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Vision

An assured Identity for Every Sri Lankan Citizen.

Mission

To create a database of all citizens of Sri Lanka and issue National Identity Cards recognized nationally and globally to all Sri Lankan citizens, which underline their human, social, economic, political and legal rights within the country and safety outside the country, to assist national and other agencies in establishing the identity of any citizen and to support Sri Lanka's national security and development.

1. About the Department

1.1. Introduction

Registering and issuing Identity Cards to legal residents of Sri Lanka above 18 years of age commenced in accordance with the provisions of Registration of Persons Act No. 32 of 1968. Afterwards from 07th July 2016, the age of registering a person was amended to 15 years in accordance with the provisions of the Registration of Persons Act No 8 of 2016 (Amendment).

1.2. Location

The Department of Registration of Persons which was since inception located at No 38, Keppetipola Road, Colombo 05 has been relocated since 26th September 2016 at “Suhurupaya”, Subhuthipura road, Battaramulla.



Photograph 1 : The building in which the head office is located

1.3. Key functions

- Establishment of a national register of personal information following the collection of information of all Sri Lankans.
- Issuing National Identity Cards (NICs) to eligible citizens.
- Verifying and certifying information and sharing them with national intelligence and security agencies.

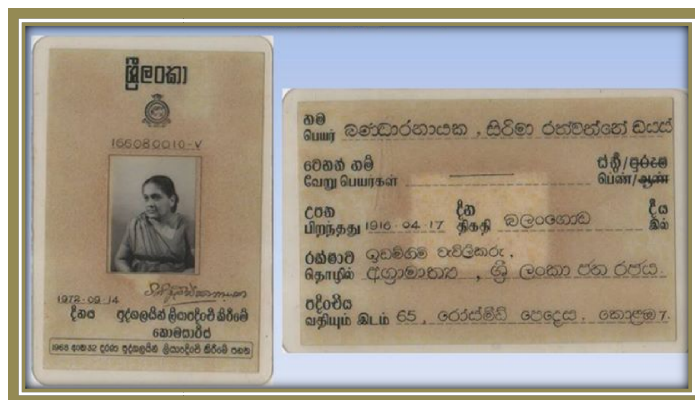
1.4. The responsibilities of the Department

- Collecting information of all Sri Lankan citizens and maintaining a National Register of information.
- To register and issue National Identity Cards (NICs) to all Sri Lankan citizens who have completed the required age.
- To verify and certify information of Citizens of Sri Lanka.
- To share information with the Government and other organizations.
- To build capacity within the Department through human resource development and development of state-of-the-art technical know-how.
- Extending assistance for national security and development

2. Evolution of the process of issuing Identity Cards

2.1. Commencement of Issuing National Identity Cards in Sri Lanka

Registering and issuing Identity Cards to legal residents of Sri Lanka above 18 years of age commenced from 1972 onwards in accordance with the provisions of Registration of Persons Act No. 32 of 1968



Photograph2: The first national Identity Card issued in Sri Lanka

2.2. Using information technology for issuing Identity Cards.

2.2.1. Assigning Numbers by means of Computer

At the initial stages the Department assigned numbers to the Identity Cards from books issued by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and to avoid mistakes made in this process it was started to assign numbers by means of computer from 1st of January 2007.

2.2.2. Preparation of Identity Cards on a computer based methodology

Issuing Identity Cards by means of computer based methodology in dual languages of Sinhalese and Tamil commenced from 28th February 2014.

2.2.3. Computerization of Departmental records (Indexes)

When it was required to issue duplicate Identity Cards in place of lost ones or when there aroused the need to amend Identity Cards, searching departmental records (Indexes) was manually done. However, such indexes have been computerized by now and therefore they are now searched by the computer.

2.3. Accelerating the Identity Cards issuing Process.

2.3.1. Introduction of computerized Identity Cards printed in both Sinhalese and Tamil languages.

Considering the Human Rights Application No. 93/2013 F/R filed with the supreme court, seeking a determination that Identity Cards be issued in both Sinhala and Tamil languages, it was ordered by the supreme court to issue Identity cards in both Sinhalese and Tamil languages as of 01.01.2014 until the e-NIC is issued.



Photograph3 : National Identity Card written and issued in Sinhala language only

The Identity Cards which were hitherto issued had been manually written in one language. Writing an Identity Card manually in two languages takes nearly twice as much time as it takes for writing in one language. Further, it required the services of many officers. In response to this situation, issuing Identity Cards in Sinhala and Tamil languages using a computerized methodology was started on 28th February 2014.



Photograph4: The Identity Card issued in dual languages on a computer based methodology

2.3.2. Issuing the National Identity Card in all three languages of Sinhala, Tamil and English

As the first step of the e-NIC project, issuing a most modern Identity card (Smart card) printed in all three languages of Sinhala, Tamil and English using computer technology exclusive to this department and also with laser technology was initiated on 27th October 2017.



