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Presenting the observations and actions taken by the Hon.Minister to the Parliament under the Standing Order No.119 (4) regarding the reports tabled by the Committee on Government Accounts of the parliament

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This refers to your letter dated 13.12.2023 regarding the above matter.

02. Accordingly, the trilingual report along with two CDs including the soft copy (PDF) prepared inserting the measures taken for the observations made regarding the Ministry of Water Supply & Estate Infrastructure Development and the State Ministry of Rural and Drinking Water Supply in the second report submitted by the Committee on Government Accounts in connection with the financial control and performance of government institutions, provincial councils, and local government are forwarded herewith to be submitted to the Parliament

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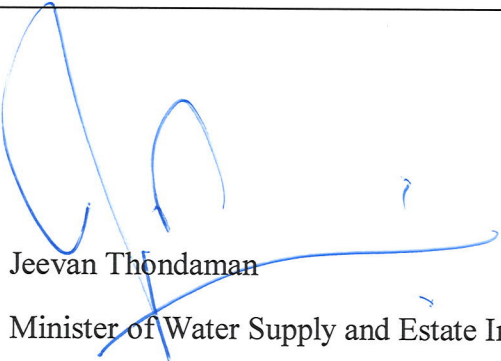
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Name of the Institution: Ministry of Water Supply & Estate Infrastructure Development

First Section: 84.00

The Annual Procurement Plan was not prepared	The Procurement Plan for the year 2021 to 2023 has been prepared & the approval has been obtained.
Responses to internal audit queries were not submitted within a month	During the years 2021 & 2022, it was not possible to submit answers duly to the internal audit queries within a month due to the Corona Virus pandemic situation and the chaotic situation prevailed in the country
Audit & Management Committee meetings were not held minimally 2 times	It could not be held due to the Corona Virus pandemic. Four Committee meetings have been conducted for one year as one per quarter during the years 2022 & 2023.
Documents to confirm the ownership of all the vehicles were not in possession.	By November 2023, we have received the Registration Certificates related to vehicles that were given to WaSSIP & National Water Supply & Drainage Board which were not in possession of the Ministry earlier. Applications were forwarded by the Department of National Community Water Supply to register vehicles which were handed over to them.
A vehicle has not been disposed for less than 08 months after it had been condemned	Proper disposal was not performed due to the Corona Virus pandemic situation and the chaotic situation prevailed in the country during the years 2021 & 2022. 03 vehicles reserved for disposal were handed over to the Urban Settlement Development Authority for reuse.
Log books for each vehicle were not maintained on up-to-date basis.	All the log books are properly maintained by now and since November 2023 arrangements have been made to obtain the signature of the Staff Officer for each entry.
Fuel consumption tests were not performed	During the years 2021 & 2022, due to the

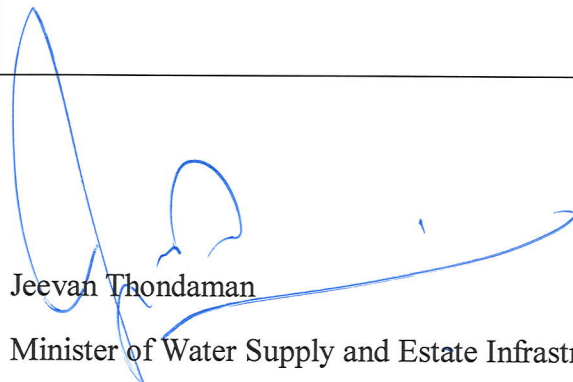
of the vehicles owned by the institution as per the Public Administration Circular No:2016/30 dated 29.12.2016.	Corona Virus pandemic situation and the chaotic situation prevailed in the country (issue fuel under fuel quota), Fuel consumption tests could not be performed, however from the year 2023 fuel tests are being conducted.
Ad hoc sub imprest issued as per F.R.371 was not settled within one month after completion of the process	In the year 2021, it was not possible to settle the sub imprest within one month after completion of the process, due to the Corona Virus pandemic, however at present, actions have been taken to settle it, a month before.
Ad hoc sub imprest was issued exceeding the limit in F.R.371	At present, imprest is issued only within the approved limit.


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Second Section: 85.00

The performance agreement was not prepared with respect to all staff members and not contracted.	Even though, the performance agreements have not been prepared in the year 2021, the performance agreement for the year 2024 are being prepared.
The amount of training opportunities provided out of the scheduled training opportunities was less than 50%	Due to the Corona Virus pandemic, it was not possible to provide training opportunities as planned in the year 2021. Necessary measures have been taken to cover more than 80% of the planned training opportunities by the year 2023.
The audit opinion over the accounts of the institution was at disclaimer or adverse level.	I would like to mention that the relevant activities are carried out with proper inspection and follow up as much as possible in order not to obtain an unqualified opinion.
The recommendations of the Auditor General's report had not been implemented	Steps have been taken to implement the relevant recommendations as much as possible.



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