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<u>Submission of observations and measures taken with regard to the reports submitted to the Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts as per the Standing Order 119(4)</u>

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Shortcomings identified by the Committee on Public Accounts in the year 2021	Action taken to rectify the shortcomings / current status
State emblem had not been painted on all vehicles	Arrangements are being made to paint the state emblem on the pooled vehicles. Steps have also been taken to display the state emblem on other vehicles assigned to the officers.
Condemned vehicles had not been disposed of for less than 8 months	Due to the coronavirus epidemic, the activities of disposing of the condemned vehicles were delayed. The current situation is as follows. Though the KH 2765 was included for disposal, it could not be sold as the bids received were below the appraised value. 2023 - 2024 vehicle disposal is in progress and has been included for the same. Vehicle no.18 – 2230 was presented for disposal process under the category scrap metal. However, the vehicle was not taken away by the highest bidder. The second-highest bidder also did not take the vehicle.

	Vehicles GA-8170 and JN-3665 have been assigned to the Ministry of Plantation at its request.
Proper measures have not been taken according to F.R.103, 104, 109 and 110 regarding government vehicle accidents.	During 2019-2022, due to the coronavirus pandemic situation, many functions were paralyzed, and the F.R. investigation was also delayed. So far, the following activities have been completed. CAE - 5402 - According to Financial Regulations, a committee was appointed and an investigation has been conducted. Measures have been taken to collect the amount of Rs.114,000.00 from the responsible officer which is not covered by the insurance. The officer has requested to pay the amount in instalments and accordingly, Rs.35,000.00 has been paid so far. Regarding CAU-2005, KO-5818, KL-4080 and KQ-6008 vehicles, as per financial regulations, committees have been appointed and investigations have been carried out. Necessary activities have been carried out as per the recommendations of the committee.
Provision has been allocated to other agencies outside of the prescribed time.	After discussion with those institutions, provisions have been allocated to other institutions outside of the stipulated time because the relevant institutions have agreed that they could complete the prescribed tasks properly in the relevant year.
Existence of outstanding loan balances of more than a year	Mrs. D.M.G.P.M. Shyamali who left the service has no guarantors as she has more than 10 years of service. Therefore, legal proceedings have already been initiated regarding the recovery of the outstanding loan balance of Rs.78,750/-. The loan balances of A. L. M. Minhar and M.S.N.P.W.M.R.I.A. Bandara are collected monthly from the guarantors in instalments. The debt balances of Rs.47,620.00 and Rs.148,600.00 respectively have already been recovered from the death gratuities of the deceased officers S.Niruthigan and E. J. M. N. S. Ekanayake. Necessary arrangements are being made to settle the amount of Rs. 150,777.95 which is the debt balance of the deceased Mr.D.M.D. Rathnasiri through the death gratuity.

	Mr. E. K. D. Fernando, the suspended officer, also passed away. Since the dependents have also informed that they are unable to pay, it has been submitted to the Department of Public Finance for approval to write off his loan balance of Rs.100,208.00.
Measures had not been taken as per F.R. 571 regarding overdue deposits in the General Deposit Account.	The accounts division maintains a ledger regarding public deposits and has details of deposits to be released to each institution at any time. In addition to this, development and other divisions have been informed to maintain a register regarding overdue deposits. Out of the Temporary Retain Deposit Balance of Rs 20,279,073.00 as on 31.12.2022, an amount of Rs 876,256.51 has been credited to the government revenue during the year 2023 and an amount of Rs 2,141,832.99 has been paid to the relevant parties. According to F.R. 571, it is not a problem to retain land-related retains for up to 10 years and in the future, based on the completion of the projects, necessary arrangements are made to release the retained balances after the notification by the relevant departments.
The audit opinion on the accounts of the institution was unqualified or adverse	For the accounting year 2021, the Auditor General has audited the accounts and published an audited opinion regarding the accounts. It has declared that the financial statements are true and fair subject to certain conditions. Therefore, as stated here, the Auditor General has not indicated a situation where the audit opinion is contradicted or an adverse opinion.
The recommendations of the Auditor General's report had not been implemented.	It is kindly pointed out that most of the recommendations shown in the Auditor General's report for the year 2021 have been implemented by the year 2023 and some recommendations will be implemented in the future.
No recovery has been made under the F.R.156(1) for losses to the Government from the officials.	Some losses are being recovered and legal proceedings are being taken to recover some other losses.

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