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PERFORMANCE REPORT

Ministry of Buddhasasana

Ministry of Buddhasasana and Wayamba Development

Vision

" To become the leading facilitator in creating a virtuous society filled with moral values and to be the forerunner of sustainable Development of Waymba province"

Mission

"To support to create a virtuous society with a better way of living by formulating and implementing policies and programs by excellent utilizationof resources with the participation of all stakeholders based on the teachings of Buddhism with Buddhist Religious places as the center points and formulation and Implementation of Infrastructure facilities and livelihood programs to improve the living standard of the people of Wayamba Province"

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Preface

It has become a foremost responsibility of the Government to protect and foster the Buddhasasana as provided in the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. Accordingly the function of the Ministry have been arranged to ensure a background necessary to build a sustainable economy based on Buddhist virtues as well as to treat all religions equally and to build a righteous society that all people belonging to all religions and races could co-exist and a development in the Wayamba Province nurtured by necessary infrastructure facilities and livelihood development program.

It is the responsibility of the Ministry of Buddhasasana and Wayamba Development to launch projects covering the entire society to achieve these objectives and to produce a better righteous society by introducing good policies conducive to the improvement of Sri Lankan society. Accordingly the Ministry of Buddhasasana and Wayamba development become a special state institution out of the Cabinet Ministries of Sri Lanka automatically.

His Excellency the President always emphasize that all actions should be taken without further delay to build a country with developed citizens filled with righteous virtues, since the necessity to build a country with spiritually developed citizens is strongly felt more in this era. The Ministry of Buddhasasana and Wayamba Development is in a continuous mission concerning unity among races, to provide a religious leadership to the community towards popularizing concepts that enhance reconciliation and towards provincial divisional development to realize the sustainable development concept of the United Nations by the year 2030 a reality through it.

Accordingly the Ministry of Buddhasasana fulfill a huge task to achieve these objectives by coordinating with the Wayamba Development Secretariat and Department of Buddhist Affairs.

The background and the objective for the establishment of the Ministry

"The Republic of Sri Lanka shall give to Buddhism the foremost place"

Accordingly it shall be the duty of the State to protect and foster the Buddhasasana, while assuring to all religions the rights granted by Article 10 & 14 (I) e.

(Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka)

Functions of the Ministry

- ☆ Formulation of policies, programs and projects by statutory institutions such as the Department of Buddhist Affairs, Wayamba Development Secretariat and the Buddhasasana Fund to inculcate religious values among people in order to create a virtuous society and all other subject matters relevant to the Department of Buddhist Affairs and the Buddhasasana Fund.
- ☆ Implementation of appropriate programs and projects to protect, foster and promote Buddhism and follow up action
- ☆ Planning and development of sacred areas.
- ☆ Take measures for the propagation of Theravada Buddhism internationally.
- ☆ Implementation of decisions of the Supreme Advisory Council.
- ☆ Supervising the Department of Buddhist Affairs and the Buddhasasana Fund.
- ☆ Subject activities related to the Wayamba Development Secretariat

Strategies

The following strategies were followed to achieve the above mentioned functions expeditiously.

- ☆ Conducting face to face discussions with the clergy and the public to minimize the professional and practical problems and obtain recommendations.
- ☆ To approach for ppub (public – public partnerships) and ppp (public – private partnerships) according to requirements.
- ☆ Obtaining data to design information required for management and designing an information technology process, based on the necessary information.
- ☆ Utilization of New management methodologies.
- ☆ Introducing methodologies to create a sound and satisfied public relations.

1.2. Main performance indicators of the Ministry of Buddhsasana

- Re-structuring the Dhamma education network with a high profile which would develop positive concepts whilst providing a new dimension to strengthen the developed positive concepts.
- Formulate programs utilizing Buddhisum for social economic development in selected villages.
- To reconstruct the Buddhist places of worship by preserving the Buddhist cultural traditions and to become an opening for carrying forward them for the present and future generations.
- Making the network of Buddhist places of worship attractive to satisfy local and foreign tourists and of the people.
- Disseminate Theravada Buddhism locally and internationally.
- To convert as a righteous country filled with moral values while maintaining peaceful co-existences among people living in Sri Lanka belonging to all ethnic and religious groups.

1.4 Main Divisions of the Ministry and their Functions

The Ministry of Buddhasasana consists of 05 main divisions for the implementation of functions to be fulfilled in order to reach the vision of being the foremost facilitator for creating a righteous society filled with Buddhist moral values.

They are,

- 1) Administration division
- 2) Development division
- 3) Accounts division
- 4) Sacred Areas Development division
- 5) Buddhasasana Fund
- 6) Wayamba Development Sectary office

Administration Division

Management and monitoring of entire human resources and physical resources owned by 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 functions 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. Administrative functions of the Hon.Minister's staff and the Hon.Deputy Minister's staff and fulfilling their other requirements.
6. Activities pertaining to the ceremonies which are being conducted at the Ministry.
7. Coordination and supervision of administrative activities of the Department of Buddhist Affairs.
8. Settlement of all official telephone bills of the Ministry.
9. Settlement of assessment taxes and electricity bills of the Ministry building.
10. Functions relating to the cleanliness and security division of the Ministry.
- 11 Submitting of Cabinet Memoranda and action with regard to all Acts relevant to the Ministry.
12. Activities of the visa Division

- Issuing letters of recommendation for visa to clergy and lay groups arriving from abroad for religious activities (Visit visa, recommendations for granting and extending Resident Visas)
- Issuing letters of recommendation for visas to monks residing here and abroad.
- Registration of institutions organizing Dambadiva Pilgrimages.
- Issuing visa recommendations for Dambadiva Pilgrimages .
- Investigating complaints received regarding Dambadiva Pilgrimages

13. 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 filled with moral values utilizing the financial provision provided for the revival of Buddhism by the Government budget by investing in programs in accordance with government policies. In order to reach these objectives, the following functions are being performed by this division which functions under the Additional Secretary (Development)

1. Planning, implementing and monitoring, various development Projects which are being implemented by the Ministry.
2. Preparing the Annual Action Plan.
3. Progress review activities relevant to the Ministry and of the Departments and institutions affiliated to it Preparing Cabinet Memoranda pertaining to the subject of planning and Development of the Ministry and activities relevant to the implementation of their decisions.
4. Direct, monitor and to coordinate official duties relevant to all local/foreign construction projects implemented by the Ministry.
5. Printing of publications and preparing annual diaries.
6. Coordinate and monitor activities relevant to the subject of Development in the Ministry and in Departments and Institutions affiliated to the Ministry.
7. Coordination of activities pertaining to special projects which are being implemented under the initiative of the Ministry and outside Institutions.
8. Operating the web site of the Ministry and maintain it with necessary up-dating.
9. Coordinate and implement various programs carried out by the Ministry for religious co-existence.
10. Coordinating the media activities of the Ministry.

Sacred Areas Development Division

Developing sacred areas declared by gazette notification and places identified separately under the Town and Country Planning Act No .15 of 1946 is being carried out by this Division based on the religious and social activities carried out by each historical place with archaeological evidence and historical value at divisional level.

Accordingly, the main function of this division is to provide financial assistance to develop sacred places taking into consideration the facts such as their religious importance archaeological and environmental importance , historical importance, cultural importance and economical and social importance.

Buddhasasana Fund

Buddhasasana Fund implements its mission towards the sustenance of Buddhasasana to reach the vision of creating a righteous society filled with moral values which preserves Buddhist rituals by contributing for spiritual and social development of monks, improving the requisite facilities of the temples.

Following projects are being implemented towards it.

01. Program to provide financial assistance to maintain Samanera institutions
02. Conducting the End of the Year Final Examination of Samanera institutions.
03. Sambuddhathwa Jayanthi Samanera Bursaries Foster Contributor Scheme.
04. Providing medical assistance for monks residing throughout the island.
05. Giving a practical knowledge about the clergy life to monks ordained at their elderly age.
06. Granting assistance for sanitary facilities to temples facing difficulties located throughout the island.
07. Constructing Sangavasas of temples facing most difficulties located throughout the island.
08. Establishment of Chinese language and cultural studies institutions.

