



**2015**

**PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**Ministry of Buddhasasana**

# **Vision**

To become the dominant facilitator for the creation of  
a virtuous society with Buddhist ethical values

# **Mission**

Providing a helping hand for the creation of a just society with virtuous living patterns, by  
formulating and implementing policies and programmes, centering Buddhist places of worship  
and based on the teachings of Buddhism

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## **Approach**

### ***“A virtuous society with moral values”***

By the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Buddhism in this country has been given the foremost place and whilst providing necessary provision to protect and foster Buddhasasana, protection of the rights of all religions has also been emphasized. In accordance with this concept in Page 25 of the manifesto for a Maithree governance and a stable country, it has been stated “The freedom of People of all religions to follow their religious beliefs should be assured”.

In order to achieve this objective, it has become the responsibility of the Ministry of Buddhasasana to implement suitable projects and to launch programmes which would be helpful for the development of social values in a manner which would cover the entire Sri Lankan society. Accordingly, among the Ministries in Sri Lanka, the Ministry of Buddhasasana spontaneously becomes a unique government institution.

The necessity for the building up of a country with citizens who are spiritually developed, is felt very strongly in the present era and that is why His Excellency the President is ceaselessly emphasizing the fact that what has to be done for the creation of a just society should be done without delay. The Ministry of Buddhasasana is engaged in a continuous mission to provide religious leadership to the people in order to propagate concepts which would promote unity and reconciliation among the ethnic groups.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Buddhasasana, in collaboration with the Department of Buddhist Affairs which is under it, is performing an immense service to achieve these objectives.

## **The background and the objective for the establishment of the Ministry**

“The Republic of Sri Lanka shall give to Buddhism the foremost place”.

Hence, according to Sections 10 and 14 (e) of the Constitution, whilst protecting the rights of all other religions it is the responsibility of the government to protect and foster Buddhism,

**(The Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka)**

# **1. Ministry of Buddhasasana**

## **1.1. The role of the Ministry**

- Formulation of policies, programmes and projects to develop religious values among the people in order to build up a virtuous society.
- Implementation and directing of the above policies, programs and Projects, within the time period and budgetary resources agreed upon with the National Planning Authority, in order to fulfill the relevant objectives.
- Providing the public services coming under the scope of activities of The Ministry, efficiently and in a people friendly manner.
- Protecting the rights of all religions vested by Sections 10 and 14 (e) of the Constitution and the implementation of appropriate programmes and projects for the protection and fostering of the Buddhasasana as provided by Section 9 of the Constitution.
- Assisting in the propagation of Buddhism internationally.
- Servicing the needs of the Supreme Advisory Council
- Administration of the Buddhasasana Fund
- Coordinating activities pertaining to the following :
  - a. Poojabhoomy development
  - b. International Buddhist Centre, Kelaniya

## **1.2. Strategies**

The following strategies were followed in order to achieve the above activities rapidly.

- Conducting face to face discussions with the clergy and the people and obtaining recommendations to minimize occupational and practical problems.
- Modernizing the institutions and usage of internal control strategies.
- Approaching towards public coordination and public private coordination according to the necessities.
- Obtaining data to create information which are necessary in management and creating an information technology process based on necessary
- Usage of new management strategies
- Introducing methodologies to create favorable and contended public relations

- Creating visual evidence for the conservation of local knowledge and Sri Lankan heritage and utilizing audio, visual and print media for the conservation of the present

### **1.3. Main performance indicators of the Ministry of Buddhasasana**

- Re-structuring the Dhamma education network with a high profile which would develop positive concepts whilst providing a new dimension to strengthen then the link between the Buddhist places of worship and the people.
- Empowering all Buddhist places of worship with information technology and making them centers providing multi services.
- Making Buddhist places of worship net work attractive places which would attract local and foreign tourists.
- Re-structuring Buddhist places of worship to Buddhist centres with
- Systematic physical development for the modern generation whilst conserving the traditions.
- Propagating Buddhism and Buddhist philosophy
- Creating a virtuous country with a just society.

### **Main Divisions of the Ministry and their Functions**

The Ministry of Buddhasasana comprises of 08 main divisions for the implementation of functions in order to reach the vision of being the dominant facilitator for the creation of a virtuous society with Buddhist ethics.

They are,

- 1) Administration division
- 2) Development division
- 3) Accounts division
- 4) Poojabhoomy Development division
- 5) Visa division
- 6) Buddhasasana Fund
- 7) Ministry Secretariat
- 8) Deputy Ministers Secretariat

## **Administration Division**

Management and monitoring of all human resources and physical resources of the Ministry to achieve the vision and the mission of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, are being carried out by the Administration Division. This division which is operative under the Additional Secretary (Administration and Finance), performs the following functions.

1. All administrative functions of the Ministry.
2. Maintaining the personal files of all employees, including the Staff officers.
3. Administration of vehicles belonging to the Ministry.
4. All maintenance and administrative activities of the Ministry building.
5. Fulfilling the administrative functions and other needs of Ministry staff and Deputy Minister's staff.
6. Activities pertaining to the festivals which are being Conducted the Ministry.
7. Coordination and supervision of administrative activities of the Ministry Of Buddhasasana.
8. Settlement of all official telephone bills of the Ministry.
9. Settlement of assessment and electricity bills of the Ministry building.
10. Functions relating to the cleanliness and security of the Ministry.
- 11 Submitting of Cabinet Memorandums and taking action with regard to all Acts
- 12 Training and development of the staff.

## **Development Division**

The main objective of the Development division is to plan, monitor, implement and follow up action for creating a virtuous society with moral values by investing in programmes in accordance with government policies and financial provision provided for the revival of Buddhism by the Government budget. In order to reach these objectives, the following functions are being performed.

