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Chapter 01

Institutional Profile / Executive Summary

Institutional Profile / Executive Summary

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1.0 Ministry of Mass Media

1.1 Introduction

The Ministry of Mass Media is constantly providing its contribution necessary to encouraging the media industry towards a responsible media practice.

The progress of the media industry rests on a new media journey based on information that extends beyond the traditional art of media. The Ministry of Mass Media has focused on integrating into the society the knowledge, understanding and communication contrivances of the use of new media including social media and the guidance necessary for adapting to digital technology.

The Ministry of Mass Media, focusing specifically on the state-owned media enterprises which are a burden on the national economy with continued financial losses and also, on those that have been underutilized, has taken steps to implement a scheme for the voluntary retirement / resignation of employees in order to keep the unaffordable redundant number of employees down to a minimum level, which had a direct impact on the loss of the state media institutions. Moreover, the Ministry has also shown guidance required to take steps necessary to make such assets owned by these public entities utilized in full.

The preliminary work has been completed at present by the Ministry in formulating a national media policy towards a systematic guidance and direction in the sphere of mass media.

The need for a regulatory measure on the social media behaviour, not control, has been identified as its negative influence causes to impose an enormous impact on the mindset of the people at large.

The Ministry in its observations on the current social media behaviour has also paid attention to the introduction of a code of conduct governing the media as well.

The legal background necessary for setting up of a mass media higher education institute under the name of “Chartered Institute of Media Professionals - Sri Lanka” with the state patronage is under preparation as at present. The prime objective of this endeavour is to produce mass media journalists needed for bringing forth a media culture with ethical self-control through this proposed institute of higher education.

The "Asidisi" scholarship program which was introduced to provide financial support for the studies of media journalists, will continue to be in progress with a view to achieving the arming of the media journalists with the knowledge of the practice of media.

A series of programs have been conducted to establish good media ethics and raise the professionalism of journalists under the financial contribution of the UNDP.

As it is considered vital to maintain news websites in a manner that does not threaten national security and harmony, the registration and renewal of these websites under the Ministry is handled by an independent committee.

The Presidential Media Awards Ceremony could not be held due to reasons of insufficient provisions being allocated.

This Ministry has also undertaken the task of issuing licenses to run private radio and television broadcasting services as per the constitutional provisions. Action is also being taken to have a common format introduced for bringing about a uniformity in the broadcasting licenses.

Work on revising the obsolete laws and ordinances in relation to the institutions coming under the purview of this Ministry is ongoing, keeping abreast with the present-day needs. As such, action to make amendments to the Sri Lanka Foundation Act, No. 31 of 1973, the Sri Lanka Press Council Act, No. 05 of 1973, the Post Office Security Fund Ordinance, the Post Office Ordinance, etc. is now in progress. The amendment of Section 3 (1) of the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation Act, No. 06 of 1982 has been made by the Corporation accordingly. The preparation of the draft bill for the establishment of the Chartered Institute of Media Professionals of Sri Lanka has also been finalized. The Draft relating to the Establishment of the Broadcasting Regulatory Commission Act and the Cabinet Sub-Committee Report thereon have been prepared and finalized. The draft bill for the "Establishment of a National Film Development Commission" needs to be re-examined and reviewed. Selacine television institution has been legally incorporated on 20.06.2023 under the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007 by the Department of Registrar of Companies under the name of "Selacine Media Solutions (Pvt) Ltd.".

This Ministry generates revenue for the General Treasury by registering news websites and levying taxes on imported teleplays, films and commercial programmes.

From the year 2017 onwards, the Ministry has been actively engaging in the implementation and integration into the society the provisions of the Right to Information Act, No. 12 of 2016.

The project to fully digitize the analog television broadcasting system in Sri Lanka as an international diversion approach in the journey of Rupavahini is also continued to be in progress under the Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting - DTTB Project.

The ministry has made efforts to operate in an impartial manner while maintaining the balance of information while handling the state media.

1.2 Vision, Mission, Objectives of the Institution

Vision

A well-informed, pluralistic and dynamic society

Mission

Formulating, facilitating, implementing, monitoring and evaluating policies and strategies in order to establish a people-friendly, development-oriented, free and responsible Sri Lanka media culture.

Objectives

- Extending assistance necessary to build a far better media culture.
- Broadening the equal opportunities for the general public to gain access to information.
- Facilitating the field of media with sophisticated technology.
- Encouraging the advancement of the professionalism of the media personnel.
- Enhancing the media contribution and participation in the national development effort.
- Providing leadership to boost country's image internationally.
- Development of human resources to achieve the goals of the Ministry.
- Effective utilization of the resources of the institutions affiliated to the Ministry.
- Strengthening the development process through the coordination of respective parties.

1.3 Purview, Subjects & Functions and Special Priorities of the Ministry

1.3.1 Subject Area

Creating an appropriate media culture for a balanced communication of information knowledge and opinions that ensure the public right to accurate information including the freedom of speech and expression, as well as implementation of policy planning, national budget, state investment and national development programme as well as formulation, implementation, follow – up and evaluation of policies, programmes and projects applicable to it based on the national policies

implemented by the government in order to ‘introduce a media culture with transparency’ according to precise laws and regulations/acts.

1.3.2 Functions and activities of the Ministry as per the extraordinary gazette No. 2289 dated 22.07.2022.

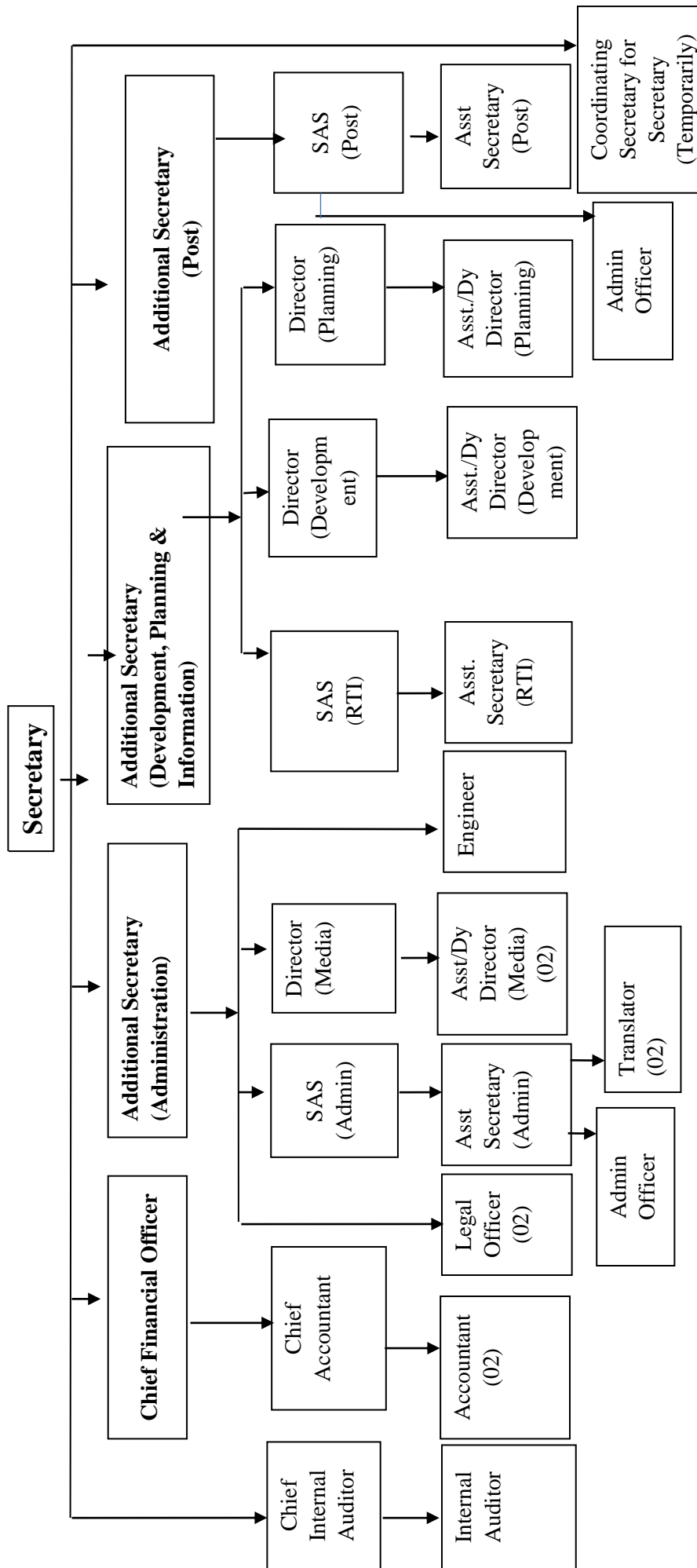
- Formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, programmes and projects in relation to the subject of Mass Media, and those subjects that come under the purview of Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations based on the national policies implemented by the Government.
- Provision of public services under the purview of the Ministry in an efficient and people friendly manner.
- Reforming all systems and procedures using modern management system techniques and technology, thus ensuring that the functions of the Ministry are fulfilled while eliminating corruption and waste.
- Adoption of necessary measures to ensure people’s right to accurate information.
- Government printing and publication activities.
- Formulation of strategies to obtain the contribution of the Mass Media for economic, social and cultural development by developing the knowledge, attitudes and a high sense of appreciation of the people.
- Promotion of the utilisation of modern technology for use of mass media.
- Introducing a Mass Media Policy.
- Taking necessary measures for the dissemination of state official announcements and news to the public.
- Release of relevant information on Sri Lanka to local and foreign media agencies.
- Provision of information and publicity material to Sri Lanka Missions abroad.
- Taking appropriate measures for production and broadcasting of news, films and documentaries.
- Publicity work including commercial television, radio broadcasting and overseas transmissions.
- Provision of diversified business oriented modern postal service adopting state-of-the-art technology and management methodologies to maintain efficient domestic and foreign postal services.
- Administration of Sri Lanka Philatelic Bureau.
- All other subjects that come under the purview of Institutions

- Supervision of all Institutions

1.3.3 Special Priorities

- Introduction of transparent Mass Media Policy.
- Establishing media standards that conform to national and international Laws and Regulations.
- Providing the background for journalists and media institutions so that no exceeding of the socio – cultural values and ethical framework will be experienced.
- Restructuring Sri Lanka Press Council.
- Expanding the activities of Mass Media at provincial to facilitate media personals.
- Expansion of Sri Lanka Postal Service for public needs.
- Introduction of social education mechanism to educate and create understanding of the use and conduct of new media including the social media.
- Creating higher educational opportunities in mass media in conformity with international standards.
- Introduction and implementation of methodologies required for efficient, people-centric digital postal and related services targeting new opportunities based on new technologies.

1.4 Organizational Chart



Other Designations		Approved	Other Designations		Approved
Project Implementation Asst /Development Officer		44	ICT Assistant		05
Investigation Officer (Electronic & Print)		07	Cameraman		01
Management Service Officer		27	Video Cameraman		01
Receptionist		01	Driver		15
ICT Officer		01	Office Assistant		16
Approved Cadre – 149 Actual No. of Employees -135					
Source : As per letters dated 04.09.2020, 18.09.2020 & 27.11.2020 of Department of Management Services					

1.5 Departments under the purview of the Ministry

- i) Department of Government Information
- ii) Department of Government Printing
- iii) Department of Posts

1.6 Institutions under the purview of the Ministry

- i) Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation
- ii) Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation
- iii) Independent Television Network Ltd.
- iv) Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd.
- v) Sri Lanka Press Council
- vi) Selacine Television Institute
- vii) Lankapuvath Ltd.
- viii) Sri Lanka Foundation Institute
- ix) Sri Lanka Printing Institute
- x) National Film Corporation of Sri Lanka
- xi) Public Performance Board
- xii) Right to Information Commission

1.7 Information on the projects on foreign grants

- a) Name of the Project : Digitalization of Terrestrial Television Broadcasting Project of Sri Lanka
- b) Funding Authority : The Government of Japan (JICA)
- c) Estimated cost of the project : Japanese Yen 17,717 million
(Value of the contribution of JICA is Japanese Yen 13,717 while the Sri Lankan Government contribution is Japanese Yen 3,505)
- d) Project's life span : 2021 - 2028

Chapter 02

Progress and Vision Forward

2.1 Achievements

Progress and Future Outlook – Progress achieved in the year 2023

2.1.1 Implementation of the Right to information Act, No. 12 of 2016

The Ministry of Mass Media has been entrusted with the responsibility of the implementation and social integration of the Right to Information Act which came into effect on the 04th of August 2016 after it was passed by the Parliament of Sri Lanka. This Act set out to go into force on the 13th of February 2017 and the prime objective of the Right to Information Act was to smoothly implement the principles of the democracy and good governance in the country by ensuring the right of the public to know the official information of the government, thereby establishing a better and socially responsible public service void of corruption. As from the year 2017 itself, the Ministry of Mass Media has been actively contributing towards the social integration of this Act in putting it across to the general public.

Execution of the tasks assigned to the Ministry of Mass Media in accordance with the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016 and the carrying out of the coordination work with the Right to Information Commission

Coordination Tasks involving liaison work with the Right to Information Commission was carried out in accordance with the Right to Information Act in line with the procedure for requesting information. As of now, 20 annual reports and half-yearly reports as well as bi-monthly status reports have been forwarded to the Right to Information Commission. Furthermore, the tasks to be performed for the citizens or the duties involved thereto to be carried out by the public authorities as well as various requests regarding such matters from the Right to information Commission have been referred to the relevant institutions for compliance.

Provision of advisory services related to the Right to Information Act

During the year 2023 too, the citizens have been provided with routine advisory services on day-to-day basis regarding the Right to Information Act. As of 30.09.2023, formal advice has been given to 1200 persons. Apart from this, citizens who pay visits for the purpose of study and research regarding the Right to Information Act have also been educated in that direction.

Maintaining and updating the official website on Right to Information – (www.rti.gov.lk)

The objectives of introducing the website are to enable citizens to use the Right to Information Act effectively, enhance the awareness of the citizens about the right to information and cater to the interest of the public through prompt response to information requests. Tasks of publication of the official news related to information rights and publicity regarding upcoming programs are

also taken care of through the website. Moreover, a new website has been created to be maintained under the supervision of the officers of the Ministry to operate in such a way that it becomes very active and can be used more effectively in relation to the right to information. The total number of web users as at 30.09.2023 is 839,725.

