

2014

Annual Performance Report

Department of Christian Religious Affairs



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Introduction

The Department of Christian Religious Affairs implements programs according to the policy framework of the Government, in order to ensure wellbeing of Christian community, whilst contributing for the development as well as preservation of Christian religion and culture.

Vision

Taking action for the wellbeing of Christian community

Mission

Promotion of values, ethics and faiths in Christian culture and religion in consistent with the social recognitions

Objective

Formulation and supervision of policies and programs with a view to enhance religious values of people for building of a society based on moral values

Activities

01. Carrying out development activities at national religious places declared by Catholic Church and Pilgrimages Ordinance.
02. Granting funds for annual church feasts at public religious places.
03. Assistance in Development
04. Providing aids for reconstruction and development activities at Christian churches for which economic assistance has become dire necessity.
05. Enhancement of Christian religious education and evaluation of the services of Christian Daham School Teachers.
06. Holding National Festival of Christian Literature under the program for promotion of Christian religion literature, arts and cultural traditions.
07. Conducting quiz competition in order to enhance knowledge in Bible
08. Making contribution for Easter programs which is highly adored by Christian community.
09. Making contribution for Christmas festival highly respected by Christians and organization of state Christmas festival
10. Organization of special national religious ceremonies including Episcopal Ordination ceremony, funerals and special commemoration ceremonies.
11. Implementation of Jathika Saviya, Gama Neguma and spiritual and personality development programs and *Mathata Thitha* programmes with the objective of improving Christian community through spiritual and personality development.
12. Reconstruction of churches in Northern Province under *Uthuru Wasanthaya* programme which have been damaged by war.
13. Reconstruction of churches in Eastern Province under Dawn of the East which have been damaged by war and Tsunami
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Chapter One

Structure of the Department of Christian Religious Affairs

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Even though, the Christian community living in Sri Lanka has conducted religious observances joining with religious centers for centuries, no direct link has been established between such religious organizations and government. However, they always had the freedom of religion under each government.

During the past decade, the role to be performed by the government on Christian community and their religious centers under concept “**All religions should be treated at one and the same level**” has been expanded and developed. In the meantime, the attention of government was significantly drawn to the clergy and devotees of Christianity. As a result of this trend, the mutual trust and relationship has been developed systematically within Christian religious body as well as between religious centers and government.

The religious places situated both in urban and rural areas serve as the institutions which lay the foundation to enhance ethics, virtues and morals whilst conducting Christian religious observances. Our service is to provide assistance and sponsorship through government and other institutions, which is necessary to make a generation enriched with morality and to develop Christian community in spiritual and attitudinal aspects making religious places the center for the purpose whilst joining with Roman Catholic Church and the Christian churches affiliated to national Christian Board.

This Department which was established in May 1999 by a Cabinet Memorandum as the Department of Christian Religious Affairs and Cultural Affairs under the Ministry of Cultural Religious Affairs has seen a gradual evolution facing various changes within later years under different Ministries and Ministers. Since 01st August 2007, the Department of Christian Religious Affairs has been developed in a more proper and systematic way becoming a more active institution. Accordingly, the role of the Department was implemented under following four divisions.

Administration Division

Development Division

Accounts Division

Audit Division

From May 2010, the Department performs a huge role as the “**Department of Christian Religious Affairs**” under the present Ministry of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs as a result of revision made by the Cabinet whilst implementing special development programmes such as **Uthuru Wasanthaya** and **Dawn of the East** in addition to the programmes already implemented with a view to ensure the wellbeing of the Christian community of Sri Lanka

Administration Division

The role of the division is to carry out coordination and supervision in order to achieve the objectives directing the establishments, administrative and management activities of the Department. The role of the Department can be described in the following manner.

1. Maintaining all establishment activities relevant to personal files of all the officers in the staff.
2. Maintaining systematically the procedures of recruitment and other activities relevant for recruitment of new officers to the vacancies.
3. Providing establishment information and reports which are requested from time to time.
4. Performing duties relating to local and overseas training of officers.
5. Maintaining public Administration Circulars, Department Circulars and all other circulars with necessary updating.
6. Settling of bills connecting to expenses for telephone, water, electricity, building and other miscellaneous purposes and ensuring maintenance.
7. Performing all duties relating to provision of security services, provision of sanitary services, servicing computers, photocopiers and fax machines and duties relating to other contracted services.
8. Maintaining particulars of daily attendance with necessary updating, issuing duty leave, railway warrants, settling and maintaining the file for railway concessionary tickets.
9. Maintaining properly all the documents connecting to overtime, travelling, holiday pay and submitting relevant vouchers for payment.
10. Performing all duties relevant to the subject of Agrahara.
11. Receiving applications for loans and submitting them to the Accounts Division after completion.
12. Performing all duties relation to maintenance of vehicles and transport.

Cadre of the Department as at 31.12.2014

	Approved post	Number of posts approved	Present cadre	Number of the vacancies
1	Director(SLAS I)	01	01	00
2	Assistant Director(SLAS III)	01	01	00
3	Accountant(SLAS II/III)	01	00	01
4	Administrative Officer	01	00	01
Administration Division				
5	Unit Head (M.A.1)	01	00	01
6	Management Assistant	05	04	01
7	Receptionist	01	01	00
Development Division				
8	Project Assistant	05	03	02
9	Management Assistant	03	02	01
10	Development Officer	33	17	16
11	Information and Communication Technology Assistant III	01	01	00
Accounts Division				
12	Unit Head (M.A.1)	01	00	01
13	Management Assistant	05	05	00
Audit Division				
14	Management Assistant	01	01	00
Other				
15	Driver	02	01	01
16	K.K.S	03	01	02
17	House Keeper	01	01	00
18	Office Labourer	01	01	00
	Total Cadre	67	40	27

Development Division

The role of the Development Division is planning of projects in order to achieve the objectives of the Department utilizing funds received by the Department from the allocations of General Treasury and funds from other sources, reporting the progress organizing and coordinating activities which are implemented relevant to enhance social and religious upliftment and projects implemented with funds which are received centering religious places and providing necessary funds to the projects implemented at divisional and district level and reviewing the progress.

The Development Division performs the above role in the following manner.

01. Carrying out development activities at national religious places declared by Catholic Church and Pilgrimages Ordinance.
02. Granting funds for annual church feasts at public religious places.
03. Granting funds for reconstruction of Christian churches which are maintained amidst severe economic problems and which are more than hundred years old.
04. Providing aids for reconstruction and development activities at Christian churches for which economic assistance has become dire necessity.
05. Enhancement of Christian religious education and evaluation of the services of Christian Daham school Teachers.
06. Holding National Festival of Christian Literature under the program for promotion of Christian religion literature, arts and cultural traditions.
07. Making contribution for Christmas festival highly respected by Christians.
08. Making contribution for Easter programs which is highly adored by Christian community.
09. Organization of special national religious ceremonies including Episcopal Ordination ceremony, funerals and special commemoration ceremonies.
10. Implementation of Jathika Saviya, Gama Neguma and spiritual and personality development programs and *Mathata Thitha* programmes with the objective of improving Christian community through spiritual and personality development.
11. Reconstruction of churches in North and East provinces under the Dawn of East and Uthuru Wasanthaya programmes.

Accounts Division

The role of the accounts Division is to perform and direct accurately the financial responsibility which is the final process of all the tasks performed by Establishments Division and Development Division under the supervision of Director and Accountant of the Department.

The above role is performed in the following manner.

1. To receive vouchers connecting to all payments, confirm the accuracy in figures, examine as to whether the source documents relevant to voucher are received in sufficient manner, confirm as to whether the proper authority has been received for payment within financial regulations and various limits and finally to submit for certifying the expense.
2. To maintain cash book for the purpose of making payments accurately including certified vouchers in the cash books and issuing cheques.
3. To carry out activities relating to preparation of salaries and maintain documents for salary deductions.
4. To prepare annual appropriate account as per the instructions of the relevant circular and prepare answers for audit queries.
5. To maintain petti cash advances and petti cash book including bank transactions. To maintain cash box ensuring the daily cash balance.
6. To maintain stores. To issue and receive goods and maintain necessary documents.
7. To prepare annual estimates and collect data in respect of relevant parties.
8. To maintain expenditure ledger. To reconcile the actual expenditure with the provisions of budget from time to time and transfer allocations as per Financial Regulations 56 if provisions are not sufficient for the coming period. To take action to transfer and obtain additional provisions
9. To maintain general deposit account and take action to send monthly accounts reports before due date.
10. To check Treasury printed reports, prepare and send the monthly application for imprest to the General Treasury before due date.
11. To carry out all procurement activities and call tenders. To hand over inventoried goods purchased in the above manner to the officer in charge of the subject and to prepare vouchers and submit them for payment.
12. To remit stamp charges and withholding tax recovered when making payments to the Department of Inland Revenue before due date.
13. To prepare monthly bank reconciliation statement.
14. To transfer allocations to external government institutions and take action to account relevant credit notices.