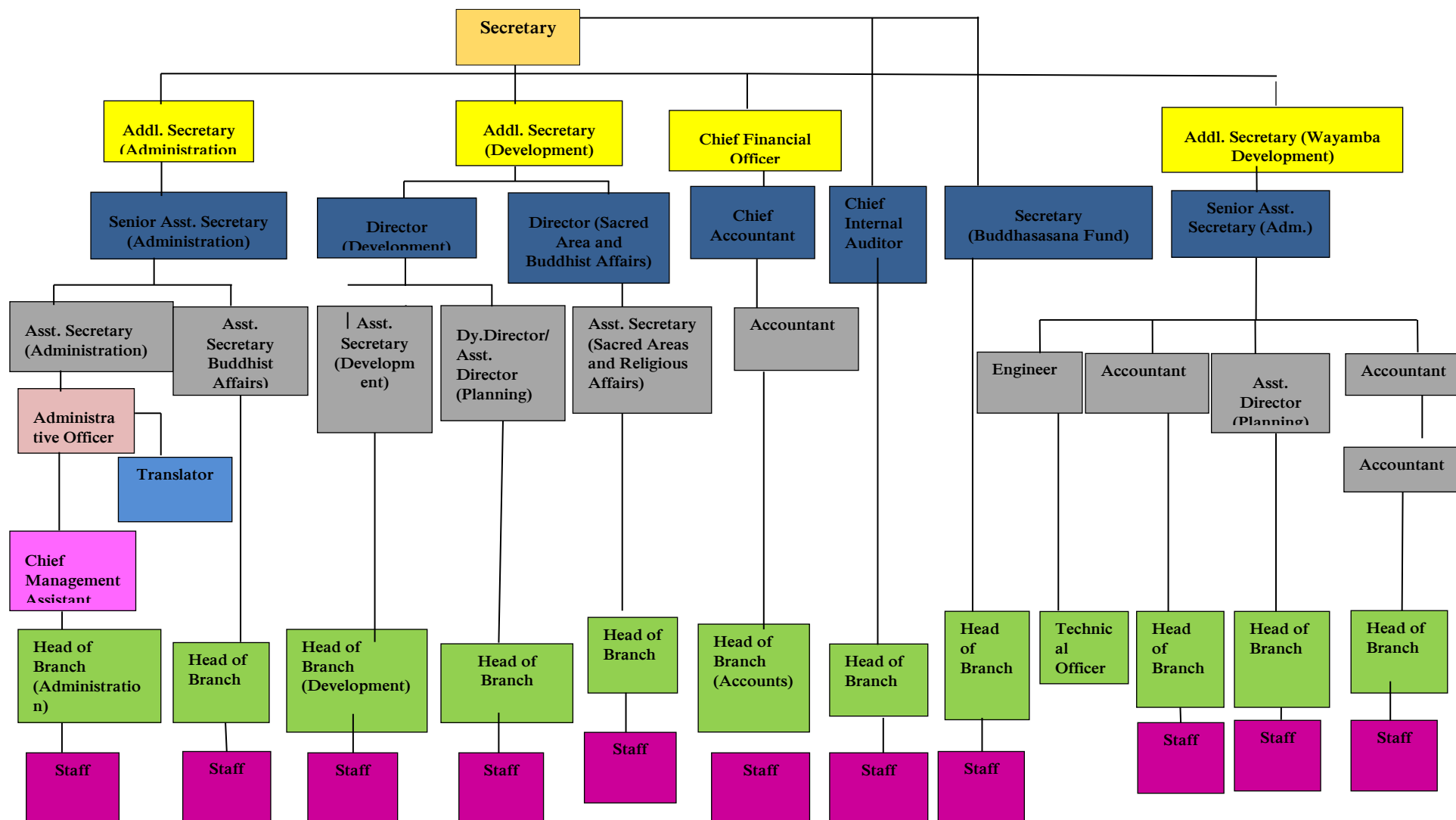
Wayamba Development

By Extraordinary Gazette Notification No.1933/13 published on 21th September 2015 the ministry of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development And Cultural Affairs was established. While after establish the Wayamba Development Secretariats at No .129 Dambulla Road, Kurunegla many economical and infrastructure Facilities Development Projects were being Implemented, By Extraordinary Gazette Notification No .2070/56 published on 12th may 2018 the Ministry was amended as Internal Affairs And Wayamba Development.

Subjects And Functions of the Ministry of Wayamba Development.

1. Coordinating Economical And Infrastructure Facilities Development Projects within the Wayamba Province.
2. Establish a Secretariat for coordinating Wayamba Development Program.

Organizing Chart – Ministry of Buddhasasana and Wayamba Development



Information regarding Vacancies in the Cadre of the Ministry as at 31.12.2018

Serial No.	Post	Relevant Service	Grade	Salary Scale No.	Service level	Approved Cadre			No. in Service			
						Permanent	Contractual	Acting	Permanent	Contractual	Acting	Other
1	Secretary	SLAS	Special	SL4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
2	Addl. Secretary	SLAS	Special	SL3	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
3	Chief Financial Officer	SLAcct.S			1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	Senior Asst. Secretary	SLAS	I	SL1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
5	Director	SLAS	I	SL1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
6	Chief Accountant	SLAcct.S	I	SL1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
7	Asst. Secretary	SLAS	III	SL1	1	4	0	0	2	0	0	0
8	Dy. Director / Asst. Director (Engineering)	SEng.S	III/II	SL1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
9	Dy. Director / Asst. Director	SLPS	II/II, II/I	SL1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
10	Accountant	SLAcct.S	II/II, II/I	SL1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
11	Chief Internal Auditor	SLAcct.S	II/II, II/I	SL1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
12	Legal Officer	Departmental	III/II	SL1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Asst. Secretary (Labor Relations)	Temporary		SL1		0	1	0	0	1	0	0

14	Administrative Officer	PMAS	Supra Class	MN7	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
16	Translator	Transl.S		MN6	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
17	Secretary's Coordinating Secretary	Temporary				1	0	0	0	1	0	0
18	Budget Asst.			MN4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Information and Mass Media Technology Officer	SLTech.S	2 Grade II/I	MN6	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	0
20	Development Assistant			MN4	3	12	0	0	4	0	0	0
21	Planning Assistant			MN4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Development Officer	Combined Service	III	MN4	3	95	0	0	55	0	0	0
23	Technical Asst.	SLTech.S		MN3	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Public Management Assistant	PMAS	I,II,III	MN2	3	38	0	0	39	0	0	0
25	Caretaker	PMAS	I,II,III	MN2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Receptionist	Departmental		MN1		1	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	Camera Operator	Departmental		MT1		1	0	0	0	1	0	0
28	Video Camera Operator	Departmental		MT1		1	0	0	0	1	0	0
29	Driver	Combined Drivers Service		PL3	4	24	0	0	19	0	0	0
30	Camera Operator Asst.	Departmental		PL1		1	0	0	0	1	0	0

31	Office Employees Service	OES	I,II,III, SP	PL1	4	26	0	0	20	0	3	0
32	Cook	Departmental		PL2	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
33	Labourer	Departmental		PL1	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
34	Sanitary Labourer	Departmental		PL1	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total						239	1	0	154	5	3	1

1.6 Contact Details of the Ministry of Buddhasasana

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Mrs. U. S. K. Denawaththa (Senior Assistant Secretary)	011-2307399		304	071-4413314
Mrs. K. K. Champika Kaneru Director (Development)	011-2307693	011-2307405	406	071-8179660
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Mr. L. V. Hettiarachchi Assistant	011-2303287		307	071-7780507

Secretary (Administration)				
Asst. Secretary (Buddhist Affairs)	011-2307689		302	(Vacancy)
Mr, D.S.Sunil Samarasinghe Administrative Officer (Acting)	011-2307402		305	071-8002919
Mr.S.K.P Siriwardene Secretary's Coordinating Secretary	011-2307905		410	077-8579057
Buddhasasana Fund	011-2679969			
Government Audit Division	011-2307401		205	
Rajarata Circuit Bungalow	026-2226556			
Information Technology Division	011-2307095		506	
National Drug Prevention Unit	011-5769730	011-2303295		
Telephone Plate	011-2307694 011-2307674			
Internet	011-2307697			
Asst. Secretary (Labor Relations)	011-3100672			
Sasanarakshaka Mandalaya	011-2307178			
Buddhist Encyclopedia	011-2679718			

Summary of Staff according to Service level as at 31.12.2018

Service Level	Approved Cadre	No. of Employees in Service
Senior	23	16
Tertiary	3	3
Secondary	160	102
Primary	47	42
Total	240	163

2. Implementation of Development Programs

2.1 Summary of Financial and Physical progress of development programs

Provisions of Rs.Mn.1065.00 was provided through the State Annual Budget of the year 2018 under the project for Sacred Areas Development (under the vote 101-2-1) implemented by the Ministry of Buddhasasana and Wayamba Development .Under this provisions were provided to 05 development projects implemented annually, 04 projects implemented as special projects and 01 project being implemented through a budget proposal. An analysis of each project with details are described in sections to follow.

2.2 Program of the Development programs Implemented

No .	Program	Estima ted Cost (Rs.Mn)	Project period (From - To)	Source of Financin g	Financial Progress		Physical Progress 2018
					Provisions (Rs.Mn) 2018	Expen diture (As at 31.12. 2018)	
1	Construction of the Vidyalankara Buddhist Conference Hall (Phase V)	1350	2005 - 2017	GOSL	121.0	115.49	Phase V 100% (Total Progress 90%)
3	Construction of the Performing	145.0	2016 - 2019	India / GOSL	94.0	44.58	35%

	Training Center affiliated to the temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic						
4	Sacred Areas Development	102.0	An Annual Program.	GOSL	102.0	101.7	100%
5	Development of under – developed temples	220.0	An Annual Program.	GOSL	220.0	198.07	574 Temples 98.35%
6	Sustainable Punyagarma Program	50.0	An Annual Program.	GOSL	50.0	40.0	86 Villages
7	Enhancing other languages and religious co-existence	5.0	An Annual Program.	GOSL	5.0	4.42	05 Programs
8	Development of under developed Dhamma Schools	140.0	An Annual Program.	GOSL	140.0	133.51	693 Dhamma Schools 95%
9	Computerizig the Buddhist Encyclopedia	3.0		GOSL	3.0	1.21	25%
10	Program for Re-establishment and re-construction of ancient temples	175.0	(Budget Proposal No 161 of 2018)	GOSL	175.0	141.26	91 Ancient temples 95.78%

(Chart 01)

2.2.1. Development of Sacred Area

➤ Introduction

According to the subject of planning and Development of Sacred Areas assigned to the Ministry of Buddhasasana by Gazette Notification 1933/3 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka published on Monday 21st September 2015 by His Excellency Maithreepala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka specifically identified lands are declared as sacred areas by Gazette notification for maintaining long standing security.

The function of the Ministry is to identify a certain Temple or a Devalaya as a sacred area, to name it and declare and development it as a sacred area. In this connection assistance of the Physical Planning Department and the Survey Department will be obtained.

