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නிறுவනத்தின் பெயர் : வனவிலங்கு பாதுகாப்புத் துறை

நிலையியற் கட்டளையின் இலக்கம் 119 (4) இன்படி விதிமுறைகளில் பொது கணக்கு குழுவினால் வழங்கப்பட்ட
அறிக்கைக்கு ஏற்ப எடுக்கப்பட்ட நடவடிக்கைகளும் மற்றும் கௌரவ அமைச்சர் அவர்களின்
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Name of the Institution: Department of wildlife Conservation

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)

**Submission of the Observations and Remedial Actions to Parliament on the Reports tabled by the
Committee on Public Accounts under the Standing Order No. 119 (4)**

Parliamentary Order No. - 290

Name of the Institution - Department of Wildlife Conservation

Deficiencies identified by the Public Accounts Committee	Actions taken and Current Status
First Part : 77.00	
As per Public Accounts Circular No. 171/2004 dated 11.05.2004, the first, second and third passwords related to the government salary processing computer software have not been changed once in three months.	Action have been taken to change the salary processing passwords every three months from the year 2024.
Failure to provide answers to every audit query submitted by the Auditor General within a month.	There are 16 Divisions and 12 Zonal Offices established in the Department of Wildlife Conservation, and in some cases information should be called from these divisions and zonal offices when preparing answers to audit queries. In some cases where there are delays in providing the information, in such cases it is not possible to submit answers within a month. However, an interim reply is being sent until the final report is submitted in those instances. Due to the restriction of officers reporting to work due to the Corona epidemic during that period, it was not possible to submit answers to audit queries within a month in the past period. At present, necessary activities have been planned to provide answers to all audit queries within a month.
Failure to submit replies to internal audit queries within a month.	
All vehicles not having government emblem painted on them.	As per the scope of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, it carries out duties such as arrests, illegal activity raids and investigations in connection with wildlife crimes.

	Therefore, in order to be able to use the vehicles owned by the department for those duties, arrangements have been made not to emblem the state logo, and arrangements have been made to display a department name plate on each vehicle when used for other general duties.
A vehicle not disposed at least within 8 months after it was unserviceable condition.	In the year 2020, the disposal activities were being carried out, and due to the restriction on the purchase of government vehicles, the ongoing vehicle disposal activities were temporarily stopped. Accordingly, the vehicles that can be repaired and used again have been identified and some of them have been repaired and used for duty. The rest of the vehicles that cannot be repaired have been identified and completed by the Special Committee and the necessary information for further actions has been submitted to the Vehicle Valuation Committee.
Action not taken as per FR. 103, 104, 109 and 110 with regard to government vehicle accidents,	The Department had over 95 vehicle accidents that had not been dealt with so far. At present, more than 20 of those accidents have been investigated, and the investigations as per F.R. 103 and 104 in relation to the rest of the accidents are currently in final stages. Due to the fact that some accidents have been occurred for about 20 years, it is difficult to find information about those accidents. As a result, the investigation as per F.R. 104 (4) has been delayed. However, this kind of situation has not arisen in relation to the accidents that have occurred at present, and the investigations have been completed promptly.
Regarding the balances that should have been adjusted revealed in the bank reconciliation statements, not settled within a month as per Financial Regulations	The balances revealed in the bank reconciliation statements have been checked and settled after correct identification. Since it takes some time to identify correctly, it has not been possible to correct within a month.
Existence of loan balances remained unrecovered for more than a year	It has been referred to the Secretary of the Ministry to get approval to write off the loan balances of less than 25,000/= from the loan balances of more than one year, and some loan balances have also been recovered. I would like to inform you that I have obtained information about the heirs and assets from the respective Divisional Secretaries to recover the outstanding loan balances and have taken the necessary further actions on the advice of the Attorney General.

Failure to take action in respect of lapsed deposits in the General Deposit Account as per F.R. 571	Deposits that are creditable to government revenue and exceeded two years in the general deposit account have been identified and credited to government revenue. Certain deposits given for the projects have been kept further until the completion of the works.
Not being settled the ad-hock imprests within one month of the completion of the tasks in terms of F.R.371.	Instructions have been given to the officials to settle all the ad-hock imprest within one month after the completion of the tasks which they were given. Further, it will be taken action to get settle all the ad-hock imprest within one month after the completion of the tasks.
Issuing the ad-hock imprest by exceeding the limit prescribed in F.R. 371	Arrangements have been made to issue sub imprest up to a maximum of Rs. 100,000 for staff officers and to provide sub imprest subject to a maximum limit of Rs. 20,000 for other officers.
Second part : 65.00	
Failure to provide facility for recording complaints or commendations through the website maintained by the Institution.	Currently, the Department's website is being updated, and through that, it is provided the opportunity for the public to record complaints and their suggestion. Until then, Departmental coordination information has been included on the website, and the 1992 emergency number is open 24 hours a day for emergency calls.
Failure to prepare a human resource plan that was properly prepared in accordance with Public Administrative Circular No. 02/2018 dated 24 January 2018	Preparing a human resource development plan for the year 2021 was problematic as it was not possible to gather officers in groups due to having to work according to the health guidelines in 2021. However, under the direct supervision of the Director (Operations), all the training programs had been implemented by the Assistant Director (Research and Training) according to the implementation plan and the annual training programs were able to implement as per the Plan. Currently, the Human Resource Development Plan has been prepared.
The prepared human resource plan does not guarantee to provide training opportunity at least 12 hours per year	According to the health guidelines issued at that time in the year 2021, it is not possible to hold all the training programs planned for the year 2021 due to the difficulty of gathering officers in groups. Due to this, the planned training opportunities have been maintained at

for more than 50 percent of the staff.	a level of about 50%. After recovery, training activities are being carried out as scheduled
Failure to prepare performance agreements and entered into the agreement with the entire staff.	Performance reports are obtained annually in respect of the entire staff and the officer enters into an agreement in Common Form 160 after recruitment.
No senior officer has been nominated in the organization to prepare the human resource development plan and to implement the capacity and skill development programs.	The head of the research and training department was appointed as a senior officer for the preparation of the human resource development plan and the planning of training activities.
The audit opinion on the accounts of the organization was at the disclaimer or adverse level.	According to the Auditor General's report for the year 2021, no opinion has been expressed by mentioning that the Department's accounts are at the disclaimer level or at an adverse level. However, a qualified opinion has been presented by mentioning that, except for the effects of the matters described in the report, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the as at 31 December 2021, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Deficiencies pointed out in the audit report for the year 2021 have now been rectified.
03 performance indicators that can clearly identify and measure the progress of the achievement of the organization's main activities had not been identified as per Section 12.1 of the State Finance Circular No. 02/2020 dated 28.08.2020,	Due to the corona epidemic situation in the year 2021, a limited number of officers of the office were reported for duty, so the essential duties were managed very difficult, and currently, according to the Circular No. 02/2020, performance indicators are identified and its progress is measured.

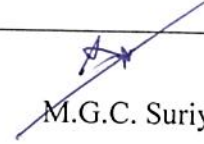
Non-implementation of the recommendations of the Auditor General's report	The recommendations in the Auditor General's report for the year 2021 have been implemented so far.
Non-implementation of the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee	The recommendations pointed out in the Public Accounts Committee's report for the year 2021 have been implemented so far.


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