Since the rent agreement for the building at No. 155/10, Castle Street, Colombo 08, where the Department of Christian Religious Affairs is maintained at present, has expired by 07.01.2012, quotation has been called to find a suitable building to maintain the department. However, quotation has been submitted only by the owner of the above building. Therefore, this building has again been obtained under new agreement on rental basis to maintain the Department for another 02 years from 08.01.2012 to 07.01.2014.

When quotations were called again, it has been submitted only by the owner of the building. However an addition was constructed for the use of Department as the space of the existing building was not sufficient. Department of Christian Religious Affairs is maintained at the same building on rental basis under new agreement from 08.01.2014 to 07.01.2016. Further the rental of Rs. 140,000.00 previously paid has been increased up to Rs. 155,000.00 after the addition was constructed.

During year 2014 staff of the Department has been given opportunity to participate in training programmes in the following manner.

Training courses provided free of charge

Serial No	Name of the institution	Name of the course	Number of the Officers
01	Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration	Establishments Code and Office systems	01
		Preparation of pension of the Public Service	02
		Public Financial Management	01
		Government Procurement Procedure	01
		Induction training	04
02	Department of Public Accounts	CIGAS software training	02
		Software training on preparation of salaries	01
Total			12

Training courses conducted by making allocations

Serial No	Name of the institution	Name of the course	Number of the participants	Expenditure Rs.
02	National Institute of labour studies	Leadership and team building	07	42,000.00
		Interpersonal relationship and public relations	02	6,000.00
03	Productivity Secretariat	Productivity measurement and analyzing methods	05	15,000.00
05	Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration	English language training course(Level I/II)	03	41,500.00
		Certificate in computer driving license	05	100,000.00
06	University of Colombo	Post graduate course	01	109,500.00
Total			23	314,000.00

Chapter two

Carrying out development activities at national religious places declared by Catholic Church and Pilgrimages Ordinance

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Carrying out development activities at national religious places declared by Catholic Church and Pilgrimages Ordinance.

Under the chapter “Let us build our country” of Government policy manifesto, a pledge has been given to develop infrastructure facilities for the benefit of pilgrims who visit Christian places of worship considering it as a policy. A large number of special projects have been commenced since year 2006 by the Department of Christian Religious Affairs under the guidance of Hon. Minister of Religious Affairs making that pledge a reality.

Accordingly, as the first project, the wiring system of St. Anthony’s Church, Wasalakotte (Wahakotte) which was in a poor condition in Divisional Secretary’s Division, Galewela in Matale district has been renovated spending an allocation of Rs. 725,195.00. In the meantime, an allocation of Rs. 1,388,800.00 has been spent in the same year to construct a building for accommodation for officers and pilgrims at St. Anne’s Church situated in Divisional Secretary’s Division, Kalpitiya in Puttalam district.

A project for portable water has been completed and opened for the benefit of general public spending Rs. 286,787.00 in order to satisfy the necessities of pilgrims who visit Kalvary Center belonging to St. Anne’s Church, Hiniduma in Divisional Secretary’s Division, Thawalama in Galle district. Concurrently to the above project, another project for portable water with a water tower has been constructed spending Rs. 713,000.00 at St. Joseph’s Church in the Divisional Secretary’s Division, Medawachchiya in Anuradhapura district for the benefit of pilgrims who stay there on their way to Madu Church.

The first phase of the resting hall at St. Anne’s Church at Thalawila in the Divisional Secretary’s Division, Kalpitiya in Puttalam district has been completed in 2007 spending an allocation of Rs. 4,834,400.00 in order to provide accommodation facilities for the pilgrims. In the same year, the roof of the historical church at St. Anne’s Church in Wasalakotte in Divisional Secretary’s Division, Galewela in Matale district, which was in dilapidated condition has also been reconstructed spending an allocation of Rs. 1,175,000.00. In the meantime, the first phase for supplying three phased electricity system for the benefit of pilgrims who visit Kalvary Center, Hiniduma in Divisional Secretary’s Division, Thawalama in Galle district has also been completed spending an allocation of Rs. 497,000.00.

In 2008, the three phased electricity supply project for Kalvary Center, Hiniduma in Divisional Secretary’s Division, Thawalama in Galle district has been completed spending Rs. 1,000,000.00. Accordingly, the total allocation of Rs. 1,497,000.00 has been spent under two phases to complete the project. Further, the phase two of resting hall for the pilgrims who visit St. Anne’s Church, Thalawila, which was commenced in 2007 has been completed spending an allocation of Rs. 3,255,000.00 and it has been handed over to the church.

Phase one of the resting hall at St. Anne’s Church, Kattimahana situated in the Divisional Secretary’s Division, Udubaddawa in Kurunegala district has been commenced spending Rs. 1,200,000.00 under the programme for special projects in 2008. Concurrently to the above, the phase one of the resting hall at the Church of Holy Mother of Rosary, Morotta in Divisional Secretary’s Division, Polpithigama in Kurunegala district has also been commenced spending Rs. 5,055,398.53 for the benefit of pilgrims who visit the church.

Two special projects have been commenced related to religious places declared under the Pilgrimages Ordinance in year 2009. Accordingly, a water tower has been constructed at St.

Anne's Church, Kattimahana situated in the Divisional Secretary's Division, Udubaddawa in Kurunegala district related to the project for portable water in year 2006 for the benefit of the pilgrims who visit the church and phase one commenced spending Rs. 1,200,000.00 in 2008 for improving accommodation facilities to the priests who visit the church has been completed.

Rs. 3,400,000.00 has been spent for phase two of the above and accordingly total project was completed spending Rs. 4,600,000.00. Further, phase one of the above project has been commenced granting Rs. 505,398.00 in 2008 under the project for improving accommodation facilities for pilgrims who visit Church of Holly Mother of Rosary situated in Grama Niladhari Division No. 403, Morotta in Divisional Secretary's Division, Polpitiyagama in Kurunegala district.

In 2009, an allocation of Rs. 1,000,000.00 has been spent for phase three of the said project and accordingly, the total project was completed spending Rs. 1,505,398.53. It has been opened for the public and handed over to most venerable Raymond Peris, Bishop of Kurunegala by Hon. Pandu Bandaranayake, Minister of Religious Affairs on 05th July on which the annual feast of the church has been held.

In year 2010, two projects have been commenced at religious places declared under the Pilgrimages Ordinance. In the meantime, phase one for the improvement of accommodation facilities for pilgrims who visit St. Anne's Church at Wasalakotte in Divisional Secretary's Division, Galewela in Matale district has been completed spending Rs. 1,625,000.00. The project for repairing sanitary facilities for the pilgrims who visit Kalvary Center, Hiniduma in Divisional Secretary's Division, Thawalama has been concluded spending Rs. 2,500,000.00.

Five projects have been commenced in 2011 under the development activities of the religious places declared under the Pilgrimages Ordinance and declared by the Catholic and Christian Churches. An allocation of Rs. 2,250,000.00 has been granted to District Secretary, Puttalam for the construction of a building for accommodation in order to improve the accommodation facilities of the pilgrims who visit St. Anne's Church, Thalawila belonging to the Divisional Secretary's Division, Kalpitiya in Puttalm district and phase one of this project has been completed. An allocation of Rs. 2,250,000.00 has been granted to District Secretary, Mannar to implement the project which contains water supply facilities, 02 lavatories and resting hall consisting of 03 housing units in order to provide infrastructure facilities to the pilgrims who visits Maranda Madu Church, national place of worship in Divisional Secretary's Division, Mannar in Mannar district. This project has been completed. An allocation of Rs. 1,000,000.00 has been granted to District Secretary, Kurunegala to carry out for phase one of the project for reconstruction of Mahagalgamuwa Church where St. Joseph Vass resided in Divisional Secretary's Division Galgamuwa in Kurunegala district. An allocation of Rs. 1,000,000.00 has been granted to District Secretary, Matale to carry out phase two of the project for improving accommodation facilities for pilgrims who visit St. Anthony's Church, Wasalakotte in the Divisional Secretary's Division, Galewela in Matale district. Further, an allocation of Rs. 1,000,000.00 has been granted to District Secretary, Gampaha to carry out phase one of the project for reconstruction of Methodist Church, Pethiyagoda in the Divisional Secretary's Division, Minuwangoda in Gampaha district. Phase one of this project has been completed.