Photograph5: Addressing the gathering by Mr. Viyani Gunathilake, the Commissioner General of the Department for Registration of Persons



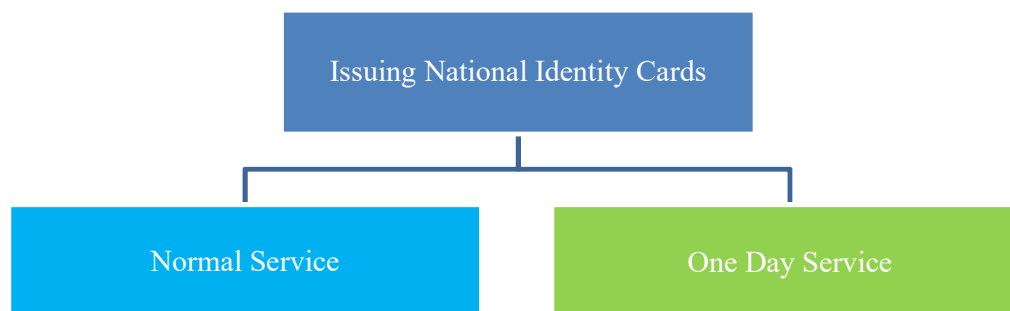
Photograph 6: New National Identity Card in all three languages (smart card)

2.4. Introduction of ICAO standard photographs for the new Identity Card.

This Department started taking ICAO standard photographs in accordance with the specifications of the International Civil Aviation Organization. This programme was inaugurated by the Commissioner General Mr. Viyani Gunathilake on 01.10.2018 and the ICAO software was introduced to the registered photographers on this occasion.

3. Overall Progress of Issuing National Identity Cards

This Department provides services under two service categories in issuing National Identity Cards.



The overall progress of issuing National Identity Cards in 2018 under above two categories is as follows.¹

(Identity Cards issued for applications received under Mobile Service/Janadhipathi Nilamehewara Service, have been included under Normal Service category)

Number of received applications		Number of issued Identity Cards	
Normal Service	One Day Service	Normal Service	One Day Service
764,827	321,585	760,913	329,458
Total Number of received applications		Total Number of issued Identity Cards	
1,086,412		1,090,371	
Total Number of issued Identity Cards (Percentage)			
100%			

Table1: Overall Progress of Issuing National Identity Cards

The total number of 1,090,371 Identity Cards was issued in respect of 1,086,412 total applications received by this Department in 2018. Accordingly, the overall progress of issuing National Identity Cards is analytically explained below.

¹N.B. - This information has been compiled based on data obtained from the Departmental computer system.

3.1. Normal Service

The following table depicts the number of applications received and number of Identity Cards issued under normal service in each month from January to December in 2018.²

Month	Number of received applications under normal service	Number of issued identity cards under normal service
January	48,088	49,881
February	44,190	50,993
March	78,042	32,547
April	63,431	6,229
May	118,533	40,438
June	131,210	100,323
July	74,422	99,208
August	46,867	110,457
September	43,897	84,596
October	42,141	84,903
November	36,832	55,736
December	37,174	45,602
Total	764,827	760,913

Table2: Number of applications received and number of Identity Cards issued under normal service in each month from January to December in 2018

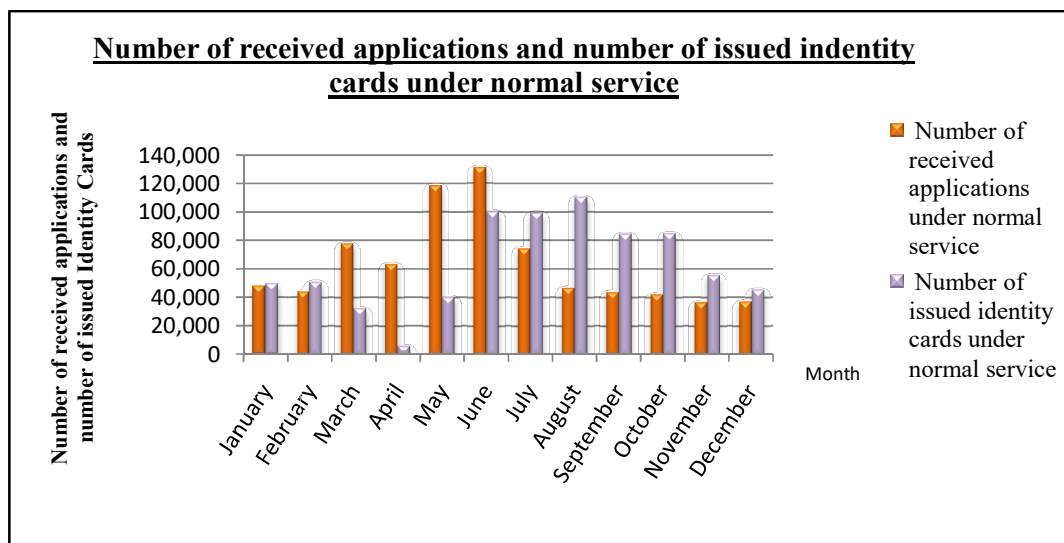


Chart 1 : Number of applications received in 2018 and the number of Identity Cards issued in 2018 under normal service

²N.B. - The following are the reasons for the discrepancy between the number of applications received and number of identity cards issued under normal service in 2018.

- Unattended applications from 2017
- Submission of incomplete application
- Submission of applications by those who have not completed the prescribed age
- Submission of fake applications

3.2. One Day Service

Issuing Identity Cards Immediately (One Day Service) for persons who have urgent needs to obtain Identity Cards was initiated on 01.09.2003. A fee of Rs. 500.00 was charged from one person and this government approved fee was changed to Rs. 1000.00 from 01 July 2015.

