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Auditor General's Triennial Quality Report - District Secretariats (2018, 2019, 2020)

Financial Statements of 25 District Secretariats and 328 Divisional Secretariats functioning under it in the years 2018, 2019, and 2020 are being audited under my direction in accordance with the provisions of Article 154 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 and reports containing my comments and observations which I intend to submit to Parliament have been tabled in Parliament in those years. Out of my comments and observations contained in those reports presented to Parliament in terms of Section 14 of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 significant observations that I intend to be referred in Parliament which have still been unresolved are presented by this Triennial Quality Report.

2. Introduction

There are 328 Divisional Secretariats functioning under 25 District Secretariats and allocations are made from the Annual Budget Estimate. Within Divisional Secretariats administered under 25 District Secretariats, offices belonging to other Ministries and Departments are being carried out. Offices are being maintained for operational activities pertaining to various government institutions such as the Department of Pensions, Department of Samurdhi Development and the Department of Social Services.

A provision of Rs.78,728 Million had been made under the 25 District Secretariats in the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 and out of which, a sum of Rs.72,343 Million had been spent. Out of the provision made, a sum of Rs.6,385 Million had been saved.

Triennial Status Report of the Auditor-General (2018, 2019, 2020)

Colombo District Secretariat					

		2018 -	Qualified Opinion		
		2019 -	Qualified Opinion		
		2020 -	Qualified Opinion		
Major shortcomings in the Auditor General's report		Recommendation of Auditor General	Preventive measures taken by the institution	The current situation in that regard	
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01.	<p>According to the books of the District Secretariat, the balance in the advance account for public officers as at 31 December 2020 was Rs.208,611,369 and according to the treasury books the balance was Rs.209,560,063. This was due to the fact that there was an unresolved balance of Rs. 1,150,694 and an erroneous credit balance of Rs. 202,000 during the year under review, even though a period of 8 years had elapsed since 2013.</p>	<p>Action should be taken to settle the non-compliant balance as per the Treasury Books and Departmental Books as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Relevant reports have been submitted to the State Ministry of Home Affairs and the Committee of Public Accounts for the implementation of the recommendations of the appointed committee regarding the unmatched debit balance of Rs. 1,150,694 and necessary action is being taken to take disciplinary action against the public servants currently responsible for this incident and the</p>	<p>The unmatched debit balance of Rs. 1,150,694 for more than 8 years has not been settled.</p>	

			<p>March 2021 Treasury printed statements correcting the misappropriation of Rs. 202,000 to the Expenditure Head.</p>	
02.	<p>Outstanding loan balances to be recovered from 20 officers and employees who are currently out of service due to transfer, death, retirement, suspension and resignation and so on was Rs. 1,389,130 as at 30 April 2021 and was due for the remaining 2 years or more.</p>	<p>Action should be taken to recover the outstanding loan balances from the relevant employees.</p>	<p>This situation has arisen on the basis of the public policy of granting unsecured loans to all public servants for 10 years.</p> <p>That we have taken all institutional and legal action to recover the outstanding debt arrears due to external causes.</p>	<p>It remained the same until February 2022.</p>
03.	<p>Although more than 13 years have elapsed for the Rs. 10,000,000 debit balance in the Public deposit account (old) as at 31 December 2020, it has not been settled in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3.7 of Public Accounts Circular</p>	<p>Necessary action should be taken in accordance with the circular provisions to settle this debit balance.</p>	<p>The debit balance of Rs. 10 million in the Public Deposit Account has been forwarded to the State Ministry of Home Affairs for writing off. The Director General has been forwarded by</p>	<p>The debit balance of Rs.10,000,000 has not been settled as at February 2022.</p>

	No. 269/2019 dated 15 October 2019.		the Ministry to the Department of Public Finance. A reminder letter dated 4 May 2021 has also been sent. That all possible action has been taken in this regard.	
04.	According to the Financial Regulations 570(a) of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, although 10 years have elapsed since the date of deposit of land compensation, the deposit has to be credited to the government revenue at the rate of Rs. 3,962,668 related to the 11 deposits of the Thimbrigasyaya Divisional Secretariat and no action had been taken to settle the balance by 31 March 2021.	Action should be taken to settle the unresolved deposits in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulations.	The progress of the project has been inquired from the relevant institutions regarding the 11 land deposits. and according to that, the Divisional Secretary Thimbrigasyaya was instructed to take action to settle those deposits as soon as possible.	Still there are 03 unresolved deposits.
05.	Retirees in the areas under the jurisdiction of the 13 Divisional Secretariats in the Colombo District for various reasons such as calculation and conversion errors, double payment of pensions, further payment of pensions without verification after	Action should be taken to ensure that pensions are paid after proper calculation and verification, that updates on deceased pensioners are obtained and that	Overpayments to that balance will continue to accumulate during the year. This situation is compounded by the fact that pensions are overpaid in all three	The overpayment as at 31 st December is Rs. 24,207,556.

<p>death, double payment of cost of living allowance for military pensions etc. Pensions were overpaid with irregularities and irregularities. Out of 198 pensioners as on 31st December 2020, the amount of such overpaid but still outstanding pension was Rs. 23,958,120 and of that amount, Rs. 22,347,228 was due for less than 5 years and Rs. 1,610,892 for a period of 5-10 years. 2020 and out of that amount, Rs. 22,347,228 was due for less than 05 years and Rs. 1,610,892 for a period of 5-10 years.</p>	<p>pensions are terminated and the overpaid is recovered.</p>	<p>military processes, such as pension revisions, advance retirement due to medical reasons, and payments up to the age of 55, over payment between the date of death of the pensioner and the date it is reported to the Divisional Secretariat (often relatives withdraw money through ATMs), overpayment of living expenses. This is due to errors in the calculation of pay conversions and pay anomalies (especially in the case of military disability and dependency allowances) due to non-consolidated payments to retirees. As to the remedies that can be taken to minimize these overpayments, as</p>	
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			<p>well as under the same account of many Divisional Secretariats, there is also the Pensions Division and requests have been made to the Director General of Pensions on several occasions, such as the appointment of a separate accountant for pensions, as it is difficult to focus on pensions within their scope of work, that we will continue to work to minimize these situations by deploying the minimum number of trained officers available.</p>	
06.	<p>08 years have elapsed since the fire caused the damage to the Colombo District Secretariat and more than 05 years to the damage caused by the fire at Maharagama Divisional Secretariat as at 31 December 2020. However, the value of losses and damages which had</p>	<p>Action should be taken To conduct inquiries into losses and damages and to take action against the officers employees responsible for it and to recover the losses incurred by the</p>	<p>Police investigations into the fires at the District Secretariat and the Maharagama Divisional Secretariat have not yet been completed. Therefore, a letter</p>	<p>No action had been taken to recover the damage caused by the fire.</p>

	not been recovered or deducted from those damages was Rs. 92,606,688 and Rs. 629,492 respectively for a total of Rs. 93,231,180. It was not until 08 years later that the police investigation into the matter was completed and the damage could not be recovered or mitigated.	government in accordance with the provisions of Financial Regulations and to settle damages incurred.	dated 15 January 2021 has been sent to the State Ministry of Home Affairs seeking advice to complete the work on the file.	
07.	The Divisional Secretariats in Colombo, Dehiwala, Kolonnawa, Kesbewa and Homagama did not own the lands held by the Divisional Secretariats and no formal steps had been taken to acquire their lands so far. The Divisional Secretariats had spent a large amount of government money on the construction of these lands which were not owned by them.	Urgent action should be taken to take over the legal ownership of the lands where the Divisional Secretariats are located.	Colombo Divisional Secretary Office Land - To obtain a survey order and proceed further, the District Engineering Division is working on the Dehiwala Divisional Secretariat land and Kolonnawa PS Necessary steps are being taken to take over the office land. The relevant Divisional Secretaries have been instructed to take action in this regard.	Acquisitions have not been completed.

08.	Although the land belonging to the Transport Board has been taken over by the Urban Development Authority under the acquisition of lands for the development of Maharagama town, the assessed compensation value of the assessment department as at 02 February 2016 was Rs. 112 million had not been paid to the Transport Board.	Action should be taken to obtain the relevant provisions and pay the compensation.	A sum of Rs.112 million has been requested from the Treasury to be paid to the Sri Lanka Transport Board for this purpose and action will be taken to pay after receiving it.	Not paid yet.
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Gampaha District Secretariat

		2018 -	Qualified opinion	
		2019 -	Qualified opinion	
		2020 -	Unqualified opinion	
	Major Deficiencies included in Auditor General's Report -----	Recommendation of Auditor General -----	Preventive Measures Taken by the Entity -----	Current Status in this regard -----
01	As there was no deed for the land owned by Minuwangoda Divisional Secretariat, its value had not been accounted by assessing. Although the land belonging to the Katana Divisional Secretariat had been accounted by valuing at	Required actions should be taken to account assets by assessing.	This has been discussed frequently at the meetings held with the Director General of Treasury Accounts and it was informed in writing to the Department of Valuation by	The assets had not been assessed even by February 2022.

	Rs.15,000,000, the ownership of the land was belonged to the Land Reforms Commission and though the value of the land belonging to the office building of Biyagama Divisional Secretariat was accounted at Rs.28,000,000, the value of the land had not been assessed.		Minuwangoda Divisional Secretary. It is expected to finish the relevant work before 31 December 2020 by discussing this again with relevant assessers.	
02.	The value of buildings of 97 Sewa Piyasa/ Nila Sewana offices that constructed by divisional secretariat or under the authority of divisional secretariat that owned to Divulapitiya, Wattala, Katana, Gampaha, Attanagalla, Ja-ela and Dompe divisional secretariats had not been accounted by assessing.	Action should be done ot account by taking over the ownership.	It is informed that it could not be assessed as most of these lands were belonged to Pradeshiya Sabhas. As it is problematic to account the non-current assets that not belong to the District Secretary specifically, a proper arrangement will be made by discussing this with the Director General of Treasury Accounts.	The expenditure had not been accounted by even February 2022 and actions had not been taken to take over the lands.
03.	As it was delayed to inform that 72 persons that were getting pensions through 13 Divisional Secretariats in	Immediate actions should be taken to recover the over payments.	It is responsibility of the Direcotr General of Pensions to dela with this over	Actions are being taken to recover over payments.

