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National Education Commission

Annual Report

2016



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Introduction

National Education Commission was established under the National Education Commission act No. 19. of 1991 to make recommendations to the President on educational policy in all its aspects with a view to ensuring continuity in educational policy and enabling the education system to respond to changing needs of the society.

The first Commission was appointed for the period from 1991-1996. The second Commission had started its functions from 1st October 1996 up to end of September 2001. The third Commission was in operation from 1st October 2001 up to 30th May 2004. The fourth Commission functioned from 01st July 2004 up to March 2006. The fifth Commission commenced its functions on the 10th April 2006 and its term of office expired on 9th April 2011. The sixth Commission launched its operations and had its inaugural meeting on 20th November 2012.

The National Education Commission Chaired by Prof. Lakshman Jayathillake for the year 2016. Dr. (Mrs.) Jayanthi Gunasekara served up to 16. 03. 2016 as the Vice Chairperson. Dr. Sivandham Sivasegaram served as the Vice Chairman (Policy) from 17. 06. 2016, Prof. Ariyawansa Dissanayaka served as the Vice Chairman (Planning) from 02.11.2016. Mrs. H.N.N. Gunasekara worked as the Secretary of the National Education Commission. This Commission is located at No. 126, Nawala Road, Nugegoda.

Vision

A Comprehensive National Policy Framework for a sound Education for All, ensuring fairness and adaptability, to face all challenges and for maintaining Sri Lankan identity.

Mission

Deliberate on National Education Policy and make recommendations ensuring continuity in all segments of the education system in the context of changing needs of Sri Lanka.

Tasks and Functions

National Education Commission was established under the National Education Commission Act No. 19 of 1991 for the purpose of making recommendations to His Excellency the President, and its major functions are indicated below:

- (a) to make recommendations to the President, on educational policy in all its aspects, with a view to ensure continuity in educational policy and enabling the education system to respond to changing needs in society, including an immediate review of educational policy and plan or plans and the making of recommendations to the President, on a comprehensive National Education Policy;
- (b) to review and analyse periodically, the National Education Policy and Plan or plans in operation and where necessary, to recommend to the President, changes in such Policy, Plan or Plans;
- (c) to advise the President on any other matter relating to education which may be referred to it by the President, for its advice.

The composition of the Commission

- (a) Chairman of the University Grants Commission established under Universities Act No. 16 of 1978.
- (b) Chairman of the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission established under the Tertiary and Vocational Education Act No. 20 of 1990.
- (c) A member appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister in charge of the subject of Education and Higher Education.
- (d) A member appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance.
- (e) A member appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister in charge of the subject of Provincial Councils.
- (f) Ten other members to be appointed by the President from among persons who have excelled in the fields of education, administration or management or have proved exceptional abilities in a certain professions. The Chairman, Vice Chairman (Policy) and Vice Chairman (Planning) appointed under Section 5 of the Act should serve the Commission on a full time basis.

The Commission is located at No. 126, Nawala Road, Nugegoda. The Secretary of the Commission appointed by the President is in charge of the administrative functions. At present the permanent staff of the Commission consists of 29 employees.

Targets and Performance Indicators

Activity		Objective	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
01	Formulation of Policy Proposals on General Education	To contribute for the development of national policies on General Education	Preparation of Policy Document on General Education (03 Languages)
02	Research Study on Provincial Disparities in Learning Achievement	To identify the factors that contribute for the provincial disparities in learning achievement of G.C.E (Ordinary Level)	Preparation of final Report with recommendations
03	Study on the identification of strategies for quality development of most difficult Type 3 schools.	To identify strategies to enhance the quality of most difficult type 3 schools.	Availability of final report with recommendations
04	Establishment of a feedback and monitoring mechanism.	Establishment of a feedback and monitoring system for the implementation of policies on General Education.	Establishment of 09 committees preparation of 02 review reports.
05	Initiating of the formulation of Policy Proposals on Higher Education.	To contribute for the development of national policies on Higher Education	Preparation of Situation Analysis Report
06	Formulation of Policy Proposals on Technical and Vocational Education (Continuation from 2014)	To contribute for the development of national policies on Technical and Vocational Education	Preparation of Policy Document on Technical and Vocational Education (03 Languages)
07	A study on the current status of the functioning of Technical and Vocational Training courses.	To review the current status of the functions of Technical and Vocational Training Institutions.	Preparation of final report with recommendations
08	Implementation of Staff Development Programmes for NEC Staff	Increase the performance of the National Education Commission by developing the capacity of human resources.	Achievement of the objectives of the institutes.