The number of Identity Cards issued in each month from January to December in 2018 and the income accrued to the Department by issuing Identity Cards is mentioned below.³

Month	Number of applications received under One Day Service	Number of Identity Cards issued under One Day Service	Income received (Rs.)
January	26,983	27,601	26,983,000.00
February	27,463	28,169	27,463,000.00
March	24,721	25,339	24,721,000.00
April	18,229	18,826	18,229,000.00
May	27,081	27,698	27,081,000.00
June	26,949	27,659	26,949,000.00
July	32,303	33,076	32,303,000.00
August	33,458	34,249	33,458,000.00
September	24,992	25,669	24,992,000.00
October	29,377	30,064	29,377,000.00
November	25,251	25,801	25,251,000.00
December	24,778	25,307	24,778,000.00
Total	321,585	329,458	321,585,000.00

Table3 : Number of applications received and number of Identity Cards issued under One Day Service in each month from January to December in 2018

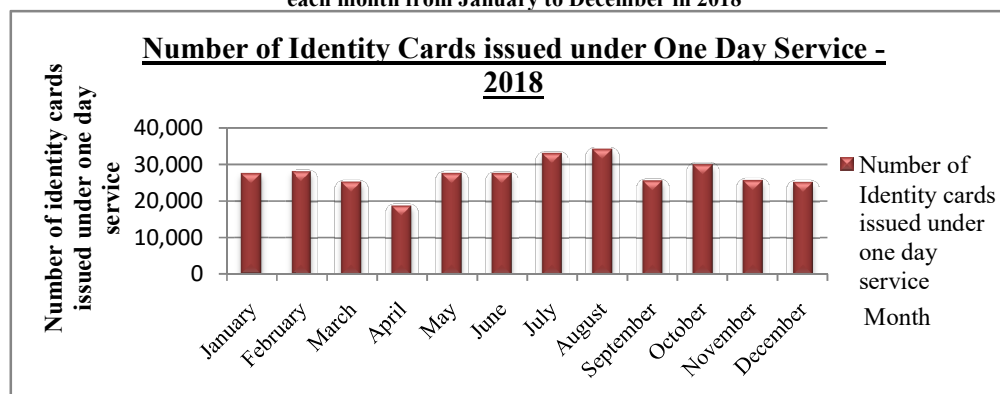


Chart2 : Number of Identity Cards issued in 2018 under One Day Service

³The reasons for the difference between the number of applications received and number of identity cards issued under One Day Service are mentioned below.

- Applications received under normal service were later submitted under one day service and such applications were first entered into the system under normal service and the identity card issued have been mentioned under one day service
- If there will be mistakes in Identity Cards issued under one day service for an application, another Identity Card is issued after correcting such mistakes

3.3. Mobile Service

Conducting of mobile services was accelerated as per the decision of making National Identity Cards mandatory for casting vote. In these mobile services, officers go to remote places to collect completed applications. The number of applications received under mobile service in 2018 was 11,447 and the following is its summary.

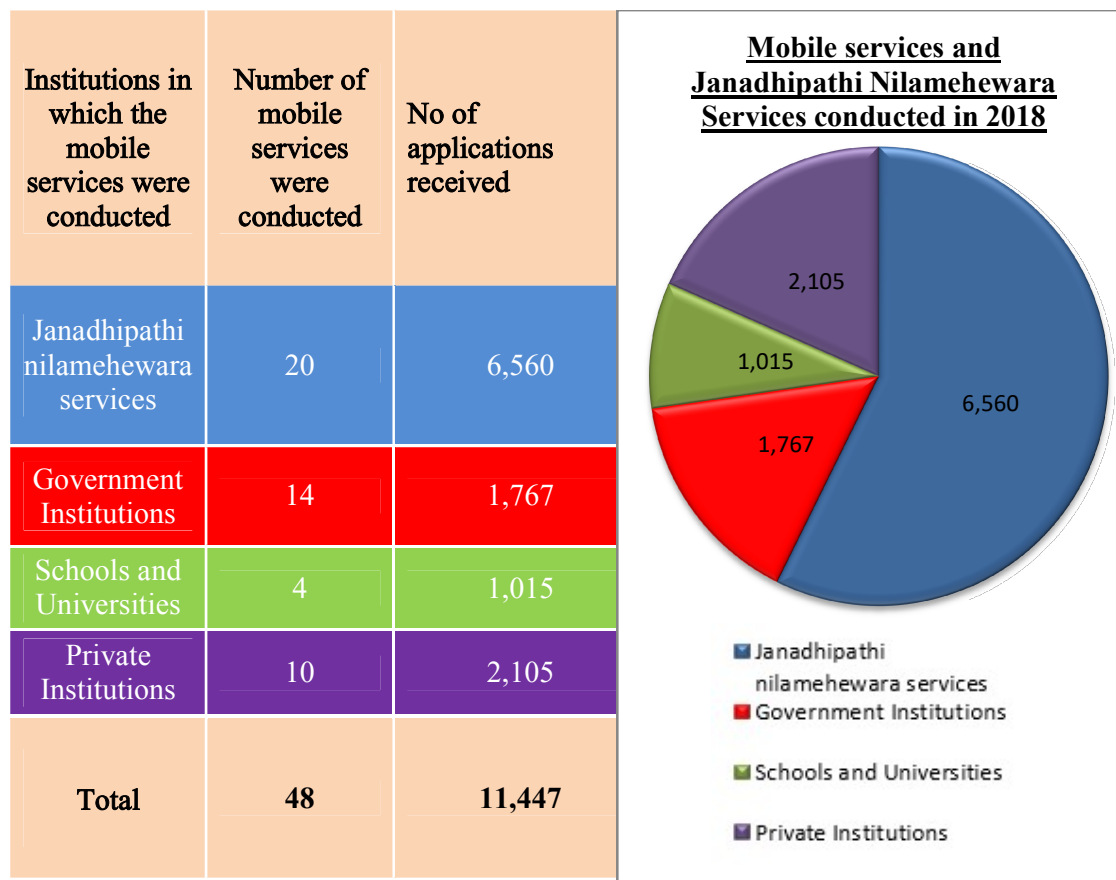


Table4: Number of applications received under mobile services in 2018

Chart3 : Mobile services conducted and number of applications received in 2018



Photograph7 : Addressing the gathering by the honorable minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils and Local Government Vajira Abewardhana



4. Financial progress

Financial progress of the Department in 2018 is as follows.

