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Eventhough legal aid has not been introduced as a fundamental right under Chapter 3 of the 1978 Constitution, Articles 12 (1) and 13 (3) of the Constitution have drawn attention towards this matter.

Article 12(1) of the constitution - All persons are equal before the law and are entitled to the equal protection of the law.

Article 13(3) of the constitution - Any person charged with an offence shall be entitled to be heard, in person or by an attorney-at-law, at a fair trial by a competent court.

It has further been confirmed by the Rule No.44 of the Supreme Court Rules of Law of Sri Lanka in 1990.

Message of the Chairman

The Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka, having reached its 40th year is remembered with heartfelt contentment for the unmatched contribution it has rendered over the past four decades in carrying the country's field of law to the ground level echelon of society. We have been able to take a new step while playing a huge role in the year 2018 as well, as we have treaded towards a new juncture in empowering the ordinary masses who are limited in knowledge, power and economic strength, as well as bringing the law closer to them and thereby offering them an easy access to law.



We have increased our regional centers upto 83 across the island which has expedited and expanded legal aid to the impoverished communities of Sri Lanka who have been deprived of the shelter of justice due to poverty, through the mission based on our sole vision, i.e. "to facilitate all Sri Lankans with an easy access to equity, so that they may achieve justice." Therefore, it was a victory for us in the year 2018, to be able to alleviate certain difficulties faced by the low income communities, in obtaining free legal assistance.

This year, we have implemented programmes covering the whole island in order to impart legal knowledge to school children, communities and various institutions, considering it a part of our mission to educate the entire society for the provision of legal knowledge and protection that is necessary for people who are affected by various crimes, violence against women and children as well as social and economic deception, since the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka is the foremost and the only government institution designed for this purpose.

The challenges encountered while leading a pluralistic society towards justice cannot be underestimated. Armed with a human resource strong enough to withstand the pressure that is being exerted, we have succeeded in duly maintaining the legal approach for the establishment of social justice to marginalized communities. Despite limited resources, minimum facilities and various deficiencies in human and physical resources, the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka was able to fulfill its mission, being the only institution that holds capacity to strengthen citizens who are seeking justice for diverse reasons, yet lacking the necessary resources, and I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to introduce such capability as one of our achievements.

The Ministry of Justice is gratefully remembered for the wide support and auspices extended to all affairs of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka this year, similar to previous years. It was immensely beneficial to the progression of the field of legal aid. I am happy to note that the support from all parties including the staff in this respect is highly commendable.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rohan Sahabandu', written over a light-colored background.

PC Rohan Sahabandu
Chairman/Administration
Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka

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Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka incorporated **by the Legal Aid Act No 27 of 1978**

The most provable feature of the Legal Aid Act No 27 of 1978 was to prepare a policy framework of legal aid facilitation to be launched within the country through a formal mechanism for the implementation of legal aid programme.

The establishment and setting up the operation of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka for the above objectives is the principal function of this Act.

Vision :-

**To facilitate an easy access to equity that would enable
administration of justice to all Sri Lankans.**

Mission :-

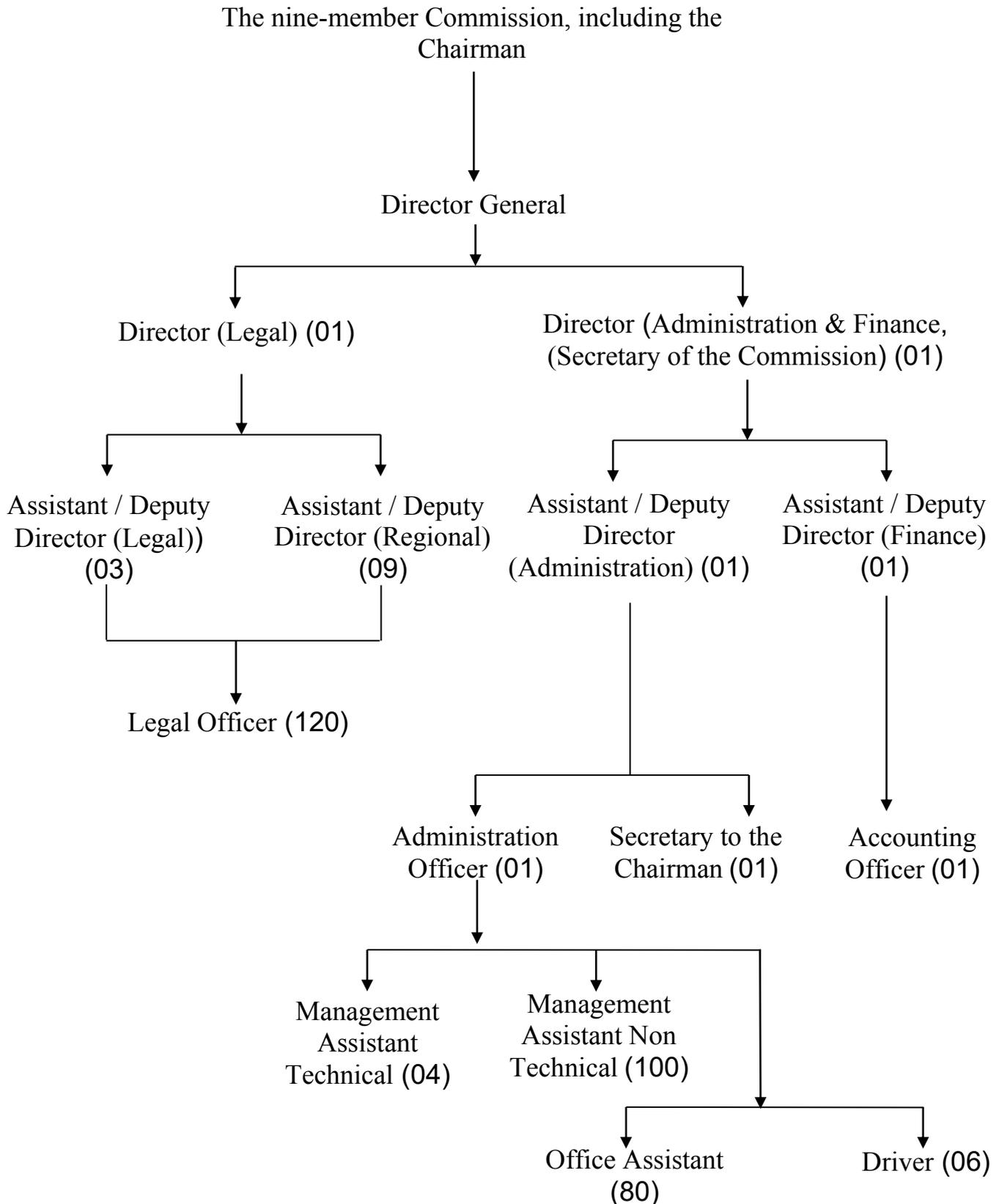
**Providing legal aid for the impoverished communities in Sri Lanka who
are unable to obtain justice due to poverty, providing free legal
assistance to low income people, educating the entire society about the
law, engaging in counselling services to the government during
legislation of new laws and legal reforms, etc. in order to lead the public
towards an easy access to justice.**

Objectives of the Legal Aid Act No. 27 of 1978

Sections 3 and 4 of the Act No. 27 of 1978.

1. Providing legal advice to any person of any economic level who deserves assistance.
2. Providing services of attorneys for legal proceedings in the lower income tax tribunal.
3. Establishment of regional offices upto a certain amount that the Commission considers necessary to enable as many persons as possible to obtain legal aid.
4. To decide for which matters or types of cases that legal aid can be provided and determine such matters or types of cases.
5. Determining the outline procedures to follow in relation to the payment of fees and expenses by persons assisted, by taking into account the funds available at the time of which the cases have been resolved or settled and taking all relevant recommendations into consideration.
6. To take necessary action to expand the legal aid scheme through inquiry of the community-based professional, social and other groups that are involved in some aspect of providing government institutions and legal aid.
7. Promote, establish, finance and supervise research related to legal aid.
8. With the intention of raising awareness,
 - i. Educating the members of the legal profession regarding the need for a legal aid scheme and their responsibilities, duties and role in the maintenance and participation thereof.
 - ii. Commencement and implementation of educational programs for the people with special needs regarding their rights, powers, privileges and role, and entire community in general under the prevalent laws of Sri Lanka.
9. Employing the staff required for the establishment, development, implementation of research based programmes, problem solving centers and/or projects regarding a special division or divisions on legal aid provision.
10. Obtaining suggestions from the public for new programs and projects and encouraging them in that respect.
11. To cooperate with educational institutions and boards regarding the education and training of those who provide legal aid.
12. To provide information to the public on the ability to obtain legal aid.
13. Submission of information to legal reforms agencies in Sri Lanka and abroad and the government.

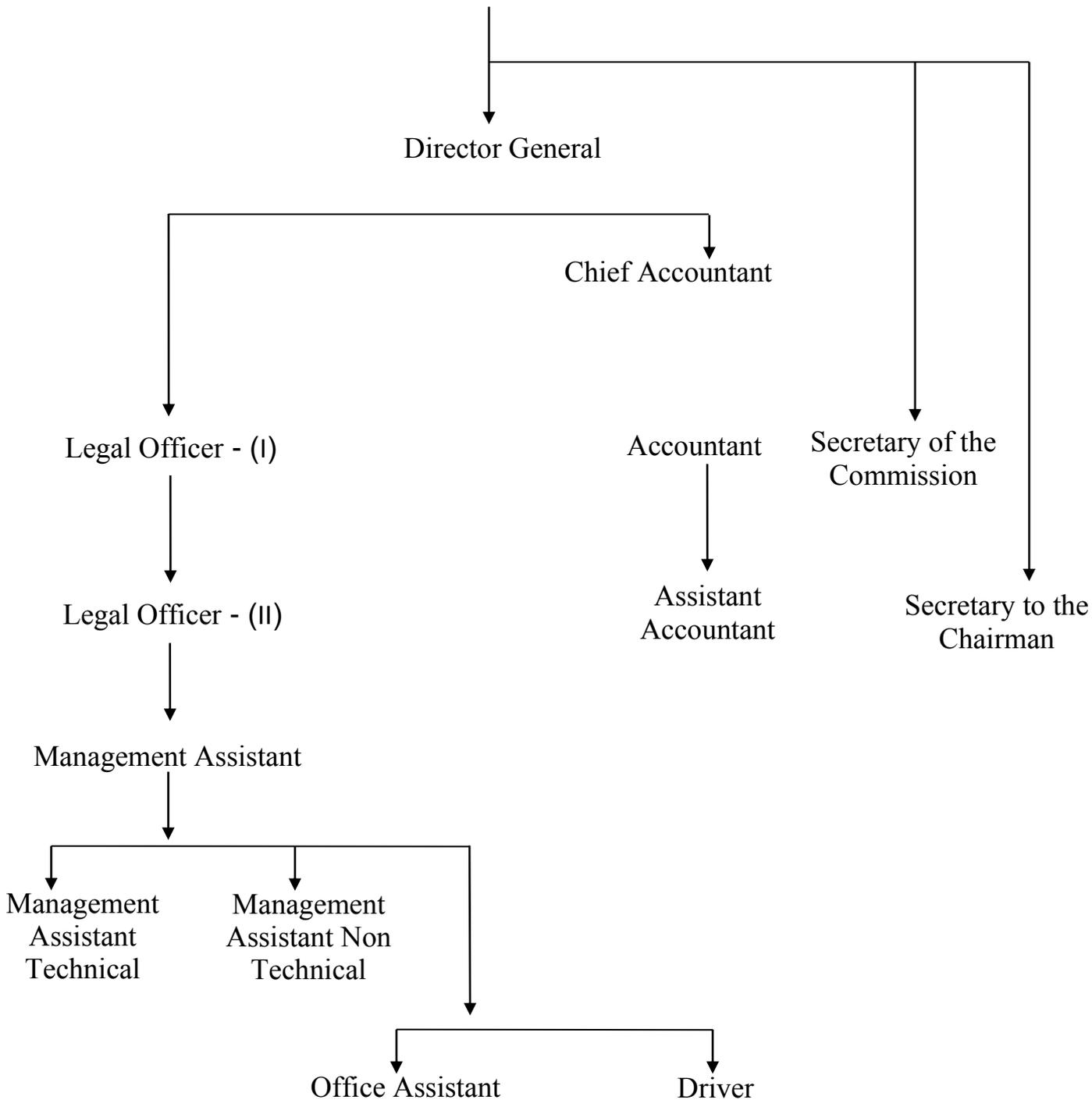
Organization plan approved by the Department of Management Services to the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka
(From 13.01.2016)



Current Organization Chart of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka

(From 01.01.2018 to 31.12.2018)

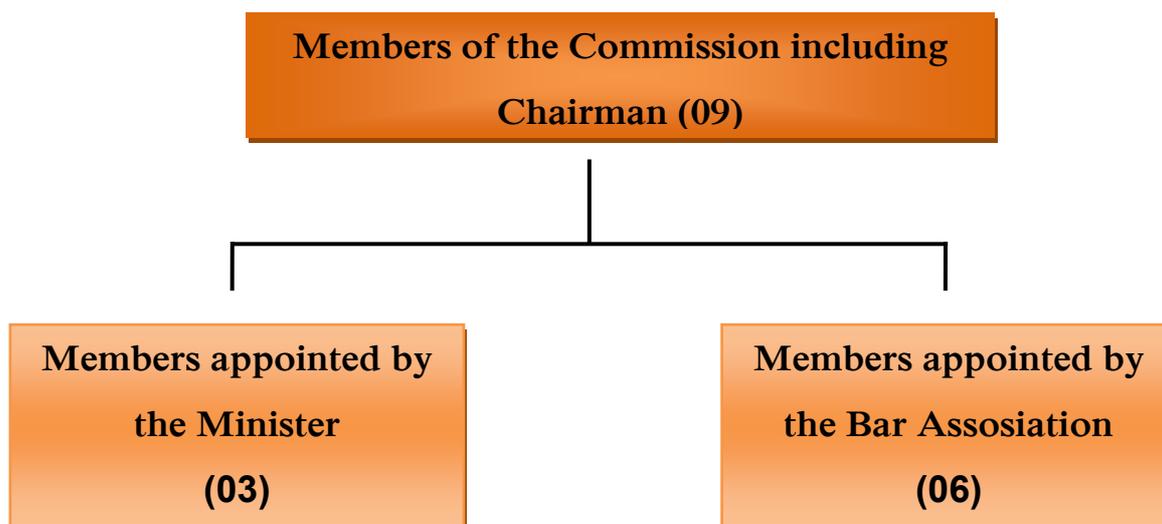
The nine-member Commission, including the Chairman



Staff of the Legal Aid Commission as at 31.12.2018

No.	Designation	Approved carder	Existing carder
1	Director General	01	01
2	Director (Legal)	01	-
3	Director (Administration & Finance, Secretary, Commission)	01	-
4	Assistant / Deputy Director (Legal)	03	-
5	Assistant / Deputy Director (Regional)	09	-
6	Assistant / Deputy Director (Administration)	01	-
7	Assistant / Deputy Director (Finance)	01	-
8	Chief Accountant	-	01
9	Secretary of the Commission	-	01
10	Legal Officers I and II	120	120
11	Accountant	-	01
12	Assistant Accountant	-	01
13	Accounting Officer	01	-
14	Administrative Officer	01	-
15	Secretary of the Chairman	01	01
16	Management Assistant (Technical)	04	03
17	Management Assistant (Non-Technical)	100	96
18	Office Assistant	80	43
19	Driver	06	02
Total		330	270

Content of the Members of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri



Members of Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka in year 2018



PC, Mr. Rohan Sahabandu
(Chairman/Admin)



PC, Mr. Manohara De Silva



PC, Mr. Manohara De Silva



PC, Mr. Puvidaran



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Mr. Binara Gunasekara
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Ms. Hirannya Perera
Attorney-at-Law
(Assistant Secretary -
Legal, Minsitry of Justice)

The Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka consists of three members appointed by the minister of justice and six members nominated by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, each of them will be appointed for a period of three years. A member may re-member after the expiration of three years' service period. Also, the work of the Commission is monitored by the Legal Aid Board, which is headed by the Chief Justice. The Advisory Board consists of 30 members constituted by 09 members of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka, three members nominated by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, 06 members to represent the Courts nominated by the Chief Justice, and 12 members nominated by the Minister of Justice to be involved in community, neighborhood, professional, social and other groups, which have a connection to the government, provincial bodies, educational institutions and legal aid sections.

Establishment of Legal Aid Centres

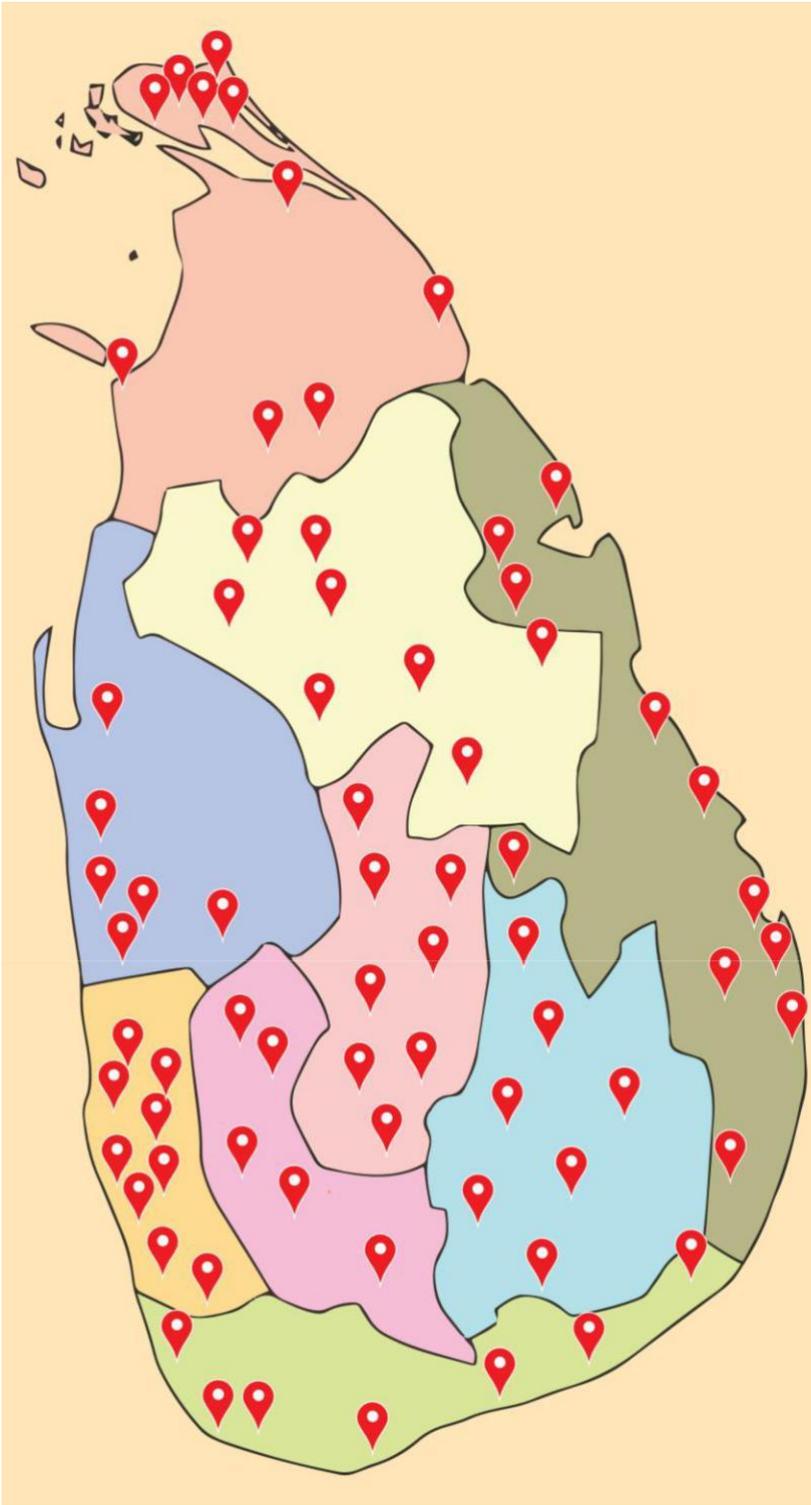
Sri Lanka's Legal Aid Commission completes its 40th year by 2018. During the past 40 years, the work was carried out by a network of 83 Regional Offices centered upon Colombo but without being limited to Colombo to achieve the desired objectives of the Commission. During this entire period (1978-2018) the commencement of the regional offices is as follows.

Year	Regional centres established during the period	Total number of regional centres
1978	1	1
1994	3	4
1996	1	5
2003	5	10
2005	2	12
2006	19	31
2007	9	40
2008	6	46
2009	8	54
2010	6	60
2011	7	67
2012	7	74
2013	2	76
2014	0	76
2015	0	76
2016	2	78
2017	4	82
2018	1	83

Total number of regional offices is 83 as at 31/12/2018.

Expansion of Centers of Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka

(Map & Regional Centers)



1	Head Office	43	Kuliyapitiya
2	Akkareipattu	44	Kurunegala
3	Ampara	45	Mahiyanganaya
4	Anuradhapura	46	Mahawa
5	Attanagalla	47	Mannar
6	Awissawella	48	Marawila
7	Baddegama	49	Matale
8	Badulla	50	Matara
9	Balangoda	51	Matugama
10	Balapaitiya	52	Mawanella
11	Bandarawela	53	Minuwangoda
12	Battaramulla	54	Monaragala
13	Borella	55	Mulathiwu
14	Batticaloa	56	Mallakkam
15	Chawakachcheri	57	Muttoor
16	Chillaw	58	Nawalapitiya
17	Dambulla	59	Negambo
18	Deyiyandara	60	Nikaweratiya
19	Deniyaya	61	Nugegoda
20	Dehiaththakandiya	62	Nuwaraeliya
21	Ambilipitiya	63	Panadura
22	Galgamuwa	64	Puttalam
23	Gampaha	65	Poogoda
24	Galagedara	66	Point Pedro
25	Mount Lavinia	67	Polgahawela
26	Galle	68	Polonnaruwa
27	Hambanthota	69	Pottuwil
28	Hatton	70	Ratnapura
29	Higurakgoda	71	Thambuththegama
30	Homagama	72	Tangalle
31	Horana	73	Tissamaharama
32	Jaffna	74	Trincomalee
33	Kadawatha	75	Siyambalanduwa
34	Kaduwela	76	Walachchenei
35	Kalmunei	77	Vavuniya
36	Kalutara	78	Walasmulla
37	Kandy	79	Warakapola
38	Kantale	80	Wariyapola
39	Kebithigollewa	81	Welimada
40	Kegalle	82	Wellawaya
41	Kekirawa	83	Wattala
42	Kilinochchi		

Opening of Regional Offices of the Legal Aid Commission, Staff and Courts covered.