Three projects have been commenced in 2012 under "Carrying out development activities at national religious places declared by Catholic and Christian Churches and Pilgrimages Ordinance"

Accordingly an allocation of Rs. 855,400.00 has been granted to District Secretary, Puttalam to improve accommodation facilities for pilgrims who visit St. Anne's Church, Thalawila in the Divisional Secretary's Division, Kalpitiya in Puttalam district. In the mean time an allocation of Rs. 1,183,000.00 has been granted to District Secretary, Matale to carry out phase III of the project for improving accommodation facilities for pilgrims who visit St. Anthony's Church, Wasalakotte in the Divisional Secretary's Division, Galewela in Matale district.

Further an allocation of Rs. 2.093 million has been granted to District Secretary, Mannar to improve infrastructure facilities for pilgrims who visit Maranda Madu Church, national place of worship during the period of annual feast. Accordingly, action is being taken to provide necessary infrastructure facilities for pilgrims.

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During year 2014 an allocation of Rs. 4,000,000.00 (Rs. Four million) has been granted to District Secretary, Puttalam to improve accommodation facilities for pilgrims who visit St. Anne's Church, Thalawila in the Divisional Secretary's Division, Kalpitiya in Puttalam district. An allocation of Rs. 1,200,000.00 (Rs. 1.2 million) has been granted to District Secretary, Matale for improving accommodation facilities for pilgrims who visit St. Anthony's Church, Wasalakotte in the Divisional Secretary's Division, Galewela in Matale district. Further an allocation of Rs. 2.2 million has been granted to District Secretary, Mannar to improve infrastructure facilities for pilgrims who visit Maranda Madu Church, national place of worship during the period of annual feast. Accordingly, action has been taken to provide necessary infrastructure facilities for pilgrims.

Chapter Three

Granting funds for annual church feasts at public religious places

Department of Christian Religious Affairs

Granting funds for annual church feasts at public religious places declared by Catholic Church and Pilgrimages Ordinance

With a view to make the concepts in page 01 of policy manifesto of the Government i.e. “My firm resolve is to ensure that children of all religions would be able to obtain an education in keeping with their religious beliefs” and “Preserve our pride of the past for future’ in the chapter “Let us build our country” a reality for the Christian culture, which the government considers as its prime responsibility, the contribution has been made in year 2011 for feasts at places of worship declared by Pilgrimages Ordinance and Catholic Church.

Since 1998 it has commenced to make financial contribution for feasts at public places of worship declared under Pilgrimages Ordinance and accordingly an amount of Rs. 200,000 has been granted to the Kalvary Center, Hiniduma. However, financial contributions were not made to the places of worship in 1998, but an amount of Rs. 25,000/- has been granted in year 2000 to the Church of Our Lady, Matara. Further, an amount of Rs. 80,000/- has been granted in 2001 only to Kalvary Center, Hiniduma and Church of Our Lady, Matara.

In year 2002, Rs. 300,000/- and Rs. 50,000/- have been granted to St. Anne’s Church, Thalawila and Church of Our Lady, Matara respectively. Accordingly, the total of Rs. 350,000/- has been granted in the above year. Further, Rs. 150,000/- has been granted in 2003 only for the use of St. Anne’s Church, Thalawila. In 2003, the number of churches for granting financial contribution has been increased and accordingly an amount of Rs. 360,000/- has been distributed among Church of Madu, Mannar, St. Anne’s Church, Kattimahana, Church of Our Holy Mother of Rosary, Morotta and Church of Our Lady, Matara for conducting annual feast.

In year 2005, the limit of financial aids provided for annual feasts of churches has been increased by 25%. Accordingly, the amount to be granted reached up to Rs. 443,633/- and this amount has been distributed among Church of Madu, Mannar, St. Anne’s Church, Thalawila, Church of Our Holy Mother of Rosary, Morotta, St. Anne’s Church, Wahakotte and Church of Our Lady, Matara.

Allocation for feasts at churches was done in an irregular manner from year 1998 up to 2005. Further, such contribution was made only to limited number of churches. However, this methodology has been regularized since year 2006 and accordingly such financial allocations were made based on the requests and on fair grounds covering more churches. Under this system, financial grants were made based on the number of pilgrims attended to feasts. In 2006, seven annual feasts at churches were selected for granting financial aids. These grants were used for the provision of infrastructure facilities required by pilgrims.

Accordingly, an amount of Rs. 1,211,189/- has been granted for annual Easter Feast at St. Anne’s Church, Thalawila and for annual feasts at St. Anne’s Church, Kattimahana, St. Anthony’s Church, Wahakotte, Our Holy Mother of Rosary, Morotta, Basilica of Our Lady, Ragama Thewatta, Kalvary Center, Mawathagama and Church of Our Lady, Matara. The allocation made in 2007 for the churches declared under the Pilgrimages Ordinance was limited to Rs. 900,000/-. That amount has been distributed among St. Anne’s Church, Thalawila (for feasts in March and August) and churches in Kattimahana, Wahakotte, Morotta and Matara. In

year 2008, the limit of allocation could be increased by 75.9% comparing with the limit of 2007. That allocation has been distributed for nine feasts. The amount spent was Rs. 1,583,540/-.

The limit of allocation for the provision of infrastructure facilities to the pilgrims who visit churches declared under Pilgrimages Ordinance has been increased by 78.83% in 2009 comparing with year 2008. That amount has been distributed among ten churches depending on the requests and the necessity. Further, the special feast at the historic national place of worship Maranda Madu, which is widely respected by the Christians of all over the world, was conducted glamorously under the sponsorship of government. Since that fest was conducted

under government sponsorship, it was a very special event a grant of Rs. 1,000,000/- was made. Accordingly, the total amount provided for the provision of infrastructure facilities to the pilgrims who participated in the feasts at the churches declared under Pilgrimages Ordinance was Rs. 2,831,919/- in year 2009.

The total amount provided for the provision of infrastructure facilities to the pilgrims who participated in the feasts at the churches declared under Pilgrimages Ordinance was Rs. 2,700,000/- in year 2010.

The amount of Rs. 5,048,229.15 allocated for provision of infrastructure facilities to the pilgrims who participated in the feasts at the churches declared under Pilgrimages Ordinance in 2011 has been distributed among churches.

The amount of Rs4,982,811.68 allocated for provision of infrastructure facilities to the pilgrims who participated in the feasts at the churches declared under Pilgrimages Ordinance in 2012 has been distributed among churches in the following manner.

St. Anne's Church, Thalawila – For March feast, annual feast

Kalvary Center at St. Anne's Church, Hiniduma – For Lenten

Kalvary Center, Mawathagama

St. Anthony's Church, Wasalakotte

Kalvary Center, Maggona

Church of Our Holy Mother of Rosary, Morotta

Church of Madu, Mannar

St. Anne's Church, Kattimahana

St. Joseph Vass Church at Joseph Vassapura, Galgamuwa

National Basilica, Ragama Thewatta

Church of Our Lady, Matara

For annual feasts

Again the amount of Rs4,995,000.00 allocated for provision of infrastructure facilities to the pilgrims who participated in the feasts at the churches declared under Pilgrimages Ordinance in 2013 has also been distributed among churches in the following manner.