4.1. Expenditure estimate and actual expenditure

Index no	Expenditure	Activity	Expenditure estimate 2018 (Rs.Thousand)	Progress (Financial progress - Rs.Thousand)		%
		Recurrent expenses				
1		Personal emoluments	628,100.00	Financial	611,599.62	97
				Physical	-	-
2		Other recurrent expenses	399,488.00	Financial	362,951.27	91
				Physical	-	-
		Total Recurrent	1,027,588.00		974,550.89	95
		Capital expenditure				
		Maintenance and development of capital assets				
3	2001	Buildings and Constructions	2,500.00	Financial	1,015.32	41
				Physical	3	100
4	2002	Plants and Machinery	1,500.00	Financial	-	-
				Physical	-	-
5	2003	Vehicles	1,000.00	Financial	999.96	100
				Physical	6	100
		Acquiring of capital assets				
6	2101	Acquiring of vehicles	5,930.00	Financial	5,930.00	100
				Physical	1	100
7	2102	Furniture and office equipment	4,300.00	Financial	4,202.40	98
				Physical	183	99
8	2103	Plants and machinery	2,717.00	Financial	2,669.38	98
				Physical	50	100
		Human resource development				
9	2401	Trainings for the staff	3,000.00	Financial	1,839.56	61
				Physical	44	90
		Other capital expenditure				
10	2505	Procurement preparedness	175.00	Financial	105.00	60
				Physical	2	100
11	2509	Other	110,370.00	Financial	*38,912.48	35
				Physical	-	-
		Total capital expenditure	131,492.00	Financial	55,674.09	42
				Physical	-	-
		Grand total	1,159,080.00	Financial	1,030,224.98	89

Table5 :Expenditure Estimate and the Actual Expenditure

*Payments to Informatics Firm for printing cards = Rs. 37,136,638.80
 Payments for Laboratory testing of new smart cards = Rs. 1,775,843.00
Rs. 38,912,418.80

4.2. Income estimate and income progress

Income estimate (Rs.Thousand)	Progress (Rs.Thousand)	Progress (%)
425,000.00	422,242.76	99.35%

Activity	Progress as at 31.12.2018 (Rs.)
One day services income	321,585,000.00
Fines and Application charges	93,766,685.00
Stamp duty	6,891,081.00
Total	422,242,766.00

Table 6: Income estimate and progress of income

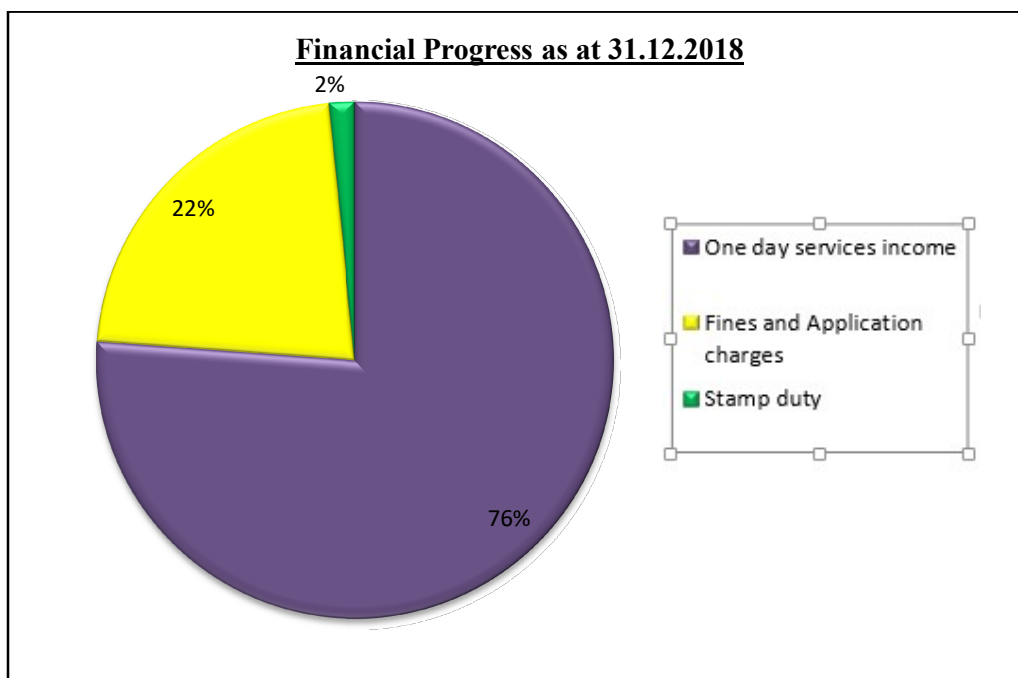


Chart4 : Financial progress as at 31.12.2018

5. Legal Affairs

A Legal Division has been established in this Department to perform the legal affairs related to the National Identity Cards. The functions performed by this Division are as follows in accordance with the Registration of Persons Act No. 32 of 1968 (Amendment Act No. 8 of 2016).