The courts that are covered by the Regional Offices established to provide the service of the commission on a regional basis are as follows.

No.	Office	Commencement	No. of employees				Courts covered
			Legal officers	Management Assistants	Office Assistants	Driver	
01	Colombo	1978	09	08	05	02	Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, Colombo District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Courts, Labour Tribunal. Workmen's Compensation Commission. Fort Magistrate's court Maligakanda Magistrate's Court Loan Relief Board.
02	Kandy	1994	03	02	-	-	Kandy District, Magistrate's Court, High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal. Gampola District, Magistrate's Court. Teldeniya District, Magistrate's Court. Walapane District, Magistrate's Court
03	Anuradhapura	1994	03	02	01	-	Anuradhapura District, Magistrate's Court, High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal. Medawachchiya Magistrate's Court Kahatagasdigiya Magistrate's Court

04	Galle	1994	02	01	01	-	Galle District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court Labour Tribunal.
05	Kurunegala	1996	04	02	01	-	Kurunegala District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court Labour Tribunal. Wellawa Magistrate's Court Pilessa Magistrate's Court. Rambadagalla Magistrate's Court
06	Hambantota	2003	02	01	01	-	District Court, Magistrates Court High Court Civil Appellate Court. Angunakola Pelasssa Magistrate's Court.
07	Monaragala	2003	01	01	01	-	Moneragala District, Magistrate's Court High Court Civil Appellate Court. Bibile Magistrate's Court
08	Ampara	2003	01	01	-	-	Ampara District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal.
09	Nuwara Eliya	2003	01	01	-	-	Nuwara Eliya District, Magistrate's Court, High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal Walapane District, Magistrate's Court
10	Kegalle	2003	02	01	-	-	Kegalle District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal

11	Balapitiya	2003	02	01	01	-	Balapitiya District, Magistrate's Court, High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal. Elpitiya District, Magistrate's Court.
12	Matara	2005	02	01	01	-	Matara District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal.
13	Vavuniya	2005	03	01	01	-	Vavuniya District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal.
14	Akkareipattu	2005	01	01	01	-	Akkaraipattu District, Magistrate Court The Quazi Court.
15	Trincomalee	2005	02	01	01	-	Trincomalee District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court.
16	Batticaloa	2005	02	01	01	-	Batticaloa District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court. Eravur Magistrate's Court Kaluwanchikudi Magistrate's Court
17	Chilaw	2005	02	01	01	-	Chilaw District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal.
18	Kalmunei	2005	01	01	01	-	Kalmunai District, Magistrate's Court High Court. Sammanthurei Magistrate's Court The Quazi Court.

19	Ratnapura	2006	02	01	01	-	Ratnapura District, Magistrate's Court High Court and Civil Appellate Court. Pelmadulla District, Magistrate's Court, Labour Tribunal. Kalawana Magistrate's Court. Kahawatta Magistrate's Court
20	Awissawella	2006	02	01	-	-	Awissawella District Court, High Court Judge, Civil Appellate Court, Labour Tribunal. Ruwanwella District Court, Magistrate.
21	Bandarawela	2006	01	01	01	-	Bandarawela District, Magistrate's Court, Labour Tribunal.
22	Gampaha	2006	02	01	01	-	Gampaha District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labor Tribunal.
23	Jaffna	2006	02	01	-	-	Jaffna District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labor Tribunal. Kayts District, Magistrate's Court.
24	Kalutara	2006	02	01	01	-	Kalutara, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labor Tribunal
25	Matale	2006	01	01	01	-	Matale District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Labor Tribunal. Naula Magistrate's Court
26	Polonnaruwa	2006	02	01	01	-	Polonnaruwa District, Magistrate's Court. High Court

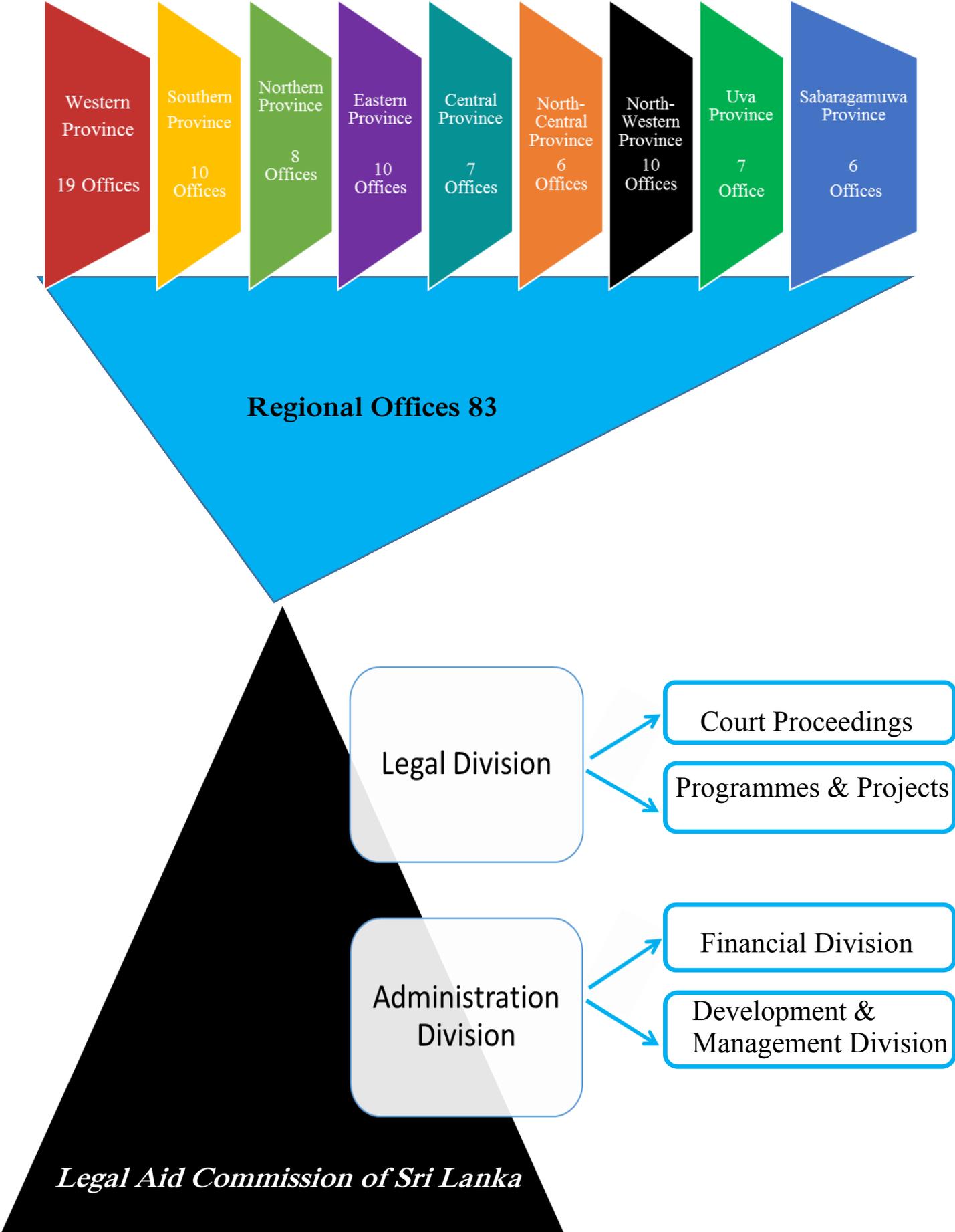
27	Panadura	2006	02	01	01	-	Panadura District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court. Kesbewa District, Magistrate's Court.
28	Mahiyanganaya	2006	01	01	01	-	Mahiyangana District, Magistrate's Court.
29	Kuliyapitiya	2006	02	02	01	-	Kuliyapitiya District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Labor Tribunal. Hettipola Magistrate's Court Narammala Magistrate's Court
30	Mahawa	2006	01	01	01	-	Mahawa Magistrate's Court
31	Negombo	2006	01	01	-	-	Negombo District, Magistrate's Court High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labor Tribunal. Kanuwana Magistrate's Court.
32	Horana	2007	01	01	01	-	Horana District, Magistrate's Court.
33	Matugama	2007	01	01	-	-	Mathugama District, Magistrate's Court.
34	Marawila	2007	01	01	-	-	Marawila District, Magistrate's Court.
35	Mawanella	2007	01	01	-	-	Mawanella District, Magistrate's Court. Aranayaka Magistrate's Court.
36	Warakapola	2007	01	01	-	-	Warakapola District, Magistrate's Court.
37	Battaramulla	2007	02	01	-	-	Battaramulla Children's Magistrate's Court
38	Dambulla	2007	01	01	-	-	Dambulla District, Magistrate's Court. Kimbissa Magistrate's Court.
39	Attanagalla	2007	01	02	01	-	Attanagalla District, Magistrate's Court.
40	Morawaka/ Deniyaya	2007	01	01	-	-	Deniyaya District, Magistrate's Court.
41	Welimada	2008	01	01	-	-	Welimada District, Magistrate's Court.

42	Nugegoda	2008	01	01	-	-	Nugegoda District, Magistrate's Court.
43	Tissamaharama	2008	01	01	01	-	Tissamaharama District, Magistrate's Court
44	Thambuththegama	2008	01	01	01	-	Thambuththegama Magistrate's Court.
45	Mt. Lavinia	2008	02	01	-	-	Mount Lavinia District, Magistrate's Court, Civil Appellate Court. Moratuwa District, Magistrate's Court
46	Kantale	2008	01	01	-	-	Kantale District, Magistrate's Court.
47	Baddegama	2009	01	01	-	-	Baddegama Magistrate's Court.
48	Badulla	2009	01	01	-	-	Badulla District, Magistrate's Court, High Court, Civil Appellate Court, Labor Tribunal.
49	Embilipitiya	2009	02	01	01	-	Embilipitiya District, Magistrate's Court High Court.
50	Hatton	2009	01	01	01	-	Hatton District, Magistrate's Court, Labor Tribunal.
51	Hingurakgoda	2009	01	01	-	-	Hingurakgoda District, Magistrate's Court. Bakamuna Magistrate's Court.
52	Nawalapitiya	2009	01	01	-	-	Nawalapitiya District, Magistrate's Court
53	Wellawaya	2009	01	01	01	-	Wellawaya District, Magistrate's Court.
54	Kaduwela	2010	01	01	01	-	The Kaduwela District, Magistrate's Court.
55	Mannar	2010	02	01	01	-	Mannar District, Magistrate's Court.
56	Muttur	2010	02	01	-	-	Muttur District, Magistrate's Court.
57	Mullaitivu	2010	03	01	01	-	Mullaitivu District, Magistrate's Court.
58	Tangalle	2010	01	01	-	-	Tangalle District, Magistrate's Court. High Court.

59	Valachchenai	2010	01	01	-	-	Valachchenai District, Magistrate's Court.
60	Walasmulla	2010	01	01	01	-	Walasmulla District, Magistrate's Court.
61	Wariyapola	2011	01	01	01	-	Wariyapola District, Magistrate's Court,
62	Point Pedro	2011	01	01	01	-	Point Pedro District, Magistrate's Court,
63	Pottuvil	2011	02	01	-	-	The Pottuvil District, Magistrate's Court,
64	Kadawatha	2011	01	01	01	-	The Kadawatha Magistrate's Court
65	Kekirawa	2011	01	01	-	-	Kekirawa District, Magistrate's Court
66	Kilinochchi	2011	03	01	01	-	Kilinochchi District, Magistrate's Court
67	Chavakacheri	2011	01	01	-	-	Chavakacheri District, Magistrate's Court.
68	Balangoda	2011	01	01	-	-	Balangoda District, Magistrate's Court.
69	Pugoda	2012	01	01	-	-	Pugoda District, Magistrate's Court,
70	Polgahawela	2012	01	01	-	-	Polgahawela District, Magistrate's Court
71	Kebithigollewa	2012	01	01	-	-	Kebithigollewa District, Magistrate's Court Padaviya Magistrate's Court
72	Galgamuwa	2012	01	01	-	-	Galgamuwa Magistrate's Court,
73	Homagama	2012	01	01	01	-	Homagama District, Magistrate's Court

74	Deiyandara	2012	01	01	-	-	Deiyandara Magistrate's Court.
75	Minuwangoda	2013	01	01	-	-	Minuwangoda District, Magistrate's Court.
76	Nikaweratiya	2013	01	01	-	-	Nikaweratiya District, Magistrate's Court.
77	Mallakam	2016	01	01	-	-	Mallakkam District, Magistrate's Court
78	Puttalam	2016	01	01	-	-	Puttalam District, Magistrate's Court High Court Kalpitiya Magistrate's Court Anamaduwa Magistrate's Court
79	Siyambalanduwa	2017	01	01	01	-	Siyambalanduwa Magistrate's Court
80	Dehiaththakandiya	2017	01	01	01	-	Dehiaththakandiya Magistrate's Court
81	Borella	2017	01	01	01	-	Labour Tribunal, Borella Labour Tribunal, Battaramulla Debt Conciliation Board
82	Galagedara	2017	01	01	01	-	Galagedara Magistrate's Court
83	Wattala	2018	01	01	01	-	Magistrate's Court, Wattala Labour Tribunal, Wattala

Organizational Composition of the Legal Aid Commission



Legal Division

Legal Division

1. Role

Mainly the role of the Legal Division is twofold.

1.1 Conducting legal counselling.

1.2 Providing free legal assistance for cases of those with low income and incapacity.

1.1 Legal Counselling

Legal counselling is done in several ways. Clients who seek this do not necessarily need to come to our offices in person, but still they can turn to the counselling activities.

1. Issues encountered by clients who come in person to the locally established Legal Aid offices will be discussed and clarified and, where necessary, advice will be given on further action as well.
2. Similarly, when various villages or settlements are visited to conduct legal clinics, the legal counseling work is opportunely carried out to the public who reach us.
3. Further, the legal issues of Sinhala readers are answered through Lankadeepa newspaper under the column, "Neethi Sarana", whereas, those of English readers are answered through Daily News news paper once every two weeks.
4. Legal issues referred through mail by clients will also be replied by the post.
5. Clients who connect through the Legal Aid Commission Hot Line are responded via telephone.

In providing this service, the Legal Aid Commission will not consider the income or the citizenship of the clients. Our legal officers will carry out the necessary legal counselling work regardless of the rank of any person who comes to our office or mobile clinic or anyone who contacts us through phone or postal mail. Hence, this is not an exclusive privilege to be obtained by just one group of individuals based on the economic disparity. This is a service that anyone can obtain.

1.1.1 Number of Clients Referred for Legal Counselling in 2018

No.	Office	Number of clients referred for legal counselling for the first time (January-December 2018)	No. of repeat counseling (January-December 2018)	Total
01	Colombo	3828	2083	5911
02	Kandy	829	2	831
03	Anuradhapura	793	262	1055
04	Galle	599	1807	2406
05	Kurunegala	882	29	911
06	Hambantota	589	1253	1842
07	Monaragala	620	1028	1648
08	Ampara	269	1319	1588
09	Nuwara Eliya	593	803	1396
10	Kegalle	433	737	1170
11	Balapitiya	526	1044	1570
12	Matara	675	2910	3585
13	Vavuniya	519	108	627
14	Akkareipattu	408	0	408
15	Trincomalee	403	23	426
16	Batticaloa	1100	-	1100
17	Chilaw	761	2308	3069
18	Kalmunei	448	63	511
19	Ratnapura	553	1184	1737
20	Avissawella	680	1183	1863
21	Bandarawela	275	1614	1889
22	Gampaha	223	512	735
23	Jaffna	371	1024	1395
24	Kalutara	1419	637	2056

25	Matale	268	406	674
26	Polonnaruwa	320	567	887
27	Panadura	805	1802	2607
28	Mahiyanganaya	390	1580	1970
29	Kuliyapitiya	704	3185	3889
30	Mahawa	331	1198	1529
31	Negombo	391	895	1286
32	Horana	713	3008	3721
33	Mathugama	358	1730	2088
34	Marawila	304	1455	1759
35	Mawanella	377	1005	1382
36	Warakapola	265	921	1186
37	Battaramulla	719	1086	1805
38	Dambulla	267	1041	1308
39	Attanagalla	372	742	1114
40	Morawaka/ Deniyaya	355	1667	2022
41	Welimada	395	1486	1881
42	Nugegoda	298	1033	1331
43	Tissamaharama	455	873	1328
44	Thambuththegama	236	328	564
45	Mt. Lavinia	365	595	960
46	Kantale	183	949	1132
47	Baddegama	310	956	1266
48	Badulla	1345	-	1345
49	Embilipitiya	330	2713	3043
50	Hatton	290	1309	1599
51	Hingurakgoda	289	841	1130
52	Nawalapitiya	164	614	778
53	Wellawaya	182	1660	1842
54	Kaduwela	397	917	1314
55	Mannar	340	381	721

56	Mutur	163	90	253
57	Mulaitivu	330	2733	3063
58	Tangalle	266	1113	1379
59	Walachchenai	977	193	1170
60	Walasmulla	389	1358	1747
61	Wariyapola	178	246	424
62	Point Pedro	141	1791	1932
63	Pottuwil	244	254	498
64	Kadawatha	357	1160	1517
65	Kekirawa	437	957	1394
66	Kilinochchi	486	211	697
67	Chavakacheri	119	220	339
68	Balangoda	365	70	435
69	Pugoda	1033	220	1253
70	Polgahawela	191	486	677
71	Kebithigollewa	172	578	750
72	Galgamuwa	181	1009	1191
73	Homagama	455	1559	2014
74	Deiyandara	555	103	658
75	Minuwangoda	299	843	1142
76	Nikaweratiya	312	1269	1581
77	Mallakam	492	2515	3007
78	Puttalam	242	850	1092
79	Galagedara	327	138	465
80	Dehiaththakandiya	283	865	1148
81	Siyambalanduwa	531	301	832
82	Borella	412	672	1084
83	Wattala	45	35	80
Total		40356	80841	121197

1.1.2 The number of clients who underwent legal counselling for the first time in 2018 by gender

No.	Office	No. of women	No. of women as a percentage (%)	No. of Men	No. of men as a percentage (%)	Total
01	Colombo	1481	38.68	2347	61.31	3828
02	Kandy	499	60	330	39.80	829
03	Anuradhapura	652	82.21	141	17.78	793
04	Galle	413	68.94	186	31.05	599
05	Kurunegala	496	56.23	386	43.76	882
06	Hambantota	468	79.45	121	20.54	589
07	Monaragala	141	22.74	479	77.25	620
08	Ampara	224	83	45	17	269
09	Nuwara Eliya	421	71	172	29	593
10	Kegalle	324	74.82	109	25.17	433
11	Balapitiya	396	75.28	130	24.71	526
12	Matara	490	72.59	185	27.40	675
13	Vavuniya	461	88.82	58	11.17	519
14	Akkareipattu	368	90.19	40	9.80	408
15	Trincomalee	311	77	92	23	403
16	Batticaloa	985	89.54	115	10.45	1100
17	Chilaw	447	58.73	314	41.26	761
18	Kalmunei	367	81.91	81	18.08	448
19	Ratnapura	412	74.50	141	25.49	553
20	Avissawella	442	65	238	35	680
21	Bandarawela	218	79.27	57	20.72	275
22	Gampaha	185	82.95	38	17.04	223
23	Jaffna	267	71.96	104	28.03	371
24	Kalutara	907	63.91	512	36.08	1419

25	Matale	204	76.12	64	23.88	268
26	Polonnaruwa	227	70.93	93	29.06	320
27	Panadura	525	65	280	35	805
28	Mahiyanganaya	284	72.82	106	27.17	390
29	Kuliyapitiya	519	73.72	185	26.27	704
30	Mahawa	253	76.43	78	23.56	331
31	Negombo	303	77.49	88	22.50	391
32	Horana	590	82.74	123	17.25	713
33	Mathugama	289	80.72	69	19.27	358
34	Marawila	253	83.22	51	16.78	304
35	Mawanella	285	76	92	24	377
36	Warakapola	193	72.83	72	27.16	265
37	Battaramulla	371	52	348	48	719
38	Dambulla	226	84.644	41	15.35	267
39	Attanagalla	273	71.84	107	28.15	380
40	Morawaka/ Deniyaya	303	85.35	52	14.64	355
41	Welimada	301	76.20	94	23.79	395
42	Nugegoda	207	69.46	91	30.53	298
43	Tissamaharama	287	63.07	168	36.92	455
44	Thambuththegama	208	88	28	12	236
45	Mt. Lavinia	243	66.57	122	33.42	365
46	Kantale	130	71.03	53	28.96	183
47	Baddegama	225	72.58	85	27.41	310
48	Badulla	1243	92	102	8	1345
49	Embilipitiya	295	89.39	35	10.60	330
50	Hatton	234	80.68	56	19.31	290
51	Hingurakgoda	176	61	113	39	289
52	Nawalapitiya	145	88	19	12	164
53	Wellawaya	156	85.71	26	14.28	182
54	Kaduwela	303	76.32	94	23.67	397