Maintaining and updating the Email Address (rti@media.gov.lk) on Right to Information

A new e-mail address has been introduced to replace the e-mail used in the Right to Information Unit. By this move, the information requests sent by the citizen via e-mail are forwarded to the relevant institutions. In addition, the responses to e-mails sent to citizens and officials serving as public authorities seeking answers and advice to problems, as the case may be, are continued to be carried out.

Distribution of the Information Officer Manual, Training Guide, Pamphlets on Right to Information

1000 Sinhala copies of the new edition of the Information Officer Manual related to Right to Information Act were printed and 700 copies have been circulated. 100 Tamil language photocopies have been printed and distributed among the information officers. The purpose of this exercise of the distribution of such publications is to update the knowledge of the Information Officers of the institutions.

Updating of the database related to Designated Officers and Information Officers in the Public Authorities.

A database containing information regarding newly appointed Information Officers and Designated Officers in the public authorities has been included in the website and it is being updated daily. As of 30.09.2023, the particulars of 4075 officers have been entered in the database.

Maintaining an awareness page regarding the Right to Information Act in the Facebook and making it public on the social media

This exercise involving the Facebook page of targeting the young community and focusing on creating awareness about the Right to Information Act among citizens, in particular, is gathering momentum in an attractive manner. The total number of users for the period from 01.01.2023 to 30.09.2023 stands as 3512. Likewise, the same day information will also be posted on the Facebook page in connection with the conduct of training programs for officers and training programs for trainers (TOT). Currently, the details of 19 programs have been updated into it during the year 2023 alone.

Conducting a three-day training-of-trainers residential program on Right to Information Act

A three-day residential program to train Tamil trainers to ensure the operation of the Right to Information Act, No. 12 of 2016 was held in Vavuniya on 17th, 18th and 19th of May 2022 with the financial contribution of Afriel Youth Network.

During this program, 25 officers were trained so as to represent institutions such as District Secretariats and Provincial Councils, and the participant trained consultants are to be referred as resource persons for the awareness programs related to the Right to Information Act.

For the purpose of organizing of 20 programs in their institutions, the trained trainers were detailed to their respective institutions, having made available necessary preliminary provisions from the Afriel Youth Network.

Conducting workshops for Information Officers

A one-day training workshop was conducted at the Foundation institute for the Information Officers from 40 selected public authorities in the district of Colombo.

Five-year (2023-2027) Strategic Plan related to Right to Information Act

Two programs were conducted with the participation of 20 non-governmental organizations and 19 public officers in order to solicit the opinions and suggestions of the non-governmental organizations and state sector officers in relation to the formulation of the strategic plan.

Setting up of a network of facilitators on the Right to Information Act

Two programs at the district level were conducted with the participation of 850 youth facilitators in the districts of Hambantota and Kandy to train youth facilitators who are capable of educating the public on the use of the Right to Information Act and guide the masses to implement the Act in its correct perspective.

Conducting awareness programs on the Right to Information Act for public officers

The aim in this move is to train 8000 officials from 61 Divisional Secretariats selected at the district level to educate public officers about the use of the Right to Information Act. As of 30.09.2023, the training of 6530 officers in 13 districts has been completed. Trained consultants on the Right to Information Act worked as resource persons for the awareness programs related to the Right to Information Act and the preliminary provisions required for such programs have been disbursed to the relevant institutions by the Afriel Youth Network.

District	Divisional Secretariat	No. of Information Officers
Ratnapura	Eheliyagoda, Ambilipitiya, Kalawana, Pelmadulla, Ratnapura	500
Kegalle	Kegalle, Warakapola, Aranayaka, Bulathkohupitiya, Ruwanwella	930
Hambanthota	Weeraketiya, Ambalantota, Hambantota, Thissamaharamaya, Lunugamvehera	810
Kandy	Pathahewahata, Kundasale, Pathdumbara, Hatharaliyadda, Harispattuwa	1020
Kurunegala	Mawathagama, Rideegama, Nikaweratiya, Ibbagamuwa, Polpithigama	1100
Puttlam	Anamaduwa, Kalpitiya, Mahawewa, Nawagaththegama, Puttlam	490
Kalutara	Bandaragama, Dodamgoda, Kalutara, Horana, Agalawatta	730
Batticaloa	Eravurpattu, Manmune (North), Manmune (South)	180
Ampara	Akkareipattu	150
Jaffna	Jaffna, Valikamam, Karainagar	150
Mannar	Madu, Mantai	80
Mulativu	Thunukkai	30
Vavunia	Vavuniya, Vavuniya (North), Vengalcheddikulam	360
Total		6530

2.1.2 Formulation of the National Media Policy

In pursuance of the instructions given by the Presidential Secretariat, the Ministry of Mass Media has initiated work to prepare a national media policy towards a systematic guidance and direction to steer the field of mass media under the policies and priorities of the incumbent government.

For this purpose, a committee of experts consisting of university lecturers, state media heads and veterans in the related field is currently working on preparing the national media policy. Discussions have been conducted under the following 07 reference groups in order to solicit inputs and opinions that are pertinent in this regard.

- i. Academic
- ii. Associations of mass media journalists
- iii. Rights watchdog organizations
- iv. Industrialists engaged in the media sector
- v. Media journalists and media organizations in the Northern Province
- vi. Media journalists and media organizations in the Eastern Province
- vii. School media associations

Including the prominent opinions obtained as such, the basic draft of the National Media Policy has been prepared.

2.1.3 Awareness program to educate mass media journalists organized by the Ministry of Mass Media under the grants of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The Ministry of Mass Media, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program, has, on 29 November 2021, signed up for the Project, “Countering Hate Speech through Education & Advocacy for Improving Social Cohesion in Sri Lanka (PBF)” under the umbrella of General’s Peace Building Funds. Furthermore, on 12.05.2023, the agreement to seek an extension of the project for yet another period of 09 months was also entered into by the Ministry.

Under the financial contribution of the said project, plans have been drawn out to implement this program for the groups of media administrators, editors, technical and regional mass media journalists with the aim of establishing good media ethics and raising the standards of the professionalism of the journalists. A panel of university professors and experts in the field have been selected in order to muster resourceful contribution towards this program.

As the first step of this project, with the theme, "Beginning, Middle and End of Reporting", the program to educate the heads of electronic media and print media was held under the chairmanship of the Hon. Minister of Mass Media Dr Bndula Gunawardana and Sri Lanka's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Development Program, Ms. Azusa Kubota on the 02nd and 03rd of August this year in Colombo on a successful note at the Shangri-La Hotel premises. At this event, the minimal ethical stands concords for good media ethics were drafted.

As the second target group, the mass media personnel playing a special role in the news rooms of the media organizations were selected and an awareness program was held for them at the Taj Samudra Hotel, Colombo on 27.09.2023, during which meeting they discussed the minimal ethical stands concords for good media ethics at length.

Furthermore, as the third target group, it has been planned to make aware 300 regional media personnel at provincial level. Accordingly, the first programme in this regard was successfully conducted for the Western provincial regional media personnel on 02nd and 03rd of December 2023 with the chairing of Hon. State Minister of Mass Media, Shantha Bandara at the hotel Courtyard by Marriott. The participated media persons were made aware in 03 sessions regarding crime reporting, reporting hate speech, reporting privacy information, information disorder, media law as well as spreading false information spread with the evil intension and this programme acquired immense responses.

Accordingly, the awareness programme for the regional Journalists covering other provinces as well is scheduled to be implemented in the year 2024.

2.1.4 Setting up of a higher media education institute under the aegis of the government

With the aim of enhancing the professionalism of the journalists working in the media sector, plans are afoot to set up a Chartered Institute of Media Professionals of Sri Lanka as an independent institute similar to the Chartered Institute of Media that has been currently established in Great Britain, and it will be in parallel to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka under the ambit of the Ministry of Mass Media with state patronage. Currently, the bill for establishing this institute has been finalized and forwarded to the Attorney General's Department after approval by the Cabinet of Ministers for necessary sanctioning. It is expected to award the chartership for the mass media journalists through this institute and the methodology adopted in this regard is embodied in the above bill. Rather than becoming just one of another professional higher education institutes, this higher media education institute is expected to endow talented journalists and mass media media professionals full of knowledge and skills to the nation.

2.1.5 Presidential Media Awards Ceremony - 2023

The work done by the mass media journalists for the economic and social development of Sri Lanka is immense. They work to fulfill their social responsibility, secure the right of the people to know correct information and motivate the entire community of the country towards securing contributions to achieve the economic, social, cultural and development aspirations. The Cabinet of Ministers has approved the holding of a Presidential Media Awards Ceremony with a view to appreciating the mission and contribution of the mass media journalists and bringing forth a quality media culture. Accordingly, in relation to the year 2018, the Ministry of Mass Media for the first time in the year 2019, has conducted the Presidential Media Awards Ceremony. In this award ceremony, 51 awards have been presented in 04 fields of radio, television, newspapers and

websites covering all three media of languages. However thereafter, even though the Presidential Media Awards Ceremony was slated to be organized annually, it was not possible for the Ministry to hold this ceremony during the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 due to lack of sufficient funds under allocation and also, owing to the Covid -19 pandemic and in the face of the current economic crisis.

2.1.6 Registration of News Casting Websites

Pursuant to the Cabinet Decision No. 12 /1037/37/019-1 and dated 13.08.2012, news casting websites are registered under the Ministry of Mass Media. For registration of each website and for annual renewal of registration, sums amounting to Rs. 25,000.00 and Rs. 10,000.00 respectively should also be credited to the Ministry. Up to 31 December 2023, 29 news casting websites have been registered under the Ministry whereas 29 news casting websites have got their registration renewed.

2.1.7 Issuance of Television and Radio Licenses

The primary statutes concerning radio and television broadcasting in Sri Lanka are the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation Act, No. 37 of 1966 and the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation Act, No. 06 of 1982. This Ministry has also issued licenses for running private radio and television broadcasting services as per the statutory provisions specified in the above Acts.

Number of active private radio and television licenses and number of channels as at 31 December 2023

Classification of Licenses	Number of private licensee institutions	Number of channels
Radio	18	51
Terrestrial Television	16	24
Total	34	75

Service provider institutions

Classification of Licenses	Number of licensee institutions
Cable Television	04
Satellite Television	03
Internet based Television	03
Total	10

Apart from this, 15 radio channels including local services are carried on through the two state radio institutions, Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation and Independent Television Network Limited while 05 television services are made to be operative through the two institutions, the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation and the Independent Television Network Limited. The Cabinet of Ministers has approved the introduction of a common model with the aim of creating uniformity in the currently issued radio and television broadcasting licenses for better media protection while safeguarding the freedom of speech and expression to the maximum possible extent. Currently, the Ministry of Mass Media has appointed a committee to review the radio and television broadcasting licenses that have been issued up to now and the said committee's work is ongoing.

2.1.8 "Asidisi" Mass Media Scholarship Program

The Asidisi Mass Media Scholarship Program is implemented annually by the Ministry of Mass Media with the objective of enhancing the professionalism of Sri Lankan journalists.

Journalists, freelancers, regional journalists and web journalists between the ages of 18 to 55 who have completed three years of service on a full-time or part-time basis in recognized electronic and print media organizations in the country are eligible for making applications for this scholarship program.

Besides, the course applied for should be a course of study directly related to the field of journalism and the applicants should have obtained the Journalist ID Card issued by the Department of Government Information for mass media journalists.

This scholarship scheme provides Rs. 200,000 for following an undergraduate or postgraduate course and Rs. 100,000 for following a short-term or long-term certificate course under a recognized government institution. Opportunity has been afforded to pay 50% of the course fee at the commencement of the course and the remaining amount in two installments.

This scholarship scheme provides opportunities for journalists to benefit twice where a candidate can avail the second opportunity for a course of study after a period of 05 years following the completion of a relevant course for the first time.

1033 scholarships have been awarded up until the year 2022 through this program which has been running continuously since 2006. For the year 2023, an allocation of Rs. 5 million has been set apart. Rs. 2.86 million has been spent for course fees and reimbursing fees of 58 media persons. 39 journalists have been selected by a board of interview for awarding scholarships in 2024.

2.1.9 Collection of taxes for imported Tele-dramas, Films and Commercials

This Ministry levies taxes on imported programs broadcast by television channels as per the directives issued by the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2016.

Clearance certificates have been issued for 1952 imported tele-dramas, films and commercial programs up to 31st December 2023 and the amount of tax collected is Rs. 150.20 million. It was duly credited to the Consolidated Fund. 26 panel members have been detailed for this work and the broadcasting approvals have been granted by 288 sub-committees comprising three members each on a daily basis.

Programs on which taxes were levied and exempt up to 31 December 2023

Program Type	Number of programs exempted from tax	Number of tax paid programs	Tax Income (Rs. Mn.)
Movies	707	04	0.60
Tele-dramas and documentaries	390	771	116.90
Advertisements and commercials	-	80	32.70
Total	1097	855	150.20

2.1.10 Contemporary amendment of acts pertaining to the affiliated institutions coming under the purview of the Mass Media subject scope

The acts and articles of association subject to which Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation, Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, Independent Television Network Ltd., Associated Newspapers Ceylon Limited (Lake House), Sri Lanka Press Council and Sri Lanka Foundation Institute have been established were prepared to cater socio-economic and cultural requirements existed 40 years back and have not been subject to any sort of review in the recent times. Furthermore, all the acts and regulations used by the Department of Posts, Department of Government Information, and Department of Government Printing at their daily official purposes also are those passed around 05 decades ago. Adhering to timely requirements the private institutions play similar roles and providing similar services as the private media institutions have competitively come forward; yet the journey of the state media and state institutions has been neutralized due to being entangled within age old acts and laws.

Further, the laws and acts under the purview of this Ministry's subject area should be amended to cater the future demands and probable issues that may erupt in the future with the digital

technology and acting in favour of the technological social preferences, the existing laws and acts are being amended so that the intense competitive environment can successfully be dealt with in the media sector and achieve expected goals as well as carved the opportunity to prepare institutional structures that is required to rise independently.

The progress of the amendment process of acts related to affiliated institutions under the purview of the media subject area.

a) Amendment of Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation Act No. 06 of 1982

Under the recommendations of the Committee on Public Enterprises, section 3 (1) of Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation Act No. 06 of 1982 was revised including a representative from the General Treasury and a representative of the Secretary to the line Ministry and Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (Amended) Act No. 26 of 2022 was passed by the Parliament and issued. Accordingly, relevant members were appointed to the Board of Directors with effect from the year 2023.

b) Amendment of Sri Lanka Foundation Act No. 31 of 1973

Concurrence to amend the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute Act No. 31 of 1973 has been given by their decision No. CP/21/1949/316/043 dated 23.11.2021. Accordingly, performing necessary amendments for the institute named Sri Lanka Foundation University the same has been referred for the revisions of the Department of Legal Draftsman.