- Taking legal actions following an investigation regarding a person who has committed an offence under section 44(1) A,B,C,D and E of the Registration of Persons Act No 08 of 2016
- Executing the powers vested in the commissioner General or in an Authorized officer, of informing a certain person to submit relevant information related to him or her as per section 1A 39 of the Act.
- Certification of information mentioned in the Identity Card on request made by a government officer when attending to an official duty as per section 39 (B)
- Certification of information regarding the holder of the identity card on a request made by a certain Authority as per section 39 (C)

Accordingly, the legal affairs of the Department and its progress in the year 2018 are as follows.

Num ber	Activity	Applicat ions/Lett ers received	Applications/ Letters completed	Active Applications/ Letters
01	Applications with issues i. Submission of dual applications (submission of two or more original applications) ii. Receiving two photos of different persons for the same Identity Card number iii. Producing Identity Cards of other persons and distorted Identity Cards together with amended applications iv Producing fake birth certificates v. Referring suspect birth certificates submitted together with applications to the Department of Registrar General for verification	8,609	5,513	3,096

02.	i. Verification of Identity Card numbers for police clearance to those who go abroad or those who are expecting to go abroad	50,023	49,187	836
	ii Verification of Identity Card numbers – letters	1,428	1,428	-
03.	Verification of Identity Card numbers			
	i. Public requests for verification of Identity Cards.(original applications)	171	92	79
	ii. For security agencies (police stations, Criminal Investigation Department, Terrorist Investigation inquiries and police messages)	3,663	3,302	361
	iii. For Government and private organizations (Government and private banks, Department of Labor, Employees' Provident Fund, Department of Immigration and Emigration, Department of Motor Traffic and Department of Elections For Foreign agencies	5,383	4,824	559
	iv. IOM, Embassies and High Commissions	34	34	-
	v. Inquiries regarding Identity cards for judicial matters	113	87	26
04.	Referring the cases to the Criminal Investigation Department and Fraud Investigating Bureau for a comprehensive inquiry where there have been attempts to prepare Identity Cards by submitting Fraudulent documents.	54	-	54
Sub total		69,478	64,467	5,011

Table7 : The legal affairs of the Department and its progress in the year 2018

Accordingly, out of 69,478 applications with legal issues, 64,467 applications were attended to and completed. It is 93% as a percentage.

6. Training of officers and its progress

Making necessary amendments to the Registration of Persons Act No. 32 of 1968, performing the legal affairs including the preparation of regulations corresponding to the amended Act and issuance of orders and preparing the relevant policy plans to maintain the functions of the Department in an effective and efficient manner, are the main functions of the Development and Research Division.

Moreover, planning and implementation of human resource development programmes with regard to the growth of staff performance in qualitative and quantitative manner to achieve the objectives of the Department and performing duties as per the provisions of the Information Act are also the functions of the Department.

The details of the training of officers in 2018 are as follows.

Serial Number	Training Program	Expenditure (Rs)	Physical Progress (No. of Officers participated in the Training Programmes)
1	Official Language Training Affairs (Basic Tamil and Oral Tamil)	132,000.00	36
2	Induction Trainings for the Officers, who came on transfers	162,425.00	145
3	Capacity development programme for the Staff	105,000.00	280
4	Training of officers in the District Secretariats	133,030.00	242
5	Training on court duties and noting down statements	29,100.00	57
6	Training on office systems for Tamil medium officers	49,545.00	21
7	Programme on the excellent care of service gainers under capacity development programme of the officers	252,740.00	326
8	Awareness programme on Bribery and Corruption	179,500.00	330
9	Training of book binders	3,500.00	1

10	Training workshop on public finance	76,060.00	125
11	Training workshop on responsibilities and role of the Administrative Officers	15,000.00	1
12	Training workshop on office management and financial regulations	42,500.00	5
13	Training on pensions	15,000.00	3
14	Training on salary conversion	25,500.00	3
15	Training on procurement and evaluation of goods related to the information technology	59,500.00	7
16	Training programme on enhancing the attitudes and professional knowledge of the drivers	34,000.00	6
17	Training programme on enhancing the attitudes and professional knowledge of the office assistants	51,000.00	2
18	Training on preliminary investigations	34,000.00	4
19	Two day induction training on office systems	25,500.00	3
20	Workshop on the changes of the Audit Act	33,000.00	5
21	Workshop on discipline	42,150.00	47
22	Sending to follow post graduate degrees	180,250.00	1
23	Higher National Diploma – Data analysis and Cyber Investigations	120,000.00	1
Total expenditure incurred for the training programmes in year 2018 and number of officers		1,800,300.00	1,651
Provision for the year 2018 (Rs.)		3,000,000.00	
Financial Percentage		60.01%	

Table8: Training of officers in the year 2018 and its progress

7. Internal Audit

Internal Audit Division of this Department did following functions in the year 2018.

