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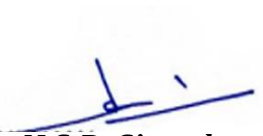
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No	Shortcomings identified by the committee	Action taken by the Institution to rectify the shortcomings/current status
01	Register of issuing of explosives was not maintained up to date basis.	We have maintained the register along with the Register of Gun licenses. Anyhow action had been taken to maintain as separate register for issuing of explosives and updated up to the date.
02	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 was not changed every three months.	Action has been taken to change the password of the software every three months.
03	Fuel consumption of Vehicles belong to the District Secretariat has not been re-tested in terms of the provisions of Paragraph 3.1 of the Public administration Circular No.30/2016 of 29.12.2016.	Fuel consumption of few Vehicles belong to the District Secretariat was unable to carry out due to COVID pandemic situation during the year 2021. Anyhow fuel consumption of vehicles has been carried out in subsequent year.
04	Documents to confirm ownership of all vehicles were not in passion.	• Truck WPLK-3264 • Land Cruiser CAP-4043 Regarding above Vehicles, World food steering committee has approved to transfer of ownership to District Secretary, Jaffna. Further action is being taken by Presidential Secretariat.
05	The emblem of the state has not been painted on all pool vehicles.	The emblem of the state had been painted on all pool vehicles.
06	Consequent to the utilization of provision allocated for a vote as per FR 94(1), liabilities were exceeding the provision that remained at end of the year.	We could not manage the expenditure due to economic situation of country within provision and that expenditure was essential. Therefore liability had been recorded in the financial statement.

07	Staff had been attached /recruited exceeding the approved limit except for attached Development Officers.		Category of Staff	Excess
		(i)	Senior Level	-
		(ii)	3 rd Level	02
		(iii)	2 nd Level	-
		(iv)	1 st Level	04
			Total	06
		<u>3rd Level - 02</u> 02 ICTA officer- A request has been made to the ministry to approve the excess cadre with the Letter JK/EB/G/26 date 20.04.2021. <u>1st Level -04</u> This has been approved by the Ministry as office Labourer		
08	The audit opinion about the accounts of the institution had been a disclaimed opinion or an unfavorable Opinion	Action has been taken to get unqualified opinion in future		
09	All public officer had not submitted their declarations of the assets and Liabilities	Action has been taken to collect declaration of the assets and Liabilities in time in future.		


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Recommendation of the Secretary

Measures taken by the District Secretary are recommended and instructions have been given to District Secretaries to pay personal attention on the other shortcomings pointed out and to take corrective measures regarding them.



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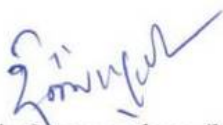
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Recommendation of the Minister and the Action Taken

Instruction have been given by me to the Ministry Secretary to take necessary steps by paying special attention on the instructions given to the District Secretary by the Committee on Public Accounts, to ensure that such shortcomings may not occur again and it is expected that the such measures would enable the provable level to reach the optimum level within the year 2024.



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