	<p>Gampaha District under the provisions of the Department of Pensions had been died, Rs.9,539,450 had been paid in excess as at 31 december 2020 after the death of retirees.</p>		<p>payment process and taking relevant actions. However, the required advices had been given to the Divisional Secretaries and Accountants through the direction of Chief Accountant under my supervision during the last 10 years. It would like to inform that the considerable amount of those overpaid money has been recovered.</p>	
04.	<p>Although it should be recovered Rs.283,420 as per the instructions of circulars as it was retired before the completion of age 60 when two Grama Niladari of Kelaniya Divisional Secretariat had obtained motorcycles on concessionary basis, though it was elapsed more than 3 years, it could not been recovered that amount.</p>	<p>It should be recovered before retirement in compliance with the circulars and actions should be taken against the responsible officers regarding not taking actions tp recover from pension gratuity.</p>	<p>Actions will be taken to recover the motorcycle amount to be recovered.</p>	<p>Actions had not been taken ot recover even by February 2022.</p>

05.	<p>According to the final investigation report that done as per Financial Regulations 104(1)(a) regarding the disappearance of cash in the safe in Mahara Divisional Secretariat on 15 July 2014, as the deficiencies prevailed in the official works of officers of Divisional Secretary, Accountant, Finance Assistant and Shroff, negligence and non-concentration had been reasoned regarding the misplacement of this money, it was proposed to recover the loss occurred to the Government from this from these 04 officers. Accordingly, though the recommendations and approval for that recovery had been given by the letter dated on 22 September 2020, actions had not been taken to recover the relevant money.</p>	<p>Actions should be taken to recover the loss.</p>	<p>The Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs has been informed about the investigation report submitted on 02 May 2021. Accordingly, it is expected to proceed on the advices given by him.</p>	<p>Though it was elapsed more than one year for giving approval even by February 2020, it had not been recovered.</p>
06.	<p>According to the reconciliation statement of advances to public officers, the total balance of arrears</p>	<p>Actions should be taken immediately to recover.</p>	<p>Instructions are given to the Divisional Secretariats frequently regarding</p>	<p>Actions are being taken to recover even by February 2022.</p>

	due from deceased, retired, suspended and service left officers as at 31 December 2020 was Rs. 4,236,665.		the recovery of those loan balances.	
07.	Actions had not been done as per Financial Regulations 571 in relation to the balance amounted to Rs. 298,476,498 that deposited in 1150 instances in 03 general deposit accounts that elapsed more than two years.	Actions should be done as per Financial Regulations 571.	A special arrangement has been made to settle the compensation and as it was not sufficient the compensation money under the acquisitions for highways, there were more amount of compensation that not received. It has to retain the relevant compensation money in deposit account until the receipt of concurrence. Further, the settlement of these compensation was delayed due to the reasons such as land disputes and the emigration of the compensation beneficiaries. However, actions will be taken to settle these deposit	The appropriate actions had not been taken regarding retained money.

			balances as possible in the year 2021.	
08.	The project had been abandoned due to non-fulfillment of expected benefits after incurring a cost of Rs.800,714 by commencing a project at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,000,000 to construct a tube well and install a water pumping station at Nalanda Boys' School, Minuwangoda in the Minuwangoda Divisional Secretariat Division in the year 2020 to provide drinking water.	Actions should be taken to complete the projects in a way of providing maximum service to the public from the provisions received and, actions should be taken regarding the abandonment of the project at the middle.	It had to be terminated some projects that being implemented during the year 2020 due to the issues arisen at the implementation and difficulties in implementation.	Though it had been spent Rs.800,714 from the estimated amount of Rs.1,000,000, the rest of the work had been abandoned without doing even by February 2022.
09.	Although it had been planned to build 15 Nila Sevana Project Offices in the Mirigama Divisional Secretariat Division, only 8 offices had been completed and the remaining 7 projects had been abandoned in the year 2018 after incurring a sum of of Rs.1,433,909. Even though it was planned to obtain an allocation of Rs.12,566,092 for the completion of their	The projects should be completed in a way of providing maximum service to the public from the provisions received and, actions should be taken regarding the being useless expenses from the abandonment.	It had to be terminated some projects that being implemented during the year 2020 due to the issues arisen at the implementation and difficulties in implementation.	Although it was spent Rs.1,433,909 in year 2018, the rest of the work had not been done until the year 2022.

	construction in year 2020, provisions had not been received.			
10.	Dipitigoda Seva Piyasahad been constructed by the Kelaniya Divisional Secretariat for a Rs.50 lakhs which allocated from the Decentralized Budget under the Regional Infrastructure Development Programme in the year 2018. Although all the officers such as Grama Niladhari, Development Officer, Samurdhi Officer and Agriculture Officer should perform official duties in that building, though it was elapsed more than 02 years by constructing the building, the Pradeshiya Sabha did not allow the aforesaid officers to do official duties in that Sewa Piyasa due to the construction on a land owned to the Pradeshiya Sabha.	Attention should be drawn on the ownership before the construction of buildings.	Actions had not been taken.	It was not utilized for the official duties.
11.	Although it was approved 6404 projects under 08 programmes for District	The maximum benefit should be taken from the	Comments were not provided.	It was approved 6404 projects under 08 programmes for

	Secretariat and Divisional Secretariats for the year 2019, out of it, 4975 projects amounted to Rs.1,426,707,694 had not been implemented.	approved provisions.		District Secretariat and Divisional Secretariats for the year 2019. Out of it, 4975 projects amounted to Rs.1,426,707,694 had not been implemented.
12.	The number of schools that were closed since before 2012 in the authority areas of Minuwangoda, Divulapitiya and Dompe Divisional Secretariats was 11 and, they had not been utilized for a productive matter.	Actions should be taken to utilize for productive matters by taking over the closed schools to the Divisional Secretariats.	Actions will be taken to utilize for the productive matters.	The number of schools that were closed since before 2012 in the authority areas of Minuwangoda, Divulapitiya and Dompe Divisional Secretariats was 11 and, they had not been utilized for a productive matter.
13.	Although the Divisional Secretariats should maintain a pension file for every pensioner receiving a pension, files had not been maintained for 426 pensioners receiving pensions from 09 Divisional Secretariats.	Action should be taken to update the files.	Information relating to the pensioners without files had been summoned and it was difficult to obtain information due to reasons such as, senility of the pensioners and unawareness of many	Although the Divisional Secretariats should maintain a pension file for every pensioner receiving a pension, files had not been maintained for 426 pensioners receiving pensions

			<p>persons receiving W&OP regarding employment details and offices of their spouses. Some of the files were prepared by requesting information from the institutions where the relevant persons had been employed at and, it could not be taken information as some institutions had been closed. The relevant officers have been instructed to take actions to approve the temporary files form the Department of Pensions in future.</p>	<p>from 09 Divisional Secretariats.</p>
14.	<p>Although the land grant beneficiaries in authority area of Attanagalla Divisional Secretariat can transfer own enjoyment to those whom the ownership can be transferred legally and, can not be done cash sale, it was observed that grant beneficiaries in most of</p>	<p>Required actions should be taken to solve the prevailing issues regarding the land plots of relevant grant beneficiaries.</p>	<p>Actions will be taken regarding the plots of land in 04 colonies under the approval of Provincial Commissioner of Lands.</p>	<p>Although the land grant beneficiaries in authority area of Attanagalla Divisional Secretariat can transfer own enjoyment to those whom the ownership can be transferred</p>

	<p>the colonies had sold their lands for cash. Further, it was observed that there were instances where the grant beneficiaries do not reside in the land by the present.</p> <p>10 persons had sold their lands and 17 lands had been occupied by persons other than the beneficiaries of Grants from the land plots prevailed in 04 colonies. 07 lands remained unoccupied and 34 lands remained encroached.</p>			<p>legally and, can not be done cash sale, it was observed that grant beneficiaries in most of the colonies had sold their lands for cash. Further, it was observed that there were instances where the grant beneficiaries do not reside in the land by the present.</p> <p>10 persons had sold their lands and 17 lands had been occupied by persons other than the beneficiaries of Grants from the land lots prevailed in 04 colonies. 07 lands remained unoccupied and 34 lands remained encroached.</p>
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Kalutara District Secretariat -----				
		2018 -	Qualified Opinion	
		2019 -	Qualified Opinion	
		2020 -	Qualified Opinion	
Major Deficiencies included in Auditor General's Report -----		Recommendation of Auditor General -----	Preventive Measures Taken by the Entity -----	Current Status in this regard -----
01	Even though the 181 plots of land from Palenwatta land had been given to war heroes in 836 E - Pelenda West Grama Niladhari Division in Palindanuwara Divisional Secretariat during the period of 2003 to 2012, the war heroes were resided in only 20 plots of land.	Actions should be done to settle the war heroes by providing required infrastructure.	Required actions will do to settle the war heroes or suitable families by asking from Ranaviru Sewa Authority and Provincial Land Commissioner.	The Ranaviru Sewa Authority has proposed to give those lands to the other war heroes who loss lands and, it has not been implemented yet.
02.	Forty eight plots of land were given to war heroes as 22 plots from Imagira land belonging to 620G Maha Ingiriya Grama Niladhari Division of Ingiriya Divisional Secretariat, 26 plots of land from Andurugala Estate in 620 Nimalagama Grama Niladhari Division during the year 2010 .Out of these plots of land, war heroes	Actions should be done to settle the war heroes in all plots of land by giving title deeds promptly.	- Do -	Though actions have been taken to settle the war heroes by solving prevailing issues, those matters have not been finished until now.

	have already resided in 13 plots of land and the title deeds had not yet been issued by now.			
03.	Even though 81 plots of land from Pimburawatta Kapuhena land belonging to 829 B Kekulandala Grama Niladhari Division of Agalawatta Divisional Secretariat had been provided to war heroes on 08 December 2009, only 3 families residing there at present. It was observed that some of these lands had already been sold by now.	Actions should be taken to settle the war heroes in the lands and establish a control system that cannot be sold.	- Do -	Out of the 03 residents, 02 were not war heroes and, no one was resided in the rest of 78 plots of land.
04.	The project for the construction of a new four storied building for Kalutara Divisional Secretariat had been commenced at a cost of Rs. 108.48 million on 13 February 2017 and should have been completed by 20 May 2018. But work of this had been abandoned and it was complete only 22.5 percent from the total work and, Rs.42.9 million had been expensed for that.	Actions should be taken regarding non-completion of work and, required actions should be taken to complete rest of work.	Assigning the construction works to new contractor in the year 2020.	Construction works had not been completed until 11 February 2022.

