



# **Power Section**

Financial & Performance Evaluation of the State Institutions, Provincial Councils and Local Authorities based on the Management Information System (MIS) – Financial Year 2020 Reporting the Current Progress to the Parliament

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Name of the Institution - Ministry of Power and Energy

Short comings Identified by the Committee	Clarification on those Matters
1. The annual procurement plan had not been prepared.	The annual procurement plan of the Ministry for the years 2022 and 2023 have been prepared
2. The Annual Performance Report was not prepared and submitted to Parliament on the due date.	The Performance Report for the year 2020 was submitted to the Parliament on 05.07.2021 and the Auditor General's final report for the year 2021 was received by the Ministry on 15.06.2022. The Performance Report 2021 was printed by incorporating all that information and handed over to the Parliament on 02.08.2022. Further, it was unable to submit the Performance Report 2021 to the Parliament on time due to the delay in obtaining permission to enter the Parliament.
3. A website had not been created or maintained to provide information about the institute to the public.	Even by 2020, the website was created and till now the website is maintained by the Ministry by updating new information.
4. Citizen/ client charter had not been prepared or applied properly.	The Citizen Client Charter for the year 2020 of the Ministry prepared by the committee appointed for this purpose was approved by the Secretary of this Ministry in the year 2022. Accordingly, all officials have been informed and published on the Ministry's website.

<p>5. A methodology had not been formulated to monitor and evaluate the application of citizen/client charter by the institution.</p>	<p>By the year 2022, the staff officers in charge of each division have been informed to monitor the implementation of the Ministry's Citizen/Client Charter.</p>
<p>6. The human resource development plan that had been prepared did not provide for at least a minimum of twelve hours of training per employee.</p>	<p>Even though the budgetary provision had not been allocated under the training vote for the year 2023, the required provision has been requested from the Department of National Budget. It has been planned to provide a minimum of 12 hours for the staff for 2023 after inquiring about the necessary training requirements from all the officials of the Ministry by assuming that the budgetary provision for this purpose might be allocated.</p>
<p>7. Performance agreements covering the entire staff had not been drafted or entered.</p>	<p>Performance Agreements for the year 2023 have been signed by the entire staff.</p>
<p>8. Out of the training opportunities planned, the extent of training opportunities granted, was less than 50%.</p>	<p>It was unable to provide training opportunities to the staff of the Ministry as planned in 2020 due to the Covid 19 pandemic situation and the unavailability of adequate training programs. However, it has been planned to provide adequate training opportunities in 2023, by assuming that the required budgetary provision might be allocated by the Department of National Budget.</p>

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# Energy Section

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Part one

Serial No	Deficiencies identified by the Committee/Directives given by the Committee	Present position of action taken by the Committee to rectify shortcomings/to implement recommendations
01	Failure to submit replies within a month to all audit queries raised by the Auditor General	It is kindly notified that since 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2020, a new Ministry called the Ministry of Energy had been established, and since then and up to date, replies to the audit queries of the Auditor General have been sent regularly under the direct supervision of the Chief Accounting Officer. In case additional time is required to reply any audit query, action had been taken to contact the Auditor General and obtain permission.
02	Failure to reply internal audit queries within a month	It is kindly notified that since 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2020, a new Ministry called the Ministry of Energy had been established, and since then and up to date, replies to the audit queries of the Auditor General have been sent regularly under the direct supervision of the Chief Accounting Officer.
03	Failure to implement within the prescribed time periods recommendations about excesses and deficiencies and other recommendations disclosed at the annual board of survey.	Recommendations about excesses and deficiencies and other recommendations disclosed at the annual board of survey. have been implemented properly. Action has been taken to properly conduct the board of survey functions.
04	Failure to dispose a vehicle within a period of less than 06 months of its condemnation.	At present, there are no such condemned vehicles in the Ministry. Action has been taken to properly dispose of unserviceable vehicles.
05	Failure to settle in accordance with Financial Regulations within a month balance that had to be adjusted revealed in the bank reconciliation statements	By now, adjustments in respect of bank reconciliation statements have been properly settled and submitted to the respective sections.
06	Presence of outstanding loan balances continuing for a period of over one year.	It has been observed that the debtor relevant to this loan has become permanently bed ridden, and that due to this reason, no relative has come forward to take him over. Accordingly, the Attorney General has been informed on 01.03.2021 that it is

		<p>difficult to pursue this case further. The honourable courts has informed that this case has been quashed.</p> <p>As such, a request has been made to the Department of Public Finance to give authority to write this loan off the books. Action will be taken to write off from the book this outstanding loan balance once approval for this request is received.</p> <p>Even though this had happened in 2020, by now this situation has been obviated, and action has been taken to issue sub imprests only for the prescribed limits.</p>
07	Issue of ad hoc sub imprests exceeding the FR 371 limit	By now, reconciliation of differences is done monthly after adjusting the imprest account with the Treasury books.
08	Failure to monthly reconcile the differences after adjusting the imprest account with the Treasury books.	It is stated that action has been taken to properly dispose of the collected revenue within the prescribed period.
09	Failure to properly dispose of the collected revenue within the prescribed period.	Printing work was delayed due to the delay in obtaining information as a result of the Covid epidemic that prevailed since the beginning of year 2020 and the limitation of calling up of officers to work stations. It was not possible to submit to Parliament the performance report on the prescribed date, due to matters such as the failure to receive the audit reports also. However, by now the relevant report for the year 2021 also has been submitted.
10	Failure to present to the Parliament the performance report for the year under review on the prescribed date	

Part Two	
Serial No	Deficiencies identified by the Committee/Directives given by the Committee
01	Deficiencies identified by the Committee/Directives given by the Committee By now, the performance agreement including the entire staff has been prepared. Further revisions are under way.
02	The performance agreement including the entire staff had not been prepared and entered into Training opportunities had been at a level of less than 50% out of the planned training opportunities. It is notified that it was not possible to conduct staff training as planned, as the proper running of offices was limited due to the Covid epidemic of 2020. However, action had been taken to conduct training programmes at the maximum level, whenever possible.
03	Shortcomings/faults pointed out by the Auditor General in the paragraphs had not been rectified. By now, the shortcomings/faults pointed out by the Auditor General in the audit paragraphs have been rectified by now, and the relevant officers have been instructed to act in future, obviating such faults. Further, continuous monitoring about this is ongoing.

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