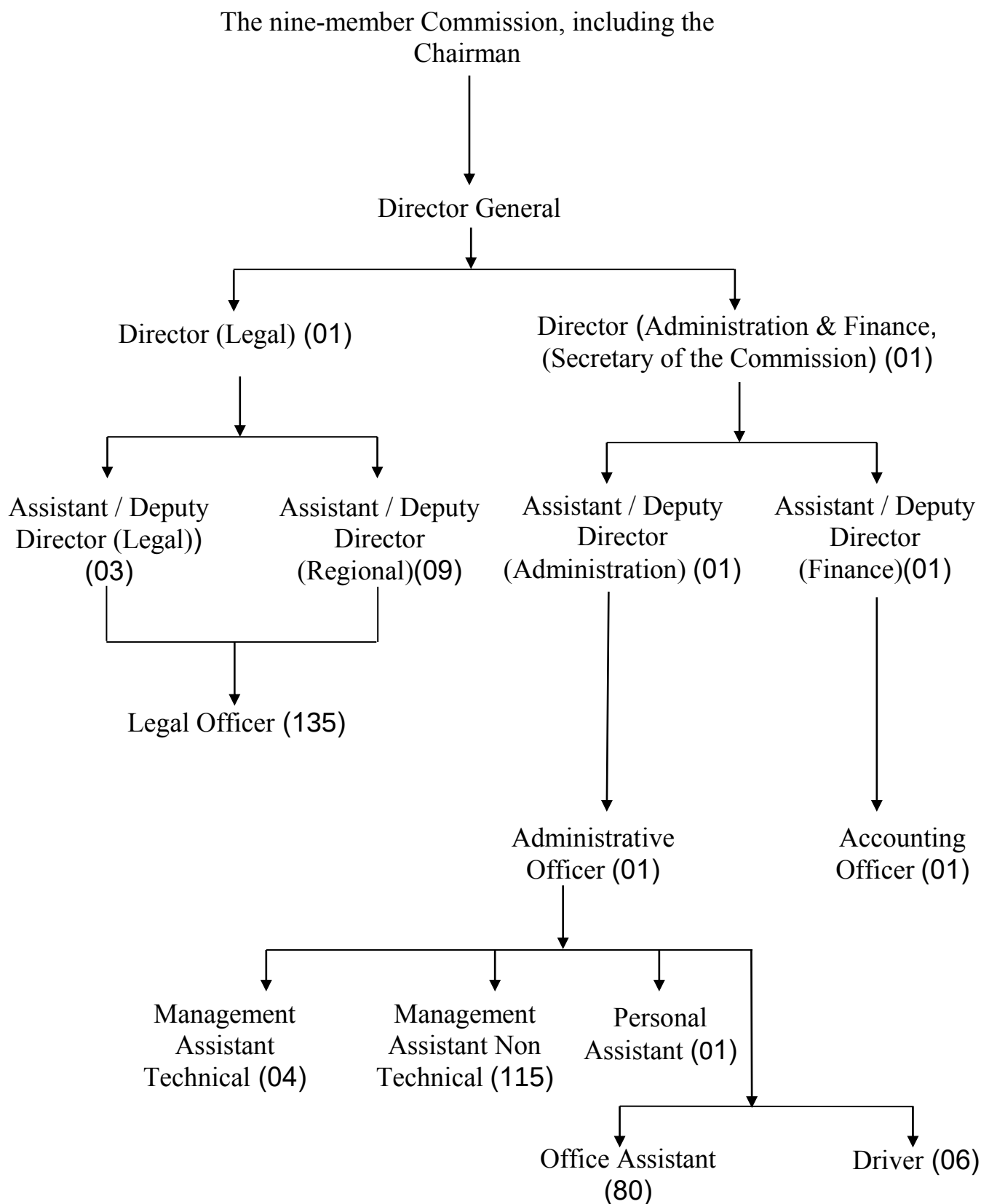
**Providing legal aid for the impoverished communities in Sri Lanka who
are unable to obtain justice due to poverty, providing free legal
assistance to low income people, educating the entire society about the
law, engaging in counselling service to the government during legislation
of new laws and legal reforms, etc. in order to lead the public towards an
easy access to justice.**

Objectives of the Legal Aid Act No. 27 of 1978

Sections 3 and 4 of the Act No. 27 of 1978.

1. Providing legal advice to any person of any economic level who deserves assistance.
2. Providing services of attorneys for legal proceedings in the lower income tax tribunal.
3. Establishment of regional offices upto a certain amount that the Commission considers necessary to enable as many persons as possible to obtain legal aid.
4. To decide for which matters or types of cases that legal aid can be provided and determine such matters or types of cases.
5. Determining the outline procedures to follow in relation to the payment of fees and expenses by persons assisted, by taking into account the funds available at the time of which the cases have been resolved or settled and taking all relevant recommendations into consideration.
6. To take necessary action to expand the legal aid scheme through inquiry of the community-based professional, social and other groups that are involved in some aspect of providing government institutions and legal aid.
7. Promote, establish, finance and supervise research related to legal aid.
8. With the intention of raising awareness,
 - i. Educating the members of the legal profession regarding the need for a legal aid scheme and their responsibilities, duties and role in the maintenance and participation thereof.
 - ii. Commencement and implementation of educational programs for the people with special needs regarding their rights, powers, privileges and role, and entire community in general under the prevalent laws of Sri Lanka.
9. Employing the staff required for the establishment, development, implementation of research based programmes, problem solving centers and/or projects regarding a special division or divisions on legal aid provision.
10. Obtaining suggestions from the public for new programs and projects and encouraging them in that respect.
11. To cooperate with educational institutions and boards regarding the education and training of those who provide legal aid.
12. To provide information to the public on the ability to obtain legal aid.
13. Submission of information to legal reforms agencies in Sri Lanka and abroad and the government.

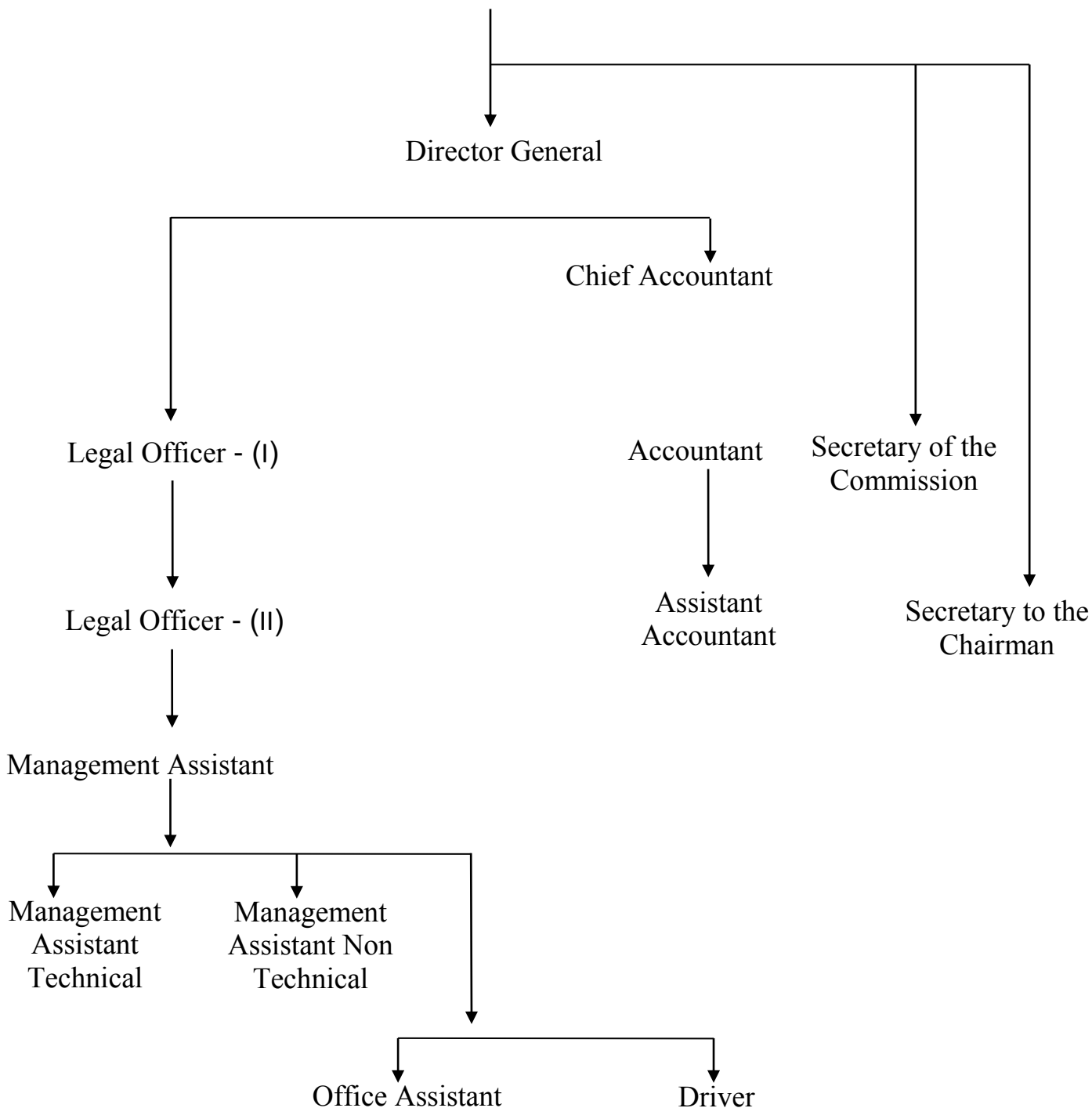
**Organization plan approved by the Department of
Management Services to the Legal Aid Commission of Sri
Lanka
(From 13.01.2016)**



Current Organization Chart of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka

(From 01.01.2020 to 31.12.2020)

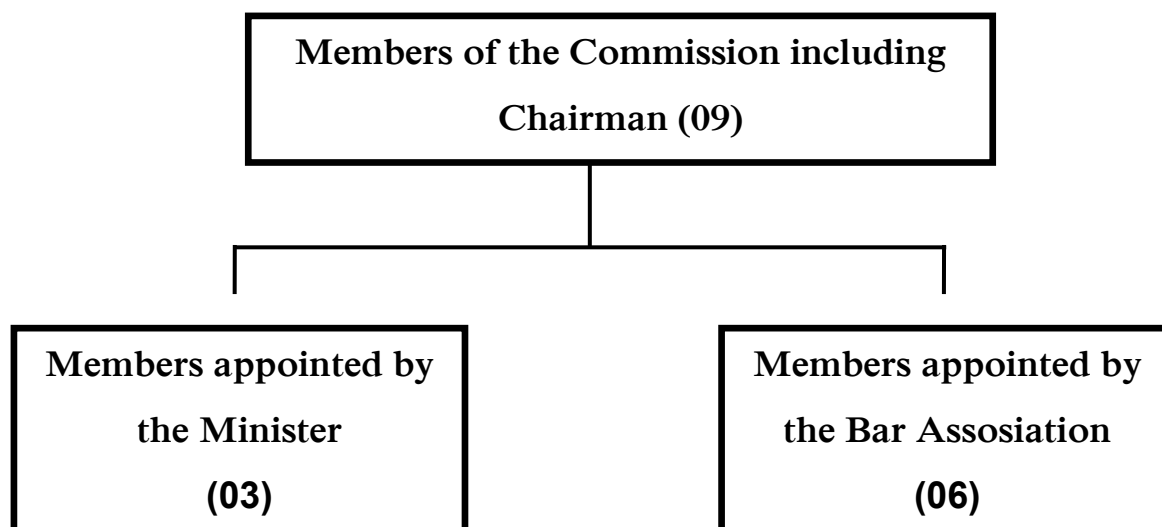
The 09-member Commission, including the
Chairman



Staff of the Legal Aid Commission as at 31.12.2020

Employee Category Level	Designation	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre
Senior Level	Director General	01	01
	Counsel	-	01
	Director (Legal)	01	-
	Director (Administration & Finance)	01	-
	Assistant / Deputy Director (Legal)	03	-
	Assistant / Deputy Director (Regional)	09	-
	Assistant / Deputy Director (Administration)	01	-
	Assistant / Deputy Director (Finance)	01	-
	Chief Accountant	-	01
	Secretary of the Commission	-	01
	Legal Officers I and II	135	121
Secondary Level	Accounting Officer	01	-
	Assistant Accountant	-	01
	Administrative Officer	01	-
	Secretary to the Chairman	-	01
Tertiary Level	Management Assistant (Technical)	04	03
	Management Assistant (Non-Technical)	114	97
	Personal Assistant	01	01
Primary Level	Driver	06	02
	Office Assistant	80	52
Total		360	281

Composition of the Members of the Legal Aid Commission



Members of Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka in year 2020



PC, Mr. Rohan Sahabandu
(Chairman)



PC, Mr. Manohara De Silva



PC, Mr. Uditha Igalahewa



PC, Mr. Puvidaran



Mr. J.M. Gunathilake
Senior Attorney-at-Law



Mr. Priyantha Gamage
Attorney-at-Law



Mr. Binara Gunasekara
Attorney-at-Law
(Administration)



Ms. Hiranya Perera
Attorney-at-Law-
(Assistant Secretary -
Legal, Ministry of Justice)



Mr. Sanjaya Gamage
Attorney-at-Law

The Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka consists of three members appointed by the minister of justice and six members nominated by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, each of them will be appointed for a period of three years. A member may be re-appointed as a member after the expiration of three years' service period. Also, the work of the Commission is monitored by the Legal Aid Board, which is headed by the Chief Justice. The Advisory Board consists of 30 members constituted by 09 members of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka, three members nominated by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, 06 members to represent the Courts nominated by the Chief Justice, and 12 members nominated by the Minister of Justice to be involved in community, neighborhood, professional, social and other groups, which have a connection to the government, provincial bodies, educational institutions and legal aid sections.

Establishment of Legal Aid Centres

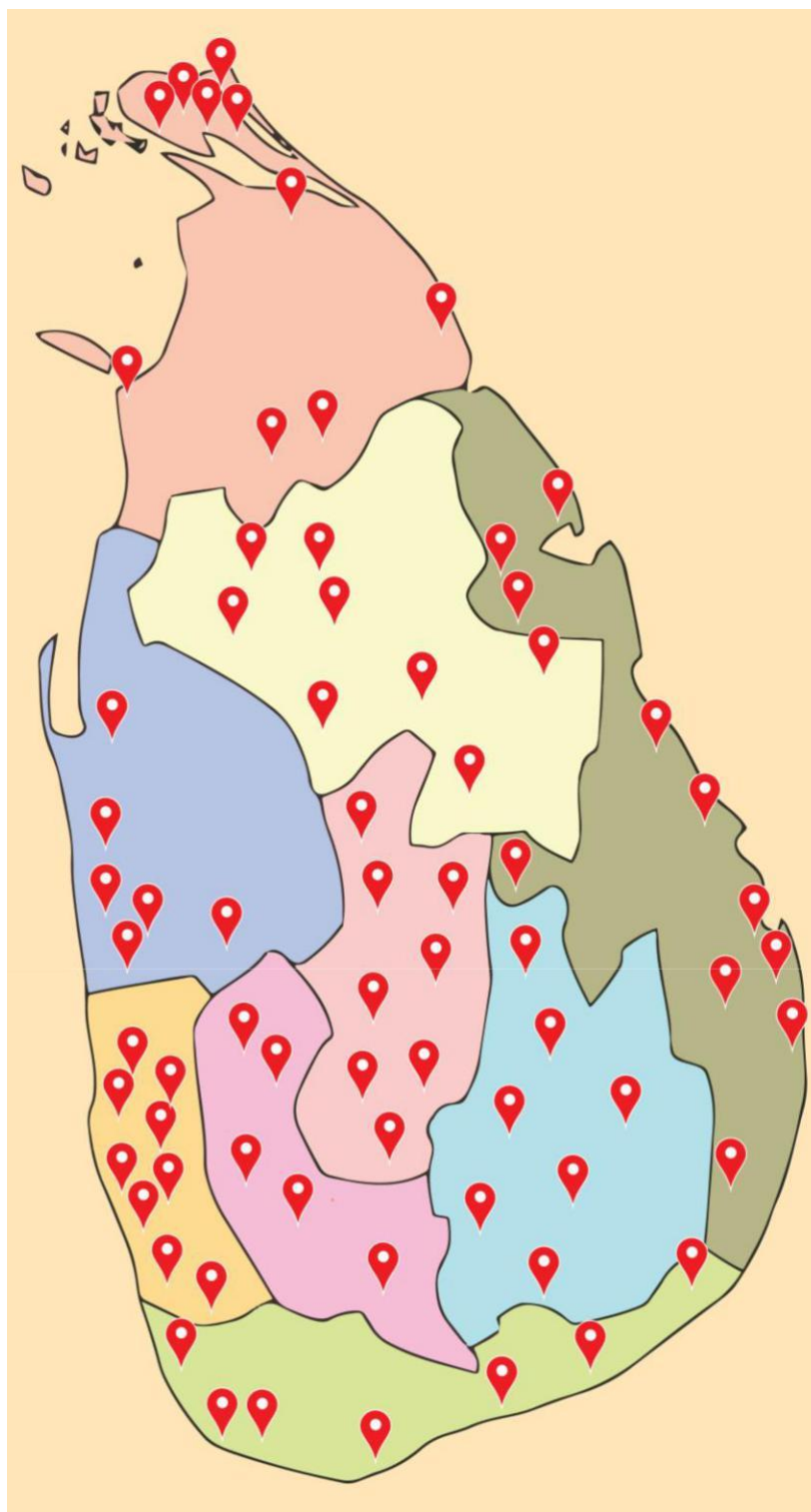
Sri Lanka's Legal Aid Commission completes its 42nd year by 2020. During the past 42 years, the work was carried out by a network of 84 Regional Offices centered upon Colombo but without being limited to Colombo to achieve the desired objectives of the Commission. During this entire period (1978-2019) the commencement of the regional offices is as follows.