- Presenting daily reports on the Identity Cards with shortcomings in one day services held in the year 2018.
- Presenting monthly reports on the Identity Cards with shortcomings in one day services held from January to December.
- Presenting reports on Identity Cards with shortcomings in the normal service held on 01st, 02nd, and 03rd days of May and April.
- Investigation was carried out regarding leave taking by officers in the month of January.
- Inspecting Departmental payment vouchers from January to October 2018
- Inspecting the payment vouchers of the e-NIC Project from January to September
- Inspecting the Bank reconciliation reports from January to September.
- Inspecting the account summaries from January to September.
- Conducting of 06 Audit Management Committee meetings related to year 2018.
- Inspecting the revenue of one day service in the month of February.
- Inspecting the payment of salaries of the staff in the months of March and April.
- Inspecting the sub office of the Department, which has been established in the Kaduwela Divisional Secretariat.
- Inspecting the temporarily withheld payments for statutory payments.

8. Incentives

On the requests of applicants, One Day Service was initiated from 2003 onwards to issue Identity Cards within a single day. Incentive scheme is underway for this One Day Service staff with proper approval. This incentive scheme was in effect in 2018 also.

9. Information of the Cadre

Approved cadre for this Department is 1403 as at 31.12.2018 and at present there are 1,261 officers in the staff and it can be listed down as mentioned below.

Index No	Designation	Approved cadre	Current cadre	Vacancies	Excess
1	Commissioner General	1	1	-	-
2	Additional Commissioner General	1	1	-	-
3	Commissioner	3	3	-	-
4	Chief Accountant	1	1	-	-
5	Deputy/ Assistant Commissioner	19	17	2	-
6	Deputy/ Assistant Director (Information Technology)	1	-	1	-
7	Accountant	2	1	1	-
8	Chief Internal Auditor	1	1	-	-
9	Legal Officer	1	-	1	-
10	Administrative Officer	2	2	-	-
11	Translator	2	1	1	-
12	Enforcement officer ⁴	24	10	14	-
13	Development officer	879	840	39	-
14	Graduate trainee ⁵	-	5	-	-
15	Technical Officer	2	-	2	-
16	Management Assistant	282	243	39	-
17	Dual language clerks	15	-	15	-
18	Information and Communication Technical Assistant	12	7	5	-
19	Driver	11	11	-	-
20	Driver (Departmental)	2	-	2	-
21	Office Assistant	93	74	19	-
22	Production Helper*	30	30	-	-
23	Record Helper*	8	8	-	-
24	Document Assistant (Departmental)	5	-	5	-
25	Temporary Tamil Assistant (On contract basis)	6	5	1	-
		1,403	1,261	147	-

Table 9: Cadre as at 31.12.2018

⁴Since the enforcement officers service has been absorbed into the development officers service, the development officers can be attached to the vacancies which will be existed in the said post in future

⁵Once these graduate trainee appointments are confirmed in the post of Development officer, they are added to the Development Officers' cadre.

* These post holders have been approved in personal to their posts and when these post are abolished this number should be added to the Office Assistant Service and accordingly the total number of Office Assistants are 131.

9.1. New Appointments

- 5 Graduate Trainees
- 88 officers of public management assistant service

9.2. Resignations

- 01 officer of Grade II of the Public Management Assistant Service
- 02 officers of the Office Assistant Service
- 02 Officers of Grade III of the Public Management Assistant Service

9.3. Transfers

- 05 officers of Sri Lanka Administrative Service have come on transfers and 02 officers left on transfer
- One officer of the Sri Lanka Accountants' Service came on transfers.
- 09 officers of the Class I of Public Management Assistant Service came on transfer and 05 officers left on transfers.
- 04 Officers of class II of the Public Management Assistant service came on transfers and 02 officers left on transfers.
- 23 Officers of class III of the Public Management Assistant Service came on transfers and 27 officers left on transfers.
- 34 officers of the Development Officers' Service came on transfers and 17 officers left on transfers.
- 04 officers of the Information Technology Service came on transfer and 05 officers left on transfers.

- 02 officers of the Office Assistant Service came on transfers and 03 officers left on transfers.
- 02 officers of the Drivers' Service came on transfers and 01 officer left on transfers.

9.4. Releasement from the Service

- 01 officer of Class III of the Public Management Assistant service
- 03 Development Officers

9.5. Promotions

- Three officers of the Office Assistant Service have been promoted to the Class III of the Public Management Assistant Service.

9.6. Deaths

- One officer of the Development Officer Service has died and one officer of the Office Assistant Service has died

9.7. Retirements

- 02 Officers of the Sri Lanka Accountants' Service
- 03 Officers of Class I of the Public Management Assistant Service
- 02 Officers of Class II of the Public Management Assistant Service
- 01 Officer of Class III of the Public Management Assistant Service
- 01 Officer Of the Driver Service
- 02 Officers of the Document Assistant Service
- 02 Officers of Office Assistant Service

9.8. Vacation of post

- 01 officer of Class III of the Public Management Assistant Service

10. Land, Buildings and other Assets

- Steps were taken to transfer the building located at No. 38 Keppetipola road, Colombo 05, in which the Department was housed from its inception, to 25.09.2016 to the office of Cabinet of Ministers and afterwards Commission to Investigate Bribery or Corruption has been established in the said premises by a Cabinet memorandum. It has been informed to hand over this building to the Department of Cultural Affairs when the said Commission is shifted from this premises
- A sum of Rs. 18,684,500.44 is monthly paid to the Ministry of Defense in respect of using 139458 Sq. Ft of the Suhurupaya building wherein the Head Office of the Department is now located.