05.	Out of the 11,225 plots of land which have been identified as unauthorized encroachments in 14 Divisional Secretariats in Kalutara District, only 759 plots of land were regulated during the year under review by holding 73 Land Kachcheries.	Actions should be taken to complete the the regulation of unauthorized lands soon.	Divisional Secretaries were instructed to regulate the land expeditiously.	It was provided only 4849 licenses and 341 grants by 31 December 2021.
06.	Rs. 2,341,259 was paid to the National Water Supply and Drainage Board in the year 2018 for the implementation of Munhena Sangamiththa water project in Beruwala Divisional Secretariat. However, due to non-payment of Rs. 1,941,970 to the Western Provincial Road Development Authority for physical losses for damage to roads, the relevant project could not be commenced even by 10 June 2020.	Required actions should be taken to commence the project by paying the amount to be paid to the Provincial Road Development Authority.	It was instructed to Beruwala Divisional Secretary to recover the paid money to the National Water Supply and Drainage Board as the project had not been implemented.	The relevant money had not been recovered even by January 2022.
07.	Although the Bandaragama Divisional Secretariat had spent Rs. 3,729,024 under various projects from the year 2012 to year 2019 for	Actions should be done to take over the relevant land properly.	Divisional Secretary was instructed to take actions to take over the relevant land.	The relevant taking over had not been done even by 31 December 2021.

	<p>the construction of Seva Piyasa on a land of Pradeshiya Sabha in the 661/A Kothalawala Grama Niladhari Division, action had not been taken to acquire the land belonging to the constructed building.</p>			
08.	<p>Out of the received provision of Rs. 1,363,413,225 from 2017 to 31 December 2020, Rs. 929,986,597 had been given to the beneficiaries as at 31 December 2020 for the construction of 879 houses on the concept of “Home to Home” in 13 Divisional secretariat areas in the Kaluthara District for the families affected completely by natural disasters and identified by the National Buildings Research Organization as having to be removed due to high risk. However, only 606 out of the targeted houses had been completed and it was observed that the officers had failed to get 273 houses completed by beneficiaries.</p>	<p>Actions should be done expeditiously to settle the people resided in risky areas in safety places.</p>	<p>Divisional Secretaries were instructed to build the relevant houses expeditiously.</p>	<p>The resettlements had not been completed even by 31 December 2021. Some beneficiaries have refused to settle in the lands given by the government to settlements.</p>

09.	<p>When the payment was done by the Divisional Secretaries for the road constructions in the Sapirigama Project that implemented in the year 2020, the cube test and core test had been taken as a base for obtaining the assurance on the standard of the road. However, the sum of Rs. 82,087,610 had been paid to the contractors for 141 construction projects with fraudulent matters such as the failure of test reports that being a base for the payments, submission of false reports, changing the failed reports issued by laboratory as passed reports and other deficiencies in reports.</p>	<p>A formal investigation should be carried out to identify the responsible parties and actions should be taken to calculate and recover the loss incurred by the government due to payment on false reports.</p>	<p>A guideline for taking actions regarding the test reports with issues had been issued.</p>	<p>The money paid based on the false reports had not been recovered by February 2022.</p>
10.	<p>It was observed that Rs. 22,351,434 had been paid based on the estimated that prepared by using in excess by 07 Divisional Secretariats for form work in 162 Sapirigamak projects by including the rate of Rs.3,351 instead of Rs.1,335 or rs.943 for a cubic meter</p>	<p>A formal inspection should be carried out to recover the overpaid amount and appropriate action should be taken against the responsible parties.</p>	<p>A list of instructions had been issued to act regarding the problematic payments.</p>	<p>Only Rs.2,319,870 had been recovered from the money to be recovered from Panadura Divisional Secretariat. The other overpaid amounts had not been recovered.</p>

	that should be used for form work according to the price lists approved by the Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering).			
11.	Amount of Rs. 5,124,709 had been overpaid to the contractors by Walallawita Divisional Secretariat based on the estimated made by including transport charges falsely in addition to the approved charge for the transportation of concrete when laying road concrete.	-Do-	-Do-	The overpaid money had not been recovered even by February 2022.
12.	Sum of Rs.1,180,823 had been overpaid by Dodangoda Divisional Secretariat to the Dodangoda Pradeshiya Sabha that done constructions for 115 Sapirigamak projects including Rs.3,134 for a cubic meter instead of the approved price of Rs.2,400 for a cubic meter of 37.5mm aggregates that used in the construction industry.	-Do-	-Do-	Although Dodangoda Pradeshiya Sabha has agreed to deduct the overpaid amount from the retention money, the relevant money had not been recovered.

13.	When finishing 76 roads by putting tarr, chip stones had been used and, Rs.844,196 had been overpaid to the contractors by Horana Divisional Secretariat based on the overestimates prepared stating that sand was used instead of chip stones.	-Do-	-Do-	The overpaid amount had not been recovered even by February 2022.
14.	Though the quantity of ABC used for the road should depend on the nature of the road surface, a sum of Rs.3,456,347 had been paid to the contractors by preparing abnormal estimates for the laying ABC by taking the base of laying ABC at the same height of 76mm in the road surface of 78 concreted roads in the authority area of Horana Divisional Secretariat.	It should be identified the overpaid amount on abnormal estimates and recover it to the government and should get appropriate action against the responsible parties.	-Do-	-Do-
15.	Though the quantity of ABC used for the road should depend on the nature of the road surface, it had been overpaid to the contractors by preparing abnormal estimates including same	-Do-	-Do-	-Do-

	quantity of concrete and ABC for 94 roads out of 147 concreted roads in the authority area of Palindanuwara Divisional Secretariat.			
16.	Amount of Rs.1,770,939 had been overpaid to the contractors by Bandaragama Divisional Secretariat on the overestimated estimates in relation of 13 projects due to the use of an inaccurate rate in the preparation of estimates for form works in the road construction industry.	A formal inspection should be carried out to recover the overpaid amount and take appropriate action against the responsible parties.	- Do -	The details of recovery of overpaid amounts had not been submitted to the Auditor General.
17.	According to the Stamp Duty Circular No. SEC/2029/02 dated 14 May 2019 issued by the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue addressed to all District Secretaries and Divisional Secretaries, actions had not been taken to recover a sum of stamp duty arrears of Rs.21,534,500 that should be recovered from year 2006 to 31 December 2020 from the licenseholders	The arrears of stamp duty should be recovered expeditiously and remitted to the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue.	Divisional Secretaries have been instructed to charge arrears of stamp duty.	The arrears of stamp duty had not been remitted to the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue by recovering expeditiously.

	by 10 Divisional Secretariats even by 31 december 2020 for licenses of AFL1, AFL2, AFL3 and AFL4 issued with foreign liquor licenses and bottle toddy licenses.			
18.	It was observed that pensions were being paid to 70 pensioners in 4 Divisional Secretariats in Kalutara District without a permanent or temporary pension file and a total of Rs. 12,252,253 had been paid as such in the year under review.	It should be introduced control mechanism to prevent the errors by doing formal investigation regarding pensioners without files.	It was instructed to rectify the deficiencies by checking the pension files.	It had not been completed even by preparing temporary files even by February 2022.
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	Major Deficiencies included in Auditor General's Report -----	Recommendation of Auditor General -----	Preventive Measures Taken by the Entity -----	Current Status in this regard -----
01.	Total loan amount of Rs.381 million had been granted to 70,181 loanholders for various loan programs through 08 Samurdhi Bank Societies affiliated to 03 Divisional Secretariats. Out	A proper mechanism should be prepared to recover the expired loans expeditiously and, actions should be done to grant	It was discussed regarding lapsed loans at the Progress Review Meeting and, the relevant loanholders were informed through	The amount of lapsed loans in Samurdhi Bank Societies in relation to 19 Divisional Secretariats as at 01 January 2022 was

	of the loan granted to 856 loanholders, Rs.46.58 million had been lapsed. It had been identified the loan of Rs.11.28 million that granted to 335 loanholders as bad debts.	loans by examining qualifications of all persons that applied.	letters. Actions have been taken to get the assistance of Officers in-charge-of Police and referred to Mediation Board. As these loanholders are shareholders of the Bank, though it lapses, these loans are being paid.	Rs.623 million and, the bad debt was Rs.166 million.
.02	The provision of Rs.4,776,000 had been made in the year 2017 for 17 Nila Sevana Projects at a rate of Rs.2 million per project in Galle - Kadawathsathara Divisional Secretariat Division By the Ministry of Home Affairs. Even though works of 12 projects had been commenced by 05 September 2018, construction works of Maitipe, Weliwatta, Sangamittapura, Kaluwella and Dangedara Nila Sevana Projects had not been commenced.	Action should be done to provide public services for people by commencing projects.	Works of 05 Nila Sevana Projects could not be commenced due to matters such as failure in obtaining the approval of the Galle Municipal Council, non-commencing of projects on the instructions of the Election Commission and inadequacy in selected lands.	Maitipe, Weliwatta, Sangamittapura, and Kaluwella Nila Sevana Projects had not been constructed until February 2022.

.03	<p>Even though the acquisition activities of the land called Apthopwatta of 467 acres in extent had been commenced in the year 1999 for settlement of persons by the Nagoda Divisional Secretariat under the Village Expansion Programme, the acquisition activities of those lands had not been completed even by 13 July 2018. Further, though it had been planned to acquire these lands for settlement of people, it was observed that matters such as the existence of unsuitable lands for residence, failure to protect acquired lands from unauthorized occupants until the utilization for the relevant objective, vesting of distributed lands in other external parties who had not claimed ownership, deforestation of large forests in the relevant land by unauthorized persons and thereby causing huge environmental damage.</p>	<p>This land should be used for the implementation of Village Expansion Programme by solving issues arisen expeditiously.</p>	<p>The cases had been filed against 40 unauthorized people under the Recovery of Possession Act. Action had been taken to file cases by lodging complaints to the Police regarding felling of trees and the judgment of the case relating to the ownership of the land has not been given up to now.</p>	<p>The settlement activities of people by acquiring the land to the government had not been done even by February 2022.</p>
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.04	<p>In terms of the Public Administration Circular No.14/2019, pension of 34 pension files belonging to the Balapitiya Divisional Secretariat could not be revised due to lack of information such as information on anomalies 16/2015, pension and salary increment and active service period. Even though the Divisional Secretariats had reported on those shortcomings to relevant institutions, the said activities could not be completed even by 28 May 2020.</p>	<p>Required actions should be taken to make payments through rectifying pension anomalies by summoning information thereon.</p>	<p>It had been informed that the number of files to be further revised stood at 34 and that revision of these pension files will be completed immediately after receiving information from relevant institutions and this is a matter beyond our control.</p>	<p>Pensions in 07 pension files had been revised. Further, though a letter has been referred to the Director General of Pensions on 14 August 2020 by requesting required advices to revise pension related to 27 pension files, advices had not been given.</p>
.05	<p>Acquisition of the land called Kumburuovita of 0.1709 hectares in extent in Madaramulla of the Patuwatha Grama Niladhari Division had been commenced in the year 1999 by the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government for the construction of Dodanduwa public market belonging to the Hikkaduwa Divisional</p>	<p>Action should be done to make relevant constructions by informing relevant parties to assess and acquiring lands by getting money.</p>	<p>As the assessed total amount related to the acquisition of land had not been deposited in the Divisional Secretariat by the requested ministry, proceeds of the file could not be commenced.</p>	<p>As the assessed amount had not been deposited in Divisional Secretariat until February 2022, the land acquisition activities could not be completed.</p>