Year	Regional centres established during the period	Total number of regional centres
1978	1	1
1994	3	4
1996	1	5
2003	5	10
2005	2	12
2006	19	31
2007	9	40
2008	6	46
2009	8	54
2010	6	60
2011	7	67
2012	7	74
2013	2	76
2014	0	76
2015	0	76
2016	2	78
2017	4	82
2018	1	83
2019	1	84
2020	-	84

Total number of regional offices is 84 as at 31/12/2020.

Expansion of Centers of Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka

(Map & Regional Centers)



1	Head Office	43	Kuliyapitiya
2	Akkareipattu	44	Kurunegala
3	Ampara	45	Mahiyanganaya
4	Anuradhapura	46	Mahawa
5	Attanagalla	47	Mannar
6	Awissawella	48	Marawila
7	Baddegama	49	Matale
8	Badulla	50	Matara
9	Balangoda	51	Matugama
10	Balapaitiya	52	Mawanella
11	Bandarawela	53	Minuwangoda
12	Battaramulla	54	Monaragala
13	Borella	55	Mulathiwu
14	Batticaloa	56	Mallakkam
15	Chawakachcheri	57	Muttoor
16	Chillaw	58	Nawalapitiya
17	Dambulla	59	Negambo
18	Deyiyandara	60	Nikaweratiya
19	Deniyaya	61	Nugegoda
20	Dehiaththakandiya	62	Nuwaraeliya
21	Ambilipitiya	63	Panadura
22	Galgamuwa	64	Puttalam
23	Gampaha	65	Poogoda
24	Galagedara	66	Point Pedro
25	Mount Lavinia	67	Polgahawela
26	Galle	68	Polonnaruwa
27	Hambanthota	69	Pottuwil
28	Hatton	70	Ratnapura
29	Higurakgoda	71	Thambuththegama
30	Homagama	72	Tangalle
31	Horana	73	Tissamaharama
32	Jaffna	74	Trincomalee
33	Kadawatha	75	Siyambalanduwa
34	Kaduwela	76	Walachchenei
35	Kalmunei	77	Vavuniya
36	Kalutara	78	Walasmulla
37	Kandy	79	Warakapola
38	Kantale	80	Wariyapola
39	Kebithigollewa	81	Welimada
40	Kegalle	82	Wellawaya
41	Kekirawa	83	Wattala
42	Kilinochchi	84	Hettipola

Opening of Regional Offices of the Legal Aid Commission, **Staff and Courts covered.**

The courts that are covered by the Regional Offices established to provide the service of the commission on a regional basis are as follows.

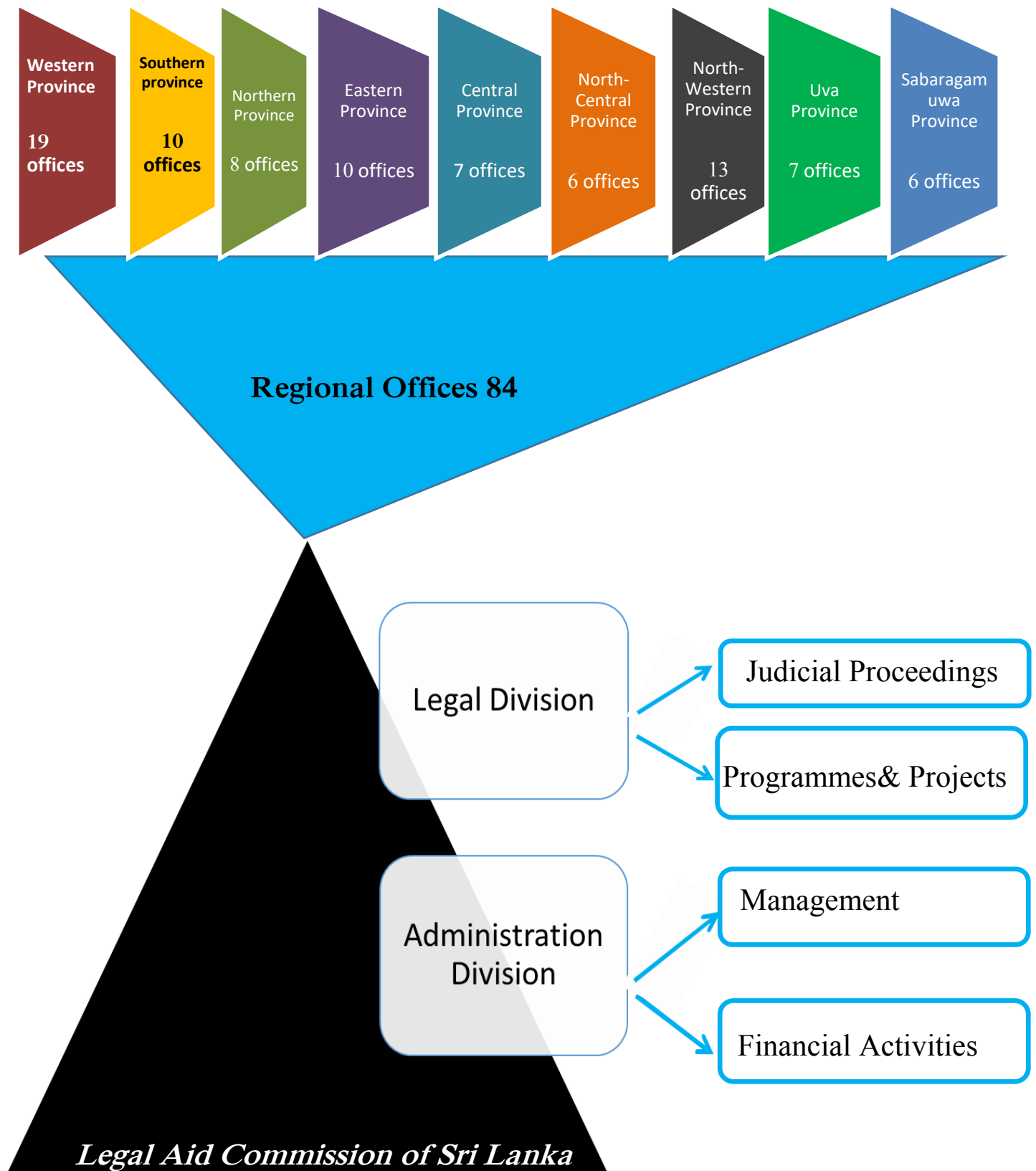
No.	Office	Commencement	No. of employees				Courts covered
			Legal Officers	Management Assistants	Office Assistants	Driver	
01	Colombo	1978	09	08	05	02	Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, Colombo District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Courts, Labour Tribunal. Workmen's Compensation Commission. Fort Magistrate's court Maligakanda Magistrate's Court Loan Relief Board.
02	Kandy	1994	03	02	-	-	Kandy District, Magistrate's Court, High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal. Gampola District, Magistrate's Court. Teldeniya District, Magistrate's Court. Walapane District, Magistrate's Court
03	Anuradhapura	1994	03	02	01	-	Anuradhapura District, Magistrate's Court, High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal. Medawachchiya Magistrate's Court Kahatagasdigiliya Magistrate's Court
04	Galle	1994	02	01	01	-	Galle District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court Labour Tribunal.
05	Kurunegala	1996	04	02	02	-	Kurunegala District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court Labour Tribunal. Wellawa Magistrate's Court Pilessa Magistrate's Court. Rambadagalla Magistrate's Court
06	Hambantota	2003	02	01	01	-	District Court, Magistrates Court, High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Angunakola Pelasssa Magistrate's Court
07	Monaragala	2003	01	01	01	-	Moneragala District, Magistrate's Court High Court Civil Appellate Court. Bibile Magistrate's Court
08	Ampara	2003	01	01	-	-	Ampara District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal.
09	Nuwara Eliya	2003	01	01	-	-	Nuwara Eliya District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal Walapane District, Magistrate's Court

10	Kegalle	2003	02	01	-	-	Kegalle District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal
11	Balapitiya	2003	02	01	01	-	Balapitiya District, Magistrate's Court, High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal. Elpitiya District, Magistrate's Court.
12	Matara	2005	02	01	01	-	Matara District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal.
13	Vavuniya	2005	03	01	01	-	Vavuniya District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal.
14	Akkaraipattu	2005	01	01	01	-	Akkaraipattu District, Magistrate Court The Quazi Court.
15	Trincomalee	2005	02	01	01	-	Trincomalee District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court.
16	Batticaloa	2005	02	01	01	-	Batticaloa District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court. Eravur Magistrate's Court Kaluwanchikudi Magistrate's Court
17	Chilaw	2005	02	01	01	-	Chilaw District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal.
18	Kalmunei	2005	01	01	01	-	Kalmunai District, Magistrate's Court High Court. Sammanthurei Magistrate's Court The Quazi Court.
19	Ratnapura	2006	02	01	01	-	Ratnapura District, Magistrate's Court High Court and Civil Appellate Court. Pelmadulla District, Magistrate's Court, Labour Tribunal. Kalawana Magistrate's Court. Kahawatta Magistrate's Court
20	Awissawella	2006	02	01	-	-	Awissawella District Court, Magistrate's Court, High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal. Ruwanwella District, Magistrate Court.
21	Bandarawela	2006	01	01	01	-	Bandarawela District, Magistrate's Court, Labour Tribunal.
22	Gampaha	2006	02	01	01	-	Gampaha District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labor Tribunal.
23	Jaffna	2006	02	01	-	-	Jaffna District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labor Tribunal. Kayts District, Magistrate's Court.
24	Kalutara	2006	02	01	01	-	Kalutara, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labor Tribunal
25	Matale	2006	01	01	01	-	Matale District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Labor Tribunal. Naula Magistrate's Court
26	Polonnaruwa	2006	02	01	01	-	Polonnaruwa District, Magistrate's Court. High Court
27	Panadura	2006	02	01	01	-	Panadura District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court. Kesbewa District, Magistrate's Court.

28	Mahiyanganaya	2006	01	01	01	-	Mahiyangana District, Magistrate's Court.
29	Kuliyapitiya	2006	02	02	01	-	Kuliyapitiya District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Labor Tribunal. Narammala Magistrate's Court
30	Mahawa	2006	01	01	01	-	Mahawa District, Magistrate's Court
31	Negombo	2006	01	01	-	-	Negombo District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labor Tribunal. Kanuwana Magistrate's Court.
32	Horana	2007	01	01	01	-	Horana District, Magistrate's Court.
33	Matugama	2007	01	01	-	-	Mathugama District, Magistrate's Court.
34	Marawila	2007	01	01	-	-	Marawila District, Magistrate's Court.
35	Mawanella	2007	01	01	-	-	Mawanella District, Magistrate's Court. Aranayaka Magistrate's Court.
36	Warakapola	2007	01	01	-	-	Warakapola District, Magistrate's Court.
37	Battaramulla	2007	02	01	-	-	Battaramulla Children's Magistrate's Court
38	Dambulla	2007	01	01	-	-	Dambulla District, Magistrate's Court. Kimbissa Magistrate's Court.
39	Attanagalla	2007	01	02	01	-	Attanagalla District, Magistrate's Court.
40	Morawaka/ Deniyaya	2007	01	01	-	-	Deniyaya District, Magistrate's Court.
41	Welimada	2008	01	01	-	-	Welimada District, Magistrate's Court.
42	Nugegoda	2008	01	01	-	-	Nugegoda District, Magistrate's Court.
43	Tissamaharama	2008	01	01	01	-	Tissamaharama District, Magistrate's Court
44	Thambuththegama	2008	01	01	01	-	Thambuththegama Magistrate's Court.
45	Mt. Lavinia	2008	02	01	-	-	Mount Lavinia District, Magistrate's Court, Civil Appellate Court. Moratuwa District, Magistrate's Court
46	Kantale	2008	01	01	-	-	Kantale District, Magistrate's Court.
47	Baddegama	2009	01	01	-	-	Baddegama Magistrate's Court.
48	Badulla	2009	01	01	-	-	Badulla District, Magistrate's Court, High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labor Tribunal.
49	Embilipitiya	2009	02	01	01	-	Embilipitiya District, Magistrate's Court High Court.
50	Hatton	2009	01	01	01	-	Hatton District, Magistrate's Court, Labor Tribunal.
51	Hingurakgoda	2009	01	01	-	-	Hingurakgoda District, Magistrate's Court. Bakamuna Magistrate's Court.
52	Nawalapitiya	2009	01	01	-	-	Nawalapitiya District, Magistrate's Court
53	Wellawaya	2009	01	01	01	-	Wellawaya District, Magistrate's Court.
54	Kaduwela	2010	01	01	01	-	Kaduwela District, Magistrate's Court.
55	Mannar	2010	02	01	01	-	Mannar District, Magistrate's Court.
56	Muttur	2010	02	01	-	-	Muttur District, Magistrate's Court.
57	Mullaitivu	2010	03	01	01	-	Mullaitivu District, Magistrate's Court.
58	Tangalle	2010	01	01	-	-	Tangalle District, Magistrate's Court. High Court.

59	Valachchenai	2010	01	01	-	-	Valachchenai District, Magistrate's Court.
60	Walasmulla	2010	01	01	01	-	Walasmulla District, Magistrate's Court.
61	Wariyapola	2011	01	01	01	-	Wariyapola District, Magistrate's Court,
62	Point Pedro	2011	01	01	01	-	Point Pedro District, Magistrate's Court,
63	Pottuvil	2011	02	01	-	-	Pottuvil District, Magistrate's Court,
64	Kadawatha	2011	01	01	01	-	Kadawatha Magistrate's Court
65	Kekirawa	2011	01	01	-	-	Kekirawa District, Magistrate's Court
66	Kilinochchi	2011	03	01	01	-	Kilinochchi District, Magistrate's Court
67	Chavakacheri	2011	01	01	-	-	Chavakacheri District, Magistrate's Court.
68	Balangoda	2011	01	01	-	-	Balangoda District, Magistrate's Court.
69	Pugoda	2012	01	01	-	-	Pugoda District, Magistrate's Court,
70	Polgahawela	2012	01	01	-	-	Polgahawela Magistrate's Court
71	Kebithigollewa	2012	01	01	-	-	Kebithigollewa District, Magistrate's Court Padaviya Magistrate's Court
72	Galgamuwa	2012	01	01	-	-	Galgamuwa Magistrate's Court,
73	Homagama	2012	01	01	01	-	Homagama District, Magistrate's Court
74	Deiyandara	2012	01	01	-	-	Deiyandara Magistrate's Court.
75	Minuwangoda	2013	01	01	-	-	Minuwangoda District, Magistrate's Court.
76	Nikaweratiya	2013	01	01	-	-	Nikaweratiya District, Magistrate's Court.
77	Mallakam	2016	01	01	-	-	Mallakam District, Magistrate's Court
78	Puttalam	2016	01	01	-	-	Puttalam District, Magistrate's Court High Court Kalpitiya Magistrate's Court Anamaduwa Magistrate's Court
79	Siyambalanduwa	2017	01	01	01	-	Siyambalanduwa Magistrate's Court
80	Dehiaththakandiya	2017	01	01	01	-	Dehiaththakandiya Magistrate's Court
81	Borella	2017	01	01	01	-	Labour Tribunal, Borella Labour Tribunal, Battaramulla Debt Conciliation Board
82	Galagedara	2017	01	01	01	-	Galagedara Magistrate's Court
83	Wattala	2018	01	01	01	-	Magistrate's Court, Wattala Labour Tribunal, Wattala
84	Hettipola	2019	01	01	01	-	Hettipola Magistrate's Court

Organizational Composition of the Legal Aid Commission



Legal Division

1.1 Judicial Proceedings

1.2 Projects and Programmes

1.1 Judicial Proceedings

Role

Mainly the role of the Legal Division is twofold.

1.1 Conducting legal counselling.

1.3 Providing free legal assistance for cases of those with low income and incapacity.

1.1.1 Legal Counselling

Legal counselling is done in several ways. Clients who seek this do not necessarily need to come to our offices in person, but still, they can turn to the counselling activities.

1. Issues encountered by clients who come in person to the locally established Legal Aid offices will be discussed and clarified and, where necessary, advice will be given on further action as well.
2. Similarly, when various villages or settlements are visited to conduct legal clinics, the legal counselling work is opportunely carried out to the public who reach us.
3. Further, the legal issues of Sinhala readers are answered through Lankadeepa newspaper under the column, “Neethi Sarana”, whereas, those of English readers are answered through Daily News newspaper once every two weeks.
4. Legal issues referred through mail by clients will also be replied by the post.
5. Clients who connect through the Legal Aid Commission Hot Line are responded via telephone.

In providing this service, the Legal Aid Commission will not consider the income or the citizenship of the clients. Our legal officers will carry out the necessary legal counselling work regardless of the rank of any person who comes to our office or mobile clinic or anyone who contacts us through phone or postal mail. Hence, this is not an exclusive privilege to be obtained by just one group of individuals based on the economic disparity. This is a service that anyone can obtain.

