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Land Use Policy Planning Department (LUPPD)

01. Introduction

“Land Use Policy Planning Division” was established in 1983, as a unit under the Ministry of Land and Land Development in order to introduce the scientific land use planning to the country. The Division was upgraded to Department in 2010 by considering the significance of the land use planning subject at present and considering the expanded role of the Division.

The Land Use Policy Planning Department (LUPPD) has a central administration with a Head Office situated at Narahenpita and 25 district offices network. The District Land Use Planning Officers were recruited in 1988 for 25 Districts as officer in charge of the District Offices. Sixty two Assistant Land Use Planning Officers were recruited in 1994 and 1999. Subsequently, 269 Land Use Planning Assistants were recruited to the Divisional level in 2005. One hundred and seventy six (176) Development Officers under the Graduate Scheme were recruited Island wide in 2013 and 2014 to expand the field activities further. Since 31st March 2015, 14 District Land Use Planning Officers were appointed as Assistant Director (District Land Use) on merit basis. Assistant Director (Agricultural Economics) post at the Head Office were filled from 11th May 2015 by a limited competitive examination. The previous designations named as “Assistant Land Use Planning Officer” and “Land Use Planning Assistant” were changed to one designation as “Land Use Planning Officer”.

1.1. VISION

“Optimum and Sustainable Utilization of Land Resources in Sri Lanka”

1.2. MISSION

Formulation of policies , preparation of plans and facilitating their implementation by an efficient and committed staff to achieve the optimum utilization of land resources while maintaining sustainability and environmental balance for the satisfaction of our stakeholders and the land users.

1.3. MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE LUPPD

1. Establish a legal background for implementing the National Land Use Policy adopted for Sri Lanka.
2. Prepare a National Land Use Plan for Sri Lanka
3. Provide technical guidelines so as to utilize the limited land resources for the betterment of the human beings while maintaining environment equilibrium.
4. Issue recommendations and directives to establish the conservation and future existence of Land resource in development plans based on the land resource.
5. Launch programmes so as to expand the knowledge, training and education on scientific land use planning.

1.4. Role of the LUPPD

1.5. Land Use planning activities are undertaken by the Department at two levels:

(A) Macro-Level

At this level Land Use Plans are prepared for Province, District and Divisional Secretary's Divisions. Priority has been given to Prepare Divisional Land Use plans in all districts and District Land Use plans in Northern and Eastern provinces under the program to implement the recommendations of the report prepared by Lesson Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC).

(B) Micro-level

At this level the major activities are:

- (1) Demonstrate how to undertake Village Level Land Use Planning.
- (2) Preparation of programs for rehabilitating degraded areas.
- (3) Demonstrating the efficient use of vacant lands in government office premises and schools.
- (4) Conducting land suitability studies for unused lands on the request of state institutions.

The above land use planning activities are supported by

- (1) Maintaining a Land Use Information system
- (2) Updating District Level Land Use Maps.
- (3) Organizing awareness programs on Land Use Planning for the benefits of Land Users, Government officers concerned and School children.
- (4) Organizing District and Divisional Level Land Use Planning Committees to address land use problems at District and Divisional levels.

3. Human Resource Management

3.1. Carder Position

Serial No.	Approved Carder	No. Of Posts	No. Of Officers Last Year	Changes within the Year 2014					Present Number
				Retire ment	Transfers		New Recruitments	Promotion	
					Out	Joined			
01	Director General	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
02	Director (Admin.)	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
03	Deputy Director(Admin)	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
04	Deputy Director (LUP)	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
05	Accountant	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
06	Internal Auditor	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
07	Assistant Director(HRD)	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
08	Assistant Director (Dept.)	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
09	Assistant Director (Sociology)	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
10	Assistant Director (Agronomy)	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
11	Assistant Director (Agric. Economics)	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
12	Assistant Director (LUP)	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
13	System Analyst / Programmer	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
14	Assistant Director (D.L.U.)	25	15	01	-	-	-	01	13
15	Land Use Planning Officer	294	294	-	-	-	-	-	294
16	Management Assistants (Supra Grade)	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
17	Development Officers	200	172	-	01	22	-	-	193
18	Budget Assistant	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Public Management Assistant	50	24	-	05	09	-	-	28
20	ICT Assistant	02	02	-	-	-	-	-	02
21	Drivers	29	13	-	01	03	14	-	29
22	K.K.S.	37	29	-	01	-	08	-	36
23	Draftsmen	25	19	-	-	-	-	-	19
24	Management Assistant (Non-Technical)	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	11
	Total	677	577	01	08	34	33	01	635