	<p>Secretariat. It was estimated Rs. 20 lacs for the acquisition of the land and, out of it, only Rs. 5 lacs had been deposited in the Divisional Secretariat. The Acquisition of lands including payment of compensation had been discontinued halfway due to the non-payment of remaining amounts.</p>			
.06	<p>Even though more than 20 years of period had lapsed by now after acquiring a land called Pimburudeniya of 0.243 hectares in extent belonging to the Modara Patuwatha Grama Niladhari Division in the Hikkaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division to the Government in the year 1995 in terms of Sub Provision 38(b) of the Land Acquisition Act, by the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources with a view to implementing a Fisheries Housing Scheme, above objectives had not been achieved.</p>	<p>Action should be taken to implement the housing scheme which was the objective of the land acquisition.</p>	<p>As the said land is not used for the objective of acquisition of land, Land Ministry has requested to distribute to landless people under village expansion. Though the recommendations in relation of the amendments of the objective of above acquisition had been referred to the Ministry of Land Development, the Ministry had not sent by amending the amendment yet.</p>	<p>Though it had been informed to the Ministry of Land to amend the proposal of land acquisition, it had not been sent by amending yet.</p>

.07	<p>The Commissioner General of Lands had granted approval by the Letter dated 07 July 2016 for leasing out the land on which the Kumara Vidyalaya of the Hikkaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division is located, for a period of 30 years on long term basis to the Ruhunu Tourist Bureau with a view to promoting tourism. Ruhunu Tourist Bureau had sub-let this land to a private institution for a period of 30 years from 05 April 2016 without obtaining approval. The lease agreement had been registered on 21 November 2017. It was revealed that above tourism promoting objectives were not achieved by sub-letting the land to a private institution.</p>	<p>Necessary steps should be taken to implement the objectives of leasing out the land.</p>	<p>As it was a transaction carried out on an agreement entered into by the Ruhunu Tourist Bureau with an external institution without formal approval, and as removing them can be problematic, the instructions for future activities had been requested from the Southern Provincial Land Commissioner's Department again.</p>	<p>It had not been acted so as to achieve the objective of giving lands until February 2022. Rs.320,000 had been paid for a month to Divisional Secretariat and, it had been earned Rs.350,000 for a month by sub letting without approval. Accordingly, the objectives of letting out for a long term basis for the promotion of tourism had not been achieved as sub letting. Further, it was illegal and actions had not been taken on letting out.</p>
.08	<p>(i)The works of constructing the Gabion wall for preserving the land at Bataganwila on which the official quarters of the District Secretary was constructed, had been</p>	<p>The project should have been implemented by carrying out a spot test before constructing the Gabion wall, using</p>	<p>It had been informed that this project had been executed as two projects on shopping method as a project is of high risk and should be expedited</p>	<p>The damage to the Gabion wall had not been rehabilitated until February 2022. Though it had been requested for insurance claim, as it</p>

<p>divided into two parts and awarded to contractors as two procurements. The above works had been completed and handed over to the District Secretary on 15 March 2019. A loss of Rs.7,690,295 had occurred to the Government as the damage occurred to the Gabion wall on 24 and 25 October 2019 due to failure in awarding these procurement activities to qualified and more experienced contractors, non use of standard raw materials and skilled labour.</p>	<p>necessary technology. Moreover, necessary action should be taken as well on non-use of standard raw materials. Disciplinary actions should be taken against the responsible parties regarding inaction as per the instructions in Building Research Institute.</p>	<p>and that it takes a longer period to execute. Moreover, it had been informed that the two contractors who had been awarded the contracts are highly experienced and that such contractors have a group of skilled labourers. It had been further informed that the Audit had pointed out about the slight increase in the size of the boulder relating to the standard of raw materials used and that the size of the boulder used in this construction could be slightly differed practically and as this construction is a Gravity Retaining Wall, the slight increase in the size of the boulder has no effect on the stability of the wall. It had been further informed that the contractor</p>	<p>was not a damage that occurred during the construction period, the payment of insurance claim was rejected. Although it had been appointed a tripartite committee to do investigation in this regard on 16 November 2020, the audit could not satisfy on the recommendations of that committee report. Further, it had not been taken action to indemnify the losses by conducting examination regarding the responsible officials.</p>
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			had agreed in writing to rehabilitate the said damaged part.	
	(ii) Terra mesh had been used for reinforcement of soil and it had been mentioned that it was a technical method for structural creation. However, as the evidence was not made available to confirm that such terra mesh had been used, the sum of Rs.1,018,604 paid for this was observed as an overpayment.	As indicated in estimates, physical evidence should be presented that quantitative terra mesh had been used.	It had been informed that Audit Officers inspected the Gabion wall on 03 December 2019 and that the Technical Officers had indicated Terra mesh had been used from the top to the first level and if necessary, it can be indicated that Terra-mesh had been used for rest of the levels as well.	It had not been presented the acceptable evidence whether terra mesh had been used so as to cover the all places in relation to the payments until year 2022.
.09	Bank pass books relating to 35 officers who had deposited securities from the year 1971 to the year 1991 had been retained in the District Secretariat. Necessary steps had not been taken relating to these security deposits even up to May 2020.	Action should be taken relating to the relevant 35 pass books and to notify the Audit of the current progress.	Action was taken to send all pass books of which information could be obtained to the relevant offices and it is mentioned that 35 pass books of which information could not be found, were still remained.	35 pass books related to security deposits of which information could not be found, have been remained in the office.
.10	Although the unsettled balance of Rs.194,086 remained in the Imprest	The prompt action should be taken to	Legal action has been taken in this regard.	Action has not been done to settle the imprest balance until

	Account from that date due to cheque fraud occurred in the year 2006 in the Karandeniya Divisional Secretariat had been stated in the financial statements since 14 years, it had not been taken measures to settle it even in the year under review.	settle the imprest balance.		September 2021. Legal action has not been ended until February 2022.
.11	The recoverable loan balance of Rs.108,248 from a officer who was interdicted had not been recovered over a period of 02 to 04 years.	Necessary measures should be taken promptly regarding the recoverable loan balance from interdicted officer.	Action had not been taken.	The observation that paragraphed is prevailed as such.
12.	Following observations were made regarding the payment of compensation for the damaged properties from floods in the year 2017.			
	(i) The Ministry of Irrigation, Water Resources and Disaster Management has issued two circulars regarding the payment of compensation for properties damaged	Clarifications should be presented for the issuance of two circulars on the same matter.	As per the instructions given from the Letter No. NDRSC/01/04/01/2017 dated on 05 June 2017 issued by Ministry of Irrigation, Water Resources and Disaster, action had	The observation that paragraphed is prevailed as such.

	<p>by the flood in 2017. One circular was issued without the date of May 2018 and a maximum compensation of Rs. 100,000 could have been paid for the damaged property in relation to that circular. The circular used by the Divisional Secretariats for the payment of compensation had been issued on 05 June 2017 and a maximum compensation of Rs. 2.5 million could have been paid in respect of that circular. Accordingly, the number of businessmen who had paid more than Rs. 100,000 in compensation was 122 and the paid amount was Rs. 56.98 million due to the payment of compensation made in the Nagoda Divisional</p>		<p>been done to pay compensation for the damaged properties in month of May 2017 through the advisory Letter No.DSG/SVC/12/39-2018 dated on 08 June 2018 issued by Accounting Officer of Vote 261.</p>	
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	Secretariat using the said circular. It should have been clarified as such that two circulars had been issued on the same matter.			
(ii)	Compensation of a sum of Rs.3,521,000 had been paid as Rs.2,000,000 and Rs.1,521,000 respectively for both husband and wife who carried out the same business entities, in the absence of the acceptable written evidence for carrying out two business entities separately.	Prior to the payment of compensation, all the relevant confirming evidence for whether it carrying out two businesses should be obtained and acted upon accordingly.	The business name registration has not been obtained as per the office business name registration register but, the loss has been paid as it was observed that they are two business entities that prevailed in the area for a longer time.	Evidence for where there are two business entities was not presented until now.
(iii)	Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat had over compensated of Rs.1,266,587 to a person who demanded compensation of Rs. 243,000 regarding the resettlement project under the payment of compensation for the	It should be followed the guidelines given in the circular.	It was informed that the general public did not have knowledge on assessment and, as the NPA9 (V) form is the basis for reimbursement of the compensation, no any overpayment has been made.	It was not observed whether what information have been based for the assessment by the Housing Committee.

	damaged properties by the flood.			
13.	Although Rs.3,899,885 had been estimated for 08 agri projects under the grants of Farmers' Trust Fund for year 2020, those projects could not be implemented as the Ministry of Agriculture had not allocate the provisions.	Action should be done to implement the project by obtaining provisions from the relevant entity.	The implementations were not done as the funds had not been received from the Ministry for the implementation of those projects.	A paying attention on the required reports to obtain provisions had not been done by the Ministry of Agriculture.
14	Although a proposal of Rs.1,500,000 for the project of establishing and developing a green agro garden has been submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, allocation has not been made for the project in the year 2020.	- Do -	The project to establish and develop a green agro garden was submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture and the project could not be implemented due to non-allocation of funds.	- Do -
15	Although the provision of Rs. 3,153,015 have been requested from the Ministry of Agriculture for 13 agri projects by 07 Divisional Secretariats under the Action Plans for the year 2020, the projects could not be implemented due to lack of relevant funds.	- Do -	It was not implemented as the provisions had not been received for those projects.	The paragraphed observation as prevailed as such.