1.1.1 (A) Number of Clients Referred for Legal Counselling in 2020

No.	Centre	Number of clients referred for legal counselling for the first time (January-December 2020)	No. of repeat counseling (January-December 2020)	Total
01	Anuradhapura	521	216	737
02	Ampara	314	1258	1572
03	Avissawella	552	1147	1699
04	Attanagalla	302	524	826
05	Akkareipattu	290	25	315
06	Bandarawela	191	1100	1291
07	Battaramulla	304	840	1144
08	Baddegama	205	1112	1317
09	Badulla	1192	0	1192
10	Balapitiya	859	865	1724
11	Batticaloa	497	27	524
12	Balangoda	280	34	314
13	Colombo	1343	425	1768
14	Chilaw	566	1093	1659
15	Chavakachcheri	97	223	320
16	Dambulla	249	607	856
17	Deniyaya	308	1116	1424
18	Deyyandara	417	128	545
19	Embilipitiya	420	2937	3357
20	Gampaha	144	99	243
21	Galle	496	1188	1684
22	Galgamuwa	99	740	839
23	Horana	709	1641	2350
24	Hatton	152	1333	1485
25	Hinguragoda	239	933	1172
26	Hambantota	412	1032	1444
27	Homagama	248	669	917
28	Jaffna	262	314	576
29	Kandy	588	-	588
30	Kurunegala	685	-	685
31	Kegalle	301	265	566
32	Kuliyapitiya	600	2841	3441
33	Kantale	89	651	740
34	Kaduwell	241	214	455
35	Kalmunei	269	25	294
36	Kalutara	848	393	1241
37	Kekirawa	451	884	1335
38	Kadawatha	163	723	886
39	Kebithigollewa	93	276	369
40	Kilinochchi	222	994	1216

41	Matale	225	216	441
42	Mahiyanganaya	327	1194	1521
43	Matugama	293	1472	1765
44	Mahawa	149	842	991
45	Marawila	198	1443	1641
46	Mawanella	221	711	932
47	Mallakam	298	1274	1572
48	Mt. Lavinia	244	317	561
49	Mannar	260	284	544
50	Monaragala	575	1040	1615
51	Muttur	117	41	158
52	Mullaitivu	242	142	384
53	Matara	467	2097	2564
54	Minuwangoda	210	660	870
55	Nikaweratiya	220	1309	1529
56	Nuwara Eliya	160	639	799
57	Negombo	369	907	1276
58	Nugegoda	185	677	862
59	Nawalapitiya	251	1175	1426
60	Polonnaruwa	230	958	1188
61	Panadura	702	1763	2465
62	Pottuwil	111	549	660
63	Point Pedro	108	1017	1125
64	Polgahawela	106	284	390
65	Pugoda	160	379	539
66	Puttalam	261	973	1234
67	Rathnapura	408	1086	1494
68	Tissamaharama	328	612	940
69	Thambuttegama	198	480	678
70	Tangalle	218	604	822
71	Trincomalee	302	101	403
72	Vavuniya	266	107	373
73	Valaichchenai	469	84	553
74	Warakapola	150	726	876
75	Welimada	368	1205	1573
76	Walasmulla	312	1475	1787
77	Wariyapola	177	463	640
78	Wellawaya	117	873	990
79	Dehiaththakandiya	329	860	1189
80	Siyambalanduwa	387	640	1027
81	Borella	329	504	833
82	Galagedara	331	232	563
83	Wattala	152	268	420
84	Hettipola	144	591	735
Total		27892	62166	90058

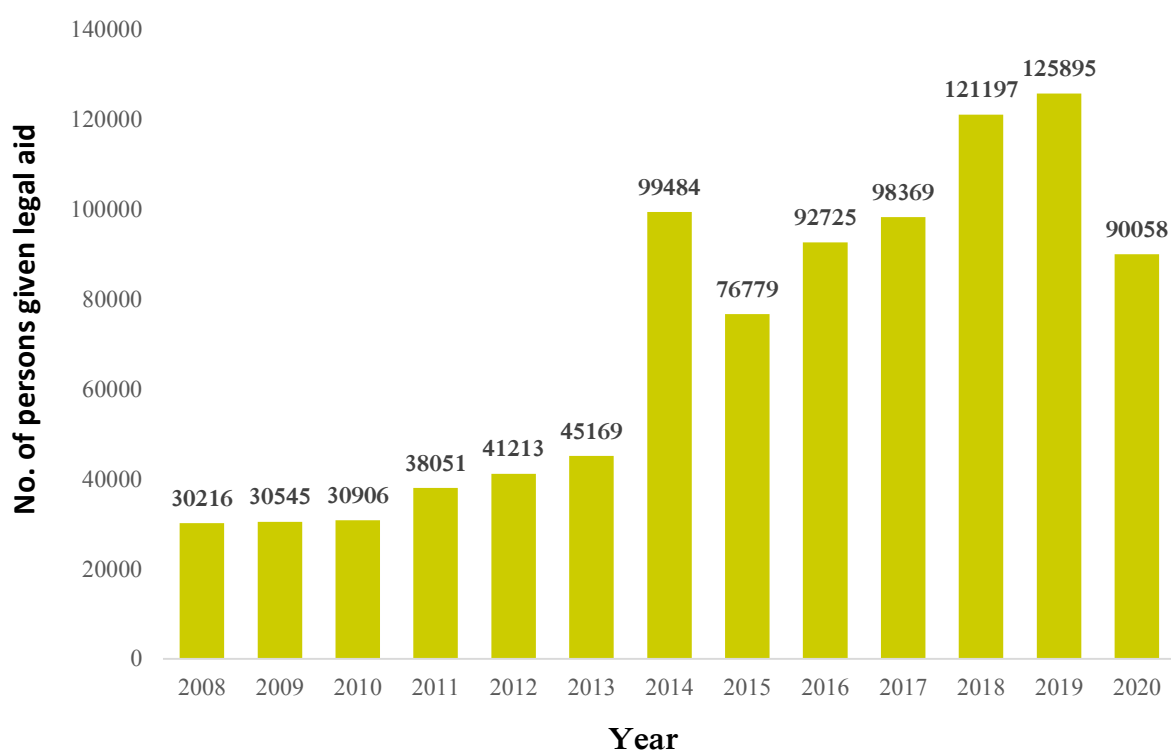
1.1.1(B) The number of clients who underwent legal counselling for the first time in 2020 by gender

No.	Centre	Number of Females	No. of Males	Total
01	Anuradhapura	444	77	521
02	Ampara	244	70	314
03	Avissawella	423	129	552
04	Attanagalla	234	68	302
05	Akkareipattu	275	15	290
06	Bandarawela	149	42	191
07	Battaramulla	138	166	304
08	Baddegama	170	35	205
09	Badulla	1112	80	1192
10	Balapitiya	600	259	859
11	Batticaloa	423	74	497
12	Balangoda	210	70	280
13	Colombo	570	773	1343
14	Chilaw	321	245	566
15	Chavakachcheri	67	30	97
16	Dambulla	194	55	249
17	Deniyaya	280	28	308
18	Deyyandara	367	50	417
19	Embilipitiya	383	37	420
20	Gampaha	117	27	144
21	Galle	302	194	496
22	Galgamuwa	73	26	99
23	Horana	555	154	709
24	Hatton	129	23	152
25	Hingurakgoda	186	53	239
26	Hambantota	221	191	412
27	Homagama	163	85	248
28	Jaffna	224	38	262
29	Kandy	377	211	588
30	Kurunegala	459	226	685
31	Kegalle	217	84	301
32	Kuliyapitiya	411	189	600
33	Kantale	72	17	89
34	Kaduwela	190	51	241
35	Kalmunei	226	43	269
36	Kalutara	446	402	848
37	Kekirawa	351	100	451
38	Kadawatha	119	44	163
39	Kebithigollewa	83	10	93
40	Kilinochchi	198	24	222

41	Matale	173	52	225
42	Mahiyanganaya	271	56	327
43	Matugama	235	58	293
44	Mahawa	117	32	149
45	Marawila	169	29	198
46	Mawanella	210	11	221
47	Mallakam	286	12	298
48	Mt. Lavinia	170	74	244
49	Mannar	204	56	260
50	Monaragala	490	85	575
51	Muttur	105	12	117
52	Mullaitivu	216	26	242
53	Matara	363	104	467
54	Minuwangoda	158	52	210
55	Nikaweratiya	160	60	220
56	Nuwara Eliya	93	67	160
57	Negombo	271	98	369
58	Nugegoda	147	38	185
59	Nawalapitiya	213	38	251
60	Polonnaruwa	172	58	230
61	Panadura	457	245	702
62	Pottuwil	103	8	111
63	Point Pedro	100	8	108
64	Polgahawela	84	22	106
65	Pugoda	143	17	160
66	Puttalam	223	38	261
67	Rathnapura	304	104	408
68	Tissamaharama	226	102	328
69	Thambuttegama	177	21	198
70	Tangalle	184	34	218
71	Trincomalee	289	13	302
72	Vavuniya	248	18	266
73	Valaichchenai	419	50	469
74	Warakapola	115	35	150
75	Welimada	232	136	368
76	Walasmulla	193	119	312
77	Wariyapola	140	37	177
78	Wellawaya	108	9	117
79	Dehiaththakandiya	207	122	329
80	Siyambalanduwa	330	57	387
81	Borella	203	126	329
82	Galagedara	302	29	331
83	Wattala	109	43	152
84	Hettipola	120	24	144
Total		20962	6930	27892

1.1.1(C) Legal counselling by the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka from 2008 to 2020 as a number

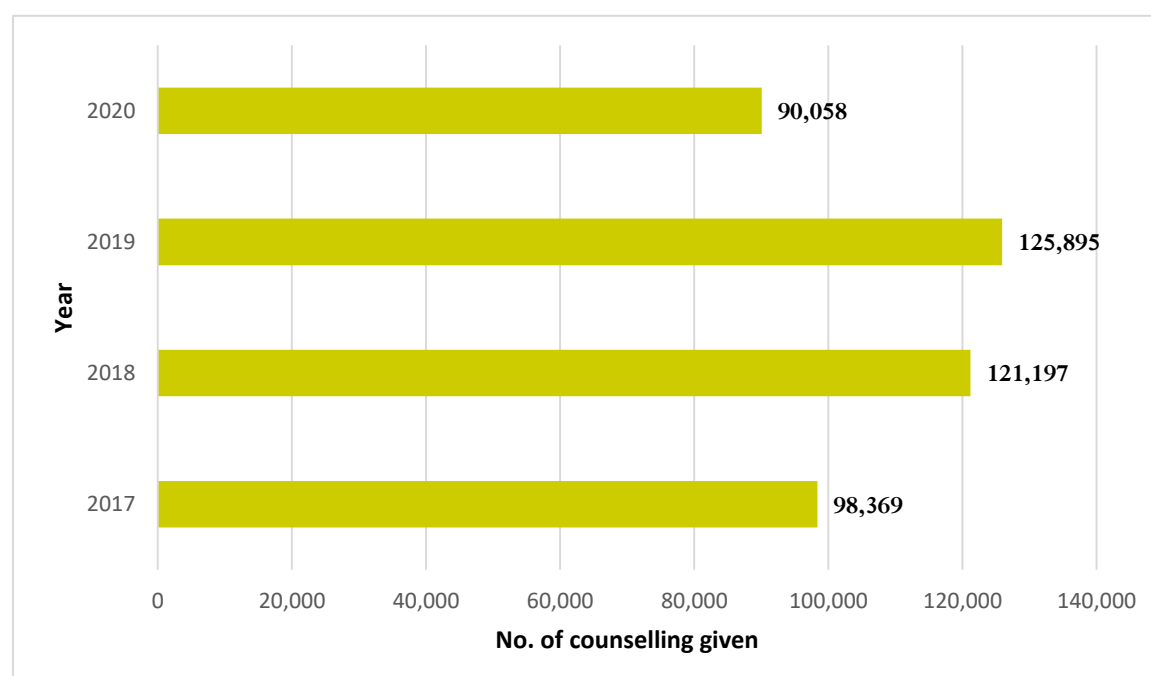
No.	Year	No. of persons given legal counselling
01	2008	30216
02	2009	30545
03	2010	30906
04	2011	38051
05	2012	41213
06	2013	45169
07	2014	99484
08	2015	76779
09	2016	92725
10	2017	98369
11	2018	121197
12	2019	125895
13	2020	90058



The number of consultations of 125,895 in the year 2019 has come down to 90,058 by the year 2020. As the country was faced with Covid 19 pandemic situation, general affairs were hindered on many occasions and it is evident when attention is focused on the miscarriage of progress of the number of counseling to a certain extent that, this condition has gravely affected the Legal Aid Commission as well in providing their service.

1.1.1(D) Relative Progress of 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020

No.	Year	Number	Percentage
01	2017	98369	22%
02	2018	121197	28%
03	2019	125895	29%
04	2020	90,058	21%
Total		435,519	100.%



1.1.1(E) Public Grievance Handling

We have been instrumental in implementation of the public grievance management programme by networking with “Janapathita Kiyanna” programme carried out by the Presidential Secretariat in this regard. In addition, public grievances have been referred through the Prime Minister’s Office, Ministry of Justice, Attorney General’s Department and the Bar Association of Sri Lanka as well, whereas, counselling work has been conducted regarding 172 cases of the public as a whole.

No.	Description	No. of cases
01	The Chairman of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka	45
02	Prime Minister’s Office	03
03	Presidential Secretariat	29
04	Ministry of Justice	47
05	Attorney General’s Department	20
06	Human Rights Commission	01
07	Letters sent by the Presidential Secretariat through “Tell the President” web page	07
08	Lankadeepa Letters	20
Total		172

1.1.2 Judicial Activities

Providing legal assistance for judicial activities of individuals is the most vital part of the Legal Division. It is first examined whether legal aid can be provided for a person at a time when a case needs to proceed in a Court for a legal matter of a person. Through legal counselling, an access to the said purpose can be obtained. In the maintenance of legal aid cases, we first find out whether it is justifiable to provide free legal assistance for this client, and for this, his economic situation will be determined. Accordingly, initially, a report of Grama Niladhari on the monthly income of a person will be summoned.

In this respect,

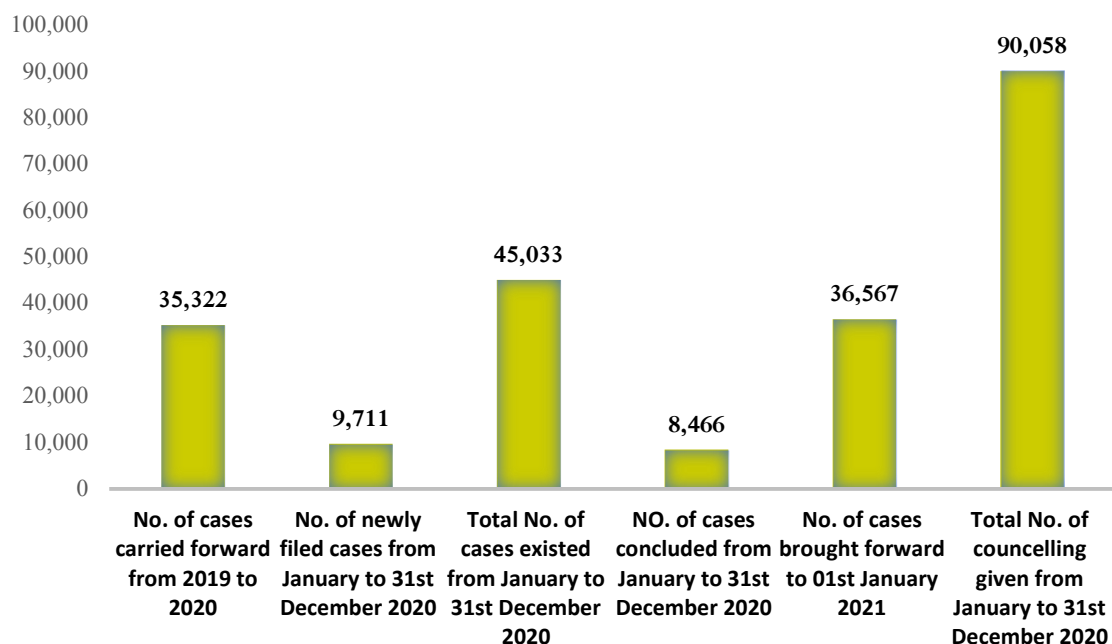
1. The fact whether the relevant person is a low-income person according to the report on his monthly income which is obtained by the Grama Niladhari and counter-signed by the Divisional Secretary, will be firstly checked. In such case, if he is proven to be a low-income earner as per these reports, he will be provided with free legal assistance in terms of legal aid policies for court proceedings of such persons.
2. Is it possible to get the support of any attorney for the case of a person who earns a sufficient income? Will a lawyer be a party to a case? Would a party of one case influence the attorneys and prevent a lawyer representing the other party? At such juncture, the Legal Aid Commission pays constant attention to cooperate with the judiciary as necessary in assisting the administration of justice. In such case as this, the Legal Aid Commission acts in order to offer legal representation irrespective of the income of the party.
3. Similarly, even if a person has been in remand for more than one year but will not be able to obtain legal assistance, legal assistance of the Legal Aid Commission will be provided on behalf of such persons.
4. For the rights of the child, in cases involving children,
5. Action will be taken to grant legal assistance free of charge irrespective of the income of the applicant, for a litigation proceeded under the Maintenance Act and Elders' Rights Act.
6. Samurdhi Beneficiaries
7. War heroes

Proper functioning of both the civil and criminal divisions must be maintained for the said purpose. The assistance of an advisory committee comprised of retired Supreme Court judges has been provided to the Legal Division to cater to this purpose. The entire functioning of the legal division in the year 2020 was carried out under the complete supervision of the former Judges of the Supreme Court, Justice Hector Yapa and Justice Chandra Ekanayake.

We have worked for cases in all courts including each Magistrate's Court, District Court, High Court, Provincial Court of Appeal, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court in the island, and for maintaining the proceedings in tribunals including the Labor Tribunal, Workmen's Compensation Tribunal, Debt Conciliation Board, Quazi Board, Chambers, Administrative Tribunal and Human Rights Commission. Further, although our attorneys do not appear for the legal matters in the Mediation Board, Labor Commissioner's Department, Quazi Court and other bodies with authority, the Legal Division has provided necessary guidance to them to make the necessary referrals properly.