St. Anne's Church, Thalawila – For March feast, annual feast

Kalvary Center at St. Anne's Church, Hiniduma – For Lenten

Kalvary Center, Mawathagama

St. Anthony's Church, Wasalakotte

Kalvary Center, Maggona

Church of Our Holy Mother of Rosary, Morotta

Church of Madu, Mannar

St. Anne's Church, Kattimahana

St. Joseph Vass Church at Joseph Vassapura, Galgamuwa

National Basilica, Ragama Thewatta

Church of Our Lady, Matara

For annual feasts

Provision of infrastructure facilities for pilgrims who attend the annual feasts held at public religious places declared by Pilgrimages Ordinance and Catholic Church - 2014

(Annual Feast) Vote 203 -02 -01- 4(1508)

Serial No.	District	Divisional Secretary's Division	Name of the Church	Month in which the feast is held	Approved amount (Rs.)	Amount granted (Rs.)	Balance amount	Additional amount granted
01	Puttalam	Kalpitiya	St. Anne's Church, Thalawila	Feast in March	400,000.00	400,000.00		
02	Puttalam	Kalpitiya	St. Anne's Church, Thalawila	Feast in August	600,000.00	600,000.00		
03	Galle	Thawalama	Kalvary Center belonging to	Feast in March and	300,000.00	300,000.00		

			St. Anne's Church, Hiniduma	April				
04	Kurunegala	Mawathagama	Kalvary Center, Mawathagama	Feast in March and April	100,000.00	100,000.00		
05	Matale	Galewela	Saint Anthony's Church, Wasala Kotte	Feast in June	500,000.00	500,000.00		
06	Colombo		Kalvary Center, Maggona	Feast in March and April	100,000.00	100,000.00		
07	Kurunegala	Polpithigama	Church of Holly Mother of Rosary, Morotta	Feast in July	100,000.00	100,000.00		106,000.00
08	Mannar	Madu	Church Maranda Madu	Feast in July	900,000.00	800,000.00		
09	Mannar	Madu	Church Maranda Madu	Feast in August	900,000.00	1000,000.00		
10	Kurunegala	Udubaddawa	St. Anne's Church, Kattimahana	Feast in September	250,000.00	250,000.00		
11	Chilaw	Mahawewa	Holy Cross Church, Marawila	Feast in September	250,000.00	250,000.00	144,000.00	
12	Gampaha	Ja-Ela	<i>BASILICA CHURCH Thewatta RAGAMA</i>	Feast in September	100,000.00	100,000.00		
13	Matara	Matara	Church of Our Lady, Matara	Feast in September	400,000.00	400,000.00		
14	Jaffna	Welanei	Our Lady of Good voyage	Feast in September	100,000.00	100,000.00		
Total					5,000,000.00	4,750,000.00	144,000.00	106,000.00

Chapter Four

Assistance in development

Department of Christian Religious Affairs

Assistance in development

Financial assistance is provided under this programme for the reconstructions, new constructions and development of Churches, *Daham* Schools and Religious Centers. Main objective of this measure is to provide facilities for the devotees in Christian faith.

Serial No	Name of the Church	Allocation(Rs.)
1	St Thomas Church, Aranayaka belonging to Kurunegala Diocese	100,000.00
2	The Church of Christ the king belonging to Kurunegala Diocese	100,000.00
3	Baptist Church, Beligodapitiya, Kegalle	100,000.00
4	Baptist church, Madampe	100,000.00
5	Methodist church, Thummodara	100,000.00
6	Methodist church, Puttalam	100,000.00
7	Church of Our Mother of Sorrow, Rajakadaluwa, Wairankattuwa	100,000.00
8	St Sebastian church, Mangalaeliya, Navadankuliya	100,000.00
9	St Jude church, Puttalam-Wilpotha, Angunawila parish	100,000.00
10	Church of the Christ the King, Wijayapura, Wanathawilluwa	100,000.00
11	Holy Family Convent, Kurinnapitiya	100,000.00
12	Church of Our Mother of Rosary, Egodapitiya, Karuwalagaswewa parish	100,000.00
13	Convent of Holy Angels, Kudamaduwellla	100,000.00
14	Convent of Holy Angles, Eththale	100,000.00
15	Reconstruction of Bishops' conference hall	1,000,000.00
16	Library building at St Anthony's church, Keerapathdeniya, Rathnapura	100,000.00
17	St Joseph's Elders home	100,000.00
18	Nimala Mariya Church, Tharala, Pugoda	50,000.00
19	Church of Holy Rosary, Hewadiwela	100,000.00
Provision of equipment to Daham Schools-Chilaw parish		
20	<i>Daham</i> School, Gangodawila	50,000.00
21	<i>Daham</i> School, Marawila	50,000.00
22	<i>Daham</i> School, Mattakotuwa	50,000.00
23	<i>Daham</i> School, Thoduwawa	50,000.00
24	<i>Daham</i> School, Thalwila	50,000.00
25	<i>Daham</i> School, Ihala Katuneriya	50,000.00
26	<i>Daham</i> School, Katuneriya	50,000.00
27	<i>Daham</i> School, Thummodara	50,000.00
28	<i>Daham</i> School, Naththandiya	50,000.00
29	<i>Daham</i> School, Mudukayuwa	50,000.00

30	<i>Daham</i> School,Ilanthidiya	50,000.00
31	<i>Daham</i> School,Karuwalagaswewa	50,000.00
33	<i>Daham</i> School ,Kurinnampitiya	50,000.00
34	<i>Daham</i> School,Kadayamatta	50,000.00
35	<i>Daham</i> School, Kandathoduwawa	50,000.00
36	<i>Daham</i> School, Iranawila	50,000.00
Provision of equipment to Daham Schools-Kegalle district		
37	<i>Daham</i> School,Rambukkana	50,000.00
38	<i>Daham</i> School,Hewadiwela	50,000.00
39	<i>Daham</i> School,Gurugalla	50,000.00
40	<i>Daham</i> School Ruwanwella,	50,000.00
41	<i>Daham</i> School,Malimboda	50,000.00
42	<i>Daham</i> School at Church of our mother of Rosary,Meerigama	50,000.00
43	<i>Daham</i> School at the Church of Our Lady of Compassion, Seeduwa	50,000.00
44	<i>Daham</i> School at St Peter's Church,Batticoloa	1,000,000.00
45	<i>Daham</i> School, Christian Reformed Church, Kahatagasdigiliya	398,999.51
Total		5,298,999.51

Chapter Five

Granting funds for the development and
reconstruction of Christian churches
which require financial assistance

Department of Christian Religious Affairs

Granting funds for the development and reconstruction of Christian churches which require financial assistance

Serial No	Deanery	Church and description	Amount granted (Rs.)
1	Colombo	For the reconstruction of St Kaithan Church, Kochchikade, Welihena	50,000.00
2	Colombo	For the reconstruction of the Church of Holy Mother of Rosary, Badalgama	50,000.00
3	Colombo	For the reconstruction of St Ann's church, Miriswaththa, Mudungoda- Annual feast	100,000.00
4	Colombo	For 125 th Jubilee of the Church of the Mother of Compassion, Bandarawaththa, Seeduwa	75,000.00
5	Colombo	For the Centenary Jubilee of Don Bosco boys' home Maggona	75,000.00
6	Colombo	For the centenary jubilee of the Church of Sacred Heart, Kosgama, Avissawella	75,000.00
7	Colombo	For the camp and pilgrimage at Marada Madu Church organized by <i>ARCHDIOCESE of COLOMBO</i> Colombo	229142.00
8	Chilaw	For the feast of St Sebastian church, Aluthwaththa, Chilaw	50,000.00
9	Chilaw	For the feast of St Anthony's church, Pallankandal	75,000.00
10	Chilaw	For 125 th jubilee of the Church of Holy Mother of Rosary, Bandirippuwa	80,000.00
11	Rathnapura	For repairs at St Anthony's church, Pettigala, Balangoda	50,000.00
12	Kurunegala	For 125 th jubilee of St Sebastian church, Boyagane, Malpitiya	75,000.00
13	Badulla	For reconstruction of St Anthony's church, Monaragala	50,000.00
14	Badulla	For the reconstruction of St Sebastian church, Haldummulla	48,750.00
15	Badulla	For the reconstruction of St Jude church, Passara	50,000.00
16	Galle	For reconstruction of the Church of our Lady of Good Health, Weligama	50,000.00
17	Galle	For the reconstruction of Holy Family Convent, Barawakumbura	50,000.00
18	Jaffna	For the annual feast of St Sebastian church, Pulaweli	41,000.00
19	Jaffna	For the annual feast of the Church of Our Lady, Saindumarudu	18,700.00
20	Church of	For the reconstruction of the Church of St	50,000.00

	Ceylon	Jacob ,Thambagalla	
21	Church of Ceylon	Repairing the roof of Urubokka church	50,000.00
22	Christian Reformed Church	For the reconstruction of Christian Reformed Church, Maligakanda	50,000.00
23	Salvation Army	Repairing the roof of official quarters at the church of Salvation Army at Hangawela	50,000.00
Total			1,492,592.00

Under this programme, financial assistance is granted for minor scale reconstructions at churches and religious centers which are facing financial difficulties.