3.2. Transfers

Serial No.	Name and Designation	Transfers Out Going		Transfers in coming		
		Date	Transfer To	Name of the Successor	Date	Transfer From
01	Mrs. D.C.N. Priyanthi (ICT Assistant)	2015.02.02	Department of Registration of Motor vehicles	Mr. W.C.J. Fonseka (ICT Assistant)	2015.03.12	Dept. of Registration of Motor Vehicles
02.	Mrs.W.G.Punyalatha (ICT Assistant)	2015.02.02	Dept. of Registration of Motor Vehicles	Mrs. P.V.A.Premalatha (ICT Assistant)	2015.02.05	Dept. of Registration of Motor Vehicles
03.	Mr. M.A.A. Prasadsingha (Management Assistant)	2015.02.05	Deputy Land Commissioner's Office	Mrs. L.T. Thiranagama (Management Assistant)	2015.02.10	Deputy Land Commissioner's Office
04.	Mr. D.M. Nandawathe (Management Assistant)	2015.02.02	Kachcheri, Monaragala	Mrs. K.M.H.G. Bandara (Management Assistant)	2015.02.02	Kachcheri, Monaragala
05.	Mr.I.A.K.D. Rathnayaka (Management Assistant)	2015.02.23	Dept. of Animal Production and Health	-	-	-
06.	-	-	-	Mr. U.K.K.H. Vijaya Bandara (Driver)	2015.02.16	Senior Minister's Secretariat
07.	-	-	-	Mr. A.A.R.M. Amarasinha (Driver)	2015.02.09	Senior Minister's Secretariat
08.	-	-	-	Mr. S.W. Wickramasinha (Driver)	2015.04.16	Ministry of Public Administration
09.	Mr. S.S. Kingsly (Management Assistant)	2015.06.01	Dept. of Registration of Persons	-	-	-
10.	Mr. A.P.Y.A. Rajapaksha (Driver)	2015.07.02	Ministry of Finance	-	-	-
11.	Mr. A.S.M.D.R. Jayaweera (K.K.S)	2015.10.01	Ministry of Sports	-	-	-
12.	Mrs. L.T. Thiranagama (Management Assistant)	2015.10.20	D.S. Office, Aranayaka	-	-	-
13.	D.H.B.I.N. Silva (Designation?)	2015.02.09	Dept. of Agrarian Service Development.	-	-	-
14.				Mr.P.G.T.S.Kumara (D.O)	2015.02.19	Ministry of Economic Development