Photograph8: Suhurupaya Building in which the head office is located

- A block of land in extent of 0.1710 ha on Lady Maclom road at Hawaeliya in Nuwara Eliya has been obtained from the Nuwara Eliya Divisional Secretariat and all the arrangements have been made for establish the Central Provincial office therein. The relevant provision for this purpose has been released to the Department of Buildings by the e - NIC Project.



Photograph 9: The acquired land in Nuwara Eliya Area reserved for constructing the Central Provincial Office of the Department

- A rental including all taxes is monthly paid in respect of using 12,180 Sq. Ft of the Yamuna building in Nugegoda to store applications of the Department.
- In order to establish the North Central Provincial office of this Department, the Divisional Secretary of Nuwaragam Palatha - East has informed that necessary future actions are underway to reserve a land of 40 perches from the Nuwaragam Palatha – DS Division.
- With the objective to facilitate the general public with more easy service to the people, the reception counter of this Department was constructed in the ground floor of the Suhurupaya Building in 2018.
- The wall of the both sides of main entrance of 9 –A terminal of the Department was covered by installing the claddings in the year 2018.
- In addition to the water filters established at present, another two water filters were installed in 11- B Terminal and entrance room in the year 2018.



Photograph 10: One Day Service of the Department

11. Vehicles owned by the Department

Details of the vehicles belonging to this Department are listed below

Serial No.	Vehicle No.	Brand	Model	Year of purchase	Purchased value (Rs)
1	WP PE - 1266	TOYOTA	DOUBLE CAB	12.06.2012	7,500,000.00
2	WP KB - 8577	NISSAN	CAR	Original documents are with the Ministry of Defense	3,400,000.00
3	WP NA - 2147	MAHINDRA	VAN	17.12.2007	4,450,000.00
4	WP KX - 7866	NISSAN	CAR	10.02.2014	9,390,000.00
5	WP PF - 7780	MAHINDRA	DOUBLE CAB	29.01.2015	6,390,000.00
6	WP PC - 3265	MAHINDRA	DOUBLE CAB	obtained from the Ministry of Defense on 18.08.2011	2,627,353.00
7	WP KP - 5832	MAHINDRA	JEEP	obtained from the Ministry of Defense on 24.05.2006	4,587,528.00
8	WP PB - 6775	MAHINDRA	VAN	22.11.2006	6,250,000.00
9	WP PA - 9855	MAHINDRA	VAN	24.05.2006	4,250,000.00
10	WP CAN - 7833	NISSAN	CAR	18.12.2015	5,795,000.00
11	WP CAN - 6891	NISSAN	CAR	18.12.2015	5,795,000.00
12	WP KF - 6282	TATA	CAR	2008.09.02 (handed over to this Department on 01.08.2016 from the e- NIC project	1,935,000.00
13	WP WP - 6059	TVS	MOTOR BIKE	31.05.2011	104,496.00
14	WP ND - 0435	NISSAN	VAN	Handed over to the Department on 31.08.2017	Obtain over long lease
15	WP LO - 2297	MAHINDRA	CREW CAB	05.12.2018	5,930,000.00

Table 10: Vehicles belonging to the Department

12. e- NIC Project

12.1. Future Vision of the Project

- I. To collect personal data of persons as a family unit and establish a national register of persons and a centralized database with bio data of all persons of 15 years or above, their biometrics and photographs obtained according to ICAO standards
- II. Issuance of Electronic National Identity Card (e-NIC) for all Sri Lankans 15 years of age and above which can firmly establish the identity of the person
- III. Sharing of information in the central data storage with required institutions following the establishment of data sharing policy
- IV. .Facilitation to national security and development of the country.

12.2. Provisions allocated for the year 2018

Total estimated amount (Rs. Mn)	Project duration	Preparing estimates and consultation	Provisions-2018Rs.
8,000.7 Million	(CECB) 2015 – 2017 extended 2017 - 2019	Universities of Colombo and Moratuwa, Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau	1,300 Million

Table11 : Provisions allocated for e NIC project for 2018

12.3. Financial Progress

Discription	Revised total project estimation	2012 Rs.Mn	2013 Rs.Mn	2014 Rs.Mn	2015 Rs.Mn	2016 Rs.Mn	2017 Rs.Mn	2018 Rs.Mn	Total
Development of physical Infrastructure	456.26	31.64	23.14	88.65	19.73	156.07	141.54	18.20	478.97
Development of Information Technology Infrastructure	1,907.00	-	-	2.63	0.08	182.20	29.52	159.79	374.22
Collection of citizen's data	954.43	0.35	28.02	407.30	8.98	1.27	5.35	6.21	457.48
Data Digitization	715.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Issuance of new Identity Cards	2,775.00	-	-	-	-	76.00	55.30	131.59	262.89
Capital expenses	40.00	15.84	1.30	2.22	-	-	-	-	19.35
Operational and maintenance affairs of the Departmental units and data centres	673.06	-	23.36	25.14	6.75	8.42	20.63	55.03	139.33
Consultation and resource persons allowances	62.04	-	-	12.24	-	12.08	5.28	4.83	48.94
Project Management and Monitoring	227.51	18.45	12.54	19.23	13.86	19.97	34.67	40.91	159.63
contingency expenses	189.59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	8,000.69	66.28	88.35	557.41	49.40	456.01	292.29	416.56	1,940.80

