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**உயர்நீதிமன்ற நீதியரசர்கள்**

**Parliamentary Series No :290  
Judges of the Superior Court**

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நிறுவனத்தின் பெயர்: உயர்நீதிமன்ற நீதியரசர்கள்

பாராளுமன்றத்தின் அரசு கணக்குக் குழுவினால் முன்வைக்கப்பட்ட அறிக்கை தொடர்பாக நிலையியற் கட்டளை இலக்கம் 119(4)இன் கீழ் நிறுவனங்களிற்குப் பொறுப்பான கௌரவ அமைச்சரின் அவதானிப்புக்களும் மற்றும் அது தொடர்பாக எடுக்கப்படும் நடவடிக்கைகளும் பாராளுமன்றத்திற்கு சமர்ப்பித்தல்.

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### Submission of observations of the Hon.Minister in Charge of the Institutions and steps taken

With regard to the reports tabled by the Committee on Public Accounts in terms of Standing

Order No . 119( 4 )

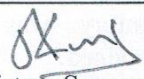
**Parliamentary Series No. 290**

**Name of the Institution- Judges of the Superior Courts**

**Finance Year -2021**

|            | <b>Shortcomings identified by the Committee</b>                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Action taken by the Institution to rectify the shortcomings/current status</b>                              |
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| <b>01</b>  | Inventory was not updated and maintained.                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Steps have been taken to update the Inventory by the year 2024.                                                |
| <b>02</b>  | In terms of State Account Circular No. 171/2004 of 11.05.2004 the first, the second, and the third passwords of the software system were not changed every three months.                                                                      | By now, steps have been initiated to change the passwords in accordance with State Accounts Circular 171/2004. |
| <b>03.</b> | Documents to confirm ownership of all vehicles were not in possession.                                                                                                                                                                        | Efforts are underway to have the possession of ownership, currently held by the Ministry of Justice.           |
| <b>04</b>  | Vehicle logbooks had not been maintained and not updated for each vehicle                                                                                                                                                                     | Such have been updated by now.                                                                                 |
| <b>05</b>  | Actions had not been taken in terms of F.R. 103, 104, 109, and 110 with regard to vehicle accidents.                                                                                                                                          | Actions have already been initiated in terms of the Financial Regulations with regard to vehicle accidents.    |
| <b>06</b>  | Fuel consumption of vehicles belonging to the Special Spending Unit had not been re-tested in terms of the provisions of Paragraph 3.1 of the Public Administration Circular No. 30/2016 dated 29.12.2016.                                    | Pool vehicles are not available, only the fuel allowance is given to the Hon.Judges.                           |
| <b>07</b>  | Ad hoc interim imprests issued as per FR371 were not settled within a period of one month.                                                                                                                                                    | Measures have been taken to properly settle from 2023.                                                         |
| <b>08</b>  | All the staff members had not been assigned with their responsibilities in writing.                                                                                                                                                           | Not Relevant                                                                                                   |
| <b>09</b>  | The staff-related updated information in the institution had not been forwarded to the Department of Management Services within one month at the end of each quarter as per the Management Services circular number 04/2017 dated 20.09.2017. | Not Relevant                                                                                                   |

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| <b>10</b> | Copies of all the internal audit reports were not submitted to the Management Audit Department with effect from 01.08.2018 in terms of Subsection 40(4) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 | An Internal Audit Unit is not available.                                    |
| <b>11</b> | Internal Audit Programme had not been prepared at the beginning of the year after consulting the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(2)                                         | This is not applicable due to the unavailability of an Internal Audit Unit. |

  
Registrar-Supreme Court

On 05.02.2024  
In the Supreme Court

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Additional Magistrate  
Registrar  
Supreme Court  
Colombo - 12  
Sri Lanka

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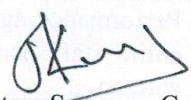
**Name of the Institution-Judges of the Superior Courts**

**Finance Year -2021**

|            | <b>Shortcomings identified by the Committee</b>                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Action taken by the Institution to rectify the shortcomings/current status</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>01</b>  | The website that is maintained by the institution does not provide an opportunity for the public to lodge complaints or to give commendations.                                                      | The general public is made aware of the relevant contact numbers and email addresses of the Supreme Court Registrar and Deputy Registrar through the Supreme Court website for communication purposes. As the Supreme Court Registry handles court affairs, the website does not provide an avenue for public opinions since publishing erroneous and discriminatory views could potentially jeopardize the honor and proper functioning of the court, if made public. |
| <b>02</b>  | The audit opinion about the accounts of the institution had been a disclaimed opinion or an unfavorable opinion                                                                                     | Actions have been measured to minimize the deficiencies to the least possible by the year 2023.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>03.</b> | A Human Resource Plan drafted in keeping with the provisions of Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018 dated 24.01.2018 was not available.                                                      | The Judges of the Superior Courts including the Honourable Chief Justice are appointed by His Excellency the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. The Registrar of the Supreme Court does not reserve the right to act in that regard.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>04</b>  | The Human Resource Development Plan that had been prepared, did not ensure at least a minimum training opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for more than 50% of the member of the staff. | Training opportunities have been offered without disrupting the daily court affairs, as directed by the Honourable Chief Justice. Measures will be taken to enhance such opportunities in the future.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>05</b>  | Performance agreements covering the entire staff had not been drafted or entered.                                                                                                                   | Not Relevant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>06</b>  | A senior officer of the institution had not been named for the preparation of human resource development plans and to implement capacity and skill development programmes.                          | This is being carried out in a manner that does not disrupt the daily court affairs in accordance with the directives of the Honourable Chief Justice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>07</b>  | The institution had failed to identify the Sustainable Development Goals applicable to its scope.                                                                                                   | Sustainable Development Goals and Performance Indicators have been identified for the Supreme Court Registry whereas future actions will be taken with consideration given to the significance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | of Sustainable Development Goals within the scope of the Honourable Superior Court Judges.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 08 | Performance targets that would enable the measurement of the level of achievement of the identified Sustainable Development Goals had not been set.                                                                                                              | Even though the performance targets have been set to measure the level of achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals for the Supreme Court Registry, implementing the same for the Superior Court Judges including the Honourable Chief Justice is practically unfeasible. |
| 09 | The indicators to measure the progress of implementation of the identified Sustainable Development Goals had not been set                                                                                                                                        | Even though the indicators have been set to measure the progress of implementing the identified Sustainable Development Goals for the Supreme Court Registry, setting indicators within the scope of the Honourable Superior Court Judges is practically unfeasible.             |
| 10 | Out of the training opportunities planned, the extent of training opportunities granted, was less than 50%.                                                                                                                                                      | Training opportunities have been offered without disrupting the daily court affairs, as directed by the Honourable Chief Justice. Measures will be taken to enhance such opportunities in the future.                                                                            |
| 11 | Recommendations indicated in the Auditor General's Report had not been implemented.                                                                                                                                                                              | The recommendations of the Audit are currently being implemented.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 12 | The institution had not identified 03 performance indicators which can measure the progress of performing the functions of the institute so as to make its functions clear, in line with para 12.1 of the Public Finance Circular No. 02/2020, dated 28/08/2020. | Not Relevant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 13 | Actions had not been taken to properly transfer the officers who had completed the maximum service period.                                                                                                                                                       | Not Relevant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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