15.				Mr.E.M.U.G.R.K. Ekanayaka (D.O)	2015.02.25	Ministry of Housing &Samurdi
16.				Mrs. A. Logavadini	2015.03.04	Ministry of Housing & Samurdi
17.				Mr.P.G.S.S.K.Ranjith (D.O)	2015.03.08	Ministry of Housing &Samurdi
18.				Miss.K.M.N. Priyanthi (D.O)	2015.03.12	Ministry of Housing &Samurdi
19.				Mr H.A.T. Sampath (D.O)	2015.03.19	Ministry of Housing &Samurdi
20.				Miss. R.M.R. Rathnayaka (D.O)	2015.03.23	Ministry of Housing &Samurdi
21.				Miss. H.P.C.D. Srimali (D.O)	2015.03.24	Ministry of Housing &Samurdi
22.				Mr . P.M.S.R. Weerasinha (D.O)	2015.04.01	Ministry of Housing &Samurdi
23.				Mr R.M.W. Rathnayaka (D.O)	2015.04.01	Ministry of Housing &Samurdi
24.				Mr .A.T. Sampath (D.O.)	2015.04.22	Ministry of Housing &Samurdi
25.				Mrs. A.G.Padmalatha (D.O.)	2015.05.07	Ministry of Housing &Samurdi
26.				Mr .S. Arulchelvam (D.O.)	2015.06.01	Dept.ofDivinaguma Development
27.				Mrs. A.J. JefinaUmma (D.O.)	2015.06.01	Dept.ofDivinaguma Development
28.				Mrs. S. Krishnasindu (D.O.)	2015.06.01	Ministry of Housing &Samurdi
29.				Mr A. Vijiharan (D.O.)	2015.06.02	Dept.ofDivinaguma Development
30.				Mr T. Pradeepan (D.O.)	2015.06.02	Dept.ofDivinaguma Development
31.				Mrs. R.M.C.K. Rathnayaka (D.O.)	2015.06.02	Ministry of Housing &Samurdi
32.				Mr .A.M.A.B. Aththanayaka (D.O.)	2015.06.10	Ministry of Housing &Samurdi
33.				Mrs .W.D.I.P. Dissanayaka (D.O.)	2015.06.17	Ministry of Home Affairs
34.				Mrs. G.H.S.A. Ranasinha (D.O.)	2015.07.02	Dept. of Registration of Persons
35.				Mr .V. Sriitharan (D.O)	2015.07.02	Dept.ofDivinaguma Development
36.				Mr .G.W. Prasanna (D.O.)	2015.07.02	Ministry of Housing &Samurdi

3.3. Administration

Serial No.	Description	Last Year (2014)			Current Year (2015)		
		Number Received	Number Approved	Balance	Number Received	Number Approved	Balance
01	Recruitments	176	200	24	09	-	-
02	Examinations Held	-	-	-	03	-	-
03	Interviews Held	-	-	-	04	-	-
04	Confirmation in posts	-	-	-	03	-	-
05	Promotions	04	04	-	01	-	-
06	Payment of Increment	All	All	-	All	All	-
07	Extension of Service	-	-	-	-	-	-
08	Preparation of Schemes of recruitment	-	-	-	-	-	-
09	Vacation of Post	-	-	01	01	-	-
10	Interdiction	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Re - Instatement	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Disciplinary Inquires	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Leave Abroad	-	-	-	13	-	-
14	Foreign Scholarships	-	-	-	07	-	-
15	Cabinet Memorandum	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Signing Bonds	-	-	-	-	nil	-
17	Release of Bonds	-	-	-	-	nil	-
18	Loan Approved	193	193	-	151	151	-
19	Property Loan approved	100	100	-	09	09	-
20	Vehicle Loan	-	-	-	-	-	-
21.	Other Loans (Distress)	93	93	-	142	142	-
22.	Released from post	-	-	-	05	-	-

3.4.Human Resource Development

Foreign Training - 2015

Serial No.	Course/Training/Program	Name of the Officer	Designation	Country	Period
01.	Capacity building of the Surveying and Mapping Institutes	Mrs.R.M.R.D. Karunarathna	Land Use Planning Officer	Korea	18 th April – 10 th May
02.	Development of Land Policies and Plans	Mr.W.M.Wanasinha	Assistant Director (Sociology)	Korea	25 th June- 15 th July
03.	Higher Certificate of English and Promotion of IT	Mr. W.A. ManukaSampath	Land Use Planning Officer	India	8 th July- 10 th Sept.
04.	Japan Scholarship for Human Resource Development	Mr. B.G.S. Karunarathna	Land Use Planning Officer	Japan	16 th Aug 2015 - 15 Aug. 2017
05.	Higher Certificate of English and Promotion of IT	Mr. K.D. Nilantha	Land Use Planning Officer	India	6 th Oct. – 3 rd Dec.
06.	Land Use Planning for Developing countries	Mr. I.L.MohomadZaheer	Land Use Planning Officer	China	14 th Oct – 3 rd Nov.
07.	Exchange the experience of Land Administration in Australia	Mrs. P.M. Shanthi Fernando	Director General	Australia	19 th Oct – 13 th Nov.