55	Mannar	251	73.82	89	26.17	340
56	Mutur	137	84.05	26	15.95	163
57	Mulaitivu	295	89.39	35	10.60	330
58	Tangalle	223	84	43	16	266
59	Walachchenai	798	81.67	179	18.32	977
60	Walasmulla	282	72.49	107	27.50	389
61	Wariyapola	150	84.26	28	15.73	178
62	Point Pedro	135	95.74	6	4.25	141
63	Pottuwil	199	81.56	45	18.44	244
64	Kadawatha	265	74.22	92	25.77	357
65	Kekirawa	367	72.81	137	27.18	504
66	Kilinochchi	368	75.72	118	24.27	486
67	Chavakacheri	114	96	5	4	119
68	Balangoda	248	67.94	117	32.05	365
69	Pugoda	978	94.67	55	5.32	1033
70	Polgahawela	161	84.3	30	15.7	191
71	Kebithigollewa	140	89.74	16	10.25	156
72	Galgamuwa	146	80.11	36	19.88	182
73	Homagama	309	68	146	32	455
74	Deiyandara	450	81.08	105	18.91	555
75	Minuwangoda	182	60.86	117	39.13	299
76	Nikaweratiya	211	67.62	101	32.37	312
77	Mallakam	449	91	43	9	492
78	Puttalam	215	88.84	27	11.15	242
79	Galagedara	280	85.62	47	14.37	327
80	Dehiaththakandiya	194	68.55	89	31.44	283
81	Siyambalanduwa	410	77.38	121	22.61	531
82	Borella	79	19	333	81	412
83	Wattala	39	87	6	13	45
Total		28701	6268.024	11655	2031.18	40356

1.1.3. Legal counselling by the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka from 2008 to 2018 as a number

No.	Year	No. of persons given legal counselling
01	2008	30216
02	2009	30545
03	2010	30906
04	2011	38051
05	2012	41213
06	2013	45169
07	2014	99484
08	2015	76779
09	2016	92725
10	2017	98369
11	2018	121197

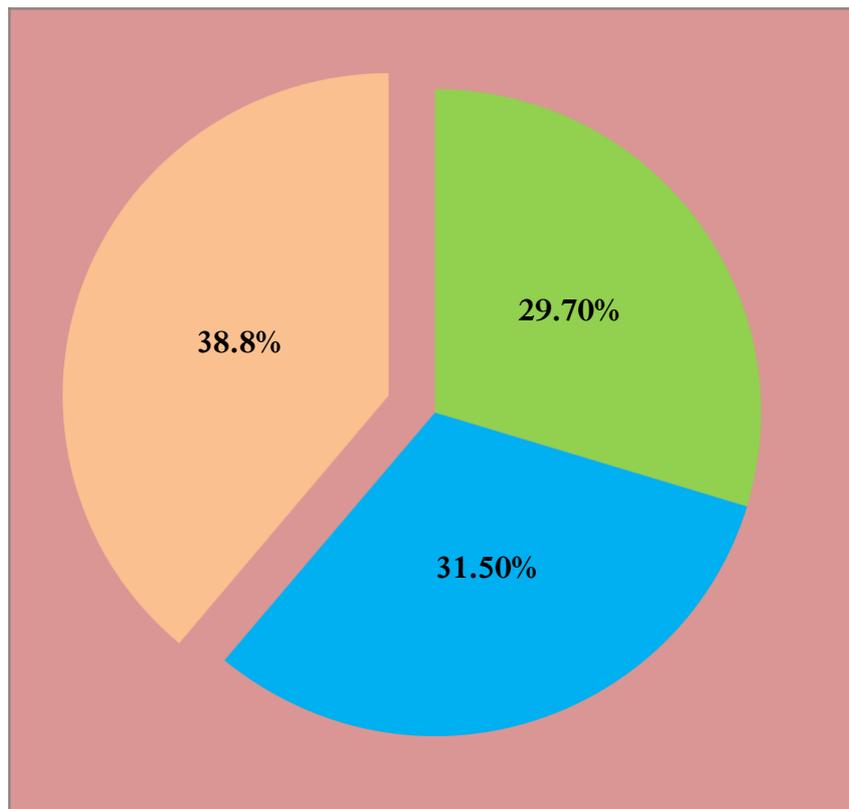


A key point in the study of client attendance to legal counselling is that, the number of consultations has increased from 92725 in the year 2016 up to 98369 in the year 2017'

Similarly, the number of consultations which was 98369 in the year 2017 has become 121197 in the year 2018, having a growth ratio of 1:4.1 compared to the progress in the year 2017.

1.1.3.1. Relative Progress of 2016, 2017 and 2018

No.	Year	No. of consultations	Percentage
01	2016	92725	29.7%
02	2017	98369	31.5%
03	2018	121197	38.8%
Total		312,291	100.0%



1.1.4. Public Grievance Handling

We have been instrumental in implementation of the public grievance management programme by networking with “Janapathita Kiyanna” programme carried out by the Presidential Secretariat in this regard. In addition, public grievances have been referred through the Prime Minister’s Office, Ministry of Justice, Attorney General’s Department and the Bar Association of Sri Lanka as well, whereas, counselling work has been conducted regarding 257 cases of the public as a whole.

No.	Description	No. of cases
01	Presidential Secretariat	84
02	Prime Minister’s Office	12
03	Ministry of Justice	64
04	Attorney General’s Department	1
05	The Chairman of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka	273
06	Letters shared through Lankadeepa News Paper	52
Total		486

1.2 Judicial Activities

Providing legal assistance for judicial activities of individuals is the most vital part of the Legal Division. It is first examined whether legal aid can be provided for a person at a time when a case needs to proceed in a Court for a legal matter of a person. Through legal counselling, an access to the said purpose can be obtained. In the maintenance of legal aid cases, we first find out whether it is justifiable to provide free legal assistance for this client, and for this, his economic situation will be determined. Accordingly, initially, a report of Grama Niladhari on the monthly income of a person will be summoned.

In this respect,

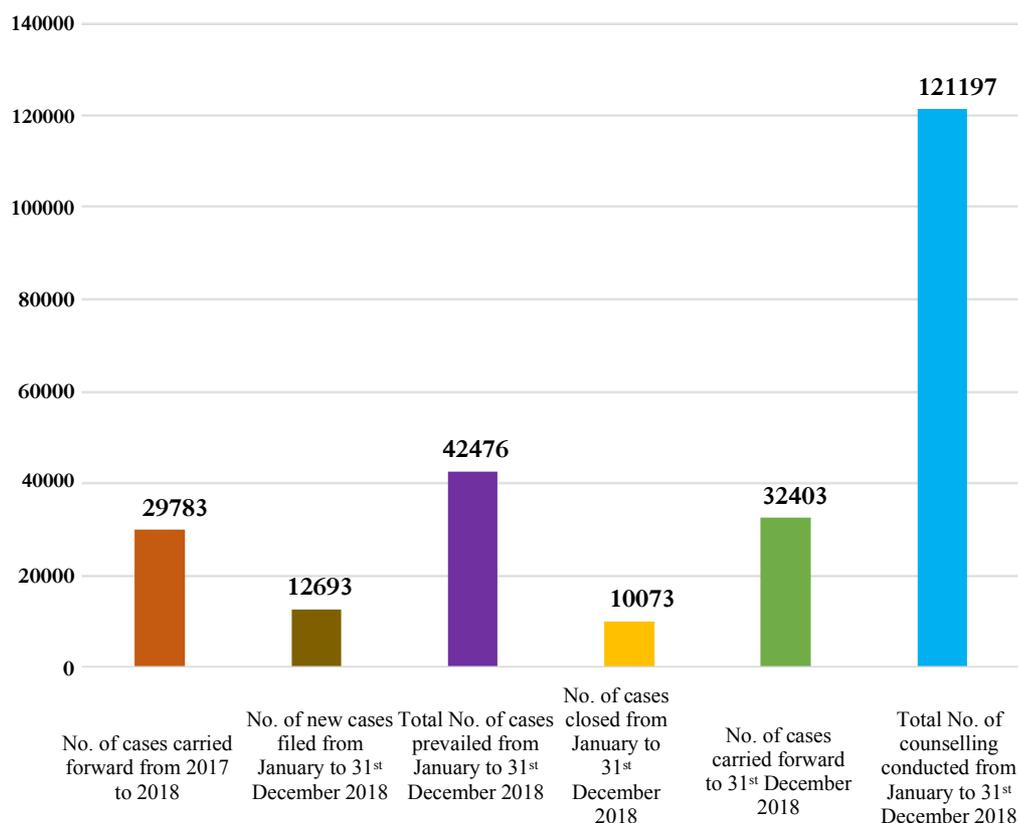
1. The fact whether the relevant person is a low-income person according to the report on his monthly income which is obtained by the Grama Niladhari and countersigned by the Divisional Secretary, will be firstly checked. In such case, if he is proven to be a low income earner as per these reports, he will be provided with free legal assistance in terms of legal aid policies for court proceedings of such persons.
2. Is it possible to get the support of any attorney for the case of a person who earns a sufficient income? Will a lawyer be a party to a case? Would a party of one case influence the attorneys and prevent a lawyer representing the other party? At such juncture, the Legal Aid Commission pays constant attention to cooperate with the judiciary as necessary in assisting the administration of justice. In such case as this, the Legal Aid Commission acts in order to offer legal representation irrespective of the income of the party.
3. Similarly, even if a person has been in remand for more than one year but will not be able to obtain legal assistance, legal assistance of the Legal Aid Commission will be provided on behalf of such persons.
4. For the rights of the child, in cases involving children,
5. Action will be taken to grant legal assistance free of charge irrespective of the income of the applicant, for a litigation proceeded under the Maintenance Act and Elders' Rights Act.

Proper functioning of both the civil and criminal divisions must be maintained for the said purpose. The assistance of an advisory committee comprised of retired Supreme Court judges has been provided to the Legal Division to cater to this purpose. The entire functioning of the legal division in the year 2018 was carried out under the complete supervision of the former Judges of the Supreme Court, Justice Hector Yapa and Justice Chandra Ekanayake.

We have worked for cases in all courts including each Magistrate's Court, District Court, High Court, Provincial Court of Appeal, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court in the island, and for maintaining the proceedings in tribunals including the Labor Tribunal, Workmen's Compensation Tribunal, Debt Conciliation Board, Quazi Board, Chambers, Administrative Tribunal and Human Rights Commission. Further, although our attorneys do not appear for the legal matters in the Mediation Board, Labor Commissioner's Department, Quazi Court and other bodies with authority, the Legal Division has provided necessary guidance to them to make the necessary referrals properly.

1.2.1. Progress of Legal Division of Legal Aid Commission in 2018

No. of cases carried forward from 2017 to 2018	29783
No. of new cases filed from January to 31 st December 2018	12693
Total No. of cases prevailed from January to 31 st December 2018	42476
No. of cases closed from January to 31 st December 2018	10073
No. of cases carried forward to 31 st December 2018	32403
Total No. of counselling conducted from January to 31 st December 2018	121197
The service done from January to 31 st December 2018 as a whole	42476 + 121197 <u>= 163,673</u>



1.2.2. Cases heard between 01st January 2018 and 31st December 2018

No.	Year of commencement of the center	Cases as at 01.01.2018	Cases filed Jan-Dec 2018	Total	Cases closed and laid by Jan-Dec 2018	Cases carried forward 01.01.2019
01	Colombo 1978	1066	306	1372	138	1234
02	Kandy 1994	485	155	640	56	584
03	Anuradhapura 1994	1017	304	1321	217	1104
04	Galle 1994	487	135	622	78	544
05	Kurunegala 1996	999	157	1156	97	1059
06	Hambantota 2003	777	146	923	57	866
07	Monaragala 2003	323	197	520	160	360
08	Ampara 2003	243	117	360	70	290
09	Nuwara Eliya 2003	394	124	518	82	436
10	Kegalle 2003	525	112	637	77	560
11	Balapitiya 2003	699	176	875	67	808
12	Matara 2005	498	327	825	314	511
13	Vavuniya 2005	458	219	677	209	468
14	Akkareipattu 2005	677	263	940	355	585
15	Trincomalee 2005	345	193	538	299	239
16	Batticaloa 2005	232	210	442	219	223
17	Chilaw 2005	733	144	877	113	764
18	Kalmunei 2005	793	332	1125	259	866

19	Ratnapura 2006	522	260	782	192	590
20	Avissawella 2006	388	159	547	127	420
21	Bandarawela 2006	284	156	440	158	282
22	Gampaha 2006	386	173	559	248	311
23	Jaffna 2006	520	125	645	19	626
24	Kalutara 2006	965	180	1145	74	1071
25	Matale 2006	632	160	792	500	292
26	Polonnaruwa 2006	221	130	351	155	196
27	Panadura 2006	443	173	616	145	471
28	Mahiyanganaya 2006	338	136	474	53	421
29	Kuliyapitiya 2006	240	219	459	215	244
30	Mahawa 2006	173	126	299	144	155
31	Negombo 2006	193	155	348	92	256
32	Horana 2007	480	241	721	144	577
33	Mathugama 2007	182	134	316	149	167
34	Marawila 2007	280	128	408	64	344
35	Mawanella 2007	322	126	448	54	394
36	Warakapola 2007	250	93	343	111	232
37	Battaramulla 2007	524	127	651	118	533
38	Dambulla 2007	122	130	252	121	131
39	Attanagalla 2007	587	175	762	82	680
40	Morawaka/ Deniyaya 2007	178	146	324	140	184

41	Welimada 2008	321	150	471	86	385
42	Nugegoda 2008	454	126	580	114	466
43	Tissamaharama 2008	199	173	372	126	246
44	Thambuttegama 2008	123	114	237	47	190
45	Mt. Lavinia 2008	475	108	583	75	508
46	Kantale 2008	191	70	261	39	222
47	Baddegama 2009	285	136	421	77	344
48	Badulla 2009	262	158	420	121	299
49	Embilipitiya 2009	427	279	706	277	429
50	Hatton 2009	247	122	369	129	240
51	Hingurakgoda 2009	506	167	673	65	608
52	Nawalapitiya 2009	317	120	437	105	332
53	Welfare 2009	490	141	631	56	575
54	Kaduwela 2010	446	117	563	130	433
55	Mannar 2010	199	152	351	75	276
56	Mutur 2010	209	106	315	26	289
57	Mullaitivu 2010	401	157	558	193	365
58	Tangalle 2010	371	124	495	65	430
59	Walaichchenai 2010	255	290	545	256	289
60	Walasmulla 2010	282	146	428	138	290
61	Wariyapola 2011	176	51	227	73	154
62	Point Pedro 2011	400	98	498	24	474

63	Pottuwil 2011	217	141	358	124	234
64	Kadawatha 2011	319	111	430	180	250
65	Kekirawa 2011	217	145	362	136	226
66	Kilinochchi 2011	368	151	519	147	372
67	Chavakachcheri 2011	120	60	180	23	157
68	Balangoda 2011	151	158	309	141	168
69	Pugoda 2012	143	130	273	103	170
70	Polgahawela 2012	151	105	256	89	167
71	Kebithigollewa 2012	252	148	400	88	312
72	Galgamuwa 2012	111	88	199	54	145
73	Homagama 2012	315	153	468	126	342
74	Deiyandara 2012	91	122	213	126	87
75	Minuwangoda 2013	354	184	538	54	484
76	Nikaweratiya 2013	180	121	301	73	228
77	Mallakam 2016	506	226	732	161	571
78	Puttalam 2016	111	169	280	80	200
79	Galagedara 2017	20	44	64	25	39
80	Dehiaththakandiya 2017	52	68	120	14	106
81	Siyambalanduwa 2017	42	79	121	10	111
82	Borella 2017	46	116	162	48	114
83	Wattala 2018	-	30	30	4	26
Total		29783	12693	42476	10073	32403

1.2.3 Cases closed from 01.01.2018 to 31.12.2018 as a figure

No.	Office	Cases closed (January-December 2018)	Cases laid by (January-December 2018)	Total
01	Colombo	138	-	138
02	Kandy	56	-	56
03	Anuradhapura	202	15	217
04	Galle	44	34	78
05	Kurunrgala	97	-	97
06	Hambantota	57	-	57
07	Monaragala	91	69	160
08	Ampara	37	33	70
09	Nuwara Eliya	81	1	82
10	Kegalle	53	24	77
11	Balapitiya	67	-	67
12	Matara	314	-	314
13	Vavuniya	179	30	209
14	Akkareipattu	222	133	355
15	Trincomalee	274	25	299
16	Batticaloa	216	3	219
17	Chilaw	96	17	113
18	Kalmunei	248	11	259
19	Ratnapura	140	52	192
20	Avissawella	48	79	127
21	Bandarawela	76	82	158
22	Gampaha	165	83	248
23	Jaffna	19	-	19
24	Kalutara	74	-	74

25	Matale	500	-	500
26	Polonnaruwa	48	107	155
27	Panadura	97	48	145
28	Mahiyanganaya	43	10	53
29	Kuliyapitiya	136	79	215
30	Mahawa	91	53	144
31	Negombo	69	23	92
32	Horana	144	-	144
33	Mathugama	48	101	149
34	Marawila	64	-	64
35	Mawanella	31	23	54
36	Warakapola	63	48	111
37	Battaramulla	118	-	118
38	Dambulla	46	75	121
39	Attanagalla	33	49	82
40	Morawaka/ Deniyaya	86	54	140
41	Welimada	53	33	86
42	Nugegoda	55	59	114
43	Tissamaharama	47	79	126
44	Thambuttegama	7	40	47
45	Mt. Lavinia	75	-	75
46	Kantale	9	30	39
47	Baddegama	75	2	77
48	Badulla	82	39	121
49	Embilipitiya	124	153	277
50	Hatton	129	-	129
51	Hingurakgoda	36	29	65
52	Nawalapitiya	47	58	105
53	Wellawaya	56	-	56
54	Kaduwela	102	28	130
55	Mannar	75	-	75

56	Mutur	26	-	26
57	Mullaitivu	193	-	193
58	Tangalle	48	17	65
59	Walachchenai	198	58	256
60	Walasmulla	56	82	138
61	Wariyapola	40	33	73
62	Point Pedro	24	-	24
63	Pottuwil	120	4	124
64	Kadawatha	137	43	180
65	Kekirawa	84	52	136
66	Kilinochchi	105	42	147
67	Chavakachcheri	13	10	23
68	Balangoda	88	53	141
69	Pugoda	103	-	103
70	Polgahawela	45	44	89
71	Kebithigollewa	61	27	88
72	Galgamuwa	43	11	54
73	Homagama	79	47	126
74	Deiyandara	75	51	126
75	Minuwangoda	25	29	54
76	Nikaweratiya	52	21	73
77	Mallakam	131	30	161
78	Puttalam	61	19	80
79	Galagedara	20	5	25
80	Dehiaththakandiya	13	1	14
81	Siyambalanduwa	9	1	10
82	Borella	48	0	48
83	Wattala	4	-	4
Total		7481	2592	10073

1.2.4. Classification of cases brought forward as at 01.01.2019

No.	Year of commencement of the center	Divorce	Maintenance	Land	Partition	Money	High Court cases	Appeal Court cases	Accidents	Bail	Other	Child Rights	Labour	Criminal	Supreme Court cases	Victim of crimes	Special	Guardianship	Domestic Violence	Total
01	Colombo 1978	246	389	65	-	17	-	123	47	31	100	-	78	7	130	1	-	-	-	1234
02	Kandy 1994	107	247	47	-	103	6	10	-	-	39	-	20	-	-	4	-	-	1	584
03	Anuradhapura 1994	242	657	22	-	24	-	-	112	-	21	1	11	-	-	-	14	-	-	1104
04	Galle 1994	42	347	2	-	7	-	7	47	1	38	1	34	1	-	8	1	-	8	544
05	Kurunegala 1996	272	440	32	3	83	18	21	46	12	44	-	33	-	-	28	22	3	2	1059
06	Hambantota 2003	141	466	7	-	-	29	-	52	-	60	-	-	101	-	-	10	-	-	866
07	Monaragala 2003	125	209	9	-	7	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	360
08	Ampara 2003	71	174	10	-	7	-	-	11	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	4	-	1	290
09	Nuwara Eliya 2003	47	281	7	-	11	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	85	-	-	-	-	-	436
10	Kegalle 2003	83	296	26	13	48	18	2	-	4	30	-	14	-	-	25	1	-	-	560
11	Balapitiya 2003	115	355	15	7	80	20	11	43	10	40	4	3	25	-	66	3	8	3	808
12	Matara 2005	118	134	27	-	36	20	-	87	1	7	-	41	-	-	32	8	-	-	511
13	Vavuniya 2005	56	362	5	-	14	-	-	14	1	10	-	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	468
14	Akkareipattu 2005	22	503	9	-	30	-	-	6	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	9	2	-	585
15	Trincomalee 2005	29	104	7	-	45	5	-	-	9	6	-	27	-	-	-	-	7	-	239
16	Batticaloa 2005	61	94	26	-	29	-	-	1	-	6	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	223
17	Chilaw 2005	55	461	7	-	2	4	4	-	-	3	-	194	4	-	26	1	-	3	764
18	Kalmunai 2005	9	811	8	-	-	-	-	3	-	12	-	-	4	-	-	18	-	1	866
19	Ratnapura 2006	149	301	21	-	17	20	7	23	1	16	-	4	-	-	13	9	-	9	590
20	Avissawella 2006	78	225	26	-	46	1	4	1	1	-	-	3	2	-	25	5	-	3	420
21	Bandarawela 2006	43	185	10	1	10	-	-	25	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	3	-	-	282
22	Gampaha 2006	105	79	31	1	12	4	10	53	-	9	-	3	-	-	1	2	-	1	311
23	Jaffna 2006	102	373	29	-	28	-	4	-	-	22	-	48	14	-	-	-	3	3	626
24	Kalutara 2006	173	537	24	-	50	-	-	43	-	29	-	70	26	-	90	20	2	7	1071
25	Matale 2006	58	192	9	-	13	-	-	-	-	8	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	292
26	Polonnaruwa 2006	32	116	10	-	7	-	-	25	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	196
27	Panadura 2006	93	151	5	-	30	15	-	10	-	20	-	35	-	-	37	15	-	60	471
28	Mahiyanganaya 2006	79	310	3	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	1	2	-	421
29	Kuliyapitiya 2006	58	86	20	4	16	-	-	38	1	7	-	6	1	-	6	1	-	-	244
30	Mahawa 2006	42	68	4	3	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	6	1	-	155
31	Negombo 2006	90	95	12	-	40	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	-	-	7	1	2	2	256
32	Horana 2007	70	352	4	-	19	-	7	25	-	75	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	18	577
33	Mathugama 2007	50	87	4	-	16	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	167
34	Marawila 2007	40	192	2	-	31	-	-	8	8	13	-	-	46	-	-	-	-	4	344
35	Mawanella 2007	118	196	16	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	1	-	1	394
36	Warakapola 2007	49	132	7	-	31	-	-	2	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	232
37	Battaramulla 2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	533	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	533
38	Dambulla 2007	17	108	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	131