16.	The Ministry of Agriculture had requested for a report on the potential and problems of producing organic fertilizer for the promotion of organic farming in the area and a project proposal pertaining to the district at the Divisional Secretariat level was submitted at an estimated value of Rs. 12,192,470. The project could not be implemented as the provisions were not made even for in the year 2020.	- Do -	The project could not be implemented as no provision was made.	The paragraphed observation as prevailed as such.
17.	Although 06 issues including the expulsion of wild animals by air rifles as possible measures to reduce the issues caused by wild animals have been discussed according to the report of the committee meeting chaired by the Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture on 29 May 2019, any of those functions had not been implemented until 31 December 2020.	Accounting officers should take action to implement the decisions of the Secretary of the Ministry.	Actions should be taken to lead in carrying out these functions by The Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Agriculture, the Department of Agrarian Development, the Department of Wildlife Conservation, the Ministry of Wildlife and the Department of animal production	The proposed functions had not been done even by February 2022.

			and Health and the Survey Department.	
18.	The Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture had called for information from all District Secretaries to formulate a sustainable programme to minimize the damage caused by wild animals to crops in agricultural areas and a detailed report was submitted to the Ministry for that. But, a sustainable programme has not been formulated on those issues so far.	Action should be taken not only to limit the decisions to the District Agriculture Committee meetings where sustainable decisions can be taken on behalf of the agricultural community but also to implement those decisions.	It was informed that this project is being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and the responsibilities of it have been delegated to the Ministries, Departments and institutions and, the relevant field information has been sent to the Ministry of Agriculture.	The required actions have not been taken to prevent the damages from wild animals even by year 2022.
19.	The unsettled accounts balances related 03 General Deposits that in between 2 to 5 years and over 5 years as at 31 December 2020 were Rs.93.81 million and Rs.199.37 million respectively. Actions had not been done in this regard as per 571(2) and (3) of Financial Regulations of Republic of Sri Lanka.	Action should be taken to settle the relevant balances.	The comments of Accounting Officer had not been submitted.	The same condition is prevailed even by February 2022.

20.	As the side drain that constructed in the first lane of No. 29 in Makuluwa implemented under the Sapiri Gamak Development Programme by the Galle Kadawathsathara Divisional Secretariat under the estimation of Rs. 1,000,000 had not been completed by taking in to the correct level to so as to connect to where the water finally drains, this project had been an incomplete project that caused many health issues.	The project should be completed so as not to cause health issues by conducting feasibility study properly.	This issue was also discussed at the Divisional Coordinating Committee held at the Divisional Secretariat on 24 December 2020 and the Mayor has promised to complete the remaining part of the project and resolve this issue.	The same condition is prevailed even by February 2022.
21.	Although the Ministry of Finance had provided 06 computers to the Karandeniya Divisional Secretariat on 11 November 2018 under the General Treasury Integrated Management Systems Programme, the expenditure incurred on those computers had been wasted due to the programme was not being implemented till 30 April 2021.	Action should be taken to implement the relevant project efficiently as per the instructions of the Secretary to the Treasury.	Steps have been taken to implement the the General Treasury Integrated Management Systems expeditiously.	The relevant programme has not been implemented until February 2022.

22.	445 Grant papers prepared to be distributed to the relevant beneficiaries for the land distributed under the land allotment project to the landless people in the Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat Division could not be distributed and had been retained in the Divisional Secretariat for 38 years. These grants were signed by the President during the period of 1982-2009 and 02 grants were not signed. Out of the above grants, 142 grants had been registered at the Land Registry and the activities for registration of 303 grants had not been done.	It should be distributed within each period regarding grant papers and, actions should be done to award grant papers to them by identifying the grantholders.	The non-availability of grant holders has been a problem in dealing with these grants.	Actions have not been done to identify grantholders and provide them until February 2022.
23.	384 grant papers in the Land Division of the Niyagama Divisional Secretariat were retained in the office during the period of 1987 and 1997 which could not be distributed to the recipients of grants and out of that, 26 grant papers had been prepared in twice due to lack of proper supervision and	- Do -	It is hoped that action will be taken before the end of this year on grants that are difficult to resolve in the short term and it is further informed that licenses will be issued to the beneficiaries expeditiously and the percentage of work	-Do -

	<p>other management weaknesses.</p> <p>Also, 14 grant papers issued in the period of 1987 and 1997 had not been registered in the Land Registrar's office until 05 February 2021.</p>		<p>done has decreased due to the Covid situation.</p>	
24.	<p>Payment of relief due to Covid-19 epidemic</p> <p>-----</p> <p>The following matters have been revealed at the inspection carried out regarding the provision of relief unnder various categories including the losing of livelihoods due ot Covid-19 by the District Samurdhi Director's office, Divisional Secretariats and other divisions under the District Secretary.</p>			
	<p>(i) The total amount sent by the Samurdhi Development Departemnt to 19 Divisional Secretariats under the Galle District Secretariat and 68 Samurdhi banks</p>	<p>The amount of Rs. 483,560,780 to be reimbursed by the Samurdhi Development should be reimbursed expeditiously to</p>	<p>Actions were not taken.</p>	<p>The amount of Rs. 483.56 million that paid from the Samurdhi Bank Societies has not been reimbursed even until February 2022.</p>

	<p>established under it by the end of May 2020 for the provision the money relief due to Covid-19 epidemic was Rs.2,382.65 million. Out of it, Rs.308.44 million had been returned. Accordingly, the amount received in net was rs.2,074 million and, as the total payment was Rs.2,557.77 million, it was paid Rs.483.56 million to the Samurdhi beneficiaries from the funds of Samurdhi Bank Societies. Accordingly, the amount should be reimbursed from the Samurdhi Development Department.</p>	<p>maintain the Samurdhi bank activities without any hindrance.</p>		
	<p>(ii) As 17 persons in 86-D Adadola Grama Niladhari Division of Balapitiya Divisional Secretariat had been paid total of Rs. 170,000 at Rs. 5,000 in each round under 2 basis, Rs. 85,000 had been overpaid only for those 17 persons.</p>	<p>Payment of Covid benefits should be made only by selecting a single basis.</p>	<p>It is informed that in identifying the beneficiaries, it has been advised to not to take into consideration the entitlement of beneficiaries given by the Secretariat for the Disabled and Elderly persons and payments</p>	<p>The overpaid amount of Rs.85,000 has not been recovered until February 2022.</p>

			have been made accordingly.	
	(iii) The committee had recommended paying for a total of 41 appeals received from 01 May 2020 to 27 May 2020 regarding non-receipt of benefits under Covid 19 in respect of Kadawathsathar and Akmeemana Divisional Secretariats and the allowances had not been paid by 30 April 2021.	Eligible beneficiaries are required to pay the prescribed Covid benefits in a timely manner.	Although a recommendation has been made to make a payment, no payment has been made so far due to the non-receipt of provision and funds.	Covid benefits for the appeals have not been paid until February 2022.
	(iv) When paying the benefits of Covid 19 in the Thalapitiya Grama Niladhari Division belonging to the Galle Kadwathsathara Divisional Secretariat, the total of Rs. 250,000 had been overpaid due to the payments of benefits to 25 persons on a dual basis during the months of April and May.	Payment of Covid benefits should be made on a selective basis only.	Actions were not taken.	The overpayment for 25 persons per Rs.10,00 per month under two basis has not been recovered until February 2022.

25.	A sum of Rs.654,729 had been paid to a Samurdhi Officer as the allowances entitled to the post of Chariman in improperly from the date of appointment to the post of Chariman in the Southern Provincial Development Authority to the month of June as monthly allowance of chariman of Southern Provincial Development Authority, fuel allowance, with telephone allowance in addition to the salary that entitled to the duties of permanent post without considering the conditions of the appointment letter of Divinaguma Development Officer in Divinaguma Development Department in year 2020.	Action should be done as per the appointment letter.	It was informed that agree with the audit observations.	The amount of Rs.654,720 that received as the allowances entitled to the Chairman before approving the appointment of the post of chairman has not been recovered until February 2022.
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Matara District Secretariat

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Major Deficiencies included in Auditor General's Report		Recommendation of Auditor General	Preventive Measures Taken by the Entity	Current Status in this regard
01.	Provision amounting to Rs.8,505,000 had been made relating to 11 decentralized programmes for the year 2018. As of 31 December 2018, programmes had been implemented to the value of Rs. 7,911,281. However, only one programme for which provision amounting to Rs. 596,800 had been made was continued. The following deficiency was observed in the audit conducted in that regard.			
	(i) Advances amounting to Rs. 2,198,354 had been given to the District Secretariat, Matara by the Paddy Marketing Board on 22 August 2017 for repairing the paddy store in Meddawatta, Matara.	An appropriate action had not been taken by compromising with them on the project of the university college.	It is informed that the sum payable to the contractor shall be settled from the grants amounting to Rs.3,000,572 received from the Paddy Marketing Board in April 2019	The repairs were halted due to the protest of universitu college and, this building is prevailed without any use.

	<p>After the procurements being made by the District Secretariat, the contract had been awarded to a private institution at the value of Rs. 9,841,705 (without Value Added Tax), and mobilization advances amounting to Rs. 1,968,342 had been paid on 22 November 2017. However, due to a protest staged by the students of the University College adjacent thereto, the repairs had been halted since January 2018 without following a formal procedure for that, the repairs had been halted.</p>		<p>and the advance given shall be recovered.</p>	
02.	<p>According to Land Orders 175 and 179 in compliance with the State Lands (Recovery Of Possession) Act, No. 7 of 1979, State lands should have been identified and recorded in a register, or a database should have been prepared and maintained with a map being</p>	<p>Action should be taken to identify specifically and register the State lands in terms of the State Lands (Recovery Of Possession) Act, No. 7 of 1979.</p>	<p>Actions have been done to aware Divisional Secretaries at the Divisional Secretaries Discussion to pay attention on preparation and maintainance of documents.</p>	<p>A report including all data related to the State lands and lands that can be identified newly (information, map coordinates, applicability, Google map) is being prepared.</p>

	identified. However, the District Secretariat Matara, and the Divisional Secretariats of Matara and Thihagoda had not done so.			
03.	A database for specific identification of State lands had not been maintained in order to execute the responsibilities assigned with the Grama Niladharies under Land Order 180. As such, activities such as reporting on encroachment and reclamation had been done slowly.	Actions should be done as per Land Orders	The activities related to lands were being done through the level of divisional secretariats and, the relevant officers have been informed regarding the deficiencies stated in the audit report.	The identification of state lands properly has not been completed even by February 2022.
04.	Action had not been taken to conserve and protect the lands and use productively by doing follow up action on 13 lands with a total area of 38 acres shown as State lands in the reports prepared for the Divisional Secretariats of Matara and Thihagoda. Certain lands had been used illegally.	Follow up action should be taken on the identified State lands thereby ensuring conservation and protection.	The relevant officers have been informed in this regard by the Matara Divisional Secretariat and, it was noted to do actions so as not to happen those deficiencies in future.	10 lands are being at the same condition even by February 2022.
05.	Although commencement of the land usages from year 2008 to year 2016 in relation	Action should be taken to generate income for the	Future actions regarding these lands are being done.	These leases have not been given until February 2022.