Chapter six

Enhancement of Christian religious education
and evaluation of the services of
Christian Daham School Teachers

Department of Christian Religious Affairs

Enhancement of Christian religious education and evaluation of the services of Christian Daham School Teachers

The concept of the government is that the development of the country should be both in physical and spiritual aspects. With a view to make this concept a reality, programmes were implemented during 2014 in the following manner.

01. Providing uniforms to Daham School Teachers

With a view to enhance Daham School education as expected by Mahinda Chinthana, uniforms are provided to Daham School teachers who are dedicated for the purpose.

During year 2014, purchases have been made for 873 clergy teachers, 2022 male teachers and 12000 female teachers.

Serial number	Diocese	Deanery	Number of clergy teachers	Number of male teachers	Number of female teachers	Total
1	Colombo	Negambo	15	106	395	516
		Negambo East	23	100	310	433
		Katana	24	90	296	410
		Thudella	24	61	436	521
		Kandana	16	78	440	534
		Gampaha	17	36	342	395
		Ragama	24	52	300	376
		Wattala	19	96	182	297
		Colombo South	20	24	176	220
		Colombo Central	23	28	157	208
		Colombo North	22	50	177	249
		Kotte	18	47	192	257
		Gurubewila	9	31	259	299
		Moratuwa	28	97	310	435
Kalutara	23	42	220	285		
Total			305	938	4192	5435
2	Chilaw	Bolawaththa	24	58	302	384
		Chilaw	15	67	379	461
		Puttalam	33	92	607	732
		Wennappuwa	25	54	423	502
Total			97	271	1711	2079
3	Kurunegala	Kurunegala	22	34	300	356
		Kuliyapitiya	10	61	500	571
Total			32	95	800	927
4	Mannar	Mannar	30	68	260	358
		Madu	7	16	190	213
		Murunkan	27	33	186	246

		Wavuniya	17	14	156	187
Total			81	131	792	1004
5	Kandy	Kandy	31	30	230	291
		Nuwara Eliya	19	33	228	280
		Matale	16	11	123	150
Total			66	74	581	721

Serial number	Diocese	Deanery	Number of clergy teachers	Number of male teachers	Number of female teachers	Total
6	Trincomalee	Trincomalee	16	24	225	265
Total			16	24	225	265
7	Batticaloa	Batticaloa	24	48	266	338
		Kalmunai	27	28	132	187
Total			51	76	398	525

Serial number	Diocese	Deanery	Number of clergy teachers	Number of male teachers	Number of female teachers	Total
8	Jaffna	Jaffna	20	17	221	258
		Ilaweli	21	20	224	265
		Point Pedro	10	17	209	236
		Island	12	4	106	122
		Kilinochchi, Mullativu	18	8	324	350
Total			81	66	1084	1231
9	Rathnapura	Rathnapura	13	24	170	207
		Kegalle	9	48	134	191
Total			22	72	304	398
10	Badulla	Badulla	9	9		
		Bandarawela	10	5		
		Monaragala	8	3		
Total			27	17		
11	Anuradhapura	Anuradhapura	11	13	78	104
		Polonnaruwa	9	14	72	93
Total			22	27	150	199
12	Galle	Galle	32	19	150	201
Total			32	19	150	201
Total			832	1810	10552	13194

Serial No	Name of the Christian Church	Number of clergy teachers	Number of male teachers	Number of female teachers	Total
1	Church of Ceylon	10	45	443	498
2	Sri Lanka Reformed Church	5	16	145	166
3	Sri Lanka Baptist Association		15	163	178
4	Methodist Church	14	74	600	688
5	Salvation Army	11	50	72	142
6	Presbyterian Church	1	3	25	29
Total		41	212	1448	1701

Serial No	Name of the Christian Church	Number of clergy teachers	Number of male teachers	Number of female teachers	Total
1	Collective of Catholic Dioceses	832	1810	10552	13194
2	Collective of Christian Dioceses	41	212	1448	1701
Total		873	2022	12000	14895

02. Granting the allowance of Rs. 2000/= to *Daham* School teachers for the purchase of library books

Payment of allowance to *Daham* School Teachers

Serial No	Diocese/church	Number of teachers	Amount(Rs.)
1	Colombo Diocese	4291	8,582,000.00
2	Chilaw Diocese	2160	4,320,000.00
3	Galle Diocese	146	292,000.00
4	Kurunegal Diocese	1082	2,164,000.00
5	Anuradhapura Diocese	177	354,000.00
6	Jaffna Diocese	1209	2,418,000.00
7	Trincomalee Diocese	229	458,000.00
8	Badulla Diocese	185	370,000.00
9	Rathnapura Diocese	324	648,000.00
10	Madakalapuwa Diocese	590	1,180,000.00
11	Mahanuwara Christian Board	720	1,440,000.00
12	Mannar Diocese	916	1,832,000.00
13	National Christian Board	1673	3,346,000.00
Total		13702	27,404,000.00

Purchasing publications on Christian religion

Since funds were not sufficient to settle bills relating to the purchase of publications in 2013 to distribute among Daham schools, relevant payments were settled in 2014.

A programme has been prepared to distribute Catholic Catechism book among Daham school teachers as a hand book and accordingly 311 books were purchased.

60 bibles have been purchased and distributed within Nuwara Eliya district.

The total expenditure is Rs. 624,282.00.

04. Conducting seminars and workshops for teachers and students of Daham Schools in order to enhance Christian religious education

Our contribution is made to various programmes organized by religious institutions in charge of different divisions in diocese of Catholic Bishops and by institutions and churches affiliated to National Christian Board to provide Daham knowledge to the Christian community all over the Island including teachers and students of Daham Schools, parents and adults and to other programmes organized to inculcate Christian attitudes and sound qualities in Christian community. Accordingly, the limited allocations available are distributed in fair and reasonable manner considering the requests made for the purpose.

Daham School Activities and Religious Education Workshops 2014			
Diocese	Section	Programme	Amount donated (Rs.)
National Programmes	Catholic Catechism and Bible mission	Religious Education Promotion Programmes	800,000 . 00
	Sri Lanka Catholic Bible Association	Recording the book “Wisdom of Sirach” of Holy Bible in Tamil language	153,000 . 00
	Child Heroes Catholic Child Movement	National Festival on literature	51,000 . 00
	The Congregation of Apostolic Carmel	Programmes for Sisters in teachers’ service	50,000.00
	National Catholic Commission for prisoners, tourists, and health	Workshops for leaders among clergy as well as laymen	50,000.00
Colombo	Catholic Education	Training session for teachers who teach Catholic religion	12,500 . 00

	Family Apostolic service	04 programmes for the Catholic families' get together	100,000 . 00
	Catechism	Printing certificates of Daham school students	100,000.00
Chilaw	Catechism	Training programmes for new Daham Teachers	35,000.00
	Family Apostolic service	Family counseling programme	30,000.00
	Catholic Education	A seminar for G.C.E.(O/L) Examination	50,000.00
	Other	Programm on Universal Children's day	30,000.00
	Mission	Dharmadutha sajiwaka programme	40,000.00
	Youths Affairs	District rally of youths	100,000.00
Badulla	Catechism	Seminars for Dharmacharya 1,2,3	25,000 . 00
	Catechism	Seminars for Dharmacharya 1, Dharmacharya (Special), Dharmacharya (Hons	31,072 . 50
	Catechism	Seminars for Dharmacharya 1, Dharmacharya (Special), Dharmacharya (Hons	23,634
Kandy	Family apostolic service	03 programmes for parents	40,000 . 00
	Family apostolic service	Family programme	40,000 . 00
Galle	Catechism	Seminar for G.C.E. O/L	50,000 . 00
Anuradhapura	Catechism	Children's rally of the Diocese	75,000.. 00
	Youth Affairs	District rally of youths	50,000 . 00
	Catechism	Daham teachers' Christmas gathering	50,000 .00
Trincomalee	Catechism	Seminar for G.C.E. A/L	12,750 . 50
	Catechism	Daham teachers' training 1,2,3 seminar	50,000.00
Batticola	Catechism	Preperation of Daham school Question papers	10,00.00
	Catechism	Training Workshop for Daham teachers	20,000.00
	Catechism	Children's programme	20,000.00
	Catechism	Seminar on the examination for Daham Teachers	20,000.00
Rathnapura	Catechism	Seminar on the examination for Daham Teachers-03	30,000.00
	Catechism	Children's Rally of the Diocese	100,000.00
Jaffna	Catechism	06 programmes for students of Daham Schools	80,000.00