1.1.2(A) Progress of Legal Division of Legal Aid Commission in 2020

No. of cases carried forward from 2019 to 2020	35,322
No. of new cases filed from January to 31 st December 2020	9,711
Total No. of cases prevailed from January to 31 st December 2020	45,033
No. of cases closed from January to 31 st December 2020	8,466
No. of cases carried forward to 01 st January 2021	36,567
Total No. of counselling conducted from January to 31 st December 2020	90,058
The service done from January to 31 st December 2020 as a whole	45,033+90,058 <u>=135,091</u>



1.1.2(B) Cases heard between 01st January 2020 and 31st December 2020

No.	Centre	Year of Commencement	Staff of Employees			Cases prevailed as at 01.01.2020	Cases filed (Jan-Dec 2020)	Total	Cases concluded	Cases laid by	Cases carried forward (31.12.2020)	Total Counseling
			Legal Officer	Management Assistant	Office Assistant							
01	Anuradhapura	1994	2	2	1	1242	347	1589	176	65	1348	737
02	Ampara	2003	1	1	-	293	95	388	77	61	250	1572
03	Avissawella	2006	2	1	-	463	127	590	29	31	530	1699
04	Attanagalla	2007	1	2	1	789	143	932	6	32	894	826
05	Akkareipattu	2006	1	1	1	556	174	730	160	1	569	315
06	Bandarawela	2006	1	1	1	284	119	403	62	45	296	1291
07	Battaramulla	2007	2	1	-	534	70	604	41	-	563	1144
08	Baddegama	2009	1	1	-	370	114	484	60	14	410	1317
09	Badulla	2009	1	1	-	333	170	503	77	19	470	1192
10	Balapitiya	2005	2	1	1	744	152	896	60	-	836	1724
11	Batticaloa	2006	2	1	1	248	96	344	153	-	191	524
12	Balangoda	2011	1	1	-	199	125	324	72	66	186	314
13	Colombo	1978	8	10	4	1442	161	1603	35	-	1568	1768
14	Chilaw	2005	3	1	1	780	195	975	91	47	837	1659
15	Chavakachcheri	2011	1	1	-	206	30	236	5	-	231	320
16	Dambulla	2007	1	1	-	167	130	130	26	79	192	856
17	Deniyaya	2007	1	1	-	165	109	274	60	45	169	1424
18	Deyyandara	2012	1	1	-	110	91	201	28	34	139	545
19	Embilipitiya	2009	2	1	1	416	290	706	67	209	430	3357
20	Gampaha	2006	2	1	1	304	78	382	56	36	290	243
21	Galle	1994	2	1	1	547	114	661	37	125	499	1684
22	Galgamuwa	2012	1	1	1	146	63	209	71	20	118	839
23	Horana	2007	2	1	1	559	155	714	96	-	618	2350
24	Hatton	2009	1	1	1	231	64	295	93	-	202	1485
25	Hingurakgoda	2009	1	1	1	668	99	767	35	29	703	1172
26	Hambantota	2003	1	1	1	963	97	1060	57	-	1003	1444
27	Homagama	2012	1	1	1	352	113	465	109	11	345	917
28	Jaffna	2006	2	1	1	510	125	635	355	6	274	576
29	Kandy	1994	3	2	-	711	121	832	31	18	783	588
30	Kurunegala	1996	3	2	1	1121	155	1276	118	-	1158	685
31	Kegalle	2003	3	1	-	622	103	725	24	65	636	566
32	Kuliyapitiya	2006	2	1	1	242	259	501	108	101	292	3441
33	Kantale	2008	1	1	-	256	43	299	7	-	292	740
34	Kaduwell	2010	1	1	-	442	86	528	96	59	373	455
35	Kalmunei	2006	1	1	1	964	231	1195	149	4	1042	294
36	Kalutara	2006	2	1	1	1175	112	1287	75	-	1212	1241
37	Kekirawa	2011	1	1	1	258	134	392	23	45	324	1335
38	Kadawatha	2011	1	1	1	272	68	340	76	25	239	886
39	Kebithigollewa	2012	1	1	-	374	97	471	21	30	420	369
40	Kilinochchi	2011	2	1	1	465	61	526	24	-	502	1216

41	Matale	2006	1	1	1	418	156	574	42	1	531	441
42	Mahiyanganaya	2006	1	1	1	477	104	584	48	-	533	1521
43	Matugama	2007	2	1	-	133	83	216	35	50	131	1765
44	Mahawa	2006	1	1	-	158	113	271	40	38	193	991
45	Marawila	2007	1	1	-	391	56	447	67	-	380	1641
46	Mawanella	2007	1	1	-	431	71	502	63	9	430	932
47	Mallakam	2015	1	1	1	521	89	610	38	31	541	1572
48	Mt. Lavinia	2008	2	1	-	566	82	648	61	1	586	561
49	Mannar	2010	2	1	1	361	72	433	46	-	387	544
50	Monaragala	2003	2	1	1	410	185	595	67	51	477	1615
51	Muttur	2010	1	1	-	388	78	466	24	-	442	158
52	Mullaitivu	2010	2	1	1	420	142	562	118	-	444	384
53	Matara	2006	2	1	1	486	247	733	191	-	542	2564
54	Minuwangoda	2013	1	1	-	504	67	571	57	9	505	870
55	Nikaweratiya	2013	1	1	1	274	86	360	55	16	289	1529
56	Nuwara Eliya	2003	1	1	-	459	80	539	51	-	488	799
57	Negombo	2006	1	1	1	278	110	388	42	17	329	1276
58	Nugegoda	2008	1	1	1	460	106	566	66	13	487	862
59	Nawalapitiya	2009	1	1	-	409	132	541	34	34	476	1426
60	Polonnaruwa	2006	1	1	1	166	89	255	28	44	183	1188
61	Panadura	2006	3	1	1	584	166	750	133	35	582	2465
62	Pottuwil	2011	2	1	-	286	89	375	122	-	253	660
63	Point Pedro	2011	1	1	1	545	56	601	43	-	558	1125
64	Polgahawela	2012	1	1	-	195	60	255	5	43	207	390
65	Pugoda	2012	1	1	-	211	49	260	94	-	166	539
66	Puttalam	2016	1	1	1	302	184	486	53	19	414	1234
67	Rathnapura	2006	2	2	-	617	228	845	96	84	665	1494
68	Tissamaharama	2008	1	1	1	219	168	387	41	114	232	940
69	Thambuttegama	2008	1	1	1	223	71	294	44	107	143	678
70	Tangalle	2010	1	1	-	341	82	423	121	128	174	822
71	Trincomalee	2006	2	1	1	282	139	421	60	-	361	403
72	Vavuniya	2005	2	1	1	508	85	593	64	14	515	373
73	Valaichchenai	2010	1	1	-	313	211	524	136	138	250	553
74	Warakapola	2007	1	1	-	282	55	337	34	7	296	876
75	Welimada	2008	1	1	1	435	96	531	39	36	456	1573
76	Walasmulla	2010	1	1	1	320	111	431	48	75	308	1787
77	Wariyapola	2011	1	1	-	169	98	267	39	33	195	640
78	Wellawaya	2009	1	1	1	656	117	773	461	4	308	990
79	Dehiaththakandiya	2017	1	1	-	153	89	242	32	-	210	1189
80	Siyambalanduwa	2017	1	1	1	167	90	257	58	37	162	1027
81	Borella	2017	1	1	1	128	57	185	45	-	140	833
82	Galagedara	2017	1	2	1	50	35	85	8	22	55	563
83	Wattala	2018	1	1	1	61	37	98	5	3	90	420
84	Hettipola	2019	1	1	1	42	74	116	16	18	82	735
Total			124	99	53	35322	9711	45033	5913	2553	36567	90058

1.1.2(C) Classification of cases brought forward as at 01.01.2021

No.	Center	Divorce	Maintenance	Land	Partition	Money	High Court cases	Appeal Court cases	Accidents	Bail	Other	Child Rights	Labour	Criminal	Supreme Court cases	Victim of crimes	Special	Guardianship	Domestic Violence	Total
01	Anuradhapura	284	865	16	-	24	-	5	100	-	23	6	16	-	-	-	9	-	-	1348
02	Ampara	68	133	11	-	14	1	-	10	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	2	4	-	250
03	Avissawella	94	316	20	-	42	1	5	-	-	6	-	9	1	-	30	5	-	1	530
04	Attanagalla	147	625	29	-	25	1	-	50	-	2	-	1	1	-	10	3	-	-	894
05	Akkareipattu	20	490	8	31	-	-	-	6	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	7	2	2	569
06	Bandarawela	44	195	9	5	7	2	-	18	-	7	-	6	-	-	3	-	-	-	296
07	Battaramulla	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	562	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	563
08	Baddegama	73	278	2	1	12	-	-	24	-	1	-	-	-	-	17	2	-	-	410
09	Badulla	48	297	7	-	2	36	2	10	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	470
10	Balapitiya	132	408	10	9	91	18	-	35	1	11	-	2	-	-	106	5	4	4	836
11	Batticaloa	53	77	30	-	24	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	191
12	Balangoda	71	85	9	-	13	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	186
13	Colombo	287	473	115	-	24	1	67	173	16	181	62	22	15	73	57	-	-	2	1568
14	Chilaw	25	486	3	-	2	3	-	5	-	4	-	274	4	-	27	2	-	2	837
15	Chavakachcheri	40	143	10	-	17	-	-	8	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	231
16	Dambulla	61	111	1	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	1	1	-	192
17	Deniyaya	56	101	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	169
18	Deyyandara	-	71	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	33	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	5	139
19	Embilipitiya	79	269	7	-	11	1	-	45	1	2	-	10	-	-	2	3	-	-	430
20	Gampaha	95	78	20	1	17	8	6	42	4	7	-	3	-	-	5	3	-	1	290
21	Galle	62	288	-	-	10	-	3	29	2	48	-	38	-	-	10	1	-	8	499
22	Galgamuwa	-	109	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	118
23	Horana	102	368	4	-	10	-	8	33	1	32	1	2	25	-	3	-	-	29	618
24	Hatton	55	105	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	-	-	-	202
25	Hingurakgoda	116	305	5	-	40	-	-	-	94	15	-	-	115	-	-	-	-	13	703
26	Hambantota	165	536	2	-	49	30	-	-	-	80	-	-	131	-	-	10	-	-	1003
27	Homagama	68	112	13	1	16	3	3	-	-	7	-	33	-	-	80	4	1	4	345
28	Jaffna	49	140	18	-	25	2	4	-	-	17	-	14	2	-	-	-	-	3	274
29	Kandy	156	347	56	-	115	-	-	-	1	67	-	32	1	-	5	-	2	1	783
30	Kurunegala	274	551	26	3	68	13	25	75	6	29	-	38	-	-	22	20	4	4	1158
31	Kegalle	92	286	29	13	67	22	3	-	4	58	5	26	-	-	29	1	-	1	636
32	Kuliyapitiya	83	91	21	2	19	4	-	40	1	-	-	12	-	-	11	5	2	1	292
33	Kantale	47	175	3	-	5	-	-	11	-	3	2	-	41	-	-	-	1	4	292
34	Kaduwa	76	102	21	2	82	-	-	29	-	3	-	18	2	-	32	5	-	1	373
35	Kalmunei	16	971	9	-	-	-	-	4	12	-	-	-	3	-	-	25	1	1	1042
36	Kalutara	156	580	6	-	44	46	-	41	-	17	1	180	10	-	109	18	-	4	1212
37	Kekirawa	117	114	7	-	5	-	-	27	-	4	2	-	36	-	2	6	-	4	324
38	Kadawatha	-	215	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	11	239
39	Kebithigollewa	120	212	9	-	39	-	-	-	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	420

40	Kilinochchi	53	330	6	-	39	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	22	502
41	Matale	97	344	11	-	28	-	-	-	-	12	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	8	531
42	Mahiyanganaya	87	404	3	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	1	-	533
43	Matugama	34	76	3	-	12	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	131
44	Mahawa	54	104	6	3	13	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	1	-	-	193
45	Marawila	54	275	4	-	1	-	-	15	-	1	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	380
46	Mawanella	143	228	5	-	25	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	430
47	Mallakam	75	376	26	1	21	-	3	2	1	26	-	-	-	-	4	-	5	1	541
48	Mt. Lavinia	115	242	41	1	48	-	11	27	2	4	-	49	23	-	16	3	1	3	586
49	Mannar	21	176	29	-	17	-	-	5	-	15	-	-	115	-	-	-	2	7	387
50	Monaragala	160	262	9	-	12	5	-	19	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	-	-	477
51	Muttur	22	325	4	-	30	-	-	-	-	53	-	-	-	-	7	-	1	-	442
52	Mullaitivu	54	327	15	-	29	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	10	444
53	Matara	118	122	25	-	39	66	3	73	-	7	7	40	-	-	32	9	-	1	542
54	Minuwangoda	73	186	23	5	74	-	-	12	2	31	4	-	22	-	69	-	-	4	505
55	Nikaweratiya	47	183	2	-	18	-	-	8	-	2	-	-	7	-	17	3	1	1	289
56	Nuwara Eliya	56	338	4	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	78	-	-	4	-	-	488
57	Negombo	121	92	15	-	58	-	-	1	-	10	-	17	-	-	9	1	1	4	329
58	Nugegoda	87	213	7	-	58	-	-	-	3	12	-	8	9	-	72	4	1	13	487
59	Nawalapitiya	71	340	7	1	13	-	-	-	-	41	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	476
60	Polonnaruwa	27	111	6	-	5	1	-	30	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	183
61	Panadura	90	233	13	1	13	28	-	40	5	20	12	47	2	-	45	14	1	18	582
62	Pottuwil	2	244	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	253
63	Point Pedro	94	360	17	-	39	-	-	5	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	558
64	Polgahawela	-	111	-	-	-	-	2	8	-	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	207
65	Pugoda	33	103	8	-	14	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	4	-	-	166
66	Puttalam	131	213	15	-	22	4	-	5	1	5	-	-	14	-	-	1	-	3	414
67	Rathnapura	165	293	21	-	18	29	5	39	1	23	-	13	-	-	25	18	-	15	665
68	Tissamaharama	91	85	1	-	1	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	26	-	-	16	-	4	232
69	Thambuttegama	-	143	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	143
70	Tangalle	37	115	1	-	1	-	-	10	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	174
71	Trincomalee	59	179	22	-	72	-	-	-	-	1	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	361
72	Vavuniya	38	464	3	-	5	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	515
73	Valaichchenai	1	242	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250
74	Warakapola	49	151	6	-	46	-	-	2	5	36	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	296
75	Welimada	115	239	3	-	30	-	-	4	-	33	-	-	24	-	3	1	-	4	456
76	Walasmulla	81	173	-	-	37	-	-	10	-	2	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	308
77	Wariyapola	32	66	7	-	8	-	-	18	-	46	-	-	5	-	8	4	1	-	195
78	Wellawaya	56	210	12	-	2	-	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	308
79	Dehiaththakandiya	16	141	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	33	-	-	15	210
80	Siyambalanduwa	-	116	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	2	-	-	-	35	-	-	5	162
81	Borella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	114	-	-	-	-	-	-	140
82	Galagedara	-	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	55
83	Wattala	-	70	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	11	2	-	-	-	-	1	90
84	Hettipola	-	68	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	82
Total		6090	2023 0	919	80	1821	325	155	1219	172	1263	666	1113	815	73	1042	247	44	293	36567

1.1.2(D) Classification of new cases filed in the year 2020

No.	Center	Divorce	Maintainance	Land	Partition	Money	High Court cases	Appeal Court cases	Accidents	Bail	Other	Child Rights	Labour	Criminal	Supreme Court cases	Victim of crimes	Special	Guardianship	Domestic Violence	Total
01	Anuradhapura	11 7	170	7	-	13	6	6	14	-	4	1	6	-	-	-	3	-	-	347
02	Ampara	32	45	2	-	10	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	95
03	Avissawella	15	88	3	-	12	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	3	-	-	-	127
04	Attanagalla	27	82	4	-	10	1	-	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	7	3	-	1	143
05	Akkareipattu	4	166	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	174
06	Bandarawela	18	88	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	5	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	119
07	Battaramulla	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
08	Baddegama	36	55	-	-	12	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	114
09	Badulla	16	101	-	-	2	37	7	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	170
10	Balapitiya	17	89	1	2	13	1	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	16	1	5	1	152
11	Batticaloa	15	60	8	-	7	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	96
12	Balangoda	36	84	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	125
13	Colombo	37	34	5	-	-	-	10	11	9	13	-	14	1	27	-	-	-	-	161
14	Chilaw	9	36	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	146	-	-	-	1	-	-	195
15	Chavakachcheri	6	15	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	30
16	Dambulla	31	87	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	130
17	Deniyaya	27	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	8	109
18	Deyyandara	-	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	5	91
19	Embilipitiya	43	215	-	-	1	1	-	13	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	4	-	-	290
20	Gampaha	26	30	1	-	4	1	1	8	-	4	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	78
21	Galle	26	71	-	-	1	-	-	8	-	4	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	114
22	Galgamuwa	-	54	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63
23	Horana	43	74	1	-	1	-	-	12	1	16	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	155
24	Hatton	15	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	64
25	Hingurakgoda	27	23	1	-	14	-	-	-	12	2	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	4	99
26	Hambantota	17	36	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	-	-	-	-	-	97
27	Homagama	26	32	2	-	3	1	3	-	1	-	-	35	-	-	6	-	1	3	113
28	Jaffna	32	45	6	-	13	4	3	-	-	3	-	11	6	-	-	-	1	1	125
29	Kandy	16	84	3	-	11	-	-	-	-	4	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	121
30	Kurunegala	57	57	1	-	13	-	-	13	-	8	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	1	155
31	Kegalle	24	36	1	-	18	3	1	-	-	10	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	103
32	Kuliapitiya	50	135	3	-	10	-	-	18	1	9	-	16	-	-	7	7	2	1	259
33	Kantale	10	19	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	9	-	-	-	-	2	43
34	Kaduwela	15	36	3	-	11	-	-	2	-	4	-	4	-	-	10	-	-	1	86
35	Kalmunei	6	220	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	231
36	Kalutara	19	39	-	-	9	6	-	-	2	3	1	25	-	-	8	-	-	-	112
37	Kekirawa	29	92	2	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	134
38	Kadawatha	-	54	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	7	68