1. Planning, implementing and monitoring, various development Projects which are being undertaken by the Ministry.
2. Preparation of annual Action Plans.

3. Progress review activities relevant to the Departments affiliated to the To the Ministry.
4. Preparing Cabinet Papers pertaining to the subject of planning and Development of the Ministry and activities relevant to the implementation of their decisions.
5. Directing and monitoring the coordination of official duties relevant to all local/foreign construction projects implemented by the Ministry.
6. Printing of books and preparing annual diaries.
7. Coordinating and monitoring activities relevant to the subject of Development in the Ministry and in Departments and Institutions affiliated To the Ministry
8. Coordination of activities pertaining to special projects which are being implemented under the initiative of the Ministry and outside Institutions.
9. Maintaining the Information Unit of the Ministry, with necessary up-dating.
10. Operating the web site of the Ministry with necessary up-dating.
11. Coordinating and implementing various programmes carried out by the Ministry for religious co-existence.
12. Coordinating the media activities of the Ministry.

### **Poojabhoomy Development Division**

Poojabhomy development based on religious and social services carried by respective places of worship, identified as places of worship with archeological evidence and historical importance at regional levels, declared under the Town and Country Planning Act No. 15 of 1946, is being carried out by this Division.

Accordingly, the main function is providing financial assistance for the development of places of worship, taking into consideration their religious importance, archeological and environmental importance, historical importance, cultural importance and economic and social factors.

## **Visa Division**

1. Issue of letters recommending visa for the clergy and laymen who are coming from foreign countries for religious activities. (Arrival visa and recommendations for providing residential visa extensions).
2. Issue of letters recommending visa for Bhikkus residing here and abroad
3. Registration of organizations, which are organizing pilgrimages to India.
4. Issuing recommendations for visa for pilgrimages to India.
5. Investigating complaints received regarding pilgrimages to India.

## **Buddhasasana Fund**

Buddhasasana Fund has been established under the provisions of Buddhasasana Act No.35 of 1990 with the objective of collecting and formulating funds to protect and foster Buddhasasana. Funds received from whatever sources, whether local or foreign, are being invested to consolidate the protection of the Buddhasasana, in a manner considered as most appropriate. The administration and management of the Fund, has been vested to the Administrative Board.

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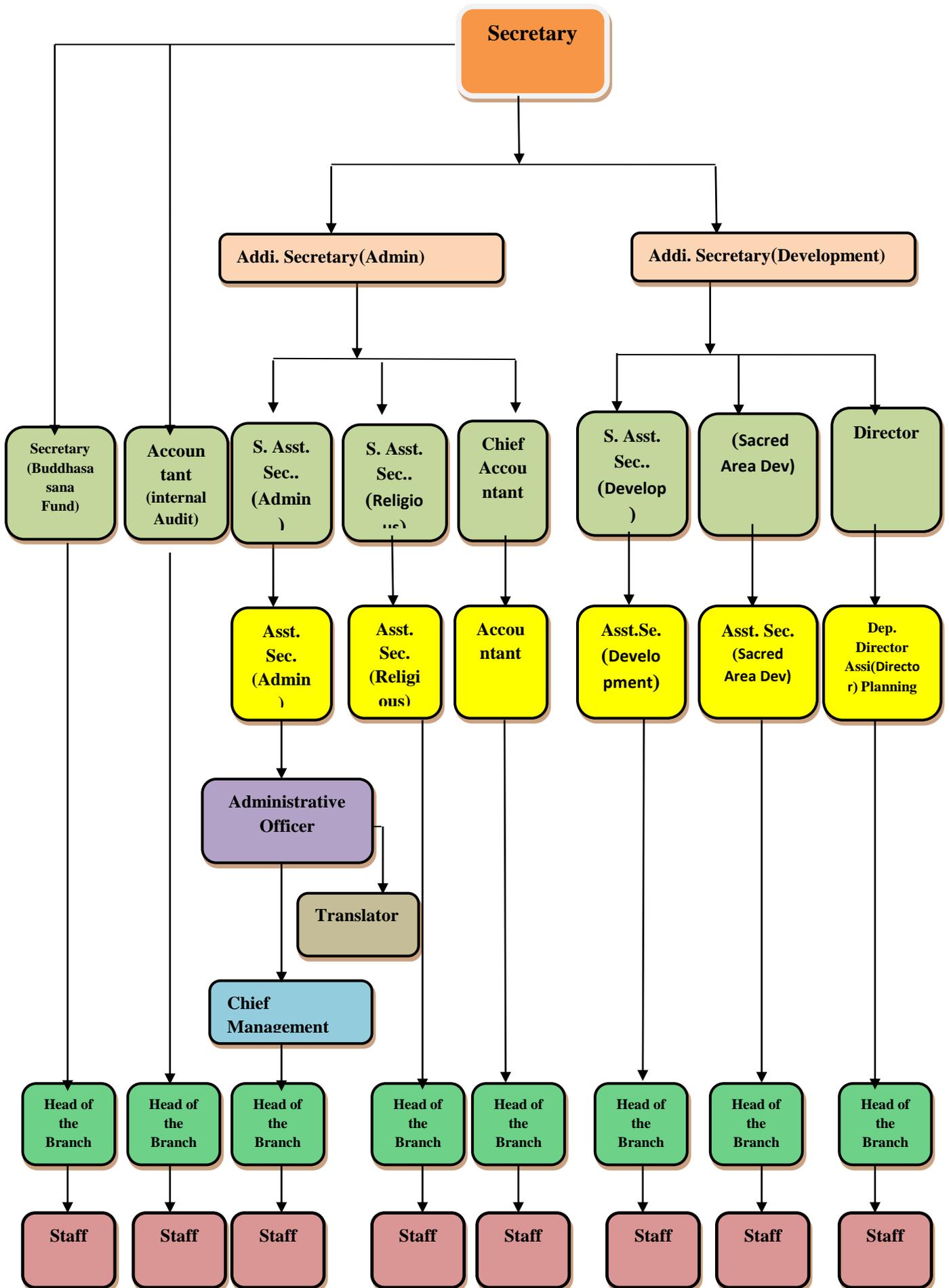
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Mr. B.A. Premasinghe Senior Assistant Secretary (Development)	011-2307693	-2307405	406
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Mr. R.M.D.D. Rajapaksa (Chief Accountant)	011-2307673		301
Mrs. G.N. Munweera (Chief Internal Auditor)	011-2307699		212
Accountant	011-2307398		303
Mrs. R.A.N. Priyadarshini Asst. Director (Planning)	011-5886666		403
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Mr. D.S. Sunil Samarasinghe Administrative Officer (Acting)	011-2307402		305
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Buddhasasana Fund	011-2679969		
Government Audit Division	011-2307401		205
Rajarata Circuit Bungalow	025-2226556		
Information Technology Division	011-3071801		506
National Drug Prevention Unit	011-5769730		



