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Vision

To be the best immigration services in the region

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பணி

தேசிய பாதுகாப்பு மற்றும் சமூக ஒழுங்கைப் பேணுவதுடன் பொருளாதார அபிவிருத்தியை ஏற்படுத்தவும் ஆட்களின் வருகை மற்றும் வெளிச் செல்லலைக் கட்டுப்படுத்துதலும் பிரசாவுரிமை சேவைகளை வழங்குதலும்.

Mission

We regulate the entry and exit of persons, and provide citizenship services, while safeguarding the nation's security & social order, and promoting economic development

Introduction

It is remarkable that the department was able to provide a very effective public service making the operational activities of the Department conform to the contemporary social and economic needs without solely depending on laws, regulations and orders which have existed so far.

Accordingly, the keen interest which had been made so far only for the issue of passports has now been paid for Border Management Activities. In that perspective the method adopted so far for issuing visas for tourists was abolished completely under the instructions of the Defense Secretary in order to make it easy for the tourists who travel in Sri Lanka to obtain visas, and the “Electronic Travel Authorization” Pre Visa System was introduced in this year, which is a fast, flexible and simple methodology for obtaining visas. All the tourists who arrived in Sri Lanka by the end of October 2012 had used this methodology and the revenue derived by the government through it was 2200 million rupees. That is a net foreign exchange income which the government has been deprived of so far.

Also, the services carried out by the airport and the harbor in the arrival and departure of tourists as well as Sri Lankans were enhanced in this year. A very important and special activity that was carried out was to make the International Police have access to Sri Lanka Border Management Information. Sri Lanka became the only South Asian country which provides services connecting information related to immigration and emigration with the international police.

This Department was able to contribute to the immigration and emigration activities in Magampura Ruhunupura port in Hambantota once it was opened.

Further a special intelligence unit was set up to monitor the tourists who contravene the visa regulations of the country and 499 tourists who contravened visa regulations were able to be deported from the country through this. Also, the Mirihana detention camp which was used to detain foreigners who contravene the visa regulations was in a dilapidated condition and it was upgraded to a higher standard. At the same time a land could be obtained from Minuwangoda area to construct a permanent detention camp in this year.

We could set forth another step by establishing Vavuniya regional office, which created history as the first state property owned by this department and we were able to provide an accelerated and effective service to the people living in North through this.

Within the year 2012, which was a turning point for this department in the creation of a new state service by this department, a number of international awards were received by this department. The greatest achievement obtained in the year 2012 is the "International Future Gov." award, which was offered for the ETA project that became the best project out of 99 projects launched in 48 Asian Pacific countries.

Also, the department endowed Sri Lanka with great pride as it won International Macaine Award, two Swabimani Awards for the best e-government service and also an award on human rights in this year.

01 Administration

Special activities performed by the Administration and Policy Division of the Immigration and Emigration Department within the year 2012.

- **Establishment of the Anuradhapura Regional Office in Vavuniyawa Town**

The regional offices of the Department of Immigration and Emigration were established in 2006 in the districts of Matara, Kandy and Anuradhapura in keeping with the policy of the Mahinda Chinthana vision for the future policy framework to bring public service towards people. With the dawn of peace at the end of the war in the year 2009 the regional office of Anuradhapura was established at J.C. 23, Outer Circular Road, Vavuniya in order to provide a closer service to the people living in Northern and Eastern areas. This office was opened on 08.02.2012 under the patronage of Mr. S. Hettiarachchi, the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Defence and Urban Development.

The District Secretary / Government agent of Vavuniya, Mrs. G. S. M. Charles, legally assigned two government buildings to this department at a time when a suitable building was being sought to establish this office in the town of Vavuniya. Out of them the building situated at J.C. 23, outer circular road, Vavuniya was upgraded at a cost of 12 million rupees and the regional office was setup in it. The building situated at No. 13, Vavuniya was used to provide accommodation to the officers. All the offices including the Head office of this department are housed in buildings obtained on lease basis. It is a remarkable incident that the two buildings assigned by the district Secretary of Vavuniya became a property of this department after a period of 63 years.

- **Promotion of authorised officers to the post of Senior authorized officer.**

Authorised officers were promoted to 07 vacancies of senior authorized officers in the following manner in this year.

Date	No. of posts
02.01.2012	02
17.01.2012	01
07.03.2012	04

These promotions were made without delay as per the powers vested on the Controller General by the Gazette notification No. 173352 dated 25.11.2011 issued by the Public Service Commission, which provided powers to the Heads of Department.

- **Creation of new Posts**

1. The composition of the carder and some of posts of the carder were changed to suit the existing service requirements of the department. Accordingly 35 posts of Computer Data Entry Operator which existed in the department were abolished and 35 posts of Passport Assistant were created a new on 01.07.2012 instead of the aforesaid posts. The 35 Computer Data Entry Operators who had already been working in the department were absorbed into the aforesaid posts and it is expected to recruit new officers to the vacancies which may be created in time to come.

2. The necessity of increasing the number of authorized officers arose with the opening of the Mahinda Rajapaksa International Airport in Mattala. The 288 Authorized Officer posts existing at the moment was not sufficient. Due to that reason 70 new Authorized Officer posts were created on 17.02.2012 as per financial regulation No. 71. The Gazette Notification for the recruitment of officers to the aforesaid posts was published on 28.09.2012.

3. A post of Grade I/II in Sri Lanka Accountants Service was created on 27.07.2012 as per financial regulation No. 71 and the aforesaid post was named as Accountant (Revenue). The existing grade applicable for the post of Internal Auditor of the Department, the grade III post of Sri Lanka Accountants Service, was upgraded to a grade I post in Sri Lanka Accountants Service.

The Staff as at 31.12.2012

Post	Staff Category	Approved Number	Existing Number	Vacancies/ Excess
Controller General	S.L.A.S.(Special)	01	01	-
Controller	S.L.A.S.I	05	05	-
Chief Accountant	S.L.A.S	01	01	-
Deputy/Assistant Controller	S.L.A.S.II/III	40	35	05
Deputy Controller	Departmental	02	-	02
Assistant Controller	Departmental	08	05	03
Accountant	S.L.Ac.S.	02	01	01
Internal Auditor	S.L.Ac.S	01	01	-

Administrative Officer	Public Management Assistant Supra Grade	02	02	-
Senior Authorised Officer	Departmental	30	28	02
System Analyst	S.L.I.C.T.&D Service	01	-	01
Authorised Officer	Departmental	358	279	79
Budget Assistant	Ancillary Services	01	01	--
Training Manager	- Do -	01	01	--
Public Management Assistant	Public Management Service	368	301	67
Data Entry Operator	Departmental	36	31	05
Receptionist	Departmental	02	01	01
Driver	Driver's Service	29	22	07
K.K.S.	K.K.S.	104	90	14
Foreman	Departmental	03	03	--
Labourer	Contract Basis	02	02	--
Total		997	810	187

- **Vehicles.**

The Duties of the department had expanded by 2012 and the vehicles were not adequate to meet the expansion of the duties. To avoid the shortage of adequate vehicles the department obtained 06 vehicles from the Treasury under lease basis.