Mannar	Catechism	06 programmes for Daham teachers	40,000.00
	Family Apostolic service	Family programme	15,000.00
Kurunegala	Child Heroes Catholic Child Movement	Annual training programme for Advisers	20,000 . 00
	Youth Affairs	District rally of youths	115,000.00
	Catechism	Programme for teaching the syllabus for Daham schools	50,000.00
	Catechism	Retreat for Daham teachers	50,000.00
Sri Lanka Baptist Association	Sunday school committee	Daham school rally	7,000 . 00
	Sunday school committee	Children's camp	25,000 . 00
	Habarana church	Womens' programme	10,000.00
Church of Ceylon, Colombo Diocese	Dikoya church	Bible programme for children	15,000.00
	Education board	Residential training for Daham Teachers	25,000.00
Christian Reformed Church	Camp center, Madampe, Kegalle	Family camp	25,000.00
Other Christian churches	Wesley college	Students camp	25,000.00
	University of Kelaniya	Programme of Christian Students' Association	30,000.00
Total			2,810,956.00

Chapter Seven

Holding National Festival
of Christian Literature under the program for promotion of
Christian religion literature,
arts and cultural traditions

Department of Christian Religious Affairs

Holding National Festival of Christian Literature under the program for promotion of Christian religion literature, arts and cultural traditions

A short play competition was due to be held covering all over the Island in 2014 targeting youths and students of Daham schools of Orthodox churches belonging to Catholic and National Christianity Board concurrently to National Festival of Christian Literature to be held in year 2015. As the publicity campaign, advertisements have been published in News papers. The deanery and diocese competitions were to be conducted under the supervision of Rev. Father Directors of Catechism and Youth Affairs and National Christian Board and under the full sponsorship of the Department. Workshops on short plays have been conducted at diocese level by Father Directors of Catechism and Youth Affairs and dean of Christian church concurrently to the above event. The total expenditure for the task was Rs.278, 120.00.00

Chapter Eight

Conducting quiz competition in order to
enhance knowledge in Bible

Department of Christian Religious Affairs

Since the enhancement of knowledge on Holy Bible in Christian children has become a timely need, the second phase of the above programme launched in 2013 has been held in year 2014 as a joint effort with St Joseph's College, Maradana.

Accordingly quiz competition on Bible held at national level on Saturday, 13th September 2014 at 7.30 am at St Joseph's College, Maradana and prize giving ceremony has also been held at 3.00 pm at the same place.

Competitions at diocese and deanery level have been conducted by Rev. Father Directors of Catechism. Teams of schools and Daham schools who won first, second and third places at competitions at diocese level were selected for competition at national level. Two competitors for each diocese have participated in competition at national level covering 11 catholic dioceses (22 districts). This competition held in three languages under three age categories was judged by 105 judges.

Winners were awarded a trophy, certificate and cash awards. Cash awards were as follows.

The group won first place-Rs. 25,000.00

The group won second place-Rs. 15,000.00

The group won third place-Rs. 10,000.00

Prize awarding ceremony has been held under auspicious of His Lordship Bishop Emmanuel Fernando, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese and Rev Father Directors of dioceses including Rev Father Piyal Janaka, National Director for Catechetical and bible Apostolate at His Lordship, Most Rev Bishop Bonjin memorial Hall of St Joseph College, Maradana.

Description on expenditure

Serial No	Item	Amount
	Expenditure for competition at diocese level	1,043,081.00
	Expenditure for conducting competition at national level	
1	Allowances for judges	157,500.00
2	Allowances for assistants of Judges	63,000.00
3	Preparation of question papers and their translation	16,760.00
4	Refreshments	776,790.50
5	Accommodation and transport (In 10 dioceses)	689,866.00
6	Items required for conducting competition-Balls, Stop watches, Marker pens, plastic cups, plastic covers for enclosing Identity cards, Cardboard boxes etc	63,673.00
7	Cleaning class rooms	30,000.00
8	Prize awarded to the school of the winning team	450,000.00
9	Trophy and gold medals	169,500.00
Estimate for prize awarding ceremony		
10	Bonjin Hall	50,000.00
11	Lights, generator and sounds	65,000.00
12	Invitations and certificates	44,020.00
13	Decorating the entrance, stage and traditional oil lamp	55,830.00
14	Stage set	94,375.00
15	For special items	30,500.00
16	Photography and video coverage	33,500.00
17	Expenses for the transport of staff	27,200.00
Total		3,860,595.50



Chapter Nine

Making contribution for Easter programs
which are highly adored
by Christian community

Department of Christian Religious Affairs

Lenten and Easter Programmes 2014

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Contribution is made by the department of Christian Religious Affairs for organization of various religious and other programmes during Easter and Lenten, which is the period for preparation for Easter festivals which is one of the most sacred events to Christians.

- Organization of Special Spiritual Programmes during Easter and Lenten

Financial assistance was made for organization of various programmes at level of dioceses for spiritual enhancement of students and teachers of Daham Schools ,teachers who teach Christian religion and youths in order to inculcate religious values in their lives.

Contribution made by the department for Lenten Easter Programmes organized by various dioceses in 2014		
Diocese	Diocese	Amount(Rs.)
Colombo	Lenten programme of St. Anthony's Balika Vidyalaya,Kollupitiya	25,000.00
	Easter drama at St. Anthony's church, Negambo	20,000.00
	Easter-Lenten programmes of educational zones in Colombo Diocese	10,000.00
	Lenten programme organized by the Catechism center of Negambo zone	25,000.00
	Programme at Holy Family Convent,Dehiwala	25,000.00
Chilaw	Psalm programme at Divisional Secretariat, Wennappuwa	30,000.00
	Music programme on Easter at Divisional Secretariat, Dankotuwa	20,000.00
	Lenten programme of education division of the diocese	30,000.00
	Easter drama of St.Mary church, Madurankuliya, Kandathoduwawa	50,000.00
Kandy	Psalm programme at Wasalakotte	18,000.00
Trincomalee	Lenten proigramme for Daham Teachers	25,000.00
Jaffna	Programme broadcasted by Media center	25,000.00

Anuradhapura	Retreat on Lenten for Daham teachers	50,000.00
Batticaloa	Programmes organized for students and teachers of Daham schools	50,00.00
Rathnapura	Programmes organized for students and teachers of Daham schools	75,000.00
Badulla	Programmes organized for teachers of Daham schools	25,000.00
		593,000.00

Special Supplement issued on Easter

Following the tradition of past several years a special supplement consists of 16 pages on Easter has been printed to be distributed with Dinamina Newspaper on Good Friday in 2014. Accordingly it was distributed free of charge all over the island. Articles and other creative work were called to publish in the supplement and in addition to them special messages on Easter issued by leaders of the state and religious leaders have also been included in the supplement. Under a special assistance given by the Associated Newspapers Company of Sri Lanka, this supplement was published spending Rs. 336,000.00/-

Chapter Ten

Making contribution for
Christmas festival highly respected
by Christians and organization of
state Christmas festival

Department of Christian Religious Affairs

Christmas programme-2014

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Art Competition on Christmas

This time the art competition has been held under two categories among 04 age groups. Two themes have been determined for the Competition.

First Category: Theme- “Wonder of Christmas at *Gawalena*”

Age group: Below 10 years/between the ages from 11-15

Second category: Theme-“Christmas, peace and reconciliation”

Age group: Between ages from 16-20/over 21 years

The panel of judges consisted of Rev Farther Director of Catholic and Mass media, an officer from stamps bureau and a designer of stamps. Nearly 600 paintings have been submitted and two paintings out of these paintings have been selected for Christmas stamp. Further winners for first, second and third places have been selected and they were awarded cash prizes along with certificates. In the meantime 108 were selected on merit and they were awarded certificates.