Local Training

Serial No.	Course	Number of Officers	Designations	Institute	Period
01	Preparation of Maps by using GIS	05	Land Use Planning Officer	District Land Use Planning Office, Hambanthota	03 days
02	Field Training	36	Land Use Planning Officer Development Officer	District Land Use Planning Office, Kegalle	02 days

03	Training of KKS	02	KKS	Skill Development Fund Ltd	02 days
04	Office Management	61	Assistant Director, Management Assistant, Land Use Planning Officer, Development Officer, ICT Assistant	LUPPD Head Office	01Day
05	Field Training	37	Land Use Planning Officer Development Officers	Land Use Planning Office, Ampara	03 Days
06	Training on GIS	13	Land Use Planning Officer Development Officers	Land Use Planning Office, Polonnaruwa	02 Days
07	Short Course on GIS	06	Land Use Planning Officer Development Officers	University of Peradeniya	06 Days
08	Updating of land use maps	25	Land Use Planning Officer Development Officers	Land Use Planning Office, Badulla	02 days
09	Training on GIS	21	Land Use Planning Officer Development Officers	Land Use Planning Office, Monaragala	02 days
10	Basic land laws	57	Land Use Planning Officers Development Officers	Organized by Land Use Planning Office, Matale	01 day
11	Training on preparation of salaries	50	Assistant Director, Management Assistant, Land Use Planning Officer, Development Officer, ICT Assistant	LUPPD Head Office	01 day
12	Short Course on IT	18	Land Use Planning Officers Development Officers	University of Peradeniya	06 days
13	Training for Drivers	35	Drivers	LUPPD Head Office	01 day
14	Short term training on GIS	05	Land Use Planning Officers Development Officers	University of Peradeniya	06 Days
15	Training on National Land Use Survey	25	Land Use Planning Officers Development Officers	Land Use Planning Office, Ampara	02 days
16	Diploma course on GIS and Remote sensing	05	Land Use Planning Officers Development Officers	University of Sri Jayawardanapura	06 months
17	Post Graduate course	01	Development Officer	University of Kelaniya	02 years
18	Certificate course on Productivity	04	Management Assistants Development Officers	Productivity Secretariat	04 months
19	Green Productivity	04	Deputy Director Management Assistants Land Use Planning Officers	Productivity Secretariat	01 day

20	Green Productivity	03	Deputy Director Management Assistants Land Use Planning Officers	Productivity Secretariat	01 day
21	Course on Lean Management	04	Management Assistants Land Use Planning Officers	Productivity Secretariat	01 day
22	Post Graduate	04	Land Use Planning Officers	University of Peradeniya and Kelaniya	01 year
23	e-learning for state sector	02	Land Use Planning Officers	Productivity Secretariat	04 days

04. Financial Management - 2015

4.1. Budget Estimate

	Previous Year (2014)			% of Expenses	Current Year (2015)			% of Expenses/ Savings
	Allocation	Expenditure	Balance		Allocation	Expenditure	Balance	
1 Project 1					2 Project1			
Salaries & Wages	223,763,329	217,467,608	6,295,722	97.19	282,392,938	281,652,192	740,746	99.74
Other Recurrent	36,556,671	35,358,410	1,198,261	96.72	40,574,062	39,013,938	1,560,124	96.15
Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001	9,000,000	7,955,110	1,044,890	88.39	20,000,000	18,611,099	1,388,901	93.06
2002	1,800,000	1,114,426	685,574	61.91	1,800,000	528,103	1,271,897	29.34
2003	4,850,000	4,841,454	8,546	99.82	4,200,000	2,718,049	1,481,951	64.72
2101	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Project 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaries & Wages	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other recurrent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2002	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2101	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	275,970,000	266,737,008	9,232,992	96.65	348,967,000	342,523,381	6,443,619	98.15