- **Incentives**

The incentive scheme of the department was revised to suit the present. The approval of the Director General Establishment and the Director General of National Budget Department was obtained for that on 05.09.2012 and 14.12.2012 respectively.

- **Upgrading the Mirihana Detention Camp**

The foreigners who stay in the island illegally and the foreigners who engage in numerous illegal activities arrested by the Investigation Unit, the Special Investigation Unit and the Intelligence Monitoring Unit of the Department are detained in the detention camp set up in the premises of the Mirihana police station until they are deported from the country. This detention camp was in a condition which needed repair. As the land in which the camp was established was not a property of the department it was difficult to construct buildings there. As a remedial measure this camp was upgraded at a cost of 13 million rupees with the assistance of international institutions on migrants having made discussions with those institutions. However, there was a strongly felt need of a camp which belongs to this department itself.

- **Construction of a new camp in Minuwangoda Area**

As a solution to this problem steps were taken to obtain a plot of land of 100 perches from the land of Gallegedara Maha Vidyalaya, a school which had been closed down, in Gallegedara Grama Niladhari Division in Minuwangoda Divisional Secretariat Division located near Katunayake Bandaranaike International Airport. This land was identified with the co-operation of the Divisional Secretary of Minuwangoda.

Accordingly the work related to the transfer of this land was commenced and initial steps were taken for the construction of the building in parallel with that. The land was surveyed by the Department of Surveys and the primary plan of the land was obtained from that Department. Geological Survey and Mines Bureau undertook the

task of testing the soil of the land. The report related to the testing of soil could be obtained by August 2012.

The building plan was prepared by a Chartered Architect and the preliminary estimate was 200 million rupees. The approval of the National Planning Department was obtained for the building plan and the estimate on 14.11.2012. Accordingly steps will be taken to construct this building in two phases. 50 million rupees is spent for the first phase in the year 2013 and 150 million rupees will be spent for the second phase in the year 2014. Plans have been made to construct this camp on international standards in order that 100 female and male detainees could be detained there.

- **Mahajana Piyasa**

Around 6000 persons step into this department daily to obtain passports, get passports revised, obtain visas and also to obtain other services including the various services provided by the Citizenship Division. The hall attached to the Head Office was upgraded with the assistance of the Mobitel Company to make room for those who arrive with the clients to stay until the clients obtain the services required by them and this hall has been named as Mahajana Piyasa. Under this project the entire hall was refurbished and air conditioners and television sets were installed.

Mobitel company spent 1.2 million rupees for this. This upgraded building; Mahajana Piyasa was opened on 17.10.2012.

1.2 Procurement Division

A procurement division has been established to purchase goods and services required by the Immigration and Emigration Department in a more precise and transparent manner in accordance with the Procurement Code of the government and the laws and regulations related to it. This division consists of two officers of the State Management Service under the management of an Assistant Controller. This division prepares a procurement plan for each year at the commencement of the year. Goods and services are purchased as per the procurement plan and the progress of the year 2012 is mentioned below.

Serial No.	Item	Value of the Items (Rs.)
01	Office equipment	1,516,809.86
02	Air conditioners	122,490.00
03	Printing and fax machines	260,400.00
04	Computer system accessories	1,923,040.00
05	Vehicles	520,000.00
	Total	4,342,739.86

Payments made on behalf of the agreements reached in the year 2012.

	Description	Details of the Agreement		Service charge per year (without taxes)
		Starting date	Ending date	
Service provider	Name of the Service Agreement			
International Computer Ceylon Ltd.	Maintenance of E-mail, Internet and Virus solutions	01.07.2012	30.06.2013	1,095,000.00
	Permit charges Cyber Firewall 2012			1,221,740.00
I.B.M. World Trade Corporation	Maintenance of Hardware	01.01.2012	31.12.2014	3,656,344.56
E.W. Information System Ltd.	Maintenance of 27 computers	20.01.2012	19.01.2013	359,741.25
	Maintenance of 37computers	01.01.2012	31.12.2012	565,826.25
	Maintenance of -5 computers	23.02.2012	22.02.2013	55,800.00
	Maintenance of the printing machine	16.12.2012	15.12.2013	190,680.00
	Maintenance of the computers in regional offices	04.10.2012	03.10.2013	372,000.00
	Maintenance of 200	17.12.2012	16.12.2013	1,493,800.00

	computers			
	Maintenance of 50 computers	22.01.2012	21.01.2013	373,450.00
Informatics International (Pvt.) Ltd.	Maintenance Software	01.04.2012	31.03.2013	3,886,792.95
	Maintenance of A.P.C. U.P.S. Hardware	01.05.2012	30.04.2013	890,450.00
	Maintenance of A.P.S. U.P.S. in regional offices	01.11.2012	31.10.2013	355,311.00
	Permit charge for oracle Metal Link ancillary services	26.11.2012	25.11.2013	3,627,024.02
	Management Control Ancillary Services	14.08.2011	13.08.2012	8,400,000.00
Apik Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd.	Maintenance of F.A.P.	01.04.2012	31.03.2013	8,282,273.12
	Maintenance of 03 visualizers	13.05.2012	12.05.2013	364,022.12
	Maintenance APIK TPPS facilities in regional offices	01.05.2012	30.04.2013	1,260,000.00
	Maintenance of locally purchased hardware in branch extension projects	01.07.2012	30.06.2013	1,076,788.00

High Tech Padu Barhard	Maintenance of the disaster allocation facilities and second office	19.08.2012	18.08.2013	USD 117,815.00
	Taxes disaster allocation facilities and second office	01.08.2007	01.02.2013	19,200,000.00
	Maintenance of the hardware purchased from abroad in branch extension projects	01.07.2012	30.06.2013	USD 123,156.56

1.3 Training and Development Division

The main function of this Division is to identify the training requirements of the officers attached to the Department of Immigration and Emigration and conducting training programmes. A separate training unit has been established for this and it is managed by the training manger. Two clerks and a K.K.S. have been attached to this division and the minimum equipment required has also been provided. The training programmes conducted by this Division in the year 2012 are mentioned below.