39	Kebithigollewa	27	57	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	
40	Kilinochchi	8	38	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	61
41	Matale	36	86	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	2	156
42	Mahiyanganaya	40	51	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	1	-	104
43	Matugama	20	55	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	83
44	Mahawa	30	69	-	-	4	-	-	5	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	113
45	Marawila	9	41	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	56
46	Mawanella	32	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	71
47	Mallakam	19	55	3	-	2	-	1	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
48	Mt. Lavinia	11	24	2	-	11	-	3	1	-	2	-	24	2	-	1	-	-	1	82
49	Mannar	9	25	5	-	4	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	2	72
50	Monaragala	73	99	-	-	2	1	-	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	185
51	Muttur	8	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	78
52	Mullaitivu	34	77	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	13	142
53	Matara	47	108	3	-	18	25	4	20	-	7	-	1	-	-	11	2	-	1	247
54	Minuwangoda	19	24	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	67
55	Nikaweratiya	20	41	1	-	5	-	-	5	-	3	-	-	2	-	7	-	1	1	86
56	Nuwara Eliya	13	44	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	1	-	-	80
57	Negombo	37	45	2	-	12	-	-	4	-	4	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	110
58	Nugegoda	24	52	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	8	106
59	Nawalapitiya	22	88	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	14	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	132
60	Polonnaruwa	16	57	1	-	8	1	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
61	Panadura	31	79	2	-	2	1	-	8	-	2	6	11	-	-	8	3	1	12	166
62	Pottuwil	1	84	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	89
63	Point Pedro	13	27	4	-	3	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	56
64	Polgahawela	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	60
65	Pugoda	10	29	1	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	49
66	Puttalam	41	113	6	-	6	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	10	-	2	-	-	3	184
67	Rathnapura	44	144	-	-	1	10	-	6	-	4	-	8	-	-	6	1	-	4	228
68	Tissamaharama	30	123	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	10	-	-	168
69	Thambuttegama	-	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
70	Tangalle	14	55	-	-	2	3	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	82
71	Trincomalee	7	114	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	139
72	Vavuniya	9	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85
73	Valaichchenai	-	210	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	211
74	Warakapola	16	17	-	-	12	-	-	-	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	55
75	Welimada	18	55	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	96
76	Walasmulla	32	70	-	-	4	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	111
77	Wariyapola	12	33	3	-	2	-	-	3	-	42	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	98
78	Wellawaya	26	72	4	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	117
79	Dehiaththakandiya	16	39	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	24	1	-	5	89
80	Siyambalanduwa	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	-	-	5	90
81	Borella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	57
82	Galagedara	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	35
83	Wattala	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	1	37
84	Hettipola	-	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	74
Total		1798	5549	10 4	3	399	123	41	216	33	309	82	443	152	27	218	75	20	119	9711

1.1.2 (E) Classification of the cases completed in the year 2020

No.	Center	Divorce	Maintainance	Land	Partition	Money	High Court cases	Appeal Court cases	Accidents	Bail	Other	Child Rights	Labour	Criminal	Supreme Court cases	Victim of crimes	Special	Guardianship	Domestic Violence	Total
01	Anuradhapura	96	65	4	-	10	-	9	33	-	-	4	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	241
02	Ampara	31	78	5	-	4	6	-	4	-	-	-	1	8	-	-	1	-	-	138
03	Avissawella	6	34	8	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	60
04	Attanagalla	2	33	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	38
05	Akkareipattu	6	149	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	161
06	Bandarawela	14	69	4	1	10	-	-	4	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	107
07	Battaramulla	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
08	Baddegama	25	21	1	-	4	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	18	2	-	-	74
09	Badulla	18	48	1	-	3	9	10	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	96
10	Balapitiya	6	52	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
11	Batticaloa	18	115	2	-	9	-	-	-	-	5	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	153
12	Balangoda	33	97	3	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	138
13	Colombo	10	4	-	-	-	-	2	4	5	2	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	35
14	Chilaw	8	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	73	-	-	3	-	-	-	138
15	Chavakachcheri	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
16	Dambulla	9	86	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	105
17	Deniyaya	26	66	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	6	105
18	Deyyandara	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	1	62
19	Embilipitiya	32	209	2	-	4	6	-	10	3	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	-	-	276
20	Gampaha	28	38	5	-	-	1	5	8	1	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	92
21	Galle	11	134	-	-	3	-	-	6	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	2	1	-	162
22	Galgamuwa	-	54	-	-	36	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91
23	Horana	16	61	1	-	4	-	-	5	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	96
24	Hatton	18	61	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	1	93
25	Hingurakgoda	16	16	-	-	7	-	-	-	13	1	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	1	64
26	Hambantota	7	5	3	-	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	57
27	Homagama	20	28	2	-	11	3	1	-	1	3	-	24	-	-	17	5	-	5	120
28	Jaffna	38	247	10	1	14	2	7	-	-	5	21	14	-	-	-	-	-	2	361
29	Kandy	5	33	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	49
30	Kurunegala	49	3	5	-	9	4	5	6	3	13	-	7	-	-	10	2	2	-	118
31	Kegalle	15	70	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
32	Kuliyaipitiya	22	141	4	-	9	-	-	9	1	7	-	9	-	-	4	2	1	-	209
33	Kantale	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	7
34	Kaduwela	14	62	4	-	24	-	-	12	3	4	-	13	-	-	9	5	-	5	155
35	Kalmunei	2	148	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	153
36	Kalutara	3	24	-	-	1	2	-	1	2	4	-	16	-	-	20	-	-	2	75
37	Kekirawa	2	61	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	68
38	Kadawatha	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	14	16	-	-	-	12	-	5	-	1 1	6	101
39	Kebithigollewa	-	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51

40	Kilinochchi	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	1	24
41	Matale	9	27	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	43
42	Mahiyanganaya	26	11	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	1	-	48
43	Matugama	15	61	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	85
44	Mahawa	15	52	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	78
45	Marawila	11	52	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	67
46	Mawanella	23	25	5	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	1	-	1	72
47	Mallakam	20	39	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	69
48	Mt. Lavinia	5	-	1	-	4	-	3	1	3	-	-	40	2	-	1	1	-	1	62
49	Mannar	9	10	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	8	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	1	46
50	Monaragala	56	59	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	118
51	Muttur	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	24
52	Mullaitivu	26	51	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	19	118
53	Matara	42	82	7	-	13	3	2	14	1	9	-	11	-	-	4	2	-	1	191
54	Minuwangoda	14	19	7	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	5	-	1	2	66
55	Nikaweratiya	19	23	2	-	3	-	-	7	-	2	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	3	71
56	Nuwara Eliya	16	19	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	6	-	-	2	-	2	51
57	Negombo	27	19	1	-	5	-	1	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	59
58	Nugegoda	12	17	5	1	11	-	-	-	1	18	-	-	2	-	3	2	-	7	79
59	Nawalapitiya	11	40	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65
60	Polonnaruwa	10	38	3	-	8	-	-	12	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
61	Panadura	31	60	5	-	8	1	-	2	6	3	13	1	-	-	8	7	-	23	168
62	Pottuwil	4	111	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	122
63	Point Pedro	6	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	43
64	Polgahawela	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	48
65	Pugoda	9	63	-	-	7	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	-	94
66	Puttalam	12	54	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	72
67	Rathnapura	40	125	-	-	1	6	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	2	-	2	180
68	Tissamaharama	25	110	-	-	4	-	-	9	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	5	-	-	155
69	Thambuttegama	-	151	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	151
70	Tangalle	63	134	1	-	4	1	1	33	2	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	249
71	Trincomalee	9	37	6	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
72	Vavuniya	18	30	1	-	11	-	-	4	-	10	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	78
73	Valaichchenai	3	268	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	274
74	Warakapola	19	9	-	-	5	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	41
75	Welimada	13	44	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	3	75
76	Walasmulla	29	75	-	-	16	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	123
77	Wariyapola	9	33	-	-	3	-	-	4	-	20	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	72
78	Wellawaya	101	329	3	-	-	-	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	465
79	Dehiaththakandiya	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	10	-	-	4	32
80	Siyambalanduwa	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	30	-	2	5	95
81	Borella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
82	Galagedara	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	30
83	Wattala	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
84	Hettipola	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
Total		1367	4978	118	3	370	49	46	267	67	215	82	305	140	4	209	99	24	123	8466

1.1.2(F) Classification of cases heard in the year 2020 by Court

No.	Center	Supreme Court	Appeal Court	Civil Appellate Court	High Court	District Court	Magistrate's Court	Labour Tribunal	Other	Total
01	Anuradhapura	-	-	5	-	443	865	16	19	1348
02	Ampara	-	-	-	-	104	139	7	-	250
03	Avissawella	-	-	5	1	161	348	9	6	530
04	Attanagalla	-	-	-	1	216	676	1	-	894
05	Akkareipattu	-	-	-	-	72	497	-	-	569
06	Bandarawela	-	-	-	2	87	201	6	-	296
07	Battaramulla	-	-	-	-	-	562	-	1	563
08	Baddegama	-	-	-	-	114	296	-	-	410
09	Badulla	-	-	2	36	68	297	4	-	470
10	Balapitiya	-	-	-	18	247	558	2	11	836
11	Batticaloa	-	-	-	-	107	81	3	-	191
12	Balangoda	-	-	-	-	101	85	-	-	186
13	Colombo	70	67	7	1	780	568	18	57	1568
14	Chilaw	-	-	-	3	37	523	274	-	837
15	Chavakachcheri	-	-	-	-	85	146	-	-	231
16	Dambulla	-	-	-	-	76	116	-	-	192
17	Deniyaya	-	-	-	-	61	108	-	-	169
18	Deyyandara	-	-	-	-	-	139	-	-	139
19	Embilipitiya	-	-	-	2	147	271	10	-	430
20	Gampaha	-	-	6	12	181	84	3	4	290
21	Galle	-	-	3	-	104	288	38	66	499
22	Galgamuwa	-	-	-	-	-	118	-	-	118
23	Horana	-	-	8	-	156	454	-	-	618
24	Hatton	-	-	-	-	63	139	-	-	202
25	Hinguragoda	-	-	-	-	165	538	-	-	703
26	Hambantota	-	-	-	30	226	747	-	-	1003
27	Homagama	-	-	3	3	110	196	33	-	345
28	Jaffna	-	-	4	2	109	145	14	-	274
29	Kandy	-	-	1	11	372	356	39	4	783
30	Kurunegala	-	25	-	41	470	555	38	29	1158
31	Kegalle	-	-	3	31	202	374	26	-	636
32	Kuliyapitiya	-	-	-	6	172	102	12	-	292
33	Kantale	-	-	-	-	70	222	-	-	292
34	Kaduwell	-	-	-	-	184	171	18	-	373
35	Kalmunei	-	-	-	-	55	987	-	-	1042
36	Kalutara	-	-	20	26	260	711	180	15	1212
37	Kekirawa	-	-	-	-	164	156	-	4	324
38	Kadawatha	-	-	-	-	-	239	-	-	239
39	Kebithigollewa	-	-	-	-	168	252	-	-	420

40	Kilinochchi	-	-	-	-	121	381	-	-	502
41	Matale	-	-	-	-	136	352	31	12	531
42	Mahiyanganaya	-	-	-	-	114	419	-	-	533
43	Matugama	-	-	-	-	52	79	-	-	131
44	Mahawa	-	-	-	-	81	112	-	-	193
45	Marawila	-	-	-	-	75	305	-	-	380
46	Mawanella	-	-	-	-	175	255	-	-	430
47	Mallakam	-	3	-	1	156	381	-	-	541
48	Mt. Lavinia	-	-	11	-	213	313	49	-	586
49	Mannar	-	-	-	-	75	312	-	-	387
50	Monaragala	-	-	-	6	208	263	-	-	477
51	Muttur	-	-	-	-	34	408	-	-	442
52	Mullaitivu	-	-	-	-	78	366	-	-	444
53	Matara	-	-	3	66	269	164	40	-	542
54	Minuwangoda	-	-	-	-	182	321	-	2	505
55	Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	71	218	-	-	289
56	Nuwara Eliya	-	-	-	1	88	395	4	-	488
57	Negombo	-	-	-	-	207	105	17	-	329
58	Nugegoda	-	-	-	-	169	310	8	-	487
59	Nawalapitiya	-	-	-	-	172	286	2	16	476
60	Polonnaruwa	-	-	1	1	69	112	-	-	183
61	Panadura	-	-	-	33	204	269	47	29	582
62	Pottuwil	-	-	-	-	9	244	-	-	253
63	Point Pedro	-	-	-	-	179	379	-	-	558
64	Polgahawela	-	-	-	-	-	207	-	-	207
65	Pugoda	-	-	-	-	57	109	-	-	166
66	Puttalam	-	-	-	2	181	231	-	-	414
67	Rathnapura	-	-	5	29	281	337	13	-	665
68	Tissamaharama	-	-	-	-	117	115	-	-	232
69	Thambuttegama	-	-	-	-	-	143	-	-	143
70	Tangalle	-	2	-	8	49	115	-	-	174
71	Trincomalee	-	-	-	-	154	179	28	-	361
72	Vavuniya	-	-	-	-	51	464	-	-	515
73	Valaichchenai	-	8	-	-	-	242	-	-	250
74	Warakapola	-	-	-	-	114	182	-	-	296
75	Welimada	-	-	-	-	152	304	-	-	456
76	Walasmulla	-	-	-	-	119	189	-	-	308
77	Wariyapola	-	-	-	-	78	117	-	-	195
78	Wellawaya	-	-	-	-	98	210	-	-	308
79	Dehiaththakandiya	-	-	-	-	19	191	-	-	210
80	Siyambalanduwa	-	-	-	-	-	162	-	-	162
81	Borella	-	-	-	-	-	-	114	26	140
82	Galagedara	-	-	-	-	-	55	-	-	55
83	Wattala	-	-	-	-	-	81	9	-	90
84	Hettipola	-	-	-	-	-	82	-	-	82
Total		70	105	87	373	10744	23774	1113	301	36567

1.1.2(G) Classification of the cases heard in 2020 by the legal assistance provided

No.	Center	Attorneys-at-Law of the Legal Aid Commission	Attorneys-at-Law of the Board under Legal Aid Commission	Total
01	Anuradhapura	845	503	1348
02	Ampara	234	16	250
03	Avissawella	455	75	530
04	Attanagalla	629	265	894
05	Akkareipattu	568	1	569
06	Bandarawela	240	56	296
07	Battaramulla	563	-	563
08	Baddegama	368	42	410
09	Badulla	363	44	470
10	Balapitiya	684	152	836
11	Batticaloa	185	6	191
12	Balangoda	101	85	186
13	Colombo	853	715	1568
14	Chilaw	821	16	837
15	Chavakachcheri	231	-	231
16	Dambulla	188	4	192
17	Deniyaya	169	-	169
18	Deyyandara	139	-	139
19	Embilipitiya	400	30	430
20	Gampaha	144	146	290
21	Galle	493	6	499
22	Galgamuwa	117	1	118
23	Horana	512	106	618
24	Hatton	202	-	202
25	Hingurakgoda	645	58	703
26	Hambantota	600	403	1003
27	Homagama	187	158	345
28	Jaffna	259	15	274
29	Kandy	259	524	783
30	Kurunegala	606	552	1158
31	Kegalle	425	211	636
32	Kuliyapitiya	249	43	292
33	Kantale	272	20	292
34	Kaduvela	121	252	373
35	Kalmunei	1000	42	1042
36	Kalutara	1045	167	1212
37	Kekirawa	316	8	324
38	Kadawatha	225	14	239
39	Kebithigollewa	420	-	420

40	Kilinochchi	502	-	502
41	Matale	346	185	531
42	Mahiyanganaya	533	-	533
43	Matugama	121	10	131
44	Mahawa	166	27	193
45	Marawila	368	12	380
46	Mawanella	358	72	430
47	Mallakam	541	-	541
48	Mt. Lavinia	356	230	586
49	Mannar	387	-	387
50	Monaragala	369	108	477
51	Muttur	442	-	442
52	Mullaitivu	444	-	444
53	Matara	300	242	542
54	Minuwangoda	366	139	505
55	Nikaweratiya	278	11	289
56	Nuwara Eliya	347	141	488
57	Negombo	278	51	329
58	Nugegoda	365	122	487
59	Nawalapitiya	366	110	476
60	Polonnaruwa	176	7	183
61	Panadura	366	216	582
62	Pottuwil	253	-	253
63	Point Pedro	558	-	558
64	Polgahawela	180	27	207
65	Pugoda	113	53	166
66	Puttalam	377	37	414
67	Rathnapura	337	328	665
68	Tissamaharama	232	-	232
69	Thambuttegama	55	88	143
70	Tangalle	142	32	174
71	Trincomalee	361	-	361
72	Vavuniya	515	-	515
73	Valaichchenai	250	-	250
74	Warakapola	234	62	296
75	Welimada	239	217	456
76	Walasmulla	303	5	308
77	Wariyapola	153	42	195
78	Wellawaya	288	20	308
79	Dehiaththakandiya	202	8	210
80	Siyambalanduwa	162	-	162
81	Borella	128	12	140
82	Galagedara	38	17	55
83	Wattala	79	11	90
84	Hettipola	82	-	82
Total		29189	7378	36567

1.1.2(H) Quarterly summary of cases proceeded in Courts in the year 2020

Period	Divorce	Maintenance	Land	Partition	Money	High Court cases	Appeal Court cases	Accidents	Bail	Other	Child Rights	Labour	Criminal	Supreme Court cases	Victim of Crimes	Special	Guardianship	Domestic Violence	Total
As at 31.12.2019	5598	19733	890	44	1763	240	289	1208	208	1112	581	1094	812	154	966	276	75	279	35322
Newly filed cases (Jan-Mar)	431	1668	35	2	141	12	19	53	7	84	42	63	60	10	81	30	6	35	2779
Newly filed cases (Apr-Jun)	264	832	14	2	73	7	5	44	14	54	27	59	19	4	29	7	1	22	1477
Newly filed cases (Jul-Sept)	751	2077	37	-	148	48	17	75	14	123	33	188	46	7	67	19	5	44	3699
Newly filed cases (Oct-Dec)	377	943	18	-	69	22	8	45	5	65	8	95	31	2	26	17	6	19	1756
Total	7421	25253	994	48	2194	329	338	1425	248	1438	691	1499	968	177	1169	349	93	399	45033

1.1.2(I) Service rendered by the Legal Aid Commission at provincial level in the year 2020

Province	Cases as at 01.01.2020	Cases filed from 2020.01.01 to 31.12.2020	Total	Cases concluded from 2020.01.01 to 31.12.2020	Cases laid by from 2020.01.01 to 31.12.2020	No. of cases carried forward to 31.12.2020	Counselling from 2020.01.01 to 31.12.2020	Total service provided
Western province	9257	1870	11127	1157	322	9648	21120	33247
Uva Province	2762	881	3643	812	192	2639	9209	12852
Southern Province	4265	1285	5550	703	535	4312	14251	19801
Northern Province	3536	660	4196	693	51	3452	6110	10306
Sabaragamuwa Province	2567	872	3439	356	440	2643	7539	10978
North Western Province	3820	1343	5163	663	355	4165	13784	18947
Central Province	2445	718	3163	282	154	2727	6158	9321
Eastern Province	3739	1245	4984	920	204	3860	6408	11392
North Central Province	2931	837	3768	327	320	3121	5479	9247
Total	35322	9711	45033	5913	2553	36567	90058	135091
Total service provided = 135091 = Total No. of cases 45033 + Total counselling rendered 90058								

1.1.3 Networking of Judicial Proceedings – (Google Sheet)

The Legal Aid Commission has strongly felt the need of an effective measure for the Legal Division to do the necessary monitoring in order to maintain an efficient and formal legal aid mechanism. It has been decided that coordination and methodical maintenance of monitoring affairs through networking of Judicial proceedings in regional centres is a more effective and appropriate measure and initiated and maintained the Google Sheet system this year.