Summary of the Performance – 2016**Introduction**

The major functions entrusted to the National Education Commission falls in to three main categories as follows.

1. An appraisal of the Educational Policies of the country through reviewing and analysing of existing plans.
2. Updating existing Educational Policy proposals in line with the current needs.
3. Recommend comprehensive educational policies to the President based on the above reviews, analysis, appraisals and updating's.

Three standing committees have been appointed by the National Education Commission under the following three spheres of education in order to accomplish the above functions.

1. Standing Committee on General Education.
2. Standing Committee on Higher Education.
3. Standing Committee on Technical and Vocational Education.

Each Standing Committee is consisting of 15 to 20 key stakeholders including distinguished professionals of each field and experts representing the private sector.

The performance of the activities planned for 2016 are as follows.

1. Performance on General Education.

Included following four activities in 2016 Annual Plan.

- Formulation of policy proposals on General Education
- Research study on Provincial Disparities in Learning Achievement
- Identification of strategies for the development of most difficult Type 3 Schools.
- Establishment of a feedback and monitoring mechanism for policy formulation.

1.1 Formulation of Policy proposals on General Education

This is a very important and key activity performed by the National Education Commission. Although it had to begin in 2013 and to be completed by the end of the year 2015 and due to changes taken place pertaining to the Commission, it was unable to complete in line with the respective time schedule.

The report on “The Proposals for National Policy on General Education in Sri Lanka” was approved by the National Education Commission in the 1st quarter of the year 2016 and such report was translated in to Sinhala and Tamil languages.

This report was scheduled to be presented to H. E. the President, and a date would not be obtained and postponed till 2017.

1.2 Research study on Provincial Disparities in Learning Achievement

The pilot study was conducted in three schools in Homagama Zone for checking and reviewing data collecting tools. Consequently, a workshop was conducted in the second quarter of 2016 to introduce and deliver data collecting tools among in-service advisors and Zonal Directors of Education those who had been selected as data collectors.

Collection of raw of data was completed by the researchers and it was received by the National Education Commission at the end of October 2016. The collected data was analysed by the end of 2016.

1.3 Study on Identification of Quality Development Strategies for Most Difficult Type 3 Schools in the Provinces.

The data collecting tools were finalized and sent to the selected 389 most difficult schools at the end of first quarter of 2016. 280 filled questionnaires out of 389 had been received by the NEC. Accordingly, NEC officials are in the process of analysing the collected data.

1.4 Establishment of Feedback and Monitoring Mechanism

As it was unable to present the National Policy on General Education in Sri Lanka to H.E. the President in 2016, it was not able to establish the Feedback and Monitoring System by the end of 2016.

2. Performance on Higher Education.

2.1 Formulation of policy proposals on Higher Education

Nominations for the appointing of Standing Committee were received from the University Grants Commission at the beginning of the second quarter in 2016 and it was able to hold two meetings of standing committee.

Standing Committee on Higher Education decided to study University Education System under eight (8) subject areas and it was drafted eight Terms of Reference (TORs) accordingly. It was expected to conduct such study through

external research teams including eminent Professors and Senior Lecturers of the Universities in Sri Lanka.

Chairman, NEC discussed with the officer of World Bank on obtaining funds for these researches and said officer agreed in this regard. Subsequently Country representative of the World Bank informed their inability to comply with the request due to current financial status. Therefore, NEC was unable to prepare policy proposals on Higher Education in the year 2016.

3. Performance on Technical and Vocational Education.

Performance on Technical and Vocational Education is as follows.

3.1 Formulation of policy proposals on Technical and Vocational Education

Nominations for the Standing Committee were received at the end of the first quarter and members were appointed in the middle of second quarter in 2016. It was conducted a brainstorming workshop for preparing policy proposals in the month of October 2016. Two committee meetings were held at the end of the year 2016.