In this regard following criterion will be taken into consideration.

- Religious Importance
- Historical Importance
- Archaeological Importance
- Cultural Importance
- Architectural Importance
- Environmental Importance
- Economical and Social Importance

Progress of Capital Expenditure of the Sacred Areas Development Vote at 31.12.2018



Provisions of Rs.Mn.100 had been provided through the National Annual Budget of the year 2018 for the Sacred Areas Development programs implemented under the Ministry of Buddhasasana and Wayamba Development. At the request of District Secretaries Rs.Mn. 16.85 was allocated out of this provisions in respect of unsettled bills of development activities implemental under this program the year 2017. Rs.Mn. 46.59 was allocated for development activities implemented at the Bingiriya Devagiri Raja Maha Viharaya in Kurunegala District in response to conducting the State Vesak Festival. While labor contribution was made by the three forces for this development activities, basic plans and supervision of construction work the assistance of the Physical Development Department was obtained. Provisions was provided for 18 development projects including the sacred areas development activities completed in the year 2017 and its financial progress is 100% and average physical progress is 100%.

Sacred Areas Development program
Physical and Financial Progress as at 31.12.2018

Progress of the Sacred Areas Development Program from the year 2015 upto 31.12.2018

District	Approved Provisions (Rs.Mn)	Total No. of projects	Completed No. of Projects 75% -100%	Expenditure as at 31.12.2018 (Rs.Mn)
Kandy	2.25	2	2	2.25
Matara	2.62	1	1	2.62
Ampara	1.58	1	1	1.58
Kurunegala	58.97	2	2	58.97
Anuradhapura	5.00	2	2	5.00
Badulla	24.56	1	1	24.56
Trincomalee	1.17			1.17
Rathnapura	3.30			3.30
Others	2.25			2.25
Bills in hand		9	9	
Total	101.7	18	18	101.7

(Chart 02)

Progress of the Sacred Areas Development Program from the year 2016 upto 31.12.2018

Year	No. of Sacred Areas	Declared No. of sacred Areas	Total No. of sacred areas as at 31.12.2018	No. of Sacred Areas Assistant granted	Amount of provisions (Rs.Mn)	Expenditure as at (Rs.Mn.)
2016	109	01	110	71	100.00	106.58
2017	110	02	112	73	100.00	102.17
2018	112	-	112	09	101.70	101.70

(Chart 03)

Provisions of Rs.Mn.1065.00 was provided through the State Annual Budget of the year 2018 under the project for Sacred Areas Development (under the vote 101-2-1) implemented by the Ministry of Buddhasasana and Wayamba Development .Under this provisions were provided to 05 development projects implemented annually, 04 projects implemented as special projects and 01 project being implemented through a budget proposal. An analysis of each project with details are described in sections to follow.

2.2. Construction of the Kelaniya Vidyalankara International Buddhist Conference Hall



the intellectual group who pioneered to rejuvenate Buddhist education the Vidyalankara International Buddhist Conference Hall which produced a center fulfilling the objective of providing facilities for the research abilities and training necessary for the Buddhist community and as a center point of disseminating Theravada Buddhism to the world was constructed by investing State funds from the year 2005 has reached its final stage.



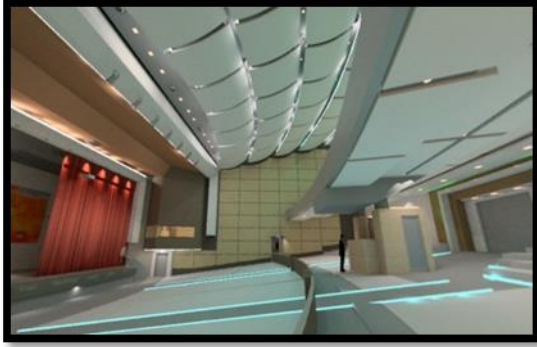
It consists a new auditorium with 1400 seating capacity with new components, 02 meeting halls with 400 seating capacity approximately an exhibition hall to accommodate 350 members simultaneously and in conjunction with Air Conditioner systems, fire fighting and security systems , rest rooms sanitary facilities and internal and external vehicle parking facilities in addition to facilities that should be in an international conference Hall.

This project which commenced in the year 2005 is being implemented for 13 years under the supervision of the two line Ministries, namely the Ministry of Urban Development and Sacred Areas Development and the Ministry of Buddhasasana (including the former Ministry of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs). The contribution made by each Ministry in each year and the position of receipts of provisions and expenditure are given below.

Ministry	Year	Treasury Provisions (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)
Ministry of Urban Development and Sacred Areas Development	2005 -2012	507.30	431.72
Ministry of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs		896.00	772.61
Ministry of Buddhasasana	2013		
	2014		
	2015		
	2016		
	2017		
	2018		
Total		1403.30	1204.33

(Chart 04)

By the year 2018 the total amended estimated cost of the project is Rs.Mn. 1350 Further this project has been implemented under the direct supervision of the Ministry of Buddhasasana since the year 2012. By July in the year 2018 total expenditure for completing phase V is Rs.Mn. 1204.33 and had been successful to achieve a progress of 100% of the estimated activities of phase V of the project and a progress of 90% of the entire project The physical and Financial progress of the project as at 31.12.2018 is shown under 1 of chart 01.



Further, the action has been taken to prepare the necessary legal documents to establish an Administrative Board to ensure stability of this project based on the recommendations made in the decisions of the Cabinet of Ministers to achieve aspirations of the objectives which led to the commencement of this project and by completing the project in a short period of time as well as to maximize the effectiveness of the capital incurred. Accordingly, action is being taken to establish a Board of Trustees with the relevant proposals to establish an Administrative Board for steering management and prepare a business plan through the said Administrative Board to make this conference hall to the status of service providing and bring it to an income generating activity to cover up steering, Administrative and Management expenses of the conference hall from the income thus generated and thereafter to utilize the surplus income for maintenance activities of the Vidyalankara Pirivena a Deed of Trust have been drafted with the relevant proposals. The Draft Deed of Trust consisting these proposals is scheduled to be referred for legal instructions.

As the initial stage of this project, it has now approached a methodology of opening the main auditorium for providing services from the year 2019.

2.2.3. Program for Development of Under-developed Dhamma Schools.

It is planned to implement the program to develop the under-developed Dhamma schools in the year 2018 based on a Three year plan. Accordingly Divisional Secretaries were given the opportunity to submit 02 proposals to develop the under-developed Dhamma schools with approval of the Pradeshhiya Shasanarakshaka Mandalaya located in every Divisional Secretariat Division of all districts. When selecting Dhamma schools in temples, the Dhamma schools proposals selected based on the approval of the Shasanarakshaka Bala Mandalaya will be prioritized and submitted to the Ministry.

When selecting Dhamma Schools Development proposals they will be prioritized based on the under mentioned criteria.

- i. A Dhamma school registered at the Department of Buddhist Affairs possessing the ownership of the land.
- ii. Have not received assistance from any other source during the past 02 years.
- iii. In case of a requirement of buildings, ascertain that the accommodation available in the Dhamma School building or Dhamma Hall is not sufficient when considering with the number of students.
- iv. Insufficient number of Dhamma School chairs / tables and other equipment.
- v. Lack of sufficient sanitary facilities for Dhamma school students.

Accordingly during the year 2018 large number of proposals were received at the Ministry for this program and out of these for 686 development proposals approval was granted on the recommendations of the committee and they have been referred to the District Secretaries for implementation.



Construction of the Sugatha Sasanodaya Dhamma School building at Rajamalakarama Temple, Maluwa.

Program for Development of Under-developed Dhamma Schools

District	Approved provision (Rs.Mn)	No. of Dhamma Schools	No. of Projects	Total No.of Completed Projects	Expenditure as at 31.12.2018 (Rs.Mn)	Bills in hand 31.12.2018 (Rs.Mn)
Galle	10.6	54	54	51	10.29	0.58
Trincomalee	0.5	04	04	03	0.52	
Nuwara Eliya	2.2	13	13	11	2.13	
Puttlan	5.07	29	29	29	4.76	
Polonnaruwa	2.18	12	12	11	2.0	
Badulla	5.9	38	38	38	5.46	
Batticaloa	0.3	2	2	2	0.3	
Kandy	10.53	57	57	54	10.72	
Matara	7.5	39	39	35	7.08	
Mathale	4.9	26	26	26	4.49	
Monaragala	4.7	23	23	23	4.57	
Rathanpura	5.9	36	36	36	5.66	0.4
Vavuniya	1	5	5		1	
Hambanthota	3.3	21	21	20	3.93	
Anuradhapura	10.1	53	53	49	9.73	1.0
Ampara	3.5	19	19	17	3.46	
Kalutara	8.8	39	39	36	7.28	1.08
Kegalle	6.4	38	38	28	5.11	0.96
Colombo	5.7	32	32	30	5.39	
Gampaha	6.0	33	33	33	6.13	
Kurunegala	34.41	156	156	156	33.48	0.83

Total	139.4	729	729	693	133.51	4.87
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(Chart05)

Progress of the provisions granted in the years 2015 – 2018 for development of Dhamma schools are given below

Year	District	Provision (Rs.Mn)	No. of Dhamma Schools	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)
2015	17	90.00	853	90.00
2016	19	90.00	678	97.82
2017	21	100.00	678	99.99
2018	21	140.00	693	133.51

(Chart06)

As a tribute to Rs.Mn. 140 had been granted through the State Annual Budget for the program of development of under – developed Dhamma schools in the year 2018 Accordingly as at 31.12.2018 Rs.Mn. 133.51 have been allocated to be given to Dhamma schools and for equipment of 729 Dhamma schools identified on a priority basis spread in 21 districts. The number of Dhamma school proposals planned to be implemented by now is 693. However, when comparing with the previous year it was possible to increase the quantity of provisions by 40% for the development of under – developed Dhamma Schools

2.2.4. Program for the Reconstruction of Under-developed Temples

The Ministry has taken steps to implement the program for the Development of under-developed Temples too based on a Three Year plan.