As a first step, a database of the entire case register at every centre was prepared and started maintaining the said database. This is expected to be developed in a more advanced way in the future.

1.2 Programmes & Projects

During the period of 26 years since 1978 until 2004, the main focus of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka has been the concept of granting legal aid to maintain litigation. But since around 2004, the Commission has taken a number of steps to experiment with new methods of granting legal aid, hoping there is a possibility to grant the public an access to legal justice by instilling legal literacy into the public, going beyond this level.

Objective

Focusing on the parties involved in issues and helping to find solutions is an extremely significant task, whereas similarly, counselling on minimizing issues and maintaining living standards is a necessary part of it as well. If you act carefully and safely, the adverse consequences caused by many actions can be prevented. In order to function practically and intelligently in the course of everyday life, everybody should be enlightened of the feeling of the subtle knowledge required to act with knowledge and broad understanding. Comprehending this matter carefully, the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka has taken steps to establish the Project Division under the supervision of the Legal Division, in order to safeguard the security, protection and the rights of the people. Under this, planning, implementation and organization of legal knowledge and education programs are carried out.

1. In dispute resolution, a mediation without issues is more advantageous.
2. As it is a vain effort to apologise for an act committed on ignorance of law, for the purpose of protecting yourself from the consequences of any wrongdoing occurred or committed, "ignorance of law is not an excuse". Therefore, the socialization of legal knowledge is a matter with timely importance.
3. Further, contributing to the qualitative development, and increasing social inclusion for sustainable development by developing the lawfulness of society,

4. Examining the timely requirements and proposals that need to be made when imposing new laws
5. Advancement of personal legal literacy

—are key objectives that are focused on, during the formulation and implementation of programmes and projects.

These programs are organized in collaboration with the Legal Division of the Legal Aid Commission, the staff of the local Legal Aid offices, various government institutions and NGOs, and the community participation. The programs were implemented with the cooperation of the government funds and foreign aid. We were able to implement some programs without any financial costs.

Ex. :- Media programs

1.2.1 Various programmes of the Project Division

- A. Mass media programmes
- B. Social participation programs for awareness creation
- C. Developmental legal aid programmes
 - Units for prison detainees, indigenous people, overseas labor force.
 - Law education programs
 - Dialogues and discourse among scholars and various communities
 - Preparation of leaflets, posters and publications to socialize the knowledge on law.
 - Conducting research and survey required to obtain the views and suggestions necessary for the new legislation.

A. Massmedia Programmes

Programmes for the socialization of legal knowledge were continued to educate the public on various TV channels, radio channels and newspapers in the year 2020 as well.

Massmedia Programmes in 2020 - 46

No.	Programme	Number of programmes
01	TV Programmes	20
02	Radio Programmes	11
03	News Paper Programmes	15

A.1. Television & Radio Programmes

Most of these programs are invitational programs. The Commission has not made any financial expenditure for this. During the period from January to December, 31st of 2020, TV programs have been conducted by Rupavahini, Siyatha TV, Sirasa TV and radio programs by Sri FM and Sri Lanka Radio Corporation.

No.	Mass Media Channel	No. of
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		Programmes
01	Siyatha TV	20
02	Sirasa TV	
03	Rupavahini	
04	Sri FM	11
05	Sri Lanka Radio Corporation	

The resource contribution for the above programs have been made by the officers employed in the Legal Aid Commission Head Office as well as those in various local offices. This has created a mechanism to educate the public on various legal topics and to respond to the issues of the public through TV and radio channels.

A.2. Through News Papers

The project implemented by the Legal Aid Commission by means of news papers to respond to the public concerns through weekly newspapers and to generate a readership among readers wishing to obtain legal knowledge commenced in 2006. Initially, this programme was launched in Sinhala medium through the Lankadeepa newspaper and subsequently it has been sponsored by the ‘Daily News’ news paper of Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (Lake House) to promote this program in English medium.

Lankadeepa and Daily News news papers agreed to grant their sponsorship for free whereupon, in the year 2020 the programme “Neethi Sarana” on Tuesday Lankadeepa was carried out fortnightly in response to the readers’ issues which has been continued for about 10 years by the Legal Aid Commission. The Legal Aid Commission has also made resource contribution to 15 issues of Lankadeepa news paper. The programme for the English readers on Monday Daily News was carried out as well once every two weeks, in order to respond to the readers’ issues.

It becomes very clear when examining the telephone calls and letters that are received daily to the Legal Aid Commission that, these programmes have received immense popularity among the readers across the island regardless of age.

B. Social Participatory programs for raising awareness

The main objective is to focus on the empowerment of children, women and elderly people, who are generally considered vulnerable parties of society, and to safeguard their legal protection and security.

Further, government field officers, police officers and medical health officers have been identified as target groups in order to provide legal literacy to create a strong and efficient state mechanism.

In addition, as a welfare state, prison detainees, indigenous communities, migrant workers have been identified as distinct portions to be focused on.

B.1. School Programmes

The best age and group for socializing any kind of knowledge is the school children. It is quite easy to educate the adult society through the child, by motivating the curiosity, the thirst for knowledge and the interest within them to find new knowledge. Programmes were launched in several forms which were broadcast through this concept by the School Programme Division of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka.

Similarly, children's right to education, the right to love and care and giving the children the knowledge needed to protect themselves from crimes were covered during these programmes. The programmes were implemented in remote schools in different parts of the country.

The Special Unit for Children of the Sri Lanka Legal Aid Commission has focused on 20230 maintenance cases for children.

B.2. Programs for Women

These programs are centered around almost all rural women, semi-urban and urban women. The programs are focused on laws that protect women's rights as well as all forms of violence against her, and they are given legal protection when necessary.

A separate legal aid unit for women operates in the Legal Aid Commission. The unit provided legal advice to 20962 women in 2020.

Various programs have been implemented in several parts of Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, where a special emphasis has been placed on the conditions of law affecting the day-to-day life and the Laws, Maintenance, Domestic Violence, Divorce, Fundamental Rights, Labor Laws related to the protection of property. Programmes imparting legal knowledge, various discourses and guidance for access to legal assistance as well have been carried out.

Likewise, the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka was able to represent the National Committee on Women this year.

B.3. Programs for Senior Citizens

Sri Lanka, one of the countries with a rapidly aging population amongst the developing countries in the world, is experiencing a very significant demographic change. Demographers predict that the adult population, which is about 1/10 of the

country's overall population, will double by 2050. Eventhough the increase of life expectancy of a country or increase of the aging population is one of the characteristics of a developed country, on the other hand, lack of improvement in other welfare facilities in comparison to the growing elderly population is a challenge.

It is practically proven that, just as being very strong in manpower, proven results can be obtained by empowering them with experience and knowledge.

In Sri Lanka, where there was a 30-year war, the number of senior citizens has increased significantly, and the security and protection of senior citizens must be guaranteed for the enforcement of the social welfare concept and the administration of justice. The senior citizen community, which constitutes 11% of the total population, constitutes 20% of the electorate. In that context, the Parliament of Sri Lanka has enacted the Protection of the Rights of Elders Act No. 9 of 2000, and thereby establishing this value.

In such backdrop, the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka has carried out the affairs its Senior Citizen's Law Division in collaboration with the National Elders Secretariat. The Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka is in the process of helping the members of the Elders' Associations at the local level to obtain free solutions to their legal issues and to enforce the orders issued by the National Elders Secretariat regarding the claim of maintenance by elders, through the Magistrate's Court. Further, legal awareness programmes are also implemented for the members of the locally set up grassroots elders' societies.

B.4. Programs for Public Officers

In general, the programs offered on legal knowledge are focused on all government officials, while providing legal knowledge for officers engaged in other specific fields as well. This is done as a task of the Legal Aid Commission for developing the professional capacity of public officers, forming an efficient state mechanism and creating a lawful, honest and contented public servant.

The project division of the Commission and the Regional Legal Aid Commission offices in collaboration with each other have conducted these programmes in various government, semi government, and provincial offices throughout the country. The areas covered in this respect are administrative law, human rights law, laws on lands, bribery and corruption law, labor law and family law. Arrangements have been made to conduct programs through lectures and transfer knowledge through training courses and tutorials.

As a whole, Grama Niladharis, Samurdhi officers, Agricultural Research and Production Assistants, Family Health Officers and field officers from Divisional Secretariats have been identified as targeted groups.

B.5. Programs for Police Officers

The police service is the statecraft who performs a major role in defending law and order. All officers who are engaged in the police service should have a good understanding and knowledge of the judiciary and legal field. Although an insight on the legal field is given at the recruitment of officers to the police service, the knowledge they gain on the legal changes made at different occasions and the new laws and regulations after the recruitment is rudimentary. The opportunity for gathering information is also rare.

Therefore, programs that provide an understanding on law should be carried out, in order to build professional skills of the police officers. An awareness and training programme on legal knowledge is being implemented jointly by the Legal Aid Commission and the Sri Lanka Police Department for the officers serving in various police stations island wide in this regard for a long while. Just as Criminal Law, the police officers will be given knowledge in civil and administrative fields as well.

B.6 Programs for Medical Officers

Medical officers are a group of public officers who have little opportunity to gain legal knowledge when compared to other government officials, although they have to deal with law at all times in their profession. Eventhough on certain occasions, medical officers have to cooperate in Court procedures, only a few doctors are able to have a formal training on how to cooperate in such actions. It is a morbid question that many medico-legal officers are confronted with.

Medico-legal officers face serious challenges during autopsy, when appearing before Courts to give evidence regarding the same, on occasions where they obtain expertise evidence required for Court proceedings and, in collecting, presenting and analyzing the production of cases.

Similarly, although Medical Health Officers often need to assist in judicial work in their professional field, they lack knowledge in the legal field as well. Therefore, aducatingmedical practitioners on law means improving their professionalism as well as an immense help in strengthening the process of administering social justice, welfare and equity.

Just as awareness programmes on the subject of law for medical practitioners are conducted, a special service has been done to the public through legal medical clinics.

Officers from the centers of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka Island wide have joined hands with Medical Professionals in community health service on the prevention of non communicable diseases.

Coordination has been done with Medical Officers during the period from January to 30th December by means of Zoom technology due to Covid-19 pandemic situation.

B.7 Mobile Legal Clinics

The Mobile Legal Aid Clinic is one of the most important projects when the realization of goals and objectives of the establishment of the Legal Aid Commission. This will help to broaden the legal aid program among grassroot communities and identify problems, enabling the general public to have an easy access to justice. This program is implemented at a grassroot level through the local legal aid offices in the country. It is made easier to identify suitable persons to provide free legal assistance for low-income people.

1.2.2 Social Participation Programmes for Awareness 2020 – Programmes conducted this year and their distribution is as follows.

	Programme	No. of programmes
01	Conducting awareness programmes for Legal Officers in the Legal Aid Commission with the help of USAID (Webinar Programmes)	09
02	The project implemented by the Legal Aid Commission in collaboration with the UNDP to provide 30 laptops to 30 Magistrate's Courts and 10 laptops to the Department of Prisons in order to proceed with the Judicial proceedings of the cases of the prison inmates through Zoom technology.	01
03	A training programme held at Jie Jie Beach Hotel, Panadura on 26.09.2020 with the participation of 100 Management Assistants of the Legal Aid Commission in collaboration with USAID.	01
04	Resource contribution made by the Legal Officer at the Legal Aid Commission, Kaduwela centre to raise awareness among the employees of MAS Active Linea Intimo Company about Law.	01
05	Participation of a Legal Officer of the Head Office as a resource person in the forum on the legal physical and mental security of the girl child, held at the Human Rights Centre of the University of Colombo.	01
06	Resource contribution for the programme "We build Colombo" which was conducted by the Colombo Municipal Council at Green Path, Colombo on 16.01.2020.	01
07	Resource contribution by the Legal Aid Centre in Badulla for an awareness programme for the public in Meegahakiwula area in collaboration with the Divisional Secretariat of Meegahakiwula.	01

08	Resource contribution by the Legal Aid Commission Centre in Galle for the mobile legal service held at Rathgama Siri Sumana Kanishta Vidyalaya, Hikkaduwa by the Ministry of Justice on 25.01.2020.	01
09	Providing assistance of attorneys by the Legal Aid centre in Kurunegala for the mobile legal clinic held at Ethkanda Rajamaha Viharaya, Kurunegala by the Human Rights Law Students' Committee on 15.02.2020.	01
10	Resource contribution made by the Legal Officer at the Legal Aid Centre, Bandarawela for the coordinating committee meeting organized for 20.02.2020 by the Divisional Secretariat of Ella.	01
11	Resource contribution made by the Head Office of the Legal Aid Commission for the academic exhibition stall held by National Mental Health Institute on 06.03.2020 in concurrence with the Women's Day.	01
12	Resource contribution made by the Head Office for the workshop conducted at National Institute of Education, Maharagama on 10.07.2020 for preparing the Five Year Plan of the Department of Samurdhi Development.	01
13	Resource contribution by the Legal Aid Commission for the Programme on Human Trafficking held by the National Asian Foundation at the BMICH on 03.09.2020.	01
14	Resource contribution made by the Legal Aid Centres in Tissamaharama, Hambantota and Tangalle for the Trade and Industrial Regional Mobile Service Programme organized at Debarawewa national School on 06 th and 27 th Sept. 2020 by the Planning Secretariat of Southern Province.	02
15	Resource contribution made by the Centre in Balapitiya for the programme of the child and women's committee of the Municipal Council of Ambalangoda held on 24.09.2020.	01
16	Resource contribution made by the Centre in Balapitiya for the training on identification of forgery organized by the Divisional Secretariat of Amalangoda on 25.09.2020 and the psychosocial forum meeting held on 14.09.2020.	02
17	Resource contribution made by the Centres in Balapitiya and Negombo for the employment of the unemployed graduates programme held on 14 th , 15 th and 17 th Sept. 2020 which is operative under the National Policy Framework Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour.	03
18	Resource contribution for the programme organized by Kantha Pihita Organization on 28.08.2020 on violence against women based on male-female sociality.	01
19	Contribution made by the legal officers of the Head Office as attorneys for the programme bearing 1938 organized by the National Committee on Women.	01
20	Resource contribution made by the legal officers in the Legal Aid Commission centres in Colombo, Gampaha and Kandy for the series of programmes on Human Trafficking held by Helvetas Organization.	01
21	Awareness programmes for attorneys-at-law held by the Legal Aid Office, Homagama.	02

C. Developmental legal aid programs

C.1. Program for Prison Inmates

Prisoners are human beings. Since 2002, the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka has focused on this concept. Accordingly, the key objective of this program is to provide legal aid to the detainees who have been without bail or are unable to satisfy the bail conditions for a long period of time in jail. Accordingly, the Prisons Department and the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka are conducting legal aid clinics for prison inmates throughout the country and collecting necessary information. After obtaining information, the inmates chosen for legal assistance will be given free attorneys' assistance for their cases.

Similarly, a project was implemented by the Legal Aid Commission in collaboration with UNDP to provide 30 laptops to 30 Magistrate's Court and 10 laptops to the Prisons Department in order to carry out the judicial proceedings and case proceedings of prison inmates through zoom technology.

Accordingly, the UNDP and the Legal Aid Commission have joined hands together to carry out legal aid clinics and bail process in relation to prisons of Sri Lanka during the period between March to September 30th by means of zoom technology due to Covid-19 pandemic situation that prevailed in the country in 2020. Accordingly, within this year legal aid has been provided for 248 bail cases.

C.2. Program for Indigenous People

Aboriginal communities who inherit a history of many years live in different parts of the world. Notable among them are the Red Indians of America, the Pygmies of Africa, the Aborigines of Australia, and the Veddas of Sri Lanka.

Representing the earliest part of Sri Lankan history, these people are in the early stages of all kinds of conditions such as education, economic, health, employment and habitat. It is imperative that they develop legal literacy and provide them with legal aid to improve their living conditions in line with the new world. Further, the protection of the indigenous community is also a part of fulfilling the responsibility of protecting the historical heritage of our country.

The focus of the government should be on empowering the mechanism to facilitate easy and equal access to justice for the protection of indigenous peoples' heritage and the privileges granted to the public by the Constitution of Sri Lanka, and to make more flexible and effective legal reforms. The opportunity should be broadened for all communities to enjoy the rights of justice and equality. The main objective of this project is to draw the government's attention on these issues and make legal reforms.

One of the main objectives of this project is to meet the indigenous people living in different parts of Sri Lanka and to identify the current challenges associated with their homeland, traditional customs, their lives, livelihoods, educational levels and habitats. Accordingly, creating a discourse on legal issues affecting the everyday life of indigenous people takes a predominant place among the objectives of this project.

Further, programmes were implemented in association with Dalukana Aboriginal village under the mechanism to protect the heritage rights of the indigenous people in Sri Lanka. There, legal clinics and problem solving projects that were focused on all communities of the indigenous people; young, adolescent and elderly people— have been implemented.

C.3. Program for Migrant Workers

Special security and protection of job security, safety of lives of migrant workers who contribute to the economy of Sri Lanka by bringing foreign exchange to the country should be ensured. The number of Sri Lankan migrant workers is increasing day by day, and new legal provisions have been established to ensure their safety and protection so that it prevents illegal migration and thereby the protection and security of migrant workers is strengthened. Most of our migrant workers are Sri Lankan women and this is due to their poverty and low income level. Most of them in the Middle East are either unskilled workers, housemaids and semi-skilled workers. The Middle East region has an opportune market and demand for most of those who are temporarily moving abroad. The market for skilled and qualified foreign workers has expanded to East Asia and West Asia.