3.2 A study on the current status of Technical, Vocational Education and Training courses.

An initial study was conducted to identify the courses offered by the Technical, Vocational Education and Training Institutes and available enrolment opportunities for the same. In addition, initial discussions were held with the resource persons to collect information regarding the legal nature and the functioning of the Technical, Vocational Education and Training Institutions in the second quarter of 2016.

The research officers of the National Education Commission visited eighteen (18) institutions of Technical, Vocational Education Training coming under the purview of Department of Technical Education & Training, Vocational Training Authority, National Youth Services Council, National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority, University Colleges and Ceylon - German Technical Training Institute which covered 18 districts of the country.

Further, data collected through postal Questionnaires from selected sixteen (16) Technical and Vocational Training Institutes was completed by the end of 2016. NEC officials are in the process of analysing the collected data of Sinhala medium at the end of 2016.

4. Reports submitted to the Presidential Secretariat

In addition to the above mentioned functions, National Education Commission was assigned by the Presidential Secretariat and the Office of Cabinet of Ministers a priority programme to prepare a book on “Sinhala Akshara Lekhanaya Ha Bhasha Prayoga Vidhi Pilibanda Pramithiya” (සිංහල අක්ෂර ලේඛනය හා භාෂා ප්‍රයෝග විධි පිළිබඳ ප්‍රමිතිය). The draft report prepared by Professors of linguistics is being edited for publication.

5. Awareness workshop on the Review of Provincial Education System.

A workshop was conducted to review on the Education system of the provinces based on the review report of the Ministry of Education of the Northern Province in the year 2014. This workshop was conducted by the National Education Commission, with the financial assistance of the Finance Commission and with the participation of Provincial Education Ministers, Provincial Secretaries, Director of Provincial Education, Officials of the Ministry of Education, Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission, National Institute of Education in October 2016.

The details of the staff of the National Education Commission as at 31.12.2016 are as follows.

Designation	Approved	Existing Staff	Vacancies
Secretary	1	1	-
Senior Policy Research Officer	3	1	2
Deputy / Assistant Secretary	1	1	-
Policy Research Officer	4	4	-
Administrative Officer	1	—	1
Programme Officer (Finance)	1	1	-
Programme Officer (Policy/Planning)	4	2	2
Programme Officer(Information)	1	—	1
Management Assistant	10	7	3
Driver	6	6	—
Security Guard	2	2	—
Office Assistant	4	4	—
Total	38	29	9

Note : Pending Approvals

Designation	Approved	Remark
Additional Secretary	2	SOR to be approved
Accountant	1	SOR to be approved
Development Officer	4	SOR to be approved
Total	7	

Human Resources Development

At present, the staff of the National Education Commission is 29 and the approved cadre is 38. Administrative activities, Research and surveys being the key functions of the commission, having a skilled and professional human resources is significant. Creating essential new cadre positions and filling of the existing vacancies were in progress.

Further, it is necessary to formulate a comprehensive Human Resources Development (HRD) plan for the training and capacity development of entire staff of National Education Commission.

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Information on the Capacity Development / Training of National Education Commission Staff - 2016