It was planned to obtain 02 suitable temples development proposals from every Divisional Secretaries Division in the year 2018 with the approval of the Pradeshiya Shasanarakshaka Bala Mandalas. After considering the quantity of annual provisions, expenses for the State Vesak Festival of the year, nature of the development requirement and contribution of the Sasana to the area, selection of development proposals had been done.

Selection of these proposals were made by a committee consisting senior officers of the Ministry implementing the development programs, under following criterion.

- i. A Temple or a Dasa Sil Aramaya registered at the Department of Buddhist Affairs possessing the ownership of the land.
- ii. Have not received assistance from any other source during the past 05 years.
- iii. Non availability of water supply facilities, electricity and sufficient toilet facilities.
- iv. Available insufficient accommodation for residing Monks / Sil Mathas and existing building are either temporary or of semi - permanent status.
- v. Non availability of a sufficient Alms chamber.

Accordingly in the year 2018 it is expected to allocate Rs.Mn.220.70 provisions for 574 temples located in 21 districts. Physical progress of provisions released at District level as at 31.12.2018 is shown in chart (9). Accordingly action has been taken to release Rs.Mn. 220.60 as at 31.12.2018 for 574 temple development proposals. Further on a request to cover up Bills unsettled by the District Secretaries in the year 2017 provisions amounting to Rs.Mn.9.35 was allocated and Rs.Mn.41.12 was allocated to rehabilitate temples damaged due to natural disasters.



Program for the Reconstruction of Under-developed Temples

Physical and Financial progress of releasing provisions at District level as at 31.12.2018

District	Approved Provisions (Rs.Mn.)	No. of projects	Expenditure	Bills in Hand at 31.12.2018
Colombo	8.53	18	8.12	-
Gampaha	5.32	13	5.27	-
Kalutara	7.36	23	4.55	2.86
Kandy	9.53	27	9.78	
Mathale	4.28	17	4.27	
Nuwara Eliya	2.8	10	2.78	
Galle	12.82	25	11.63	0.97
Matara	20.27	20	18.94	
Hambanthota	3.91	14	4.34	0.49
Vavuniya	0.6	2	0.6	
Batticaloa	1.2	4	1.2	
Ampara	3.11	12	2.96	
Tricomalee	2.1	7	2.1	
Puttalam	3.34	11	3	
Anuradhapura	9.01	32	7.02	1.74
Polonnaruwa	3.2	11	3.79	0.24
Badulla	5.03	18	4.91	
Monaragala	3.49	12	3.47	
Rathnapuara	32.3	27	28.63	1.56
Kegalle	13.03	35	10.37	2.08
Kurunegala	69.49	236	60.35	8.36
Total	220.69	574	198.7	18.32

(Chart 07)

Progress of the development of under-developed temples from 2015 – 2018

Year	No. of District	Provisions (Rs.Mn.)	No. of Temples	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)
2015	18	52.06	240	52.06
2016	23	122.56	488	122.56
2017	21	100.00	434	105.48
2018	21	220.69	574	198.07

(Chart08)

When comparing with previous years it shows an increase of provisions allocated by the Ministry for the program of developing under-developed temples and it shows a 120% increase compared to the year 2017.

2.2.5.Sustainable Punyagrama Program



A punyagrama could be defined as a village free of poverty and indebtedness, with human resources filled with proper nutrition and leading a healthy life free of drugs and insensibility, free of harmful acts and with a spiritually high mentality, filled with knowledge and with developed personality with good conduct. By infusing the concept of the past, the village and the temple among the rural community for fostering and protecting Buddhism through

motivation to engage in good economical activities according to the teachings of Buddhism is expected through this program. The objective of the Punyagrama is to protect the person, family and the village by creating equality in consuming resources. For this purpose spiritual development programs for preserving moral values and physical and economical programs are implemented with temples as the center point. The Ministry of Buddhasasana has planned to implement the Punyagrama program in the year 2018 to create a society filled with virtues by consolidating the people in the village with the temple of the village and also by developing temples facing difficulties with less facilities and those villages for the purpose of creating an economically sound village.

Program proposed to be implemented under the Punyagrama Program and the objectives.

1. Program for preserving moral virtues.

- To produce a healthy and economically strong community while assisting to protect the social virtues based on Buddhism.
- To assist in minimizing the trend of infusing unsound anti - social activities into the society.
- To act as an active stakeholder to build a good relationship between the parents and the children
- To assist in bringing the participation of temples, bhikkus for daily social activities to a sound level.
- To introduce a program to obtain the active leadership of bhikkus for broad social activities not limited only for religious activities.

2. Physical and Economical Programs with temples as the center point

- To assist in building a rural economic system that could be developed with the temples as the center point
- To introduce a process to supply the necessary leadership through temples to convert the rural economy as an effective productive, economical criteria to refrain from economical activities which leads to social devaluation such as sending women to foreign countries and child labor
- Developing a common building of the temple for the use of the rural community
- Maintaining a rural data system with temple as the center point that could be utilized in assisting the economical activities

Since provisions of Rs.Mn.50 had been allocated through 2018 Budget for this Program, 02 villages each were identified from among Divisional Secretariat areas with lack of facilities of all districts which reported minimum social and economical backgrounds and it was planned to activate necessary project programs to convert those villages as a punyagrama where an economically strong community with social moral values are living.

The rural committee and the divisional committee had been entrusted with training and the responsibility of planning projects that will provide remedies to problems which are strong

obstacles to social and economical development of those villages Accordingly action to prevent drugs, anti - social activities and harassment to children and women, training and spiritual development projects empowering the lives of the community, physical development proposals for center point were implemented in those identified villages. Accordingly as at 31.12.2018 provisions were granted to implement 53 physical development proposals for 53 villages and 87 moral values and economic development proposals.

Accordingly provisions for the Punyagrama program have been provided at District level in the year 2018 as mentioned below.

Sustainable Punyagrama program - 2018

Physical and Financial progress as at 31.12.2018

Serial No.	District	No. of Divisional Secretariat Areas	No. of Villages	No. of spiritual and economical development programs	No. of Physical programs	Amount of Total provisions (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)
1	Colombo	4	4	36	6	2,356,000.00	2,058,190.41
2	Gampaha	5	5	82	7	1,855,085.00	1,764,138.75
3	Kalutara	4	4	42	7	2,358,750.00	2,293,709.27
4	Kandy	4	4	59	6	1,712,150.00	1,710,219.00
5	Mathale	4	4	69	4	1,658,700.00	1,568,682.41
6	Nuwara Eliya	4	4	64	6	1,582,000.00	1,540,850.23
7	Galle	4	4	54	7	1,930,200.00	1,593,596.41
8	Matara	4	4	39	6	1,421,000.00	1,389,166.00
9	Hambanthota	4	4	46	6	2,592,000.00	2,466,639.24
10	Manner	3	3	22	1	560,000.00	560,000.00
11	Vavuniya	1	4	18	6	2,697,470.05	1,175,400.00
12	Mullaitivu	1	4	29	6	2,068,833.01	2,011,333.01
13	Ampara	4	4	56	6	1,577,375.00	1,496,341.00
14	Trincomalee	3	3	22	4	862,750.00	862,320.00
15	Kurunegala	7	7	63	14	5,730,340.05	5,202,692.15
16	Puttalam	4	4	73	6	1,785,000.00	1,775,000.00

17	Anuradhapura	4	4	36	7	2,456,125.00	1,236,263.50
18	Polonnaruwa	4	4	72	6	2,255,882.58	1,651,424.52
19	Badulla	4	4	39	6	1,600,700.00	1,472,867.98
20	Monaragala	4	4	42	6	2,040,200.00	1,981,549.46
21	Rathnapura	4	4	51	6	1,700,886.80	1,487,170.03
22	Kegalle	4	4	46	6	1,502,110.00	1,408,404.90
23	Sacred areas – water supply project at Morawewa Siri Gajaba Gallen Raja Maha Viharaya				1		
	Total	84	90	1060	136	44,303,557.49	38,705,958.27
For Damma Schools text Book sets						958,251.00	
Total						45,261,808.49	40,003,423.45

(Chart 09)

Accordingly, 1060 spiritual and economical development programs in 90 villages located in 84 Divisional Secretariat Divisions of 22 Districts and 136 physical infrastructure development proposals were implemented throughout the island. Rs.Mn.47.06 provisions have been allocated in this regard and it is 94% of total provisions. The expenditure at 31.12.2018 is Rs.Mn.40.00

Further, opening sessions of this programs have already commenced by now under the direct supervision of the officers of the Ministry in the districts of Moneragala, Matara, Colombo, Matale, Anuradhapura and Puttalan.

Collection of data regarding the social and economical background of these villages have been conducted and it is expected to maintain follow up reports for 03 years continuously of the progress based on these data and to examine the progress of sound social activities of those villages during the forthcoming two years.