The date on which the workshop was conducted	Workshop	The department / officers for when the workshop was conducted
2012.01.26	State Management Reforms	Co-operative Development Commissioners. Registrars of Co-operative Societies

2012.02.23	State Management Reforms	Officers attached to the Ministry of External Affairs
2012.03.02,5,6,8,9	Pre-service training programme	Authorised Officers
2012.03.12	Communication media	Grade 13 students of D.S. Senanayake College, Colombo
2012.03.17	"Nenasa Asiriya" Workshop	Officers who assumed duties upon transfers
2012.05.15, 18,22,23,24	Good governance	Authorised Officers
2012.06.06	State Management Reforms	S.L.A.S. Grade III Officers
2012.06.13	Good governance	Authorised Officers
2012.06.26, 27	ETA Methodology	S.L.A.S. Officers who assumed duties upon transfers 2011/2012
2012.07.26	ETA Methodology	S.L.A.S. Grade III Officers
2012.08.09	Immigration and Emigration Investigation Process	Intelligence Officers of the Sri Lanka Navy
2012.08.15	ETA Methodology	S.L.A.S. Officers who assumed duties upon transfers 2011/2012
2012.08.02	Awareness programme on the activities of the Division of International Relationships	Authorised Officers
2012.08.21	State Management Reforms	S.L.A.S. Grade III Officers
2012.09.10	Unique Customer Care	All the Officers who assumed duties upon transfers 2011/2012

2012.09.11 ,13,18	Migration Management	Authorised Officers
2012.09.21	ILO Workshop	Authorised Officers
2012.10.06	I am born to win	Family members of the officers of the department
2012.10.23	State Management Reforms	Graduate Trainees
2012.11.07	State Management Reforms	Graduate Trainees
2012.12.08	In-service Training Programme	Drivers
2012.12.10	Efficiency bar examination	Authorised Officers
2012.12.21	Operation process of the Division of International Relationships	Intelligence officers of the Sri Lanka Navy

1.4 Legal Division

The following activities and duties were performed by the Legal Division of the Department in the year 2012.

- i. Preparation of necessary observations regarding two Supreme Court applications which the Department and the Controller General in his personal capacity had been named as respondents and co-ordination with the Attorney-General's Department to forward the necessary document to the court.

- ii. Evidence was produced before courts with relevant documents on 229 occasions representing the department in the cases filed under Immigration and Emigration Act by the Criminal Investigation Department or other law enforcement institutions in which Immigration and Emigration Controller had been named as a witness submissions were made representing the department.
- iii. Submissions have been made successfully on three occasions in regard to applications forwarded to the Human Rights Commission.
- iv. Evidence was provided representing the department on four occasions in civil cases in which the department had been named as a witness.

02 Finance Section

Management of incomes and expenditures, maintaining the transactions of the Advance Account of the public officers, within the stipulated limits, managing financial activities according to the regulations of the Treasury and the preparation of annual financial accounts in regard to the Department of Immigration and Emigration, which is a foremost income earning department, are done under the supervision of a Chief Accountant and two assistant accountants. There is a staff consisting of an Administrative officer (Finance) and 55 Management assistants attached to the Accounts Division / Shroff Division and Store Division.

The annual expenditure estimate of the department is about 1000 million rupees and the expenditure estimate for the year 2012 was 695 million rupees.

This Department contributes a considerable income to the consolidated fund earned through the issue of new passports, issue of visas, electronic authorization project for migration and the issue of dual citizenship certificates. The income earned in the year 2011 was 3764 million rupees and the income of the department increased up to 6181 million rupees in the year 2012 due to the new project of issuing short term visas through the internet, which was commenced from 01.01.2012.

The pre-electronic authorization project for short term travel was commenced from 01st January 2012 and the estimated income through it was 2000 million rupees. However, the income earned through it in the year 2012 was 2200 million rupees. It was 35% of the total income of the department.

52% of the total income of the year 2012 was derived through the issue of new passports, renewal and revision of passports and 11% of the total income was derived through the issue of visas.

The report of the estimated allocations received under project 1 and 2 for the year 2012, real expenditure and the financial progress along with the reports of the total income of the department in the year 2012 are forwarded with this as per State Finance Circular No. 402 dated 12.09.2002. (See Annexures 01, 02, 03, 04 and 05)

03. Information Technology

The main functions performed by this division during the previous year.

- i. The existing computer system was upgraded up to 11G service condition in order to enhance its efficiency and also to achieve international standards.
- ii. Software was upgraded to print the permit provided to the crew of a ship which is anchored at a harbor to arrive on land during that period of time. Earlier these permits were issued manually and no details were computerized regarding them.
- iii. Electronic Data Boards (dash boards) were fixed. The period of time taken for processing a passport is monitored by this. Through the allocation of a specific period of time for each. Step of the process of the preparation of a passport from the time an application for a passport is handed over, it is hoped to make this process more effective.
- iv. The child births which occurred in abroad during the period 2000/2007 had been registered under section 5(2) of the Citizenship Act. However, the aforesaid data had not been computerized. The aforesaid data has been entered into the system by now and due to that reason easy and prompt access is available for that information.
- v. Steps were taken by the Terminal Control System to issue an electronic sticker to be pasted on the passports of the foreigners who have obtained permission to land in Sri Lanka. Earlier this task was performed using a stamp. Due to the fact that the aforesaid methodology was not systematic steps were taken to introduce an electronic sticker.
- vi. The Human Resource Management module was improved.

- vii. A system was opened to make access to the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau. Information of the foreign travels of the workers who have registered themselves in it can be obtained through it.
- viii. Preliminary work related to the preparation of infrastructure facilities required for the activities of the Department of Immigration and Emigration in Mattala International Airport was done during this year.

04. Visa and border Control Division

- **Visas**

Priority was given to national security in the issue and extension of visas during this year and some visas issued to foreigners were terminated, abolished and suspended based on that policy. Also, steps were taken to blacklist the foreigners who had become an obstacle to national security and also to Sri Lankans in order to prevent them from entering the country.

- **Residential Visas**

This visa is issued to the foreigners who stay in Sri Lanka for a long period of time on different aims and objectives. This visa is issued on a number of grounds. Residential visas are issued to employees, investors, students, registered Indians, the persons who have terminated Sri Lankan Citizenship, diplomats, the family members of a Sri Lankan citizen, and the persons who are registered under the Resident guest Visa system and the “My dream Home Visa System.

- **Visit Visas**

This visa is obtained by the persons who arrive in the island through the visas obtained from Sri Lanka Diplomatic Missions in foreign countries and also by the foreigners who arrive in the country through the Electronic Travel system when they stay in the country exceeding a period of one month. The foreigners who arrived in Sri Lanka in this manner have obtained this visa up to a period of 3 months.

Pre Electronic Travel Authorization for short term Travel

The approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was obtained through the Cabinet paper No. CB/11/1100/503/062 dated 25.01.2011 to implement the Electronic Travel Authorization System in order to issue visas through the Internet to the foreigners who arrive in Sri Lanka or travel to some other destination via Sri Lanka and this system was implemented from 01.01.2012.

The state income estimated to be derived through this in the year 2012 was 2000 million rupees. However, the income derived through it was 2200 million rupees by 31.12.2012 indicating an excess of the estimated income.