	Programme/Institute	Name of the participation	Designation	Duration
1.	Effective Handling of Personal Files at NILS	Mr. S.M.A.de Alwis	Deputy Secretary	One Day (2016.10.24)
2.	Annual Stock Verification and Disposal of Unserviceable Items at Prag Institute	Mr. S.M.A.de Alwis Mrs. W.A.R.N. Kumarasinghe Mr. E.M.Y. Sachith Mrs. W.D.A.K. Damayanthi Mrs. G.L. Nimesha	Deputy Secretary Programme Officer (Finance) Programme Officer (Policy/Planning) Programme Officer (Policy/Planning) Management Assistant	One Day (2016.12.20)
3.	Master of Education at OUSL	Mr. N.P.J. Hewage	Policy Research Officer	1yrs. (2015/1-2016/1)
4.	Advanced Tamil Course at Department of Official Languages	Mrs. W.D.A.K. Damayanthi Mrs.G.L. Nimesha	Programme Officer (Policy/Planning) Management Assistant	6 months (2016/1-2016/6)
5.	Procument and Evaluation for IT Related Equipment at SDFL	Mr. N.P.J. Hewage Miss. E.G.I. Gamage	Policy Research Officer Management Assistant	Two days (2016.08.30,31)
6.	Procument at NILS	Mr. N.P.J. Hewage Mrs. Y.R. Hewasiliyanage	Policy Research Officer Management Assistant	Two days (2016.10.19,20)
7.	Communication for Emerging Leader at SDFL	Mr. R.A. Karunarathna Mr. E.M.Y. Sachith	Policy Research Officer Programme Officer (Policy/Planning)	1 day (2016.10.27)
8.	Trainning Program on Assets Management at NILS	Mr. E.M.Y. Sachith Mrs. G.L. Nimesha Mr. Alex Figurado Ms. S.M.N.S. Senadhipathi	Programme Officer (Policy/Planning) Management Assistant Management Assistant Management Assistant	Two days (2016.05.30,31)
9.	E-Government and Security at SLIDA	Mrs. W.D.A.K. Damayanthi	Programme Officer (Policy/Planning)	Two days (2016.10.20, 21)
10.	Procument Procedure and Usage at NILS	Mrs. W.D.A.K. Damayanthi Miss. E.G.I. Gamage	Programme Officer (Policy/Planning) Management Assistant	Three days (2016.06.14,21,28)

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11.	Postgraduate Diploma in Education at University of Colombo	Mrs. W.D.A.K. Damayanthi Mr. E.M.Y. Sachith	Programme Officer (Policy/Planning)	1yrs. 6months (Continue 2015)
12.	Administration of Machines and Vehicles at NILS	Mrs. Y.R. Hewasiliyanage	Management Assistant	Two days (2016.11.22,23)
13.	Office Management and Office Procedures at SDFL	Mrs. M.A.D. Dananjane Mr. Alex Figurado	Management Assistant Management Assistant	Two days (2016.08.11,12)
14.	Basic Tamil Course at Department of Official Languages	Mrs. M.A.D. Dananjane Mr. D.G.I.P. Senevirathna Ms. S.M.N.S. Senadhipathi Mr. K.I.R.K. Perera	Management Assistant Management Assistant Management Assistant Driver	6 months (2016/6 - 2016/12)
15.	Role of Accounting at NILS	Mrs. M.A.D. Dananjane Mrs. G.L. Nimesha	Management Assistant Management Assistant	1 Day (2016.11.11)
16.	Scheme of Recruitment at NILS	Mrs. M.A.D. Dananjane Mrs. G.L. Nimesha	Management Assistant Management Assistant	2 day (2016.11.24,25)
17.	Advanced Sinhala Course at Department of Official Languages	Mr. Alex Figurado	Management Assistant	6 months (2016/1 -2016/6)
18.	Scientific Safety Driving at CERTRAC	Mr. S.A.C. Priyanjith	Driver	1 day (2016.09.06)
		Mr. K.D.N. Perera Mr. K.I.R.K. Perera	Driver Driver	One day (2016.03.01)
19.	Tasks of Office Assistants for High Labour Productivity at NILS	Mr. A.V.S.V. Pigera	Peon	One day (2016.03.18)
20.	Training Program for NEC Staff at NILS	Senior Policy Research Officer - 2 Deputy Secretary - 1 Policy Research Officer - 2 Programme Officer (Finance) - 1 Programme Officer (Policy/Research) - 2 Management Assistant - 7 Drivers - 6 Security Guard - 2 Peon - 3		One day (2016.12.22 or 2016.12.23)

