

Presenting the observation and actions taken by the Honourable Minister to the Parliament under Standing Order No. 119 (4) regarding the reports tabled by the Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts.

Parliamentary Series No. 290

Name of the Institute :- State Ministry of Aviation and Export Zone Development

	Weaknesses identified by the committee	Actions taken to prevent weaknesses/current status
01	Annual Action Plan had not been prepared.	This Ministry is a new public Ministry established on 09.08.2020. It was impossible to prepare an action plan for the period of 4 months in 2020 since the country was shut down due to the Covid pandemic prevailed in the country, and non-functioning of normal duties and non - performing of developmental activities until the end of 2020. The annual action plan has been prepared for the year 2021, after discussing with the Investor Promotion Board about the development activities pertaining to the amount of Rs. 1900 million allocated for the Investor Promotion Board,
02	An annual procurement plan had not been prepared.	Based on the matters mentioned in paragraph 01 above, it was not able to prepare a procurement plan for the period of 04 months in 2020. It was also a problem to prepare a procurement plan for the year 2021 and carry out the procurement activities as it was not possible to reach a firm decision regarding the running of the Ministry at this location in 2021.
03	Copies of internal audit reports were not submitted to the Auditor General as per F.R.134 (2).	Requests have been made on 25.09.2020, and on 18.02.2021 to fill the vacant post of Internal Auditor after the establishment of the Ministry on 09.08.2020. Apart from that, attempts had been made to get an official by negotiating personally, but that has also failed.
04	Information about assets purchased and disposed in	This Ministry has been established on 09.08.2020.

	2018 had not been submitted to the Office of the Comptroller General as per the Paragraph 7 of the Asset Management Circular No. 1/2017 dated 26.06.2017.																																	
05	Letters confirming the ownerships of all the vehicles were not in possession.	All the vehicles owned by the Ministry (10 vehicles) are taken from the Ministry of Tourism, and 8 of them have been transferred to this Ministry. The original registration certificate of the vehicle bearing No.P H – 0669 (as it was purchased under Financial Leasing system) has been inquired from the concerned bank but has not been sent till now. Documents have been submitted to the Department of Motor Traffic for transferring the ownership of the vehicle bearing No. P H - 1207.																																
06	Action had not been properly taken in respect of accidents Government Vehicles in terms of F.R.103,104,109 and 110.	Actions have been taken in respect of accidents of government Vehicles in terms of F.R. 103 104.																																
07	Staffs have been recruited exceeding the approved carder.	Details of the Ministerial staff as on 31 December 2021 are given below. <table><tr><th>Service Category</th><th>Approved carder</th><th>Actual Number of Employees</th><th>Number of Vacancies</th></tr><tr><td>Senior Level</td><td>13</td><td>6</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>Tertiary Level</td><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Secondary Level</td><td>30</td><td>20</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>Primary Level</td><td>13</td><td>5</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>Temporary</td><td>4</td><td>2</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Contract</td><td>-</td><td>2</td><td>(2)</td></tr><tr><td>Tota</td><td><u>61</u></td><td><u>35</u></td><td><u>26</u></td></tr></table>	Service Category	Approved carder	Actual Number of Employees	Number of Vacancies	Senior Level	13	6	7	Tertiary Level	1	-	1	Secondary Level	30	20	10	Primary Level	13	5	8	Temporary	4	2	2	Contract	-	2	(2)	Tota	<u>61</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>26</u>
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08	The Citizen / Client Charter was not properly prepared and implemented. A system had not been developed by the institute to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the citizen/client charter of the institution.	Since this ministry has been established on 09.08.2020, enough time was not available to deal with these matters.
09	The number of training opportunities provided was less than 50% out of the planned training opportunities.	The training opportunities offered were limited due to the lack of human resources on account of travel restrictions due to the Corona pandemic.
10	Action had not been properly taken to transfer the officers who had completed their maximum period of service.	This Ministry has been established on 09.08.2020.



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