Since there is a contradiction between the observations and decisions and the aforementioned Cabinet Memorandum submitted for the amendment of the act and the decision given in the regard, it has been instructed that a new Cabinet Memorandum is required to perform the furtherance of this act.

Accordingly, the Ministry has drafted the timely required revisions and brought into the attention of Sri Lanka Foundation Institute as well as the governing board for its approval.

c) Amendment of Sri Lanka Press Council Act No. 05 of 1973

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted on 12th January 2021 for the amendment of the act in relation to structurally restructuring Press Council and reorganize it as a tribunal on for journalists and media institutions covering electronic, print and new media, but the process of amending the act had to be temporarily suspended owing to the problematic situations sprouted in the fields.

However, consideration has been made to amend Sri Lanka Press Council Act as only to cater the requirements of the print media while both the draft bill and the concept paper prepared by Sri Lanka

Press Council and the Ministry of Mass Media was forwarded to the Cabinet of Ministers. The Cabinet of Ministers has decided that amendments should not be made to the act at this juncture.

d) Amendment of the Postal Department Act

Amendment of Authority 473 - Post Office Security Fund Ordinance No. 01 of 1931 amended by the acts Nos. 09 of 1989, 23 of 1943, 56 of 1952, and 46 of 1958

Subsequent to the final round of committee sessions to be held next on the Post Office Security Fund Ordinance Amendment, the draft bill of the amended ordinance is scheduled to be handed over to the Department of Legal Draftsman.

Amendment of Authority 190 - Post Office Ordinance No. 11 of 1908 amended by the acts Nos. 31 of 1955, 24 of 1957 and 06 of 1973

Draft has been completed

e) Preparation of the draft bill for the establishment of a professional institute named Chartered Institute of Media Professionals of Sri Lanka

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted to prepare the required draft for the legitimate establishment of Chartered Institute of Media Professionals of Sri Lanka which will be a media professional institute with government sponsorship adhering to international standards for presenting media professionals with esteemed professional skills.

The draft bill of the Chartered Institute of Media Professionals – Sri Lanka prepared by the committee comprised of intellects in the field appointed by the Ministry was directed to the Legal Draftsman's Department for further action. Thereafter, observations of the Ministry have been forwarded for the revisions of that Department and accordingly, the drafting of the bill for the second time is being handled by the Department of Legal Draftsman at present. Afterwards, it is expected to forward the final draft to the Attorney General's Department.

f) Establishment of the Broadcasting Regulatory Commission Act

A Cabinet sub-committee chaired by the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms has been appointed subject to the cabinet decision for preparation of a report comprised of state policy particulars that should be considered when drafting the Broadcasting Regulatory Commission act for electronic media.

Accordingly, actions would be taken to submit the draft bill and the Ministerial Sub – Committee report prepared including the particulars discussed by the Ministerial Sub – Committee with the

assistance of the Legal Draftsman to the Cabinet of Ministers by the Minister of Mass Media on the future.

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to the draft bill prepared by including the particulars discussed by the Cabinet Sub-Committee with the assistance of the Legal Draftsman.

g) Revision of the Film Corporation Act

Although at the initiation a massive role was played for the betterment of the film industry such as granting loan facilities for cinematographers to produce standard and artful films, granting loans to construct and modify film halls, facilitating to encourage film hall owners and providing studio facilities, a negative impact was experienced in the local film industry after 80th decade due to socio-economic and technical changes. Therefore, the film industry is experiencing numerous issues and it has been emphasized of a requirement to establish an independent establishment that performs the regulation role to uplift the industry once again.

Accordingly, it was mentioned that the television industry also should be included to this as per the decision for the cabinet memorandum forwarded under the caption “Establishment of a National Film Regulatory Commission” prepared in relation to the bill drafted to revise under the name “The National Film Regulatory Development Commission”. In par with the said decision, it has been mentioned that both film and television sectors have to be developed through state involvement with required guidance and facilities to produce international-level films and television programmes adhering to the decisions received in relation to the Cabinet Memorandum furnished under the caption “Establishment of a National Film Regulatory Commission”.

Thus, it has been decided to appoint an intellect committee to review the draft bill that has already been drafted for acting as per the instructions furnished by the Cabinet of Ministers.

Accordingly, an intellect committee appropriate for reviewing the current draft act has been appointed as per the instructions of Cabinet of Ministers.

h) Legitimate incorporation of Selacine Television Institute

Selacine Television Institute which was under the supervision of the Ministry of Mass Media was legitimately incorporated on 20.06.2023 under the name Selacine Media Solutions (Pvt.) Ltd by the Department of Companies Registration in par with the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.

The Department of Companies Registration has issued the Certificate of Incorporation of a Private Company in relation to that. Accordingly, the process of incorporation of the institute has been completed.

2.1.11 Public performance Board

The local films, dramas and all other public performances related to public performances that affect the Sri Lankan society are analyzed with the idea whether they are appropriate for public performance under the Public Performance Board Act.

The number of films observed during the year 2023 was 202 while stage plays was 291 and the total number of observed DVDs were 90 whereas 590 musical shows were observed.

A remittance of Rs. 14.5 million has been released from the General Treasury for the year 2023 as capital expenditure and recurrent expenditure. The expenditure was Rs. 12.87 million while the utilization was 89%.

The total revenue earned through issuance of licenses in the year 2023 is Rs. 8.29 million.

Initial work pertaining to renovation of the new theatre and installation of projector, screen as well as the sound system have been completed.

2.1.12 Implementation of Digitalization of Terrestrial Television Broadcasting (DTTB) project in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka should also adapt to the global trend of terrestrial television broadcasting moving from analog to digital. The current technology has gradually become obsolete and has to face the challenges of maintaining the broadcasting system and meeting the need for additional television channels. While the most efficient digital technology exists, further use of analog technology will result in a waste of frequency spectrum and the ability to use those frequency ranges for other telecommunication services will be lost.

Although several steps had been taken in 2009 under the terrestrial DVB-T technology and in the year 2010 under the DVB-T2 technology to convert the existing analog terrestrial television broadcasting to digital terrestrial television broadcasting by the Ministry of Mass Media and Information as well as the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission the projects could not be implemented as there was no provision for it.

Since the submission of the first Cabinet Memorandum in 2009, the Ministry of Mass Media and Information was the body taken the initiative to implement the digitization process, and the full assistance to formulate the Digital Broadcasting Road Map for the implementation of the digitization process by establishing technical standards was rendered by the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission.

In the meantime, after a feasibility study conducted under the JICA Institute, it was proposed to adapt the Japanese ISDB-T technology to suit Sri Lanka. Accordingly, in order to implement the digitization project, the Government of Sri Lanka entered into a Japanese Soft Loan Agreement on 23rd September 2014, and the Ministry of Media and Information started its activities in October 2014.

Since this project, which was scheduled to end in December 2021, was not implemented as planned, the then Hon. President as the Minister of Technology and the Hon. Minister of Mass Media jointly directed the cabinet memorandum No. APA /21/0621/316/016 dated April 01, 2021 under the caption "Implementation of the project to digitize Sri Lanka's terrestrial television broadcasting under Japanese loan assistance (SLP 112)". The approval of the cabinet of ministers was granted for the implementation of this project with the updated technology was granted on 04.28.2021.

The biggest benefit to the government from adopting digital technology is the ability to free up more of the currently used frequency spectrum. Therefore, it will be possible to use that frequency range for 5G wireless broadband services, and this will facilitate the transfer of the latest technology to rural areas. Also, it will be possible to increase the number of TV channels in the future.

Instead of individual broadcasting networks run by all broadcasting operators, establishing a single operator as Digital Broadcast Network Operator (DBNO) is an advantage for the television broadcaster.

Also, a lot of money spent by the broadcasters annually on the maintenance of broadcasting stations that use outdated analog technology will be ended as they will not need to maintain broadcast networks individually after the project is completed, which will also greatly reduce maintenance costs.

The ability to watch highly digitized (digital) picture frames instead of receiving the weak signals experienced in analog systems, the ability to install one antenna in the home for all TV channels instead of individual TV channels, the ability to enjoy all local channels in the same quality and The main benefit to the viewer is the experience of watching high definition (HD) television at no cost.

All operational activities related to this project and broadcasting activities in the Western Province including Colombo are to be carried out at the Colombo Nelum Pokuna (Lotus Tower).

The total estimated cost of this project is 17,717 Japanese Yen million. (The value of the contribution of JICA is 13,717 million Japanese yen, and the contribution of the government is 3,505 Japanese Yen million.)

The inauguration ceremony of the official launch of the project was held on 28.12.2021 under the chairmanship of the Hon. Minister of Mass Media.

Progress of the project up to 31st December 2023

The project management unit was established and the implementation of this project was inaugurated on 15.07.2021.

Although the Department of Management Services planned to recruit 25 posts out of the 27 posts approved on 05.06.2014, except for 02 posts, the same department has approved only a staff of 05 members on 23.08.2021. Accordingly, the work of the project was carried out by a team of only four. However, in par with the recommendation of the report of National Operation Room (NOR) Committee for recommendations of the committee appointed for project offices and management units of development projects, the project activities are operated with only two officer staff by now owing to the current economic crisis.

- (i) As the technical advisory support is to be obtained from Japan, a project consultant was selected by the Advisory Procurement Committee appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers as per the relevant procurement procedures on the concurrence of the JICA. Here, after several rounds of discussions with the selected consultant under the advice and guidance of the Secretary to the Ministry, the procurement committee was able to reduce the consultancy fee offered by them by 1.3 billion rupees. This is a great achievement by the Government of Sri Lanka.

Accordingly, the report of the procurement committee was submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers to obtain the relevant approval and the Cabinet of Ministers has approved it.

Due to the current economic crisis in the country, the Japanese government has temporarily suspended the disbursement of allocations for all JICA projects, it is looked forward to reinstitute consultation work agreed with the relevant consultant entity once the disbursements are operative.

- (ii) A Steering Committee has been appointed to oversee the activities of the project under the chairmanship of the Secretary to this Ministry and members representing the Ministry of Finance, the Department of National Planning, the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission and the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation. JICA acts as an observer.

- (iii) In parallel with the development works of the project, the current existing legal system in the country should be completely revised to implement a new digital system along with the completion of the existing analogue broadcasting activities through this project. Accordingly, these draft laws will be passed and eventually the Digital Broadcasting Network Operator (DBNO) institute will be established. It is estimated that it will take about 02 years for this. Accordingly, the bill is currently being drafted by a committee appointed by the Ministry.
- (iv) The acquisition of land required for the establishment of the 16 broadcasting stations spread across the country as proposed, should also be done before starting the consultancy services in the initial phase of this project. Accordingly, the draft MoUs to be signed with the Sri Lanka Television Corporation, the Independent Television Service and the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission have been forwarded to those institutions. Arrangements are also being made for other land acquisitions.
- (v) For the year 2023 Rs. 50 Mn local provisions and Rs. 280 million foreign grants have been provided and the expenditure upto 31st December 2023 is Rs. 7.95 Mn.

The technical evaluation committee has evaluated the report comprised of technical standards details provided by Japan on 12.07.2023 in relation to this project. A report included particulars recognized at the said evaluation was directed to Japanese Embassy and it is expected to furnish a report prepared including their observations.

2.2 Challenges

2.2.1 Converting the loss-making media organizations into profitable ones

Unlike the private media, it is the responsibility of the state media to protect the culture as well as civility. However, within the context of today's competition, the revenue earned by state-run media houses is not enough even to cover their recurrent expenditure due to commercial advertisements being provided to other broadcast channels subjecting them under informal broadcasting classification instead of the quality standard of a channel. Production and broadcasting of programs for implementation of the national agenda and production and broadcasting of programs for competitive beaming are two contradictory factors. Unaffordable operational costs are the main factor affecting these institutions to incur losses. These institutions must be restructured in a way that they be brought a level to maintain the break-even point to the least.

2.2.2 Introduction of the digital technology for television broadcasting in Sri Lanka

In place of the existing analog technology in Sri Lanka, the introduction of improved digital technology under new technical advancements by many countries in the world has become a need of the hour for the television sector. In particular, it is going to be problematic in the future to keep the maintenance of the broadcasting equipment on the analog technology going due to such technology being gradually out of place. It is challenging to get the necessary staff for this project for seeing its completion and also, to get the private media houses involved in this exercise by the projected year of 2028.

2.2.3 Raising the professionalism of the mass media journalists

Nowadays, the mass media has become a very strong and decisive factor in economic, social and political scenarios. Mass media makes a positive contribution in bringing information closer to the people and thus helps in maintaining good governance.

Building a free, independent and people-friendly media culture is important in ensuring the preservation of democracy in Sri Lanka. For this task, a great contribution is expected from the part of journalists in strengthening the process of good governance and democracy and therefore, there should be a professionally empowered journalistic community to establish an open media culture in the country. Over the past two decades, efforts to establish an institution to produce professional journalists have not been successful. Because of the very fact that the media is responsible to the society, a national institution should be established to fulfill the social responsibility of achieving excellence in the infinite use of media by producing professional journalists in accordance with relevant media ethics while ensuring the maintenance of the highest media standards.

In view of the advancement of modern technology and global trends, constant changes are taking place in the field of journalism, and in making such changes, there has arisen the need to establish a consistently operating education institution for professional development, capacity building and skill enhancement. Accordingly, the establishment of the proposed media organization is extremely important.

2.2.4 Introduction of an unbiased broadcast rating system

Broadcast rating is a critical factor in radio and TV advertising. Ratings data has the potential to disproportionately control the economic viability of broadcasting houses, influencing everything from program lineups to content. Ratings were not accounted for when only state-owned radio and television channels were in operation, and after the deregulation of broadcasting in 1992,

ratings made its way through after several years of private companies being allowed space to operate. Even though these ratings are widely used by advertisers, state media agencies that value quality are not satisfied with this methodology. Therefore, an unbiased rating system should be introduced.

2.2.5 Introduction of the Broadcasting Regulation Act

Based on the ongoing changes in the technical and legal layers and the problematic nature of the licenses issued, as well as the behavior of the media in some cases in the past, it was observed that there should be an independent body to handle both parties of public and private media agencies.