It was argued that there would be a decline in the number of tourists who arrive in Sri Lanka if this system were implemented. However the aforesaid argument was proved a nullity as the percentage of the tourists who arrived in Sri Lanka in the year 2012 was bigger when compared with the year 2011. Also, it was proposed by the budget proposals of the year 2013 that the ETA charges be increased by 5 U.S. dollars considering the economic benefits brought by it and that proposal was implemented from 01.01.2013.

- **Transit visas**

This is a visa obtained by passengers to pass through Sri Lanka to travel to another country and this is issued free of charge for the first 48 hours. This can be extended up to 07 days by paying the due fee. 44808 persons obtained transit visas in the year 2012. Indonesian, Philippine and Indian nationals mostly use transit visas.

- **Resident guest Visa**

This is considered as a long term visa and it is issued for the promotion of foreign investments and also to attract educated professionals to the country. 11 visas were issued in 2012 and 36 visas were extended during the year 2012.

- **“My Dream Home” Visa scheme.**

“My Dream Home” Visa system has provided opportunities to the foreigners to rest in Sri Lanka in the latter part of their lives. The foreigners who have completed the age of 55 years can apply for this visa and a fixed deposit of 15000 US dollars should be maintained and a sum of 15000 US dollars should be remitted to Sri Lanka every month to obtain that visa. 41 visas were issued in the year 2012 and 95 visas were extended.

Issue and Extension of Residential Visas 31.12.1202

Serial No.	Category	Total
01	Release from Visas under Section II of the citizenship Act	344
02	Other	2
03	Dual citizenship	659
04	Under section 52 of the citizenship Act	1276
05	For the Private Sector	3995
06	For the spouse of a Sri Lankan	4674
07	For Registered Indians	65
08	Official	1442
09	For Ex-Sri Lankans	3545
10	Students and Scholarship Recipients	5612
11	On Medical Reasons	351
12	Resident Visitor visas	44
13	Board of Investment	6289
14	Religious Affairs	995
15	For the State Sector	7978
16	For the Clergy	1188
17	For the children of Sri Lankans	341
18	Diplomatic	538
19	Non Governmental Organizations	685
20	"My Dream Home" scheme	141
21	To appear in courts	145
	Total	40309

4.1 **Port Affairs**

- i. The Immigration and Emigration activities of the Magampura Mahinda Rajapaksha Harbour was commenced on 06th June 2012.

The Department established a fully equipped office with a computer system which is connected with the Head Office in buildings obtained by Sri Lanka Ports Authority. The Office was ceremonially opened on 17.08.2012. An official residence was allocated in the Magam Rununupura Administration Complex for the Senior Authorized Officers and the Authorized Officers who are engaged in duties there.

- ii. Steps were taken to issue the computerized landing permit for sailors through Colombo and Galle Ports from 09.11.2012.
- iii. Right from the beginning the department endorsed the arrival of local / foreign passengers with a stamp marked on their passports when they were arriving through the airport. In addition to that steps were taken to paste a sticker as well on the passport from 01.07.2012 to be on par with the international standards.
- iv. A Diploma programme on travel studies was organized for the senior authorized officers and the authorized officers of the Department by the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies under the patronage of the International Labour Organization and 21 officers got the opportunity of participating in that programme during this year. In addition to that a one day workshop was organised for 100 authorised officers on policies in regard to Sri Lankan migrant workers, regulations and lawful migration.
- v. Code stickers were introduced in this year to charge the sum of 1000 rupees due from foreign sailor staff who land in the country.

Ports Details of arrivals and departures in the year 2012

S.No	Port	No. of arrivals	No.of departures
1	Bandaranaike International Airport	2493898	2546095
2	Ratmalana Airport	25	14
3	Colombo Harbour	7625	7930
4	Galle Harbour	18895	17290
5	Trincomalee Harbour	719	497
6	Hambantota Harbour	34	6
7	Norochchelai Harbour	22	39
	Total	2521218	2571871

Genertal Information of arrivals and departures

		Arrivals	Departure s	Total
1.	Sri Lankan Citizens	1210914	1268792	2479706
2.	Foreigners	1310304	1303079	2613383
	Total	2521218	2571871	5093089

**Clasification of the number of foreigners who came to the island
according to the continents they belong to -2012**

The number of passengers who came to Sri Lanka - Continet wise									
Month	Africa	Antatica	Asia	Australia	Europe	North America	South America	Unidentifies	Total
January	726	0	146417	5238	58566	6944	169	113	122948
February	798	0	131787	3798	61271	5397	133	79	115273
March	938	0	153520	4292	57609	5956	184	114	121931
April	774	0	162383	4815	37500	5051	133	113	93490
May	659	0	148572	3286	22365	5148	122	92	87623
June	802	1	159651	4829	25929	7837	143	101	99421
July	903	0	158120	5410	51765	8168	116	85	118713
August	943	0	159256	4756	42416	6014	166	71	105170
September	1388	0	148213	5235	32520	4105	130	109	92873
October	1294	0	150899	4337	38714	5187	200	144	105862
November	905	0	144609	5339	40754	4998	174	76	104251
December	1211	0	178861	12760	57064	9145	227	76	142749
Total	11341	1	1842288	64095	526473	73950	1897	1173	1310304

The number of passengers that arrived in Sri Lanka and departed from Sri Lanka in each month - 2012

Month	Passenger Arrivals			Passenger Departures		
	Sri Lankan Citizens	Foreigners	Total	Sri Lankan Citizens	foreigners	Total
January	95225	122948	218173	105801	142076	247877
February	87990	115273	203263	107896	115348	223244
March	100682	121931	222613	100513	122243	222756
April	117279	93490	210769	112149	109273	221422
May	92621	87623	180244	96450	87496	183946
June	99872	99421	199293	94774	88683	183457
July	105854	118713	224567	98867	104056	202923
August	108452	105170	213622	128022	122341	250363
September	98827	92873	191700	116859	93734	210593
October	94913	105862	200775	104703	105460	210163
November	92604	104251	196855	94871	101540	196411
December	116595	142749	259344	107887	110829	218716
Total	1210914	1310304	2521218	1268792	1303079	2571871

Sri Lankan Identity Overseas

4.2 Investigation activities / special investigations and Intelligence Monitoring Activities

This division is responsible for preventing the arrival of the persons who are detrimental to the country and also conducting investigations to collect data regarding the foreigners that stay in the country in an undue manner against the visa regulations of the country and deport them from the country having arrested them. 499 persons were deported from the country in the year 2012 and most of them are Indian, Pakistan, Afgan, Nigerian and Chinese nationals.

Progress related to the investigations conducted in the year 2012

	The number of persons that were arrested	Outdated visas	Misuse of visas	removed from the country	Permission granted to leave the country	The number of persons that were released
	511	23	488	499	04	08

- **Detention camps**

The repair work of the Mirihana Detention camp was completed on 18.07.2012. Facilities have been provided to male and female detainees separately and two television sets have been provided for their entertainment. A programme is underway from the year 2012 to deport the detainees from the country having obtained passports for their destinations promptly.