Budgetary provisions and financial progress

Object Code	Category / Object Title	Budget 2016	Expenditure	Percentage (%)
	RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	36,500,000	31,461,796	86
	Personal Emoluments	22,750,000	19,224,971	85
1001	Salaries and Wages	12,000,000	11,502,084	96
1002	Overtime and Holiday Payments	750,000	545,145	73
1003	Other Allowances	10,000,000	7,177,742	72
	Travelling Expenses	300,000	49,350	16
1101	Domestic	100,000	49,350	49
1102	Foreign	200,000	—	
	Supplies	2,050,000	1,610,206	79
1201	Stationery and Office Requisites	300,000	253,812	85
1202	Fuel	1,500,000	1,172,127	78
1203	Diets and Uniforms	150,000	92,279	62
1205	Other	100,000	91,989	92
	Maintenance Expenditure	2,410,000	1,841,904	76
1301	Vehicles	1,500,000	1,231,501	82
1302	Plant, Machinery and Equipment	800,000	502,403	63
1303	Buildings and Structures	110,000	108,000	98
	Services	8,636,927	8,382,292	97
1402	Postal and Communication	1,100,000	1,081,009	98
1403	Electricity & Water	890,000	785,963	88
1404	Rents and Local Taxes	4,800,000	4,800,000	100
1405	Other	1,846,927	1,715,320	93
1502	Transfers	353,073	353,073	100
	Retirement Benefit	353,073	353,073	100
	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	4,650,000	2,185,077	47
	Rehabilitation and Improvement of Capital Assets	50,000	—	
2002	Plant, Machinery and Equipment	50,000	—	
	Acquisition of Capital Assets	600,000	462,150	77
2102	Furniture and Office Equipment	500,000	437,818	88
2103	Plant and Machinery	100,000	24,332	24
	Capacity Building	1,000,000	280,100	28
2401	Training and Capacity Building	1,000,000	280,100	28
	Other Capital Expenditure	3,000,000	1,442,827	48
2502	Policy Proposals for Education Sector	3,000,000	1,442,827	48
	Total	41,150,000	33,646,874	82

Acquisition of Fixed Assets - 2016

Description	Quantity	Value (Rs.)
Lobby Chairs	15	116,437.50
Executive Table-with side unit	1	50,320.00
Filling Cabinet	2	36,696.50
Podium	1	33,292.50
Office Table	3	32,775.00
Executive Chair (High Back)	2	29,601.00
Visitors Chairs	2	21,482.00
Fax Machine	1	20,125.00
Steel Cupboard	1	20,102.00
Cupboard with racks	1	19,837.50
Executive Chair (Low Back)	2	17,917.00
Visitors Chairs-5006	2	16,767.00
Laptop Battery	1	7,900.00
UPS Battery	3	7,159.50
Data Travelers	4	6,385.00
Coffee Table	1	5,985.00
Gas Cooker with Cylinder	1	4,905.00
Extension Code	3	4,850.00
UPS	1	4,206.90
Computer Mouse	3	1,945.00
Wall Clock (WC)	2	1,500.00
Ear Phone	1	1,000.00
Electric Bell Unit	1	960.00
Total		462,149.40

Appropriation Account - 2016

Expenditure Head No:

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Name of Ministry / Department / District Secretariat: National Education Commission

Programme Number given in Annual Estimates		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	Page No. (Reference to relevant DGSA 2 format)
	Title of the Programme given in Budget Estimates	Provision in Budget estimates	Supplimentary Provision and Supplimentary Estimate Allocation	Transfers in terms of F.R.66 and F.R.69	Total Net Provision (1+2+3)	Total Expenditure	Net Effect Savings/(Excesses) (4-5)	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	Recurrent	36,500,000		463,073 -463,073	36,500,000	31,461,796	5,038,204	3
	Sub Total (Recurrent)	36,500,000	--	--	36,500,000	31,461,796	5,038,204	
1	Capital	4,650,000			4,650,000	2,185,077	2,464,923	4
	Sub Total (Capital)	4,650,000	--	--	4,650,000	2,185,077	2,464,923	
	Grand Total	41,150,000	--	--	41,150,000	33,646,873	7,503,127	

Detailed Accounting Statements in DGSA format Numbers 2 to 10 presented in pages from 2 to 15 and other Notes presented in pages from 16 to 19 are integral parts of this Appropriation Account. We hereby certify that the figures in this account, other detailed Statements and Notes are correct and relevant accounts were reconciled with Accounts were reconciled with Treasury Books of Accounts and found correct.


 Chief Accounting Officer

Name :

Designation :

Date : 30-03-2017

Prof Lakshman Jayatilke
 Chairman
 National Education Commission


 Accounting Officer

Name :

Designation :

Date : 30/03/17

H. Nilakshi N. Gunasekera
 Secretary
 National Education Commission
 No. 126, Nawala Road
 Nugegoda. 1


 Chief Financial Officer/Chief Accountant/Director (Finance)/ Commission

Name :

Date : 17.03.30

S. M. Ariyaratna De Alwis
 Deputy Secretary
 National Education Commission
 126, Nawala Road, Nugegoda.

Annex III

Details of Commission Members

The Sixth Commission initiated its official functions by holding its inaugural commission meeting on 20th November 2012.