2.2.6 Newcomers not being attracted to the technical positions in the state Media Institutions

2.2.7 Empowering state Media Institutions with modern technology

2.2.8 Digitization of Radio

2.3 Future Goals

- i) Implementation of necessary regulations to create a responsible and accountable media ethics so that media freedom is ensured.
- ii) Expansion of the access to information for all citizens of the country.
- iii) Equipping the media journalists with knowledge and experience.
- iv) Creation of the Media Literacy.
- v) Introduction of a media Code of Ethics

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Ministry of Mass Media

Chapter 03

Overall Financial Performance for the year ended 31st December 2023

**Statement of Financial Performance
for the period ended 31st December 2023**

Revised Budget Allocations 2023	Rs.	Note	Actual	
			2023 Rs.	2022 Rs.
300,000,000	Revenue Receipts		150,450,000	215,020,000
-	Income Tax	1	-	-
300,000,000	Taxes on Domestic Goods & Services	2	150,450,000	215,020,000
-	Taxes on International Trade	3	-	-
-	Non Tax Revenue & Others	4	-	-
300,000,000	Total Revenue Receipts (A)		150,450,000	215,020,000
-	Non Revenue Receipts		564,219,386	124,058,560
-	Treasury Imprests		553,043,000	112,146,000
-	Deposits		946,670	3,725,573
-	Advance Accounts		10,229,716	8,159,987
-	Other Main Ledger Receipts		-	-
-	Total Non Revenue Receipts (B)		564,219,386	124,058,560
	Total Revenue Receipts & Non Revenue Receipts C = (A)+(B)		714,669,386	339,078,560
	Remittance to the Treasury (D)		6,164,264	25,000,000
	Net Revenue Receipts & Non Revenue Receipts E = (C)-(D)		708,505,123	314,078,560
	Less: Expenditure			
923,322,800	Recurrent Expenditure		827,217,875	431,768,615
132,900,000	Wages, Salaries & Other Employment Benefits	5	114,635,419	100,236,582
152,677,000	Other Goods & Services	6	87,700,038	62,674,652
637,722,800	Subsidies, Grants and Transfers	7	624,856,830	268,857,381
-	Interest Payments	8	-	-
23,000	Other Recurrent Expenditure	9	22,588	-
923,322,800	Total Recurrent Expenditure (F)		827,214,875	431,768,615
524,677,200	Capital Expenditure		144,918,430	134,088,648
42,800,000	Rehabilitation & Improvement of Capital Assets	10	24,190,683	36,483,987
12,877,200	Acquisition of Capital Assets	11	5,956,540	977,420
58,000,000	Capital Transfers	12	53,393,575	38,654,810
-	Acquisition of Financial Assets	13	-	-
6,000,000	Capacity Building	14	3,424,493	2,722,739
405,000,000	Other Capital Expenditure	15	57,953,140	55,249,693
524,677,200	Total Capital Expenditure (G)		144,918,430	134,088,648
	Deposit Payments		1,870,110	3,638,576
	Advance Payments		11,692,556	9,302,024
	Other Main Ledger Payments		-	-
	Total Main Ledger Expenditure (H)		13,562,666	12,940,600
	Total Expenditure I = (F+G+H)		985,695,972	578,797,863
	Balance as at 31st December J = (E-I)		(277,190,849)	(264,719,303)
	Balance as per the Imprest Adjustment Statement		(277,190,849)	(264,719,303)
	Imprest Balance as at 31st December		-	-
			(277,190,849)	(264,719,303)

Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st December 2023

		Actual	
	Note	2023	2022
		Rs	Rs
<u>Non Financial Assets</u>			
Property, Plant & Equipment	ACA-6	401,408,541	395,452,001
<u>Financial Assets</u>			
Advance Accounts	ACA-5/5(a)	17,941,443	16,478,603
Cash & Cash Equivalents	ACA-3	-	-
Total Assets		419,349,984	411,930,604
<u>Net Assets / Equity</u>			
Net Worth to Treasury		10,709,671	8,323,391
Property, Plant & Equipment Reserve		401,408,541	395,452,001
Rent and Work Advance Reserve	ACA-5(b)	-	-
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Deposits Accounts	ACA-4	7,231,771	8,155,211
Unsettled Imprest Balance	ACA-3	-	-
Total Liabilities		419,349,984	411,930,604

Detail Accounting Statements in ACA format Nos. 1 to 7 presented in pages from 7 to 48 and Annexures to accounts presented in pages from 49 to 54 form an integral part of these Financial Statements. The Financial Statements have been prepared in complying with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles whereas most appropriate Accounting Policies are used as disclosed in the Notes to the Financial Statements and hereby certify that figures in these Financial Statements, Notes to accounts and other relevant accounts were reconciled with the Treasury Books of Accounts and found in agreement.

We hereby certify that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the Reporting Entity and carried out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of internal control system for the financial control and accordingly make alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out.



Chief Accounting Officer

Name :

Designation :

Date : 2024/02/26

V.P.K. Anusha Palpita
Secretary

Ministry of Mass Media
163, "Asidisi Medura", Kirulapone Mawatha,
Polhengoda, Colombo-05.

Accounting Officer

Name :

Designation :

Date :



Chief Financial Officer/ Chief Accountant/
Director (Finance)/ Commissioner (Finance)

Name :

Date : 2024/02/22

Dunil Heiyanthuduwa
Chief Accountant
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No. 163, Asidisi Medura, Kirulapone Avenue,
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**Statement of Cash Flows
for the Period ended 31st December 2023**

	Actual	
	2023 Rs.	2022 Rs.
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</u>		
Total Tax Receipts	150,450,000	215,020,000
Fees, Fines, Penalties and Licenses	-	-
Profit	-	-
Non Revenue Receipts	-	-
Revenue Collected on behalf of Other Revenue Heads	14,445,202	9,342,623
Imprest Received	553,043,000	112,146,000
Recoveries from Advance	8,371,179	6,818,331
Deposit Received	946,670	3,752,573
Total Cash generated from Operations (A)	727,256,052	347,079,528
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Personal Emoluments & Operating Payments	337,737,054	256,286,036
Subsidies & Transfer Payments	355,616,830	39,000,394
Expenditure incurred on behalf of Other Heads	9,743,742	12,876,678
Imprest Settlement to Treasury	6,164,264	25,000,000
Advance Payments	10,167,512	9,300,424
Deposit Payments	1,870,110	3,638,576
Total Cash disbursed for Operations (B)	721,299,512	346,102,108
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES(C)=(A)-(B)	5,956,540	977,420
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</u>		
Interest	-	-
Dividends	-	-
Divestiture Proceeds & Sale of Physical Assets	-	-
Recoveries from On Lending	-	-
Total Cash generated from Investing Activities (D)	-	-
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Purchase or Construction of Physical Assets & Acquisition of Other Investment	5,956,540	977,420
Total Cash disbursed for Investing Activities (E)	5,956,540	977,420
NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES(F)=(D)-(E)	(5,956,540)	(977,420)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING & INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES (G)=(C) + (F)	-	-
<u>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</u>		
Local Borrowings	-	-
Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Grants Received	-	-
Total Cash generated from Financing Activities (H)	-	-
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Repayment of Local Borrowings	-	-
Repayment of Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Total Cash disbursed for Financing Activities (I)	-	-
NET CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES (J)=(H)-(I)	-	-
Net Movement in Cash (K) = (G) + (J)	-	-
Opening Cash Balance as at 01st January	-	-
Closing Cash Balance as at 31st December	-	-

Basis of Reporting

1) Reporting Period

The reporting period for these Financial Statements is from 01st January to 31st December 2023.

2) Basis of Measurement

The Financial Statements have been prepared on historical cost modified by the revaluation of certain assets and accounted on a modified cash basis, unless otherwise specified.

The figures of the Financial Statements are presented in Sri Lankan rupees rounded to the nearest rupee.

3) Exchange and non exchange revenues are recognised on the cash receipts during the accounting period irrespective of relevant revenue period.

4) Recognition and Measurement of Property, Plant and Equipment (PP&E)

An item of Property, Plant and Equipment is recognized when it is probable that future economic benefit associated with the assets will flow to the entity and the cost of the assets can be reliably measured.

PP&E are measured at a cost and revaluation model is applied when cost model is not applicable.

5) Property, Plant and Equipment Reserve

This reserve account is the corresponding account of Property Plant and Equipment.

6) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash & cash equivalents include local currency notes and coins in hand as at 31st December 2023.

* In cases where there are transactions which are specific to a particular reporting entity, relevant information can be entered in and revisions can be made as needed in the formats and the disclosure required for those specific transactions may be included under “Reporting Basis”

* Only the accounting policies relevant to the reporting entity should be disclosed under the reporting basis.

3.5 Performance of the Revenue Collection

Rs. '000

Revenue Code	Description of the Revenue Code	Revenue Estimate		Collected Revenue	
		Original Estimation	Final Estimation	Amount	As a % of Final Revenue Estimate
1002-13-00	Teledrama, films and commercial levy	300,000	150,000	150,450	100%

3.6 Performance of utilization of the allocated provisions

Rs. '000

Type of Allocation	Allocated provisions		Actual Expenditure	Allocation Utilization as a % of Final Allocation
	Original provision	Final provision		
Recurrent	924,000	923,323	827,214	90%
Capital	524,000	524,677	144,919	28%
Total	1,448,000	1,448,000	972,133	67%

3.7 Grant of allocations for expenditure to this Ministry as an agent of other Ministries/Departments, in terms of F.R. 208

Rs. ,000

#	The Ministry/ Department from which the allocation received	Purpose of the Allocation	Allocation		Actual Expenditure	Allocation Utilisation as a % of Final Allocation
			Original	Final		
01.	Presidential Secretariat	Allocation for Lester - Sumithra Memorial Short Film Festival	9,300	9,300	9,300	100%
02.	Department of Pensions	To settle the loans of pensioners from pension fund	148.2	148.2	148.2	100%

03.	Department of Multi Purpose Development Task Force	Payment of allowances for Multi Purpose employees	295.5	295.5	295.5	100%
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3.8 Performance of the Reporting of Non-Financial Assets

Rs. '000

Asset Code	Code Description	Balance as per Board of Survey Report as at 31.12.2022	Balance as per financial Position Report as at 31.12.2022	Yet to be Accounted	Reporting Progress as a %
9151	Building and Structures	57,533	57,533	-	-
9152	Machinery and Equipment	86,875	86,875	-	-
9153	Land	257,000	257,000	-	-
9154	Intangible Assets	-	-	-	-
9155	Biological Assets	-	-	-	-
9160	Work in Progress	-	-	-	-
9180	Lease Assets	-	-	-	-

3.9 Auditor General's Report

Auditor General's Report has been annexed at the end of the Annual Report.

Chapter 04

Performance Indicators

Performance Based Indicators

4.1 Performance indicators of the institution (Based on the Action Plan)

	Specific indicators	Actual production as a percentage (%) of the expected production			
		90% - 100%	75% - 89%	50% - 74%	0% - 49%
1	Drafting the broadcasting Law	100%	-	-	-
2	Educating government officers for promoting the right to information.	100%	-	-	-
3	Enhance professionalism of journalists				
3.1	“Asi Disi” Scholarship Programme	100%	-	-	-
3.2	Drafting bill for the establishment of a higher education institute for the journalists. (Chartered Institute of Media Professionals - Sri Lanka)	100%	-	-	-

Chapter 05

Performance of the achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Performance in Accomplishing Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

5.1 Recognized Sustainable Development Goals

Achieving excellence in media practice while facilitating to create a responsible media culture

Goal/ Objective	Targets (Global Target)	Indicators of the achievement	Progress of the achievement to date		
			0% - 49%	50% - 74%	75% - 100%
4.Quality Education	4.4 By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship	Establishment of Chartered Institute of Media Professionals – Sri Lanka-Formulation of draft Act	-	-	100%
		“Asi Disi” Scholarship Programme	-	-	100%
16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	16.10 Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms in accordance with national legislation and international agreements	Implementation of Right to Information Act.			
		a) Training of trainers	-	-	100%
		Training the Information Officers and government officers (for the Ministry and all institutions affiliated to it)	-	-	100%

		b) Organizing a workshop for the International Information Day	-	-	100%
		c) Printing and distribution of manuals for the information officers	-	-	100%

5.2 Achievements and Challenges of the Sustainable Development Goals

Achievements:

- i). The project report for the establishment of a National Media Institute for the purpose of producing professional journalists in the field of journalism was submitted by this Ministry to obtain the recommendation of the Department of National Planning, whereas the Department has agreed in principle to this project concept. With the transfer of the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute under the purview of this Ministry, in accordance with the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2187/27 dated 09.08.2020, the Chartered Institute of Journalists – Sri Lanka will be established in conjunction with the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, the tertiary education institution under the Ministry.
- ii). This Ministry reserves the responsibility of implementing and socializing the Right to Information Act and a unit specifically established in order to check into successful implementation of this process has been initiated in the Ministry. All activities pertaining to the implementation of the act is performed across this unit. Further to this, as per section 11 of the Right to Information Act No.12 of 2016, the Right to Information Commission was established as the entity to supervise public authorities and empower the right to information law.

Challenges:

- i). Identification of collective actions and enter into consolidated planning across creating a combination in between state institutions.
- ii). Empower state media institutions with modern technology to cater the technologically advanced media sector.
- iii). Utilization of both private and social media efficiently in order to achieve these goals.
- iv). Insufficient provisions of state media institutions to render media assistance when implementing programmes necessary for achieving sustainable development goals.
- v). Obstacles erupt for productive operations due to failure in fulfilment of approved cadre.
- vi). Combine public authorities with Right to Information Commission and network them through the Ministry.
- vii). Establish a unit with necessary facilities to sustain the public relationship at all times.
- viii). Produce international level media professionals
- ix). Create an excellent quality media culture with the contribution of both state and private sectors.
- x). Preventing the misuse of new media and minimizing the abuses and harassments across media.

Chapter 06

Human Resource Profile

Human Resource Profile

6.1 Cadre Management

Category	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	Vacancies	(Excess)
Senior	26	16	10	00
Tertiary	06	02	04	00
Secondary	83	60	23	00
Primary	34	23	11	00
Total	149	118	48	17

As per the service requirement, 17 number of development officers are excess and necessary actions have been taken to absorb the excess to the cadre

6.2 Impact of the shortage or surplus of the human resources on the performance of the institution.

When there is a shortage in the work force, every employee has to work with mental constraints and dissatisfaction in order to complete the additional work load they are entrusted with. It leads to the deterioration of the performance of the staff as well as decrease the overall performance of the institution. It creates obstacles to complete duties at precise level when performing routine assigned duties of the establishment.