The number of persons that were held in the camp in the year 2012

The number of persons arrested by authorised officers	04
The number of persons handed over by prison officers	194
The nubmer of persons handed over by police officers	11
Total	209

The number of persons that were detained in the camps in the year 2012

Accoridng to nationalities)

Serial No.	Nationality	Number
01	Indian	35
02	Afgan	08
03	Pakistan	01
04	Chinese	29
05	American	02
06	Somalian	04
07	Iran	03
08	Bangladesh	01

09	Turkish	02
10	Maldivian	02
11	German	02
12	British	02
13	Nigerian	12
14	Erithriyan	01
15	Siriyan	05
16	Indonesian	01
17	Swedan	01
18	Liberian	01
19	Thaiwan	96
20	Guinea	01
	Total	209

The number of persons that were detained in the camp by
31 12 2012 - 20

- **UNHCR. Refugee Status**

As per the agreement signed by Sri Lanka with the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees a person who expects to obtain refugee status of a third country could come to Sri Lanka and stay in Sri Lanka until he leaves from Sri Lanka having obtained the refugee status of that country.

Under this agreement 399 foreign nationals stayed in Sri Lanka by 31.12.2012 expecting refugee status in another country. Most of them are Pakistan nationals. Subsequently Maldivian and Afgan nationals also have applied for refugee status.

4.3 Functions relevant to the Division of International Co-operation

Steps have been taken to regularize terminal control through the establishment of five new units.

i. Intelligence Unit on Migrants

Migration Information Unit also has been established to collect and analyse the information about migrants, and also to collect the information of the other divisions of this department and analyse the information to use it in a manner which is suitable for the future.

ii. Misplaced and Damaged Passport Divison

The information provided by the Information centre of the police on lost or stolen passports is entered into a computer system and that information is provided to the International Police through a website. This prevents people from going abroad using another person's passport which is lost or stolen. Preventing illegal activities is the objective of this.

iii. Unit for the Management of Re-acceptance Instances

The SriLankans who have been deported have been provided with a new system to issue passports from the Sri Lankan embassy of the relevant countries. Through it the process of issuing passports to them has been regularised and that information is entered into the system as well.

iv. Unit of the Management of Consolidated Information

A Separate unit has been established in order to provide information on passports to the institutions that are registered under the department when they require such information. Foreign embassises keep direct links with this unit and the verification of the accuracy of passports before issuing visas is done through this unit when necessary.

v. National Co-ordination Committee for Re-acceptance

A national co-ordination committee has been established for the repatriation of the Sri Lankans who are deported from foreign countries. This section undertakes the preparation and implementation of relevant agreements and policies on the occasions when the Sri Lankans who had sought refuge in foreign countries on political or other reasons are deported from those countries.

05. Issue of Passports

- **Head office**

The public who come to obtain the service of this department mostly seek the service of the Passport Division. Three regional offices have been established in addition to the head office for issue, renewal and various revisions of passports. The regional office which had been established in Anuradhapura was shifted to Vavuniya on 08.02.2012 in order to provide an effective service to the people living in the North, North Central and Eastern provinces. Steps were taken to effect a change from 01.09.2012 in the passports issued to the children who are under 16 years of age based on the vision that public service should be performed with responsibility in a cordial and effective manner every day.

A passport is usually valid for 10 years once it is issued. It seemed that the passport issued to the children under 16 years of age could not be used even for 03 or 04 years. The reason for that is that due to the fact that a lot of changes occur in the physical appearance of children as they grow up they would have to encounter problems in using the passports which had been issued to them earlier. Therefore steps were taken to issue a passport of which the life time is limited to 03 years to the children under 16 years of age at a lesser charge on request. However, if need be, it is permissible for them to obtain a passport which is valid for 10 years. When the number of

passports issued during the period of 8 months from October, 2012 is examined it seems that this changed system has been useful to the public.

During this period 90 days 8995 all country passports and 2496 special country passports have been issued and of which the validity was limited to 3 years.

The department has suggested that a biometric passport should be issued to make Sri Lanka passport suit the modern technology and the recommendation of the National Planning Department has been provided for it. It will be implemented in time to come under the aid of the Australian government with the intervention of the Foreign Resources Department. A strategy study has been conducted in this regard and the required methodology has been decided by now. Accordingly it is expected that the biometric passport could be issued by the middle of the year 2014.

Issue of Sri Lanka Passports - 2012

	Passport Category	No. of Passports Issued
1.	Passports valid for all countries	302849
2.	Passports valid only for Middle East countries	230857
3.	Diplomatic passports	287
4.	Urgent certificates	35826
5.	Identification certificates	5
6.	Official passports	901
	Total	570725

Renewals and changes of Sri Lanka passports - 2012

Category	Number
Renewals and changes	127057

5.1 Foreign Mission Division

Passport applications are forwarded to by expatriate Sri Lankans to the Foreign Mission Division of my office through foreign missions. In the year 2012, 36691 persons were provided with the service of this division. As per the cabinet decision taken on 22.12.2011, approval was granted to issue passports without costs to repatriate nearly 90,000 Sri Lankan Refugees living in Tamilnadu in India and accordingly 1024 passports which were valid only for returning to Sri Lanka were issued in the year 2012 to the aforesaid Sri Lankan refugees who were living in refugee camps and private residences found by them in Tamilnadu, under the recommendation of the Deputy High Commissioner in Chennai.

- **Regional Offices**

The regional office established in Anuradhapura was shifted to Vavuniya in the year 2012 and the Kandy regional office issued 51545 passports whereas 33793 and 23712 passports were issued by the Matara and Vavuniya regional offices respectively.

- **Passport Renewal Division**

Revisions effected to passports have been declining gradually since the year 2012.

The reason for it was the suspension of conversion of special country passports into all country passports from the year 2012 and also the decision taken to issue passports valid for 10 years from the year 2006.

06. Citizenship Division

The duties performed by the citizenship division take a foremost place among the main duties of the Immigration and Emigration Department. The registration of the births of children who are born in a foreign country to Sri Lankan parents under section 5(2) of the citizenship Act is a major duty of this division.

i. Registration of the births of the children that are born to Sri Lankan parents in a foreign country is done under section 5(2) of the Citizenship Act.

Before 2003 Sri Lankan citizenship could be applied only for children who were born to a Sri Lankan father under this section.

However, with the amendment introduced to the Citizenship Act by the Citizenship Amendment Act No. 16 of 2003, even a mother who gave birth to a child from a foreign husband could apply for the registration of the birth of the child based on her citizenship. However the application form used for this was basically designed only for obtaining the information of the father and his pedigree. There was no adequate space in it to enter the information of the mother and her pedigree in order to accommodate the amendments introduced to the Act in the year 2003. However we were able to rectify that shortcoming this year.