Organizational Chart of the Ministry

**Ministry of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs –**

**Details regarding the Staff and vacancies as at 31.12.2015**

Serial No.	Designation	Relevant Service	Grade	No. approved	No. at present	No. of vacancies
01	Secretary	S.L.A.S.	Special	01	01	-
02	Addl. Secretary (Admin. & Finance)	S.L.A.S.	Special	01	01	-
03	Addl. Secretary (Development)	S.L.A.S.	Special	01	01	-
04	Senior Assistant Secretary	S.L.A.S.	1	04	02	02
05	Director (Development)	S.L.A.S.	1	01	-	01
06	Chief Accountant	S.L.A.S.	1	01	01	-
07	Asst. Secretary	S.L.A.S.	111	04	02	02
08	Dy. Director/ Asst. Director	S.L.P.S.	11/111	01	01	-
<u>09</u>	Accountant	S.L.A.S.	11/11,11/1	01	01(Acg.)	01
<u>10</u>	Accountant (Chief Internal Auditor)	S.L.A.S.	1	01	01	-
<u>11</u>	Administrative Officer	P.M.A.S.	Supra Gr.	01	01(Actg.)	01
<u>12</u>	Translator	Translator Service	111	01	01	-
<u>13</u>	Secretary's Coordinating Secretary	Temporary		01	01	-
<u>14</u>	Budget Assistant	Allied Services		01	-	01
<u>15.</u>	Information	Allied		03	03	-

	Technology Assistant	Service				
<u>16</u>	Development Assistant	Allied Services		12	10	02
<u>17</u>	Planning Assistant	Allied Services		01	-	01
<u>18</u>	Development Officer	Combined Services		90	38	52
<u>19</u>	Technical Assistant	S.L.T.S.		01	-	01
<u>20</u>	Public Management Assistant	P.M.A.S.	1,11,111	31	23	08
<u>21</u>	Reception Officer	Departmental		-	01	-
<u>22</u>	Camera Operator	Temporary		01	-	01
<u>23</u>	Vedio Camera Operator	Temporary		01	-	01
24	Driver	Driver service		17	16	01
25	Camera Operator Asst.	Temporary		01	-	01
26	K.K.S.	K.K.S.		16	15	01
		Kurundankulam	Rest			
27	In-charge of the Rest	P.M.A.S.	1	01	01	—-
28	Cook	Departmental		01	01	
29	Labourer	Departmental		01	01	—-
30	Sanitary Labourer	Departmental		01	01	—-

## 1.4. 2015 Annual Provision.

The total amount of provision allocated to the Ministry of Buddhasasana by the budget of the year 2015 was Rs.832.28 million. Out of it, Rs.179.51 million were for recurrent expenditure and capital provision was 496.23 million. Out of recurrent expenditure allocated to the Ministry, Rs.640.48 million has been spent as at 31.12.2015 and from the capital provision, Rs.420.57 million has been spent.

## 2. Programmes implemented in the year 2015

### a. 2.1 Printing and distribution of the Buddhist Diary

These diaries are being printed and distributed to be used by Bhikkus in temples. Information regarding the three Nikayas now operative in Sri Lanka and information regarding other Nikayas affiliated to them as well as information regarding the Executive Committee of the All Island Sasarakshaka Mandalaya etc., are included in this diary.

Along with the temple diaries, call up diaries, specially prepared for Bhikkus, have been printed. Instead of these two diaries, arrangements have been made to create from the year 2016, a Temple Performance index which would be helpful for the Bhikkus in temples to carry forward their enormous mission for the Buddhasasana.

Serial No.	Diary Category	No. of diaries	Expenditure (Rs.M.)
01	Temple Diary	26500	56,00000
02	Call – up Diary	13500	
	Total		

### 2.2. Improving Temple of low facilities area

The objective of this programme is to build-up a spiritually developed virtuous society in order to enjoy the results of the physical development programmes carried out parallel to the Deyata Kirula National Development programme, based on the concept of improving the places of worship and creating a religious awakening. This programme was implemented in districts identified under the Deyata Kirula programme and monitoring activities were entrusted to the District Secretaries.

In providing assistance under the Deyata Kirula programme, a provision of Rs.50.0 million was allocated in the year 2015 and as at 31.12.2015 Rs.50.0 million has been spent for the development of temples.