6.3 Human Resource Development

Name of the course / training programme	No. of staff trained	Duration of the program	Total Investment (Rs.)		Nature of the Program (Abroad/ Local)	Output/ Knowledge Gained
			Local	Foreign		
Internal Audit Practices	04	01 day	46,800	-	Local	Basic knowledge of Auditing
Tamil Language Programme	54	11 day	113,480	-	Local	Enhancing language skills
Expenditure & Payment Procedure	04	01 day	43,200	-	Local	Knowledge related to reduce resources under-utilisation
Training on Office Management & Financial Regulations	03	02 day	30,000	-	Local	Knowledge related to optimal utilization of resources
Diploma in Professional English	01	04 year	92,000	-	Local	Enhancing language skills
Workshop on Preliminary Investigation	02	02 day	19,000	-	Local	Knowledge on basic investigations
Workshop on Preparation and Maintenance of Fixed Asset Register	01	02 day	5,000	-	Local	Leverage assets and use comprehensive approaches to make the organization more effective
Workshop on Performance Appraisal and Setting KPIs	04	02 day	38,000	-	Local	Knowledge on impacts, benefits and SMART criteria
Workshop on Preparation and Submission of Cabinet Memoranda	01	02 day	9,500	-	Local	Knowledge on preparation of Cabinet Memoranda adhering to the circular
Workshop on Procurement	04	02 day	56,000	-	Local	Knowledge on government procurement procedures

Name of the course / training programme	No. of staff trained	Duration of the program	Total Investment (Rs.)		Nature of the Program (Abroad/ Local)	Output/ Knowledge Gained
			Local	Foreign		
Workshop on Office Management	02	01 day	10,000	-	Local	Knowledge relating to perform office tasks accurately, efficiently and safely
Workshop on Project Proposal Writing	07	02 day	66,500	-	Local	Basic knowledge on formulation of Project Proposals
Workshop on Government Accounting Standards	01	04 day	27,000	-	Local	Knowledge on compliance with financial standards
Workshop on Personal Files	02	01 day	10,000	-	Local	Principals of document management
Total	90		566,480			
Seminar on Development of Digital Culture & Creative Industry for Developing Countries	01	13 day	-	154,602.00	Foreign	Understanding of China's practice & experience in implementing 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
Seminar on Service Trade Development for Developing Countries	01	13 day	-	155,505.28	Foreign	Comprehensive understanding of service trade, international trade policies, regulations & market analysis etc.,
Digital Transformation of Infrastructure Development, Operation and Maintenance for B&R Countries	01	13 day	-	151,399.94	Foreign	Understanding of Digital Transformation and its trends in BR countries

Name of the course / training programme	No. of staff trained	Duration of the program	Total Investment (Rs.)		Nature of the Program (Abroad/ Local)	Output/ Knowledge Gained
			Local	Foreign		
Seminar on Radio & TV for Senior Techniques management from Developing Countries	01	14 day	-	115,869.86	Foreign	Understanding broadcasting methods, new trends in radio & TV
Seminar on News Media of Developing Countries	03	14 day	-	340,421.54	Foreign	Understanding of media literacy, ethical journalism, media laws & regulations etc.,
JICA Knowledge Co-creation Programme on Digital Terrestrial TV Broadcasting (DTTB) Policy & Engineering	03	13 day	-	30,705.75	Foreign	Gain insight for the development of DTTB systems, policy science & various uses from the experience of Japan.
Seminar for Young Media Professionals from Developing Countries	05	16 day	-	868,191.00	Foreign	Understanding of behavior of media sector technology and culture.
Total	15	-	-	1,816,695.41	-	

6.4 Contribution of training programmes for the institutional performance.

The objective of directing officers to training courses is to manipulate them to perform office duties properly, efficiently and effectively. Training courses update and enhance the efficiency of officers.

Directing officers to training as well as local and overseas programmes is carried out with the objective of developing knowledge, skills, attitudes and creativity of the officers. This leads to the enhancement of quality of the activities of this Ministry as well as leads to employee motivation. This enhances the total performance of the Ministry.

A compulsory training is given to the newly attached officers to the public service so that they adjust properly in their offices.

Furthermore, these training courses give officers the opportunity to break free from the monotony of the work environment and to be equipped with new knowledge.

Chapter 07

Compliance Report

Compliance Report

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied/ Not Complied)	Brief Explanatio n for Non Complianc e	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non- compliance in future
1	The following financial statements/accounts have been submitted on due date			
1.1	Annual Financial Statements	Complied	-	-
1.2	Advance to public officers account	Complied	-	-
1.3	Trading and Manufacturing Advance Accounts (Commercial Advance Accounts)	Not applicable	-	-
1.4	Stores Advance Accounts	Not applicable	-	-
1.5	Special Advance Accounts	Not applicable	-	-
1.6	Others	Not applicable	-	-
2	Maintenance of Books and Registers (FR445)			
2.1	Fixed assets register has been maintained and update in terms of Public Administration Circular 267/2018	Complied		
2.2	Personal emoluments register/ Personal emoluments cards has been maintained and update	Complied	-	-
2.3	Register of Audit queries has been maintained and update	Complied	-	-
2.4	Register of Internal Audit reports has been maintained and update	Complied	-	-
2.5	All the monthly accounts summaries (CIGAS) are prepared and submitted to the Treasury on due date	Complied	-	-
2.6	Register for cheques and money orders has been maintained and update	Complied	-	-
2.7	Inventory Register has been maintained and update	Complied	-	-

2.8	Stocks Register has been maintained and update	Complied	-	-
2.9	Register of Losses has been maintained and update	Complied	-	-
2.10	Commitment Register has been maintained and update	Complied	-	-
2.11	Register of Counterfoil Books (GA-N20) has been maintained and update.	Complied	-	-
03	Delegation of Functions for financial control (FR 135)			
3.1	The financial authority has been delegated within the institute	Complied	-	-
3.2	The delegation of financial authority has been Communicated within the institute	Complied	-	-
3.3	The authority has been delegated in such manner so as to pass each transaction through two or more officers	Complied	-	-
3.4	The controls has been adhered to by the Accountants in terms of State Account Circular 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014 in using the Government Payroll Software Package	Complied	-	-
4	Preparation of Annual Plans			
4.1	The Annual Action Plan has been prepared.	Complied	-	-
4.2	The Annual Procurement Plan has been Prepared	Complied	-	-
4.3	The Annual Internal Audit Plan has been prepared.	Complied	-	-
4.4	The Annual Estimate has been prepared and submitted to the NBD on due date	Complied	-	-
4.5	The Annual Cash Flow has been submitted to the Treasury Operations Department on time.	Complied	-	-

5	Audit Queries			
5.1	All the audit queries has been replied within the specified time by the Auditor General	Not Complied	There are instances of not possible to forward answers on the precise date, when answers are prepared by obtaining clarification from the relevant parties.	Measures are taken to send an interim reply
6	Internal Audit			
6.1	The Internal Audit Plan has been prepared at the beginning of the year after consulting the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(2)DMA/1-2019	Complied	-	-
6.2	All the internal audit reports has been replied within one month	Complied	-	-
6.3	Copies of all the internal audit reports has been submitted to the Management Audit Department in terms of Sub-section 40(4) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018	Complied	-	-
6.4	All the copies of internal audit reports has been submitted to the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(3)	Complied	-	-
7	Audit and Management Committee			
7.1	Minimum 04 meeting of the Audit and Management Committee has been held during the year as per the DMA Circular 1-2019	Complied	-	-
8	Asset Management			

8.1	The information about purchases of assets and disposals was submitted to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of Paragraph 07 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017	Complied	-	-
8.2	A suitable liaison officer was appointed to coordinate the implementation of the provisions of the circular and the details of the nominated officer was sent to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of Paragraph 13 of the aforesaid circular.	Complied	-	-
8.3	The boards of survey was conducted and the relevant reports submitted to the Auditor General on due date in terms of Public Finance Circular No. 05/2016	Complied	-	-
8.4	The excesses and deficits that were disclosed through the board of survey and other relating recommendations, actions were carried out during the period specified in the circular	Complied	-	-
8.5	The disposal of condemn articles had been carried out in terms of FR 772	Complied	-	-
9	Vehicle Management			
9.1	The daily running charts and monthly summaries of the pool vehicles had been prepared and submitted to the Auditor General on due date.	Complied	-	-
9.2	The condemned vehicles had been disposed of within a period of less than 6 months after condemning.	Complied	-	-

9.3	The vehicle logbooks had been maintained and updated.	Complied	-	-
9.4	The action has been taken in terms of F.R. 103, 104, 109 and 110 with regard to every vehicle accident.	Complied	-	-
9.5	The fuel consumption of vehicles has been re-tested in terms of the provisions of Paragraph 3.1 of the Public Administration Circular No. 30/2016 of 29.12.2016	Complied	-	-
9.6	The absolute ownership of the leased vehicle log books has been transferred after the lease term.	Not Complied	Acquired under operating lease method	-
10	Management of Bank Accounts			
10.1	The bank reconciliation statements had been prepared, got certified and made ready for audit by the due date.	Complied	-	-
10.2	The dormant accounts that had existed in the year under review or since previous years settled	Not relevant	-	-
10.3	The action had been taken in terms of Financial Regulations regarding balances that has been disclosed through bank reconciliation statements and for which adjustments had to be made, and had those balances been settled within one month.	Complied	-	-
11	Utilization of Provisions			
11.1	The provisions allocated had been spent without exceeding the limit	Complied	-	-
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year as per the FR 94(1)	Complied	-	-

12	Advances to Public Officers Account			
12.1	The limits had been complied with	Complied	-	-
12.2	A time analysis had been carried out on the loans in arrears	Complied	-	-
12.3	The loan balances in arrears for over one year had been settled	Complied	-	-
13	General Deposit Account			
13.1	The action had been taken as per F.R.571 in relation to disposal of lapsed deposits	Complied	-	-
13.2	The control register for general deposits had been updated and maintained.	Complied	-	-
14	Imprest Account			
14.1	The balance in the cash book at the end of the year under review remitted to TOD	Complied	-	-
14.2	The ad-hoc sub imprest issued as per F.R. 371 settled within one month from the completion of the task.	Complied	-	-
14.3	The ad-hoc sub imprest had been issued exceeding the limit approved as per F.R. 371	Complied	-	-
14.4	The balance of the imprest account had been reconciled with the Treasury books monthly.	Complied	-	-
15	Revenue Account			
15.1	The refunds from the revenue had been made in terms of the regulations	Complied	-	-
15.2	The revenue collection had been directly credited to the revenue account without credited to the deposit account	Complied	-	-
15.3	Returns of arrears of revenue forward to the Auditor General in terms of F.R. 176	Complied	-	-
16	Human Resource Management			
16.1	The staff had been paid within the approved cadre	Complied	Development Officers are an excess as	-

			per the service requirement.	
16.2	All members of the staff have been issued a duty list in writing	Complied	-	-
16.3	All reports have been submitted to MSD in terms of their circular No. 04/2017 dated 20.09.2017	Complied	-	-
17	Provision of Information to the Public			
17.1	An information officer has been appointed and a proper register of information is maintained and updated in terms of Right to Information Act and Regulation	Complied	-	-
17.2	Information about the institution to the public have been provided by website or alternative measures and has it been facilitated to appreciate/ allegation to public against the public authority by this website or alternate measures.	Complied	-	-
17.3	Bi-annual and Annual Reports have been submitted as per section 08 and 10 of the RTI Act	Complied	-	-
18	Implementing Citizens Charter			
18.1	A citizens charter / Citizens client's charter has been formulated and implemented by the institution in terms of the circular number 05/2008 and 05/2018(1) of Ministry of Public Administration and Management	Complied	-	-
18.2	A methodology has been devised by the institution in order to monitor and assess the formulation and the implementation of Citizens Charter / Citizens Client's charter as per paragraph 2.3 of the circular	Complied	-	-

19	Preparation of the Human Resource Plan			
19.1	A human resource plan has been prepared in terms of the format in Annexure 02 of Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018 dated 34.01.2018	Complied	-	-
19.2	A minimum training opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for each member of the staff has been ensured in the aforesaid Human Resource Plan	Complied	-	-
19.3	Annual Performance agreements have been signed for the entire staff based on the format in Annexure 01 of the aforesaid circular.	Complied	-	-
19.4	A senior officer was appointed and assigned the responsibility of preparing the human resource development plan, organizing capacity building programmes and conducting skill development programmes as per paragraph No. 6.5 of the aforesaid circular	Complied	-	-
20	Responses Audit Paras			
20.1	The shortcomings pointed out in the audit paragraphs issued by the Auditor General for the previous years have been rectified	Complied	-	-

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1.1 තත්ත්ව විගණනය කළ මතය

ශීර්ෂය 105 - ජනමාධ්‍ය අමාත්‍යාංශයේ 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට මූල්‍ය තත්ත්ව ප්‍රකාශනය, එදිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා වූ මූල්‍ය කාර්යසාධන ප්‍රකාශනය හා මුදල් ප්‍රවාහ ප්‍රකාශනය සහ ප්‍රමාණාත්මක ගිණුම්කරණ ප්‍රතිපත්තිවලට අදාළ තොරතුරු ද ඇතුළත් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවලට අදාළ සටහන් වලින් සමන්විත 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා වූ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන , 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ විධිවිධාන සමඟ සංයෝජිතව කියවිය යුතු ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 154(1) ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ ඇතුළත් විධිවිධාන ප්‍රකාර මාගේ විධානය යටතේ විගණනය කරන ලදී. 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 11(1) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව ජනමාධ්‍ය අමාත්‍යාංශය වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කරනු ලබන මෙම මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළිබඳව මාගේ අදහස් දැක්වීම් හා නිරීක්ෂණයන් මෙම වාර්තාවේ සඳහන් වේ. 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 11(2) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව ප්‍රධාන ගණන් දීමේ නිලධාරී වෙත වාර්ෂික විස්තරාත්මක කළමනාකරණ විගණන වාර්තාව 2024 මැයි 14 දින නිකුත් කරන ලදී. ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 154(6) ව්‍යවස්ථාව සමඟ සංයෝජිතව කියවිය යුතු 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 10 වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව ඉදිරිපත් කළ යුතු විගණකාධිපති වාර්තාව යථා කාලයේදී පාර්ලිමේන්තුව වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කරනු ලැබේ.



මෙම වාර්තාවේ 1.6 ඡේදයේ දක්වා ඇති කරුණු වලින් වන බලපෑම හැර, මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන වලින් 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට ජනමාධ්‍ය අමාත්‍යාංශයේ මූල්‍ය තත්ත්වය හා එදිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා එහි මූල්‍ය කාර්යසාධනය හා මුදල් ප්‍රවාහය පොදුවේ පිළිගත් ගිණුම්කරණ මූලධර්මවලට අනුකූලව සත්‍ය හා සාධාරණ තත්ත්වයක් පිළිබිඹු කරන බව මා දරන්නා වූ මතය වේ.