Progress of the Punyagrama program from 2016 to 2018

Year	No. of Districts	Provisions (Rs.Mn.)	No. of projects	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)
2016	05	24.00	15	22.08
2017	21	24.00	78	18.20
2018	22	50.00	1196	40.00

(Chart 10)

2.2.6. Program for the Re-establishment and Reconstruction of Ancient Temples

Implementation of Budget proposals Budget proposal No.161 of the General Treasury had allocated Rs.Mn. 250.00 for the year 2018 also for re-establishment and reconstruction of ancient Raja Maha Vihara temples and places of worship with archaeological value. Under this proposal provisions of Rs.Mn.175 have been allocated to the Ministry of Buddhasasana. According to a decision taken after discussion with state level institutions such as Archaeological Department and Physical Planning Department it was planned to implement this program through proposals obtained at Divisional Secretariat Divisions level. In this regard since these development activities are obtained on the recommendation of the Archaeological Department the supervision and guidance too was assigned to the said Department

District	Approved provisions (Rs.Mn)	No. of projects	Expenditure as at 31.12.2018	Bills in Hands as at
Colombo	6	3	5.75	-
Gampaha	12.5	5	11.35	-
Kalutara	6	3	4.85	1.09
Kandy	8.3	7	7.3	-
Mathale	9.3	5	8.56	-
Nuwara Eliya	9.4	5	9.29	
Galle	10.15	5	7.18	2.88
Matara	7.4	5	7.26	-
Hambanthota	2.69	3	0.76	1.94
Vavuniya	6	3	6	-
Batticaloa	2	1	2	-
Ampara	5.2	6	4.9	-
Trincomalee	8	5	7.61	-
Puttalam	6	3	5.98	-
Anuradhapura	16	6	6.5	7.94
Polonnaruwa	5.15	3	1.35	2.93
Badulla	7.95	4	7.78	-
Monaragala	10	5	9.94	-
Rathnapura	4	2	0.03	3.95
Kegalle	9.5	5	8.18	-
Jaffna	2	1 30	-	-

Mullaitivu	6.28	3	1.76	2.23
Mannar	0.5	-	0.5	-
Kurunegala	9.5	6	5.96	3.39
Sri Lanka Army			10.46	
Total	169.82	91	141.25	26.35

(Chart 11)

Physical and Economical progress of the provisions granted through this development program in the year 2018 is shown in the chart given below

By 31.12.2018, 126 proposals for the development of ancient temples at divisional level was received and on the recommendations of the Department of Archaeology 91 projects have been identified to be implemented relevant to all 24 districts throughout the island and Rs.Mn176.33 provisions were granted for them.



2.2.7. Religious Co-existence Program & other Languages enhancing program

➤ Introduction

Immense service is being fulfilled through every religion for virtuous development of the people of a country. Secular development as well as spiritual development of the people of a country could be achieved through religious philosophies. Sri Lanka as a country in which multi religious and multi national communities live it is important for the country's future development to stand together without any division while preserving its identity. Unity instead of division, respecting each other, tolerance by each other are what is being taught to us through religions. A knowledge of all religions should be obtained to make a basic religious foundation for this purpose. Obtaining a knowledge about all religious philosophies is conducive to create better thinking among human beings and also to build a righteous society consisting better words and sound activities. It will be conducive to enhance co-existence and minimize conflicts to give a correct understanding about sense and cultural component of all religions. Misunderstanding will be eliminated. The Ministry of Buddhasasana has planned to implement the religious co-existence program with the objective of giving a true knowledge about philosophies of religions with the participation of Dhamma school children, teachers and parents and thereby help immensely for the enhancement of national and religious reconciliation.

➤ Objective

To improve the knowledge in each other about all religions, resolve conflicts created through misunderstandings and thereby enhancing religious and national reconciliation.



➤ Target Groups

Dhamma school children, teachers and parents of all religions.

Activities of the Religious co – existence program and implemented methodology

- ❖ To conduct a ceremony in which religious leaders including venerable bhikkus and invited guests, Dhamma school teachers and Dhamma school children and officers are participating.
- ❖ Identify and introduce each other as children to children, parents to parents, teachers and identify each religious cultures, customs in a manner which preserve the mutual respect.
- ❖ Attending to religious rituals and visit religious places (Religious places – a temple, a Hindu kovil, a Muslim mosque, a Christian church)
- ❖ Cultural games
- ❖ Program to build mutual relationship and exchange of ideas and religious knowledge.

In the year 2018 programs have been Implemented as follows

Physical and financial progress as at 31.12.2018 is shown in No. 07 in Chart 01.

District	Place of implementation	No. of beneficiaries	Estimated Expenditure
Kalutara	Pasdun Rata national educational science faculty	320	2,400,000.00
Gampaha	Veyangoda siyanee national educational science faculty	320	

(Chart 12)

2.2.7.2. Program enhancing other languages

➤ Introduction

For long standing furtherance and existence of Buddhism the knowledge, understanding and practical use of various languages possessed by bhikkus in the present society is very important. This program is being implemented to teach Tamil, English, Pali, Sanskrit languages to broaden the language skills possessed by bhikkus to disseminate Dhamma knowledge to Buddhists, and Hindus living in this country as well as to the people in countries where Buddhism prevails.

➤ Objective

To enhance the language proficiency of bhikkus to propagate Dhamma and to give a proper knowledge on various languages.

Implemented Methodology

This program is being implemented in the year 201 centered around language study faculties of Buddhist and Pali University, Anuradhapura Bhikku University, Kelaniya University and courses in language study Divisions of Universities. It is planned to implement language enhancing programs in each educational institute under the stages of certificate, Diploma and Higher Diploma and it is also expected to establish a pool of bhikkus with language proficiency to disseminate Therawada Buddhism locally and internationally and to obtain the services of those bhikkus wherever necessary. Action has been taken in the year 2018 too to broaden this language enhancing program and improve it upto Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Pali language courses. For this the language study faculties of Kelaniya University and Colombo University will launch courses as follows.

Institution	Course	No. of beneficiaries	Provisions granted (Rs.)	Other matters
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Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration	English Diploma stage 01	1	20,000.00	Course completed
	English Diploma stage 02	1	25,000.00	Course completed
University of Colombo	English Certificate Course	30	900,000.00	Course completed
University of Colombo	Chinese Language Certificate Course stage 02	30	600,000.00	Course completed
Sri Lanka Bhikku University	English Diploma Course	38	684,000.00	Course completed
University of Kelaniya	Stage 02 of the Korean Language Certificate Course			Course completed
Total		100	2,229,000.00	

(chart 13)

Physical and Financial progress of this project as at 31.12.2018 appear in No.07 in Chart 01.

2.2.8. Re-construction of Temples damaged due to the Earthquake in Nepal

Large number of religious places were damaged due to the grave earthquake in Nepal recently and it was proposed that one or some religious places be reconstructed with the intervention of the Government of Sri Lanka taking into consideration the longstanding diplomatic and historical relationship between Sri Lanka and Nepal, and the gravity of the damage due to the earthquake'

Accordingly it was decided to reconstruct a Buddhist temple and a Hindu Kovil so damaged, by the Government of Sri Lanka. Accordingly it has been selected to reconstruct the Ananda Kuti Buddhist temple in Swayamboonth and Ratho Machchindranath Hindu Kovil in Lilitpur out of the damaged religious places located in that country. The contribution of the Government of Sri Lanka was conveyed to the International Aid seminar for Re-building Nepal damaged due to the earthquake held on 25th June 2015, with the concurrence of the authorities of that country regarding the selection.



It was exp

ected at the beginning to spend Nepal Rs.203,617,620.00 (SLRs.Mn277) to reconstruct the Ananda Kuti Buddhist temple in Swayamboonth and Nepal Rs.50,000,000.00 (SLRs.Mn 68)

to reconstruct the Ratho Machchindranath Hindu Kovil according to the Expenditure estimate submitted by the Ambassador for Sri Lanka in Nepal.

By 31.12.2017 Rs.Mn.245 had been allocated for this project and the cumulative cost on that date is Rs.Mn.179.50 .

Approval was granted for the Cabinet Memorandum submitted on 11.04.2018 to obtain additional cost of Rs.Mn. 105.00 that should be incurred to complete the work of this project as mentioned at the 12th steering committee meeting which examine the progress of this project. Accordingly, the total cost estimate of the project had been amended as Rs.Mn.450.

The entire Physical Financial progress of the project as at 30.09.2018 is shown under Chart

Project Tittle	Development Activities	Physical Progress	Cumulative provisions as at 31.12.2018 (Rs.)	Cumulative Expenditure as at 31.12.2018 (Rs.)
Ananda Kuti Viaharaya	Sangawasa part 01	90%	450,000,000.00	293,541,064.36
	Sangawasa part 02			
	Dhamma Hall			
	Seema Hall			
	Stupa			
	Sacred Relics Chamber			
	Security hall between Seema hall and Stupa			
	Addl. Devept. Activities			
Rathomachchindramath Hindu kovil				
Total			450,000,000.00	293,541,064.36

(chart 14)

2.2.9. Commencement of an Performing Training Institute at Pallekele associated with the Sri Dalada Maligawa to protect the traditional Kandyan dances and cultural heritages

The total cost estimate of this project which is being implemented with financial grants of Indian Government with the objective of winning the challenges of presenting to the future

generation the local ancestral artistic traditions is Rs.Mn. 145. According to the conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding relevant to this project Rs.Mn.5 local funds (17) have been allocated to pay VAT valued on the value of the project works and provisions of Rs.Mn. 89 have been allocated for completed works of the project for the year 2018

Development provisions for activities of the project have been attended by the Indian High Commission and a Steering Committee have been appointed consisting representatives of the Ministry of Buddhasasana , India High Commission, Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic and the Department of External Recourse for supervising these activities.



Physical and Financial project of this project as at 31.12.2018 is shown in the following charts.