Table 12: Financial Progress of the e- NIC project in the year 2018

12.4. Overall physical progress of the project

Main Function	physical Progress
1. Obtaining approval for amendments to the Registration of persons Act for issuing Electronic Identity Cards	1.1. An approval of the parliament was obtained on 21.06.2016 for the amendments made to the Registration of persons Act No. 32 of 1968.
	1.2. An approval of the parliament was obtained on 22.08.2017 for the regulations related to the amendments made to the Registration of persons Act No. 32 of 1968.
2. Establishment of 331 Departmental Units for issuing Electronic Identity Cards.	2.1. Number of 331 Departmental Units has been established in Divisional Secretariats with necessary equipments and trained officers.
	2.2. Number of 1067 computers, 382 printers, 368 scanners and 712 UPS s and 712 QR Readers have been purchased for 331 Departmental Units established in Divisional Secretariats.
	2.3.1. VPN Connection has been provided to 331 Divisional offices of the Department, which are maintained at Divisional Secretariats, based on the plan to get the applications electronically transferred to the head office.
	2.3.2. This VPN Connection project for obtaining information of applications from Departmental Units has successfully started in all districts except for districts in Northern Province and it is to be initiated in districts of the Northern province before 31.01.2019
	2.3.3. Training and awareness building programmes for Divisional Secretaries and Development Officers have been concluded in all districts except for Northern Province. Progress review meetings are being conducted at district level to measure the progress of this programme.

	2.4. Data Capturing equipments and materials (Information, Education and Communication materials) required for collecting biometrics and bio data of persons above 15 years of age, have been distributed amongst the Divisional Secretariats 2.5. Applications, Instruction Manuals, Fingerprint Papers and QR stickers required for collecting data have been sent to all 331 Divisional Secretariats. 2.6. Training on collecting data has been given to a Staff Officer of each Divisional Secretariat and to 662 Development Officers and 14022 Grama Niladhari Officers .
3.Establishing Provincial Offices	3.1 Provincial Offices in Northern, Eastern, Wayamba and Southern Province have been established. Provision has been sent to the Building Department for establishing the Central Prvince Office in the Nuwara Eliya District and accordingly the the Building Department having prepared procurement documents and called for bids are now in the process of evaluvating these bids. Suitable venues are being looked for the establishment of Uva and North Central provincial Offices.
4. Establishing Disaster Recovery Data Center in Kurunegala.(DRDC)	4.1.Consent has been given at the Ministerial progress review meeting held on 12.07.2016 to transfer to this Department a block of land in extent of 2 acres belonging to the Kurunegala Plantation company to establish the Disaster Recovery Data Centre (DRDc) in Kurunegala.Accordingly, this land was surveyed and devided on 29.09.2017.The Cabinet Memorandum for obtaining the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been refered to the Ministry. As informed on 11.07.2018, the Valuvation Report for the proposed land was obtained from te valuation department of Kurunegala on 04.10.2018 upon the recomendation of the Treasury. The Cabinet Memorendum prepared according to the instructions given by the National Budget Department has been handed over to the the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Wayamba Development on 26.10.2018 to be submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers

5. Issuing a new National Electronic Identity Card in place of the current Identity Card.	5.1 ICAO software has been purchased and distributed amongst photo studios registered under the Department. 5.2.1. Number of 2072 photographers have been selected for whom the training has been given on the new software. 5.2.2. Obtaining photographs online through ICAO software has been started from 17.12.2018 in Western and Sabargamuwa provinces and this programme is to be initiated in all other districts from 01.01.2019 5.3.1. One million pre printed cards have been purchased and issuing Identity Cards as smart Identity Cards printed in all three languages was started on 27.10.2017 5.3.2. Five hundred thousand pre printed cards have been purchased on 23.08.2018 and paper advertisement for calling of bids for purchasing further five million pre printed cards was published on 17.12.2018 and opening bids is to be carried out on 18.02.2019.
6. Establishment of the Head Office of the Department for Registration of Persons and e-NIC Project Office at the Suhurupaya new building in Battaramulla.	6.1. Head Office of the Department for Registration of Persons and e-NIC Project Office were relocated on 27.09.2016 at the Suhurupaya new building at Battaramulla with facilities to operationalize the new system to issue national electronic Identity Cards
7. Development of Information Technology Infrastructure	7.1 Preparation of tender documents for purchasing the software for issuing Electronic National Identity card has been completed. 7.2 Procurement procedure is underway for purchasing the hardware for the Data Centre, Disaster Recovery Data Center and Operational Unit.

	7.3. The Server System used by the Department has been updated and modernized to make the Identity Card issuing process more efficient.
8. Amending the Electronic Identity Card project plan according to the requirement of the Department	8.1. According to a decision taken on 26.01.2018 at the project operational committee meeting, a consultant has been selected through procurement procedure to amend the current project plan according to the Department's need and an amendment report was prepared and submitted on 25.09.2018 to the Project Operational Committee. A new report containing the proposals of the Project Operational Committee has now been received by the project.
9. Data collection Programme.	9.1. As per the approval given by the Presidential Operation Committee on 10.07.2014, the pilot project of collecting basic data was started from September 2014 in 27 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Southern Province and it has now been completed. 9.2 The all island data collection initiative is to be started in the first half of 2019.
10. Data Digitization	10.1 Data Digitization is to be started in the first half of 2019
11. Establishing the National Register of Persons	11.1 Establishing the National Register of Persons is to be completed in the last quarter of 2019 and accordingly, the data verification and sharing too is to be started.

Table 13 : Overall physical progress of the project in 2018