Serial No.	District	No. of Temples	Amount granted (Rs.M.)
01	Galle	38	5,150,000.00
02	Matara	22	3,200,000.00
03	Hambantota	40	8,200,000.00
04	Ratnapura	9	1,450,000.00
05	Polonnaruwa	63	8,750,000.00
06	Kurunegala	15	3,450,000.00
07	Gampaha	13	3,050,000.00
08	Anuradhapura	7	3,250,000.00
09	Kalutara	7	1,700,000.00
10	Nuwaraeliya	2	450,000.00
11	Amparai	2	350,000.00
12	Kandy	7	1,400,000.00
13	Monaragala	10	1,810,220.00
14	Kegalle	6	1,250,000.00
15	Badulla	4	800,000.00
16	Puttalam	1	100,000.00
17	Trincomalee	1	250,000.00
18	Matale	3	2,300,000.00
19	Colombo	3	3,250,000.00
	Total	265	50,160,220.00

(Chart in P.21 –S)

### **2.3 Programme for the Development of 2600 Dhamma Schools to mark the. 2600 Sambuddha Jayanthiya.**

Under the theme “Freedom of people of all religions to follow their beliefs will be assured” stated in the Maithree governance manifesto, renovation of Dhamma Schools which are being maintained with minimum facilities is being carried out to mark the Two Thousand Six Hundred Sasmbuddhatva Jayanthiya. Accordingly, a provision of Rs.90.0 million was allocated for the year 2015 and as t 31.12.2016, 853 projects were implemented in 17 districts for development activities incurring an expenditure of Rs.90.0 million.

#### **Development of Dhamma Schools with less facilities to mark the 2600 Sambuddha Jayanthiya - Progress at District levels.**

Serial No.	District	No. of Dhamma Schools	Financial assistance Provided (Rs.)
01	Colombo	29	3,700,000
02	Kalutara	44	5,700,000
03	Kandy	25	2,700,000
04	Gampaha	310	29,200,000
05	Ratnapura	1	150,000
06	Galle	3	450,000
07	Polonnaruwa	92	11,950,000
08	Anuradhapura	17	1,950,000
09	Kurunegala	141	13,150,000
10	Puttalam	41	2,050,000
11	Kegalle	18	1,900,000
12	Bataloa	2	300,000
13	Amparai	4	400,000
14	Badulla	53	7,250,000
15	Monaragala	3	350,000
16	Nuwaraeliya	66	7,000,000
17	Matale	4	500,000
	Total	853	88,700,000

## Physical financial progress as at 31.12.2015

Vote	101-01-06-2502-7
Commencement of the programme	2012
Cabinet decision	27.04.2011
Objectives	Development of 2600 Dhamma Schools to mark the 2600 Sambuddhatva Jayanthiya
Period	From the year 2012 to 2015

## Receipts of financial provisions and summary of expenses – From 2012 to 2015

Year	Provision received (Rs. M.)	Expenditure (Rs. M.)
2012	100.00	94.66
2013	70.00	70.05
2014	90.00	86.35
2015	90.00	90.00
Total	350.00	341.06

## 2.4. Renovation of the Dutugemunu Rest established at the city of Lumbini in Nepal



The necessity for a construction of a Sri Lankan Buddhist Rest arose in developing the city of Lumbini in Nepal in the year 1989, the Lumbini Development Trust of Nepal allocated a land to the government of Sri Lanka.

A Rest was constructed in this land by the then government of Sri Lanka, it was named as Dutugemunu Rest and opened to the public in the year 1992.

The management activities of this Rest was carried out by the Sindoor Company of Nepal from the year 1992 to 2002 and in the year 2002 it was taken over by the government of Sri Lanka. The Rest was not opened for the public due to various reasons and by the year 2012, it was over-run with weeds due to neglect. With passage of time, the renovation of the neglected Rest, commenced in the year 2012.

As at November 2014, a provision of Rs.158.00 million was allocated for the renovation activities of the Rest and a financial progress of Rs. million 18.7 was recorded as at. From August 2015, this Rest is being maintained under the management and supervision of the Ministry of Bddhsasana and it is planned to carry out its maintenance and also administrative activities from its income.



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## 2.5. Construction of the Vidyalankara International Buddhist Conference Hall



This building is being constructed within the premises of Vidyalankara Pirivena in Peliyagoda as an ultra-modern conference hall, comprising auditoriums, conference hall, canteens, exhibition halls and entry halls, in order to fulfill the need for providing a conference hall of international standard, to enable the local and foreign monks and laymen to exchange views on Buddhist philosophy.

Construction activities of stage v of this building commenced in the year 2014 and as at 31.12.2015, a sum of Rs. 25 million had been spent for the construction activities of the hall.

Vote	101-01-06-2502010
Commencement of the programme	2005
Cabinet decision	06.10.2005 – 15.06.2006 06-09.2007 - 07.08.2008 23.07.2012 - 18.01.2013
Objectives	Holding conferences etc. which are necessary as a tribute to those who pioneered Buddhist education and also for Buddhist revival.
Total cost of the project	Rs. 1350.00 million

## Receipt of provision and summary of expenditure from 2005 to 2015

Year	Provision received (Rs.M.)	Expenditure (Rs.M.)
2005-2012	507.30	431.70
2013	90.00	50.00
2014	90.00	69.00
2015	95.00	95.00
Total	782.30	645.70

### Programmes implemented :

1. Stage – For advances - Rs. 133.6 million (Building)
2. Stage - For advances - Rs. 54.9 million (Basement & Slab)
3. Stage - Completion up to roof level – Rs. 133.9 million
4. Stage - Conference hall building - Rs.110.00 million
5. Stage - Rs.95.00 million received in the year 2015, has been paid as pre-advances

## 2.6. New Delhi Sri Lanka Rest

### Commencement

During the time of the former Prime Minister of India, Sri Jawaharlal Nehru (1958), a land adjoining main Railway station was allocated for the welfare of the Sri Lankan pilgrims on the basis of one rupee per annum. Construction of Sri Lankan Rest in this land, commenced in the year 1960.