	<p>ot 10 instances had been done when the state lands belonging to Matara Divisional Secretariat wer being given on lon term lease, preparation of long term lease agreements for those lands had not been completed even as at 30 September 2018. As such, the Government had been deprived of a possible income from the said lands.</p>	<p>Government through the preparation of long term lease agreements relating to such lands under proper supervision and in a timely manner.</p>		
06.	<p>The combined land in Thelambugahahena, Buleudukarahena, Punchikandahena and Thennahena related to the acquisition of the lands by the government in within the division of Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat had been 2.5184 hectares in extent. A notice had been issued under Section 2 of the Land Acquisition Act, dated 29 July 2011 for the acquisition of those lands, and a notice had been published in the Gazette on 25 May 2012 in accordance with the Bylaw No. 38(a). The land acquisition process</p>	<p>The prompt action should be taken to make follow up timely when doing activities related to the lands.</p>	<p>It was informed that a request for survey had been made to the Superintendent of Survey on 24 January 2019 in order to obtain the basic plan and plot details of the land proposed to be acquired.</p>	<p>It has not been prevailed in same condition even by February 2022.</p>

	had not been completed even by 07 February 2018.			
07.	Ten schools closed in Weligama, Akuressa, Matara, Mulatiyana & Kamburupitiya Divisional Secretariats in Matara district, 06 offices and quarters that not in use in Matara, Mulatiyana, Malimbada & Athuraliya Divisional Secretariats 05 buildings under the Divisional Secretariats of Welipitiya, Weligama, Kirinda Puhulwella and Matara due to the inaction of textile industry, 10 community halls being constructed in Weligama, Welipitiya, Matara & Kotapola Divisional Secretariats, 02 lands in extent of 05 acres within the divisions of Welipitiya & Matara Divisional Secretariats, a multipurpose building, 02 weekly fairs and a maternity clinic under Mulatiyana, Matara and Pasgoda Divisional Secretariats respectively, 02 construction projects under	State lands and buildings under the scope of Divisional Secretariats should be identified, and action should be taken in a timely manner in that regard, thus ensuring productive utilization of such assets.	Instructions were given to request information on lands and buildings from the Land Division and the Administrative Officer respectively.	10 closed schools, 06 houses, 05 buildings, 10 community halls, 02 lands and 06 building and construction projects are being remained in the same condition even by February 2022.

	the “Lagama Pasala Hodama Pasala” concept pertaining to the Divisional Secretariat, Mulatiyana, had been remained unused as of 31 December 2018 .			
08.	A cooperative society has been occupying a state land belonging to the Hakmana Divisional Secretariat since the year 1996 and lease revenues had been deprived of to the Government due to failure in revising the lease agreement timely and not preparing a deed of lease on long-term basis. According to the report of the surveyor, it had been indicated that 04 unauthorized occupants were living on a part of the land and thereafter, the file had been kept inactive.	The lease agreement should be updated timely and, action should be done to collect lease income by preparing the long term lease on specified date. The prompt actions should be done regarding the unauthorized occupants.	Hakmana Divisional Secretary reported that the actions would be taken to take a decision on the revision of the quantity of land that mentioned in the draft lease deed by discussing with the General manager of that society as this encroachments were occurred after giving the land title to the Sanasa Society and on unauthorized occupants.	It is remained in the same condition even by February 2022.
09.	In contrary to Regulation 191 (2) of the Crown Land Ordinance, the old office building of the Devinuwara Divisional Secretariat had been leased out on 04 October 1997 to a cooperative society by an agreement and although	Regulations of the Land Ordinance should be always followed in taking action regarding state lands. Accordingly, in preparing the lease agreement, the	The relevant letters in these matters have been referred to the Ministry.	The activities of recovery of lease and handing over the land have not been done even by February 2022.

	revenue in arrears was Rs.6,910,183 as at 30 March 2019 due to the failure in paying the revised lease amounts, a long-term deed of lease had not been prepared.	approval of the Land Commissioner should be obtained and action should be taken to revise the existing lease agreement timely and to recover due lease rentals.		
10.	Twenty two plots of the land called Retreat Watta of the Matara Divisional Secretariat had been divided among industrialists at 10 perches each and one industrialist had made a request to the Divisional Secretary to distribute the remaining plots of land and though a sum of Rs. 57,500 had been paid as survey charges, the long term deed of lease had not been prepared until the said institution was closed down in the year 2017.	In taking action with regard to state lands, lease agreements should be timely prepared and lease revenue recoverable to the Government, should be recovered.	It was stated that Even though the concurrence of 04 institutions should be obtained for preparing a deed of lease on long-term basis, only the recommendation of the Urban Development Authority had been received and action had been taken to recover ground-lease rentals as this land is owned by the Pradeshiya Sabha.	As this institution was closed, the survey order on behalf of that institution was cancelled and, actions are being done to provide this land under the long term lease deeds for approved industries in Ministry of Industries in order ot avoid from unauthorized use of the land. The annual permits have been given under the approval of Southern Provincial land Commissioner until the preparation of long term lease deed

				with the request of the industrialists as there is possibility of delaying of taking lease approval and the annual lease is charged as per the assessment of the Department of Valuation.
11.	In the process of vesting the premises of the Mara/Weraduwa Bandaranayake Vidyalaya which was closed down, to the Temple on 15 February 2012 for a vocational training centre, action had not been taken to comply with the Regulation No.200 of the Crown Lands Ordinance and, a vocational training centre had not been established even up to the date of audit. According to Condition No.02 of 02 lease agreements entered into between the Temple and the Chinese company, it had been indicated that payment of lease rentals is not made and the original lease agreement was not made	In taking action with regard to state lands, orders should be followed. Further, action should be taken to prepare accurate lease agreements and to collect lease revenue accordingly. Moreover, action should be speedily taken to recover outstanding lease rentals.	It was instructed to avoid from this kind of improper processes.	All arrears had been recovered that informed to the Department of Valuation in related to Weraduwa Bandaranayake College and, as the railway project was finished, actions has been done to give that land to Sanruu Company currently under annual lease by getting the ownership from the Chinese Company.

	available to Audit even up to now. After the audit, though the Chief Incumbent had paid a sum of Rs. 895,000 to the Divisional Secretary, another sum of Rs. 1,790,000 was further recoverable.			
12.	An expenditure totalling Rs. 361,933,604 had been incurred as at 31 December 2019 under the Expenditure Subject No. 130-02-08-12-2202 for resettlement of 294 families in the years 2017, 2018 and 2019. The following matters were observed in this connection.			
	(i) A sum of Rs. 400,000 had been granted to a recipient by the Matara Divisional Secretariat for the purchase of a land. Moreover, out of financial aid granted to another recipient, a land of his son had been purchased at a cost of Rs. 400,000 and another sum of Rs. 500,000 had been obtained by him for constructing a house thereof. However, the said two recipients had not done the constructions and been	When providing financial aid, attention should be paid on the provision of relief to the recipient as well as Financial Regulations and it should be examined whether the objective for which financial aid was granted, had been achieved.	Actions have not been taken.	Same condition has been prevailed even by February 2022.

	evaquated from the risky place as are December 2019.			
	(ii) Although a house of a person, belonging to the Matara Divisional Secretariat had been recommended to reuse after renovations as per the Geological Survey Report, a sum of Rs. 1,600,000 had been granted to purchase another land with medium risk of landslides.	Action should be taken according to recommendations made in Geological Survey Reports.	Though the residents have settled in the house, the compliance certificate has not been given yet.	All money for constructing this house ahs been released by the Divisional Secretariat.
	(ii) Although a sum of Rs. 1,558,000 had been granted to a person of the Devinuwara Divisonal Secretariat for the purchase of a land with a house, the deed of the land purchased, had not been made available to Audit.	Required initial documents should be accurately obtained for aid granted to the beneficiary.	Instructions were given to prepare file including the deed.	The deed has not been made available to Audit even by February 2022.
13.	Construction of the new five storied Building of the Pitabeddara Divisional Secretariat			
	(i) Although the National Building Research Organization in their report dated on 22 October 2019 has stated of a landslide risk in cutting the bank for constructing the building,	Measures indicated in the Geological Survey Report should be followed.	As there was a risk of breaking the soil bank, it has been controlled the way of water flow properly and covered the place	The construction company has informed in several instances in various ways o nthe delay of constructing the building that should

	the attention had not been paid for that.		as a temporary solution.	be done as a long term solution.
	(ii) Although the period of the advance security had been extended up to 31 December 2019 , a sum of Rs.11,333,175 (with VAT) of the advance paid by 30 November 2019 , had remained outstanding to recover.	Immediate actions should be taken to minimize them by identifying the losses that can be occurred to the government earlier.	-	Action has being done ot recover this advance amount and, an estimate for the rest of the work of the building has been prepared and presented to the Ministry.
	(iii) According to the Clauses 13.1 and 13.2 of the contract agreement, a proper insurance policy has not been presented and, the period of the incurance policy presented has been expired. Further, as per Clause 27.1 of the agreement, an updated programme for the works has not been taken from the contractor in every month.	The insurance policy and programme for the works should be obtained as per agreement and, if not, post actions should be taken as per the agreement for that.	The contract company has been informed several times to extend the period of this insurance coverage. Further, it was informed that the District Engineer has been instructed to obtain an updated work plan for the contract management in every month.	The works of the project have been stopped by February 2022.
14.	As the estimated amount of Rs.100,940,000 of the construction of new three storied building of Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat was exceeded the limit of Department Procurement Committee, an	A total cost estimate should be prepared and, it should be acted as per the referred Proicurement Guidelines.	Action had not been taken.	It has been decided to amend the estiamte up to the procurement limit of District Secretariat by removing the unessential work items as per the

	amended estimate has been prepared at Rs.99,971,000. Accordingly, it was missed the objectives of maximizing the thrift, efficiency and productivity that to be fulfilled from the procurement process.			recommendation of District Engineer and, accordingly the procurement activities were done expeditiously.
15.	When payment of Rs.2,529,000 as the allowances for the Procurement Committee/ Technical Evaluation Committee for the procurement activities done in the year 2019 on behalf of the calling national competitive bids for 44 projectes related to 08 programmes by Matara District Planing Secretariat, the matters in the Procurement Guidelines had not been fulfilled.	Action should be taken in terms of Procurement Guideline 2.9.1.	It was stated that it would be corrected in future.	Action has not been taken to rectify this status even by February 2022.
16.	194 files had been maintained in 11 Divisional Secretariats relating to long term lease of state lands and, othe long term deeds of lease were prepared for only 08 files and the evenue was being recovered to the government.	Action should be taken to earn Revenue from lands by carrying out the function of preparing long term deeds of lease timely and under proper supervision.	It was stated that it would be corrected in future.	The future actions are being done for the land that can be recoveded long term lease out of the relevant lands in Matara, Dewinuwara, Dikwella,

