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ස්ථාවර නියෝග අංක 119 (4) යටතේ ගරු අමාත්‍යවරයාගේ නිරීක්ෂණ හා ගනු ලබන පියවර
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நிலையியற் கட்டளையின் இலக்கம் 119 (4) இன்படி விதிமுறைகளில் பொது கணக்கு
குழுவினால் வழங்கப்பட்ட அறிக்கைக்கு ஏற்ப எடுக்கப்பட்ட நடவடிக்கைகளும்
மற்றும் கௌரவ அமைச்சர் அவர்களின் அவதானிப்புகளினதும் சமர்ப்பிப்பு

Name of the Institution: Department of National Zoological Gardens

Submission of observations of Hon. Minister and steps taken with regard to the
reports tabled by the Committee on Public Accounts in terms of Standing Order
No. 119 (4)

Number of the Parliamentary Session: 290

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	Weaknesses identified as per financial rules and performance evaluation	Measures taken in this regard and the current status of the same
Part One		
01	Register on damages had not been maintained with necessary updates.	Register on damages is maintained with necessary updates at present.
02.	Answers had not been provided within a month for every audit inquiry made by the Auditor General.	Answers for the audit inquiries have been provided within a month at most occasions and at certain instances there have been delays in obtaining answers from sub offices. It is informed that action is taken from year 2024 to prevent this situation.
03	At least two Audit and Management Committee meetings had not been held.	It was unable to hold four Audit and Management Committee meetings due to the COVID pandemic prevailed in year 2021 and it is informed that the department has been exempted from the requirement of taking action as per Paragraph 5 of Circular No: DMA/01-2019 by the letter No: DMA/AMC/A/2020/5-4 dated 11.06.2020 issued by the Department of Management Audit. Further, four Audit and Management meetings have been held in year 2022 and meeting relevant to the first quarter of year 2024 has already been held. It is further informed that important matters related to the department have been discussed at the said committee meeting.
04	The Board of Survey had not been conducted within the time frame indicated in Paragraph 11.1, Part 1 of Public Finance Circular No: 01/2020 dated 28.08.2020 as per F.R. 756 (6) and the relevant report had not been	Since four sub institutions are functioned under the purview of our department, a considerable period of time has to be spent for conducting the Board of Surveys within the prescribed time frame as per F.R. 756 (6). Action has been taken to complete the Board of

	submitted to the Auditor General on due date.	Surveys relevant year 2021 and 2002 in year 2023. Since the Board of Survey relevant to year 2023 is at the final stage at present, the relevant report of the Auditor General can be submitted by the due date as per F.R. 756 (6).
05	The state emblem had not been printed on all the vehicles.	Since the paint of the vehicle is damaged when the state emblem is printed on it, it is informed that action has been taken to hang a board with the state emblem on all the vehicles.
06	Vehicles had not been disposed within less than 8 months after they were condemned.	Since a long period of time had to be spent for solving the issues related to the ownership of the vehicles when disposing the vehicles as per the provisions of Public Finance Circular No: 01/2015, quotations have already been called for disposal of vehicles and the process of disposing is at the final stage at present. Vehicles that should be disposed are being identified by appointing a Survey Board as per the provisions of Public Finance Circular No: 01/2020.
07	Log books had not been maintained for every vehicle with necessary updates.	Limited number of officers reported for work due to the COVID pandemic and Drivers also reported for duty for essential services. Therefore, there have been issues on updating log books and it is informed that action has been taken to solve the relevant issues and update all the log books at present.
08	Fuel consumption of vehicles belonging to the institutions has not been checked as per the provisions in Paragraph 3.1 of Public Administration Circular: 2016/30 dated 29.12.2016.	Even though, fuel consumption has not been checked properly due to the COVID pandemic prevailed in year 2021, reports on fuel consumption have been submitted continuously by the sub institutions from year 2022.
09	Bank reconciliation statements had not been	It is kindly informed that bank reconciliation

	prepared with necessary certifications and submitted for auditing as at the due date.	statements have been prepared and submitted for auditing as at the due date from the month of May in year 2023.
10	The balances, which have been revealed from the bank reconciliation statements, that should have been adjusted, had not been settled within a month as per Financial Regulations.	Action could not be taken within a month with regard to the balances which have been revealed from the bank reconciliation statements, that should have been adjusted, since the institution has been closed for a long period and the postal service was not operating due to the COVID pandemic prevailed in year 2021. It is kindly informed that all the said adjustments have been made at present. Further, it is informed that action has been taken at present to make the adjustments revealed from the bank reconciliation statements, within a month.
11	Action had not been taken with regard to the overdue deposits in the General Deposit Account as per F.R 571.	It is informed that action has been taken at present to settle all the overdue deposits in the General Deposit Account.
12	Ad hoc interim imprest issued had not been settled within a month from the completion of the task as per F.R. 371.	Ad hoc interim imprest obtained has not been settled within a month due to certain practical issues and it is kindly informed that action has been taken to prevent this situation as much as possible at present.

Part Two

01	Training opportunities of at least not less than 12 hours per year had not been guaranteed for more than 50% of the staff by the Human Resource Plan which has been prepared.	Training opportunities have not been provided for the officers since programmes on public finance control have been conducted in year 2021.
02.	Training opportunities granted out of the planned training opportunities was less than 50%.	Calling officers for trainings has been limited due to the COVID pandemic prevailed in year 2021. Since duties of the department have been covered by a limited staff and there has been a high risk of catching this illness, it has been difficult to engage

		officers in training programmes.
03	The audit opinion of the institution was at the disclaiming level or unfavourable level. Recommendations made in the Auditor General's report had not been implemented. Recommendations/ orders of the Committee on Public Accounts had not been implemented.	It is kindly informed that action has been taken to implement the recommendations made by the Auditor General's Report of year 2021 when preparing the accounts of year 2022 and 2023.

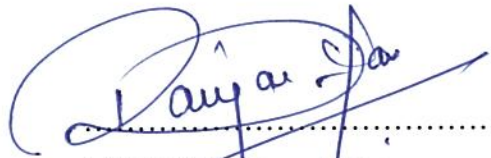


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