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Judges of the Superior Court

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பாராளுமன்ற வெளியீட்டுத் தொடர் இலக்கம்: 79

நிறுவனத்தின் பெயர்: உயர்நீதிமன்ற நீதியரசர்கள்

பாராளுமன்றத்தின் அரசு கணக்குக் குழுவினால் முன்வைக்கப்பட்ட அறிக்கை தொடர்பாக நிலையியற் கட்டளை இலக்கம் 119(4)இன் கீழ் நிறுவனங்களிற்குப் பொறுப்பான கௌரவ அமைச்சரின் அவதானிப்புக்களும் மற்றும் அது தொடர்பாக எடுக்கப்படும் நடவடிக்கைகளும் பாராளுமன்றத்திற்கு சமர்ப்பித்தல்.

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Name of the Institution : Judges of the Superior Courts

Submission of observations of the Hon.Minister in Charge of the Institutions and steps taken

With regard to the reports tabled by the Committee on Public Accounts in terms of Standing

Order No . 119(4)

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Name of the Institution – Judges of the Superior Courts

Finance Year 2022 - Part 1

	Shortcomings identified by the Committee	Action taken by the Institution to rectify the shortcomings/current status
01	Register of Risk was not maintained up to date basis.	A Register of Risk is not prepared as there is no audit unit.
02	Annual Activity Plan had not been prepared	An Action Plan has been prepared for the year 2022. Likewise, the Action Plan for the year 2023 & 2024 have been methodically prepared.
03	The relevant reports had not been submitted to the Auditor General by the due date after conducting Board of Survey in accordance with F.R. 756 (6) within the time frame mentioned in paragraph 11.1 of Part 1 of Public Finance Circular No. 01/2020 dated 28.08.2020	Boards of surveys of the year 2022 have been completed and the report has been duly submitted. The Board of Survey of the year 2023 has been completed and the reports have been submitted for audit as per F.R.756(6).
04	Documents to confirm ownership of all vehicles were not in possession	Thirty-seven vehicles have been deployed for Superior Court judges; 24 of these are under the head of 'Judges of the Superior Courts,' while the other vehicles are under the Ministry of Justice and the Attorney General's Department. Request letters have been submitted to confirm the ownership of these vehicles, but no confirmation letters have been received so far.
05	Log books on all vehicles were not maintained on up to date basis	Log books are maintained for each vehicle under the head of 'Judges of the Superior Courts,' and these books are kept up to date. Steps have now been taken to maintain log books for vehicles owned by the Ministry of Justice and the Attorney General's Department.
06	Ad hoc sub imprests issued as per FR371 were not settled within a period of one week.	To date, the officers have been notified, and a set of internal instructions has been prepared for that purpose.
07	Actions had not been initiated to table the Annual Performance Report in Parliament under the prescribed procedure	The performance report for 2022 has been submitted to the Parliament on 28.07.2023. The performance report of the year 2023 has also been submitted to the Parliament by now.

08	All the staff members had not been assigned with their responsibilities in writing.	Judges of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal are appointed, and their jurisdiction is exercised according to the provisions of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. Accordingly, a written assignment of duties is not required again.
09	The staff related updated information in the institution had not been forwarded to the Department of Management Services within one month at the end of each quarter as per the Management Services Circular No. 04/2014 dated 20.09.2017.	Not applicable. (Appointments are determined by the Constitution.)
10	There had been instances where internal audit queries had not been answered within a period of 1 month.	No internal audit queries.
11	Copies of all the internal audit reports were not submitted to the Department of Management Audit with effect from 01.08.2018 in terms of Sub-section 40(4) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018.	No internal audit reports.
12	Copies of internal audit reports were not submitted to the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(3)	No internal audit reports.
13	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)	No internal audit division.

07.08.2024

In the Supreme Court


 Registrar-Supreme Court
Aravinda Gunaratne
 Additional Magistrate
 Registrar
 Supreme Court
 Colombo - 12
 Sri Lanka

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Name of the Institution - Judges of the Superior Courts

Finance Year 2022 - Part 2

	Shortcomings identified by the Committee	Action taken by the Institution to rectify the shortcomings/current status
01	The audit opinion about the accounts of the institution had been a qualified opinion/disclaimed opinion/ an unfavorable opinion.	A qualified opinion has been expressed, subject to Para 1.6. A qualified opinion was also expressed in 2023.
02	A human resource plan drafted in keeping with the provisions of public administration Circular No 02/2018 dated 24th January 2018 was not available.	Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018, dated 24th January 2018, is not applicable to the superior court judges, including the Honorable Chief Justice.
03	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.	Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018, dated 24th January 2018, is not applicable to the superior court judges, including the Honorable Chief Justice.
04	Performance agreements covering the entire staff had not been drafted or entered.	Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018, dated 24th January 2018, is not applicable to the superior court judges, including the Honorable Chief Justice.
05	A senior officer of the institution had not been named for the preparation of human resource development plans and to implement capacity and skill development programmes.	Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018, dated 24th January 2018, is not applicable to the superior court judges, including the Honorable Chief Justice.
06	The institution had failed to identify the sustainable development goals applicable to its scope.	Sustainable development goals are identified by the Supreme Court Registry. Sustainable Development Goals have been identified for the year 2024 as well.
07	The targets to be reached to achieve the identified Sustainable Development Goals had not been decided.	The Supreme Court Registry determines the targets to be reached in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. This has been updated for the year 2024 as well.

08	The indicators to measure the progress of implementation of Sustainable Development Goals been had not been set.	The Supreme Court Registry sets indicators to measure progress in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals
09	Out of the training opportunities planned, the extent of training opportunities granted, was less than 50%.	Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018, dated 24th January 2018, is not applicable to the superior court judges, including the Honorable Chief Justice.
10	Recommendations indicated in the Auditor General's Report had not been implemented.	Instructions have been given to the relevant officials to implement all the recommendations that were presented and all possible recommendations have been implemented so far.
11	The institution had not identified three performance indicators which can measure the progress of performing the functions of the institute so as to make its functions clear, in line with para 12.1 of the Public Finance Circular No. 02/2020, dated 28/08/2020.	Performance indicators are identified by the Supreme Court Registry. This has been updated for the year 2024 as well.
12	Actions had not been taken to properly transfer the officers who had completed the maximum service period.	Transfers are not applicable to Supreme Court Judges

On 07.08.2024

In the Supreme Court


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 Additional Magistrate
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