39	Attanagalla 2007	120	510	22	-	15	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	680	
40	Morawaka/ Deniyaya 2007	62	105	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	4	184	
41	Welimada 2008	100	198	2	-	25	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	28	-	3	1	-	4	385
42	Nugegoda 2008	71	164	13	2	65	-	-	-	14	17	-	24	16	-	65	5	1	9	466
43	Tissamaharama 2008	72	102	1	-	1	-	-	21	-	2	-	-	36	-	-	9	-	2	246
44	Thambuttegama 2008	190	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	190
45	Mt. Lavinia 2008	108	195	42	1	33	-	13	29	6	3	-	38	15	-	16	6	2	1	508
46	Kantale 2008	30	149	3	-	10	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	27	-	-	-	1	1	222
47	Baddegama 2009	68	213	1	1	2	-	-	22	-	4	-	-	29	-	-	3	-	1	344
48	Badulla 2009	46	209	12	-	2	1	5	19	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	299
49	Embilipitiya 2009	62	282	14	-	15	3	-	40	-	3	-	-	1	-	8	-	-	1	429
50	Hatton 2009	60	120	1	-	8	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	2	240
51	Hinguragoda 2009	86	291	4	-	24	-	-	-	59	9	-	-	128	-	-	-	-	7	608
52	Nawalapitiya 2009	49	231	15	-	14	-	-	-	-	20	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	332
53	Wellawaya 2009	107	416	9	-	11	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	575
54	Kaduwela 2010	-	77	132	23	75	-	-	34	2	4	-	25	3	-	37	14	2	5	433
55	Mannar 2010	16	126	20	-	9	-	-	11	-	25	-	-	66	-	-	-	-	3	276
56	Mutur 2010	8	236	4	-	9	-	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	289
57	Mullaitivu 2010	41	267	19	-	22	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	10	365
58	Kegalle 2010	104	273	1	-	7	-	-	25	3	-	-	-	-	-	14	2	-	1	430
59	Walachchenai 2010	-	288	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	289
60	Walasmulla 2010	86	150	1	-	42	-	-	8	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	290
61	Wariyapola 2011	42	62	4	-	8	-	-	34	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	154
62	Point Pedro 2011	71	323	13	-	31	-	-	4	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	474
63	Pottuwil 2011	7	218	2	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	234
64	Kadawatha 2011	-	187	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	12	-	-	14	-	4	-	11	7	250
65	Kekirawa 2011	81	71	4	-	5	-	-	24	-	4	-	-	26	-	2	5	-	4	226
66	Kilinochchi 2011	34	261	5	-	30	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	16	372
67	Chavakacheri 2011	29	100	7	-	7	-	-	8	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	157
68	Balangoda 2011	56	84	8	-	14	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	168
69	Pugoda 2012	25	109	10	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	1	-	-	170
70	Polgahawela 2012	-	111	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	167
71	Kebithigollewa 2012	76	171	1	-	33	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	312
72	Galgamuwa 2012	-	120	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	145
73	Homagama 2012	70	103	20	-	8	3	-	14	1	1	-	13	-	-	95	8	2	4	342
74	Deiyandara 2012	-	50	-	-	26	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	1	87
75	Minuwabgoda 2013	67	148	27	4	45	-	-	33	17	46	4	-	38	-	47	-	-	8	484
76	Nikaweratiya 2013	33	127	2	-	10	-	-	9	-	7	-	-	24	-	21	-	-	2	228
77	Mallakam 2016	72	442	25	1	14	-	-	2	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	571
78	Puttalam 2016	47	125	10	-	8	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	200
79	Galagedara 2017	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	39
80	Dehiaththakandiya 2017	-	83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	12	-	-	7	106
81	Siyambalanduwa 2017	-	88	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	4	111
82	Borella 2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114	-	-	-	-	-	-	114
83	Wattala 2018	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Total number of all centres (83)		5293	17914	1024	64	1633	149	230	1165	183	987	543	864	840	130	846	242	60	264	32431

1.2.5. Classification of the new cases filed in the year 2018

No.	Year of commencement of the center	Divorce	Maintainance	Land	Partition	Money	High Court cases	Appeal Court cases	Accidents	Bail	Other	Child Rights	Labour	Criminal	Supreme Court cases	Victim of crimes	Special	Guardianship	Domestic Violence	Total
01	Colombo 1978	47	81	8	-	4	-	44	13	40	30	-	11	1	26	1	-	-	-	306
02	Kandy 1994	41	69	4	-	13	-	-	2	-	10	-	15	-	1	-	-	-	-	155
03	Anuradhapura 1994	82	161	1	-	15	-	-	22	1	5	4	5	-	-	-	8	-	-	304
04	Galle 1994	16	62	-	-	3	-	3	15	-	6	3	16	3	-	1	-	-	7	135
05	Kurunegala 1996	59	51	1	-	-	2	5	14	-	20	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	157
06	Hambantota 2003	31	65	-	-	-	6	-	10	-	-	-	-	33	-	-	1	-	-	146
07	Monaragala 2003	31	125	1	-	6	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	197
08	Ampara 2003	34	67	-	-	6	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	3	-	-	117
09	Nuwara Eliya 2003	17	79	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	23	-	-	1	-	1	124
10	Kegalle 2003	27	60	-	-	10	2	1	-	2	6	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	112
11	Balapitiya 2003	24	86	-	3	11	-	-	12	-	4	-	1	2	-	28	-	3	2	176
12	Matara 2005	71	125	14	-	17	19	-	22	1	13	-	19	-	-	20	4	-	2	327
13	Vavuniya 2005	35	152	2	-	4	-	-	7	-	11	-	-	5	-	-	-	1	2	219
14	Akkareipattu 2005	19	223	2	-	12	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	263
15	Trincomalee 2005	26	88	1	-	28	-	-	1	17	27	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	193
16	Batticaloa 2005	30	155	5	-	6	-	-	-	-	8	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	210
17	Chilaw 2005	17	59	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	4	-	50	-	-	7	1	-	3	144
18	Kalmunai 2005	10	305	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	3	332
19	Ratnapura 2006	60	161	4	-	3	5	4	3	-	3	-	1	-	-	7	2	-	7	260
20	Avissawella 2006	23	93	3	-	21	1	3	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	4	4	-	1	159
21	Bandarawela 2006	36	90	1	-	3	-	-	14	-	7	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	156
22	Gampaha 2006	52	79	4	-	-	14	-	-	11	-	1	3	-	-	6	2	-	1	173
23	Jaffna 2006	25	53	5	-	7	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	26	1	-	-	-	3	125
24	Kalutara 2006	11	61	2	-	8	15	-	7	2	3	-	29	-	-	35	3	-	4	180
25	Matale 2006	34	82	4	-	7	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	160
26	Polonnaruwa 2006	31	70	1	-	6	-	-	12	1	7	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	130
27	Panadura 2006	21	92	3	-	9	3	-	3	2	7	-	9	-	-	7	4	-	1	173
28	Mahiyanganaya 2006	32	92	2	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	-	136
29	Kuliyapitiya 2006	38	141	4	1	10	-	-	6	2	4	-	6	3	-	3	1	-	-	219
30	Mahawa 2006	29	70	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	14	2	-	-	126
31	Negombo 2006	44	68	4	-	13	-	3	-	-	7	-	11	-	-	2	-	1	2	155
32	Horana 2007	45	137	-	-	14	-	-	13	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	241
33	Mathugama 2007	28	89	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	134
34	Marawila 2007	22	76	-	-	4	-	-	2	2	1	1	-	18	-	-	-	-	2	128
35	Mawanella 2007	44	50	3	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	-	-	1	126
36	Warakapola 2007	19	49	5	-	8	-	-	2	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	93
37	Battaramulla 2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	121	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	127
38	Dambulla 2007	10	112	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	130
39	Attanagalla 2007	29	92	7	-	11	-	-	16	1	3	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	4	175

40	Morawaka/ Deniyaya 2007	33	83	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	1	-	-	15	-	-	1	0	146
41	Welimada 2008	39	76	1	-	15	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	10	-	-	1	-	2	150	
42	Nugegoda 2008	27	58	1	-	14	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	8	3	-	5	126	
43	Tissamaharama 2008	47	113	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	-	-	2	-	-	173	
44	Thambuttegama 2008	-	114	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114	
45	Mt. Lavinia 2008	12	26	6	-	9	-	2	11	3	1	-	16	17	-	-	3	-	2	108	
46	Kantale 2008	8	48	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	1	1	70	
47	Baddegama 2009	34	65	2	-	5	-	-	8	-	7	-	-	-	-	12	1	-	2	136	
48	Badulla 2009	21	122	1	-	-	-	5	6	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	158	
49	Embilipitiya 2009	34	219	-	-	3	3	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	6	279	
50	Hatton 2009	33	54	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	-	-	-	122	
51	Hingurakgoda 2009	26	41	-	-	13	-	-	-	23	7	-	-	50	-	-	-	-	3	167	
52	Nawalapitiya 2009	11	89	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	13	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	120	
53	Wellawaya 2009	35	87	2	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	141	
54	Kaduwela 2010	24	41	2	-	22	-	-	9	1	3	-	2	3	-	5	3	-	2	117	
55	Mannar 2010	12	67	4	-	1	-	-	9	-	23	-	-	31	-	1	-	2	2	152	
56	Mutur 2010	5	78	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	106	
57	Mullaitivu 2010	19	94	3	-	11	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	2	157	
58	Kegalle 2010	40	64	1	-	1	-	-	8	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	124	
59	Walachchenai 2010	1	283	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	290	
60	Walasmulla 2010	43	93	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	146	
61	Wariyapola 2011	13	29	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51	
62	Point Pedro 2011	15	59	3	-	8	-	-	4	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	98	
63	Pottuwil 2011	9	124	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	141	
64	Kadawatha 2011	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	111	
65	Kekirawa 2011	27	104	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	145	
66	Kilinochchi 2011	25	96	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	8	151	
67	Chavakacheri 2011	8	36	6	-	7	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	
68	Balangoda 2011	43	96	4	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	158	
69	Pugoda 2012	14	90	-	-	5	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	2	-	-	130	
70	Polgahawela 2012	-	72	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	105	
71	Kebithigollewa 2012	29	96	2	-	14	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	148	
72	Galgamuwa 2012	-	64	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	88	
73	Homagama 2012	28	56	1	-	8	2	-	-	3	2	-	21	-	-	28	-	-	4	153	
74	Deiyandara 2012	-	64	-	-	40	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	5	122	
75	Minuwabgoda 2013	22	53	7	4	15	-	-	9	17	16	4	-	13	-	20	1	-	3	184	
76	Nikaweratiya 2013	15	67	-	-	8	-	-	5	-	7	-	-	6	-	12	-	-	1	121	
77	Mallakam 2016	55	123	9	-	9	-	-	2	-	14	-	-	1	-	5	-	7	1	226	
78	Puttalam 2016	36	109	2	-	6	2	-	-	-	1	-	2	6	-	2	-	-	2	169	
79	Galagedara 2017	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	44	
80	Dehiaththakandiya 2017	-	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	10	-	-	4	68	
81	Siyambaladuwa 2017	-	60	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	4	79	
82	Borella 2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116	-	-	-	-	-	-	116	
83	Wattala 2018	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	
Total number of all centres (83)		2122	7304	158	9	591	59	74	340	127	412	135	388	290	29	370	92	29	194	12723	

1.2.6. Classification of the cases completed in the year 2018

No.	Year of commencement of the center	Divorce	Maintainance	Land	Partition	Money	High Court cases	Appeal Court cases	Accidents	Bail	Other	Child Rights	Labour	Criminal	Supreme Court cases	Victim of Crimes	Special	Guardianship	Domestic Violence	Total
01	Colombo 1978	82	2	-	-	-	-	11	-	3	-	-	5	-	35	-	-	-	-	138
02	Kandy 1994	12	27	-	-	8	-	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	56
03	Anuradhapura 1994	49	61	47	-	10	-	-	36	1	1	5	3	-	-	-	2	1	1	217
04	Galle 1994	17	41	3	-	-	-	1	6	-	3	2	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	78
05	Kurunegala 1996	29	26	2	-	5	-	2	15	-	14	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	97
06	Hambantota 2003	6	14	6	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	57
07	Monaragala 2003	73	81	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	160
08	Ampara 2003	17	45	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	70
09	Nuwara Eliya 2003	16	39	1	-	3	-	1	3	-	2	-	-	10	-	-	1	-	6	82
10	Kegalle 2003	25	37	1	-	5	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	77
11	Balapitiya 2003	2	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	66
12	Matara 2005	61	152	8	-	9	2	-	21	1	14	-	25	-	-	14	3	2	2	314
13	Vavuniya 2005	31	169	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	209
14	Akkareipattu 2005	14	298	1	-	16	-	-	2	-	5	-	-	-	-	15	4	-	-	355
15	Trincomalee 2005	65	129	14	-	44	-	-	1	2	19	1	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	299
16	Batticaloa 2005	156	5	-	16	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	219	156
17	Chilaw 2005	5	29	-	-	-	11	28	-	-	1	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	113
18	Kalmunai 2005	19	202	7	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	12	259
19	Ratnapura 2006	59	104	1	-	4	7	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	7	192
20	Avissawella 2006	23	83	-	-	13	-	1	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	1	2	-	-	127
21	Bandarawela 2006	26	101	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	9	-	13	-	-	2	4	-	-	158
22	Gampaha 2006	45	89	25	-	12	2	-	54	-	13	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	1	248
23	Jaffna 2006	7	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	19
24	Kalutara 2006	13	18	-	-	2	11	-	2	-	2	-	20	-	-	4	-	-	2	74
25	Matale 2006	34	440	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	500
26	Polonnaruwa 2006	24	104	3	-	3	-	-	10	2	5	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	155
27	Panadura 2006	16	103	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	5	2	-	8	145
28	Mahiyanganaya 2006	18	31	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	53
29	Kuliyapitiya 2006	47	125	5	2	12	-	-	6	1	5	-	6	3	-	3	-	-	-	215
30	Mahawa 2006	47	81	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	9	1	-	-	144
31	Negombo 2006	24	37	1	-	5	1	3	-	3	8	-	8	1	-	-	-	1	-	92
32	Horana 2007	25	86	2	-	3	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	144
33	Mathugama 2007	25	110	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	149
34	Marawila 2007	12	40	-	-	6	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	64
35	Mawanella 2007	6	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
36	Warakapola 2007	24	37	1	-	5	1	3	-	3	8	-	8	1	-	-	-	1	-	92
37	Battaramulla 2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	118
38	Dambulla 2007	15	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	121

39	Attanagalla 2007	17	64	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82	
40	Morawaka/ Deniyaya 2007	26	83	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	16	-	-	12	140
41	Welimada 2008	28	44	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	3	86
42	Nugegoda 2008	17	66	4	1	7	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	2	114
43	Tissamaharama 2008	26	84	4	-	2	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	126
44	Thambuttegama 2008	-	46	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47
45	Mt. Lavinia 2008	14	2	1	-	5	-	-	8	2	21	-	2	11	-	3	4	-	2	75
46	Kantale 2008	4	31	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	39
47	Baddegama 2009	24	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	32	1	-	2	77
48	Badulla 2009	13	100	-	-	1	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	121
49	Embilipitiya 2009	26	204	1	-	5	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	2	-	16	5	-	8	277
50	Hatton 2009	20	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	-	-	2	129
51	Hingurakgoda 2009	8	29	-	-	4	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	2	65
52	Nawalapitiya 2009	11	74	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	13	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	105
53	Wellawaya 2009	17	32	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	56
54	Kaduwela 2010	18	30	4	-	8	-	-	7	9	14	-	9	3	-	13	3	-	12	130
55	Mannar 2010	4	40	1	-	4	-	-	3	-	5	-	-	11	-	4	-	-	3	75
56	Mutur 2010	-	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	26
57	Mullaitivu 2010	24	107	4	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	29	193
58	Kegalle 2010	33	19	-	-	10	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65
59	Walachchenai 2010	2	245	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	256
60	Walasmulla 2010	23	81	1	-	17	-	2	-	2	2	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	3	138
61	Wariyapola 2011	17	47	2	-	3	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73
62	Point Pedro 2011	5	10	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	24
63	Pottuwil 2011	4	115	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	124
64	Kadawatha 2011	-	172	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	180
65	Kekirawa 2011	28	96	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	3	-	-	1	-	2	136
66	Kilinochchi 2011	25	48	5	-	3	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	1	147
67	Chavakacheri 2011	1	15	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
68	Balangoda 2011	26	97	3	-	8	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	4	-	141
69	Pugoda 2012	6	64	5	-	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	14	5	-	-	103
70	Polgahawela 2012	-	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	89
71	Kebithigollewa 2012	12	72	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88
72	Galgamuwa 2012	-	51	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	54
73	Homagama 2012	24	52	1	-	3	1	2	-	2	3	-	19	-	-	9	-	3	7	126
74	Deiyandara 2012	21	50	-	-	29	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	7	126
75	Minuwabgoda 2013	6	41	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	54
76	Nikaweratiya 2013	9	36	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	5	-	13	1	-	4	73
77	Mallakam 2016	34	53	9	-	8	-	-	4	-	13	-	-	6	-	18	-	11	5	161
78	Puttalam 2016	6	52	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	4	-	-	8	-	-	1	-	4	80
79	Galagedara 2017	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	25
80	Dehiaththakandiya 2017	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	14
81	Siyambalanduwa 2017	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	10
82	Borella 2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
83	Wattala	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Total No. of centres (83)		1586	5452	205	3	371	41	59	246	45	289	14	222	207	35	282	79	30	202	9495

1.2.7 Classification of cases heard in the year 2018 by Court

No.	Year of commencement of the center	Supreme Court	Appeal Court	Civil Appellate Court	High Court	District Court	Magistrate's Court	Labour Tribunal	Other	Total
01	Colombo 1978	130	-	125	32	439	430	78	-	1234
02	Kandy 1994	-	-	-	-	296	254	20	14	584
03	Anuradhapura 1994	-	-	-	-	436	657	11	-	1104
04	Galle 1994	-	-	7	-	101	366	34	36	544
05	Kurunegala 1996	-	-	36	30	473	487	33	-	1059
06	Hambantota 2003	-	-	-	29	200	567	-	70	866
07	Monaragala 2003	-	-	-	1	150	209	-	-	360
08	Ampara 2003	-	-	-	-	99	187	4	-	290
09	Nuwara Eliya 2003	-	-	-	-	59	373	4	-	436
10	Kegalle 2003	-	-	2	22	171	351	14	-	560
11	Balapitiya 2003	-	-	-	70	228	467	3	40	808
12	Matara 2005	-	-	-	21	278	171	41	-	511
13	Vavuniya 2005	-	-	1	1	100	366	-	-	468
14	Akkareipattu 2005	-	-	-	-	81	504	-	-	585
15	Trincomalee 2005	-	-	-	-	62	139	38	-	239
16	Batticaloa 2005	-	-	-	-	120	100	3	-	223
17	Chilaw 2005	-	-	4	4	65	497	194	-	764
18	Kalmunai 2005	-	-	-	-	38	827	-	1	866
19	Ratnapura 2006	-	7	-	20	219	327	4	13	590
20	Avissawella 2006	-	-	4	2	155	256	3	-	420
21	Bandarawela 2006	-	-	-	-	92	188	2	-	282
22	Gampaha 2006	-	-	10	4	213	81	3	-	311
23	Jaffna 2006	-	-	-	4	184	390	48	-	626
24	Kalutara 2006	-	-	30	6	312	653	70	-	1071
25	Matale 2006	-	-	-	-	85	207	-	-	292
26	Polonnaruwa 2006	-	-	-	-	79	117	-	-	196
27	Panadura 2006	-	-	1	15	163	247	35	10	471
28	Mahiyanganaya 2006	-	-	-	-	97	324	-	-	421
29	Kuliyapitiya 2006	-	-	-	4	144	91	5	-	244
30	Mahawa 2006	-	-	-	-	80	75	-	-	155
31	Negombo 2006	-	-	-	-	147	104	5	-	256
32	Horana 2007	-	7	-	-	125	445	-	-	577
33	Mathugama 2007	-	-	-	-	75	92	-	-	167
34	Marawila 2007	-	-	-	-	56	288	-	-	344
35	Mawanella 2007	-	-	-	-	176	218	-	-	394
36	Warakapola 2007	-	-	-	-	96	136	-	-	232
37	Battaramulla 2007	-	-	-	-	-	525	7	1	533
38	Dambulla 2007	-	-	-	-	20	111	-	-	131