It had been observed for a considerable period of time that there were problems in receiving the certificates issued under section 5(2) by the parents of the children concerned. Preliminary steps were taken to amend the application in order to rectify the aforesaid matter. The new application allows the applicant to suggest a means to obtain his certificate and this can be regarded as a special feature of the new application.

Accordingly the system of sending the certificate to embassies in foreign countries by diplomatic post was changed and the applicants were allowed to receive the certificate to their foreign address or local address having paid the relevant postal fee. During the recent past certificates had been piled up in foreign embassies and a number of applicants who were caught in a problem in receiving the certificates due to their inability or difficulty in coming to the embassies to receive them were benefited through this. Approval of the State Finance Department was obtained to charge a fee subject to a maximum of 300 rupees to post this certificate to the local or foreign address of the applicant.

6.1 Dual Citizenship

Granting dual citizenship is a very important task among the other functions of the Citizenship Division and it is performed under sections 19(2) and 19(3) of the Citizenship Act. However, granting of dual citizenship was temporarily stopped on 28th January 2011 and only the certificates for which payments had been made were issued during this period.

Preliminary work in regard to the introduction of a new system instead of the former one was done in this year. Accordingly the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted to establish the new system by the name “overseas Sri Lankans”. Based on this approval it has been informed to the Legal Draftsman to draft legal enactments to implement the new system and the preparation of the laws is being done at present.

6.2 Duties under other sections

- I. Nearly 70 applications had been received under sections 8, 11, 12 and more than 35 certificates were able to be issued in regard to them.

- II. Although it had ben commenced to take action under seciton 13A of the Act earlier, no progress was observed during the last few years. However, Sri Lankan Citizenship was granted to one applicant under Section 13A in this year.
- III. Termination of citizenship under section 19(1) was not properly executed before this. A specific methodogloy has been designed for the termination of citizenship under the approval of the Hon. Minister.
- IV. A programme was launched in the year 2012 to enter the information of the old applicants whose information had not been entered into the computer system under section 5(2) of the Citizenship Act in the execution of the duties conferred by law. The programmes started in the middle of the year continued during the next period of time and 18118 pieces of information were entered into the data system.
- V. A programme was launched in this year to finalise the files received under section 5(2), which had shortcomings Accoridngly more than 1000 post cards were sent to the addresses of the aforesaid applicants in Sri Lanka in order to get the shortcomings rectified and certificates could be provided having rectified the shortcomings.

7.0 Indo- Lanka Citizenship Division

This division was established under the Department for the Registration of the persons of Indian origin. Presently the function of this Division is only restricted to the issue of citizenship confirmation certificates under the Act No. 39 of 1988 and the Act No. 35 of 2003.

A perusal of the statistics of a few years in the recent past indicates that there is a considerable decline in the number of persons who apply for citizenship in the aforesaid manner. The Departement of Elections educated all the Grama Niladharis in 2007/2008 regarding the manner in which citizenship could be obtained under the Act No. 39 of 1988

and the Act No. 35 of 2003. Accordingly most of the problems that arise in registering the persons with an Indian origin as electors have been avoided. The Public Administration Circular No. 11/2011 issued in the year 2011 provides comprehensive information to all the public officers regarding the manner in which citizenship is granted to the persons of Indian Origin. It seems that the aforesaid factors have caused a decline in applications for citizenship certificates to some extent. Furthermore, a considerable number of persons apply for citizenship certificates under the laws applicable for granting citizenship to the persons of Indian Origin irrespective of the fact that they are Sri Lankan citizens by descent as they have to knowledge to that effect. On such occasions this department has made arrangements to clarify to the aforesaid persons the manner in which they have obtained the citizenship by descent.

43817 citizenship certificates were issued under Act No. 39 of 1988 and 579 citizenship certificates were issued under Act No. 35 of 2003 by 31.12.2012. Statistics in regard to the Citizenship certificates issued in the year 2012 are given in the table below.

Issue of Citizenship certificates

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
(1) Act No. 39 of 1988	475	172	106	71	14
(2) Act No. 35 of 2003	107	24	61	04	08
(3) Act No. 38 of 2008	--	76	08	04	01
(4) Issue of letters of acknowledgments under Act No. 35 of 2003	88	57	23	13	--

7.1 Granting citizenship to persons with a chinese origin

Persons with a chinese origin are granted citizenship under Act No. 38 of 2008. The validity period of this Act ends on 30.10.2013. 89 persons have been granted Sri Lankan Citizenship under this Act by 31.12.2012. The number of persons registered under this in the year 2012 is 01.

08. Functions of the Welfare Society

The welfare society of the Department of Immigration and Emigration has a membership of 1000 staff members of the department and it implements a number of religious, social and cultural programmes for the welfare of its members, family members of the members and the entire society. The aim of this is to create a group of employees who are physically and mentally healthy and provide the public with a qualitative service by making them effective and content in performing their service.

The following activities were undertaken in the year 2012 for that.

1. Holding the official new year festival on 02.01.2012 and awarding service evaluation gifts to a selected employee in each section.

In parallel with this the officers working in the outside institutions connected to this department were evaluated and gifts were awarded to them.

2. A Dhamma sermon was preached by Ven. Induragare Dammarathana Thero of the University of Kelaniya on 03.05.2012 on behalf of the Vesak Poya Day.
3. The annual get – together of the employees of the department was held in a successful manner on 12.05.2012 in Wesley College grounds in Borella with the participation around 2500 family members of the employees.
4. A cricket match series was held with the Ministry of Media in Amgampitiya grounds in Kotte on 19.05.2012 and the team of the Department became victorious.
5. Dhamma books worth 100,000 rupees and a cupboard to keep Dhamma books were offered to Saddharma Keerthi Sobamana Ven. Lunugamvehera Wimalandana Thero, the Chief incumbent

of Sri Bauddharamaya at No.10 Pansal Watta, Colombo on 31.08.2012 on behalf of the Poson Poya day which fell on 04.06.2017.

6. A six member cricket match series was held with the participation of the staff members in Railway Grounds at Dematagoda on 16.06.2012. Teams representing all the divisions of the department participated in this cricket match series.
7. A comprehensive medical clinic was organized combined with the Nawaloka hospital on 28.06.2012 Specially those who participated in this were given opportunity to undergo cancer detection tests.
8. The department could obtain the victory of the cricket match series held in Bandaranayakepura grounds in Kotte with the Ministry of Samurdhi on 19.7.2012.
9. The annual blood donation programme was held on 24.07.2012 under the patronage of the Central Blood Bank. 93 pints of blood were given to the blood bank .
10. The function of offering the meditation rooms of foreign females, which were in a dilapidated state, having refurbished them at a cost of 500,000 rupees was held on 31.07.2012.
11. A cricket match series was held in Dematagoda Railway Grounds on 05.08.2012 with the participation of the staff members of the department. Teams representing all the divisions of the Department participated in this.
12. A delightful musical night show named “Nandarami” was held successfully in the auditorium of the Meuseus College Colombo under the patronage of the Hon. Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and Urban Development, Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapaksha. 4,647,542 rupees was able to be collected to the fund of the society through this .
13. A programme named “Christmans for the little heart” was conducted on 20.12.2012 for low income children on behalf of the Christmas festival. Gifts were given to children in this

programme. Merians Musical band headed by Nalin Perera joined in singing christmas carol songs like in previous years.