Winners of paintings selected for Christmas stamp

Wojitha Heshan Herath, Kurunegala
Dinithi Sanchala Panagoda, Malabe, Colombo

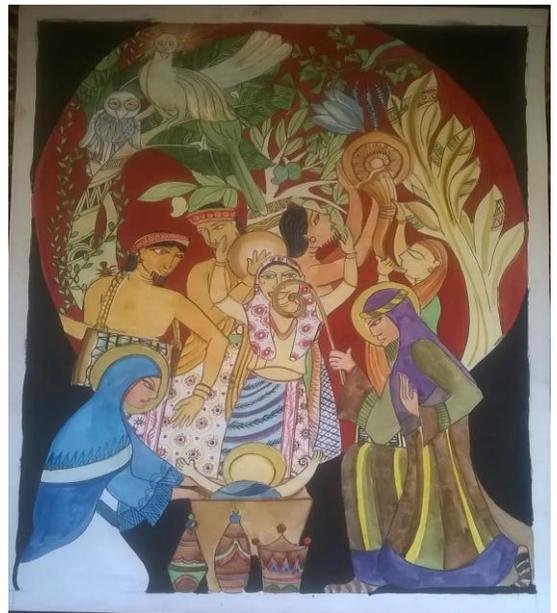
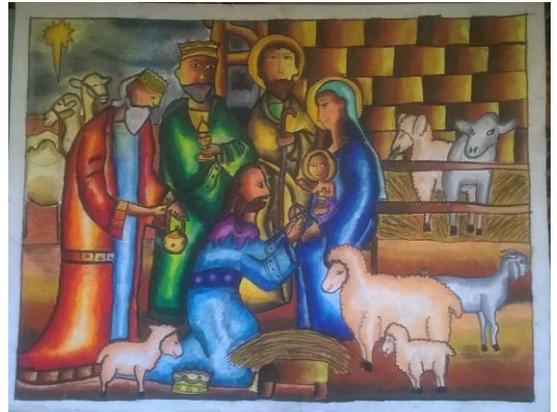
Winner of the event for Christmas greeting card

L.D.Gayani Tharushika

- Ceremony for the issuance of Christmas stamp:

Colombo diocese has been selected this time to hold Christmas festival. However state sponsored Christmas festival was not held due to the arrival of Holy Father Pope. The ceremony to mark the issuance of Christ stamp has been held in grand manner in the morning on 30th November 2014 at St. Mary’s church, Main Street, Negambo with the participation of the religious leaders and the leaders of the state. His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, the Archbishop of Colombo was the chief guest of the event and a large number of dignitaries including Most Rev Bishops, Rev Fathers, Rev Sisters, Hon Minister of Postal Services and Chief Justice participated in the ceremony.

Issuance of two postal stamps and awarding prizes and certificates to 15 winners has become special events of the ceremony. During the ceremony Carols were sung in Sinhala, Tamil and English by students of several Daham schools of the area.



(paintings of Christmas stamp)



(Painting of Christmas card)

- **Christmas festival at Temple trees-2014:**

Christmas festival organized by the Department annually at Temple trees has been held on 22nd December at 6.00 p.m with the participation of His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, the Archbishop of Colombo and under auspicious of H.E. the President.

Special service was conducted by His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, the Archbishop of Colombo and Carols were sung by singers including students of All Saints College, Borella, Good Shepherded Convent , Kotahena and Wesely College, Borella.

Total expenditure for the programme is Rs.381,489.00

- **Contribution for organizing Christmas Festivals at other Institutions**

Financial assistance were provided considering the requests and estimates submitted for obtaining our contribution to the Christmas Programmes organized by Catholic dioceses, churches and various institutions.

Contribution made for the Christmas Programmes organized by other Institutions in 2014			
	Institution by which the request was made	Programme	Amount Donated (Rs)
1	Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation	Christmas carol competition	75,000 . 00
2	St. Mary's Balika Maha Vidyalaya, Colombo 03	Christmas festival at the school	35,000 . 00
3	St. Anthony's Balika Maha Vidyalaya, Colombo 03	Christmas festival at the school	60,000 . 00
4	Church of the Sacred Heart, Kurundugahahethepma, Elpitiya	Christmas programme at Church	30,000 . 00
5	St. Mary's Convent. Matara	Christams Programme at the convent	10,000 . 00
6	Chaplains of the Hospital in Colombo Diocese	Christams Programme at the Government hospitals	80,000 . 00
7	Diocesan religious guidance center, Chilaw	Christmas programmes of Daham Teachers-04	100,000 . 00
8	Diocesan religious guidance center Rathnapura	Christmas programme of Daham Teachers	75,000 . 00
9	Church of Ceylon, Kurunegala	Christmas programme organized by Media unit	50,000 . 00

10	Education office of Colombo Archdiocese	Christmas programmes for Catholic teachers at Zonal level-05	100,000 . 00
11	Divisional Secretariat, Wennappuwa	Christmas programme	25,000 . 00
12	Divisional Secretariat, Negambo	Competition on <i>Gawalena</i>	40,000 . 00
13	Diocesan religious guidance center, Badulla	Christmas Programme of daham teachers	50,000 . 00
14	Christian <i>Sasanarkshaka Balamandalaya</i> , Negambo	Christmas zone, Negambo	100,000 . 00
15	Diocesan religious guidance center, Kurunegala	Christmas Programme of daham teachers	15,000 . 00
16	Programme of Sri Lanka Catholic University Students' Movement Colombo Zone	University Christmas Carol programme of Colombo Zone	50,000 . 00
17	Diocesan religious guidance center, Batticaloa	Christmas Carol programmes of Daham teachers	50,000 . 00
18	Diocesan religious guidance center, Kandy	Christmas Programme of daham teachers	52,920 . 00
19	Dominican Children's home, Kandy Diocese	Christmas programme of Children	83,000 . 00
20	Bishop Sawundram media center, Jaffna	Media coverage for Christmas service	45,000 . 00
21	Church of South India, Christ church, Wanchawala, Galle	Christmas programme at the Church	50,000 . 00
22	Diocesan religious guidance center, Jaffna	Christmas Programme of daham teachers	60,000 . 00
23	Sri Lanka School of Agriculture, Kundasale	Christmas Programme	22,000 . 00
24	Church of Our Holy Mother of Rosary, Hewadiwela, Rathnapura Diocese	Christmas Programme at the Church	27,980 . 00
25	Community board, Housing complex, Rukmalgama	Christmas Programme at the Housing complex	15,000 . 00
25	Kudagama church, Rathnapura Diocese	Christmas Programme at the Church	30,000 . 00
			1,490,900.00



(Painting of Colombo Deanery Christmas festival)



Chapter Eleven

Implementation of Jathika Saviya, Gama Neguma
and spiritual and personality development programs
and *Mathata Thitha* programmes with the objective of
improving Christian community
through spiritual and personality development

Department of Christian Religious Affairs

Implementation of Jathika Saviya, Gama Neguma and spiritual and personality development programs and Mathata Thitha programmes

These programmes have been organized with a view to make spiritual and personality development by saving Christian youth all over the country from the drug menace and contributing practically to build virtuous country. These programmes were conducted by Rev. Fathers and pastors in charge of youth affairs in each diocese. The requests made by Rev. Fathers and pastors are considered based on the necessities of catholic dioceses and Christian churches.

Deanery	Institution which organized the programme	Donation Rs.
Rathnapura	Programme organized by the Young Catholic Association of the Diocese	30,000.00
	Programme organized by the Young Catholic Association of the Diocese	18,000.00
Chilaw	Programme organized by the Young Catholic Association of the Diocese	52,500.00
	Programme organized for the Youths of Bandirippuwa church	35,000.00
	Programme organized by the Young Catholic Association of the Diocese	19,500.00
Kurunegala	Programme organized by the Young Catholic Association of the Diocese	20,400.00
	Programme organized by the Young Catholic Association of the Diocese	20,400.00
Mannar	Programme organized by the Young Catholic Association of the Diocese	75,000.00
	Programme organized for the Youths of Sirukkondal church	9,000.00
Kandy	Programme organized for the Youths of Apostolic service of Laymen	50,000.00
Jaffna	Programme organized by the Young Catholic Association of the Diocese	70,000.00
Colombo	Programme organized by the Young Catholic Association of the Diocese	225,000.00
	Programme organized by the Young Catholic Association of the Diocese	87,500.00
	Programme organized by the Young Catholic Association of the Deanery	90,000.00
Total		802,300.00



(Annual youth Programme-2014)



(Sunday School Camp – Baptist Sangamaya)



(Youth Programme – University o Kalaniya)



(Walk of missionary – Diocese of Chilaw)

Chapter Twelve

Reconstruction of churches in
Northern Province under *Uthuru Wasanthaya* programme
which have been damaged by war and Reconstruction of
churches in Eastern Province under
Dawn of the East which have been damaged
by war and Tsunami.

Department of Christian Religious Affairs

Uthuru Wasanthaya Programme

Under the programme launched by the government for reconstruction of churches and other religious places destroyed by the war in Northern Province, arrangements have been made in 2014 in the following manner to reconstruct the churches.