### Administration

Due to alterations made by Mr.Mangala Munasinhe, who was the Sri Lankan High Commissioner in India with the participation of the officers of the Sri Lankan High Commission, an immense increase was shown in the income of the Rest. Accordingly, it was decided to improve the facilities of the Rest by constructing new buildings. Accordingly, the project was approved by the then President of Sri Lanka and the construction of the Rest commenced.

Although the management of the Rest constructed earlier, was entrusted to the Mahabodhi society, they carried out changes in the management regularly After the construction of the new building in the year 2001, the responsibility for maintaining this Rest was vested with the

Ministry of Buddhasaana and Religious Affairs. Although action was taken to entrust the management of this Rest to the Hotel Corporation and as it was a failure, the responsibility for the maintenance of the Rest was entrusted to Sri Lankan High Commissioner in New Delhi.

### **Supervision**

Being carried out by the Sri Lankan High Commission in New Delhi (under the direct supervision of the Second Secretary). Accounts activities are carried out by the Manager of the Rest and auditing activities are done by the Sri Lankan High Commission.

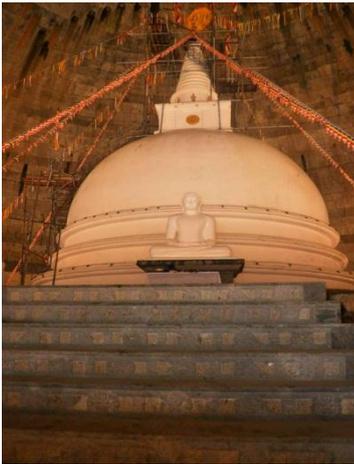
### **2.7. Rajarata Charika Nivasaya (Circuit Bungalow) – Kurundankulama, Anuradhapura**

With the objective of providing lodging facilities at concessionary rates for public servants who visit Anuradhapura on various official duties and to worship the historic Anuradhapura Sacred area, a two storied rest hall with nine rooms and a lecture hall has been constructed in Kurundankulama area on the Anuradhapura- ahiyangana road. The income earned by it in the year 2015, was Rs.449,718.78

Income and expenditure of the Rajaarata Circuit Bungalow as at 31.12.2015 :

Serial No.	Month	Income (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)
01	January	21,670.00	27,115.67
02	February	43,960.00	28,622.17
03	March	17,380.00	21,556.64
04	April	41,180.00	19,190.14
05	May	11,110.00	42,396.10
06	June	37,730.00	33,238.89
07	July	31,030.00	31,690.95
08	August	92,300.00	35,332.37
09	September	174,500.00	46,775.89
10	October	78,100.00	53,338.78
11	November	90,700.00	22,991.73
12	December	117,900.00	35,037.71
	Total	757,560.00	397,287.96

## 2.8. Mahaveli Mahaseya – Kothmale



The project for the construction of Mahaveli Maha Seya, by using modern technology, was commenced on 20.03.1983 according to a concept of the former Minister of Mahaveli Development, the late Hon. Gamini Disanayake, to construct a Stupa , lower in height only by two feet of Ruwanveli Maha Seya, in lieu of the 21 Buddhist temples which had to be removed for the implementation of the Mahaveli development programme.

In order to complete the construction activities of the Mahaveli Mahaseya, which is in the last stage, by the Mahaveli Cultural Foundation Trust, Rs.28.0 million has been spent under the Ministry of Buddhasasana in the year 2015.

Vote	101-01-06-2502-06
Commencement of the programme	20.03.1983
Cabinet decision	28.03.2012
Objectives	This Stupa has been constructed in lieu of 21 Buddhist temples which had to be removed in implementing the Mahaveli Development programme.
Period	2013 – 2015
Annual project cost	Rs. 145.00 million

## Receipts of provision and a summary of expenditure – 2013 to 2015

Year	Provision received (Rs.M.)	Expenditure (Rs. M.)
2013	15.00	15.00
2014	28.00	23.00
2015	28.00	28.00
Total	71.00	66.00

### 2.9. Poojabhomy Development

In accordance with the notification made by His Excellency Maithipala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, published in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 1933/3 dated 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the subject planning and development of places of worship has been assigned to the Ministry of Buddhasasana and such lands have been specifically declared as places of worship by government gazette for perpetual protection. In this regard, the criteria mentioned below is taken into consideration.

- Places of Worship of national importance (Anuradhapura, Tissamaharamaya, Mahiyanganaya, Kelaniya, Dambulla etc. can be cited as examples)
- Places of worship of regional importance (Athkanda Viharaya, Saman Dewalaya (Ratnapura), Bellanwila etc. can be cited as examples)
- Places of worship with archeological evidence and historical values (Maligawila, Delgamuwa Raja Maha Viharaya, Ridee Viharya, Nedigmwila, Deegavapiya etc. can be cited as examples)
- Based on the special religious and social services carried out at regional level by the respective places of worship, identified by the Minister in charge of the subject, (Ranwala Pahana Devalaya (Puwakpitiya), Siri Wajiraramaya (Bambalapitiya), Sri Abhayaramaya (Narhenpita), Pokunuwita Raja Maha Viharaya (Horana) etc., can be cited as examples.
- Places of worship with archeological evidence and historical values (Maligawila, Delgamuwa Raja Maha Viharaya, Ridee Viharya, Nedigmwila, Deegavapiya etc. can be cited as examples)

Accordingly, financial assistance is being provided for the development of places of worship, taking into consideration the religious importance, historical importance, archeological importance, cultural importance, architectural importance, environmental importance and economic and social importance

Provision allocated in this regard for the year 2015 was Rs.138.0 million and the total amount has been spent as at 31.12.2015.

Provision/cheques released in the year 2015.

