



2015



2016



2017

பாடகனயே நம : டீசீத்ரீக் லேகம் கார்காடயே மமபஹ



ஸ்ரீ லகா பார்ட்ரீமேன்துவே ரபயே மீனூம் கார்க ஸஹாப வீஃன் ஸஹாஹ கார்க லட வார்தா ஸமீஹன்஢யேன் ஸீலாவர நியே஢  
ஂக 119(4) ய஢னே மரு ஂமாவரயா஢ே நிரீக்ஷண ஹ மது லஹ பீயலர பார்ட்ரீமேன்துவ வஹ ஓ஢ீர்பன் கிரீம

**நிறுவனத்தின் பெயர்: மாவட்ட செயலகம் கம்பஹ**

பாராளுமன்றத்தின் அரச கணக்குக் குழுவின்ால் முன்வைக்கப்பட்ட அறிக்கை தொடர்பாக  
நிலையியற் கட்டளை இலக்கம் 119(4) இன் கீழ் கௌரவ அமைச்சரின் அவதானிப்புக்களும்  
மற்றும் அது தொடர்பாக எடுக்கப்படும் நடவடிக்கைகளும் பாராளுமன்றத்திற்கு சமர்ப்பித்தல்

**Name of Institution: District Secretariat – Gampaha**

**Submission of observation of Hon Minister and steps taken with regard to the reports tabled by the  
committee on Public Account in terms of Standing Order No.119(4)**

# Submitting to Parliament the observations made and the measures taken regarding the Standing Order 119(4) tabled

## By the Committee on Public Accounts of the Parliament of Sri Lanka

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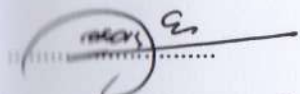
District Secretariat: Gampaha

Shortcomings pointed out by the council and guidelines	Action taken by the Accounting Officer	Current progress
1. Balances that are revealed by the findings of Bank Reconciliation Statements & should be adjusted had not been adjusted within a period of one month. .	Financial Regulation 396 (c) is adhered to at all times and follow-up action is taken in this regard with copies to the Audit on a monthly and quarterly basis. Due to the delay in submission of cheques to the bank and misplacing of them in the COVID 19 epidemic situation in the year 2020, cheques in lieu had to be issued following the relevant regulations. Due to the delay in the supply of certain goods and services, there was a delay in issuing cheques and this situation has been controlled to the extent possible. All those cheques have been settled and it has not possible to bank the amount of Rs. 19,447 relating to the 24 deposits not banked due to the theft of money of the safe of the Mahara Divisional Secretariat.	Accordingly, only the amount of Rs.19, 447 relating to the 24 deposits not banked due to the fraud of money of the Mahara Divisional Secretariat, is remaining and the amount is expected to be settled by making relevant adjustments after the completion of the inquiry related to the money fraud.
2. Consequent to the utilization of provisions allocated for a vote as per FR 94(1), liabilities were exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year.	A special arrangement has been made to settle the labilities to be settled during the year as much as possible within the same year and accordingly, the liabilities to be settled in the coming year were able to be minimized to the extent possible. Further, out of the liabilities revealed at the end of the year 2019, the sums of Rs. 340,919 and Rs. 24,150 under the votes 1101 and 1402 respectively, have been borne under the allocations for the year 2020. However, all Divisional Secretaries of the District have been informed to bear liabilities within the relevant allocation ceiling.	Arrangements have been made to bear the relevant liabilities within the remaining allocation limit of the year 2022.