1.2 තත්ත්වගණනය කළ මතය සඳහා පදනම

මෙම වාර්තාවේ 1.6 ඡේදයේ දක්වා ඇති කරුණු පදනම්ව මාගේ මතය තත්ත්වගණනය කරනු ලැබේ. ශ්‍රී ලංකා විගණන ප්‍රමිතීන්ට (ශ්‍රී.ලං.වි.ප්‍ර) අනුකූලව මා විගණනය සිදුකරන ලදී. මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන සම්බන්ධයෙන් මාගේ වගකීම, විගණකගේ වගකීම යන වගන්තියේ තවදුරටත් විස්තර කර ඇත. මාගේ මතය සඳහා පදනමක් සැපයීම උදෙසා මා විසින් ලබා ගෙන ඇති විගණන සාක්ෂි ප්‍රමාණවත් සහ උචිත බව මාගේ විශ්වාසයයි.

1.3 මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන සම්බන්ධයෙන් ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරීගේ හා ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරීගේ වගකීම

පොදුවේ පිළිගත් ගිණුම්කරණ මූලධර්මවලට අනුකූලව හා 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 38 වගන්තියේ සඳහන් විධිවිධානවලට අනුකූලව සත්‍ය හා සාධාරණ තත්ත්වයක් පිළිබිඹු කෙරෙන පරිදි මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළියෙල කිරීම හා වංචා සහ වැරදි හේතුවෙන් ඇති විය හැකි ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන්ගෙන් තොරව මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළියෙල කිරීමට හැකි වනු පිණිස අවශ්‍යවන අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනය තීරණය කිරීම ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරීගේ වගකීම වේ.

2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 16(1) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් වාර්ෂික හා කාලීන මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළියෙල කිරීමට හැකිවන පරිදි ස්වකීය ආදායම්, වියදම්, වත්කම් හා බැරකම් පිළිබඳ නිසි පරිදි පොත්පත් හා වාර්තා පවත්වාගෙන යා යුතුය.

ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 38(1)(ඇ) උප වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව අමාත්‍යාංශයේ මූල්‍ය පාලනය සඳහා සඵලදායී අභ්‍යන්තර පාලන පද්ධතියක් සකස් කර පවත්වා ගෙන යනු ලබන බවට ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරී සහතික විය යුතු අතර එම පද්ධතියේ සඵලදායීත්වය පිළිබඳව කලින් කල සමාලෝචනයක් සිදු කර ඒ අනුව පද්ධතිය ඵලදායී ලෙස කරගෙන යාමට අවශ්‍ය වෙනස්කම් සිදු කරනු ලැබිය යුතුය.

1.4 මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන විගණනය පිළිබඳ විගණකගේ වගකීම

සමස්ථයක් ලෙස මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන, වංචා හා වැරදි හේතුවෙන් ඇතිවන ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන්ගෙන් තොර බවට සාධාරණ තහවුරුවක් ලබාදීම සහ මාගේ මතය ඇතුළත් විගණකාධිපති වාර්තාව නිකුත් කිරීම මාගේ අරමුණ වේ. සාධාරණ සහතිකවීම උසස් මට්ටමේ

සහතිකවීමක් වන නමුත්, ශ්‍රී ලංකා විගණන ප්‍රමිති ප්‍රකාරව විගණනය සිදු කිරීමේදී එය සැම විටම ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශයන් අනාවරණය කර ගන්නා බවට වන තහවුරු කිරීමක් නොවනු ඇත. වංචා සහ වැරදි තනි හෝ සාමූහික ලෙස බලපෑම නිසා ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන් ඇති විය හැකි අතර, එහි ප්‍රමාණාත්මකභාවය මෙම මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පදනම් කර ගනිමින් පරිශීලකයන් විසින් ගනු ලබන ආර්ථික තීරණ කෙරෙහි වන බලපෑම මත රඳා පවතී.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා විගණන ප්‍රමිති ප්‍රකාරව විගණනයේ කොටසක් ලෙස මා විසින් විගණනයේදී වෘත්තීය විනිශ්චය සහ වෘත්තීය සැකමුසුබවින් යුතුව ක්‍රියා කරන ලදී. මා විසින් තවදුරටත්,

- ප්‍රකාශ කරන ලද විගණන මතයට පදනමක් සපයා ගැනීමේදී වංචා හෝ වැරදි හේතුවෙන් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ඇති විය හැකි ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශයන් ඇතිවීමේ අවදානම් හඳුනාගැනීම හා තක්සේරු කිරීම සඳහා අවස්ථාවෝචිතව උචිත විගණන පරිපාටි සැලසුම් කර ක්‍රියාත්මක කරන ලදී. වරදවා දැක්වීම් හේතුවෙන් සිදුවන ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශයන්ගෙන් සිදුවන බලපෑමට වඩා වංචාවකින් සිදුවන්නා වූ බලපෑම ප්‍රබල වන්නේ ඒවා දුස්සන්ධානයෙන්, ව්‍යාජ ලේඛන සැකසීමෙන්, වේතනාන්විත මහඟුරීමෙන්, වරදවා දැක්වීමෙන් හෝ අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනයන් මග හැරීමෙන් වැනි හේතු නිසා වන බැවිනි.
- අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනයේ සඵලදායීත්වය පිළිබඳව මතයක් ප්‍රකාශ කිරීමේ අදහසින් නොවුවද, අවස්ථාවෝචිතව උචිත විගණන පරිපාටි සැලසුම් කිරීම පිණිස අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනය පිළිබඳව අවබෝධයක් ලබා ගන්නා ලදී.
- හෙළිදරව් කිරීම් ඇතුළත් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ව්‍යුහය සහ අන්තර්ගතය සඳහා පාදක වූ ගනුදෙනු හා සිද්ධීන් උචිත හා සාධාරණ අයුරින් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ඇතුළත් බව ඇගයීම.
- මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ව්‍යුහය හා අන්තර්ගතය සඳහා පාදක වූ ගනුදෙනු හා සිද්ධීන් උචිත හා සාධාරණව ඇතුළත් වී ඇති බව සහ හෙළිදරව් කිරීම් ඇතුළත් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල සමස්ත ඉදිරිපත් කිරීම අගයන ලදී.

මාගේ විගණනය තුළදී හඳුනාගත් වැදගත් විගණන සොයාගැනීම්, ප්‍රධාන අභ්‍යන්තර පාලන දුර්වලතා හා අනෙකුත් කරුණු පිළිබඳව ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරී දැනුවත් කරමි.

1.5 වෙනත් තෛතික අවශ්‍යතා පිළිබඳ වාර්තාව

2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 6(1)(ඇ) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව පහත සඳහන් කරුණු මා ප්‍රකාශ කරමි.

- (අ) මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන ඉකුත් වර්ෂය සමග අනුරූප වන බව,
- (ආ) ඉකුත් වර්ෂයට අදාළ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළිබඳව මා විසින් කර තිබුණු නිර්දේශ ක්‍රියාත්මක කර තිබුණි.

1.6 මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළිබඳ අදහස් දැක්වීම

1.6.1 මූල්‍ය කාර්යසාධන ප්‍රකාශය

වර්ෂය තුළ යන්ත්‍ර උපකරණ මිලදී ගැනීම් SA 82 ආකෘතිය අනුව රු.7,790,850 ක් වුවත්, මූල්‍ය කාර්යසාධන ප්‍රකාශය අනුව මූලධන වත්කම් අත්පත් කර ගැනීම් රු.5,956,540 ක් ලෙස දැක්වීමෙන් රු.1,834,310 ක වෙනසක් නිරීක්ෂණය විය.

1.6.2 ලේඛන හා පොත්පත් පවත්වා නොතිබීම

මුදල් රෙගුලාසි 891 ප්‍රකාරව ඇප ලේඛනය හා මුදල් රෙගුලාසි 447(5) ප්‍රකාරව බැරකම් ලේඛනය අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් පවත්වා නොතිබුණි.

2. මූල්‍ය සමාලෝචනය

2.1 ආදායම් කළමනාකරණය

(අ) ටෙලි නාව්‍ය, විත්‍රපට හා වාණිජ වැඩසටහන් බද්ද මගින් ලබා ගැනීමට ඇස්තමේන්තු කර තිබූ අදායම රු. 300,000,000 ක් වුවද අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් 2023 වර්ෂය සඳහා ලද ශුද්ධ ආදායම රු.150,450,000 ක් වූයෙන් සියයට 50 කට ආසන්න ප්‍රමාණයකින් ආදායම අඩුවෙන් රැස්කර තිබුණි.

(ආ) 2022 වර්ෂයේ ටෙලි නාව්‍ය, විත්‍රපට හා වාණිජ වැඩසටහන් බද්ද මගින් ලබාගත් ආදායම රු. 215,020,000 ක් වූ අතර 2023 වර්ෂයේදී එය රු. 150,450,000 ක් වීමෙන් 2022 වර්ෂයට වඩා සියයට 30 කින් පමණ ආදායම අඩුවී තිබුණි.

(ඇ) 2007 ජූලි මාසයේ සිට ටෙලි නාව්‍ය, විත්‍රපට හා වාණිජ වැඩසටහන් බද්දේ හිඟ මුදල රු. 25,220,500 ක් වූ අතර එය ආයතන 03 කින් සමන්විත වී තිබුණි. එම හිඟ මුදල් අයකර ගැනීමට 2021 දෙසැම්බර් 06 දිනෙන් පසු ක්‍රියාමාර්ග ගෙන නොතිබුණි.

2.2 වියදම් කළමනාකරණය

(අ) මුදල් රෙගුලාසි 50 ප්‍රකාරව, තම අමාත්‍යාංශයට අදාළ කෙටුම්පත් ඇස්තමේන්තු, මුදල් රෙගුලාසිවලට අනුකූලව පිළියෙල කරන බවට, වගබලා ගැනීම ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරියාගේ වගකීම වේ. සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂය තුළ 105-1-3-1409-7/11 පුනරාවර්තන වැය විෂයය සඳහා සලසා තිබූ ප්‍රතිපාදනයෙන් රු. 4,490,000 ක් වෙනත් පුනරාවර්තන වැය විෂයයන් 04 ක් වෙත මු.රෙ 66 මගින් මාරු කර තිබූ බැවින් මුදල් රෙගුලාසිවල අවශ්‍යතා සපුරාලන පරිදි කටයුතු කරමින් තාත්ත්විකව ඇස්තමේන්තු සකස් කර නොතිබුණු බව විගණනයේ දී නිරීක්ෂණය විය.

- (ආ) වැය විෂයයන් 02 ක් සඳහා සලසාගෙන තිබූ රු.2,322,800 ක් වූ ශුද්ධ ප්‍රතිපාදන වලින් සියයට 100 ක් හා තවත් වැය විෂයයන් 12 ක් සඳහා සලසාගෙන තිබූ රු.405,410,000 ක ශුද්ධ ප්‍රතිපාදන වලින් රු.373,083,146 ක් උපයෝජනය නොකර පැවති අතර එය සියයට 60 සිට සියයට 98 දක්වා ප්‍රතිශතයක් විය.
- (ඇ) වැය විෂයයන් 03 ක ප්‍රතිපාදනයන් මු.රෙ. 66 මගින් වෙනත් වැය විෂයයන්වලට මාරු කිරීමෙන් පසුද වැය විෂයයන් 02 ක සියයට 65 ක් සහ සියයට 100 ක් ඉතිරිවී තිබූ බව නිරීක්ෂණය විය.
- (ඈ) 2023 පෙබරවාරි 02 දින Trident Corporation (Pvt) Ltd ආයතනයට ගෙවන ලද රු. 5,800 සඳහා මුදල් රෙගුලාසි 137 පරිදි ගෙවීම් අනුමැතිය ලබාදී නොතිබුණි.
- (ඉ) 2023 පෙබරවාරි 27 දින H. Don Carolis & Sons (Pvt) Ltd ආයතනයට අත්තිකාරමක් ලෙස ගෙවන ලද රු. 1,077,120 සඳහා මුදල් රෙගුලාසි 138 පරිදි ගෙවීම් සහතික කර නොතිබුණි.

2.3 බැරකම් හා බැඳීම්වලට එළඹීම

- (අ) මුදල් රෙගුලාසි 94(1) ප්‍රකාරව වාර්ෂික ඇස්තමේන්තුවල ඒ සඳහා මුදල් ප්‍රතිපාදන ඇත්නම් විනා කිසිම දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවක් විසින් වැඩක් හෝ සේවයක් හෝ සැපයුමක් සඳහා කිසිම වියදමකට හෝ බැඳීමකට හෝ නොබැඳී සිටිය යුතුය. එසේම ඒ වෙනුවෙන් දරන ලද බැරකම් සහ වැය ප්‍රමාණය කිසිම විටක මුදල් වර්ෂය සඳහා සලසා තිබූ ප්‍රතිපාදන මුදල් සීමාව නොඉක්ම විය යුතු වුවද අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයේදී වැය විෂයයන් 02 ක් සඳහා ප්‍රතිපාදන කර තිබූ මුදල ඉක්මවා, රු.204,634 ක් බැරකම් වලට එළඹ තිබුණි.
- (ආ) නව CIGAS වෙබ් යෙදුම මගින් ජනනය කරන ලද සමුච්චිත බැඳීම් හා බැරකම් වාර්තාව (SA 92) යටතේ 2020, 2021 හා 2022 වර්ෂවල වටිනාකම්ද ඇතුළත් වී තිබුණි. ඒ අනුව 2023 නොවැම්බර් 01 දිනැති රාජ්‍ය ගිණුම් මාර්ගෝපදේශ අංක 04/2023 හි 4.5 ඡේදය ප්‍රකාරව බැඳීම් හා බැරකම් පිළිබඳ තවදුරටත් සිදුකළ යුතු ගැලපීම් සිදුකර භාණ්ඩාගාරය වෙත වාර්තා කිරීමට කටයුතු නොකිරීම නිසා එම වාර්තාව යාවත්කාලීන වී නොතිබුණි.

