

Name of the Institution - Office of the Cabinet of Ministers

The Shortcoming identified by the Committee	Action taken by the institute to overcome the Shortcoming/The Present situation
Non holding of the Audit and Management Committee Meetings	Despite the submissions made by me to the Audit, to the effect that there exists no great necessity for this office to have a post of Internal Auditor, incurring an additional expenditure as the budgetary provisions allocated to this office remains a paltry sum when compared to the other Government institutions and also as this office does not undertake the implementation of the projects of various types or programmes unlike the other Government Institutions, the Audit has taken action to create a new post of Auditor as a result of not heeding to such matters. Although the concurrence of the Public Service Commission had been received to appoint a female officer serving in the Ministry of Finance to act in the post until such time that a suitable officer is recruited to the post, on full time basis, as the present Cabinet Office is not spacious enough to accommodate the Officer concerned with the required facilities, I would like to point out, that it has not been able to carry out the internal audit activities pertaining to the office and relevant Audit and Management Committee Meetings so far in a proper manner. Further, it has been decided to provide the said officer with the necessary facilities after having this office established in a more spacious place.
Activities of the Board of Survey	The Board of Survey had been duly appointed to carry out the survey activities pertaining to the year 2017 and the Board was engaged in the final stage of preparing its report at the audited dates. The report so prepared had been submitted to the Auditor General on 2018.05.03, where as the report on the disposal of unusable had been submitted to the Auditor General on 2018.08.08.
Having commitments exceeding the limitations	Payments pertaining to the Month of December 2017, and the payments to be essentially made but for which the documents have not been received until 2017-12-31 had been paid at the beginning of the year 2018, as follows - 1003 Under the Object Code of (Other allowances) Rs. 231,019.69, 1101 Under the Object Code of (Local Travelling Expenditure) Rs. 4,932.75 and 1402 Under the Object Code of (Postal and Communication) Rs. 29,220.16.



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