Government officers advance "B" Account

Limits	Previous Year (2014)		Current Year (2015)	
	Estimate	Actual	Estimate	Actual
Maximum limits of Expenditure	15,000,000	14,723,409	20,920,000	20,905,917
Minimum limits of credit balance	7,000,000	9,938,848	10,920,000	15,029,000
Maximum Limits of Debit balance	50,000,000	47,974,425	65,000,000	55,149,226

4.2. Physical Resource Management

Movable Assets

Serial No.	Type Of Assets	As at the beginning of the Year	Changes within the year 2015				As at end of the year
			Acquisitions	Purchasing	Auction	Destroy	
1	Heavy Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Cabs	18	-	02	-	-	20
3	Car	01	-	-	-	-	01
4	Van	01	02	-	-	-	03
5	Jeep	12	-	-	-	-	12
6	Motorbike	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Foot Cycle	01	-	-	-	-	01
8	Duplicator	01	-	-	-	-	01
9	Photocopier	32	-	01	02	-	31
10	Computer	156	-	21	-	04	173
11	Computer Printers	46	-	06	04	-	48
12	Laptop Computer	60	-	02	-	-	62
13	Fax Machine	30	-	07	04	01	32
14	Type Writer (Manual)	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Type Writer (Electronic)	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Safe	01	-	-	-	-	01
17	Digital Camera	26	-	-	01	-	25
18	Video Camera	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Television	03	-	-	01	-	02
20	Radio	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Refrigerators	01	-	-	-	-	01
22	Computer Printers (Colour)	22	-	02	-	-	24
23	Scanner	27	-	-	-	-	27
24	Multimedia	30	-	01	01	-	30
25	G.P.S.	94	02	20	03	-	113
26	Internet Facilities(ADSL)	02	-	01	-	-	03
27	Slide Projector	-	-	-	-	-	-

05. Development Activities

5.1 Preparation of Divisional Land Use Plans

Priority has been given to prepare Divisional level land use plans in every district. The objective of this activity is to guide the sustainable utilization of land resource in the country. However it is noted that most of the lands in the Divisional Secretariat Division have already been utilized. Hence, this plan helps to improve the existing land use and conserve the areas that have to be protected.

Two hundred and two (202) Divisional Land Use Plans had been completed in 2015. Funds were allocated for 53 projects to implement the recommendations given in the Divisional Land Use Plans.

Awareness program for the implementation of Divisional land use plans in 2015

Matara District



5.2. District Land Use Planning Committees (DLUPC)

The collection of various data and information to prepare policies and plans to regulate the land use in Sri Lanka needs a collective approach and representation of the relevant Departments / Institutions.

1. National Level – National Land Use Planning operating Committee.
2. District Level – District Land Use Planning Committee.
3. Divisional Level – Divisional Land Use Planning Committee.
4. Village Level – Village Land Use Planning Committee

District Land Use Planning Committee is functioned in every District. The committee is chaired by District Secretary/GA. Assistant Director (District Land Use) is the secretary of the committee. The coordination of the committee is done by the District Land Use Planning Office. The committee usually gathers minimum of once in three months. However, GA can call upon additional committee meetings when it is necessary.

When the committee has to take a decision on a critical issue GA can appoint a subcommittee consisted of relevant committee members and assistance could be obtained to the subcommittee from experts of relevant discipline in order to undertake detailed study.