39	Attanagalla 2007	-	-	-	-	157	523	-	-	680
40	Morawaka/ Deniyaya 2007	-	-	-	-	66	118	-	-	184
41	Welimada 2008	-	-	-	-	131	254	-	-	385
42	Nugegoda 2008	-	-	-	-	165	277	24	-	466
43	Tissamaharama 2008	-	-	-	-	106	140	-	-	246
44	Thambuttegama 2008	-	-	-	-	-	190	-	-	190
45	Mt. Lavinia 2008	-	-	13	-	195	262	38	-	508
46	Kantale 2008	-	-	-	-	43	179	-	-	222
47	Baddegama 2009	-	-	-	-	102	242	-	-	344
48	Badulla 2009	-	-	5	1	81	210	2	-	299
49	Embilipitiya 2009	-	-	-	3	134	292	-	-	429
50	Hatton 2009	-	-	-	-	70	170	-	-	240
51	Hingurakgoda 2009	-	-	-	-	116	492	-	-	608
52	Nawalapitiya 2009	-	-	-	-	125	206	1	-	332
53	Wellawaya 2009	-	-	-	-	158	417	-	-	575
54	Kaduwela 2010	-	-	-	-	195	213	25	-	433
55	Mannar 2010	-	-	-	2	56	218	-	-	276
56	Mutur 2010	-	-	-	-	10	279	-	-	289
57	Mullaitivu 2010	-	-	-	-	88	277	-	-	365
58	Kegalle 2010	-	-	-	4	152	274	-	-	430
59	Walachchenai 2010	-	-	-	-	1	288	-	-	289
60	Walasmulla 2010	-	-	-	-	130	160	-	-	290
61	Wariyapola 2011	-	-	-	-	89	65	-	-	154
62	Point Pedro 2011	-	-	-	-	142	332	-	-	474
63	Pottuwil 2011	-	-	-	-	16	218	-	-	234
64	Kadawatha 2011	-	-	-	-	-	250	-	-	250
65	Kekirawa 2011	-	-	-	-	123	103	-	-	226
66	Kilinochchi 2011	-	-	-	-	89	283	-	-	372
67	Chavakacheri 2011	-	-	-	-	63	94	-	-	157
68	Balangoda 2011	-	-	-	-	83	85	-	-	168
69	Pugoda 2012	-	-	-	-	51	119	-	-	170
70	Polgahawela 2012	-	-	-	-	-	167	-	-	167
71	Kebithigollewa 2012	-	-	-	-	110	202	-	-	312
72	Galgamuwa 2012	-	-	-	-	-	145	-	-	145
73	Homagama 2012	-	-	-	4	122	202	13	1	342
74	Deiyandara 2012	-	-	-	-	-	87	-	-	87
75	Minuwabgoda 2013	-	-	-	-	297	187	-	-	484
76	Nikaweratiya 2013	-	-	-	-	45	183	-	-	228
77	Mallakam 2016	-	-	-	-	127	444	-	-	571
78	Puttalam 2016	-	-	-	-	76	124	-	-	200
79	Galagedara 2017	-	-	-	-	-	39	-	-	39
80	Dehiathakandiya 2017	-	-	-	-	-	106	-	-	106
81	Siyambalanduwa 2017	-	-	-	-	-	111	-	-	111
82	Borella 2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	114	-	114
83	Wattala	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	26
Total No. of centres (83)		130	14	207	251	9224	20537	836	186	2403

1.2.8 Classification of the cases heard in 2018 by the Attorney-at-Law

No.	Year of commencement of the center	Attorneys-at-Law of the Legal Aid Commission	Attorneys-at-Law of the Board under Legal Aid Commission	Total
01	Colombo 1978	363	871	1234
02	Kandy 1994	176	408	584
03	Anuradhapura 1994	658	446	1104
04	Galle 1994	537	7	544
05	Kurunegala 1996	482	577	1059
06	Hambantota 2003	521	345	866
07	Monaragala 2003	282	78	360
08	Ampara 2003	282	8	290
09	Nuwara Eliya 2003	297	139	436
10	Kegalle 2003	363	197	560
11	Balapitiya 2003	685	123	808
12	Matara 2005	249	262	511
13	Vavuniya 2005	468	-	468
14	Akkareipattu 2005	585	-	585
15	Trincomalee 2005	239	-	239
16	Batticaloa 2005	220	3	223
17	Chilaw 2005	718	46	764
18	Kalmunai 2005	838	28	866
19	Ratnapura 2006	350	240	590
20	Avissawella 2006	358	62	420
21	Bandarawela 2006	221	61	282
22	Gampaha 2006	146	165	311
23	Jaffna 2006	626	-	626
24	Kalutara 2006	881	190	1071
25	Matale 2006	189	103	292
26	Polonnaruwa 2006	191	5	196
27	Panadura 2006	318	153	471
28	Mahiyanganaya 2006	421	-	421
29	Kuliyapitiya 2006	163	81	244
30	Mahawa 2006	115	40	155
31	Negombo 2006	221	35	256
32	Horana 2007	453	124	577
33	Mathugama 2007	146	21	167
34	Marawila 2007	312	32	344
35	Mawanella 2007	318	76	394
36	Warakapola 2007	69	163	232
37	Battaramulla 2007	525	8	533
38	Dambulla 2007	121	10	131
39	Attanagalla 2007	166	514	680

40	Morawaka/ Deniyaya 2007	184	-	184
41	Welimada 2008	204	181	385
42	Nugegoda 2008	329	137	466
43	Tissamaharama 2008	246	-	246
44	Thambuttegama 2008	49	141	190
45	Mt. Lavinia 2008	328	180	508
46	Kantale 2008	209	13	222
47	Baddegama 2009	299	45	344
48	Badulla 2009	289	10	299
49	Embilipitiya 2009	396	33	429
50	Hatton 2009	240	-	240
51	Hingurakgoda 2009	549	59	608
52	Nawalapitiya 2009	258	74	332
53	Wellawaya 2009	479	96	575
54	Kaduwela 2010	149	284	433
55	Mannar 2010	276	-	276
56	Mutur 2010	289	-	289
57	Mullaitivu 2010	365	-	365
58	Kegalle 2010	357	73	430
59	Walachchenai 2010	289	-	289
60	Walasmulla 2010	262	28	290
61	Wariyapola 2011	97	57	154
62	Point Pedro 2011	467	7	474
63	Pottuwil 2011	234	-	234
64	Kadawatha 2011	231	19	250
65	Kekirawa 2011	219	7	226
66	Kilinochchi 2011	372	-	372
67	Chavakacheri 2011	157	-	157
68	Balangoda 2011	109	59	168
69	Pugoda 2012	74	96	170
70	Polgahawela 2012	156	11	167
71	Kebithigollewa 2012	312	-	312
72	Galgamuwa 2012	143	2	145
73	Homagama 2012	194	148	342
74	Deiyandara 2012	87	-	87
75	Minuwabgoda 2013	34	450	484
76	Nikaweratiya 2013	121	7	228
77	Mallakam 2016	571	-	571
78	Puttalam 2016	158	42	200
79	Galagedara 2017	27	12	39
80	Dehiathakandiya 2017	102	4	106
81	Siyambalanduwa 2017	111	-	111
82	Borella 2017	86	28	114
83	Wattala	18	8	26
Total No. of all centres (83)		24518	7947	2403

1.2.9 Quarterly summary of cases proceeded in Courts in the year 2018

Period	Divorce	Maintenance	Land	Partition	Money	High Court cases	Appeal Court cases	Accidents	Bail	Other	Child Rights	Labour	Criminal	Supreme Court cases	Victim of Crimes	Special	Guardianship	Domestic Violence	Total
As at 31.12.2017	4858	16382	953	38	1337	136	150	1160	245	1100	547	716	665	111	815	232	61	277	29783
Newly filed cases (Jan-Mar)	524	1945	42	1	133	7	24	88	40	122	36	67	70	6	98	25	12	48	3288
Newly filed cases (Apr-Jun)	477	1719	39	4	148	9	23	74	44	114	35	94	97	4	82	20	5	40	3028
Newly filed cases (Jul-Sept)	650	1867	35	2	172	14	16	96	16	106	37	117	78	9	72	31	6	53	3377
Newly filed cases (Oct-Dec)	507	1701	46	1	148	30	12	71	19	97	29	116	76	8	95	17	9	48	3030
Total	7016	23614	1115	46	1938	196	225	1489	364	1539	684	1110	986	138	1162	325	93	466	42506

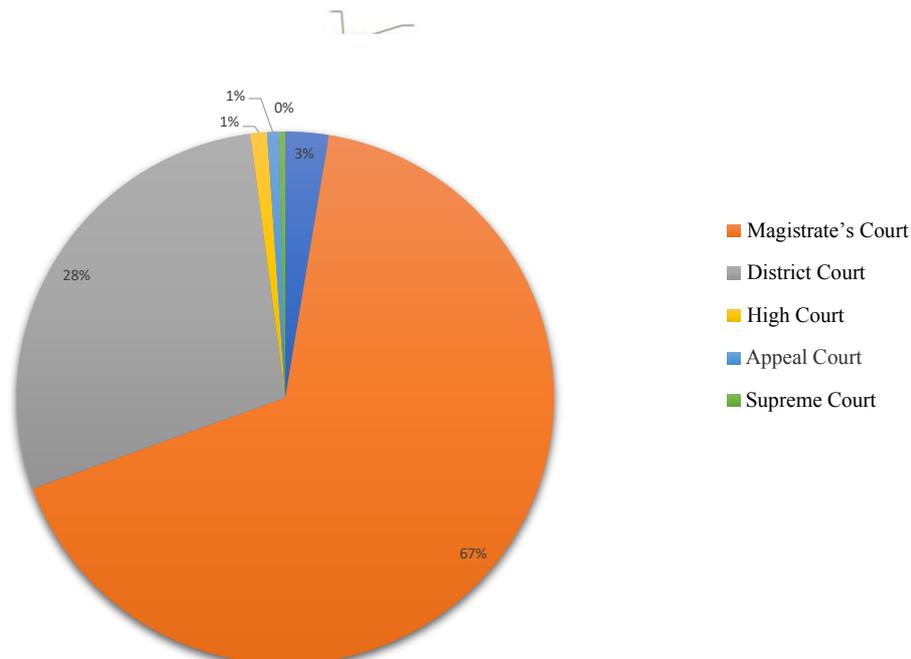
1.2.10 Quarterly summary of cases concluded in Courts in the year 2018

Period	Divorce	Maintenance	Land	Partition	Money	High Court cases	Appeal Court cases	Accidents	Bail	Other	Child Rights	Labour	Criminal	Supreme Court cases	Victim of Crimes	Special	Guardianship	Domestic Violence	Total
Concluded cases (Jan-Mar)	418	1386	62	2	104	14	6	54	15	97	30	49	48	-	74	38	4	59	2460
Concluded cases (Apr-Jun)	415	1412	33	1	61	9	25	40	10	96	33	51	61	28	46	18	11	41	2391
Concluded cases (Jul-Sept)	372	1592	53	1	99	8	16	72	10	56	42	69	48	3	48	22	6	39	2556
Concluded cases (Oct-Dec)	442	1520	90	-	95	10	17	81	10	61	21	74	53	4	78	22	9	81	2668
Total	1647	5910	238	4	359	41	64	247	45	310	126	243	210	35	246	100	30	220	10075

1.2.11 Classification of distribution of cases in Courts as at 31.12.2018

No.	Court	Divorce	Maintainance	Land	Partition	Money	High Court cases	Appeal Court cases	Accidents	Bail	Other	Child Rights	Labour	Criminal	Supreme Court cases	Victim of Crimes	Special	Guardianship	Domestic Violence	Total	Divorce	
01	Labour Tribunal													1107								1107
02	Magistrate's Court		23834									1297	669		1050		1092			484		28426
03	District Court	6940		1262	68	1992				1412								342	90			12106
04	High Court						190				238											428
05	Appeal Court							294														294
06	Supreme Court															165						165
Total		6940	23834	1262	68	1992	190	294		1412	238	1297	669	1107	1050	165	1092	342	90	484		42526

1.2.11.1 Graph illustration of the classification of distribution of cases in Courts as at 31.12.2018



1.2.12 Service rendered by the Legal Aid Commission at provincial level in the year 2018

Province	Cases as at 01.01.2018	Cases filed from 2018.01.01 to 31.12.2018	Total	Cases concluded from 2018.01.01 to 31.12.2018	Cases laid by from 2018.01.01 to 31.12.2018	No. of cases carried forward to 31.12.2018	Counselling from 2018.01.01 to 31.12.2018	Total service provided
Western Province	7766	2898	10664	1561	590	8513	33881	42394
Uva Province	2060	1017	3077	410	234	2433	11075	13508
Southern Province	3867	1631	5498	869	319	4310	17803	22113
Northern Province	2972	1188	4160	739	112	3309	11776	15085
Sabaragamuwa Province	2197	1028	3225	499	353	2373	8953	11326
North Western Province	3154	1308	4462	725	277	3460	16122	19582
Central Province	2217	855	3072	879	139	2054	7051	9105
Eastern Province	3214	1790	5004	1363	298	3343	8234	11577
North Central Province	2336	1008	3344	438	270	2636	5780	8416
Total	29783	12723	42506	7483	2592	32431	120675	153106
Total service provided = 153106 = Total No. of cases + Total counselling rendered = 32431 + 120675								

1.2.13 No. of cases brought forward annually during the period from 31.12.2009 to 31.12.2018

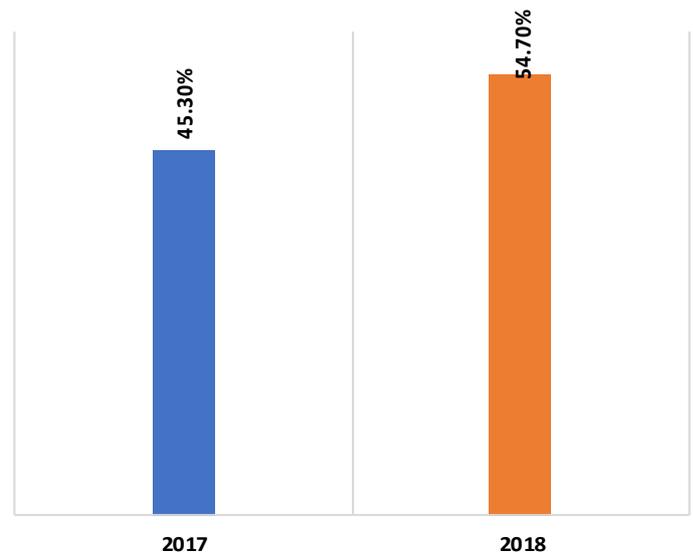
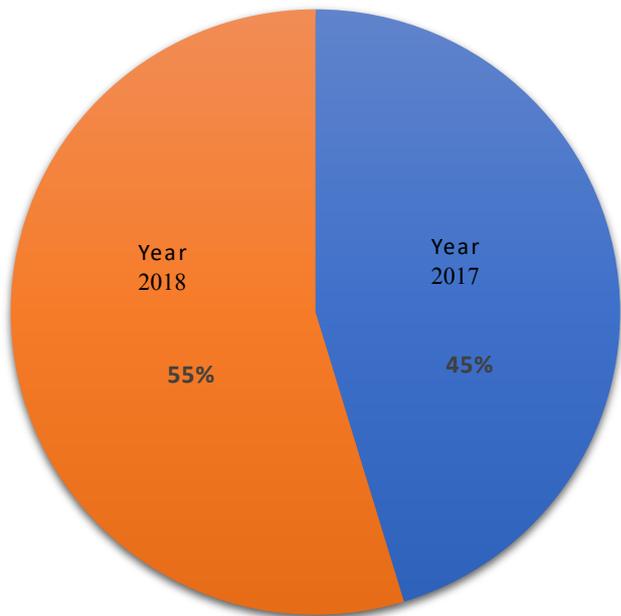
Period	No. of cases
No. of cases as at 31.12.2009	14143
No. of cases as at 31.12.2010	18642
No. of cases as at 31.12.2011	23376
No. of cases as at 31.12.2013	31775
No. of cases as at 31.12.2014	20265
No. of cases as at 31.12.2015	23609
No. of cases as at 31.12.2016	26088
No. of cases as at 31.12.2017	29783
No. of cases as at 31.12.2018	32431

Progress of number of cases concluded in 2018 compared to 2017

The number of cases concluded in the year 2017 in 2018, 10073 cases had been completed. Accordingly, the relative increase in the number of cases concluded in the year 2018 is 20.7%. Similarly, the said ratio compared to the year 2017 appears to be 1 : 1.2.

1.2.13.1 Progress of the number of cases concluded in 2018 compared to 2017 – Graphical representation

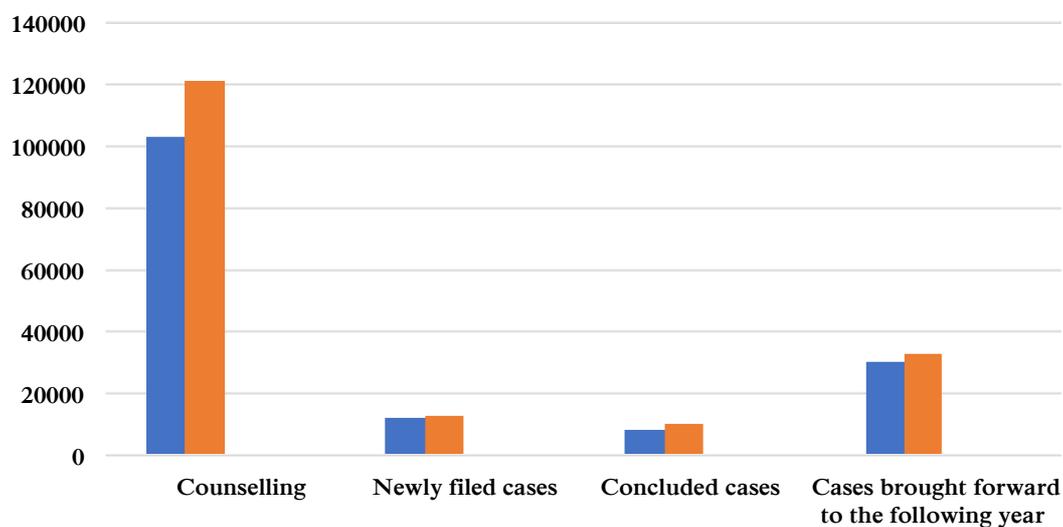
No.	Year	Number of cases	Percentage
01	2017	8344	45.3%
02	2018	10073	54.7%
Total		18417	100%



■ 2017 ■ 2018 ■

1.2.14 Overall Service provided in 2018 compared to 2017

No.	Year	Legal Counselling within the year		No. of new cases filed during the year		No. of cases closed during the year		No. of cases brought forward	
		Quantity	Percentage	Quantity	Percentage	Quantity	Percentage	Quantity	Percentage
01	2017	103137	46%	12039	49%	8344	45.3%	29783	48%
02	2018	121197	54%	12693	51%	10073	54.7%	32403	52%
Total		224334	100%	25002	100%	18417	100%	62186	100%



National Policy on Legal Aid in Sri Lanka

During the establishment and maintenance of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka with the enactment of the Legal Aid Act No. 27 of 1978, it seemed that provision of legal aid should be made more formal and effective. Policy makers wanted to make public policies that would enable government and other NGOs to minimize the issues when dealing with various matters in the country, and to monitor these activities in order to provide more effective services to the public.

Attention was drawn as to how legal aid should be provided in Sri Lanka, its mechanism of operation, supervision and the reform of existing legal aid programs. In the same way as legal aid is a universal fundamental right of all citizens, it must be provided with equality to all. Creating an efficient and effective professional mechanism by facilitating easy access to justice for all Sri Lankans and ensuring that the state legal aid program is more systematically empowered in the civil society and, implementing a national policy for legal aid that treats equally in all conditions irrespective of gender, disability, age, nationality, religion, caste, geographical location or other socially sensitive influences, is revolution in the legal sphere.

Cabinet approval has been granted for the preparation of the said National Policy and we were able to complete the relevant work this year.

Project Division

1.3. Project Division

During the period of 26 years since 1978, the main focus of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka has been the concept of granting legal aid to maintain litigation. But since around 2004, the Commission has taken a number of steps to experiment with new methods of granting legal aid, hoping there is a possibility to grant the public an access to legal justice by instilling legal literacy into the public, going beyond this level.

Objective

Focusing on the parties involved in issues and helping to find solutions is an extremely significant task, whereas similarly, counselling on minimizing issues and maintaining living standards is a necessary part of it as well. If you act carefully and safely, the adverse consequences caused by many actions can be prevented. In order to function practically and intelligently in the course of everyday life, everybody should be enlightened of the feeling of the subtle knowledge required to act with knowledge and broad understanding. Comprehending this matter carefully, the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka has taken steps to establish the Project Division under the supervision of the Legal Division, in order to safeguard the security, protection and the rights of the people. Under this, planning, implementation and organization of legal knowledge and education programs are carried out.

1. In dispute resolution, a mediation without issues is more advantageous.
2. As it is a vain effort to apologise for an act committed on ignorance of law, for the purpose of protecting yourself from the consequences of any wrongdoing occurred or committed, "ignorance of law is not an excuse". Therefore, the socialization of legal knowledge is a matter with timely importance.
3. Further, contributing to the qualitative development, and increasing social inclusion for sustainable development by developing the lawfulness of society,
4. Examining the timely requirements and proposals that need to be made when imposing new laws
5. Advancement of personal legal literacy

—are key objectives that are focused on, during the formulation and implementation of programmes of the project division.

These programs are organized in collaboration with the Legal Division of the Legal Aid Commission, the staff of the local Legal Aid offices, various government institutions and NGOs, and the community participation. The programs were implemented with the cooperation of the government funds and foreign aid. We were able to implement some programs without any financial costs.

Ex. :- Media programs

1.3.1 Various programmes of the Project Division

- A. Mass media programmes
- B. Social participation programs for awareness creation
- C. Developmental legal aid programmes
 - Units for prison detainees, indigenous people, overseas labor force.
 - Law education programs
 - Dialogues and discourse among scholars and various communities
 - Preparation of leaflets, posters and publications to socialize the knowledge on law.
 - Conducting research and survey required to obtain the views and suggestions necessary for the new legislation.

A. Massmedia Programms

Programmes for the socialization of legal knowledge were continued to educate the public on various TV channels, radio channels and newspapers in the year 2018 as well.

Massmedia Programms in 2018 - 120

No.	Programme	Number of programmes
01	TV Programmes	21
02	Radio Programmes	08
03	News Paper Programmes	91

A.1. Television & Radio Programmes

Most of these programs are invitational programs. The Commission has not made any financial expenditure for this. During the period from January to December, 31st of 2018, TV programs have been conducted by ITN, Siyatha TV, Colombo Television, TNL, and radio programs by Sri Lanka Radio Corporation, Siyatha FM and Ran FM.

No.	Mass Media Channel	No. of Programmes
01	ITN	5
02	Siyatha TV	5
03	Colombo Television	9
04	TNL	1
05	Sri Lanka Radio Corporation	1
06	Ran FM	2
07	Siyatha FM	1
08	ITN FM	5

The resources for the above programs have been provided by the officers employed in the Legal Aid Commission Head Office as well as various local offices. This has created a mechanism to educate the public on various legal topics and to respond to the issues of the public through TV and radio channels.