2.4 ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරී විසින් සිදු කළ යුතු සහතිකවීම්

2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 38 වන වගන්තියේ විධිවිධාන අනුව අමාත්‍යාංශයේ මූල්‍ය පාලනය සඳහා සඵලදායී අභ්‍යන්තර පාලන පද්ධතියක් සකස් කර පවත්වාගෙන යනු ලබන බවට ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරී සහතික විය යුතු අතර එම පද්ධතියේ සඵලදායීතාවය පිළිබඳව

කලින් කළ සමාලෝචනය සිදුකර ඒ අනුව පද්ධති මූලධර්ම ලෙස කරගෙන යාමට අවශ්‍ය වෙනස්කම් සිදු කරනු ලැබිය යුතු බවත්, එම සමාලෝචනයන් ලිඛිතව සිදු කර එහි පිටපතක් විගණකාධිපති වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කළ යුතුව තිබුණත්, එවැනි සමාලෝචනයන් සිදුකළ බවට ප්‍රකාශ විගණනයට ඉදිරිපත් කර නොතිබුණි.

2.5 නීති, රීති හා රෙගුලාසිවලට අනුකූල නොවීම

නීති, රීති හා රෙගුලාසිවලට
යොමුව

අනුකූල නොවීම

(අ) (i) මු.රෙ. 138 (6)

වවුචරය සමඟ ඊට අදාළ සියළු ලිපිගොනු අමුණනු ලබන බවට සහතික විය යුතු නමුත් වවුචර වලට අදාළ ඉන්වොයිස්පත් වවුචරය සමඟ නොතිබුණු අවස්ථා 03 ක් නියැදි පරීක්ෂාවේදී අනාවරණය විය.

(ii) මු.රෙ. 187

මුදල් භාර ගැනීම් කාර්යාල වලට ලැබෙන මුදල් පිළිබඳව දිනපතා හෝ හැකි තාක් අප්‍රමාදව වෙනත් මුදල් භාර ගැනීම් කාර්යාල විසින් පවත්වාගෙන යනු ලබන බැංකු ගිණුමට යැවිය යුතුය. එසේ වුවද ප්‍රසිද්ධ රැකුම් පාලක මණ්ඩලය විසින් 2023 ජනවාරි 01 දින සිට 2023 සැප්තැම්බර් 07 දින දක්වා ඉදිරිපත් කළ අයදුම්පත්‍ර සඳහා අයදුම්කරුවන් විසින් ලබාදුන් මුදල් වලට නිකුත් කළ කුචිතාන්සිපත් 592 න් කුචිතාන්සිපත් 514 කින් රැස් කරන ලද රු. 3,595,875 ක් දින 02 සිට දින 17 ක් දක්වා ප්‍රමාද කර බැංකුගත කර තිබුණි. ඒ අනුව රජයේ මුදල් අත රඳවා තබා ගැනීම තුළින් ඒවායේ ආරක්ෂාව පිළිබඳව සහ රජයේ මුදල් අවහාවිතා කිරීමට ඇති හැකියාව පිළිබඳව විගණනයේදී ගැටළුකාරී තත්ත්වයක් නිරීක්ෂණය විය.

(iii) මු.රෙ. 880

රජයේ නිලධාරීන්ගේ ඇප ආඥාපනතට අනුකූලව ඇප තැබිය යුතු අමාත්‍යාංශයේ නිලධාරීන් 15 දෙනෙකු පමණ ඒ අනුව කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

(iv) මු.රෙ. 1642

වාහන වලට සිදුවන හදිසි අනතුර කොතරම් සුළු වුවත් ළඟම ඇති පොලීසිය වෙත වාර්තා කළ යුතු වන අතර එසේ නොකළහොත් ඒ ගැන තදින්ම ක්‍රියාකළ යුතු වුවත් එසේ කටයුතු නොකළ අවස්ථාවන් 02 ක් නිරීක්ෂණය විය.

- (ආ) 2015 ජූලි 20 දිනැති අංක 01/2015 දරන රාජ්‍ය මූල්‍ය ප්‍රතිපත්ති වක්‍රලේඛයේ 05 ඡේදය පවතින ආර්ථික තත්ත්වයන්ගේ වෙනස්කම් සැලකිල්ලට ගනිමින් සේවාවන් සඳහා අය කරනු ලබන ගාස්තු එම සේවාවන් සැපයීම සඳහා වන වියදම් පිළිබඳව සලකා කාලානුරූපීව සංශෝධනය කළයුතු වුවද, එසේ සිදුකර නොතිබුණි.
- (ඇ) 2016 දෙසැම්බර් 29 දිනැති රාජ්‍ය පරිපාලන වක්‍රලේඛ 30/2016 හි 4.4 වගන්තිය කොළඹ නිබෙන වාහන සම්බන්ධයෙන් කොළඹ, දෙහිවල - ගල්කිස්ස මහ නගර සභා සීමාවේ සහ කෝට්ටේ නගර සභා සීමාවේ පිහිටි ගරාජවලින් මිල ගණන් කැඳවිය යුතු වුවත් ඊට පටහැනිව 2023 වර්ෂයේදීද අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් ආහන අලුත්වැඩියාව සඳහා ඉහත නගර සභා සීමාවලින් පිට ගරාජවලින් ද ඇස්තමේන්තු කැඳවීමට කටයුතු කර තිබුණි.
- (ඈ) 2020 අගෝස්තු 28 දිනැති 01/2020 දරන රාජ්‍ය මුදල් වක්‍රලේඛයේ
- (i) I කොටසේ 9 මණින් සංශෝධන මු.රෙ. 371(5) ඡේදය තත්කාර්යය අතුරු අග්‍රිමය ලබාගන්නා මාණ්ඩලික නිලධාරියා විසින් එම කාර්යය අවසන් කර දින 10 ක් තුළ එම අතුරු අග්‍රිම පියවිය යුතු වුවත්, එකතුව රු.824,922 ක් වූ අත්තිකාරම් 19 ක් දින 22 සිට දින 112 ක පරාසයක් දක්වා පියවීම ප්‍රමාද කර තිබුණි.
- (ii) I කොටසේ 11.1 මණින් සංශෝධනය කරන ලද මු.රෙ. 756 (6) සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයේ භාණ්ඩ සමීක්ෂණය සිදු කර එහි වාර්තාව ඉදිරි මුදල් වර්ෂයේ මාර්තු 31 දිනට පෙර විගණකාධිපති වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කළ යුතු නමුත් 2024 මැයි 06 දින දක්වා භාණ්ඩ සමීක්ෂණ වාර්තාව විගණකාධිපති වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කර නොතිබුණි.
- (ඉ) 2016 මාර්තු 09 දිනැති රාජ්‍ය පරිපාලන වක්‍රලේඛ අංක 05/2016 හි 02 (vii) ඡේදය ප්‍රවාහන දීමනාව ලබාගන්නා නිලධාරියෙකු වැටුප් සහිතව හෝ වැටුප් රහිතව දින 30 කට වැඩි කාල සීමාවක් නිවාඩු ලබා ගන්නේ නම් එකී නිලධාරියාට එම කාල සීමාව සඳහා ප්‍රවාහන දීමනාව හෝ ඉන්ධන දීමනාව නොගෙවිය යුතු වුවත් ආර්.එම්.පී

රාජපක්ෂ මහතා 2023 ජනවාරි 15 සිට 2023 පෙබරවාරි 20 දක්වා වැටුප් සහිතව විදේශ නිවාඩු දින 35 ක් ලබාගෙන තිබියදී 2023 ජනවාරි සහ පෙබරවාරි මාස 02 ක සඳහාම ප්‍රවාහන හා ඉන්ධන දීමනාව පිළිවෙලින් රු.50,000 ක් හා රු.80,000 ක් බැගින් ගෙවා තිබුණි.

- (ඊ) අංක 95 හා 1994 ජුනි හා අක්ෂරාගාර අනුමැතිය ලබා ගැනීමෙන් තොරව බලපත්‍රයක් 04 දිනැති රාජ්‍ය ව්‍යාපාර නිකුත් කිරීම සඳහා විග්‍රහ, DVD හා ඡායාරූප සමීක්ෂණය සඳහා 2023 ජනවාරි 01 සිට 2023 අගෝස්තු 31 දක්වා ප්‍රසිද්ධ රැහුම් පාලක මණ්ඩලයේ කමිටු සාමාජිකයන් සඳහා රු. 1,326,000 ක් දීමනා ලෙස ගෙවා තිබුණි.

2.6 අවිධිමත් ගනුදෙනු

(අ) ජාතික සංවර්ධන මාධ්‍ය මධ්‍යස්ථානය

- (i) කොන්ත්‍රාත් පදනම මත 2024 ජුනි 30 දක්වා සේවා දිර්ඝ කිරීමක් ලබා ඇති මධ්‍යස්ථානයේ අධ්‍යක්ෂ රාජ්‍ය ව්‍යවස්ථාපිත ව්‍යාපාර ප්‍රතිව්‍යුහගතකරණ ඒකකයේ අධ්‍යක්ෂ (මාධ්‍ය) ලෙස වැඩබැලීමේ පදනමට සේවය කිරීම සඳහා නිදහස් කිරීමට අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම් 2023 මැයි 19 දින ලිපියෙන් එකඟ වී තිබුණි. ඒ අනුව කොන්ත්‍රාත් පදනමින් සේවය කරනු ලබන නිලධාරියෙකු සඳහා වැඩ බැලීමේ පදනම මත වෙනත් පත්වීමකට නිදහස් කිරීමට ආයතන සංග්‍රහයේ ප්‍රතිපාදන ලබාදී නොතිබුණි. එසේ තිබියදී ලේකම්ගේ 2023 මැයි 19 දින ලිපියේ එකඟවීම පදනම් කරගෙන ඉහත සඳහන් ඒකකයට 2023 ජුනි 01 දින සිට අධ්‍යක්ෂ (මාධ්‍ය) ලෙස වැඩබැලීමට පත්වීම ලබාදී තිබූ මෙම නිලධාරියා සඳහා 2023 ජුනි 01 දින සිට 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දක්වා අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් දීමනා ලෙස රු.917,310 ක්ද ගෙවා තිබුණි.
- (ii) කළමනාකරණ සේවා නිලධාරී තනතුරට අදාළ මූලික සුදුසුකම් සපුරා නොමැති මධ්‍යස්ථානයේ සේවය කරන සේවකයින් දෙදෙනෙකුගේ තනතුරු වෙනස් කර කළමනාකරණ සේවා නිලධාරී තනතුරට පත්කරන ලෙස අධ්‍යක්ෂ විසින් ඉල්ලීම් කර තිබුණු අතර ආයතනයෙන් පිටත පැවති වැඩසටහන් 02 ක් සඳහාද එම සේවකයින්ගේ නම් යෝජනා කර තිබුණි.

(iii) මධ්‍යස්ථානය විසින් 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට ඉදිරිපත් කළ ප්‍රගති වාර්තාව අනුව 2023 වර්ෂයේ ක්‍රියාකාරකම් වල භෞතික හා මූල්‍ය ප්‍රගතියක් නිරීක්ෂණය නොවුණි. ඒ අනුව මධ්‍යස්ථානය පිහිටුවීමේ අරමුණ වූ රාජ්‍ය ප්‍රතිපත්තිය හා සංවර්ධන ව්‍යාපෘති ප්‍රගතිය නිවැරදිව ජනතාව වෙත සන්නිවේදනය කිරීමේ කාර්යය ඉටුවී නොතිබුණි.

(ආ) CAF-2548 රථයේ බ්‍රේක් පද්ධතියේ දෝෂ සඳහා බරේක් පැඩි දිගින් දිගටම යොදා ඇති අතර 2023 සැප්තැම්බර් 02 දින කුරුණෑගල සිට කොළඹ දක්වා බ්‍රේක් පද්ධතියේ දෝෂ සහිතව ධාවනය කිරීම නිසා රු.90,600 ක් සංචිත මෝටර්ස් වෙත ගෙවා අලුත්වැඩියා කර තිබුණි. යාන්ත්‍රික ඉංජිනේරුගේ 2023 සැප්තැම්බර් 06 දිනැති ලිපිය අනුව සම්පූර්ණයෙන්ම රියදුරුගේ නොසැලකිල්ල මත සිදුවී ඇති බවත්, රියදුරුට විරුද්ධව පරීක්ෂණයක් පැවැත්වීමට නිර්දේශ කර තිබුනද පරීක්ෂණයක් සිදුකර නොතිබුණි.

2.7 රජයේ නිලධාරීන්ගේ අත්තිකාරම් ගිණුම

(අ) 2023 ජූලි 08 දිනැතිව මිය ගිය සේවකයෙකුගෙන් අයවිය යුතු රු. 36,576 ක් හා 2023 මැයි 26 දින සේවය අතහැර ගිය නිලධාරියෙකුගෙන් අයවිය යුතු රු.198,502 ක් වූ ණය ශේෂ 2024 මැයි 26 දින දක්වා පියවා නොතිබුණි.

(ආ) ආයතන සංග්‍රහයේ X11 පරිච්ඡේදයේ 23.10 වගන්තිය අනුව කලින් බලාපොරොත්තු විය නොහැකි හදිසි අවස්ථාවලදී හැර, එවැනි නිවාඩු දීර්ඝ කිරීමක් සඳහා අයදුම් කරන බවට නිවාඩු අනුමත කරන බලධාරියාගේ එකඟත්වය දිවයිනෙන් පිටත්ව යාමට පෙර අදාළ නිලධාරියා විසින් ලබාගෙන ඇත්නම් මිස, දිවයිනෙන් බැහැර නිවාඩු දීර්ඝ කිරීම නොකළ යුතු වුවද දින 85 ක වැටුප් සහිත සහ දින 08 ක වැටුප් රහිත විදේශ නිවාඩු ලබා සිටි මාධ්‍ය විමර්ශන නිලධාරියෙකුට 2023 ජනවාරි 20 දින සිට 2024 දෙසැම්බර් 13 දින දක්වා විදේශ නිවාඩු දීර්ඝ කිරීම අනුමත කර තිබුණි. එසේ 2023 මාර්තු 01 දින වැටුප් රහිත වසර 02 ක් සඳහා නිවාඩු අනුමත කිරීමේදී රු. 232,105 ක්වූ ණය ශේෂය අයකර ගැනීම පිළිබඳ සැලකිලිමත් වී නොතිබුණි. ආයතන සංග්‍රහයේ X11 පරිච්ඡේදයේ 16.5 වගන්තිය අනුව 10 වැනි පරිශීෂ්ටයේ සඳහන් පරිදි අත්සන් කළ යුතු ගිවිසුම අසම්පූර්ණ ගිවිසුමක් වන අතර විදේශ නිවාඩුව සඳහා ලබාදී ඇති ලේඛන වල මුල් පිටපත් ලිපිගොනුව තුළ නොතිබුණි. තවද ආයතන සංග්‍රහයේ X11 පරිච්ඡේදයේ 23.18 වගන්තිය අනුව රජයේ නිලධාරීන් දිවයිනෙන් බැහැර ගතකරන නිවාඩු පිළිබඳ වාර්තාවක් මාස්පතා විගණකාධිපති වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කර නොතිබුණි.