Project Title	Project Period	Source of Funding	Provisions for 2018 (Rs.Mn.)	Certified Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)		Project Activities	Physical Progress
				Project	VAT		
Construction of the training center for cultural heritages affiliated to Sri Dalada Maligawa	2016 - 2019	Govt. of India	89.0	43.28		Implementation of procurement activities, reaching for agreements, awarding contracts	100%
		Govt. of Sri Lanka	5.0		1.3	Construction of class room buildings	75%
						Construction of multipurpose building	50%
Total				43.28	1.3		

(chart 14)

3.Special Projects

❧ Project for Recreating the Sakya Kingdom

The Light of Asia Foundation agreed to invest Rs.Mn. 500 for this project which is being implemented based on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the Ministry of Buddhasasana and the Light of Asia Foundation on 30.07.2017 and to complete the project within 03 years from the date of signing the MOU. The Sakya Kingdom Trust have been established for the formal management and supervision of the project and the meeting of the Trustees review the progress of this project at the meeting of the Trustees which meets once in two months. As at 31.12.2018 Sakya Kingdom Trust had conducted 06 meetings and the construction works of this project have been lined up according to the following development plan.



Main construction activities	Proposed land to be utilized / acres	Estimated Cost Rs.Mn.	Physical progress as at 31.12.2018
Repairing the basic site, establishment of the office	-	10.0	100%
Preparing the Seema fence	-	5.0	Provision should be allocated through the Ministry of Buddhasasana
Sakya Kingdom (Main palaces/ Ramya, Suramya, Subha)	12	334.0	Works have commenced
Lunbini Garden	8	25.0	
Plants Garden and nursery	1	5.0	
Improvement of infrastructure facilities	15	100.0	
Complex of Buddhist Channels	4	250.0	
Art Center	3	350.0	Basic plans have been prepared
Commercial and management center	2	150.0	
Security huts complex	1	10.0	
Technical center	1	50.0	
Environmental center	2	25.0	

Ayurvedic Medical Center	2	150.0
Meditation Center	6	250.0
Residential Center	6	900.0
Global Village	12	2500.0
Total	75	5114.0

(Chart 16)

04.Other Development Projects

☞ Sri Lanka Pilgrims Rest at New Delhi

☞ Commencement

During the former Indian Prime Minister Sri Jawaharlal Nehru's regime (1958) a block of land adjoining the Main Railway Station was allocated on lease at a rental of one Rupee per year for the welfare of the Sri Lankan Buddhist Pilgrims.

☞ Present situation

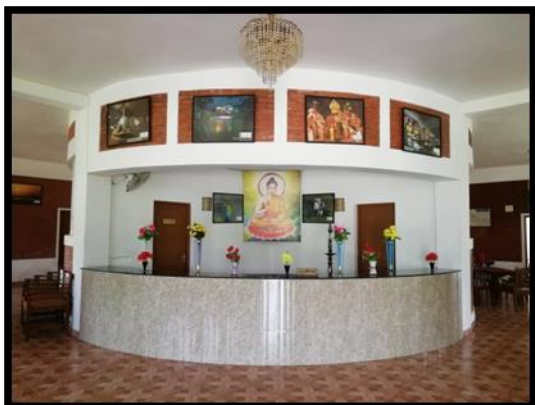
After renovating this pilgrims rest in the year 2001 responsibility of maintaining the pilgrims rest was entrusted to the Ministry of Buddhasasana. Approval have been received for the Cabinet Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Buddhasasana embodying the proposals to regularize the management and administration of this pilgrims rest which is being attended at present under the Sri Lanka High Commission in New Delhi. Accordingly, recommendations of the Attorney General have been received for the Deed of Trust for the establishment of a Charity Trust and necessary action is being taken to register under section 114 of the Ordinance after making the relevant amendments to the Deed of Trust.

☞ Development activities of Sri Lanka Maha Viharaya located in the city of Lumbini in Nepal

Sri Lanka Maha Viharaya located in the city of Lumbini in Nepal is a historical sacred area owned by the Sri Lankan Government and it was without proper maintenance after the earthquake in Nepal in the year 2015 and as a result of a request made by Her Excellency the Ambassador in Nepal its reconstruction activities commenced. Accordingly reconstruction of its roofs commenced under the active authorities of Her Excellency the Ambassador and repairs of this project is being done after reaching for an agreement.

Although repairing of roofs of the Sri Lanka Maha Viharaya had been done since the year 2016 by the Nepal Optional Company under a contract agreement, the delay in obtaining a technical report ascertaining the physical progress of the construction works and other physical matters and since there was no vote for providing provisions for the development activities of this temple a Cabinet Memorandum dated 24.07.2018 was referred to the Cabinet to obtain provisions and provisions have been approved for it. After obtaining provisions from the General Treasury for it, it is scheduled to make payments for the works completed and to reach for agreements for the balance development activities.

☞ Dutugemunu Pilgrims Rest in Nepal



For the benefit of the Sri Lankan devotees who visit to pay homage to the Lumbini sacred area, a pilgrims rest by the name “ Sri Lanka Dutugemunu Pilgrims Rest” had been established in the land given by the Lumbini Development Trust of Nepal under the Lumbini Development Plan. The administration and management change to various parties from time to time and as a result of a Cabinet Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Buddhasasana its reconstruction activities had been done in the year 2012. After the reconstruction works this was open for the Pilgrims on 01.08.2015

Thereafter this Rest is been implemented under a Manager appointed by the Ministry of Buddhasasana and Assistant Manager was appointed in the year 2017 and sent to Nepal.

There are facilities to provide lodging facilities to Sri Lankan pilgrims and to provide facilities for ceremonies and parties.

Position of Income and Expenditure of the Lumbini Pilgrims Rest of Nepal from 01.01.2018 up to 31.12.2018 are as mentioned below.

Month	Income (SLRs.)	Expenditure* (SLRs.)
January	410,878.00	299,110.50
February	672,776.00	446,449.90

March	700,382.80	361,595.00
April	188,162.00	321,993.10
May	52,585.00	339,146.60
June	71,900.00	335,453.30
July	612,040.00	519,045.80
August	968,220.00	572,352.51
September	1,039,276.00	476,761.00
Total	4,716,219.00	3,671,907.71

(Chart 17)

*Items included under expenditure are for payment of salaries, water bills, electricity bills, telephone bills and for maintenance.

Provisions of Rs.Mn. 2.35 have been allocated under the sacred area development project to establish a tube well to supply water to the Dutugemunu Pilgrims of Nepal. Through this it is scheduled to improve necessary potable water supply and sanitary facilities of the resident pilgrims.

❧ Rajarata Circuit Bungalow at Kurundankulama, Anuradhapuraya

The Rajarata Circuit Bungalow at Kurundankulama Anuradhapura is a holiday resort managed under the Ministry of Buddhasasana to provide lodging facilities to persons in public service and persons who are not so when touring to Anuradhapura. This holiday resort located at Mihinthaleya Road, Anuradhapuraya consists of rooms water supply and sanitary facilities could accommodate lodging facilities to 30 persons simultaneously. The position of providing lodging facilities and income and expenditure of the Kurundankulama Rajarata circuit bungalow of the year 2018 is shown in the under-mentioned chart.

Position of providing lodging facilities and income and expenditure of the Kurundankulama Rajarata circuit bungalow for 01.01.2018 to 31.12.2018

Income and Expenditure position as at 31.12.2018			
Month	Income (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)	Other Expenses (Rs.)
January	35,500.00	17,655.42	20,339.99
February	51,500.00	12,156.62	
March	45,700.00	14,946.22	
April	40,200.00	29,372.11	
May	47,800.00	24,176.35	
June	45,100.00	13,058.96	61,749.73
July	56,500.00	15,410.52	10,650.00
August	148,600.00	25,698.50	
September	51,000.00	28,135.73	30,157.57
October	32,000.00	11,945.40	8,496.18
November	26,500.00	10,317.46	-
December	57,800.00	16,854.78	-
Total	627,500.00	219,728.07	1,31,393.47

(Chart18)

*Items included as expenses are for settlement of water bills, electricity bills, telephone bills.

4. Very Special Festival Activities

☞ State Vesak Festival

In the year 2018 which completes 2562 year of a attaining Sri Sambuddhathwa the State Vesak Festival was conducted on this occasion too to mark the three noble events of Buddha under the aegis of His Excellency the President Maithreepala Sirisena centered at



the Bingiriya Devagiri Raja Maha Viharaya , Kurunegala. While many special activities of the State Vesak Festival was executed by the Department of Buddhist Affairs a period of one week from 26th April 2018 was declared as “Vesak week” and many religious and social care programs which creates Sasana awakening and Buddhist renaissance were planned and implemented in conjunction

with the State Vesak Festival including Sil observing programs throughout the island with the participation of schools, Dhamma schools, State institutions and Buddhist organizations. Action was taken to obtain state and private sector institutions sponsorship and contributions for selected items and programs of this festival.



For this occasion steps were taken to develop physical infrastructure facilities by providing Rs.Mn.25 for 158 Dhamma schools and providing Rs.Mn.65.18 for 235 temples. Further an expenditure of Rs.Mn.46 was incurred under the sacred areas vote to develop physical infrastructure facilities of Devagiri Raja Maha Viharaya where the State Vesak Festival was held.

☞ 154th Birth Anniversary Ceremony of Sreemath Anagarika Dharmapala

154th Birth Anniversary ceremony of Sreemath Anagarika Dharmapala who fulfilled a tremendous mission towards the stabilization of Buddhasasana as well as for the progress of the Sri Lankan people’s society, was held ceremonially on a grand scale under the patronage of His Excellency the President Maithripala Sirisena at 3.00 p.m. on 17th September 2018 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall.

