

District Secretariat, Mullaitivu.
Submission of observations of Hon. Minister and steps
taken with regard to the reports
Tabled by the committee of Public Accounts in Terms of
standing Order No. 119(4)

The Action taken with regard to the report presented to the house by the committee on Public Accounts in terms of the standing order No. 119(4) and presentation of the observations of the Secretary General of Parliament.

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No	Shortcomings identified by the Committee.	Action taken by the Institution to rectify the Shortcomings.	Current Situation.
Part 1 : 80.00			
01	Fixed Assets Register had not been updated and maintained Inventory was not maintained up to date basis. The Register on consumable goods was not maintained on up to date basis. Register of Bail was not maintained up to date basis. Register of Vehicles had not been maintained on up to date basis.	Instructions had been given to the relevant Officers to update and maintain properly	It is being maintained in updating manner
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.	Instructions had been given to the relevant Officers to change first, second & Third passwords of software system in terms of State Account Circular No 171/2004 dated 11.05.2004	It is being changed passwords in every 3 months
03	There had been instances where internal audit queries had not been answered within a period of 1 month	Action had been taken to answer for National and Internal Audit Queries within one month	All the Internal Audit Queries had been answered
04	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).	Action had been taken to prepare the Internal Audit Programme at the beginning of the year	Internal Audit Programme had been prepared at the beginning of the year from 2023
05	Information about purchases of assets and disposals relating to year 2018 had not been submitted to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of Paragraph 07 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017 of 26.06.2017.	Actions had been taken to inform to Comptroller General's Office about purchasing of assets and disposal	Information had been submitted to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of Paragraph 07 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017 of 26.06.2017.
06	Condemned vehicles had not been disposed of within a period of less than 8 months after condemning.	Actions had been taken to disposal condemned vehicles.	• One vehicle had been sold • Five motor bike, one Tractor and two vehicles had been transferred to pradeshiya

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07	Documents to confirm ownership of all vehicles were not in possession.	Actions had been taken to confirm or change ownership of vehicles	- Most of the vehicles had been confirmed and changed ownership of vehicles to relevant Authority - Action has to be taken to change or confirm for 7 motor bikes, 3 dual purpose vehicles and 3 lorries which were handed over from NGOs and Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources and Disaster Management
08	The balances in arrears exceeding 1 year had not been settled.	Approval of Secretary of the Ministry and Treasury was obtained to write off outstanding Amount Rs 157,959.90 action had been taken to write off financial year 2023	outstanding Amount Rs 157,959.90 had been written off in financial year 2023.
09	Action was not taken with regard to expired deposits in terms of financial regulation 571.	Actions had been taken to settle expired deposits in terms of financial regulation 571 exception Land Deposit	1 – 2 years deposit are Rs. 1,666,580.08 in District and Divisional Secretariat as at 25.04.2024 2 – 4 years deposit are Rs. 63,847.20 in District and Divisional Secretariat as at 25.04.2024
Part 2 : 65.00			
10	The institution had failed to identify the sustainable development goals applicable to its scope.	Instructions had been given to all Officers about sustainable development goals and Action had been taken to identify the suitable sustainable development goals	Necessary Actions have been taken to identify the sustainable development goals applicable to its scope with the effect from 2023
11	The targets to be reached to achieve the identified sustainable goals had not been decided.	Instruction had been given and taken action to achieve the identified sustainable development goals.	
12	The indicators to measure the progress of implementation of Sustainable Development Goals had not been set.	Action had been set the indicators to measure the progress of implementation of sustainable development goals	
13	A human resource plan drafted in keeping with the provisions of public administration Circular No 02/2018 dated 24th January 2018 was not available.	Instruction had been given and taken action to draft human resource plan according to PA Circular No 02/2018 dated 24 th January 2018.	Human Resource plan had been drafted according to public administration circular No 02/2018 with effect from 2023

14	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.	Actions had been taken to create Training opportunities for the staffs	The training opportunities have been given to all the officers at least 12 hours based on their Requirements from 2024
15	Performance agreements covering the entire staff had not been drafted or entered.	Actions had been taken to make performance agreement to entire staff	Necessary Actions have been taken to draft performance agreements from 2024
16	The audit opinion about the accounts of the institution had been a disclaimed opinion or an unfavorable opinion.	Instruction had been given and taken action to avoid disclaimed opinion from National Audit on Accounts of the Institution	We received Qualified opinion from National Audit for the financial year 2022
17	Performance aims had not been submitted by the due date.	Instruction had been given to submit Performance Aims on due date	Necessary Actions have been taken to submitted on time from 2023
18	Out of the training opportunities planned, the extent of training opportunities granted, was less than 50%. Recommendations indicated in the Auditor General's Report had not been implemented.	Instruction had been given and to implement the Recommendations indicated in the Auditor General's Report	The training opportunities have been given to all the officers based on their Requirements from 2023



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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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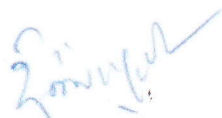
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Recommendation of the Minister and the Action Taken

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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