14. The annual “Peduru Sajjaya” was held on 28.12.2012 with the participation of staff members of the department and their family members.
15. A function was held on 31.12.2012 to present gifts on behalf of the society to the officers who retired or went on transfers in the year 2012.

Financial Progress - year 2012.

Programme - 01

Project - General Administration, Immigration Control and Citizenship 01 & 02

Annual budget estimates have provided financial provisions for the Department of Immigration and Emmigration under two projects in 2012. Performance of the two projects indicate that capital expenditure was 98% and that recurrent expenditure was 98%.

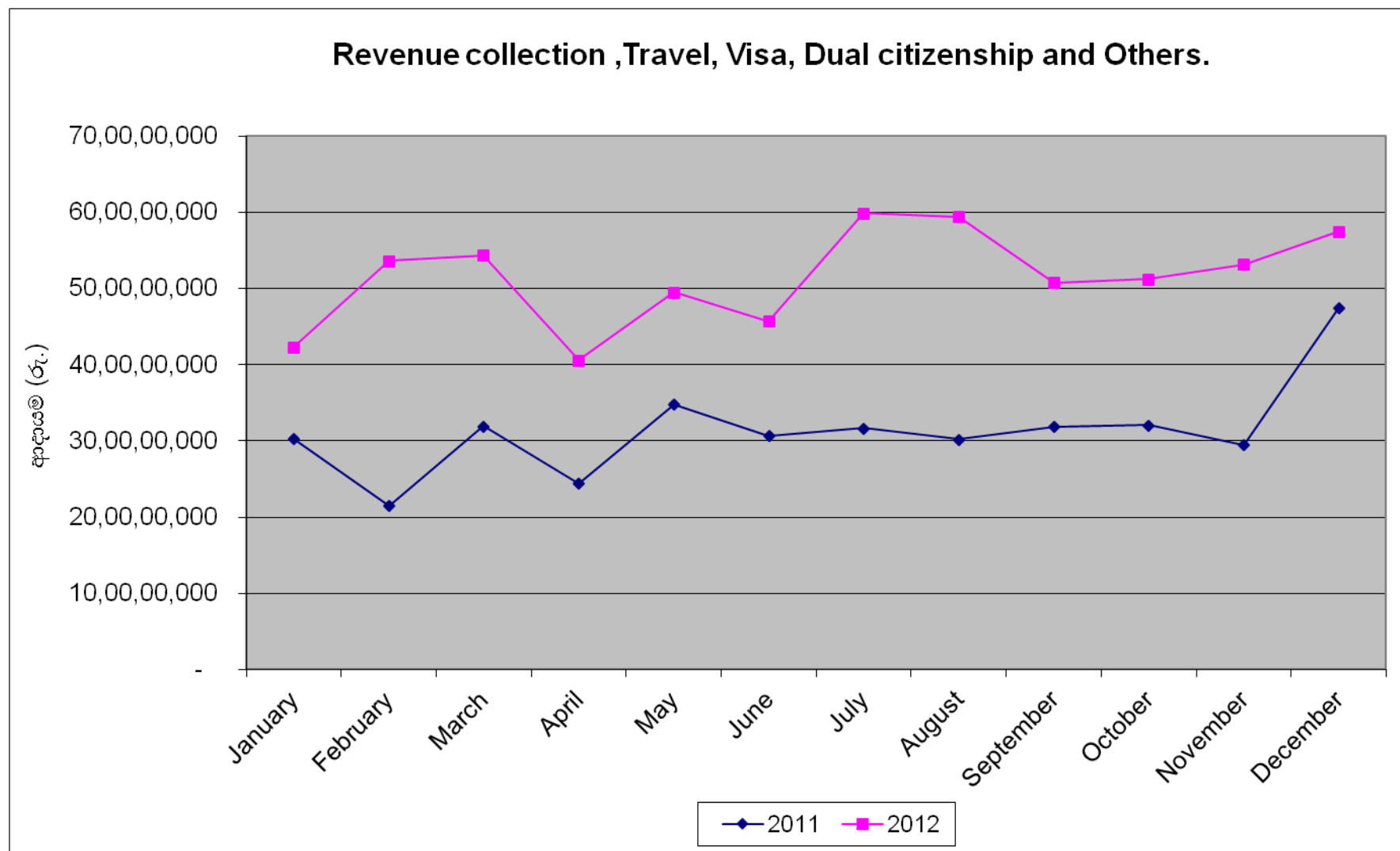
Categorization of Expenses	Total Estimates	Actual Expenditure	Balance	Financial Progress %
Recurrent Expenditure				
Personal Emoulements and Allowances	32,75,00,000	32,37,71,802	37,28,198	99
Travel Expenses	1,88,00,000	1,81,32,476	6,67,524	96
Supplies	2,24,50,000	2,16,03,833	8,46,167	96
Maintenance Expenses	8,99,50,000	8,74,79,184	24,70,816	97
Contractual Services	14,27,10,000	14,10,39,368	16,70,632	99
Other Recurrent Expenditure	66,40,000	66,28,877	11,123	100
Total	60,80,50,000	59,86,55,540	93,94,460	
Capital Assets				
Rehabilitation and development of capital assets				
2001- Buildings and fixures	42,00,000	32,59,731	9,40,269	78
2002- equipment	1,01,20,000	1,01,13,315	6,685	100
2003- Vehicles	11,00,000	10,70,989	29,011	97
Acquiring Capital Assets				
2101- Vehicles	6,00,000	5,20,000	80,000	87
2102- Furniture and Office Equipment	25,00,000	20,75,064	4,24,936	83
2103- Machiney	1,81,30,000	1,81,29,257	743	100
2401-Training and Capacity Building	9,00,000	7,48,045	1,51,955	83
2502- Other Investments	4,94,00,000	4,93,13,665	86,335	100
Total	8,69,50,000	8,52,30,066	17,19,934	
Total Recurrent and Capital Expenditure	69,50,00,000	68,38,85,606	1,11,14,394	

Public Officers' Advance Account 2012 - Performance

Maximum debit limit for 2012	2,35,50,000
Loans to Officers in 2012	2,24,05,998
Minimum Receivables in 2012	1,80,00,000
Recovery of Loan Installments in 2012	2,58,15,251

REVENUE COLLECTION - PASSPORT, VISA, DUAL CITIZENSHIP & OTHER.