A.2. Through News Papers

The project implemented by the Legal Aid Commission by means of news papers to respond to the public concerns through weekly newspapers and to generate a readership among readers wishing to obtain legal knowledge commenced in 2006. Initially, this programme was launched in Sinhala medium through the Lankadeepa newspaper and subsequently it has been sponsored by the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (Daily News) to promote this program in English medium.

Upon agreement by the Lankadeepa and Daily News news papers to grant their sponsorship for free, the programme “Neethi Sarana” on Tuesday Lankadeepa and a programme for the English readers on Monday Daily News were carried out once every two weeks, in order to respond to the readers’ issues in the year 2018. In addition, we have made our way into the society through the news papers, Sirikatha, Dinamina, Tharuni and Diyaniya.

It is clear that these programmes have received immense popularity among the readers across the island regardless of age, when examining the telephone calls and letters that are received daily to the Legal Aid Commission. In this year, 2410 issues have been forwarded to this project by the readers via post.

Likewise, columns have been provided for 52 issues, through the weekly Diyaniya newspaper.

No.	News Paper	No. of Issues
01	Lankadeepa	08
02	Daily News	06
03	Sirikatha	04
04	Dinamina	09
05	Tharuni	06
06	Diyaniya	52
Total		85

A. Social Participatory programs for raising awareness

The main objective is to focus on the empowerment of children, women and elderly people, who are generally considered vulnerable parties of society, and to safeguard their legal protection and security.

Further, government field officers, police officers and medical health officers have been identified as target groups in order to provide legal literacy to create a strong and efficient state mechanism.

In addition, as a welfare state, prison detainees, indigenous communities, migrant workers have been identified as distinct portions to be focused on.

B.1. School Programmes

The best age and group for socializing any kind of knowledge is the school children. It is quite easy to educate the adult society through the child, by motivating the curiosity, the thirst for knowledge and and the interest within them to find new knowledge. Programmes were launched in several forms which were broadcast through this concept by the School Programme Division of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka.

Similarly, children's right to education, the right to love and care and giving the children the knowledge needed to protect them from crimes were covered during these programmes. The programmes were implemented in remote schools in different parts of the country.

The Special Unit for Children of the Sri Lanka Legal Aid Commission has 13762 cases of concern to children. This year, 22 school programs have been conducted in 12 districts and 2200 participants.

B.2. Programs for Women

These programs are centered around almost all rural women, semi-urban and urban women. The programs are focused on laws that protect women's rights as well as all forms of violence against her, and they are given legal protection when necessary.

A separate legal aid unit for women operates in the Legal Aid Commission. The unit provided legal advice to 28701 women in 2018.

Various programs have been implemented in several parts of Sri Lanka in conjunction with the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, whereas special emphasis has been placed on the conditions of law affecting the day-to-day life and the Laws, Maintenance, Domestic Violence, Divorce, Fundamental Rights, Labor Laws related to the protection of property. Programmes imparting legal knowledge, various discourses and guidance for access to legal assistance.

Likewise, the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka was able to represent the National Committee on Women this year.

B.3. Programs for Senior Citizens

Sri Lanka, one of the countries with a rapidly aging population amongst the developing countries in the world, is experiencing a very significant demographic change. Demographers predict that the adult population, which is about 1/10 of the country's overall population, will double by 2050. Eventhough the increase of life expectancy of a country or increase of the aging population is one of the characteristics of a developing country, on the other hand, lack of improvement in other welfare facilities in comparison to the growing elderly population is a challenge.

It is practically proven that, just as being very strong in manpower, proven results can be obtained by empowering them with experience and knowledge.

In Sri Lanka, where there was a 30-year war, the number of senior citizens has increased significantly, and the security and protection of senior citizens must be guaranteed for the enforcement of the social welfare concept and the administration of justice. The senior citizen community, which constitutes 11% of the total population, constitutes 20% of the electorate. In that context, the Parliament of Sri Lanka has enacted the Protection of the Rights of Elders Act No. 9 of 2000, and thereby establishing this value.

In such backdrop, the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka has carried out the affairs its Senior Citizen's Law Division in collaboration with the National Elders Secretariat. The Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka is in the process of helping the members of the Elders' Associations at the local level to obtain free solutions to their legal issues and to enforce the orders issued by the National Elders Secretariat regarding the claim of maintenance by elders, through the Magistrate's Court. Further, legal awareness programmes are also implemented for the members of the locally set up grassroots elders' societies. In the year 2018, 06 awareness programs for senior citizens were held and 658 senior citizens have participated.

B.4. Programs for Public Officers

In general, the programs offered on legal knowledge are focused on all government officials, while providing legal knowledge for officers engaged in other specific fields as well. This is done as a task of the Legal Aid Commission for developing the professional capacity of public officers, forming an efficient state mechanism and creating a lawful, honest and contented public servant.

The project division of the Commission and the Regional Legal Aid Commission offices in collaboration with each other have conducted these programmes in various government, semi government, and provincial offices throughout the country.

Here, the areas covered are administrative law, human rights law, laws on lands, bribery and corruption law, labor law and family law. Arrangements have been made to conduct programs through lectures and transfer knowledge through training courses and tutorials.

As a whole, Grama Niladharis, Samurdhi officers, Agricultural Research and Production Assistants, Family Health Officers and field officers from Divisional Secretariats have been identified as targeted groups.

Accordingly, 03 programs were funded by the Consolidated Fund.

B.5. Programs for Police Officers

The police service is the statecraft who performs a major role in defending law and order. All officers who are engaged in the police service should have a good understanding and knowledge of the judiciary and legal field. Although an insight on the legal field is given when recruiting officers to the police service, the knowledge they gain on the legal changes made at different occasions and the new laws and regulations after the recruitment is rudimentary. The opportunity for gathering information is also rare.

Therefore, programs that provide an understanding on law should be carried out, in order to build professional skills of the police officers. An awareness and training

programme on legal knowledge is being implemented jointly by the Legal Aid Commission and the Sri Lanka Police Department for the officers serving in various police stations island wide in this regard for a long while. Just as Criminal Law, the police officers will be given knowledge in civil and administrative fields as well.

B.6 Programs for Medical Officers

Medical officers are a group of public officers who have little opportunity to gain legal knowledge when compared to other government officials, although they have to deal with law at all times in their profession. Eventhough on certain occasions, medical officers have to cooperate in Court procedures, only a few doctors are able to have a formal training on how to cooperate in such actions. It is a morbid question that many medico-legal officers are confronted with.

Medico-legal officers face serious challenges during autopsy, when appearing before Courts to give evidence regarding the same, on occasions where they obtain expertise evidence required for Court proceedings and, in collecting, presenting and analyzing the production of cases.

Similarly, although Medical Health Officers often need to assist in judicial work in their professional field, they lack knowledge in the legal field as well. Therefore, aducating medical practitioners on law means improving their professionalism as well as an immense help in strengthening the process of administering social justice, welfare and equity. Therefore, this may be identified as a special community field addressed by the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka since 2018.

Just as awareness programmes on the subject of law for medical practitioners are conducted, a special service has been done to the public through legal medical clinics. Officers from the centers of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka island wide have joined hands with Medical Professionals in community health service on the prevention of non communicable diseases.

B.7 Mobile Legal Clinics

The Mobile Legal Aid Clinic is one of the most important projects when the realization of goals and objectives of the establishment of the Legal Aid Commission. This will help to broaden the legal aid program among grassroot communities and identify problems, enabling the general public to have an easy access to justice. This program is implemented at a grassroot level through the local legal aid offices in the country. It is made easier to identify suitable persons to provide free legal assistance for low income people. 41 mobile legal aid clinics have been held.

Further, mobile legal clinics have been conducted during, “A Sustainable Tomorrow National Programme”, the programme held on the 40th Anniversary of the open economy, the Nilamehewara Presidential Mobile Service.

1.3.2 Social Participation Programmes for Awareness 2018 – Programmes conducted this year and their distribution is as follows.

No.	Programme	No. of programmes
01	Programmes focused on children, women, adults and the disabled community in order to cooperate in providing legal knowledge, protection of rights, achieving privileges.	28
02	Awareness programmes held for public officers with the expectation of easy access to Justice for the public through formation of a qualitative and efficient Government mechanism by providing legal knowledge.	05
03	Programmes that rendered resource contribution through guest lectures and legal counseling. (Nilamehewara Presidential Mobile Service, A Sustainable Tomorrow National Programme, programme held on the 40 th Anniversary of the open economy, Ruk Ropa Wana Ropa Programme)	31
04	Programmes focused on estate labourers, fishing community and slum dwellers	02
05	Prison programmes.	63
06	Programmes for lawyers	06
07	Raising Awareness of the rural community	13
08	Awareness programmes for the families of migrant workers	01
09	Legal aid clinics	13
10	Workshop for training apprentice lawyers	02

C. Developmental legal aid programs

C.1. Program for Prison Inmates

Prisoners are human beings. Since 2002, the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka has focused on this concept. Accordingly, the key objective of this program is to provide legal aid to the detainees who have been without bail or are unable to satisfy the bail conditions for a long period of time in jail. Accordingly, the Prisons Department and the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka are conducting legal aid clinics for prison inmates throughout the country and collecting necessary information. After obtaining information, the inmates chosen for legal assistance will be given free attorneys' assistance for their cases. 63 legal clinics were held in prisons and 945 inmates participated in these clinics, whereas, 830 inmates have been chosen for legal aid. In 2018, bail orders have been obtained for 102 inmates.

C.2. Program for Indigenous People

Aboriginal communities who inherit a history of many years live in different parts of the world. Notable among them are the Red Indians of America, the Pygmies of Africa, the Aborigines of Australia, and the Veddas of Sri Lanka. The community has been identified as one of the main focus groups of the programmes launched by the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka in the year 2018.

Representing the earliest part of Sri Lankan history, these people are in the early stages of all kinds of conditions such as education, economic, health, employment and habitat. It is imperative that they develop legal literacy and provide them with legal aid to improve their living conditions in line with the new world. Further, the protection of the indigenous community is also a part of fulfilling the responsibility of protecting the historical heritage of our country.

The focus of the government should be on empowering the mechanism to facilitate easy and equal access to justice for the protection of indigenous peoples' heritage and the privileges granted to the public by the Constitution of Sri Lanka, and to make more flexible and effective legal reforms. The opportunity should be broadened for all communities to enjoy the rights of justice and equality. The main objective of this project is to draw the government's attention on these issues and make legal reforms.

One of the main objectives of this project is to meet the indigenous people living in different parts of Sri Lanka and to identify the current challenges associated with their homeland, traditional customs, their lives, livelihoods, educational levels and habitats. Accordingly, creating a discourse on legal issues affecting the everyday life of indigenous people takes a predominant place among the objectives of this project. Further, the Hon. Minister of Justice has been briefed about the need to enact new legislation to protect the heritage rights of the indigenous people, and research has been conducted regarding the same this year.

C.3. Program for Migrant Workers

Special security and protection of job security, safety of lives of migrant workers who contribute to the economy of Sri Lanka by bringing foreign exchange to the country should be ensured. The number of Sri Lankan migrant workers is increasing day by day, and new legal provisions have been established to ensure their safety and protection so that it prevents illegal migration and thereby the protection and security of migrant workers is strengthened. Most of our migrant workers are Sri Lankan women and this is due to their poverty and low income level. Most of them in the Middle East are either unskilled workers, housemaids and semi-skilled workers. The Middle East region has an opportune market and demand for most of those who are temporarily moving abroad. The market for skilled and qualified foreign workers has expanded to East Asia and West Asia.

Many Sri Lankan migrant women work as housemaids in the Middle East region. Most of these housemaids are victims of human rights violations, such as loss of labor rights, abuse, physical and mental harassment at their workplace, due to lack of skills and efficiency. Likewise, some migrant women are embarrassed when they are faced with crimes and offenses abroad. Most people are ignorant about law enforcement in those countries.

This section provides services to migrant workers who are facing problems. After providing the consultancy service, they will be directed to the Consular Affairs Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment for judicial work when necessary. The unit works in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE), overseeing the Community Fund forum (Village Forum) at Divisional Secretariat level, to raise awareness of migrant workforce families.

During this year, 01 Migrant Worker Family Awareness Program has been conducted and 16 Community Based Units (Village forums) have been established at Divisional Secretariat level to collect information.

C.4. Legal Education Programmes

I. The formal legal education program

It is affiliated with the Sri Lanka Law College. The purpose is to train amateur lawyers who take oaths as lawyers a year. Between January and December this year, 830 apprentice lawyers were trained in two groups, and the Commission has obtained the external support of senior veteran presidential attorneys and resource persons.

II. The informal legal education program

It is a program in the form of a course to educate the public about the law. A Certificate will be awarded after holding an exam consequent to the four month course of study for the people of different ages and fields. The legal education course was conducted for a group of 50 people this year.

C.5. Programmes focused on slum and shanty dwellers.

Two programmes were conducted to raise awareness among the community which was required to seek compensation from the government by instituting court cases at the Honourable Court on behalf of the community who were unable to produce clear evidence on their rights on occasions where the houses and property of the urban community in Colombo were acquired by the government and a compensation was awarded on its behalf as a result of the project carried out by the Urban Development Authority to divert the excess water to the Kelani River due to the severe flooding in the city of Colombo during the rainy season. Following these programs, the Legal Aid Commission proceeded to prosecute on behalf of 10 persons at the Honourable Court.

C.6. Programmes launched under the Right to Information Act.

Pursuant to Section 23 (1) (a) of the Information Act No. 12 of 2016, all government institutions were required to appoint an Information Officer and an Appeals Officers within their institution within 03 months of the implementation of the Act. Accordingly, the following officers of the Legal Aid Commission were appointed as Information Officers and Appeals Officers.

Mrs. Thamarashi Wikramanayake, AAL	-	Appointed as the Information officer
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Mrs. Piumi Kumari Samarasinghe, AAL	-	Appointed as the Appeals Officer
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06 programmes have been conducted within this year to educate lawyers in different parts of the country on the Right to Information Act.

This programme has been financially sponsored by the UNDP.

1.3.3 Financial Sponsorship for programs

The funds have been provided by the Consolidated Fund, U.N.D.P. Institute and credited to the Legal Aid Fund and programmes of the project division have been implemented.

No.	Programme	No. of programmes	Financial Sponsorship
01	Programmes focused on children, women, adults and the disabled community in order to cooperate in providing legal knowledge, protection of rights, achieving privileges.	28	Consolidated Fund
02	Awareness programmes held for public officers with the expectation of easy access to Justice for the public through formation of a qualitative and efficient Government mechanism by providing legal knowledge.	05	Consolidated Fund
03	Programmes that rendered resource contribution through guest lectures and legal counseling. (Nilamehewara Presidential Mobile Service, A Sustainable Tomorrow National Programme, programme held on the 40 th Anniversary of the open economy, Ruk Ropa Wana Ropa Programme)	31	Consolidated Fund
04	Programmes focused on estate labourers, fishing community and slum dwellers	02	Money is not spent (Urban Development Authority)
05	Prison programmes.	63	Consolidated Fund
06	Programmes for lawyers	06	U.N.D.P.
07	Raising Awareness of the rural community	13	Consolidated Fund
08	Awareness programmes for the families of migrant workers	01	Consolidated Fund
09	Legal aid clinics	13	Money is not spent
10	Workshop for training apprentice lawyers	02	Consolidated Fund

1.3.4 Financial sponsorship for programs

No.	Financial Sponsorship	No. of Programmes
01	Consolidated Fund	54
02	U.N.D.P.	06
03	Other	15
Total		164

1.3.5 Conducting programs at the corporate level by Consolidated fund in 2018

No.	Centre	Date	Programme	No. of Participants	Expenditure
01	Hingurakgoda	28.03.2018	Awareness program for the public Medaniginiya Welfare Hall	100	49,920/-
02	Dehiaththakandiya	21.05.2018	Awareness program for school children, teachers and parents for the National Law Week. Andehi Kudagala Maha Vidyalaya, Kudagala	178	27,000/-
03	Attanagalle	28.03.2018	Awareness program for elders Uduthuthiripitiya Community Hall	100	29,400/-
		23.10.2018	Awareness program for Grama Niladharis and Developmental Officers Divisional Secretariat, Meerigama	92	40,000/-
04	Kekirawa	21.07.2018	Awareness program for elders & the public Hiripitiya Grama savi sthri Women's Association	100	40,000/-
		11.06.2018	Awareness program for school children Rana Jayapura School	91	17,040/-
		21.07.2018	Awareness program for civilians Kalakarambewa Pirivena	95	35,290/-
05	Deiyaya	21.07.2018	Awareness program for estate labourers Mologgamuwa	100	40,000/-
06	Kebithigollewa	14.07.2019	Awareness program for the public Divisional Secretariat Kebithigollewa	100	40,000/-
		28.07.2018	Awareness program for farming community Tittagonewa Temple	107	40,000/-
07	Baddegama	29.07.2018	Awareness program for elders Walpita Community Hall	100	40,000/-
08	Tissamaharama	16.07.2018	Awareness program for elders Subodarama Vihara	108	40,000/-
09	Polgahawela	26.07.2018	Awareness program for school children Rathnaloka Vidyalaya Polgahawela	100	24,500/-
10	Marawila	28.07.2018	Awareness program for school children Mahinada Kanishta Vidyalaya	100	40,000/-
11	Wariyapola	08.08.2018	Grama Niladharis Divisional Secretariat, Wariyapola	60	35,900/-
12	Walasmulla	28.07.2018	Awareness program for the public Pissubedda Community Hall	96	39,545/-
13	Gampaha	22.08.2018	Awareness program for the public Divisional Secretariat	100	49,850/-

14	Kegalle	29.09.2018	Awareness program for the public Divisional Secretariat, Galigamuwa	100	25,000/-
15	Kaduwela	05.06.2018	Awareness program for school children Sri Rahula Balika Vidyalaya Malabe	210	30,710/-
		24.11.2018	Awareness program for the public Pahala Bomiriya Welfare Society	142	56,650/-
16	Negombo	12.10.2018	Awareness program for the public Divisional Secretariat	100	40,550/-
17	Battaramulla	13.10.2018	Awareness program for elders Battaramulla Batapotha Sudarshana Society	150	40,000/-
18	Horana	27.10.2018	Awareness program for the public Isipathana Temple, Horana	75	40,000/-
19	Kalutara	30.10.2018	Awareness program for elders Rohitha Abeygunawardene Hall	100	40,000/-
20	Pugoda	27.10.2018	Awareness program for the public Karagolla Padmawathi Pirivena	100	40,000/-
21	Badulla	27.10.2018	Awareness program for the public Kandakatiya Galauda Ampitiya Temple	100	53,050/-
22	Nugegoda	31.10.2018	Awareness program for the public Divisional Secretariat, Nugegoda	100	40,000/-
23	Thambuttegama	2018.11.05	Awareness program for school children Thalawa Central College	100	30,000/-
24	Mawanella	11.11.2018	Awareness program for the public Homagama Police Station	100	40,000/-
25	Hambantota	12.09.2018	Awareness program for prison inmates Prison, Angunukolapelessa	100	8,530/-
26	Balapitiya	04.08.2018	Awareness program for fishermen Divisional Secretariat, Ambalangoda	100	40,000/-
27	Galagedara	24.05.2018	Awareness program for school children Sujatha Girls' School, Galagedara	111	30,000/-
		10.07.2018	Awareness program for the public Aludeniya Maha Vidyalaya Galagedara	84	57,494/-
28	Balangoda	24.05.2018	Awareness program for civilians Urban Council, Balangoda	86	30,200/-
		04.08.2018	Sudarshi Temple, Balangoda	47	12,615/-
29	Galle	30.06.2018	Law Week Gangaramaya Temple, Galle	30	13,586/-

30	Mahawa	17.05.2018	Awareness program for school children Wijayaba N.S., Mahawa	200	44,684/-
		19.05.2018	Awareness program for school children U.B. Wanninayake Vidyalaya		
31	Minuwangoda	09.09.2018	Awareness program for the public Thotigalahawatte	100	36,850/-
32	Welimada	09.10.2018	Technical College, Ambegoda	151	66,608/-
33	Kuliyapitiya	29.07.2018	Awareness program for prison inmates Prison, Wariyapola	37	10,050/-
34	Vavuniya	30.06.2018	Awareness program for villagers Tharanikulam	70	10,500/-
		01.06.2018	Awareness program for villagers Katklam	40	10,430/-
35	Morawaka	21.07.2018	Randawa Viharaya, Mologgamuwa Awareness program for the public	70	39,956/-
36	Nuwara Eliya	19.05.2018	Training for lawyers on the RTI Act	50	75,000/-
37	Wellawaya	10.03.2018	Rathmalvehera Viharaya, Awareness program for the public	100	58,000/-
38	Kalmunei	24.01.2018	Legal Aid Commission Centre, Kalmunei Awareness program for school children	60	40,000/-
39	Siyambalanduwa	21.03.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Siyabalanduwa Awareness program for Garama Niladharis	48	40,000/-
		24.05.2018	Siyambalanduwa Maha Vidyalaya Awareness program for school children and parents	100	30,000/-
40	Embilipitiya	27.10.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Embilipitiya	96	40,000/-
41	Batticaloa	23.06.2018	Bridge View Hotel, Batticaloa Awareness program for lawyers & civil activists	30	112,500/-
42	Matara	13.06.2018	Awareness program for school children President's College	99	19,848/-
		19.12.2018	Awareness program for the public Divisional Secretariat, Matara	91	46,065/-
43	Mallakam	25.05.2018	Awareness program for school children and teachers Thellipalai Public School Jaffna	109	40,000/-

1.3.6 Participation of the Legal Aid Commission for Invited Programs

The invitation extended to the Legal Aid Commission by various organizations and social organizations for the resource contribution to programs conducted by them is a great honor for us in the legal profession and at a corporate level. In addition to the judicial duties of the Legal Aid Commission, it is a tremendous service that they have contributed to 214 occasions in the year 2018 as lecturers at awareness programmes of various social organizations and institutions, as legal counselors at mobile clinics and workshop facilitators. Similarly, the honour given to the Legal Aid Commission by the institutions who made these invitations is gratefully acknowledged.