Members of the Commission

Chairman : Prof. Lakshman Jayatilleke

Vice – Chairman : Dr. Jayanthi Gunasekara from 2013.04.29 to 2016. 03. 16

Vice Chairman (Policy) : Dr. Sivanandam Sivasegaram at 2016.06.17

Vice Chairman (Planning): Prof. Ariyawansa Dissanayaka at 2016. 11.02

The Ex-officio members:

Chairman, University Grants Commission	Prof. Mohan de Silva
Chairman, Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission	Prof. Rajiva Wijesinghe
Representative of the Ministry of Education (Secretary)	Mr. W.M. Bandusena
Representative of the Ministry of Finance and Planning (Director, Department of National Budget)	Mr. R.M.S.P.S. Bandara
Representative of the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government (Secretary)	Mr. H.T. Kamal Pathmasiri

Appointed Members

Ven. Akuratiya Nanda Thero

Mr. Kingsly Fernando

Mr. Ariyaratna Hewage

Mrs. Pushpa Kalubowila

Prof. Jayasena Kottegoda

Prof. S. Sandarasegaram

Dr. (Mrs.) Hiranthi Wijemanne

Prof. Dayantha Wijesekera

Secretary

Mrs. H.N.N. Gunasekara

Report of the Auditor General – 2016



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கணக்காய்வகத் திணைக்களம்
Auditor General's Department

Report of the Auditor General on Head 12 - National Education Commission Year 2016

The audit of the Appropriation Account and the Reconciliation Statements including the financial records, books, registers and other records, of the Head 12 – National Education Commission for the year ended 31 December 2016, was carried out in pursuance of provisions of Article 154 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. The Management Audit Report for the year under review had been issued to the Chairman of the Commission on 27 June 2017. The audit observations, comments and findings on accounts and reconciliation statements were based on a review of the accounts and reconciliation statements presented to audit and tests of samples of transactions. The scope and extent of such review and tests were such as to enable as wide an audit coverage as possible within the limitations of staff, other resources and time available to me.

1.2 Responsibility of the Chief Accounting Officer for the Accounts and Reconciliation Statements

The Chief Accounting Officer is responsible for the maintenance, preparation and fair presentation of the Appropriation Account and the Reconciliation Statements in accordance with the provisions in Articles 148, 149, 150 and 152 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, other Statutory Provisions, Public Finance and Administrative Regulations. This responsibility includes; designing, implementing and maintaining internal control necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of Accounts and Reconciliation Statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

2. Accounts

2.1 Appropriation Account

Total Provision and Expenditure

The total net provision made for the Commission amounted to Rs.41.15 million and out of that, Rs.33.65 million had been utilized by the end of the year under review. Accordingly, savings out of the net provisions of the Commission amounted to Rs.7.50 million or 18.23 per cent. Particulars are given below.

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M. A. F. Farra



Expenditure	As at 31 December 2016			Savings, as a Percentage of Net Provision
	Net Provision	Utilization	Savings	
	Rs.Millions	Rs.Millions	Rs.Millions	
Recurrent	36.50	31.46	5.04	13.81
Capital	4.65	2.19	2.46	52.90
Total	41.15	33.65	7.50	18.23

2.2 Advances to Public Officers Account

Limits Authorized by Parliament

The limits authorized by Parliament for the Advances to Public Officers Account Item No. 01201 relating to the Commission and the actual values are shown below.

Expenditure		Receipts		Debit Balance	
Maximum Limit	Actual	Minimum Limit	Actual	Maximum Limit	Actual
Rs. Millions	Rs. Millions	Rs. Millions	Rs. Millions	Rs. Millions	Rs. Millions
1.80	1.17	0.90	1.23	6.00	2.16

2.3 Imprest Account

The balance of the Imprest Account No.7002/0000/00/0256/0016/000 of the Commission as at 31 December 2016 totalled Rs.15,379.