A gathering of more than 1200 including Maha Sanga led by Mahanayaka Theras of the Three Scets, Ministers, Members of Parliament, Officers of the Three forces including the Heads of forces, State officers, principals, teachers and students participated at this ceremony, A booklet was compiled consisting the example the society could take from the character of Dharmapala and was distributed

among the group of people who were present and in addition in conjunction with it action was taken to distribute a combined disc (CD) containing a short film which depicts the character and thinking of Dharmapala to all temples of Sri Lanka.



Ven. Banagala Upathissa Nayaka Thero and Ven.Omalpe Sobhitha Nayaka Thero delivered advisory lectures to the group of people who were present and this ceremony was conducted colorfully with various cultural items such as ballets , songs and programs.

Further, Hon. Gamini Jayawickrema Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana distributed prizes and certificates to winners of All Ceylon Dhamma schools oratorical contest, poem recital, essay writing and open poem writing contests organized by the Department of Buddhist Affairs in conjunction with the 154th Birth Anniversary Ceremony of Sreemath Anagarika Dharmapala.

Commemoration ceremony of Anagarika Dharmapala who fulfilled tremendous important mission Sasanawise and national wise was conducted successfully this year too jointly by the Presidential Secretariat and the Ministry of Buddhasasana.

5. Supply of Development Services.

☞ Printing and distribution of temples Activity Diary

Activity diary is being printed and distributed for the use of Bhikkus in temples spread all over the island. This activity diary has been edited in a manner compiling the information about the three Sects functioning in Sri Lanka and information about the other Sects and chapters affiliated to them and information about the Executive Board of the Samastha Lanka Shasanarakshaka Mandalaya which are important to the bhikkus and suitable for the use of Buddhist temples. For the year 2018, 14700 temples activity diaries were printed and distributed at a cost of Rs.Mn.3.66.

It is planned to print and distribute 15,000 of this temples activity diary in the year 2019 too.

6. Information Technology and Development Division

Services rendered by the Information Division in the year 2018

1. Repairing and Maintaining the internal computer network

Action was taken to modernize the Internal Network system of the Ministry of Buddhasasana and action was taken to obtain Wifi facilities connection to three floors of the Ministry under the LGN program.

2. Preparing the Buddhist Information system and updating it.

Ministry of Buddhasasana and the Department of Buddhist Affairs jointly has designed a Roadway Information System and by now information regarding all Buddhist temples have been included in it and a training is given to coordinating officers at district level regarding the inclusion of information to the information system and updating them. By now training of coordinating officers in Kurunegala and Ratnapura districts have been completed and it is planned to conduct these training programs in other districts too.

3. Maintaining and Updating the Ministry website

By now the Ministry website is active in the internet and necessary updating are done daily.

4. Distribution of DVD tapes to mark the State Vesak Festival

Action was taken to distribute DVD tapes consisting short films which includes moral values for enhancing of moral values to mark the State Vesak Festival. Those temples took action to demonstrate those films at temples on Vesak full moon day and thereby the Ministry of Buddhasasana mediated in enhancing moral values.

5. Assisting to enhance Information Technology activities of the Ministry.

Technical Assistance was given for purchasing of information technology equipment, equipment such as hardware and software and preparing specifications for procurement of services and giving technical assistance for purchasing goods.

6. Distribution of DVD tapes to mark the Sreemath Anagarika Dharmapala Birth Commemoration Ceremony.

To mark the Birth Anniversary of Sreemath Anagarika Dharmapala, 12000 DVD tapes consisting his biography was distributed to all Dhamma schools of the island. Action was taken demonstrate the biography of Sreemath Anagarika Dharmapala in all Dhamma schools to apprise the Dhamma school students.

7. Progress of the “Tell the President”Program.

“Tell the President” Program – year 2018		
No. of complaints of which action have been completed	No. of complaints which are been attended at present	Total No. of complaints
205	164	41

(Chart19)

08. Conducting the Buddhist Advisory Council – year 2018

A Buddhist Advisory Council have been established on the advice of most Venerable Mahanayaka There's of the three Sects for the stabilization of Sambuddhasasana, to resolve the problems that arise relevant to religion and Sasana, to give necessary instructions and advice to the Ministry of Buddhasasana. Action is taken to convene Buddhist Advisory Council meetings whenever necessary in planning future activities by the Ministry of Buddhasasana for the protection and progress of the Sambuddhasasana. In the year 2018, 06 such meetings have been conducted from time to time with the participation of 33 Mahanayaka, Anunayaka, Nayaka and Lekakadikari Theras.

In such meetings matters such as Daft Bill for the Registration of Bhikku Kathikawath, Buddhist Temporalities Amendment Act, Draft Bill for Regularizing publication of Buddhist publications, Establishment of an Insurance scheme for Buddhist monks, Establishment of a Buddhist Bank , Implementation of Sustainable punyagrama programs, preparing a program for the prevention of distortion of Buddhism and Thripitaka were discussed and several important decisions taken in regard to them are being implemented.

9. Conducting Monthly Progress Review Meetings

The monthly progress review meetings of the Ministry of Budhasasana have been conducted monthly without a break upto now in the year 2018. Accordingly, the physical and financial progress of Capital and Recurrent votes of the Ministry and of the Department of Buddhist Affairs were examined and instruction were given to take decisions wherever necessary to expedite the activities. As at 31.12.2018, 11 meetings have been conducted with the participation of staff officers of the Ministry of Buddhasasana and the Department of Buddhist Affairs under the aegis of Hon. Gamini Jayawickrema Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana.

10. Participation at the Parliamentary Monitoring Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritages

During the past period in the year 2018, one meeting of the Parliamentary Monitoring Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritages was conducted with the participation of the Ministry. These meetings were held under the aegis of Hon. C.B. Ratnayake, Member of Parliament at the Parliamentary complex and Hon. Members of Parliament representing each district got the opportunity for a dialogue on problems they faced in implementing the development programs island wide which comes under the scope of this Ministry.

Ideas were expressed that a progress could be seen when compared with the previous year, the procedure adopted by the Ministry in the implementation of programs. This idea was a tremendous help to execute the Ministry's future mission efficiently.

Senior officers of the Ministry of Buddhasasana and the Department of Buddhist Affairs participated at these meeting.

11. Administrative Methodology used for Financial Management

Head	Recurrent Expenditure			Capital Expenditure		
	Estimate 2018 (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure as at 31.12.2018 (Rs.Mn.)	Percentage (%)	Estimate 2018	Expenditure as at 31.12.2018 (Rs.Mn.)	Percentage (%)
Ministry of Buddhasasana	207,360,000.00	156,824,155.50	77%	1,077,803,000.00	345,841,762.30	32%

(Chart 20)

Financial progress as at 30.12.2018 according to the Budget Estimate

Vote		Estimate 2018	Tranfers FR66	Addi- tional Provision s	Actual Estimate 2018	Expenditure as at 31.12.2018	Balance as at 31.12.2018	Allocati- ons for Commit- ments	Balance after releasing provisions	Expen- diture percen- tage
	Recurrent Expenditure	207,360,000	-709, 264	1,000,000	208,360,000	156,824,155	51,535,844	168,712	51,367,131	77%
101-01-01	Minister's office	34,110,000	-2,382,044	1,000,000	35,110,000	28,232,074	6,877,925	32,775	6,845,150	80%
101-01-02	Ministry Adm. and Estab. Servicrs	97,750,000	1,672,780		97,750,000	76,490,070	21,259,929	135,937	21,123,991	78%
101-01-06	Sacred area development and uplifting religious affairs	75,500,000			75,500,000	52,102,010	23,397,989		23,397,989	31%
	Capital Expenditure	696,610,000	709,264	381,193,000	1,077,803,000	345,841,762	731,961,237	332,366,749	399,594,488	32%
101-01-01	Minister's office	2,700,000	-365,384		2,700,000	1,670,598	1,029,401		1,029,401	62%
101-01-01	Ministry Adm. and Estab. Servicrs	4,910,000	1,074,648	3,884,000	8,794,000	7,154,916	1,639,083		1,639,083	81%
101-01-01	Sacred area development uplifting religious affairs	689,000,000		377,309,000	1,066,309,000	337,016,247	729,292,752	332,366,749	396,926,003	32%
Grand Total		903,970,000		382,193,000	1,286,163,000	502,665,917	783,497,082	332,535,461	450,961,620	31%

(Chart 21)

12. Planning of Internal Audit Activities

☞ Activities fulfilled by the Internal Audit Division

1. Conducting Audit and Management Committee meeting.

According to Audit Management Circular No. DMA/2009/(1) at least one meeting should be conducted for a quarter of the year. Accordingly 04 Audit and Management Committee meetings have been conducted in the year 2018.

2. Forwarding Internal Audit Report.

According to the approved Internal Audit plan prepared for 2018 covering the financial and administrative activities of the Ministry 15 Internal audit reports have been submitted to the Secretary of the Ministry. The proposals included in those reports have been referred to the relevant officers for implementation.