	2011	2012
January	30,30,04,038	42,34,73,825
February	21,48,39,689	53,66,25,862
March	31,94,06,253	54,36,07,555
April	24,39,85,698	40,56,58,563
May	34,81,13,955	49,48,21,446
June	30,64,71,158	45,71,36,202
July	31,67,02,508	59,87,87,277
August	30,21,45,826	59,44,24,541
September	31,90,68,875	50,78,41,606
October	32,07,14,437	51,23,54,518
November	29,49,51,816	53,16,31,068
December	47,52,53,494	57,48,89,140
Total	3,76,46,57,745	6,18,12,51,604



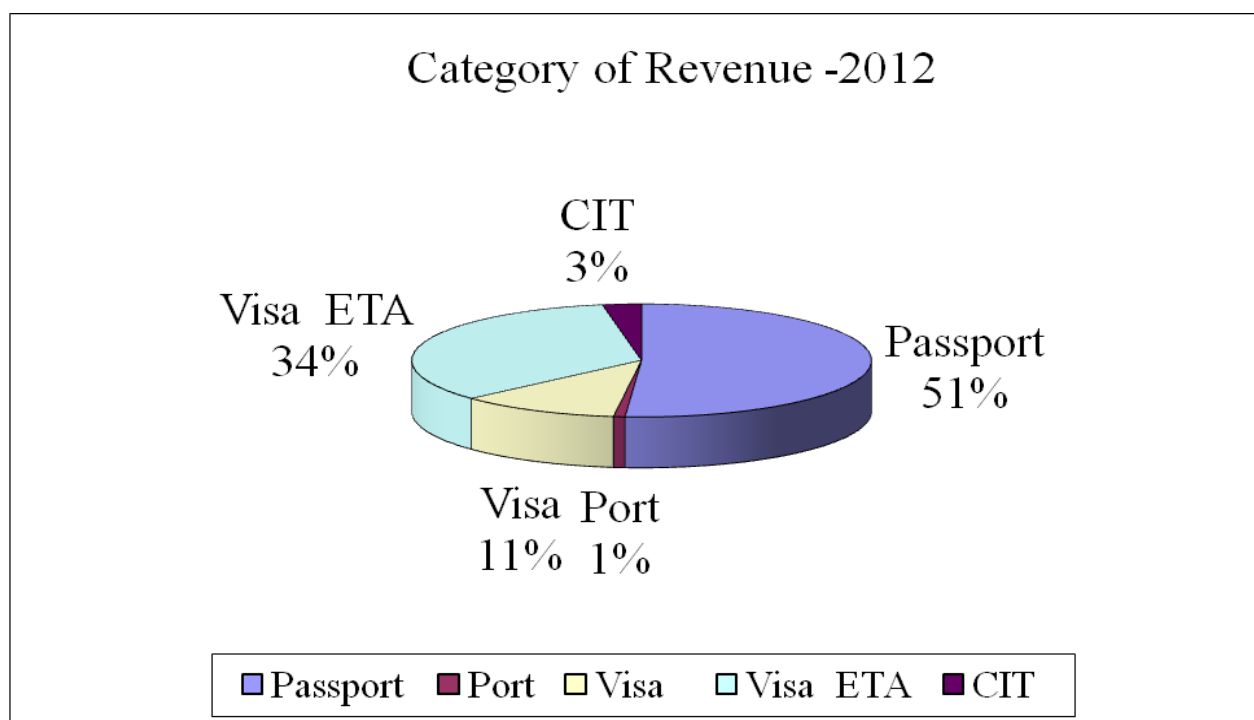
Passports
3,16,17,52,072

Port
4,92,19,000

Visa
69,68,96,744

Visa ETA
2,10,42,01,938

CIT
16,91,81,850



Passport	port	Visa	Visa-ETA	CIT
3,16,17,52,072	4,92,19,000	69,68,96,744	2,10,42,01,938	16,91,81,850

Income Summary 2012
Department of Immigration and Emigration

Month	Income from Passports 1	Income from Divisional Secretariats 2	Foreign Missions 3	Grand Total 4	Ports 5	Visa 6	Visa ETA	CIT 7	Total Income 8
January	18,49,76,276.60	47,65,712.92		18,97,41,989.52	35,97,000.00	5,34,77,045.00	13,67,94,790.12	3,98,63,000.00	42,34,73,824.64
February	16,80,23,380.66	45,06,300.00	6,63,03,955.06	23,88,33,635.72	38,03,000.00	4,78,52,304.50	21,23,41,922.26	3,37,95,000.00	53,66,25,862.48
March	18,31,07,488.50	53,55,500.00	8,95,69,990.60	27,80,32,979.10	43,20,000.00	5,66,00,824.75	17,29,61,251.04	3,16,92,500.00	54,36,07,554.89
April	14,81,52,855.33	39,31,822.24	8,32,89,037.65	23,53,73,715.22	42,19,000.00	4,57,71,744.76	10,95,28,503.17	1,07,65,600.00	40,56,58,563.15
May	19,43,83,942.08	57,36,910.00	8,09,08,104.32	28,10,28,956.40	40,68,000.00	5,47,98,010.79	14,56,55,478.74	92,71,000.00	49,48,21,445.93
June	18,07,24,268.26	53,07,000.00	6,75,71,678.93	25,36,02,947.19	42,25,000.00	5,69,83,047.00	12,53,86,707.82	1,69,38,500.00	45,71,36,202.01
July	19,78,39,965.15	59,71,140.00	8,22,49,364.78	28,60,60,469.93	40,75,000.00	7,36,99,883.50	22,86,71,924.15	62,80,000.00	59,87,87,277.58
August	25,12,11,222.57	50,92,500.00	10,78,36,228.46	36,41,39,951.03	36,63,000.00	7,63,33,872.68	14,21,98,467.64	80,89,250.00	59,44,24,541.35
September	16,68,79,796.39	45,50,500.00	8,52,25,285.98	25,66,55,582.37	33,56,000.00	5,63,86,506.10	18,91,95,017.75	22,48,500.00	50,78,41,606.22
October	16,47,97,876.96	50,06,050.00	6,75,72,971.63	23,73,76,898.59	41,89,000.00	5,80,65,675.85	20,78,62,943.09	48,60,000.00	51,23,54,517.53
November	16,87,19,501.12	56,25,650.00	10,01,85,326.76	27,45,30,477.88	55,09,000.00	5,98,22,144.00	18,89,74,446.33	27,95,000.00	53,16,31,068.21
December	15,72,24,691.00	43,48,600.00	10,48,01,178.32	26,63,74,469.32	41,95,000.00	5,71,05,685.10	24,46,30,485.86	25,83,500.00	57,48,89,140.28
Total	2,16,60,41,264.62	6,01,97,685.16	93,55,13,122.49	3,16,17,52,072.27	4,92,19,000.00	69,68,96,744.03	2,10,42,01,937.97	16,91,81,850.00	6,18,12,51,604.27