Many Sri Lankan migrant women work as housemaids in the Middle East region. Most of these housemaids are victims of human rights violations, such as loss of labor rights, abuse, physical and mental harassment at their workplace, due to lack of skills and efficiency. Likewise, some migrant women are embarrassed when they are faced with crimes and offenses abroad. Most people are ignorant about law enforcement in those countries.

This division provides services to migrant workers who are facing problems. After providing the consultancy service, they will be directed to the Consular Affairs Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment for judicial work when necessary. The unit works in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE), overseeing the Community Fund forum (Village Forum) at Divisional Secretariat level, to raise awareness of migrant workforce families.

C.4. Legal Education Programmes

I. The formal legal education program

It is affiliated with the Sri Lanka Law College. The purpose is to train amateur lawyers who take oaths as lawyers a year. **Between January and December this year, apprentice lawyers were trained in one group**, and the Commission has obtained the external support of senior veteran presidential attorneys and resource persons.

II. The informal legal education program

It is a program in the form of a course to educate the public about the law. A Certificate will be awarded after holding an exam consequent to the 04 month course of study for the people of different ages and fields. **The legal education course was conducted for a group of 25 people this year.**

C.5. Programmes focused on slum and shanty dwellers.

These programmes are conducted to raise awareness among the community which was required to seek compensation from the government by instituting court cases at the Honourable Court on behalf of the community who were unable to produce clear evidence on their rights on occasions where the houses and property of the urban community in Colombo were acquired by the government and a compensation was awarded on its behalf as a result of the project carried out by the Urban Development Authority.

C.6. Programmes launched under the Right to Information Act.

Pursuant to Section 23 (1) (a) of the Information Act No. 12 of 2016, all government institutions were required to appoint an Information Officer and an Appeals Officer within their institution within 03 months of the implementation of the Act. Accordingly, the following officers of the Legal Aid Commission were appointed as Information Officers and Appeals Officers.

Mrs. Thamarashi Wikramanayake, AAL - Appointed as the Information officer

Mrs. Piumi Kumari Samarasinghe, AAL - Appointed as the Appeals Officer

C.7. Programme launched for Samurdhi Beneficiaries.

The Legal Aid Commission in collaboration with the Department of Samurdhi has created a database by collecting details of the Samurdhi beneficiaries with legal problems through which a prompt legal consultancy for the legal issues by giving priority to litigation and thus to administer Justice has been arranged.

1.2.3 An Analytical overview of program direction at the corporate level by Consolidated Fund in 2020

No.	Centre	Date	Location and Programme held	No. of Participants	Expenditure
01	Thissamaharama	26.09.2020 27.09.2020	Ha/Debarawewa National School, Raising awareness among the public	38	10,545

1.2.4 Participation of the Legal Aid Commission for Guest Programs

The invitation extended to the Legal Aid Commission by various organizations and social organizations for the resource contribution to programs conducted by them is a great honor for us in the legal profession and at a corporate level. In addition to the judicial duties of the Legal Aid Commission, it is a tremendous service that they have made their contribution as lecturers at awareness programmes of various social organizations and institutions, as legal counselors at mobile clinics and workshop facilitators. Similarly, the honour given to the Legal Aid Commission by the institutions who made these invitations is gratefully acknowledged.

Services provided by the Legal Aid Commission, i.e. resource contribution is based on the legal conditions related to, sexual harassment, fundamental rights, child abuse, women's rights, sexual violence, laws for the elderly people, human trafficking, labor laws, land laws and civil records, legal conditions on social issues required for everyday life, family law, women affected by war, Muslim women, women working abroad.

1.2.5 Participation of the Legal Aid Commission for Guest Programs

No	Centre	Date	Location and Programme held	No. of participants	No. of guest programmes
01	Deiyandara	04.03.2020	M.R./Kalubowitiyana Maha Vidyalaya Raising awareness among school children	100	01
02	Welimada	28.02.2020	Dikwella Resort	50	01
03	Kalutara	13.01.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Kalutara, District Development Committee	18	07
		06.01.2020	N.I.S.H. Kalutara, Raising awareness among Public Health Doctors	22	
		13.01.2020	N.I.S.H. Kalutara, Raising awareness among Public Health Doctors	22	
		16.01.2020	N.I.S.H. Kalutara, Raising awareness among Public Health Doctors	22	
		27.01.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Kalutara, District Development Committee	50	
		28.01.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Beruwala,, District Development Committee	50	
		06.02.2020	National Hospital, Kalutara, Mithuru Piyasa	50	
04	Mathugama	03.01.2020	Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo,	80	05
		04.01.2020	Raising awareness among legal officers		
		03.02.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Mathugama Raising awareness among public officers	50	
		05.02.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Mathugama Raising awareness among public officers	50	
		19.09.2020	Prison, Kalutara, Raising awareness among prison inmates	80	

05	Anuradhapura	12.09.2020	Prison, Anuradhapura, Raising awareness among prison inmates	150	
06	Avisawella	03.01.2020	Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo, Raising awareness among legal officers	80	02
		04.01.2020			
		07.10.2020	Raising awareness among legal officers	75	
07	Kuliyapitiya	14.02.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Bingiriya, Regional Development Committee	150	03
		11.03.2020	Kuliyapitiya Housewives' Association Raising awareness among women	30	
		06.10.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Bingiriya, Samurdhi Development Officers	130	
08	Negombo	03.02.2020	Leisureline, Katunayake-Raising awareness among garment factory employees	200	06
		03.03.2020	Hidramani, Katunayake-Raising awareness among garment factory employees	200	
		07.04.2020	Charana TV programme, Raising awareness among the public	Charana TV	
		11.09.2020	Negombo prison, Raising awareness among prison inmates	50	
		14.09.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Raising awareness among officers	30	
		17.09.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Raising awareness among officers	30	
09	Panadura	06.01.2020	Sirasa TV- Raising awareness among the public	Sirasa	26
		07.01.2020	Siyatha TV- Raising awareness among the public	Siyatha	
		13.01.2020	Sri FM,Raising awareness among the public	Sri FM	
		21.01.2020	Siyatha TV- Raising awareness among the public	Siyatha	
		31.01.2020	SLBC-Raising awareness among the public	SLBC	
		06.02.2020	Sirasa TV, Raising awareness among the public Siyatha TV, Raising awareness among the public	Sirasa Siyatha	
		24.02.2020	Sripali, Horana, Raising awareness among children	100	
		25.02.2020	Sri FM,Raising awareness among the public	Sri FM	
		27.02.2020	Zonal Education Office, Horana, Raising awareness among teachers	150	
		05.03.2020	ITN-Raising awareness among the public	ITN	
		06.03.2020	Rupavahini, Raising awareness among the public	Rupvhini	
		11.03.2020	Women's Committee, Raising awareness among women	100	
		17.03.2020	Siyatha TV, Raising awareness among the public	Siyatha	
		19.04.2020	SLBC-Raising awareness among the public	SLBC	
		10.05.2020	SLBC-Raising awareness among the public	SLBC	
		16.05.2020	SLBC-Raising awareness among the public	SLBC	
		26.05.2020	Siyatha TV, Raising awareness among the public	Siyatha	
		16.06.2020	Siyatha TV, Raising awareness among the public	Siyatha	
		30.06.2020	Siyatha TV, Raising awareness among the public	Siyatha	
		24.07.2020	Sri FM,Raising awareness among the public	Sri FM	
		11.08.2020	Siyatha TV, Raising awareness among the public	Siyatha	
		18.08.2020	Siyatha TV, Raising awareness among the public	Siyatha	
		04.09.2020	ITN, Raising awareness among the public	ITN	
		11.09.2020	Police College, Kalutara, Raising awareness among police officers	150	
		24.09.2020	Child and Women's Bureau, Nugegoda Raising awareness among police officers	100	
10	Polonnaruwa	02.02.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Thamankaduwa Raising awareness among public servants	50	05
		13.02.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Dibilagala Raising awareness among public servants	60	
		10.09.2020	Prison, Polonnaruwa, Raising awareness among prison inmates	100	
		23.09.2020	Raising awareness among Community Based Corrections inmates	30	
		18.12.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Dibilagala Raising awareness among public servants	50	
11	Horana	11.09.2020	Prison, Kalutara, Raising awareness among prison inmates	75	01
12	Avisawella	03.01.2020	Training Legal Officers	80	03
		04.01.2020			
		07.10.2020			
13	Tissamaharama	12.09.2020	Prison, Weerawila, Raising awareness among prison inmates	100	01
14	Baddegama	15.02.2020	Meepawala Amarasuriya Vidyalaya, Mobile clinic	100	09
		17.02.2020	Sarvodaya, Raising awareness among public servants	50	
		28.02.2020	Dikwella Resort, Raising awareness among Legal Officers	80	
		05.04.2020	Online awareness programme	75	

		05.05.2020	Online programme, violence on the social norm of gender	85	
		05.06.2020	Online programme, Bail Law	50	
		15.05.2020	Online programme, on the responsibility of work place to prevent and minimize Covid 19	80	
		26.05.2020	Online programme, Human trafficking	50	
		29.05.2020	Online programme, raising awareness on maintenance cases	75	
15	Kalmunai	07.01.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Samanthurai, Committee Meeting	50	11
		28.01.2020	Human Rights Commission, Kalmunai, Committee Meeting	80	
		20.02.2020	High Court, Kalmunai-Committee Meeting	50	
		27.02.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Karaithivu, Committee Meeting	60	
		10.03.2020	Human Rights Commission, Kalmunai Raising awareness among women	70	
		28.05.2020	High Court, Kalmunai-Committee Meeting	60	
		30.07.2020	High Court, Kalmunai-Committee Meeting	80	
		18.08.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Karaithivu, Committee Meeting	60	
		24.09.2020	Human Rights Commission, Kalmunai	70	
		06.10.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Karaithivu, Committee Meeting	50	
16	Warakapola	20.08.2020	MAS Methliya Company, Thulhiriya Raising awareness among employees	100	02
		26.08.2020	MAS Company, Thulhiriya Raising awareness among employees and staff	150	
17	Matara	06.02.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Dondra, Raising awareness among the public	80	13
		07.02.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Matara, Raising awareness among the public	100	
		10.02.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Dikwella, Raising awareness among the public	80	
		13.02.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Matara, Raising awareness among the public	100	
		12.03.2020	Human Rights Commission, Matara Raising awareness among the public	50	
		25.09.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Matara, Raising awareness among the public	100	
		29.09.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Matara, Raising awareness among the public	80	
		02.10.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Matara, Raising awareness among the public	136	
		19.12.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Thihagoda, Raising awareness among the public	100	
		21.12.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Kirinda, Raising awareness among the public	80	
		22.12.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Malimbana, Raising awareness among the public	75	
		22.12.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Dikwella, Raising awareness among the public	80	
		30.12.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Kamburupitiya Raising awareness among the public	75	
18	Balapitiya	25.01.2020	Sirisumana School, Raising awareness among the public	100	07
		06.02.2020	Hikkaduwa-Raising awareness among the public	101	
		11.09.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Ambalangoda Raising awareness among government officers	50	
		14.09.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Ambalangoda Raising awareness among government officers	25	
		15.09.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Ambalangoda, Trainee employees	100	
		24.09.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Ambalangoda Raising awareness among government officers	25	
		25.09.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Ambalangoda Raising awareness among government officers	100	
19	Homagama	03.01.2020	Raising awareness among Legal Officers	80	03
		04.01.2020			
		10.07.2020	Raising awareness among Legal Officers	75	
		17.07.2020	Raising awareness among Legal Officers	80	
20	Dehiaththakandiya	14.01.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Dehiaththakandiya, Committee Meeting	40	03
		23.01.2020	Madampe Temple, Raising awareness among the public	350	
		29.01.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Dehiaththakandiya, Committee Meeting	05	
21	Batticaloa	12.02.2020	Training Centre, Sathurukkandana Raising awareness among family members of migrant workers	35	02
		11.09.2020	Prison, Batticaloa, Raising awareness among prison inmates	25	
22	Ambilipitiya	08.03.2020	Raising awareness among employees of Orit garment factory in Ambilipitiya	400	03
		11.03.2020	Divisional Secretariat, Ambilipitiya Raising awareness among employees of savings banks	100	
		29.09.2020	MAS Garment Factory, Raising awareness among employees	2000	

23	Welimada	28.02.2020	Dikwella Resort, Raising awareness among Legal Officers	80	
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Administrative Division

2.1 Management Activities

2.2 Financial Activities

2.1 Management Activities

2.1.1. Infrastructure Facilities

2.1.1.1. Office Equipment

Necessary arrangements have been made to provide new office equipment with the objective of improving infrastructure facilities at regional centers.

No.	Centre	Description	Date	Total Cost	Expenditure in 2020
01	Gampaha	Fans	24.06.2020	17,490	17,490
02	Regional centres	Finger print machines 14	01.07.2020	927,73	927,73
03	Head Office	Protection Cover	01.07.2020	235,000	235,000
04	Kegalle	Curtains	06.07.2020	56,425	56,425
05		Furniture	08.07.2020	319,856.2	319,856.21
06	Head Office	Name Board	14.07.2020	45,100	45,100
07	Nikaweratiya	Fans	21.07.2020	4,200	4,200
08	Muttur	Computers	28.07.2020	142,110	142,110
09	Thambuttegama	Monitors	25.08.2020	13,500	13,500
10	Baddegama	Printers	25.08.2020	23,500	23,500
11	Tangalle	Furniture	25.08.2020	9,607.50	9,607.50
12	Head Office	Finger print machines	13.09.2020	233,181.82	233,181.82
13	Muttur	Furniture	11.09.2020	102,470	102,470
14	Head Office	Air Conditioner	11.09.2020	105,300	105,300
15	Minuwangoda	Furniture	21.09.2020	41,895	41,895
16	Head Office	Water Pump	22.10.2020	23,144	23,144
17	Borella	Furniture	16.11.2020	33,028	33,028
18	Kalmunai	Furniture	16.11.2020	85,162.50	85,162.50
19	Galagedara	Name Board	16.11.2020	14,600	14,600
20	Head Office	Virus Guard	11.12.2020	552,420	552,420
21	Balapitiya	Furniture	11.12.2020	225,308.50	225,308.50
22	Head Office	Photocopier	18.12.2020	1,994,328	1,994,328
23	Head Office	Computers	18.12.2020	2,334,400	2,334,400
24	Pottuwil	Furniture	18.12.2020	16,177.50	16,177.50
25	Head Office	Water Pump	18.12.2020	133,000	133,000
26	Puttalam	Name Board	18.12.2020	14,000	14,000

2.1.1.2 Renovation of buildings

2.1.1.2.1 Renovation Work of Buildings 2020

No.	Project	Date of Commencement	Total Cost (Rs.)	Provision for the Year 2020	Expenditure in the Year 2020
01	Head Office	11.09.2020	120,000	2 Million Rupees	120,000
02	Kantale	14.12.2020	49,880		49,880
03	Balapitiya	17.12.2020	216,550		216,550
04	Thambuttegama	17.12.2020	181,050		181,050
05	Negombo	18.12.2020	562,600		350,000
06	Head Office	26.12.2020	137,000		137,000

2.1.2 Opening of New Legal Aid Centers

All arrangements have been made to open Theldeniya and Udugama centres within the first quarter of 2021 as the new centres of the Legal Aid Commission.

2.1.3. Staff Training

The current staff of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka has been directed for local trainings in anticipation of achieving professional expertise.

Description	No. of Officers
Training Attorneys-at-Law	120
Management Assistants	100
Total	220

2.1.4. New Recruitments

New recruitments by the Legal Aid Commission for the year 2020 are as follows.