				Thihagoda and Malimboda Divisional Secretariats.
17.	Even though entering data on state lands to e-Slims information system should be carried out by the end of October 2016 , the 04 Divisional Secretariats of Kirinda, Puhulwella, Matara, Malimbada and Thihagoda had not achieved that target even by 11 November 2019.	Action should be taken in terms of the referred letter and relevant functions should be completed expeditiously.	It was stated that the instructions were given to update the relevant data to e-Slims information system expeditiously.	The information of Kirinda, Puhulwella, Matara, Malimboda and Thihagoda divisional secretariats is being updated to the e-Slims information system further.
18.	Although the process of acquisition of 04 lands of 14 acres and 28.9 perches in extent had been completed by paying a sum of Rs. 70.7 million as compensation in the years 2014 and 2015 under the Expansion of Villages Programme with the objective of distributing among persons without lands of the Devinuwara Divisional Secretariat, those lands had been remained idle without being utilized for the purpose of acquisition even by 30 October 2019 .	When carrying out functions relating to lands, speedy action should be taken thereafter by taking follow up action timely.	It was stated that the approval was requested from Southern Provincial Land Commissioner fro that as the details of persons selected over land kachcheries should be updated and, as it was proposed to conduct a land kachcheri again for them and, accordingly, actions would be taken to sendnto the Assitant Land Commissioner after taking LCD 1, 2,	Devinuwara Divisional Secretary ahs reported that the Gorakapandurahena land located in Naotunna gram niladari division, Maragahawatta, Juwankankanamgewatta, Godakandurawatta consolidated land located in Thalalla South grama niladari divisionwere identified as the land that acquired but not utilized for the

			3 reports and reports of Geological Survey and Mining Bureau, and later future actions would be taken.	objectives yet. The distribution of lands was delayed until the completion of paying compensation due to non-receipt of sufficient compensation and the protests of land owners and, it was reported that the issue on compensation has been solved by now.
19.	According to documents of registering landless persons prepared in terms of Circular No.2008/4 dated on 20 August 2008 of the Land Commissioner General, 11,033 qualified persons of 11 Divisional Secretariats were identified and as there were no adequate lands (except for the Divisional Secretariats of Matara and Devinuwara) in each Divisional Secretariat Division to distribute among applicants, attention had not been paid to measures	Action should be taken as per referred circular instructions.	The suitable lands were identified already to distribute among identified persons from the land kachcheries under the expansion of villages and, it was informed that action would be taken to distribute those lands to qualified persons after finishing the acquisition activities.	Actions have not been taken for this until February 2022. 2022

	mentioned in 2.3 of the aforesaid Circular.			
20.	A driver had been interdicted due to 02 motor vehicle accidents occurred with running of a cab belonging to the District Secretariat on 01 January 2018 without obtaining permission by the driver. Even though a period over 02 years had lapsed after occurrence of the accident, taking action to write off from books/ recover the total loss of Rs.882,394 in terms of Financial Regulations and taking action against the responsible parties relating thereto, had been delayed continuously. However, the relevant Driver had been retired on 21 November 2019 .	Action should be taken as per Financial Regulations promptly.	It was stated that the final report had been received in terms of Financial Regulation 104(4) and future action would be completed promptly.	It was inquired from the Department of Pensions from the letter dated on 31 Junly 2021 whether the above loss was recovered from the gratuity of the driver. That loss has not been recovered even until February 2022.
21.	The Samurdhi Maha Sangam Office has been functioned for a period of 18 years that constructed by expending a sum of Rs.2,139,000 by the Samurdhi Authority on a land of 01 Rood and 36 perches in extent that	Action should be done as per proper methodology that should be followed when vesting the sate lands.	The Divisional Secretary has informed that the Matara Divisional Secretary has requested to release these lots of lands to him for vesting to Samurdhi Authority	The relevant functions have not been completed even by February 2022.

	<p>belonging to the land of Madiha West area out of the land of 2 acres and 19 perches in extent belonging to the Eastern and Western divisions of Madiha in the Matara Divisional Secretariat Division, that acquired by to the government in year 1976 for the white coir industry. Action had been taken to vest the title of the land in contrary to the objective of acquired, to the Samurdhi Authority and Southern Provincial Chief Ministry by the Divisional Secretary without obtaining proper approval from the Land Commissioner General.</p>		<p>by a letter to the Secretary of Southern Provincial Ministry of Industries. The Divisional Secretary stated that it was requested by a letter to the Secretary of Ministry of Land to provide instructions for the future activities by explaining the all details of the relevant land and, a request had been done to the Secretary of Southern Provincial Chief Ministry to hand over the title of the land back.</p>	
22.	<p>Although it was spent a sum of Rs.4,082,211 as the fitting cost of electric lift, maintainance cost and service cost of the electric lift fitted in the Matara Divisional Secretariat, as the electric lift has been remained idle from the date of opening the new office in the monthe of March 2015 until now, it was observed</p>	<p>The government money should be utilized efficiently.</p>	<p>It was stated that the action would be done to do from the amount retained in the General Deposit Account as the consultancy services fee that should be paid to State Engineering Corporation for the maintainance works.</p>	<p>Any action has not been taken to recondition the electric lift even by February 2022.</p>

	that the above amount was an unproductive expense.			
23.	According to the report presented to the Comptroller General, the value of land with 42.6527 hectares in extent that identified by the District Secretariat and 13 Divisional Secretariats had not been included in the Statement of Non-financial Assets by assessing and, action had not been taken to identify the extent of land belonging to 03 Divisional Secretariats.	The values of the lands should be taken in to reports by completing these works expeditiously.	The assets codes in the Statement of Non-financial Assets and the report presented to the Comptroller General were not be similar. At that time, it was not provided the facilities to state the non-financial values in the formats used in Comptroller General.	It is being rectified by now.
24.	Although a provincial public service driver of the Western Province Ministry of Transport has been attached to the District Secretariat from October 2016 subject to salary reimbursement by letter No. HAF/ADMIN/DRIVERS/2016/23 dated 05 October 2016 of the Assistant Secretary (Administration) of the Ministry of Home Affairs salaries and allowances amounting to Rs. 542,070 paid from October 2019 to 31 December 2020	Action should be taken to make this salary payments and the post proper.	The approval of the Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs has been requested in this regard and, the Director General of Combined Services was also addressed.	The matters related to this have not been completed even by February 2022.

	had not been reimbursed and there was no formal approval for this attachment.			
25.	Although the government quarters owned by the Matara Divisional secretariat have been given improperly to a Divisional Secretary in another area for the period from August 2014 to 12 July 2017, the rent had not been charged as per 5.7 of chapter xix of the Establishment Code.	Action should be done as per 5.7 of chapter xix of the Establishment Code.	The Matara Divisional Secretary has informed that to charge rent for houses from him for that period if a Divisional Secretary had been resided in this government quarters.	These matters have not been completed even by February 2022.
26.	The solar panels had been established in 41 religious places in Waligama Divisional Secretariat Division and 34 religious places in Walipitiya Divisional Secretariat Division under the solar power facility project for religious places in Weligama electorate area under Gamperaliya Rapid Rural Development Programme (RRDP) 2019 and, though the field inspection report submitted by the Technical Officer of Sustainable Energy Authority had informed the District	These conditions need to be rectified.	Retention money of 10 percent is kept and that money is released.	Any action has not been taken even by February 2022.

	Secretary about the work not being done properly and what needs to be further improved, Rs. 32 million had been paid tax-free for the installation of 75 solar panels to 03 institutions without fixing the shortcomings and improvements from the contractor.			
27.	A sum of Rs. 715 million for the years of 2019 and 2020 had been provided to the Matara District Secretariat from the Ministry of Home Affairs and Local Government for Matara Nilwala Development Project 2018-2020 and, according to the circular No. MNPEA/PLN/2019 dated 10 January 2019 issued by the Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Resettlement, project proposals had not been submitted and granted approval from the Department of National Planning. The project was implemented without the approval of the Ministry in	Actions should be done as per Circulars.	Actions had not been taken to approve.	Any action has not been taken in this regard even by February 2022 .

	charge of the subject by including the activities of this project in an annual action plan.			
28.	Although the projects which have not yet commenced work have been informed to be suspended until re-review and further notice according to the letter No. BD/GPS/ISS/09/01/NA/2019 dated 20 November 2019 issued by the Secretary to the Treasury addressed to all District Secretaries, in contrary to that, the procurement committee of the District Secretariat had taken a procurement decision on 23 December 2020 to implement 14 new plumbing extension projects worth Rs. 254.4 million.	Action should be done as per relevant letter.	It was informed that it was done as such by informing the Secretary to the Treasury based on the decision of the District Coordinating Committee.	Any action has not been taken even by February 2022 .
29.	Although the validity period of 09 performance bonds worth Rs. 3,844,624 related to total estimated value of Rs. 78.6 million 09 construction industries of Nilwala Eliya project were ranged from 02 months to 11 months by expiring, the relevant construction	Action should be taken in accordance with the code of procurement guidelines.	It was informed that the contractor has been instructed to extend the validity period of these securities.	It was informed to the audit that the validity period of the performance bond had not been extended due to non-receipt of provisions properly.

	industries has not been completed and even the contract period had not been extended.			
30.	The physical and financial progress as at 31 December 2019 in relation to this project had been submitted through the letter No. DSM/DPS/Nilwala/ 24/2019 dated 15 May 2020 addressed to the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government through the Matara District Secretary. It was requested to provide relevant imprest by stating that there were bills worth Rs. 400.55 million for 48 industries as cash bills which show 100 percent physical progress. However, there was no any physical progress related to that presented cash bills of industries worth Rs. 329 million.	Action should be taken to mention the correct status in submitting progress reports and to complete these projects expeditiously.	It was informed that this was due to the pre-payments before commencement of of the projects implemented through the the National Water Supply and Drainage Board.	It was informed of the audit that the works of 06 projects that implemented by National Water Supply and Drainage Board had been completed. The rest 04 projects have not been completed even by February 2022.
31	Although bids have been invited for 05 industries to be implemented under the project by publishing a newspaper advertisement	Proper action should be taken on these idle expenses.	It was stated that this condition was occurred as it had to revise the estimates.	Any action has not been taken in this regard even by February 2022 .

	through the national competitive quoting system, the procurement of those projects was canceled without commencement later. Accordingly, the sum of Rs. 166,174 that incurred for the newspaper advertisements was been idle expenses.			
32.	Contrary to the procurement process and without entering in to contracts, the construction projects of Makandura Danny Hiththetiya playground, Akuressa Ellewela Junior School playground, Dickwella Walasgala volleyball ground and playground in he land of Yatiyana Wireless Watta had been completed.	When implementing the projects, the procurement process should be followed.	Action had not been taken.	Action against the responsible parties had not been taken in relation to the incompliance with the procurement.
33.	Although a long jump pit had been constructed at a cost of Rs. 898,582 through the allocated amount of Rs. One million for the development of the playground of Mara/ Kirinda Puhulwella Maha Vidyalaya in the year 2019, as the planning division of the	Actions should be taken to maintain the correct methodology for the implementation of projects.	It was stated that the relevant pre-investigation reports have been submitted with the work done during the inspection by the Economic Development Officer	Any action has not been taken even by February 2022.