Services provided by the Legal Aid Commission, i.e. resource contribution is based on the legal conditions related to, sexual harassment, fundamental rights, child abuse, women's rights, sexual violence, laws for the elderly people, human trafficking, labor laws, land laws and civil records, legal conditions on social issues required for everyday life, family law, women affected by war, Muslim women, women working abroad.

13.7 Participation of the Legal Aid Commission for Invited Programs

No.	Centre	Date	Location and Programme held	No. of participants	No. of invited programmes
01	Negombo	01.12.2018	Awareness programme about the law applicable to migrants and their families. Sethsarana Karitas Centre Thammita	50	03
		02.12.2018	Awareness program for the public Wattala	50	
		06.12.2018	Counselling service Mabola Church, Wattala	80	
02	Hambantota	09.10.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Suriyawewa Awareness program for the public	75	03
		20.10.2018	U.N.D.P., Colombo Awareness program for government officers	100	
		29.11.2018	MAS factory Awareness program for employees	50	
03	Horana	08.05.2018	Committee meeting of govt. officers in Ingiriya	80	04
		08.05.2018	Awareness program for government officers in Madurawala	80	

		03.07.2018	Child Development Committee in Kalutara District	80	
		02.07.2018	Divisional Secretaria, Ingiriya	80	
04	Balapitiya	10.12.2018	Awareness program for Sunday Dhamma School teachers Divisional Secretariat Balapitiya	50	17
		11.12.2018	Awareness program for Sunday Dhamma School teachers Maha Viharaya, Wathugama	50	
		13.12.2018	Awareness program for Sunday Dhamma School teachers Sadaham Medura, Kosgoda	120	
		10.12.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Gonapinuwala Provincial awareness programme for children	100	
		12.12.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Gonapinuwala Provincial children's council programme	50	
		08.11.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Ambalangoda Awareness program for foreign families	75	
		21.09.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Ambalangoda Awareness program for women	100	
		19.10.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Elpitiya Awareness program for women	100	
		18.10.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Ambalangoda	100	
		16.10.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Gonapinuwala Awareness program for children	100	
		01.10.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Ambalangoda Awareness program for women	100	
		15.10.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Ambalangoda Awareness program for women	100	
		09.10.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Balapitiya Awareness program for women	100	
		28.09.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Hikkadwa Provincial awareness programme for children	100	

		14.09.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Ambalangoda Provincial awareness programme for children	100	
		15.03.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Balapitiya Provincial awareness programme for children	100	
		09.03.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Ambalangoda Provincial awareness programme for children	100	
05	Kadawatha	05.07.2018	Awareness programme for the public Samashi Temple, Kadawatha	300	1
06	Nawalapitiya	16.09.2018	CP/Gampola Kadirasena Vidyalaya Divisional Secretariat	35	1
07	Monaragala	23.01.2018	Awareness programme for prison inmates Monaragala Prison	100	8
		26.05.2018	Awareness programme for the public Mahanama National School Monaragala	80	
		27.05.2018	Awareness programme for the public Mahanama National School Monaragala	85	
		19.06.2018	Awareness programme for adults and Grama Niladharis Monaragala Library Auditorium	100	
		31.07.2018	Awareness programme for NGO officials Divisional Secretariat Auditorium Monaragala	100	
		17.08.2018	Awareness programme for the public Divisional Secretariat Auditorium Monaragala	100	
		19.08.2018	Awareness programme for adults and Grama Niladharis Monaragala Library Auditorium	100	
		29.08.2018- 31.08.2018	Awareness programme for the public Entrepreneurship Exhibition Monaragala	58	
08	Avissawella	20.02.2018	Awareness programme for garment employees B.O.I., Avissawella	100	3
		10.03.2018	Awareness programme for the public Madanasingharamaya, Eheliyagoda	85	
		21.07.2018	Awareness programme for legal officers B.M.I.C.H.	50	
09	Galagedara	31.07.2018	Awareness programme for Grama Niladharis Divisional Secretariat Hatharaliyadda.	85	1

10	Kebithigollewa	27.01.2018	Awareness programme for the public Tittagonewa Funeral Aid Society	126	1
11	Balangoda	03.07.2018	Divisional Secretariat Waligepola	70	2
		17.11.2018	Awareness programme for civilians Pinnawala Police Station	80	
12	Kekirawa	26.01.2018	Awareness programme for govt. officers Rajarata Community Center	60	30
		08.02.2018	Awareness programme for civilians Department of Community Based Corrections	50	
		08.03.2018	Awareness programme for civilians Regional Development Bank	100	
		27.03.2018	Awareness programme for civilians Shavisthri Women's Collective	150	
		17.05.2018	Awareness programme for adults Department of Social Services	200	
		05.06.2018	Awareness programme for children Youth Council, Kekirawa	150	
		09.06.2018	Awareness programme for civilians Department of Probation and Child Care	200	
		03.07.2018	Awareness programme for civilians Department of Social Services	200	
		06.07.2018	Awareness programme for school children Department of Probation and Child Care	100	
		06.07.2018	Awareness programme for civilians Department of Social Services	200	
		09.07.2018	Awareness programme for school children and parents Department of Probation and Child Care	100	
		10.07.2018	Awareness programme for children Rajarata Community Center	150	
		25.07.2018	Awareness programme for civilians Department of Probation and Child Care	100	
		04.08.2018	Awareness programme for govt. officers U.N.F., Anuradhapura	30	
		09.08.2018	Awareness programme for defendants and their family members Department of Community Based Corrections	50	
		18.08.2018	Awareness programme for govt. officers U.N.F., Anuradhapura	30	
21.08.2018	Awareness programme for adults Department of Social Services	200			
30.08.2018	Awareness programme for men, Divisional Secretariat Vilavachchi	50			

		06.09.2018	Awareness programme for men, Divisional Secretariat Vilavachchi	50	
		08.09.2018	Awareness programme for pregnant mothers MOH, Kekirawa	150	
		10.09.2018	Awareness programme for adults Department of Social Services	150	
		11.09.2018	Awareness programme for adults Department of Social Services	150	
		18.09.2018	Awareness programme for civilians Department of Community Based Corrections	50	
		19.09.2018	Awareness programme for civilians	100	
		10.10.2018	Awareness programme for children Department of Probation and Child Care	100	
		20.10.2018	Awareness programme for youth Divisional Secretariat Ipalogama	150	
		05.11.2018	Awareness programme for school children Legal Aid Commission, Thambuttegama	50	
		29.11.2018	Awareness programme for school children Bastian Silva Maha Vidyalaya	150	
		24.12.2018	Awareness programme for children Midiwatta Temple	60	
		28.12.2018	Awareness programme for children and parents Rajarata Community Centre	200	
13	Kalutara	24.01.2018	Awareness programme for the public Divisional Secretariat, Kalutara	60	4
		19.07.2018	Awareness programme for adults	100	
		02.11.2018	Awareness programme for MOH doctors N.I.S.H. Kalutara	60	
		10.11.2018	Awareness programme for women	100	
14	Rathnapura	24.02.2018	Lawyers of the Board and civil representatives	33	4
		16.06.2018	Awareness programme for tamil people St. John Tamil School, Rakwana	50	
		12.08.2018	Awareness programme for tamil people St. John Tamil School, Rakwana	15	
		15.03.2018	Awareness programme for employees Jay Jay Garment Factory, Seethawaka	20	
15	Galle	22.02.2018	Awareness programme for immigrants S.E.D. Galle	40	4
		13.09.2018	Awareness programme for prison inmates Galle prison	37	

		18.09.2018	Awareness programme for prison inmates Bussa prison	20	
		29.10.2018	Awareness programme for nurses Karapitiya Hospital	60	
16	Battaramulla	28.03.2018	Awareness programme for Army officers Military Police Head Quarters	64	3
		14.06.2018	Awareness programme for Army officers Military Police Head Quarters	57	
		28.08.2018	Awareness programme for govt. officers ESCAPE Dehiwala	25	
17	Polonnaruwa	10.08.2018	Awareness programme for women and children Divisional Secretariat, Polonnaruwa	75	7
		07.09.2018	Awareness programme for prison inmates Polonnaruwa prison	80	
		26.05.2018	Awareness programme for the public Vidyaloka Viharaya	100	
		13.09.2018	Awareness programme for govt. officers Divisional Secretariat, Polonnaruwa	120	
		12.07.2018	Awareness programme for govt. officers Divisional Secretariat, Polonnaruwa	75	
		21.06.2018	Awareness programme for govt. officers Divisional Secretariat, Thamankaduwa	105	
		11.07.2018	Clients of Community Based Corrections Department of Community Based Corrections	35	
18	Kuliyapitiya	10.03.2018	Awareness programme for the public (Nila Mehewara Programme) Bingiriya National School	3	6
		16.03.2018	Awareness programme for Grade 11 students Aswedduma Subharathi Vidyalaya Kuliyapitiya	75	
		24.07.2018	Divisional Secretariat, Udubeddewa	150	
		28.08.2018	Awareness programme for the public (National Child Protection Department) Jayalanka Hotel, Kuliyapitiya	250	
		09.10.2018	Awareness programme for prison inmates Prison, Warakapola	60	
		10.12.2018	Awareness programme for the public Divisional Secretariat, Kuliyapitiya	100	

19	Thissamaharama	07.09.2018	Awareness programme for prison inmates Prison, Weerawila	250	3
		20.10.2018	Awareness programme for Grama Niladharis Divisional Secretariat	11	
		31.10.2018	Awareness programme for women Community Hall, Kirinda	100	
20	Point Pedro	26.08.2018	Awareness programme for the public Ponnambalam Vidyalam Karanavai	15	3
		27.08.2018	Awareness programme for the public Divisional Secretariat Maruthankereni	13	
		10.10.2018	Awareness programme for the public Wadamarachchi Hindu Girls' College Point Pedro	14	
21	Deniyaya	21.07.2018	Awareness programme for women Divisional Secretariat Kotapola	50	4
		13.05.2018	Awareness programme for the public Deniyaya National School	100	
		19.06.2018	Awareness programme for the public Divisional Secretariat Pasagoda	20	
		23.10.2018	Awareness programme for the public Mawarala Viharaya	20	
22	Mahiyanganaya	18.01.2018	Awareness programme for employees of the factory	12	11
		22.02.2018	Awareness programme for employees of the factory	10	
		29.03.2018	Awareness programme for employees of the factory	10	
		16.04.2018	Awareness programme for employees of the factory	7	
		2018.05.24	Awareness programme for employees of the factory	8	
		26.06.2018	Awareness programme for employees of the factory	7	
		25.07.2018	Awareness programme for employees of the factory	8	
		30.08.2018	Awareness programme for employees of the factory	10	
		04.10.2018	Awareness programme for employees of the factory	05	
		16.10.2018	Awareness programme for prefects Kuruwithenna School	31	
29.11.2018	Awareness programme for employees of the factory	7			
23	Baddegama	10.07.2018	Awareness programme for govt. officers Divisional Secretariat, Baddegama	75	2

		23.08.2018	Awareness programme for dhamma school teachers Divisional Secretariat Weliwitiya, Divithuru	60	
24	Kantale	06.05.2018	Awareness programme for mediation board members Divisional Secretariat	50	3
		09.07.2018	Awareness programme for police officers Divisional Secretariat Trincomalee	75	
		13.09.2018	Awareness programme for security officers and villagers Thalgaswewa Temple	100	
25	Galgamuwa	24.03.2018	Awareness programme for the public Giribawa Maha Vidyalaya (Nila Mehewara Presidential Public Service, Kurunegala)	11	1
26	Deiyandara	08.03.2018	Awareness programme for women Divisional Secretariat Mulatiyana	75	2
		02.05.2018	Awareness programme for labourers Parapamulla Temple	100	
27	Morawaka	14.03.2018	Divisional Secretariat Kotapola Awareness programme for women	50	4
		13.05.2018	Deniyaya National School Awareness programme for the public	100	
		19.06.2018	Divisional Secretariat Pasgoda Awareness programme for the public	20	
		23.10.2018	Mawarala Viharaya, Mawarala Awareness programme for the public	20	
28	Dehiattakandiya	21.03.2018	Awareness programme on law and legal clinic for rural people Siripura central dispensary	65	8
		23.07.2018	Awareness programme for the public Divisional Secretariat Dehiattakandiya	75	
		06.09.2018	Office employees and officers Zonal Education Office Dehiattakandiya	50	
		11.09.2018	Awareness programme for school children, parents and teachers A.M/D.K. Salpitigama School	86	
		20.09.2018	Office employees and officers PHI office Dehiattakandiya	100	

		11.10.2018	Awareness programme for school children, parents and teachers A.M/D.K. Damunnaruwa School	100	
		23.10.2018	Awareness programme for dhamma school teachers Divisional Secretariat Dehiattakandiya	27	
		18.09.2018	Awareness programme for govt. officers Divisional Secretariat Dehiattakandiya	10	
29	Valaichchenai	24.04.2018	Awareness programme for the public Wakarei	50	7
		10.05.2018	Awareness programme for the public Valaichchenai	45	
		19.07.2018	Awareness programme for the PHIs Valaichchenai	30	
		12.07.2018	District Secretariat Valaichchenai	60	
		31.08.2018	Awareness programme for the PHIs Valaichchenai	50	
		25.09.2018	District Secretariat Valaichchenai	60	
		08.11.2018	Awareness programme for the public Valaichchenai	75	
30	Nuwara Eliya	20.08.2018	Awareness programme for govt. officers	100	1
31	Mathugama	28.05.2018	Divisional Secretariat Palindanuwara	100	6
		04.06.2018	Divisional Secretariat Dodangoda	75	
		2018.06.04	Divisional Secretariat Mathugama	80	
		28.09.2018	Divisional Secretariat Dodangoda	100	
		28.09.2018	Divisional Secretariat Mathugama	100	
		25.10.2018	Tangerine Beach Hotel, Kalutara	60	
32	Kalmunai	06.03.2018	Divisional Secretariat Kalmunai	50	10
		11.06.2018	KM/Carmel Fathima School Kalmunai Awareness programme for school children	100	
		18.09.2018	Awareness programme for for govt. officers Human Rights Commission Kalmunai	40	
		20.09.2018	Divisional Secretariat Kalmunai	85	
		01.11.2018	High Court, Kalmunai	65	
		09.10.2018	Human Rights Commission Kalmunai	50	

		16.10.2018	Divisional Secretariat Samanthurei	75	
		19.11.2018	Divisional Secretariat Karaithivu	80	
		07.12.2018	Divisional Secretariat Karaithivu	100	
		20.12.2018	Human Rights Commission Kalmunai	90	
33	Siyambalanduwa	24.05.2018	Divisional Secretariat Siyambalanduwa Awareness programme for for govt. officers	75	2
		14.06.2018	Mahakalugolla Vidyalaya Awareness programme for school children and teachers	100	
34	Embilipitiya	27.10.2018	Community Hall, Udawalawa Awareness programme for rural women	50	3
		01.10.2018	Bodiraja School, Embilipitiya Awareness programme for school children and the public	100	
		07.12.2018	MAS Garmet Factory Awareness programme for employees	200	
35	Puttalam	20.06.2018	National Law Week Police Officers	100	1
36	Batticaloa	28.02.2018	Suriya Batticaloa Awareness programme for NGO servants and govt. officers	20-25	11
		08.03.2018	Human Rights Commission Batticaloa Awareness programme for NGO servants and govt. officers	20-25	
		19.03.2018	Divisional Secretariat Batticaloa Awareness programme for NGO servants and govt. officers	20-25	
		27.03.2018	E.S.C.O. Batticaloa Awareness programme for NGO servants and govt. officers	20-35	
		10.05.2018	Suriya Batticaloa Awareness programme for NGO servants and govt. officers	20-25	
		20.05.2018	Divisional Secretariat Vellaveli Awareness programme for the public	100 - 150	

		24.05.2018	Divisional Secretariat Batticaloa Awareness programme for the public	100 - 150	
		25.05.2018	Cecilia School, Batticaloa Awareness programme for school children	100	
		17.07.2018	Word Vision, Valaichchenai Awareness programme for govt. officers	20-30	
		12.09.2018	Prison, Batticaloa Awareness programme for prison inmates	20-30	
		20.12.2018	IMO Batticaloa Awareness programme for immigrants	15-20	
37	Matara	07.03.2018	Awareness programme for school children President's College	90	14
		09.03.2018	Awareness programme for women Hotel Ganga Addara	75	
		04.05.2018	Awareness programme for the public Welipathanavila	80	
		12.05.2018	Awareness programme for the public Weragampitiya	100	
		06.06.2018	Awareness programme for school children St. Thomas' College	50	
		07.06.2018	Awareness programme for women Divisional Secretariat, Matara	85	
		21.06.2018	Awareness programme for elders Divisional Secretariat, Matara	40	
		24.07.2018	Awareness programme for the public Divisional Secretariat, Matara	80	
		14.09.2018	Awareness programme for the public Divisional Secretariat, Matara	100	
		18.09.2018	Awareness programme for school children Siddhartha Vidyalaya	80	
		07.09.2018	Awareness programme for prison inmates Prison, Matara	98	
		19.09.2018	Awareness programme for school children Arfa College	100	
		20.09.2018	Awareness programme for school children Sumangala Vidyalaya	75	
		07.10.2018	Awareness programme for employees Loadstar Company	95	
38	Mannar	30.06.2018	Awareness programme for the public Mannar	29	3
		03.10.2018	Awareness programme for govt. officers Mannar	30	
		08.12.2018	Awareness programme for the public Iluppakadavai	50	

39	Akkareipattu	18.10.2018	Awareness programme for university students	45	1
40	Hatton	25.03.2018	Awareness programme for the public Thalawakele	500	6
		31.03.2018	Awareness programme for women CEDA Centre	500	
		09.04.2018	Awareness programme for the public Samurdhi Auditorium	200	
		13.06.2018	Awareness programme for the public Samurdhi Auditorium	200	
		13.08.2018	Awareness programme for the public Samurdhi Auditorium	200	
		08.10.2018	Awareness programme for the public Samurdhi Auditorium	200	
41	Ampara	11.08.2018	Awareness programme for the public Human Rights Commission	100	2
		01.09.2018	Awareness programme for the public Human Rights Commission	100	
42	Mallakam	24.08.2018	Awareness programme for the public Sandilippi Hindu College	18	4
		25.08.2018	Awareness programme for the public Divisional Secretariat, Uduwil	49	
		15.09.2018	Awareness programme for the public Thellippai United College	23	
		29.09.2018	Awareness programme for the public Waddu Hindu College	23	

Development & Management Division

2. Development & Management Division

2.1. Recruitment Procedure of the Legal Aid Commission

The recruitment procedure of the Legal Aid Commission in the year 2018 was prepared and forwarded to the Department of Management Services for approval. However, the approval had not been received until the end of the year.

2.2. Networking of Legal Aid Centers - (e-Dairy)

The Legal Aid Commission is keenly aware of the need for some substantive program for the implementation and monitoring of management and development activities required to maintain an effective and formal legal aid mechanism. It was decided during this year that the most effective and appropriate course of action was to maintain the coordination and supervision work by networking the regional centers. It was started as a Pilot project in 2015 and implemented in 2016.

The work of the Legal Division was supervised through this mechanism. It is thereby expected to monitor the work of the Project Division and monitor the judicial files. Although the E-Diary program has been very successful up to the final quarter of this year, this mechanism is inactive due to the revamping of the Legal Aid Commission web page. However, it was expected to be developed and implemented in the year 2018, and we were able to implement the same in collaboration with the University of Moratuwa.

2.3 Infrastructure

2.3.1 Office Equipment

Necessary arrangements have been made to provide new office equipments with the objective of improving infrastructure facilities at regional centers.

2.3.2 Renovation of buildings

Renovation of the sign-boards in the centres in Tissamaharama, Walasmulla, Aththanagalla, Matara, Hettipola, Avissawella, Trincomalee, Monaragala, Baddegama and in the Head Office in Colombo.

2.3.2.1 Renovation of buildings in 2016

No.	Project	Counsellor	Total Cost (Rs.)	Aggregate cost as at 31.12.2017 (Rs.)	Expenditure as at 31.12.2018 (Rs.)	Financial progress (%)	Physical progress (%)
01	Tissamaharama renovation project	Department of Buildings	1,033,237.31	206,647.46	929,699.22	90%	100%
02	Walasmulla renovation project	Department of Buildings	831,000.00	-	565,080.00	20%	40%
03	Matara renovation project	Department of Buildings	1,319,430.07	263,886.01	1,244,002.02	94%	100%
04	Developing the name board in Colombo	Department of Buildings	338,100.00	-	338,100.	100%	100%
05	Renovation of the building in Colombo	Department of Buildings	2,065,063.76	1,114,773.00	1,929,822.00	93%	100%
06	Renovation work in Aththanagalla	Department of Buildings	2,611,466.00	522,293.20	1,828,026.20	70%	80%
07	Renovation of the building in Hettipola	-	128,490.00	-	-	-	100%
08	Counstruction of the back wall of the building in Avissawella	Ministry of Justice	862,017,04	-	862,017.04	100%	-
09	Renovation of the building in Avissawella	-	40,505.00	-	40,505.00	100%	100%
10	Renovation of the building in Trincomalee	Ministry of Justice	230,788.56	-	230,788.56	100%	-

11	Building renovation in Monaragala	Department of Buildings	3,281,000.00	1,426,524.70	2,280,528.62	50%	100%
12	Renovation of the building in Galle	Department of Buildings	1,740,000.00	435,405.40	435,405.40	25%	20%
13	Renovation of the building in Baddegama	Department of Buildings	1,808,401.04	361,680.28	1,628,100.00	90%	100%
14	Construction of the new building in Kalutara	Department of Buildings	The building construction plan has been submitted to the Municipal Council for approval. The Municipal Council has requested a survey plan prepared within five years upon a new survey of the Court premises, in order to obtain the approval for the building plan. A request has been made to the Ministry of Justice in this regard.				
15	Construction of the new building in Kaduwela	Department of Buildings	A request has been made to the Ministry of Justice to obtain a survey plan prepared within five years upon a new survey of the Court premises, in order to submit to the the Municipal Council for approval of the building construction plan.				
16	Construction of the new building in Dambulla	Department of Buildings	A request has been made to the Ministry of Justice to obtain a survey plan prepared within five years upon a new survey of the Court premises, in order to submit to the the Municipal Council for approval of the building construction plan.				