3. Providing Special Review Report on matters assigned by the Secretary to the Ministry.

- I. Inspection of the development activities implemented at the Bingiriya Devagiri Raja Maha Viharaya in conjunction with State Vesak Festival – 2018
- II. Inspection of the payment made for the research Dhamma sermon on Review of the path for Nibbana conducted in conjunction with the State Vesak Festival - 2018

13. Buddhasasana Fund

☞ Some of the programs implemented by the Buddhasasana Fund

- ☞ Implementation of the samanera bursaries (foster contributor) scheme (special)
- ☞ Registration of samanera institutions
- ☞ Implementation of a foster contributor scheme for temples facing difficulties located throughout the island
- ☞ Program for bhikkus ordained in their elderly age to enhance the knowledge of Dhamma and the knowledge of rituals.
- ☞ Project to assist for sanitary facilities
- ☞ Implementation of a medical assistance scheme for bhikkus
- ☞ Printing of Buddhist Publications
 - ☞ Translating Pali attā Katha into Sinhala, printing and selling
 - ☞ Sinhala Translation of Pali Tika
 - ☞ Translating Pali Attā katha into English language

Progress of projects implemented through the Buddhasasana Fund as at 31.12.2018 are as follows

Progress of projects implemented through the Buddhasasana Fund						
Seria l No.	Title of the Project	Subject Area	Project Activities	Annual Target	Progress at Present	Financial Progress
1	Program for enhancing Samanera Institution	To provide benefits to Samanera Funds	Institutions establish to build up the attitudes of Samanera monks.	Instituti ons30	Instituti ons18	1,142,500.00
			Approving the Samanera Supervision Board			
			Payment of monthly bursaries, make payments according to the No. of students			
2	End of the year final winding up examinatio n of Samanera Institution	Supervisio n of examinatio ns of Samanera Institutions	Monks who have completed 02 years training at Samanera Institutions are qualified	Conducting of the examination on 25 th December each year at the Vidyalankara pirivena		516,775.00
			Two parts of the examination as practical and written			
			Granting scholarships to monks who possess special talents			
3	Samanera Bursaries foster contributor s Scheme	To provide benefits to Samanera Funds	Granting financial assistance for educational activities of Samanera Monks	1350 Samaner a Monks	850 Samaner a Monks	5,958,886.00
			Granting period of 03 years according to the requests of temples			
			Granting at the rate of Rs.700.00 monthly.			

4	Granting medical assistance for bhikkus residing throughout island	Providing necessary facilities for monks at old age.	Calling for reports from the Divisional Secretary / Lekakadikari on the request	Annual Target 50	No. of monks receiving allowances 44	2,229,000.00
			Granting allowances throughout the life time or for one or two years with the approval of the Board of Controls according to the nature of disease.			
5	Giving a practical training about the clergy life to monks ordained at their elderly age	Producing a well - mannered bhikku	Calling for information about bhikkus over 20 years age from District Secretary / Divisional Secretary / Lekakadikari Monks	08 Annual workshop	02 workshops	170,499.00
			Covers the entire island.			
6	Granting assistance for sanitary facilities of temples facing difficulties located throughout the island	Physical development of temples	Calling for reports from Divisional Secretary / Lekakadikari according to the request	Annual Target 50	28 Temples	3,000,000.00
			Granting financial assistance at the rate of Rs.100,000 for material with the approval of the Board of Control			
			Covers the entire island.			
7	Establishment of Chinese language	Providing benefits to young	Selection of monks who are interested in learning Chinese language through	03 Institutions	01 Institution	77,000.00

	and cultural educational institutions	monks	Divisional Secretary / Shasanarakshaka Mandala			
			Giving 06 months basic knowledge on language			
			Selection of monks who performed with special talents for the Diploma Course			
	Total					8,902,998.00

(Chart 22)

Wayamba Development

14. Wayamba Development

By Extraordinary Gazette Notification No.1933/13 published on 21st September 2015 the ministry of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development And Cultural Affairs was established. While after establishing the Wayamba Development Secretariat at No .129 Dambulla Road, Kurunegala many economical and infrastructure Facilities Development Projects were being Implemented, By Extraordinary Gazette Notification No .2070/56 published on 12th May 2018 the Ministry was amended as Internal Affairs And Wayamba Development.

Subjects And Functions of the Ministry of Wayamba Development.

1. Coordinating Economical And Infrastructure Facilities Development Projects within the Wayamba Province.
2. Establish a Secretariat for coordinating Wayamba Development Program.

2.1 Preparing the Wayamba Combined Plan 2017- 2021

The Ministry of Wayamba Development took action to prepare the five year combined plan (2017- 2021) with the objective of making the Wayamba Province the highest developed province of Sri Lanka. Here ,The five year (2017-2021) strategic plan was prepared inclusive of more suitable projects to resolve specific problems relevant to the Wayamba province and three year (2018 -2020) investment plan and one year (2017) active plan are prepared as components of the five year institutional plan,the Industrial Services Bureau of Wayamba province contributed in preparing this combined plan.

2.1.2 Areas of priority identified under the Wayamba Combined Plan

- 1' Agriculture and Irrigation.
- 2' Lifestock and Fisheries.
- 3' Investment promotion, industrial development and tourism .
- 4' Vocational training and livelihood development.
- 5' Rural infrastructure facilities (rural roads, rural markets,electricity, power,and potable water)

Combined plan for the period 2017-2021 was prepared with the objective of raising the contribution of Wayamba province for the Gross Domestic Production to a high level based on

the priority areas agreed in general as mentioned above taking into consideration matters such as functions, responsibilities and limited resources assigned to the Ministry and in accordance with the middle and long term entire economic development policies of the Government of Sri Lanka.

i. Areas / sections to be implemented under the Wayamba Development Program.

- Agriculture and rehabilitation of small and medium scale irrigation.
- Rural infrastructure facilities development.
 - ❖ Development of rural roads.
 - ❖ Special road development program. (centred around Kurunegala town)
 - ❖ Implementation of community based potable water supply schemes.
 - ❖ Development of small towns.
 - ❖ Tourism development program.
 - ❖ Investments promotion program.
 - ❖ National food production program.
 - ❖ Rural livelihood development program.
 - ❖ Implementation of special development projects.

2.2 Provisions and financial program - 2018

Provisions of Rs.Mn. 1234 was allocated according to the 2018 Budget estimate. Since the imprest was not sufficient to settle the bills of the completed projects in implementing the projects of the year 2017 a sum of Rs Mn 234.37 was spent to settle the bills in hand at 31.12.2017 and Rs.Mn 46.25 was spent for continuation projects of 2017.

projects	Amount(Rs.Mn)	Expenditure 31.12.2018 (Rs.Mn)
Irrigation development projects.	130.12	-
Road development projects.	222.82	224.51
Potable water projects.	3.00	3.01
Small towns development projects.	7.50	6.85
Continuation projects.	120.00	46.25
Total	483.44	280.62

2.3 Development projects being Implemented - 2018.

The amount of provisions allocated for the implementation plan of 2018 is Rs.Mn 750.00 Upto 31.12.2018 , estimaters of 493 projects to the value of Rs Mn 756.23 approximately have been approved.

1. Irrigation development program.

By implementing the minor irrigation rehabilitation activities which commenced in the year 2016 to uplift the living standard of farmers of Wayamba province through their agriculture more efficiently and effectively, the project for minor irrigation rehabilitation is being continued further in the year 2018.A sum of Rs. Mn. 12.5 have been allocated for the 07 projects which are being implemented through the Irrigation Department. Sum of Rs.Mn.34.21have been allocated for the 17 projects which are being implemented through the Provincial Irrigation Department. Expenditure as at 31.12.2018 is Rs. Mn 7.99.Its financial progress is 69.03%.



2. Development of Rural Roads.

It has been planned to improve 360 roads in the year 2018 by concreting , tarring and by laying interlock bricks. Since provisions were not sufficient to improve roads as mentioned above the most difficult roads in divisional secretariat areas such as Nikaweratiya , Mahawa , Polpithigama , Wariyapola, Polgahawela , motor grading of 117 kilometers of roads though the Wayamba Machinery Authority and the National Machinery Institute have commenced. By now 57 roads have been approved and the approved project value is Rs. Mn . 4.7. Out of the roads planned to be improved by concreting, tarring and interlock brick laying , 65 kilometers of roads are being

improved. By now 223 roads have been approved and the approved project value is Rs. Mn. 554.08 . Rs. Mn. 35.05 have been paid for continuation projects of the year 2017.



Kosgolla Wayamba Gonigoda Bridge



Pothuwepitiya-polpithigama Road

3. Implementation of potable water projects.

As a solution for the grave scarcity of potable water in the dry zone areas of Wayamba province and for the kidney disease due to high content of salt in ground water Rs. Mn. 100 have been allocated to implement identified projects in the year 2018 jointly by the National Water Supply Board and the Wayamba Province Water Supply Unit. By now the work of three water supply schemes are in the completion stage and the remaining projects are being implemented. By now an expenditure of Rs. Mn. 205 have been incurred.



Pilakatumulla Potable Water Project

4. Small town development program.

Under the small town development of the year 2018 Rs.Mn. 15 have been allocated for the reconstruction of Wariyapola Economic Center and the reconstruction activities are being completed.

5. National Food Production and Livelihood Development Program.

Provisions of Rs. Mn. 05 have been allocated to engage identified youths in self employment under the 2018 Yovunpure program and accordingly by now 02 projects were implemented in commercial flower cultivation and ornamental fish rearing under the areas of agriculture and

fisheries implemented by the Wayamba Province Agriculture Department and the Sri Lanka National Aquatic Resources Development Authority. Bills have been submitted after completion of 02 of those projects as at 31.12.2018.

2.4 Programs Anticipated to be Impomented in the year 2019.

Together with the program being implemented since the year 2016 to further improve the livelihood of the people of Wayamba Province , it has been planned to implement specially identified projects for the year 2019.

Serial No	Program	No. of projets	Value (Rs.Mn.)
1	Road development program	595	1.364.00
2	Irrigation development program	238	329.00
3	Implementtion of potable water schemen.	42	257.00
Total		875	1.950.00