Serial No.	Institution which Provided funds	Name of the place of worship- Development scheme	Value of provision	Value of cheque	Progress
1	District Secretariat	Development of the Siri Vijitha temple, Handaalwiya South, Gelioya	513,000.00		100%
2	District Secretariat	Development of the historic Sri Narendrarama Temple, Sooriyagoda	276,295.20		100%
3	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Renovation of the Dutugemunu Rest in Nepal	19,775,952.00.		100%
4	Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs	Renovation of the Mahanayake circuit bungalow	5,447,988.75		
5	District Secretariat	For the construction of proposed boutiques of the Wewrukannala Pojabhoomy Development project	2,856,166.99		100%
6	District Secretariat	Construction of library building with Amparai Sngaramaya, Sri Sambodhy temple, Kelegama, Dehiatta-Kandiya	2,000,000.00		100%
7	District Secretariat	Renovation of Sangawasaya of Sri Shythalarameya,	400,000.00		100%

		Nakkulagamuwa			
8	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Cremation activities of the Asgiri Mahanayaka Thero	2,247,369.00		
9	District Secretariat	Construction of the Sangawassa building of Sri Subodhirajaramaya, Bomubuwala, Kalutara	1,500,000.00		100%
10	District Secretariat	Development of the historic Dimbulagala Aranya Senasanaya	1,000,000.00	(30)	100%
11	District Secretariat	Constructing of 10 Lavatories at Situlpawwa Rjamaha Viharaya and Tissamharama temple for the 2015 State Wesak festival	3,001,659.00		100%
12	District Secretariat	Construction of the Bavana centre and two stories building at Vidyawijaya Aramaya, Pagoda, Nugegoda	5,000,000.00		100%
13	District Secretariat	Development activities carried out at Buddhngala Araanya Sensdanaya in respect of the Poson festival	500,000.00		100%
14	District Secretariat	Development activities of the Sri Sunandarama Piriven Viharaya, Galmuruwa	400,000.00		100%
15	District Secretariat	Development activities of Vidyawasa Pirivena, Vinioluwa	400,000.00		100%
16	District Secretariat	Developmen activities of the Purana Pothgul Viharaya, Walbothale	400,000.00		100%
17	District Secretariat	Construction of stairs of Kithsirimevan Rajamaha Viharaya,	2,000,000.00		

		Pokunuwita			
18	Sounhikari (Pvt.) Ltd.	Documentary programe carried out to mark the birth century of Most Ven. Divuldena Ghnanissara Thero		1,184,000.00	
19	Sri Lanka Navy Commander	For the development activities carried out to mark the completion of seven hundred years of Asgiri Maha Viharaya		35,068,626.37	75%
20	District Secretariat	Development activities carried out at Thanthirimale Vihara premises to mark the Poson festival		500,000.00	100%
21	District Secretariat	Renovation activities of the Rajarata circuit bungalow		8,190,2378.34	
22	Ministry of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, child, Youth and Cultural Affairs	Construction of the Dhathu Mandiriya of Getabaruwa Rajamaha Viharaya	10,000,000.00		
23	District Secretariat	Construction of the three storied Sangawasa building of Yatawta Asgiri temple, Kandy	1,500,000.00		100%
25	District Secretariat	Construction of the lavatory complex of the Chetiya giri Rajamaha Viharaya, waranthulawa	578,000.00		100%
26	District Secretariat	Completion of the balance work of the Dhathu Mandiriya and the building with the library at the Kaluwella International Buddhist Centre, which is under	1,500,000.00		100%

		construction			
27	District Secretariat	Construction of the lavatory complex of Paramadhamma temple, Moraketiya	500,000.00		100%
28	District Secretariat	For construction activities of the building with Dhatu Mandiraya, Dhamm Shalawa at Veluwanarama temple, Welahalla	1,000,000.00		100%
29	District Secretariat	Renovation of the roof of the Dharma Mandiraya of Mahamegharama temple, Maharagama		2,000,000.00	100%
30	Navy Commander	For the development activities of Naga Virara temple, Jffna		5,119,394.11	6% - It has been informed that works will be completed by August 2016
31	District Secretariat	Construction of the kitchen at Agrabodhi Rajamaha Viharaya, Weligama			
32	District Secretariat	Providing infrastructure facilities for the Esala festival at the historic Sittamgallena temple			
33	District Secretariat	Construction activities of the Dhamma school building Sri Sudharshanarama temple, Boosa	1,000,000.00		100%
34	District Secretariat	Payment of un-piad bills relevant to the construction of the canteen at the Thanthirimale Vihara premises	342,938.00		100%

35	District Secretariat	Renovation of the access road to Attanagalla Rajamaviharaya	3,200,000.00 <sup>^^</sup>		100%
36	District Secretariat	Renovation of Rest hall at Mangala Rajamaha Viharaya, Seruwawela, Trincomalee	1,000,000.00		100%
37	District Secretariat	Construction of Dhatu Mandiraya, Sri Sumanarama temple, Ratnapura	952,887.41		
38	District Secretariat	Construction of the lavatory complex at Gallen Rajamaha Viharaya, Pahiyangala	300,000.00		100%
39	District Secretariat	Construction of the Dhamma Shalawa of Ranwala Pahana Devalaya	1,000,000.00		100%
40	Asiri Construction Company	Construction of the Sangawasa of Rathnalankara Purana Viharaya, Gamakanda		7,882,390.00	100%
41	The Kandy Furnishers	Supplying furniture to Asgiri Maha Viharaya		190,550.00	100%
42	Divisional Secretary, Sri Jayawardenapura, Kotte	Development of the Vidya Vijaya Aramaya, Pgoda		500,000.00	100%
43	Divisional Secretary, Bulathsinhala	Converting the single phase electricity supply to Gallen Rajamaha Viharaya, Pahiyangala to Three phase electricity		331,500.00	100%
44	Divisional Secretary, Tissamaharmaya	Payment of arrears for the construction of the lavatory complex at Situlpawwa		116,224.00	100%

