


**Submission of Steps and Observations on Standing Orders 119(4), tabled by the
Committee on Public Accounts to the Parliament of Sri Lanka.**


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District Secretariat – Colombo

Shortcomings and guidance Highlighted by the Public Accounts Committee	Steps taken by the Accounting Officer	Present Progress
Responses were not provided within a month for each audit query, forwarded by the Auditor General.	Officers were given required instructions to furnish answers within a month for audit inquiries having initially	Percentage of providing responses to audit queries had been 33.3% by the year 2022.
There were instances reported where responses were not provided within a month for audit queries.	discussed on this matter at the Audit and Management Committee meetings.	Percentage of furnishing responses for internal audit queries within a month had been 72% in the year 2020 and it has been upgraded up to 81% by the year 2022.
After utilizing provisions granted for expenditure vote in accordance with F.R.94 (1), liabilities being reached as exceeding the limit of provisions remained at the end of the year.	Officers were instructed to open and duly maintain a register of liabilities and officers have been made aware of this regard at the Audit Management Committee and Accounts Committee.	Actions have been taken to deal with the provisions without exceeding the limit by the year 2022, as if no liabilities will not be existed.
Arrears of loan balances remain continued for more than a period of one year.	Officers were given required instructions to recover arrears of loan balances that had been a prominent issue discussed at the Audit Management Committees and Accountants Committees as well.	There have been arrears of loan balance Rs. 1,538,041.38 existed more than a period of one year, and a sum of Rs. 100,883.62 which is a 7% out of such loan balance has been recovered by 31.12.2022.

A web site on the Institute has not been maintained for the public to be given required information.	Official web site relevant to the District Secretariat, Colombo which could reach by general public through the web address www.colombo.dist.gov.lk has been created with effect from the year 2021.	General public are provided with a room to receive on services provided by the District Secretariat to the public and about the district secretariat itself through the official web site of the district secretariat as well as other facilities such as registration of suppliers through on line, information relevant to renewal of driving licenses and registration of businesses as well. Similarly, opportunities have been made available to direct making aware of the District Secretary regarding all suggestions and complaints on this Institute through the service "Tell to GA".
Number of training opportunities given out of planned training opportunities were less than 50%.	Training opportunities had been less than 50% on limited number of officers had been summoned for duties amidst Covid- 19 pandemic.	Actions have been taken to provide training facilities to officers subject to provisions existed as at present.
No proper procedure has been set up to fulfill identified service targets.	Officers were made aware of formulate a system to evaluate service targets.	Proper system has been formulated as at present.
Details on identified targets have not been forwarded to the Ministry along with a copy to the Auditor General prior to 15 th , January, 2019.	Officers were instructed to submit the report on due date in the years ahead.	Details of identified targets relevant to the year 2022 have been submitted to the Auditor General and the Ministry concerned on 15 th January.


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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.

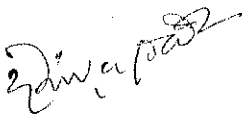


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Recommendation of the Minister and the Action taken

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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