

## **ආයතනයේ නම : දිස්ත්‍රික් ලේකම් කාර්යාලය - ගාල්ල**

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### **நிறுவனத்தின் பெயர் :- காலி மாவட்ட செயலக அலுவலகம்.**

**பாராளுமன்றத்தின் அரசு கணக்குக் குழுவினால்  
முன்வைக்கப்பட்ட அறிக்கை தொடர்பாக  
நிலையியற் கட்டளை இலக்கம் 119 (4) இன் கீழ்  
கௌரவ அமைச்சரின் அவதானிப்புக்களுக்கும்  
மற்றும் அது தொடர்பாக எடுக்கப்படும்  
நடவடிக்கைகளும் பாராளுமன்றத்திற்கு சமர்ப்பித்தல்.**

**Name of the institution: District Secretariat Office - Galle**

**Submission of observations of Hon. Minister  
and steps taken with regard to the reports  
tabled by the committee on Public Accounts in  
terms of Standing Order No. 119 (4)**

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**Submission of general observations and recommendations to the Parliament of Sri Lanka in accordance to the standing order No.119 (4) of the Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts**

Parliamentary Session No 183  
District Secretariat Office, Galle

Shortcomings identified by the Committee on Public Accounts and the guidelines.	Actions taken by the Accounting Officer.	Current Progress																
01.) It has been reported instances where internal audit queries have not been answered within a month	All Staff Officers, all Divisional Secretaries and all Heads of the Branches of the District Secretariat have been informed that it should be considered as priority task to provide answers for the internal audit queries within the stipulated period of time in the meetings of the District Audit and Management Committees, conferences of the Divisional Secretaries and the meetings of the Audit Management Committee of the Divisional Secretariats.	Currently, there is a progress of replying for the internal audit queries within a month <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Number of audit reports submitted</th><th>Number of answers given within a month</th><th>Percentage</th></tr><tr><td>2020</td><td>37</td><td>14</td><td>38%</td></tr><tr><td>2021</td><td>22</td><td>12</td><td>54%</td></tr><tr><td>2022</td><td>88</td><td>50</td><td>57%</td></tr></table>	Year	Number of audit reports submitted	Number of answers given within a month	Percentage	2020	37	14	38%	2021	22	12	54%	2022	88	50	57%
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2)A condemned vehicle has not been disposed during a period less than 6 months.	Chief Examiner of Motor Vehicles had been informed	It had been observed that this vehicle which was out of service for some time and proposed for condemned, was assigned to the Galle Heritage Foundation in the year 2012. Also, this vehicle had not been assigned to the Ministry in charge of Galle Heritage Foundation and it had been assigned only for official purposes. It was used only for short distance running for office needs , after being re-assigned by the District Secretariat and the attention was drawn to carry out repairs of the vehicle by taken off from running as per the recommendation of the Examiner of Motor Vehicles due to leakage of lubricating oil and abnormal fuel combustion.  An estimate to make repairs of the vehicle was obtained from a garage and the repairs of the vehicle was delayed due to no recommendation was received from the Examiner of the Motor vehicles for the said estimate. Due to establishment of three new Divisional Secretariats under the District Secretariat Galle on 01.03.2021 and as there are no sufficient number of office vehicles , it was intended to repair this vehicle and use it for running .																

		<p>it was inquired from the Examiner of the Motor vehicles about possibility of placing a used engine as an alternative method of repairing this vehicle. Please be informed that the final decision to repair the vehicle or dispose the vehicle will be taken according to said decision.</p>
<p>3)The fuel consumption of the vehicles owned by the District Secretariat was not measured as per Para 3.1 of Public Administration Circular No. 2016/30 dated 29.12.2016,</p>	<p>Fuel consumption test had been carried out for 5 vehicles.</p>	<p>Five vehicles have been checked for fuel balance test and due to the fuel crisis in the country fuel balance test for the other 03 vehicles could not be conducted due to practical issues such as , after completing the full capacity in first instance, there is no fuel at the fuel station to complete the fuel capacity in second time and due to providing only 50,40, 20 liters per vehicle during a week based on the currently used QR system. Please be informed that after the current fuel crisis is resolved or as soon as the measures to be followed are introduced, reports will be submitted after conducting the fuel balance test. It was unable to carry out fuel balance test as per Public Administration Circular No.30/2016 dated 29<sup>th</sup> December 2016 due to the current fuel crisis. I wish to inform that 6 months has been lapsed since the above fuel test was conducted on the 5 vehicles for which the reports have been submitted.</p>
<p>4)Existence of outstanding loan balances during more than a year</p>	<p>Draw the attention of the disciplinary authorities to carry out the follow-up process to settle these outstanding loan balances and to expedite the disciplinary procedures.</p>	<p>The outstanding loan balance amount to Rs. 101,628.00 of Mrs. L.M.I. Perera, Management Service Officer of the Divisional Secretariat Thawalama who was retired on 31.12.2017, has been settled which remained for more than 05 years..</p> <p>The outstanding loan balance amount to Rs. 43,650.00 of Mr. D.S.Sunil ,Grama Niladhari , has been settled among two suspended officers who worked in the Divisional Secretariat ,Four Gravets, Galle.</p> <p>Mr. K.A.D. Weerasinghe ,Grama Niladhari, was suspended on 05.06.2017.His outstanding loan balance amount to Rs.108,248.00 has not been settled up to this date. This dismissed officer has been informed to pay this loan balance in installments and even though it has been requested from the Ministry of Public Administration to pay this loan balance in 12 installments, no approval has been received so far.</p> <p>The outstanding loan balance amount to Rs.85,351.55 of Mrs. K.P.D.D.Dinushika, suspended Grama Niladhari of the Divisional Secretariat Yakkalamulla, has been settled.</p>

