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Part One

Serial No.	Shortcomings identified by the Committee as per the performance evaluations relevant for the financial year 2021	Measures taken by the Institution to rectify the same and the current status																	
01.	Inventory was not maintained up to date basis.	The ministry was initiated in August 2020, and although there were deficiencies in updating of inventories at that instance, later those were updated and currently being maintained.																	
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03.	Answers had not been submitted to all the internal audit queries within one month	Even though there was a delay in submission of answers for internal audit queries in the year 2021, subsequently, answers for the internal audit queries had been submitted within the prescribed time period.																	
04.	The copies of internal audit reports had not been submitted to the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(2).	Following Internal Audit Reports for the year 2021 have been issued. Those reports have been submitted to the Auditor General as below. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>No.</th><th>Subject of the Report</th><th>Date of sending the report to the Auditor General</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>01.</td><td>Internal Audit Observation (Development Project) dated 03.05.2021</td><td rowspan="3">Due to the covid pandemic documents delivered without enter into delivery book.</td></tr> <tr> <td>02.</td><td>Development Project Poor Financial Progress dated 05.05.2021</td></tr> <tr> <td>03.</td><td>Internal Audit Observation (Progress of Recurrent & Capital Expenditure – 2021 dated 18.05.2021</td></tr> <tr> <td>04.</td><td>Development Project Poor Financial Progress dated 08.06.2021</td><td rowspan="3"></td></tr> <tr> <td>05.</td><td>Report for Vouching paid document Jan. & Feb. 2021 dated 10.06.2021.</td></tr> <tr> <td>06.</td><td>Report for Vouching paid document March & April 2021 dated 17.06.2021.</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	No.	Subject of the Report	Date of sending the report to the Auditor General	01.	Internal Audit Observation (Development Project) dated 03.05.2021	Due to the covid pandemic documents delivered without enter into delivery book.	02.	Development Project Poor Financial Progress dated 05.05.2021	03.	Internal Audit Observation (Progress of Recurrent & Capital Expenditure – 2021 dated 18.05.2021	04.	Development Project Poor Financial Progress dated 08.06.2021		05.	Report for Vouching paid document Jan. & Feb. 2021 dated 10.06.2021.	06.	Report for Vouching paid document March & April 2021 dated 17.06.2021.
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05.	The recommendations on excesses and deficits that were disclosed through the annual board of survey and other relating recommendations had not been implemented during the period specified.	There was a delay in appointing committees as per Financial Regulations (FR) 103/104, 109 regarding the deficiencies revealed in the board of survey and to act accordingly. However, those tasks have been completed later. Additionally, action has been completed regarding the surplus and other recommendations.												
06.	Documents to confirm ownership of all vehicles were not in possession.	The ministry was established in the year 2020, and out of the existing vehicles, 05 vehicles were acquired on a financial lease basis, while 02 vehicles were obtained from the President's Office. These 02 vehicles have been transferred and vested in the name of the Ministry of Urban Development.												
07.	Condemned vehicles were not disposed of within a period of less than 8 months after condemning.	At that time, all the vehicles were operational, and the vehicle bearing registration number PH-0894 was involved in an accident and was being processed to obtain insurance compensation. Accordingly, the ministry did not have any condemned vehicles.												
08.	Action had not been taken in terms of F.R. 103, 104, 109 and 110 with regard to government's vehicle accidents	From the vehicles available at that time, PH-0894 and KG 5473 were met with a road accident. The repairs for vehicle PH-0894 have been completed according to the Financial Regulations (F.R.). Additionally, insurance claim for the vehicle bearing registration number KG 5473 has been obtained, and the relevant report has been completed after conducting inspections under F.R. 103, 104(3), and 104(4).												

09.	Fuel consumption of vehicles belonging to the Ministry / Department had 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	In the year 2021, there were approximately 02 pool vehicles were there at the ministry. The fuel test of the vehicle bearing registration number NC-6707 was conducted in the year 2022. The vehicle bearing registration number PG-9739 has been allocated to the Honorable Minister in the year 2022.
10.	Liabilities exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year had been taken on in terms of F.R 94 (1)	These liabilities have been created because the expenditure on contracts and bonds, consultancy services, and VAT payments for the development projects under the ministry exceeded the provision limit. Efforts are currently being made to minimize such situations.

Part Two

01.	Citizen/ client charter had not been prepared or applied properly	Since the Ministry was in its initial stage, the Citizen/Client Charter was not initially prepared, and now, a Citizen/Client Charter has been prepared and is currently being implemented.
02.	A methodology had not been formulated to monitor and evaluate the application of citizen/ client charter by the institution.	A methodology has been prepared to carry out the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Citizen/Client Charter under the Additional Secretary (Administration and Policy).
03.	Out of the training opportunities planned, the extent of training opportunities granted, was less than 50%.	Due to the facts such as COVID pandemic situation existed in the country in the year 2021, preparation of a human resources development plan and directing to training opportunities accordingly did not taken place. However, from the year 2023 onwards, training opportunities are being provided having signed relevant performance agreements.
04.	The audit opinion about the accounts of the institution had been a disclaimed opinion or an unfavorable opinion.	It is not an adverse opinion regarding the financial statements of the year 2021. According to the report issued by the Auditor General on 30/05/2022, it is a qualified opinion.

05.	The necessary action had not been taken to recover the loss caused to the Government by the officers as per Financial Regulation 156 (1).	No recovery has been reported to the ministry regarding the losses caused to the government by the officials, so far.
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