Role of the DLUPC:-

1. Identify and report the availability of unused lands that can be used for development activities in the District.
2. Determine the priorities of the proposed development activities of the field of land use planning.
3. Identification of areas for future developments in urban and rural sectors.
4. Identification of lands and make recommendations to release them for various development activities in the District.

In addition to the above major roles the secondary roles of DLUPC are given below

1. Convey the information about district level major land use issues to the National level Land Use Planning Committee.
2. Give guidance to prepare land use plans at divisional and village levels.
3. Establish a land use information system at the district level for land use planning
4. Monitoring the implementation of land use plans.
5. Coordinate land use activities of the relevant institutions.
6. Discuss and approve the recommendations of the divisional land use plans.

District Land Use Planning Committees in 2015

Mannar District



Killinochchi District



Composition of the DLUPC:

1. District Secretary/GA (Chairperson)
2. Divisional Secretaries
3. Assistant Director (D. L.U.) (Secretary)
4. Provincial Land Commissioner/ Assistant Commissioner
5. Deputy Director (Agriculture Extension)
6. District Forest Officer
7. Survey Superintendent
8. Assistant Commissioner - Agrarian Services
9. Irrigation Deputy Director
10. Assistant Commissioner Local Government
11. Assistant Director – Export Agriculture
12. Manager, Tea Small Holding Development Authority
13. Deputy Director, Rubber Development Department
14. Regional Manager, Coconut Development Board
15. Assistant Director, Central Environment Authority

GA can nominate additional members from other Departments/Institutions when it is necessary.

The target in year 2015 was 90 committees and 80 committees were held. For each committee meeting Rs.3000/- was allocated.

5.3. Divisional Level Land Use Planning Committee

Divisional level land use planning committees have been functioned with directions of District level land use planning committee of the respective district. Land use planning activities in the division are undertaken with the coordination of the divisional level committee. Divisional Secretary of the division chair the committee and Land Use Planning Officer at the DS Office carry out the secretarial and coordination work of the committee.

Role of the Divisional Level Land Use Planning Committee.

- 1) Assist the preparation of divisional level land use plans and implementation process.
- 2) Identification of priority areas of land utilization.
- 3) Identification of land use issues, provide recommendations and forward to the district committee if necessary.
- 4) Prepare an Action Plan based on the land use planning recommendations for short term and long Term basis. This plan should be included to the Divisional level annual plan.
- 5) Make recommendations to the National and district level committees when it is necessary
- 6) Make recommendations for land alienation
- 7) Make recommendations for land acquisition
- 8) Provide guidelines and directions to village level land use planning committees.
- 9) Identification of lands in the division for future development activities.
- 10) Provide recommendations for allocation o lands for various uses based on the land suitability.
- 11) Establish land data base at divisional level and link with district data base.

Composition of the Divisional Level Land Use Planning Committee

1. Divisional Secretary (Chairperson)
2. Land Use Planning Officer (Secretary)
3. Land Officer/ Colonization officer
4. Agriculture Instructor
5. Divisional officer - Agrarian Service
6. Range Forest Officer
7. Assistant Superintendent of Survey
8. Extension officer (Tea/Coconut/Rubber/Perennial crops)

9. Livestock Development Instructor
10. Environment Officer
11. Representative of the Farmer Organizations
12. Representatives from plantation sector
13. Representatives of relevant NGOs

The target in year 2015 was 300 committees and 335 committees were held. For each committee Rs. 1500/- was allocated for the Refreshments. In some divisions this committee was held along with Divisional Agricultural committee. Therefore, total allocation had not been fully utilized.

Divisional Land Use Planning Committees in 2015

Gampaha District



D.S. Division -Kalaniya

Polonnaruwa District



D.S. Division -Valikanda

5.4 National Land Use Survey

Unavailability of updated land use information in Sri Lanka is one of the basic problems in preparing land use plans. In addition, lack of updated land use information is a major issue faced by Departments, Institutions, Government Agents and Divisional Secretaries for their decision making. It is expected to address this issue and improve the land use planning activities by providing updated information through this programme. Therefore, LUPPD has started the updating of land use maps of the entire country as a special activity by using common guidelines.