		<p>The outstanding loan balance amount to Rs. 140,679.92 of Mr .W.H.C.L Wewaiwala , Development Officer who had vacated the post on 31.12.2017, is being paid by his wife in monthly installments amount to Rs. 2,500.00 and an amount of Rs. 49,982.19 has been settled as at 31.12.2022. His current outstanding loan balance is Rs.90,697.73.</p> <p>The outstanding loan balance amount to Rs.53,300.00 of Mr. L.D.L. Kelum who worked in the Divisional Secretariat Ambalangoda and died on 16.07.2020 ,has been settled to this date.</p>						
5)The action had not been taken as per F.R.571.in relation to lapsed deposits of the general deposit account.	<p>Following action had been taken in relation to lapsed deposits of the general deposit account.</p> <p>After obtaining reports regarding audit queries relevant to reconstruction of damaged roads, retention money had been released upon making deductions relevant to payments of provincial Road Development Authority and the said payments had been completed.</p> <p>General retention money was released by making the deductions pointed out by the auditing in connection with all projects except one project regarding bills made for damaged roads of the Road Development Authority. Special retention money was released on recommendation of the Road Development Authority.</p> <p>A cabinet decision had been given in connection with releasing of retention money of provincial road carpeting program 2011-2014 and according to said decision the Department of Auditor General had been directed to conduct an independent audit.</p>	<p>As per time analysis on 31.12.2020</p> <table><tr><td>More than 5 years</td><td>Rs..170,920,904.05</td></tr><tr><td>Years 2-5</td><td>Rs..33,051,467.10</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>Rs 203,972,371.15</td></tr></table> <p>An amount of Rs. 167,993,280.00 out of retention money exceeding 5 years is related to road carpeting of the District Secretariat. An amount of Rs. 34,588,893.53 out of remaining value amount to Rs. 35,979,091.15,has been released on 31.12.2022.</p>	More than 5 years	Rs..170,920,904.05	Years 2-5	Rs..33,051,467.10	Total	Rs 203,972,371.15
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<p>5) The staff had been recruited beyond the approved limit.</p>	<p>No officers are recruited by the District Secretary, Galle and only deploy the officers recruited by the respective appointing authorities. Relevant officers have been informed in writing that excess staff is incurred due to attachments made beyond the approved limit by the appointing authorities and no responsibility could be taken by the District Secretaries in this regard.</p>	<p>I kindly inform that excess officers are serving at present and information of the excess officers is reported to the Ministry of Public Administration of Home Affairs on monthly basis.</p>
<p>7) Specific parties involved in achieving internal sustainability goals have not been identified.</p> <p>The information of the two agents to be appointed to coordinate sustainable development activities as per provisions of circular No.MSDW/08/65 of 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Wildlife has not been reported to the Ministry of Sustainable Development &amp; Wildlife</p>		<p>The provisions are allocated for the District Secretariat and 19 Divisional Secretariats under this Expenditure Head. Although other parties are identified except those parties, this office has no procedure to provide provisions for the activities.</p> <p>I point out that the extensive development activities of the district you expect are not covered by this expenditure head. The provisions are allocated for the subjects under respective ministries and the activities carried out under such provisions are regulated by the Line Ministry to which that subject belongs.</p> <p>Please be informed that these officers were expected to be nominated at the Ministry level.</p>

**District Secretary,  
District Secretariat,  
Galle.**



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**Chief Accountant,  
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## **Recommendation of the Secretary**

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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.



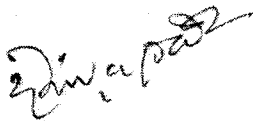
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## **Recommendation of the Minister and the Action taken**

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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.



Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena. (M.P)  
Prime Minister and  
Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs,  
Provincial Councils and Local Government.