No.	Designation	No. of Officers & the Centre
01	Legal Officer	02 Badulla, Kilinochchi Centres
02	Management Assistant	Although applications have been called for the recruitment of Management Assistants, we were unable to hold interviews and make any recruitments in the face of Corona pandemic situation that prevailed in the country and the recruitments will be made during the first quarter of 2021.
03	Office Employee Assistant	Requests have been made to the Department of Management Services through the Ministry of Justice for the recruitment of Office Employee Assistants and Drivers
	Driver	

2.2 Financial Activities

2.2.1. Financial Statement- 2020

2.2.1(A) Statement of Finacial Position as at 31st December 2020

Item	Note	As at 31.12.2020 (Rs)	As at 31.12.2019 (Rs)
Assests			
Non-current assets			
Fixed assets		59,651,889	53,760,133
Current assets	2		
Shares		1,263,900	884,357
Prepaid and Debtors	9	2,259,726	5,398,776
Fixed deposits	10	6,430,078	16,243,097
Bank balance	10	6,655,263	
Total Assets		<u>76,260,855</u>	<u>76,286,362</u>
Rights and Liabilities represented			
Accumulation Fund	3	(61,518,527)	9,192,893
Settlement of expenses		59,234,783	4,327,418
Non-CurrentLiability	5	70,671,142	57,195,537
Current Liabilities			
Accrued expenses	4	7,873,457	5,570,516
Overall shares and liabilities		<u>76,260,855</u>	<u>76,286,363</u>

2.2.2 Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka- Legal Aid Fund

2.2.2(A) Cash Flow Statement for the year ended from 31st December 2020

Item	2020 (Rs)	2019 (Rs)
Net income on expenditure	(21,323,099.18)	(35,418,539.14)
Added retention	1,434,810.81	227,717.60
Depreciation	9,992,209.35	10,496,940.41
Deducted other income	-	-
Bad Debt	-	-
Gratuity Provision	15,275,416.19	14,589,141.89
Interest income	(12,191,035.47)	(1,933,638.87)
Cash flow from operations	<u>(6,811,698.30)</u>	<u>(12,038,378.11)</u>
Working capital		
Increase/decrease on current assets	(1,375,369.66)	13,288,565.46
Increasing accrued expenses	2,302,941.97	366,331.35
Payment of gratuity	(1,799,810.00)	(826,180.00)
Net cash flow from operations	<u>(827,237.69)</u>	<u>12,828,717</u>
Cash flow from investment activities		
Purchasing of furniture	(1,198,629.97)	(923,235.74)
Purchasing of office equipment	(3,250,204.54)	(1,298,743.13)
Purchasing of computers	(3,299,111.82)	(3,630,585.10)
Purchasing of books	(2,840.50)	(19,149.50)
Increases for buildings	(1,656,921.42)	(17,798,167.40)
Transfer of fixed deposits	(500,000.00)	(250,000.00)
Net cash flow from investment activities	<u>(9,907,708.25)</u>	<u>(23,919,880.87)</u>
Cash flow from financial activities		
Capital Allowances Receipts	8,000,000.00	13,000,000.00
The increase or decrease of cash equivalents in the year	(9,591,644.24)	(10,129,542)
Cash or cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	16,243,095.00	26,372,637)
Cash or cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>6,651,450.76</u>	<u>16,243,095.00</u>

2.2.2(B) Statement of Change in Equity as at 31st December 2020

Item	2020 (Rs)	2019 (Rs)
Restated balance as at 01 st January	95,220,583	31,383,715
Balance brought forward	(84,592,890)	227,717
Capital grants	8,000,000	13,000,000
Surplus expenses within the year	(21,323,099)	(35,418,539)
Balance as at 31 st December	(61,518,527)	9,192,893

2.2.2(C) Total Income Statement for the year ended from 31st December 2020

Item	Notes	As at 31.12.2020 (Rs)	As at 31.12.2019 (Rs)
Allowances, registration fees, income receipts, etc.	6	205,314,686.26	226,198,895.47
Administration expenses	7	271,608,285.44	261,566,673.61
Activity Excess or (Deficit)	8	(21,293,599)	(35,367,778)
Financial expenses		29,500.00	50,761.00
Net surplus or deficit for year		<u>(21,323,099)</u>	<u>(35,418,539)</u>

2.2.2(D) Notes on the Financial Statement of the Year
Ended 31stDecember 2020

Item	2020 (Rs)	2019 (Rs)
2. Fixed Assets		
Cost	111,453,479	83,823,598
Balance brought forward	15,536,708.25	27,629,881
Additions during the year		
Exclusions during the year	<u>126,990,187.23</u>	<u>111,453,479</u>
Balance brought forward		
Provision for depreciation	57,693,345.85	47,196,406
Balance brought forward	10,044,755.14	10,496,940
Depreciation for the year	399,802.32	
Exclusions during the year		
Balance brought forward	<u>67,338,298.67</u>	<u>57,693,346</u>
Total cost forwarded		
Provision for depreciation	126,990,187.23	111,453,479
Total book value	67,338,298.67	57,693,346
	<u>59,651,888.56</u>	<u>53,760,133</u>
3. Accumulated Fund		
Balance brought forward		31,383,715
Equity and Capital	103,220,583.26	50,836,868
Prior year adjustments	(103,220,583.72)	227,718
Income retained	(40,195,427.43)	(50,836,869)
Receipt of capital funds during the year		13,000,000
Excess or deficiency during the year	(21,323,099.18)	(35,418,539)
	<u>(61,518,527.07)</u>	<u>9,192,893</u>

2.2.2(E) Notes to the Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2020

Item	2020 (Rs)	2019 (Rs)
4. Accrued Expenses		
Salaries payable	(0.80)	177,998
Provident Funds Payable	3,012,482.20	2,697,944
Employee Trust Funds Payable	10,962.47	-
Audit fees payable	500,000.00	398,646
Other or miscellaneous expenses payable	2,071,338.44	1,094,238
Casual wages	1,014,309.59	-
Programs to be paid	21,265.71	-
Annual Reports printing	197,560.00	197,560
Liability for pay	929	-
Gifts of honour to be paid	1,019,950.00	1,000,000
Insurance claims payable	22,379.24	929
Payment for staff	3,210.29	3,200
	<u>7,873,457.14</u>	<u>5,570,516</u>
5. Gratuity		
Balance brought forward	57,195,535.44	43,432,575
	-	-
Allocation during the year	15,275,416.19	14,589,142
Gratuity payments during the year	(1,799,810.00)	826,180
	<u>70,671,141.63</u>	<u>57,195,537</u>

2.2.2(F) Notes to the Financial Statement for the year ended December 31, 2020

Item	2020 (Rs)	2019 (Rs)
9. Prepaid and Debtors		
	10.89	228,683
Renovation of buildings	578,683.10	11
Advances	12,128.50	284,000
Petty Cash	285,500.00	170,126
Deposits	-	183,935
Debtors (for floods)	1,379,770.01	11,826
Payments for Debtors	3,633.49	5,375
Insurance payment	0.29	400
Stores rental	-	-
Program balance prepaid	-	-
	<u>2,259,726.28</u>	<u>884,357</u>
10. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash balance	6,655,262.74	16,243,097
Fixed deposit	6,430,077.50	5,398,776
	<u>13,085,340.24</u>	<u>21,641,872</u>

2.2.2(G) Receipts for the Legal Aid Fund from the year 2013 to 2020 (Recurrent)

Item	2013 (Rs)	2014 (Rs)	2015 (Rs)	2016 (Rs)	2017 (Rs)	2018 (Rs)	2019 (Rs)	2020 (Rs)
Recurrent Fund	118,853,241	133,000,000	160,460,000	191,000,000	193,925,423	198,975,000	220,000,000	225,400,000
Other grants	-	17,971,913	7,490,501	7,101,000	321,718	2,903,214	2,409,400	12,239,179.7
Registration fees	-	1,976,814	461,805	444,200	549,200	510,600	596,400	468,000.00
Apprentice Lawyer Course fees	-	796,832	761,000	974,000	1,163,000	878,000	798,000	100,000.00
Presidential Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	140,500	-
Supplementary Law course fees	-	615,918	258,000	270,500	-	-	-	-
Interest revenue	392,703	195,604	170,415	185,149	316,396	405,188	750,263	816,762.91
Misc. income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,393.10
Book sales	-	730,693	72,350	24,930	105,410	4,270	200	400.00
Library revenue	-	22,661	113,789	175,803	274,172	298,655	304,033	164,139.00
Total	119,245,944	155,310,435	169,787,860	200,175,582	196,655,319	205,195,697	226,198,895	250,314,686

2.2.2(H) Statement of Expenditure -2013 to 2020

Description	2013 (Rs)	2014 (Rs)	2015 (Rs)	2016 (Rs)	2017 (Rs)	2018 (Rs)	2019 (Rs.)	2020 (Rs)
Wages	99,903,620	108,305,620	135,919,053	149,738,011	172,802,472	168,489,215	200,700,727	214,670,169
Payment of Bar Council	3,596,817	5,083,073	5,691,880	5,846,335	7,106,874	8,359,574	6,661,616	3,704,941
Office expenses								
Phones	2,714,415	2,872,253	2,921,458	3,609,480	4,266,397	4,117,343	3,975,290	3,280,405
Electricity and Water	1,009,641	1,229,897	1,165,682	1,311,921	1,278,647	1,470,149	1,528,048	1,086,187
Stationery & Printing	1,428,595	1,597,317	1,278,621	1,825,020	1,769,178	1,567,468	1,676,938	1,644,956
Postage charges	413,430	577,501	619,199	733,509	769,296	734,728	903,914	805,352
Maintenance and Repair	1,647,600	2,013,396	3,061,149	11,958,396	5,109,879	2,686,825	3,049,897	2,597,284
Rent	1,047,358	1,702,000	1,183,000	1,254,000	1,034,000	1,820,917	1,898,875	1,414,500
Batta and transportation costs	221,501	413,164	369,040	632,955	631,544	679,018	685,793	359,552
Foreign travel expenses	30,634	21,508,378	9,334,844	16,131,178	9,756,142	6,284,911	8,267,711	471,339
Program expenses	522,950	405,395	186,189	147,434	197,215	278,001	369,517	197,478
Fuel for vehicles								
Vehicle insurance and repairs	173,381	715,415	1,422,334	1,271,607	1,380,686	1,335,222	928,069	380,640
Staff Medical Insurance	-	-	1,214,773	1,008,500	1,008,500	-	1,266,811	1,169,989
Attorney's fees	23,748	12,845	56,580	216,100	89,727	474,859	69,108	61,491
Advertising expenses	83,160	145,600	-	-	34,500	117,645	95,979	129,411
Employee Welfare	310,601	144,128	108,448	204,890	274,287	216,412	201,572	336,526
Staff training costs	11,000	97,500	274,744	279,444	168,119	93,267	69,000	54,000
Professional fees	10,820	-	-	-	24,663	-	-	-
Assessment Accounts	9,153	22,296	17,652	15,501	9,538	59,665	40,100	9,538
Conversion fee account	9,015	2,360	9,515	8,850	15,050	31,550	7,375	67,980
Meeting expenses	480,000	529,911	-	15,170	186,747	-	16,150	12,250
Library expenses	-	3,962	33,656	38,554	58,880	79,679	186,562	-
Various expenses	530,526	558,424	424,533	489,794	718,357	2,283,232	2,966,203	2,256,015
Sanitary expenses							332,147	262,855
Center monitoring and opening	117,624	44,762	101,081	143,244	200,468	-	47,516	12,495
Annual Report Expenses	-	247,500	214,925	350,000	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	83,838	69,085	54,260	52,500	55,570	73,411	50,761	29,500
Allocations								
Gratuity	2,079,908	11,468,979	2,926,295	4,670,851	3,952,310	9,929,381	14,589,142	15,275,416
Depreciation	6,066,342	8,225,883	8,454,031	7,389,590	7,092,145	6,615,843	10,496,940	9,992,209
Audit fees	99,704	80,000	100,000	100,000	125,000	200,000	500,000	500,000
Total	122,864,781	168,076,643	177,142,941	209,442,833	220,193,634	219,034,366	261,617,435	271,608,285

3.4 Recurrent receipts and expenses for the Legal Aid Fund from 2013 to 2020

Item	2013 (Rs)	2014 (Rs)	2015 (Rs)	2016 (Rs)	2017 (Rs)	2018 (Rs)	2019 (Rs)	2020 (Rs)
Receipts	119,245,944	155,310,435	169,787,860	200,175,582	196,655,319	204,472,427	220,000,000	225,400,000
Expenses	122,864,781	168,076,643	177,142,941	209,442,833	220,193,634	219,034,366	261,617,435	271,637,785

2.2.4 Capital Fund from 2014 to 2020

Item	2014 (Rs)	2015 (Rs)	2016 (Rs)	2017 (Rs)	2018 (Rs)	2019 (Rs)	2020 (Rs)
Capital Receipts	24,000,000	14,800,000	25,000,000	11,500,000	18,092,806	13,000,000	8,000,000
Capital Expenditure	14,900,000	11,600,000	20,800,000	11,800,000	15,079,607	10,566,858	8,800,000


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Audit Report

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The audit report of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 on financial statements and other legal and regulation requirements for the year ended on 31st December 2020.

The aforesaid report has been forwarded herewith.

Sgd./illegibly
W.P.C. Wikramaratne
Auditor General

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1. Financial Statements

1.1 Qualified Opinion

The audit of the financial statements of the of Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka for the year ended on 31 December 2020 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, 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 and the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971. My report will be tabled in Parliament in due course as per Article 154(6) of the Constitution.

In my opinion, except for the matters described in the basis for qualified opinion in my report, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Commission as at 31st December 2020, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.

1.2 Basis for Qualified Opinion

- (a) Although all assets coming under the subject of assets being revalued should be revalued during the revaluation of assets in terms of the provisions in Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard No. 07, only 02 vehicles out of 10 vehicles owned by the Commission had been revalued at Rs. 5,550,000 in the year under review. Further, in stead of indicating this asset revaluation reserve as revaluation reserves in financial statements it had been indicated as a deferred liability.
- (b) The effective lifespan of non-current assets had not been reviewed as per paragraph 65 of the Standard as a consequence of which, action had not been taken to revise and incorporate into the financial statements the estimated defect on the effective lifespan of 05 motor vehicles with a cost of Rs. 4,643,333 still being utilized despite having been completely amortised as at 31st December in the year under review, in terms of Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard No. 03.
- (c) Assets amounting to Rs. 4,861,144 that had been paid for yet had not been physically received as at end of the year under review had been indicated under fixed assets in stead of presenting as payments made in advance in financial statements.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing standards (SLAuSs). 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 qualified opinion.

1.3 Other details contained in the Annual Report 2020 of the Commission

Details included in the Annual Report 2020 of the Commission expected to be submitted to me after the date of this Audit Report yet not contained in the Financial Statements and my Audit Report, are referred to as other details. The management should be responsible for those other details.

Other details will not be covered by my opinion on financial statements and I neither guarantee nor express any opinion in that regard.

My responsibility regarding financial statements is that, to read the other details identified above when available and in doing so, to consider whether other details are materially inappropriate with financial statements or according to the findings I have obtained during the audit or in any other way.

If I conclude when reading the Annual Report of the Commission 2020 that, material errors exist, the matters should be communicated to the governing parties for corrections. If any further unrectified errors exist they will be included in the report to be tabled in Parliament in due course as per Article 154(6) of the Constitution.

1.4 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Commission or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Commission's financial reporting process.

As per Sub-section 16 (1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the Commission 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 Commission.

1.5 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, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken 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 have further:

- Identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtained audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my 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, or the override of internal control.
- Obtained an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Commission's internal control.

- Evaluated the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Concluded on the appropriateness of the institute's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my audit report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the institute to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluated 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.

I will inform the governing parties of the significant audit findings, key internal governance weaknesses and other matters identified during my audit.

2. Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

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- 2.1 Special provisions on the following requirements are set out in the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018.
- 2.1.1 I have obtained all details and explanations required for the audit in terms of the requirements set out in Section 12 (a) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 and, as it is apparent from my inquiry it seems that the Commission has maintained proper financial reports.
- 2.1.2 The financial statements of the Commission which were submitted in terms of the requirement set out in Section 6(1)(d)(III) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 are

consistent with the preceding year.

- 2.1.3 The financial statements which were submitted contain the recommendations I had made in the preceding year in terms of the requirement set out in Section 6(i)(d)(iv) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018.
- 2.2 There are no sufficient facts that have drawn my attention to make any of the following statements upon the measures followed and the evidence obtained, and being confined to quantitative facts.
- 2.2.1 That any member of the Board of Administration of the Commission has any direct or indirect interest in any contract entered into by the Commission outside the general business condition in terms of the requirement set out in Section 12 (d) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018.
- 2.2.2 That the Commission has not complied with any applicable written law or other general or special directions issued by the Board of Administration of the Commission in terms of the requirement set out in Section 12(f) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 except for the following observations.

<u>Reference to Rules, Regulations and Provisions</u>	<u>Description</u>
(a) Monetary Act No. 38 of 1971 and Public Enterprise Circular No. PED/25 dated 24 th July 2004.	A sum of Rs. 3,500,000 had been invested in fixed deposits without obtaining the consent of the Minister of Finance in the year under review.
(b) (i) Section 40(1) and (ii) Section 16 of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 and Section 6.5.1 of the Public Enterprise Circular No.	An internal audit of the Commission had not been carried out for the year under review. The draft Annual Report had not been submitted to the Auditor General along

PED/12 dated 02nd June 2003.

with the annual financial statements.

(c) (i) Section 5.2.5

The last updated approved budget had not been presented to the relevant ministry, Public Enterprises Department, Treasury and the Auditor General 15 days prior to the beginning of the following year.

(ii) Section 6.5.3

The Annual Reports of 2018 and 2019 had not been presented to the Parliament even by the end of April 2021.

(iii) Section 9.12 of the Public Enterprise Circular No. PED/12 dated 02nd June 2003.

A private insurance policy had been introduced for the employees of the Commission in the year 2015 contrary to the provisions of the Circular, whereas a sum of Rs.1,169,989 which is 50 percent of the insurance contribution, had been paid to a private insurance company relating to 56 employees for the year under review.

2.2.3 That the Commission has failed to perform in compliance with its powers, functions and duties in terms of the requirement set out in Section 12(g) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018 except for the following observation.

The Commission had failed to execute the key powers, i.e. establish, administer, develop and co-operate in experimental programmes, law clinics and projects respecting any aspect of the provision of legal aid and for such purposes employ staff necessary to initiate, develop and operate the programmes and projects as set out in Paragraph 4(i) in the Legal Aid Commission Act No. 27 of 1987.

2.2.4 That the resources have not been procured and utilized economically, efficiently and

effectively within the time frames and in compliance with the applicable laws in terms of the requirement set out in Section 12 (h) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018.

03. Other Findings

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- (a) Although the national policy termed as The Proposed Legal Aid Policy for Sri Lanka had been approved by the Cabinet of Ministers on 30th March 2016 with the aim of empowering the State Legal Aid Scheme within the society in a more formal manner, it had not been implemented.
 - (b) According to the Progress report 45,033 cases in total i.e. 35,322 and 9,711 cases in the years 2018 and 2019 respectively existed for providing legal aid whereas assistance of Attorneys (legal aid) had been rendered for the settlement of 8,466 cases in the year under review. The number of cases further remained by the end of the year under review was 36,567 which was 81 percent of the total cases.
 - (c) Provisions allocated for each purpose, date of commencement and completion of work had not been precisely indicated in the Action Plan of the year under review and also the progress of activities had not been presented in correspondence to the plan. The performance of the Commission could not be examined during the audit.
 - (d) As at the end of the year under review 79 vacancies including 27 senior level vacancies existed and officers had been recruited for 03 senior level positions on contract basis and 01 secondary level position on permanent basis both of which were outside the approved cadre. Further, a consultant who is not included in the approved cadre had been recruited in 2017 and a sum of Rs. 2,896,000 had been paid since then until April 2021 as the salary whereas a sum of Rs. 2,144,529 had been paid for the officers recruited temporarily without a proper approval in the year under review.

Sgd./illegibly

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Auditor General

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3	Ampara	063-2223496	45	Marawila	032-2254443
4	Anuradhapura	025-2224465	46	Matale	066-2224828
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40	Kurunegala	037-2229641	82	Galagedara	081-2061025
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