At the end of the year 2015, 787 map sheets of 1:10,000 scales were updated island wide.

5.5 Identification of Water Sources and Water Spouts

There is a strong link between water conservation and conservation of land resource in land resource management. It is significant to protect and conservation of water resource and prevention of water pollution in the management of natural resources of the country. A national policy on the conservation of water sources and water spouts was prepared with the directions of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee on Lands and it was approved by the Cabinet of Ministers. The Policy was published in the Government Extraordinary Gazette number 1894/3 dated 22nd December 2014.

The locations of the water sources in 18 districts were identified and detailed reports were prepared and forwarded to District Secretaries to verify the information at the field through DLUPC. Necessary steps have been taken to conserve the water sources that are needed to be conserved. These information also provided to CEA to declare these areas as Environmentally Protected Areas under the provision of National Environmental Act. In order to implement the policy a workshop was held on 24th November 2015 with the participation of the Institutions involved for the preparation of the Policy. Some of the institutions have prepared the Action Plans and submitted at the end of the year 2015.

By implementing this policy the boundaries of the reservations of the water sources and spouts will be identified and mapped and necessary steps will be taken to declare the protected areas.

5.6 Identification of suitable lands for housing.

It was identified that the need of a programme to provide houses for the homeless families by the hundred day programme of the government. In order to achieve this objective, it is important to identify the availability of suitable lands. The most suitable lands for housing based on their physical factors and availability of infrastructure should be used for housing rather than for other purposes. Therefore, suitable lands were identified excluding sloping lands and lands with unfavorable environmental factors. Twenty four district reports were prepared and handed over to the Ministry of Lands and Ministry of Samurdhi at the end of year 2015.

5.7 Implementation of Village level land use planning demonstrations

Depend on the number of Land use issues present in the GN divisions a village/villages had been selected to implement the village level land use plan demonstrations. In addition to the above criterion used in selecting a village, active participation of the land users in the village in planning process also considered. The procedure starts with the collection of relevant data and preparation of the project proposal for a village. The proposal is prepared by Land Use Planning Assistant in the division and forwarded to the Head Office through the District Office. After getting the approval the project will be implemented under the supervision of Assistant Director (D.L.U.). The target in year 2015 was 25 villages and the target was exceeded by successfully completing 30 demonstrations. For each program Rs. 200,000.00 was allocated in 2015.

Village level land use planning demonstrations implemented in 2015

Hambanthota District



D.S. Division- Beliaththa



D.S. Division - Kelaniya

5.8 Parcel level Land Use Demonstrations

This program is more popular among the other programs since it gives the direct impact to the community including school children and public servants. The objective of this program is to make aware and provide skills and knowledge to the community how to utilize the small plot of land in efficient and productive manner. Usually limited land areas available in schools, district secretariats and divisional secretariats had been selected for the program. A trend during these days towards the agricultural activities has encouraged the people to participate this program. In addition it provides toxic free vegetables. In the year 2015 target was 25 and it was exceeded by establishing 45 demonstrations. For each program Rs. 50,000 was allocated.

Parcel Level Land Use Demonstrations in 2015 – Gampaha District



D.S. Division- Aththanagalla

Colombo District



DS Division – Moratuwa

5.9 Rehabilitation Programmes for Degraded Lands

Any land can be degraded if it has not been managed properly. Agricultural lands are also degraded due to poor management. Therefore, under this program strategies will be introduced to develop the degraded agricultural lands. The target in year 2015 was 25 and 24 programmes were successfully completed. For each program Rs. 75,000.00 was allocated in 2015.