Baddegama Building



Aththanagalla Building



Monaragala Building



Walasmulla Building

2.3.3 Construction of new buildings

Construction of new buildings for the Regional Legal Aid Offices at Kalmunai and Dehiattakandi has been completed. The construction of Krunegala regional office is at the final stage.

No.	Project	Counsellor	Total Cost (Rs.)	Aggregate Cost as at 31.12.2017 (Rs.)	Expenditure as at 31.12.2018 (Rs.)	Financial Progress (%)	Physical progress (%)
01	Construction of the new building in Kurunegala	Department of Buildings	9,106,000.00	3,113,913.04	3,113,913.04	34%	30%
02	Construction of the new building in Kalmunai	Department of Buildings Eastern Province	7,782,547.91	6,261,979.89	7,782,547.91	100%	100%
03	Construction of the new building in Dehiattakandiya	Department of Buildings Eastern Province	6,500,000.00	2,158,111.30	6,500,000.00	100%	100%



New building in Dehiattakandiya



New building in Kalmunai



New building in Kurunegala

2.4 Opening of New Legal Aid Centers

Wattala legal aid centre was established as the 83rd legal aid centre in October 2018. Accordingly, a legal aid centre has been opened for the Western Province.



2.5 Inspection of regional centers

Inspections of Regional Centers were carried out in the year 2018. Despite the limited transport facilities we have, this has been done with much difficulty, but we have inspected the following Regional Offices.

No.	Centre	Date of Inspection
01	Negombo	2018.01.30
02	Marawila	2018.01.30
03	Chilaw	2018.01.30
04	Puttalam	2018.01.30
05	Anuradhapura	2018.01.30
06	Thambuthhegama	2018.01.30
07	Ruwanwella	2018.06.
08	Kaduwela	2018.06.
09	Hettipola	2018.07.11
10	Kuliyapitiya	2018.07.11
11	Galle	2018.10.05
12	Baddegama	2018.10.05
13	Udugama	2018.10.05

2.6. Staff training.

Only local training has been done in this year.

No.	Officers	Description	Quantity	Financial Aid
01	Legal Officer	Training provided for professional skills development	123	U.S.Aid
02	Office Employees	Training provided for professional skills development	55	U.S.Aid

2.7. New recruitments.

The new recruitment of the Legal Aid Commission for the year 2018 is as follows.

No.	Designation	No. of Officers
01	Legal Officer	11
02	Management Assistant	04
03	Office Employee	05
Total		20

Accounts Division

Accounts Division

3. Financial Statement - 2018

3.1 Statement of Financial Position as at 31st December 2018

Item	Note	As at 31.12.2017 (Rs)	As at 31.12.2018 (Rs)
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Fixed assets	2	23,205,879	36,627,192
Current assets			
Prepaid and Debtors	9	19,955,188	14,172,924
Fixed deposits	10	3,754,321	4,403,637
Bank balance	10	23,182,122	26,372,639
Total Assets		<u>70,097,510</u>	<u>81,576,397</u>
Rights and Liabilities represented			
Accumulation Fund	3	30,380,342	31,383,715
Settlement of expenses		1,784,762	1,555,918
Non-Current Liability	5	30,921,917	43,432,575
Current Liabilities			
Accrued expenses	4	7,010,488.77	5,204,184
Total Equity and liabilities		<u>70,097,510</u>	<u>81,576,397</u>

3.2 Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka- Legal Aid Fund

3.2.1 Cash Flow Statement for the year ended from 31st

December 2018

Item	2017 (Rs)	2018 (Rs)
Net income on expenditure	(22,854,153,149)	(13,838,669)
Added retention	4,995,019	-
Depreciation	7,092,145	6,615,843
Deducted other income	(1,384,000)	-
Bad Debt		-
Gratuity Provision	3,952,310	9,929,381
Interest income	(310,450)	(399,316)
Cash flow from operations	<u>(7,808,125)</u>	<u>2,307,240</u>
Working capital		
Increase/decrease on current assets	(12,076,061)	5,778,415
Increasing accrued expenses	277,123.34	(2,523,771)
Payment of gratuity	(1,259,450)	(667,018)
Net cash flow from operations	<u>(13,058,387)</u>	<u>2,587,627</u>
Cash flow from investment activities		
Purchasing of furniture	(1,243,176)	(1,374,976)
Purchasing of office equipments	(2,425,756)	(1,533,343)
Purchasing of computures	(16,400)	(1,896,000)
Purchasing of books	(433,144)	(43,000)
Increases for buildings	-	(14,699,837)
Transfer of fixed deposits	(250,000)	(250,000)
Net cash flow from investment activities	<u>(4,368,476)</u>	<u>(19,797,156)</u>
Cash flow from financial activities		
Capital Allowances Receipts	11,500,000	18,092,806
The increase or decease of cash equivalentls in the year	(13,734,988)	3,190,516
Cash or cash equivalentls at the beginning of the year	36,917,109	23,182,121
Cash or cash equivalentls at the end of the year	<u>23,182,121</u>	<u>26,372,637</u>

3.2.2 Statement of Change in Equity as at December 31,2018

Description	2017 (Rs)	2018 (Rs)
Restated Balance as at 1.1.18	41,000,491	30,380,342
Balance B/F	-	(3,250,764)
Capital Grant received for the year	11,500,000	18,092,806
Excess / (Deficit) during the year	(22,152,159)	(13,838,669)
Ba as at 31.12.18	30,380,542	31,383,715

3.2.3 Total income statement for the year ended form 31st December 2018

Description	Note	2017.12.31 (Rs)	2018.12.31 (Rs)
Allowances, registration fees, income receipts, etc.	6	198,040,485.09	205,195,697
Administration expenses			
Activity excess or (Deficit)	7	220,138,063.48	218,960,955
Financial expenses		(22,097,578)	(13,765,257)
Net surplus or deficit for year	8	55,570.13	73,411
		<u>(22,153,149)</u>	<u>13,838,669</u>

**3.2.4 Notes to the financial statement for the year ending
31st Desember 2018**

Description	2017 (Rs)	2018 (Rs)
2. Fixed Assets		
Cost	59,667,956	63,786,442
Balance B/F	4,118,476	20,037,157
Additions during the year		
Disposal during the year	<u>63,786,442</u>	<u>83,823,598</u>
Balance C/F		
Provision for depreciation	33,488,417	40,580,664
Balance B/F	7,092,146	6,615,842
Depreciation for the year		
Disposal during the year	<u>40,580,563</u>	<u>47,196,406</u>
Balance C/F		
Total Cost C/F	63,786,442	83,823,598
Provision for depreciation C/F	40,580,563	47,196,406
Net Book value	<u>23,205,879</u>	<u>36,627,192</u>
3. Accumulated Funds		
Balance B/F	36,038,471.54	30,380,342
Equity and capital	-	33,747,436
Previous year adjustments	4,995,019.45	-
Retained Earnings	-	(36,998,200)
Capital Grant received during the year	11,500,000	18,092,806
Excess/ (Deficit) during the year	(22,153,148.52)	(13,838,669)
	<u>30,380,342.47</u>	<u>31,383,715</u>

**3.2.5 Notes to the financial statement for the year ending 31st
Desember 2018**

Description	2017 (Rs)	2018 (Rs)
4. Accrued Expenses		
Salary payable		
EPF payable	4,287,003	2,280,846
ETF payable	4,426	4,467
Annual accounts printing etc	350,000	
Electricity payable		
Audit fees payable	197,171	397,171
Other payable/ Sundry	581,759	1,109,971
Progam payable	3,501	3,501
Payable to suppliers	540,404	
Payable for printing of annual report	350,000	350,000
Payroll liabilities (Insurance claim)		929
Payable Honorarium	1,042,850	1,053,975
Payable insurance claim/Inland revenue	175	125
Payable to staff	3,200	3,200
	<u>7,010,489</u>	<u>5,204,184</u>
5. Gratutiy		
Balance B/F	28,229,056	30,921,916
		3,248,296
Provision made during the year	3,952,310	9,929,381
Gratutiy paid during the year	1,259,450	667,018
	<u>30,921,917</u>	<u>43,432,575</u>

**3.2.6 Notes to the financial statement for the year ending 31st
December 2018**

Description	2017 (Rs)	2018 (Rs)
9. Prepayments & Debtors		
Temporary Advance	37,125	-
US Aid	1,782	-
PSU Unit - EPF	961	-
Advance for building Renovation & Construction	18,885,170	13,365,205
Petty cash	1,115	12
Deposit	2,500	188,500
Debtors flood loan	728,398	432,159
Debtors receivable	193,097	12,960
Debtors prepayments	-	-
Insurance prepayment	176	-
Programme Balance Prepayments	104,862	174,084
	<u>19,955,188</u>	<u>14,172,923</u>
10. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash Balance	23,182,122	26,372,639
Fixed Deposits	3,754,321	4,403,637
	<u>26,936,443</u>	<u>30,776,275</u>

3.2.7 Receipts for the Legal Aid Fund from 2010 to 2016 (Recurrent)

Description	2011 (RS)	2012 (RS)	2013 (RS)	2014 (RS)	2015 (RS)	2016 (RS)	2017 (RS)	2018 (RS)
Government Grants. Recurrent	70,000,000	75,000,000	118,853,241	133,000,000	160,460,000	191,000,000	193,925,423	198,975,000
Other main	1,750	22,425,000	-	17,971,913	7,490,501	7,101,000	321,718	2,903,214
Registration fees	33,200	-	-	1,976,814	461,805	444,200	549,200	510,600
Apprentice student programe	-	-	-	796,832	761,000	974,000	1,163,000	878,000
Para Legal programe	-	-	-	615,918	258,000	270,500	-	-
Interest income	-	-	392,703	195,604	170,415	185,149	316,396	405,188
Book sales	-	-	-	730,693	72,350	24,930	105,410	4,270
Library income	-	-	-	22,661	113,789	175,803	274,172	298,655
Total	70,034,950	97,425,000	119,245,944	155,310,435	169,787,860	200,175,582	196,655,319	205,195,697

3.2.8. Statement of Expenditure - 2011 to 2018

Description	2011 (Rs)	2012 (Rs)	2013 (Rs)	2014 (Rs)	2015 (Rs)	2016 (Rs)	2017 (Rs)	2018 (Rs)
Wages	56,438,075	84,932,616	99,903,620	108,305,620	135,919,053	149,738,011	172,802,472	168,489,215
Payment of Bar council	3,290,800	3,331,650	3,596,817	5,083,073	5,691,880	5,846,335	7,106,874	8,359,574
Office expensess								
Phones	1,822,770	2,300,788	2,714,415	2,872,253	2,921,458	3,609,480	4,266,397	4,117,343
Electricity and Water	551,526	881,164	1,009,641	1,229,897	1,165,682	1,311,921	1,278,647	1,470,149
Stationery & printing	1,880,191	869,015	1,428,595	1,597,317	1,278,621	1,825,020	1,769,178	1,567,468
Postage charges	315,601	435,598	413,430	577,501	619,199	733,509	769,296	734,728
Maintenance and repair	1,982,140	2,217,509	1,647,600	2,013,396	3,061,149	11,958,396	5,109,879	2,686,825
Rent	658,000	699,000	1,047,358	1,702,000	1,183,000	1,254,000	1,034,000	1,820,917
Bata and Transport costs	118,017	255,681	221,501	413,164	369,040	632,955	631,544	679,018
Foreign travel expenses	77,360	163,408	239,400	-	-	-	-	-
Program expences	1,119,807	11,517	30,634	21,508,378	9,334,844	16,131,178	9,756,142	6,284,911
Fuel for vehicles	223,800	269,758	522,950	405,395	186,189	147,434	197,215	278,001
Auto insurance and repairs	91,388	175,835	173,381	715,415	1,422,334	1,271,607	1,380,686	1,335,222
Staff medical insurance	-	-	-	-	1,214,773	1,008,500	1,008,500	-
Attorney's fees	12,750	11,800	23,748	12,845	56,580	216,100	89,727	474,859
Advertising expenses	180,096	187,400	83,160	145,600	-	-	34,500	117,645
Employee welfare	202,979	230,188	310,601	144,128	108,448	204,890	274,287	216,412
Staff transportation costs	-	-	11,000	97,500	274,744	279,444	168,119	93,267
Professional fees	-	-	10,820	-	-	-	24,663	-
Assessment account	23,949	-	9,153	22,296	17,652	15,501	9,538	59,665
Conversion fee	16,721	45,245	9,015	2,360	9,515	8,850	15,050	31,550
Meeting expenses	758,039	880,325	480,000	529,911	-	15,170	186,747	-
Library expenses	-	-	-	3,962	33,656	38,554	58,880	79,679
Various expenses	286,616	391,260	530,526	558,424	424,533	489,794	718,357	2,283,232
Center monitaring and opening	127,378	361,982	117,624	44,762	101,081	143,244	200,468	-
Annual report expenses	-	-	-	247,500	214,925	350,000	-	-
Bank charges	92,018	77,701	83,838	69,085	54,260	52,500	55,570	73,411
Grants								
Gratutiy	1,643,873	2,374,957	2,079,908	11,468,979	2,926,295	4,670,851	3,952,310	9,929,381
Depreiation	859,925	3,723,763	6,066,342	8,225,883	8,454,031	7,389,590	7,092,145	6,615,843
Audit fees	-	304,682	99,704	80,000	100,000	100,000	125,000	200,000
Total	72,773,818	105,133,841	122,864,781	168,076,643	177,142,941	209,442,833	220,193,634	219,034,366

3.4 Recurrent receipts and expenses for the Legal Aid fund from 2011 to 2018

Description	2011 (Rs)	2012 (Rs)	2013 (Rs)	2014 (Rs)	2015 (Rs)	2016 (Rs)	2017 (Rs)	2018 (Rs)
Receipt	70,034,950	97,425,000	119,245,944	155,310,435	169,787,860	200,175,582	196,655,319	204,472,427
Expences	72,773,818	105,133,841	122,864,781	168,076,643	177,142,941	209,442,833	220,193,634	219,034,366

3.5 Capital fund from 2013 to 2018

Description	2013 (Rs)	2014 (Rs)	2015 (Rs)	2016 (Rs)	2017 (Rs)	2018 (Rs)
Capital receipts	13,800,000	24,000,000	14,800,000	25,000,000	11,500,000	18,092,806
Capital expenditure	17,800,000	14,900,000	11,600,000	20,800,000	11,800,000	15,079,607

Audit Report

NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE

My No.: JPA/B/LAC/F/01/18/43(I)

Date: 21st June 2019

Chairman,
Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka

The audit report of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 on financial statements and other legal and regulation requirements for the year ended on 31st December 2018.

The aforesaid report has been forwarded herewith.

Sgd./illegibly
W.P.C. Wikramaratne
Auditor General

Copies: 1. Secretary, Ministry of Justice and Prison Reforms
2. Secretary, Ministry of Finance

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1. Financial Statements

1.1 Disclaimer of Opinion

The audit of the financial statements of the of Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka for the year ended on 31 December 2018 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with provisions of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 and the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971. My report will be tabled in Parliament in due course as per Article 154 (6) of the Constitution.

I do not express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements of the Commission. Because of the significance of the matters discussed in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of my report, I have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these financial statements.

1.2 Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

- (a) The relevant evidence required for the verification of the credit balance of Rs. 33,747,438 indicated as the general reserve and the debit balance of Rs. 36,998,200 indicated as retained earnings in the statement of changes in equity as at 01st January 2018 were not produced for the audit.
- (b) Written evidence required for the verification of the sum of Rs. 4,995,019 which had been added to the aggregate fund as adjustments from the previous year during the final audit of accounts in the year 2017 and marked as an increase of retained earnings in the statement of cash flow in the same year were not produced for the audit.
- (c) Although it had been revealed in the financial statements that, it is the policy of the Commission to account the income and expenses on the accrued basis, the income of fixed deposit interests of Rs. 405,188 had been accounted on the financial basis.

1.3 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and for such internal control as management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Commission or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Commission's financial reporting process.

As per Sub-section 16 (1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the Commission is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities, to enable annual and periodic financial statements to be prepared of the Commission.

1.4 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

It is my responsibility to issue the Auditor's report on the financial statements of the Commission being based on the audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAS). However, I was unable to obtain adequate and appropriate audit evidence in order to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these financial statements due to the matters elaborated in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of the report.

2. Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Special provisions on the following requirements are set out in the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018.

- I was unable to obtain all details and explanations required for the audit in terms of the requirements set out in Section 12 (a) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 and, as it is apparent from my inquiry I was not able to determine that the Commission has maintained proper financial reports.
- The financial statements of the Commission which were submitted in terms of the requirement set out in Section 6 (1) (d) (III) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 are consistent with the preceding year.
- The financial statements which were submitted contain the recommendations I had made in the preceding year in terms of the requirement set out in Section 6 (i) (d) (iv) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018.

There are no sufficient facts that have drawn my attention to make any of the following statements upon the measures followed and the evidence obtained, and being confined to quantitative facts.

- That any member of the Board of Administration of the Commission has any direct or indirect interest in any contract entered into by the Commission outside the general business condition in terms of the requirement set out in Section 12 (d) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018.
- That the Commission has not complied with any applicable written law or other general or special directions issued by the Board of Administration of the Commission in terms of the requirement set out in Section 12 (f) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 except for the following observations.
 - A private insurance policy had been introduced for the employees of the Commission in the year 2015 contrary to the provisions of 9.12 in the Public Enterprises Circular No. PED/12 dated 02 June 2003, whereas a sum of Rs. 1,335,941 which is 50 per cent of the insurance contribution, had been paid to a private insurance company relating to 46 employees for the year under review.
- That the Commission has perform in contrary to its powers, functions and duties in terms of the requirement set out in Section 12 (g) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 except for the following observations.
- That the resources of the Commission have not been procured and utilized economically, efficiently and effectively within the time frames and in compliance with the applicable laws in terms of the requirement set out in Section 12 (h) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 except for the following observations.

03. Other Audit Observations

- (a) The average of the balance remained in a bank account maintained by the Commission amounted to Rs. 25,728,148 during the period of 12 months from January to December, 2018. During the entire period a sum ranging between Rs. 21 Million and Rs. 33 Million remained without being efficiently utilized, whereas the attention of the Management had not been drawn to invest such funds productively.

- (b) Although the approved cadre for 06 posts in the staff of senior level was 16 as at 31st December 2018, where all of them remained vacant, the attention of the Management had not been drawn to the recruitment of officers for the said posts. Similarly, 05 posts that do not exist in the approved cadre of the Commission had been filled by recruitment of 02 officers on contract basis and 51 officers on permanent basis.
- (c) Although a sum of Rs. 500,000 had been estimated to prepare the e-report for administrative work of legal division by establishing a network among the regional centers as proposed in the Action Plan of the Commission for the year 2018, the task had not been completed even by the end of the year under review.
- (d) According to the progress report of the Commission, the total number of cases to be proceeded in the year under review was 42,506, including the cases brought forward from the year 2017 for providing legal aid. Further, legal assistance (legal aid) had been provided in the year under review in order to settle 10,075 cases therefrom. The number of cases further remained waiting for assistance as at 31st December 2018 was 32,431 indicating 76 per cent of the total number of cases.
- (e) Although a sum of Rs. 15,000,000 had been estimated by the Commission in the year 2018 to construct 05 Centers at the locations of Ruwanwella, Elpitiya, Galagedara, Anamaduwa and Hettipola, constructions had not been commenced even by the end of the year under review.
- (f) Although a provision amounting to Rs. 2,840,000 had been granted in the year 2017 for the establishment of 02 new branch offices in Kalutara and Kaduwela, the provision had been saved in full as no construction had been commenced even by the end of the year under review.

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W.P.C. Wikramaratne
Auditor General

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5	Aththanagalla	033-2297020	47	Matara	041-2233815
6	Avissawella	036-2233857	48	Matugama	034-2249262
7	Baddegama	091-2292051	49	Mawanella	035-2247272
8	Badulla	055-2225759	50	Minuwangoda	011-2297790
9	Balangoda	045-2289099	51	Monaragala	055-2276891
10	Balapitiya	091-2255753	52	Mullaitivu	021-2290077
11	Bandarawela	057-2224733	53	Mutur	026-2238777
12	Battaramulla	011-2877687	54	Nawalapitiya	054-2224227
13	Batticaloa	065-2225399	55	Negombo	031-3321476
14	Chavakachcheri	021-2270882	56	Nikaweratiya	037-2260203
15	Chilaw	032-2222175	57	Nugegoda	011-2809068
16	Dambulla	066-2284551	58	Nuwara Eliya	052-2235260
17	Deiyandara	041-2268077	59	Panadura	038-2244822
18	Deniyaya	041-2271128	60	Pugoda	011-2405333
19	Embilipitiya	047-2230299	61	Point Pedro	021-2260212
20	Galgamuwa	037-2253290	62	Polgahawela	037-2243039
21	Galle	091-2226124	63	Polonnaruwa	027-2226572
22	Gampaha	033-2248804	64	Pottuvil	063-2248485
23	Hambantota	047-2221092	65	Rathnapura	045-2226899
24	Hatton	051-2222390	66	Thabuththegama	025-2276259
25	Hingurakgoda	027-2245521	67	Tangalle	047-2240122
26	Homagama	011-2748813	68	Tissamaharama	047-2239611
27	Horana	034-2265244	69	Trincomalee	026-2226328
28	Jaffna	021-2224545	70	Valaichchenai	065-2258349
29	Kadawatha	011-2922440	71	Vavuniya	024-2221863
30	Kaduvela	011-2548150	72	Walasmulla	047-2245566
31	Kalmunei	067-2223710	73	Warakapola	037-2277075
32	Kalutara	034-2222017	74	Wariyapola	037-268199
33	Kandy	081-2388978	75	Welimada	057-2244860
34	Kantale	026-2234521	76	Wellawaya	055-2274466
35	Kebithigollewa	025-2298101	77	Mallakam	021-2059170
36	Kegalle	035-2231790	78	Puttalam	032-2266636
37	Kekirawa	025-2263536	79	Borella	011-2698003
38	Kilinochchi	021-2285618	80	Dehiaththakandiya	027-2250700
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40	Kurunegala	037-2229641	82	Galagedara	081-2061025
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