Serial No	Name of the Church	Allocation (Rs.)
01	St. Joseph's Church, Puthukuduyirippu, Mullativu	500,000.00
02	St Mary's church, Iranaimaththanagar, Kilinochchi	500,000.00
Christian Churches		
03	Methodist Parish home, Point Pedro, Jaffna	1,000,000.00

Dawn of the East

Under the programme launched by the government for reconstruction of churches and other religious places destroyed by the war and tsunami in Eastern Province and under policy manifesto of the Government special attention has been made to the Church highly adored by devotees. With a view to make the policy manifesto a reality, following arrangements have been made.

Serial No	Name of the Church	Allocation (Rs.)
01	St. Anthony's church, Muttur Trincomalee	1,000,000.00
02	Sadasarana Devamatha church, Aviththivamalei, Batticaloa	1,500,000.00
Christian Churches		
03	St. John's church, Walachchenai, Batticaloa	500,000.00

Chapter Thirteen

Special Projects launched
by the Department of Christian Religious Affairs in 2014

Department of Christian Religious Affairs

Special Religious and National Ceremonies 2012

- Special services were organized all over the island to bless H. E. the president of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka at his Excellency's Swearing in ceremony. Main catholic service was conducted at All Saints' Church, Borella 18th November.
- An amount of Rs. 200,000.00 has been granted for the centenary commemoration ceremony of National Christian Council of Sri Lanka.

Christian arts and crafts

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- Rs. 100,000.00 has been granted to launch two issues of the magazine "KRISANSA" containing the research papers of the undergraduates of the University of Kelaniya.(Rs. 50,000.00 per each magazine)
- A financial contribution of Rs. 100,000.00 has been granted to produce musical drama by Colombo Archdiocese. for Mary's year ‘
- Rs. 100,000.00 has been granted to publish "Christian Art Book" the book on Christian art for the centenary celebration of National Christian Council of Sri Lanka.
- Rs. 100,000.00 has been granted for "Hapasanka" tournament organized by Media and cultural center of Chilaw diocese.
- Rs. 100,000.00 has been granted for the printing works of the book to be launch on the history of National Christian Council of Sri Lanka.

Deyata Kirula National Development Exhibition

During the period where *Deyata Kirula* National Development Exhibition was conducted at Kuliyaipitiya, (from 23rd February 2014 to 01st March 2014) action has been taken to present Christian religious values and progress of the department.

In the meantime a leaflet containing the vision, objectives and activities of the department has also been distributed.

Total expenditure of this task is Rs.540,555.00

Chapter Fourteen

Particulars of Expenditure related to
object code of Department of
Christian Religious Affairs in 2014

Department of Christian Religious Affairs

Annual Report on Expenditure 2014							
Head No : 203				Department: Christian Religious Affairs			
Programme No : 02				Project No : 01			
Sub Project	Subject No	Object Item	Description of the subject	Estimate 2014	Revised Estimate	Total Expenditure	Balance of the Allocation
			Recurrent Expenditure	88,200,000.00	121,576,000.00	123,629,411.61	3,135,588.39
			Personal Emoluments	15,000,000.00	16,450,000.00	15,200,751.52	1,249,248.48
	1001		Salaries and wages	10,000,000.00	9,706,000.00	8,638,835.63	1,067,164.37
	1002		Overtime allowance and holiday pay	500,000.00	500,000.00	318,001.11	181,998.89
	1003		Other allowance	4,500,000.00	6,244,000.00	6,243,914.78	85.22
			Traveling expenses	600,000.00	460,000.00	252,905.16	207,094.84
	1101		Local	450,000.00	450,000.00	252,905.16	197,094.84
	1102		Overseas	150,000.00	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
			Supplies	1,270,000.00	1,413,750.00	1,357,661.61	56,088.39
	1201		Stationeries and office requirements	400,000.00	471,000.00	465,671.81	5,328.19
	1202		Fuel	500,000.00	600,000.00	564,617.00	35,383.00
	1203		Meals and uniforms	20,000.00	20,000.00	8,000.00	12,000.00
	1205		Other	350,000.00	322,750.00	319,372.80	3,377.20
			Maintenance Expenditure	760,000.00	760,000.00	653,305.82	106,694.18
	1301		Vehicles	500,000.00	500,000.00	445,011.14	54,988.86
	1302		Machinery and equipment	200,000.00	200,000.00	167,219.68	32,780.32
	1303		Buildings and constructions	60,000.00	60,000.00	41,075.00	18,925.00

		Services	2,695,000.00	2,695,000.00	2,389,963.58	305,036.42
	1401	Transport	120,000.00	120,000.00	35,210.00	84,790.00
	1402	Posts and communication	325,000.00	325,000.00	255,280.15	69,719.85
	1403	Electricity and water	250,000.00	250,000.00	224,473.43	25,526.57
	1404	Lease rent and taxes of Local Government institutions	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	1,875,000.00	125,000.00
		Other allowances	1,875,000.00	3,959,000.00	3,932,093.84	26,906.16
	1405	Other allowances	1,875,000.00	3,959,000.00	3,932,093.84	26,906.16
		Transfers	400,000.00	300,000.00	287,821.22	12,178.78
	1506	Interest on property loans for public servants	400,000.00	300,000.00	287,821.22	12,178.78
		Other	7,600,000.00	7,600,000.00	12,700,059.60	88,940.40
	1508	Other	7,600,000.00	7,600,000.00	12,700,059.60	88,940.40
1		Allowance for library books to Daham School teachers	29,000,000.00	59,108,000.00	59,108,000.00	-
	1405	Other	29,000,000.00	59,108,000.00	59,108,000.00	-
2		Project for promotion of Christian religious literature	3,000,000.00	1,210,400.00	278,120.00	932,280.00
	1405	Other	3,000,000.00	1,210,400.00	278,120.00	932,280.00
3		Providing uniforms for Daham school teachers	15,500,000.00	15,940,600.00	15,939,926.60	673.40
	1405	Other	15,500,000.00	15,940,600.00	15,939,926.60	673.40
4		Conducting feasts at churches declared under	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	4,856,000.00	144,000.00

			pilgrims ordinance				
	1508		වෙනත්	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	4,856,000.00	144,000.00
5			Religious education and Daham school activities	3,000,000.00	2,811,000.00	2,810,956.76	43.24
	1508		Other	3,000,000.00	2,811,000.00	2,810,956.76	43.24
9			Conducting competition on Bible knowledge	2,500,000.00	3,868,250.00	3,861,845.90	6,404.10
	1508		Other	2,500,000.00	3,868,250.00	3,861,845.90	6,404.10
			Capital expenditure	21,840,000.00	21,840,000.00	21,289,685.22	550,314.78
			Rehabilitation and improvement of capital assets	410,000.00	410,000.00	227,662.08	182,337.92
	2002		Machinery and equipment	60,000.00	60,000.00	-	60,000.00
	2003		Vehicles	350,000.00	350,000.00	227,662.08	122,337.92
			Acquiring capital assets	680,000.00	616,000.00	288,984.00	327,016.00
	2102		Furniture and office equipment	400,000.00	400,000.00	288,984.00	111,016.00
	2103		Machinery and equipment	80,000.00	80,000.00	-	80,000.00
	2104		Buildings and constructions	200,000.00	136,000.00	-	136,000.00
			Transfer of capital	5,300,000.00	4,901,000.00	4,900,000.00	1,000.00
	2202		Assistance in development	5,300,000.00	4,901,000.00	4,900,000.00	1,000.00
			Capacity building	250,000.00	314,000.00	314,000.00	-
	2401		Enhancement of knowledge and institutional development	250,000.00	314,000.00	314,000.00	-
10			Other capital expenses	7,800,000.00	8,199,000.00	8,159,039.14	39,960.86

	2502		Other capital expenses	7,800,000.00	8,199,000.00	8,159,039.14	39,960.86
11			Improvement of facilities for pilgrimages visiting Thalawila, Wahakotte and Madu churches	7,400,000.00	7,400,000.00	7,400,000.00	-
	2502		Investments	7,400,000.00	7,400,000.00	7,400,000.00	-
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Total- recurrent				88,200,000.00	121,576,000.00	123,629,411.61	3,135,588.39
Total-capital				21,840,000.00	21,840,000.00	21,289,685.22	550,314.78
Grand total				110,040,000.00	143,416,000.00	144,919,096.83	3,685,903.17