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45	Asiri Constructin Company	Construction of the Jayanthy temple, Anuradhapura		3,541,513.83	100%
46	Timber Coooorpration	Purchasing furniture for the Head quarters building of Sri Lanka Ramanya Nikaya		4,729,832.10	100%
47	District Secretary, Hambantota	Development activities of Girihandu Rajamaha Viharaya	2,000,000.00		100%

**Poojabhomy Development Project (01)**  
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Year	Provision Received (Rs.M.)	Expenditure (Rs.M.)	Savings (Rs.M.)
2015	138	111.64	6.57

### 03. Spiritual Development Programmes

#### 3.1 Punyagrama Programme

##### Objective

The objective of this programme is creating proper awareness among the clergy and the laity with regard to their roles for creating of a just society, by centering the temples located through out the island And by joining the temple and village and thereby providing necessary guidance to the younger generation, which is an important segment of the society to get involved For economic as well as social and spiritual development.

##### Implementation Methodology

Under this project, assistance is also being provided for the development activities of temples participating the Punyagrama programme. Providing books for Dhamma School children, evaluating the skills of Dhamma School students and providing prizes, certificates and souvenirs for them are being carried out. Selection of temples is being done on the recommendations of the Divisional Secretary. In the year 2015, 04 Punyagrama programmes were conducted.

## **Nature of financial assistance**

In providing assistance, each temple is provided a financial assistance of Rs .150,000.00

## **Nature of expenses**

The amount allocated for the year 2015 for recurrent expenses of the Punayagrama programme was Rs. 27.5 million. This total amount has been spent as at 31.12.2015. Similarly, Rs.19.55 million was allocated for capital expenditure and the total amount has been spent as at 31.12.2015.

Providing assistance for temples under the Punayagrama programme in the year 2015.

Serial No.	District	No. of Programmes	No. of temples covered
01	Ratnapura	18	54
02	Galle	20	60
03	Matara	44	-132
04	Hambantota	37	111
	Total	119	357

## **Punyagrama Programme**

Vote	101-01-02-1405-2
Commencement of the programme	2004
Cabinet decision	A project which is being implemented centering village and the temple in order to create a just society with moral values
Period	An annual programme

## **Receipts of financial provision and summary of expenditure 2004 to 2015**

Year	Provision received (Rs.M.)	Expenditure (Rs.M.)
2004 to 2013	75.50	67.90
2014	38.00	38.00

2015	27.00	24.89
Total	140.50	129.98

Provision (Rs.M.)	Expenditure as at 31.12.2015 (Rs.M.)	Savings (Rs.M..)	Progress (%)	Physical progress
27.00	24.89	2.11	92.2%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Gampaha District Initial awareness programme was held on 17.12.2015.</li> <li>* Financial assistance of Rs. 3.6 has been provided for development activities Of 24 temples in the Kegalle district</li> <li>*Information forms regarding Punyagrama Regional Committees of the Kegalle District hve been received.</li> <li>*Financial assistance of Rs.5.4 million has been granted for the development activities of 36 temples in the Gampaha district.</li> <li>*Creating awareness among all Buddhist Coordinating officers with regard to including information for Punyagrama programme.</li> </ul>

### 3.2. 'Mathata Thitha' Project

#### Objectives

The main objective of this project is to built up a developed country with happy people

#### **Implementing Methodology**

Reducing systematically the usage of drugs, including alcohol and tobacco and by

minimizing the damages caused by using them and improving the health and well being of all Sri Lankan by eliminating completely illegal drugs, increasing productivity, alienation of poverty and making the people correctly aware of the direct and indirect damages caused by the usage of drugs.

### **Nature of expenses**

Provision allocated for the year 2015 was Rs. 11.00 million and programmes were implemented accordingly.

Vote	101-01-06-2502-10
Commencement of the programme	Annually from the year 2007
Cabinet decision	2006
Objective	Creating a country with people who live happily while protecting moral values and improving their skills....
Period	Being implemented annually

### **Receipt of financial provision and summary of expenditure- 2007 to 2015**

Year	Provision received (Rs.M.)	Expenditure (Rs.M.)
2007 to 2012	106.00	43.00
2013	10.00	10.00
2014	11.00	11.00
2015	11.00	9.84
Total	138.88	73.84

### **3.3. Promotion for the promotion of other languages**

Within the present society, Buddhist monks' knowledge, understanding and practical usage of various languages are very important for long term survival and existence of Buddhism. This programme is being implemented to teach Tamil, English, Pali and Sanscrit and to expand the language knowledge of Bhikkus to propagate the knowledge in Buddhist doctrine among Buddhists and Hindus living in this country well as among the people of countries where Buddhism prevails.

#### **Objective**

Improving the language skills and providing systematic knowledge in languages for Bhikkus to enable them to be engaged in Dhamma propagation activities..

#### **Implementing Methodology**

This programme is being implemented, centering Anuradhapura Bhikku University, National Languages and Training Institute, Agalawatta and SANASA Education campus, Kegalle. This is a residential training programme.

#### **Nature of expenses**

A provision of Rs. 2 million was allocated for the year 2015 and programmes were implemented accordingly.

Vote	101-02-06-2502-13
Commencement of the programme	year 2007
Objectives	Providing a systematic language knowledge to Bhikkus to enable them to deliver Dhamma sermons in other languages.
	Formulating and implementing programmes in a manner which would promote mutual co-existence among ethnic groups.