3. මෙහෙයුම් සමාලෝචනය

3.1 කාර්යසාධනය

3.1.1 සැලැස්ම කිරීම

අංක 02/2020 හා 2020 අගෝස්තු 28 දිනැති රාජ්‍ය මුදල් චක්‍රලේඛය ප්‍රකාරව සියලුම රජයේ අමාත්‍යාංශ විසින් තම ආයතනය වෙනුවෙන් සැම වර්ෂයක් සඳහාම අනුමත අයවැය ඇස්තමේන්තු ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීම සඳහා වාර්ෂික ක්‍රියාකාරී සැලැස්ම සකස්කළ යුතු අතර, ඉදිරි වර්ෂය සඳහා වන වාර්ෂික ක්‍රියාකාරී සැලැස්ම ප්‍රචරිත වර්ෂයේ දෙසැම්බර් 15 දිනට පෙර සකස් කර ප්‍රධාන ගණන් දීමේ නිලධාරියා වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කර අනුමැතිය ලබාගත යුතුය. 2023 වර්ෂයේ ක්‍රියාකාරී සැලැස්ම විගණකාධිපති වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කර තිබුණේ 2023 ජනවාරි 18 දිනදීය.

3.1.2 කාර්යභාරයන් ඉටු නොකිරීම

අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ක්‍රියාකාරී සැලැස්මේ ඇතුළත් ක්‍රියාකාරකම් 26 ක් ක්‍රියාත්මක කර නොතිබුණි.

3.1.3 අපේක්ෂිත නිමවුම් මට්ටම ලබා නොගැනී

(අ) 2023 ක්‍රියාකාරී සැලැස්ම තුළ නොමැති වුවද ප්‍රගතිය තුළ ක්‍රියාකාරකම් 26 ක් පැවතුණු අතර ක්‍රියාකාරකම් 06 ක මූල්‍ය කාර්යසාධනය සියයට 25 සිට සියයට 99 දක්වා පැවතියද භෞතික කාර්යසාධනය නොතිබුණි.

(ආ) ජනමාධ්‍ය අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් සකස් කර තිබූ 2023 වර්ෂයේ ක්‍රියාකාරී සැලැස්ම තුළ ප්‍රසිද්ධ රැහුම් පාලක මණ්ඩලයේ ක්‍රියාකාරකම් ඇතුළත් කර නොතිබුණි.

(ඇ) ක්‍රියාකාරකම් 03 ක භෞතික කාර්යසාධනය සියයට 50 ක් වී තිබුණි.

(ඈ) ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ භෞමික රූපවාහිනී විකාශනය අංකිත කිරීමේ ව්‍යාපෘතිය 2014 වර්ෂයේ ආරම්භ කළද, එය ක්‍රියාත්මක නොවීම නිසා නැවත 2021 වර්ෂයේ අමාත්‍ය මණ්ඩලය විසින් යාවත්කාලීන කරන ලද තාක්ෂණය සමග ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීමට අනුමැතිය ලබා දී තිබුණි. ඒ තුළින් රට පුරා විසිරී පවතින විකාශනාගාර 16 ක් ස්ථාපිත කිරීමට නියමිත වුවත්, විගණිත දිනය වන 2024 මාර්තු 15 වන විටත් එක් විකාශනාගාරයක් හෝ ස්ථාපිත කිරීමට නොහැකිවී තිබුණි. 2023 වර්ෂය සඳහා රු.මිලියන 330 ක ප්‍රතිපාදන ලැබී තිබුණු අතර, උපයෝජනය රු.මිලියන 7.95 කි.

3.2 ප්‍රසම්පාදනයන්

- (අ) අංක 02/2020 හා 2020 අගෝස්තු 28 දිනැති රාජ්‍ය මුදල් චක්‍රලේඛය ප්‍රකාරව සියලුම ගණන් දීමේ නිලධාරීන් විසින් තම ආයතනයට පැවරී ඇති විෂයයන් හා කාර්යයන් අනුව ඉදිරි වර්ෂයේ පුනරාවර්තන හා ප්‍රාග්ධන වැඩසටහන් ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීම සඳහා වන වාර්ෂික ප්‍රසම්පාදන සැලැස්ම ප්‍රවර්තන වර්ෂයේ දෙසැම්බර් 16 දිනට පෙර නියමිත ආකෘතියේ සකස් කර ප්‍රධාන ගණන් දීමේ නිලධාරියාගේ අනුමැතිය ලබාගෙන එහි පිටපත් ජාතික ප්‍රසම්පාදන කොමිෂන් සභාව, විගණකාධිපති සහ රාජ්‍ය මුදල් දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව වෙත යොමුකළ යුතු වුවත් 2023 වර්ෂයට අදාළ ප්‍රසම්පාදන සැලැස්ම එම දිනට පෙර සකස් කර අනුමැතිය ලබාගෙන නොතිබුණු අතර විගණනයට 2023 මැයි 15 දින ඉදිරිපත් කර තිබුණි.
- (ආ) රජයේ ප්‍රසම්පාදන මාර්ගෝපදේශ සංග්‍රහයේ 4.2 ප්‍රකාරව අවම වශයෙන් වර්ෂ 03 ක කාලයක් සඳහා අපේක්ෂිත ප්‍රසම්පාදන කටයුතු ලැයිස්තුගත කර ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රසම්පාදන සැලැස්ම සකස් කළයුතු වුවත් අමාත්‍යාංශය සකස් කරන ලද ප්‍රසම්පාදන සැලැස්ම 2023 වර්ෂය සඳහා පමණක් විය.
- (ඇ) සංශෝධිත ප්‍රසම්පාදන සැලැස්ම තුළ පවතින ප්‍රසිද්ධ රැහැනු පාලක මණ්ඩලයේ සිතමාශාලා නවීකරණය, ප්‍රසම්පාදන සැලැස්මේ ආර්යසාධනය තුළ ඇතුළත් වී නොතිබුණි.

3.3 පාඩු හා හානි

- (අ) 2016 ජූනි 30 දින අස්ථාන ගතවූ ලැප්ටොප් පරිගණකය පිළිබඳ තොරතුරු මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන තුළ ඇතුළත් කර නොතිබුණු අතර ඒ සඳහා ගත් ක්‍රියාමාර්ගයක් හානිපාඩු ලේඛනයේ ඇතුළත් කර නොතිබුණි.
- (ආ) රජයේ නිලධාරීන්ගේ අත්තිකාරම් බී ගිණුම යටතේ වර්ෂය තුළ කපා හැර තිබූ රු. 22,588 හානිපාඩු ලේඛනයේ අතුළත් කර නොතිබුණි.

3.4 අනාර්ථික ගනුදෙනු

අමාත්‍යාංශයට අයිතියක් නොමැති CAR-1977 රථය අලුත්වැඩියාව පිළිබඳව 2023 ජූලි 31 දින යාන්ත්‍රික ඉංජිනේරු විසින් ලබාදී ඇති නිරීක්ෂණය අනුව රථයේ ඉන්ධන වලට ජලය කාන්දුවීම හා ඉන්ධන ටැංකියේ ඉන්ධන අවසන් වන තෙක් ධාවනය කිරීම මෙම අලුත්වැඩියාව සඳහා හේතු වී ඇති බැවින් ඒ සඳහා වගකිවයුතු පුද්ගලයන් හඳුනා ගැනීමට අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් අවධානය යොමු නොකර රථය අලුත්වැඩියා කිරීම සඳහා රු.1,687,250 ක් වැයකර තිබුණි.

3.5 කළමනාකරණ දුර්වලතා

(අ) අංක 04/2023 හා 2023 අගෝස්තු 04 දිනැති ජාතික අයවැය චක්‍රලේඛයේ 3.7 (iii) ඡේදය අනුව ආයතන තුල, අංශ අතර හා හැකි සෑම අවස්ථාවකදීම ආයතන අතර සම්පත් බෙදා ගෙන කටයුතු කළයුතු වුවද අමාත්‍යාංශය තුල රු.7,209,856 ක් (VAT රහිත) වැයකර ස්ථාපිත කරන ලද 100 KV ජෙනරේටරය විදුලිය විසන්ධි වූ අවස්ථාවකදී ප්‍රයෝජනයට ගන්නා අතර 2023 වර්ෂය තුළදී ජෙනරේටරය භාවිතා කිරීමට ඉන්ධනද ලබාගෙන නොතිබුණි. නමුත් රජයේ ප්‍රවෘත්ති දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව විසින් කැබිනට් තීරණ දැනුම්දීමේ අවස්ථා සඳහා පමණක් ජෙනරේටරයක් කුලියට ගැනීම සඳහා 2023 වර්ෂය තුළදී රු. 1,525,396 ක වියදමක් දරා තිබුණි. ඒ අනුව ඉහත චක්‍රලේඛය ප්‍රකාරව අමාත්‍යාංශ ජෙනරේටරය දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව සඳහා යෙදවීම සම්බන්ධයෙන් අවධානය යොමු කර නොතිබුණි.

(ආ) ප්‍රසිද්ධ රැහුම් පාලක මණ්ඩලය

- i. ප්‍රසිද්ධ රැහුම් පාලක මණ්ඩලය ස්ථාපිත කිරීම සඳහා ශ්‍රී ලංකා ජාතික විත්‍රපට සංස්ථාවට අයත් භූමි කොටසක රු.84,738,538 ක් වැයකර 2020 වර්ෂයේදී පමණ ගොඩනැගිල්ලක් ඉදිකර තිබුණද එම භූමියේ අයිතිය පවරා ගැනීමට කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.
- ii. ශ්‍රී ලංකා ජාතික විත්‍රපට සංස්ථාව හා ප්‍රසිද්ධ රැහුම් පාලක මණ්ඩලය අතර 2022 ජුනි මස 01 දින සිට 2024 මැයි 31 දක්වා ගොඩනැගිලි කුලී ගෙවීම සඳහා ගිවිසුම අත්සන් කර තිබුණේ 2023 මාර්තු මස 14 දිනදීය. එම ගිවිසුම මගින් වසර 15 ක උපරිමයකට යටත්ව මාසික බදු කුලියෙන් සියයට 80 ක් ඉදිකර ඇති දෙමහල් ගොඩනැගිල්ල වෙනුවෙන් රඳවා ගැනීමට දෙපාර්ශවය එකඟ වී තිබුණද, එම ගිවිසුම අවිධිමත් ගිවිසුමක් බව නිරීක්ෂණය විය.
- iii. අධ්‍යාපන අමාත්‍යාංශය මගින් ඉදිකර තිබූ ගොඩනැගිල්ලේ පවතින සිනමාශාලාව 2024 ජනවාරි 23 දින දක්වාම ක්‍රියාකාරී තත්ත්වයට පත්කර නොතිබීම නිසා එක විත්‍රපටියක් ප්‍රදර්ශනය කිරීම වෙනුවෙන් කුඩා සිනමා ශාලාවකට රු.25,000 ක ගාස්තුවක් අදාළ පුද්ගලයින් විසින් ගෙවිය යුතු අතර 2023 ජනවාරි 01 දින සිට 2023 අගෝස්තු 31 දක්වා දේශීය හා විදේශීය විත්‍රපටි 146ක් පමණ නිරීක්ෂණය කර තිබීම නිසා රු.3,650,000 ක ආදායමක් ආයතනයට අහිමි වී තිබුණි.

- v. 2015 වර්ෂයේදී පමණ මිලදී ගන්නා ලද ඩිසීප් යන්ත්‍රය මේවන විට ක්‍රියාකාරී තත්ත්වයේ නොපවතින බැවින් එහි පැවැත්ම හා තාක්ෂණය සම්බන්ධව පරීක්ෂාකර නිසි පරිදි ක්‍රියාකරන බවට වගකීම් සහතිකයක් ලබාගෙන නොතිබුණි.
- vi. 2023 ජූලි 31 දිනට ප්‍රසිද්ධ රැහුම් පාලක මණ්ඩලයේ ප්‍රගතියට අනුව ප්‍රාග්ධන හා පුනරාවර්තන සමස්ථ වියදම රු. 5,351,544 ක් වූ අතර සමස්ථ ආදායම රු. 3,572,875 ක් විය. ඒ අනුව ආදායමට සාපේක්ෂව වියදම රු.1,778,669 කින් වැඩිවී තිබුණි. මේ අනුව ආදායම මෙන් දෙගුණයකට ආසන්න ප්‍රමාණයකින් වියදම ඉහළ ගොස් තිබීමෙන් ආයතනයේ ප්‍රගතියේ පසුබෑමක් නිරීක්ෂණය විය.

4. යහපාලනය

4.1 පුරවැසි/ සේවාලාභී ප්‍රඥප්තිය

අංක 02/2018 හා 2018 ජනවාරි 24 දිනැති රාජ්‍ය පරිපාලන චක්‍රලේඛය අනුව 2023 වර්ෂයට අදාළව සකස් කළ මානව සම්පත් සැලැස්ම තුළ චක්‍රලේඛයේ 6.1 ඡේදයට අදාළ කාර්යසාධන ඇගයීම් යටතේ ගිවිසුම් අත්සන් කර නොතිබුණු අතර පුහුණුවේ ප්‍රතිඵලය ඇගයීම සඳහා වන යාන්ත්‍රණය සකස් කර නොතිබුණි.

4.2 අභ්‍යන්තර විගණනය

2023 වර්ෂය සඳහා කළමනාකරණ මණ්ඩලයෙන් අනුමත කළ අභ්‍යන්තර විගණන වැඩසටහන විගණනයට ඉදිරිපත් කර නොතිබුණි.

5. මානව සම්පත් කළමනාකරණය

සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂය අවසානයට ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ මට්ටමේ පුරප්පාඩු 10 ක්ද, තෘතීයික මට්ටමේ පුරප්පාඩු 04 ක්ද, ද්විතීයික මට්ටමේ පුරප්පාඩු 06 ක් හා ප්‍රාථමික මට්ටමේ 11 ක්ද වශයෙන් පුරප්පාඩු 31 ක් පැවතීම ඵලදායී සේවා මට්ටමක් පවත්වා ගැනීම සඳහා සෘණාත්මකව බලපා තිබුණි.



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