2.4 Deposit Account

The balance of the Deposits Account No.6000/0000/00/0001/0100/000 of the Commission as at 31 December 2016 amounted to Rs.30,000.





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 Auditor General's Department

2.5 **Audit Observation**

The Appropriation Account and Reconciliation Statements of the National Education Commission for the year ended 31 December 2016 have been prepared satisfactorily, subject to the audit observations appearing in the Management Audit Report referred to in Paragraph 1.1 above. The material and significant observations out of the audit observations included in that Management Audit Report appear in paragraph 3.

3. **Material and Significant Audit Observations**

3.1 **Non-maintenance of Registers and Books**

In terms of the Treasury Circular No. IAI/2002/02 dated 28 November 2002, the Commission had not been properly maintained the Register of Computer, Accessories and Software in an updated manner.

3.2 **Appropriation Account**

Budgetary Variance

The following observations are made.

- (a) The entire net provisions of Rs.250,000 made for 2 Objects had been saved.
- (b) Excess provisions had been made for 08 Objects and as such the Savings, after the utilization of provisions, ranged from 25 per cent to 75 per cent of the net provisions relating to the respective Objects.

3.3 **Good Governance and Accountability**

3.3.1 **Conduct Meetings of the Commission and Standing Committees**

According to the Action Plan 24 meetings should be held at 12 meetings each of the Commission and the Standard Committee. However, only 09 meetings by the Commission and 05 meetings by the Standard Commission had been held during the year under review.



3.3.2 Annual Performance Report

In terms of the Public Finance Circular No.402 dated 12 September 2002, the Performance Report should be tabled in Parliament by the Commission within 150 days after the closure of Financial year, those report had not been tabled in Parliament from the year 2014 to the preceding year even by the date of 27 June 2017.

3.4 Assets Management

3.4.1 Conduct of Annual Board of Survey

A Board of Survey in respect of the stocks of Library books and consumer goods had not been conducted in terms of Financial Regulation 756.

3.5 Performance

The observations on the progress of the Commission in accordance with the Annual Budget Estimate 2016 and Action Plan are given below.

Planning

According to the Action Plan prepared in terms of Public Finance Circular No. 01/2014 of 17 February 2014, a total sum of Rs.2,700,000 had been estimated for the following activities and its financial and physical performance were as follows.

Activity	Estimated Amount	Expenditure	Savings as a Percentage of the Estimated Amount	Targeted Position not Achieved
	Rs.	Rs.		
(i) Compilation of proposals on General Educational Policies	300,000	294,900	1.7	Even though, the statement of proposals on General Educational Policies had been expected to be finished in the





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year 2013 by printing in trilingual and submitted to the H.E. the President was included in the Action Plans of the years 2014, 2015 and 2016, the activity had not been done up to 31 December 2016.

(ii)	Research Study on Provincial Disparities in Learning Achievement	500,000	232,000	53.6	Final report with the recommendations had not been prepared.
(iii)	Study on the Identification of Quality Development Strategies for Most Difficult Type 3 Schools in the Provinces	350,000	184,450	47.3	Final report with the recommendations had not been prepared.
(iv)	Establishment of a mechanism of feedback and operations for policy planning.	150,000	-	100.0	Had not been established 9 Committees and preceded 2 reports had not been submitted.
(v)	Compilation of proposals on University Education Policies.	500,000	20,000	96.0	Eight reports trilingually had not been presented in relating to the compilation of proposals on University Educational Policies.



(vi)	Compilation of proposals on Tertiary and Vocational Educational Policies.	500,000	226,000	54.8	Launching of policy statement on Tertiary and Vocational Education tri-lingual had not been done.
(vii)	An Investigation on the current status of the functions of Technical and Vocational Training Institutions	400,000	258,400	35.4	Final report with recommendations had not been presented.
Total		2,700,000	1,215,750		

3.6 Human Resources Management

Approved Cadre and Actual Cadre

The Cadre Position as at 31 December 2016 was as follows.

Category of Employees	Approved Cadre	Actual Cadre	Number of Vacancies
(i) Senior Level	07	03	04
(ii) Tertiary Level	06	04	02
(iii) Secondary Level	20	10	10
(iv) Primary Level	12	12	-
Total	45	29	16



Organizational Structure of National Education Commission