Implementation of Programs to Rehabilitate the Degraded Lands in 2015

Gampaha District



D.S. Division- Dompe

5.10 Conducting School and community awareness Programmers

The objective of the program is to create awareness among the school children on the use of land resource in sustainable manner for future generations. Since land use planning has been included to the Advance Level Geography stream this program is more appropriate and useful to the school children. Target of the year 2015 was 220 programs with the achievement of 266programs. Allocation for each program was Rs. 3000.00.

Awareness program for school children and for Land Users - 2015

Gampaha District



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D.S.Division – Katuwana

5.11 Special Projects

Special studies were conducted to address the particular land use planning issues identified at any level i.e. District, Divisional, Village. Innovative proposals have to be prepared to carry out the special study. The proposals for the special studies were approved by the Head Office. Twenty five proposals were approved in 2015 and 08 studies were carried out. Total allocation for these eight studies was Rs. 274952/=

5.12 Maintaining Land Information System

Under this program Land Use Data Base has been established and it is being maintained. The data is being updated at Divisional Level and updated information send to Head Office once in three months for updating of the data base at the Head Office.

Objectives of maintaining Land Use Information System;

1. Establish an updated and accurate data base regarding the unused state lands.
2. Provide necessary information to utilize unused state lands in proper manner.
3. Recommending appropriate uses by classifying and providing crop recommendations to unused lands.
4. Develop a methodology to obtain the information about unused state lands for development activities

5.13 Other Projects

(I). Preparation of land use plans based on the **LLRC** recommendations.

Based on the recommendations given in the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC) preparation of district land use plans for the districts of North & east had been started by appointing a National and District level expert groups. The planning process has been carried out in 2013, 2014 and in 2015.

According to the recommendation given in the paragraph 9.152 of LLRC Report, District land use plans for 08 districts are being prepared by having an objective to guide the district administration in land conservation and alienation to ensure the protection of environment and bio-diversity, sustainable economic development, leisure and recreational standards religious, cultural and archeological sites with a view to improving the quality of life of the present and future generation.

Field work of the planning process is completed in all districts in 2015. The land use issues identified in the field and discussed with the divisional stakeholders to give recommendations. These divisional level discussions and discussions with district expert groups were completed. The district land use plans for 08 districts will be completed in the first quarter of the year 2016.

Trincomalee District**D.S.Division – Morawewa****Mullativu District****D.S.Division – Marithei Patthu****District Expert Committee Meeting – District Jaffna****(II) Mapping of areas under plantation crops**

Mapping of areas under plantation crops has been carried out in Kaluthara, Galle, Rathnapura, Nuwaraeliya, Kegalle and Kandy Districts. At the end of 2015, 90% of the updating of the land use maps of the estates of the above districts was completed.

(III) Mapping of land use and environmental issues in the Kelani river basin.

Under this programme the industries which are releasing their effluents to the Keleni River were identified and mapped and the report was completed.

(IV) Other special projects carried out in 2015

- Assist to prepare ten year plan (2015-2024) to combat the land degradation.
- Funds were allocated to 18 districts to implement the National Tree Planting Program named “Vanaropa” according to the concept of His Excellency the President.

5.14 Training Workshop on Annual Action Plan

Training workshop on Annual action Plan for 2015 were held with the participation of all the officers (Assistant Directors, Land Use Planning Officers, Development Officers, Draftsmen) at the Corporative Training Institute, Polgolla, Kandy. The Action Plan was broadly discussed at this workshop and several presentations on the subject also organized. The successful projects carried out in 2014 and officers were appreciated at the workshop.



5.15 Progress of the Programmes conducted at the District Level

The summary of the progress of the year 2015 is given in the Table and graph below.

Summary of the progress of the implementation of the District programs-2015

Program	Target	Progress
District Level Land Use Planning Committees	90	80
Divisional Land Use Planning Committees	300	335
Village Level Land Use Plans	25	30
Parcel Level Land Use Demonstrations	25	45
Rehabilitation of Degraded Lands	25	24
School Awareness programmes	200	226
Special Projects	25	08

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