### **Receipt of financial provision and summary of expenses – 2014 to 2015**

Year	Provision received (Rs.M.)	Expenditure(Rs.M.)
2014	4.00	0.16
2015	6.00	3.54
Total	10.00	3.70

### Programme for the promotion of other languages and religious co-existence

Provision (Rs.M.)	Expenditure as 31.12.2015 (Rs.M.)	Savings (Rs.M.)	Financial progress
6.00	3.54	2.46	59%

#### Physical Progress

Funds have been provided for Kegalle District Language Certificate course and Tamil Language Diploma Certificate course.

## O4. Buddhasaana Fund

### 04.1 Current Progress on approved projects

1. Providing financial assistance to Samanera Institutes	1,542,500.00
2. Samanera Kepakaru (Special) contributory scheme	2,572,900.00
3. Fixed deposits investments	21,000,000.00
4. Donations made for payments to outside institutions	16,396,076.97
5. Training programme for Bhikkus in elderly age	226,998.00
6. Examination expenses of Samanera Bhikkus	385,370.00
Total	42,123,844.97

## **Implementation Of the Samanera Student Aid (Kepakaru Dayaka) Programme (special)**

The approved target of this programme, which was initiated to mark the 2600 Sambuddha Jayanthiya is 1500 Samanera Bhikkus. At present 618 Bhikkus are being are being given financial assistance of Rs.500/- a month, under the Kepakaru scheme. Under the Sambuddha Jayanthi Kepakaru scheme and Kepakaru Students Aid scheme, which is operative from the year 2014, student aids are being provided to Bhikkus. Rs.2,572,900 has been provided as Samanera Bhikku Studetns aid, as at 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year 2015.

## **Registration of Samanera nsInstitutio**

The number of Smnera Institutions registered at present is 18. Collection of information for the registration of some more Samanera registrations institutes, is being carried out continuously. Samanera Institute final examination is conducted on the 25<sup>th</sup> December f every year at the Vidyalankara Pirivena, Peliyagoda. In the year 2015, Rs.1,542,500 has been paid as financial assistance to Samaanera Institutes.

## **Programme to create awareness on the practices and customs pertaining to the clergy to Bhikkus who have been ordained after reaching the age of maturity and to develop their knowlwdge on Dhamma**

This prgramme was conducted at Kettarama Purana Viharaya at Ududumbara Thalagune in the District of Kandy on 04<sup>th</sup>, 05<sup>th</sup> and 06<sup>th</sup> of December 2015.

Arrangements are being made to conduct its next programme, in the Puttalam district.

## **Getting the participation of employees of the government sector, semi-government sector and Provincials Councils for the Buddhasasana Fund**

At the 73<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Board of control held on 01.04.2015, approval was received for the above project which has been proposed with the intention of getting the participation of employees of the government servants for the Buddhasasana Fund. Necessary measures are being taken in this regard. The concurrence of the Ministry of Public Administration has been requested for this project.

## **Implementation of a medical aid scheme for Bhikkus**

Investing Rs. 15 million and paying Rs.5000/- per month from its interest to Buddhist monks who have become old and feeble or helpless due to ill health, was approved at the 74<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Control, Under this, Rs.40000/- has been paid as medical aid to two Bhikkus during the months of January, February and March 2015.

## **Printing of books on Buddha Dhamma**

The Buddhasasana Fund and the Buddhist Cultural Centre, Nedimala, have jointly

reached into three agreements to print Dhamma books within the year 2015.

### **Translating into Sinhala, printing and selling Pali Atta Katha**

Under this, 1000 copies each were printed from 38 books and 100 copies from each have been donated to the Buddhist Cultural Centre. Rs.100 has to be given for each book and this amount has been paid. The agreed cost estimate was Rs.14,044,000/- (Rs.14.4 million). This amount has been borne by the Ministry of Buddhaasana. The amount to be provided to the Buddhasasana Fund by the Buddhist Cultural Centre in respect of the books which have been sold is Rs.7,988,635.88 (Rs.7.88 million) and the value of the books which are to be sold at that Centre, is Rs. 3,127,962.74 (Rs.3.13 M.)

### **Translating Pali Tika to Sinhala**

Under this. action should have been taken to print 1000 copies of 11 books and 100 copies from each were to be given to the Buddhist Cultural Centre while the remaining 900 from each book were to be given to the Fund. The Fund has taken over 8139 books belonging to this project and further payments which have to be made to the Buddhist Cultural Centre have to be settled in accordance with agreement. in respect of this project. The estimated amount for translating these Tika books to Sinhala and printing them Rs.12,104,225.00 and the amount which has been paid is Rs.7,489,275.50 (Rs.7.5. M). The balance amount which has to be paid to the Buddhist Cultural Centre is Rs.4,614,949.50 (Rs.4.6 million).

### **Translating Pali Atta Katha to English**

Agreements have been signed to translate into English and print 12 Pali Atta Katha books. Buddhist Cultural Centre has been informed that printing activities of 06 books out of them have now been finalized and translating activities of the 06 remaining books have been finalized. Although the estimated amount for the 06 books which have been printed was Rs.3,234,100.00 (Rs. 3.23 million), it has been informed that over Rs.4 million had to be borne for it and that the cost for the remaining 6 books will also have to be increased. It has also been informed that the cost of translating Pali Atta Katha into English too will be increased. The estimated cost for translating Pali Atta Katha to English is Rs. 721,100.00 (Rs. 0.72 million). The amount which has been by the Fund up to now is Rs.1,080,165.00.

The Buddhist Cultural Centre has stated further that in order to provide stores facilities for keeping the books safely for a period of nearly 05 years and for pest control activities , an additional amount of Rs. 1,950,000.00 has to be borne.

In addition to the expenses of the project, the total amount borne by the Fund for administration, stationery and traveling allowances up to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016, was Rs.124,629.00.