<p>3. There were loan balances remaining in arrears for over a year.</p>	<p>This is being followed up regularly and most of the outstanding loan balances have been recovered in the past few years and it is intended to recover a part of these balances after the retirement of the relevant officials.</p>	<p>In the year 2022, a special arrangement was made to recover outstanding loan balances and an amount of Rs. 551,294 has been recovered. In the year 2023, the remaining outstanding loan balance of Rs.1,759,431.47 is expected to be recovered in the same manner.</p>
<p>4. Action had not been taken in terms of Financial Regulation 571 regarding the lapsed deposits in the General Deposits Account</p>	<p>I wish to inform that action has been taken in the past few years to settle most of the balances of the General Deposits Account by making a proper arrangement. Also, a special arrangement has been made to settle the compensation payments and this amount is mainly made up of the compensation money not accepted due to not being sufficient and the said compensation money have to be held in the Deposits Account until the relevant agreements are reached. Further, the settlement of these compensations is delayed due to land disputes, compensation recipients being abroad, etc. However, I will take action to settle these deposit balances as much as possible in the year 2023.</p>	<p>As of 31.12.2022, under the Deposit Account Nos. 6000-0-0-1-0-61 (Security Deposit), 6000-0-0-2-79 (Tender Deposit), 6000-0-0-13-49 (Payments to Third Parties) and 6000-0-0-18-39 (Statutory Payments), there are no deposits remaining for more than 2 years and under Contract Retentions (6000-0-0-16-31), a deposit balance of Rs.14,104,972.11 is remaining for more than 2 years and the contractors have been informed to settle this amount and it is expected to be settled in the year 2023.</p> <p>Also, problems have arisen in settling the deposit balance of Rs. 198,669,879.20 remaining under Land Deposits (6000-0-0-17-0-10) for more than 5 years due to land disputes. The balance is also expected to be settled in the year 2023.</p>
<p>5. Assets given to external parties</p> <p>Action had not been taken to evict the unauthorized occupants who have been residing in the official residence of the Grama Niladhari in Unnaruwa in the</p>	<p>This land belongs to the Land Reform Commission. The building was constructed by the Land Reform Commission during the 1970-1977 period. Later, a Grama Niladhari's office was maintained therein and the Grama Niladhari's office has been removed due to the collapse of the building. Later, a family of unauthorized occupants has settled in that building, and in the lawsuit filed in that regard, the verdict has been given in favor of the residents, making it applicable only to the possession.</p>	<p>It was discussed In this regard at the District Audit and Management Committee held on 26.08.2022 and accordingly, since this land is a land belonging to the Land Reform Commission, and the power to deal with illegal occupation is a duty of the Land Reform Commission, it is decided to transfer the power to proceed with the matter to the said commission.</p>

Minuwangoda Divisional Secretariat area since 1990.	<p>Later, in a lawsuit filed to recover the possession, the case was dismissed due to the errors made in filing the lawsuit.</p> <p>Therefore, as it is confirmed that the land belongs to the Land Reform Commission, the Divisional Secretary is not responsible for taking back the possession. Although the Land Reform Commission has been informed in writing to take action in that regard, no reply has been received so far.</p>	
6. The money fraud that took place in the Mahara Divisional Secretariat in the year 2014	<p>The losses incurred by the Western Provincial Council, Central Government and Samurdhi Department are Rs.915,786, Rs.126,459.42 and Rs.40,000 respectively. Accordingly, the relevant persons have been informed by the District Secretary's letter No. DS/P/1/16 and dated 01.11.2021 to pay for the loss incurred to the Central Government, in installments or in one lump sum within a period of 3 months to the Gampaha District Secretariat. Also, on 14.12.2021, they have been informed to pay Rs. 228,946.50 each for the loss due to be recovered by the Western Provincial Council.</p>	<p>i. The two management service officers have informed in a letter that since the case in progress in the court relating to this is being heard, they will act accordingly. Therefore, it has been informed by the District Secretary's letter No. DS/P/1/16 dated 14.02.2022 that action be taken to pay the relevant sums of money without delay.</p> <p>ii. Also, the letters submitted by the then Mahara Divisional Secretary and the Accountant stating that they are unable to pay for the loss have been forwarded to the Secretary, State Ministry of Home Affairs by the District Secretary's letters bearing No. DS/P/1/16 dated 11.02.2022 and 17.02.2022.</p> <p>iii. But, all relevant responsible officials have no agreement to compensate for the loss. Therefore, as per the latter No. F/DA/06/WRI02/003 dated 10.02.2022, an inquiry in accordance with F.R. 104(1) b has to be held again through a new board of inquiry, and the said board has been named and submitted to the State Ministry of Home Affairs by the letter dated 22.03.2022 for approval.</p>

		<p>iv. The Secretary of the State Ministry of Home Affairs has given approval for the new board of inquiry on 08.04.2022 and accordingly, a new board of inquiry was appointed by the letter No. DS/P/1/16 dated 21.04.2022.</p> <p>v. In the same was as earlier, the decision of the report of the new board of inquiry is also evenly recovering the loss from the relevant officials. Therefore, the new committee report has been sent to the line ministry on 20.10.2022 recommending to conduct a suitable formal inquiry through the inquiry division of the ministry.</p>
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## Recommendation of the Secretary

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Measures taken by the District Secretary are recommended and instructions have been given to District Secretaries to pay personal attention on the other shortcomings pointed out and to take corrective measures regarding them.

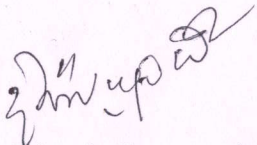


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## Recommendation of the Minister and the Action taken

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Instruction have been given by me to the Ministry Secretary to take necessary steps by paying special attention on the instructions given to the District Secretary by the Committee on Public Accounts, to ensure that such shortcomings may not occur again and it is expected that the such measures would enable the provable level to reach the optimum level within the year 2023.



Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena.(M.P)  
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