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District Secretariat - Ratnapura

Defects and guidance pointed out by the Public Accounts Committee	Current Progress
Part one: Audit queries were not answered within one month.	Even though there was a delay in submitting answers in year 2020 to some extends due to the prevailed Covid pandemic situation, currently many of the Audit queries could be able to answer swiftly.
A vehicle has not been removed in a period less than 6 months since it condemn.	No vehicle to be condemned.
Log books for each vehicle were not maintained on an up-to-date basis.	At present, log books are maintained updated.
Fuel consumption of the vehicles owned by the District Secretariat was not checked	One of the vehicles is under repair and a Board of Investigation has been appointed for measuring the fuel consumption of another vehicle. Other all vehicles have been checked with fuel consumption.
In terms of the F.R., the balances to be adjusted disclosed by Bank Reconciliations have not been settled within one year	All balances have been settled by the time which were to be settled related to year 2020
Commitments have been incurred exceeding the limit of balance provisions at the end of the year, after utilizing the allowed provisions in term of F.R. 94(1)	Even though the actual expenses recorded in accounts in the year have not been exceeded the provision limits, concerned some objects, such limits have been exceeded when considered along with their commitments. The reason is, arising problematic situation regarding calculation of the amount of commitments due to difficulty in exact identification of commitments (water, electricity) and delayed submissions by the relevant officers. Hence, opportunities to make provisions available according to F.R. 66 and 69 have been restricted. However, instructions have been given to take measures in order to prevent such situations.
There were outstanding loan balances dating back exceeding one year.	In Connection with the outstanding loan balances of the interdicted officer; <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. A.D.S. Disanayaka -K.K.S interdicted at the Divisional Secretariat Embilipitiya has been reinstated in the service- One from the Divisional Secretariat Ayagama has settled four installments amounted to Rs.7,500/- each- Measures are being taken to recover the outstanding balances of the rest of the officers.
Overdue deposits in the General Deposit Account were not dealt with as per F.R.571.	Measures have been taken regarding overdue deposits as follows; <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Credited to Revenue- Payments have been made to the contractors who have produced the bills- Further balances are overdue in the Deposit Account as bills were not produced and owing to lack of imprest
The staff was hired exceeding the approved limit	There is excess staff of Development Officers and the Ministry has hired and attached them to this office.

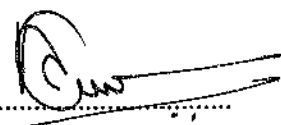
Part Two:	
Sustainable goals have not been identified by the institutions as per their scope	
Performance targets have not been established in order to identify and measure the sustainable goals	Sustainable goals related to year 2020 have been identified and maintained a file and future actions are being taken for year 2023. Having prepared a plan and made aware the District Secretariat And Divisional Secretariats
Failure to identify certain parties in connection with achievement of sustainable goals and targets	
According to the Circular No. 05/2008 of the Ministry of Administration and Management dated 2008.02.06 the Citizen / Clients' Charter was not properly prepared and implemented	The Citizen / Clients' Charter is properly prepared.
A methodology to supervise and review the implementation of Citizen/Client Charter has not been prepared	Even though no methodology is prepared to review, it is supervised by the Staff grade officers.
A duly prepared Human Resource Plan was not available in accordance with the provisions of Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018 dated 24.01.2018.	Human Resource plan has been prepared for 2020 and 2021
12 hours additional training had not been stipulated for each employee by the Human Resource Plan	Training programmes are being conducted as per the Human Resource Plan
Performance contracts were not prepared and entered for the entire staff.	Entered into contracts for year 2022
No senior officer had been appointed for the preparation of Human Resource Development Plans and for the implementation of Capacity Skills Development Programmes	A Staff grade Officer has been appointed with regard to training
The number of training opportunities provided was less than 50% of the planned training opportunities.	Training opportunities have not been provided due to prevailed Covid pandemic situation. Measures are being taken to provide training opportunities as planned
The defects/errors pointed out by the Auditor General in the paragraphs had not been rectified.	The matters recorded as not solved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As informed at the G.A. Conference conducted on 11 and 12.11.2021 regarding Vision and Mission, a committee will be appointed to prepare a common vision and Mission for all the District Secretariats and the Divisional Secretariats. - Mrs. T.T. Manamendra, the Technical Officer has been acquitted from all charges as per the recommendations of the report of the disciplinary inquiry conducted regarding the repair of the Quarters of the Divisional Secretary Kuruwita. - Progress of the Cultural Centres is given in Annexure 1
Five prominent services to be rendered by the institute have not been identified	Five prominent services have been identified appropriate for years 2020 and 2021
Targets had not been defined for the identified services	Targets has been defined

No methodology to achieve and measure the identified service targets.	Measures will be taken to prepare a methodology in order to render services and measure them using information technology.
The details of the identified targets were not forwarded before the 15th January 2019 to the Ministry with copies to the Auditor General	The identified targets will duly be referred to the Auditor General in future.
Identified achievement of targets was less than 24%	Achievement of targets in 2021 was 86.76%



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- **Cultural Centre Godakawela** – This Cultural Centre building is in use. The need of constructing a store room and a stage has been indicated.
- **Cultural Centre Imbulpe** - This Cultural Centre building is in use. No required to repair or constructions in future.
- **Cultural Centre Opanayake** –the cultural centre is successfully maintained. The stage of the main building has been decayed and dilapidated. A provision of Rs. 600,000 from the retained money has been allocated for this project and the estimates are being prepared by the Technical Officer Opanayake.
- **Cultural Centre Weligepola** - This cultural centre has not completed to the level of using. Bids were open on 29.10.2021 pertaining to complete the remaining part. However, as no bid was received from contractors and no adequate time for calling bids again, the Ministry of Buddha Sasana has been informed to take over the provisions allocated for year and release the same in 2022. A letter dated 11.02.2023 has been referred to the Ministry of Buddha Sasana requesting allocations along with the estimate to complete the work.
- **Cultural Centre Kolonna** – This centre has not been completed up to usable level. Only the foundation was completed. Estimation to the value of Rs. 22,662,047.79 has been referred to the ministry for approval. Approved allocation of Rs 10 million have been taken over as the construction had not been carried out.
- **Cultural Centre Kahawatta** – This building is not in use and approval is received for maintaining it as a Seva Piyasa since the instability of the land. No provisions were made available for the construction of the Seva Piyasa. However, this building which is not fully completed and needed to be repaired, is being repaired under labour contribution and currently completed part is being used as a Seva Piyasa.

Recommendation of the Secretary

Measures taken by the District Secretary are recommended and instructions have been given to District Secretaries to pay personal attention on the other shortcomings pointed out and to take corrective measures regarding them.

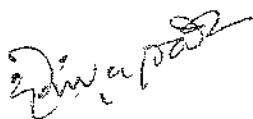


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Recommendation of the Minister and the Action taken

Instruction have been given by me to the Ministry Secretary to take necessary steps by paying special attention on the instructions given to the District Secretary by the Committee on Public Accounts, to ensure that such shortcomings may not occur again and it is expected that the such measures would enable the provable level to reach the optimum level within the year 2023.



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