	<p>District Secretariat had built up a day/night volleyball court at a cost of Rs. 2.16 million so as not to block it, those expenses were being idle.</p> <p>After the completion of the project, the procurement process as well as pre-investigation reports and feasibility reports were obtained.</p>			
34.	<p>It was entered into an agreement at an agreed value of Rs. 5.9 million with a private company on 05 July 2019 for the construction of a concrete road under the Sinharaja Special Integrated Rural Development programme under the provisions of the Ministry of Ports and Shipping. The contract was to be terminated in accordance with the work agreement by 03 September 2019. However, as the contractor had not completed the work on that day, and, as the validity period of the performance bond has been expired as at 31 December</p>	<p>Action should be taken to recover this amount expeditiously and appropriate action should be taken to complete the work of the abandoned projects which have not been completed.</p>	<p>It was stated that it would take action to recover this amount.</p>	<p>This amount could not be recovered until now.</p>

	2019, itthe officers were unable to recover Rs.130,998 from the value of Rs.296,417. Therefore, the expenses of Rs. 475,146 paid to the contractor had been idle.			
35.	The District Secretariat had not paid due attention to the sustainable development agenda 2030 in the year 2020 as well. Based on the allocations received during the year, 03 Sustainable Development Goals were identified and it was not paid any attention on 14 objectives as per the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030.	It should be focused on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.	It was stated that action would be taken to prepare the Sustainable Development Plan as per 14 objectives in future.	Action had not been done even in the year 2021.
36.	Although the citizen/ client charter should have been prepared and implemented as introduced in the Circular No. 05/2008 dated 06 February 2008 as amended by the circular No. 05/2018 (1) dated 24 January 2018 of the Ministry of Public Administration and Management, the Matara District Secretariat has not acted accordingly.	It should be acted in accordance with the circulars.	It was stated that action would be done to prepare and implement.	It was not acted as such even by February 2022.

37.	As the approved cadre as at 31 December 2020 was 1,733 and the actual cadre was 1623, action had not been taken to fill 141 vacancies in the staff and make the excess staff of 31 duly approve.	Action should be taken to fill the essential vacancies and to regularize the surplus.	The Secretary to the Ministry has been informed.	It was prevailed the same condition even by February 2022.
38.	A Human Resource Plan had not been prepared as per the provisions of the Circular No. 02/2018 dated 24 January 2018 of the Secretary of Public Administration. Further, Annual performance agreements had not been signed for the entire staff as per annexure 1 of the above circular.	It should be acted in accordance with the circulars.	It was informed that a Human Resource Plan would be prepared and implemented in future.	It was prevailed the same condition even by February 2022.

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	2018	Qualified Opinion	
	2019	Qualified Opinion	
	2020	Qualified Opinion	

	Major Deficiencies included in Auditor General's Report	Recommendation of Auditor General	Preventive Measures Taken by the Entity	Current Status in this regard
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01.	A sum of Rs.2,113,447 had been estimated for 10 items of works for the Project on Construction of Walking	When planning the project, estimates should be prepared by including all	While implementing the project, it was understood that problems of	Even though the expected outcome could not be fully achieved thereby up

	<p>Track implemented in the Ruhunu Magampura Administration Complex premises in the year 2017 by the Ministry of Sports. In the examination of bills, Rs.751,601 for estimated works, Rs.273,258 for extra works and Rs.1,015,468 for additional works had been paid Accordingly, about 61 per cent of the value of estimated works had been paid as extra and additional works. Moreover, it had not been made use of so as to achieve the expected objectives of the project from the date of completion of the project up to May 2019.</p>	<p>works after pre study.</p>	<p>planning the project exist. The said construction being the first experience of such an assignment had been the main result. Approval has been obtained for extra works and additional works. Even though the expected outcome could not be fully achieved thereby up to now, necessary action is being taken to promote it further.</p>	<p>to now, necessary action is being taken to promote it further. It was decided not to implement the second phase here.</p>
02.	<p>Any progress had not been achieved by 31 December 2018 out of provisions of Rs.7,100,000 made in November 2018 to the Beliatta Divisional Secretariat for implementation of 10 projects by the District Secretariat.</p>	<p>Provisions made should be utilized effectively for development activities.</p>	<p>The relevant projects could not be executed due to reasons such as making provisions by ministries at the end of the year of accounts, inadequate time for procurement activities and achievement of</p>	<p>The projects have not been implemented even by February 2022.</p>

			purposes, obstacles due to heavy rains at the time of implementation of projects for reconstruction of tanks and anicuts.	
03.	The activity of removing scrap of the ship named "Rewhera" sunk in sea in the area of Ooraniya in Kirinda had been assigned to a fishery co-operative society in the year 2010. Even though the sum of Rs.3,500,000 deposited in the District Secretariat by the said society therefor, had been repaid on 31 December 2018, the following deficiencies were revealed in making the said payment.			
	(i) In repayment of deposit monies, the two original receipts on deposits had not been submitted along with vouchers.	It should be acted in accordance with the Financial Regulations.	The depositors had submitted photocopies and the accuracy thereof were confirmed by comparing them with duplicates of receipts in our books.	It had not been acted in accordance with the Financial Regulations.

	<p>(ii) Information of the basis on which the contractor was selected, had not been made available to Audit.</p>	<p>It should be acted in accordance with the Financial Regulations.</p>	<p>It was given to the relevant society with instructions and concurrence of the Navy, Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Department of Archeology, Merchant Shipping Division of the Ministry of Ports and Aviation and Marine Pollution Prevention Authority.</p>	<p>The basis of selection had not been presented.</p>
	<p>(iii) In awarding the contract, an agreement with formal conditions between the two parties had not been entered into.</p>	<p>It should be acted in accordance with the Financial Regulations.</p>	<p>The contract had been awarded to the relevant society by a letter including conditions due to lack of experience in such work. The approvals had been obtained from the Ministry of Ports and Highways and the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs.</p>	<p>An agreement was not signed.</p>
	<p>(iv) The deposit money had been repaid despite</p>	<p>It should be acted in accordance with the</p>	<p>The remnants thereof exist without</p>	<p>The deposit money had been paid when</p>

	withdrawal of the purpose by the contractor without completing it.	Financial Regulations.	being able to remove, even by now.	not fulfilling the task.
	(v) As the quantity of scrap removed from the ship had not been recorded, there had been no evidence that all monies recoverable to the public revenue were recovered.	It should be acted in accordance with the Financial Regulations.	Records have been obtained on the quantity of scrap on the supervision of the Grama Niladhari and the Marine Environment Protection Authority. Approval had been granted to remove them only after weighing them and paying the custom duty.	A proper report has not been made.
04.	Memorandum of the Cabinet of Ministers No. PS/NC/4/ CP/41/2019 of 11 February 2019 - Although the interest free loan amounted to Rs.38,000,000 granted to a Co-operative Society of Rice Producers Ltd. on 05 April 2019 under the loan relief programme for small and medium sized rice mill owners should be fully recovered from Mill Owners by 05 October	Government owned funds used for national purposes with the objective of recovery should be charged from the relevant parties at the end of the prescribed task and credited to the Consolidated Fund.	The Mill Owners have agreed at the meeting held on 18 June 2020 between the District Secretary and Mill Owners to settle and complete the payment for loan subject to a grace period of 03 months and a loan repayment scheme.	According to the notices given itme to time, Rs.15,361,483 had been paid by the small and medium sized rice mill owners and, Rs.22,638,517 had not been recovered even by February 2022.

	2019, actions had not been taken to recover a sum of Rs.26,445,848 even by 30 June 2020, the date of audit.			
05.	Paragraph 10 (1) of the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 1600/18 of 06 May 2009 and Paragraph 15 of the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 1303/17 of 28 August 2003 - Granite Site which was maintained on a private land in Okewela Divisional Secretariat had been illegally mined 10,911 cubes of granite in 0.6227 hectares of State Land beyond the limits of their private lands and the Divisional Secretariat had not charged government fees for that as per the Circular.	Actions should be taken to prevent the illegal use of State Lands and Properties and to collect the due government fees for the illegally used properties.	The observation was accepted during the discussion held with the District Secretary on 12 December 2019.	The recoveries had not been done even by February 2022.
06.	A sum of Rs.127,450,000 had been provided to 91 beneficiaries for the construction of houses in safety areas in 06 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the years 2017, 2018, 2019 with the aim of relocating the	Steps should be taken to select the beneficiaries in order to achieve the objectives of the programme and to release funds after the performance	Letters have been sent at the level of the Divisional Secretariat to the persons who had not resided to confirm the residing of the	It had not been resided in the safety places even by February 2022.

	<p>people in areas where the livelihood of them at risk due to floods and landslides in May 2017 to other areas and, the objective of the project of the resettlement of people lived in risky areas in new houses had not been occurred by the audited date of 03 January 2020. According to the sample audit, seven beneficiaries who were given a total of Rs.11,025,000 in Katuwana Divisional Secretariat, 07 beneficiary who was given Rs.1,575,000 in Buddhiyagama in Weeraketiya Divisional Secretariat, one beneficiary who was given Rs. 900,000 in Okewela Kandaketiya and one beneficiary who was given Rs. 200,000 in Beliatta Neluwa had resided at the risky areas without moving into new homes due to various reasons.</p>	<p>appraisal and to carry out follow up actions continuously.</p>	<p>new house immediately.</p>	
07.	<p>A sum of Rs. 27,757,257 provided for livelihood development activities of 36 Grama Shakthi People's Societies in 12</p>	<p>Steps should be taken to implement projects for which allocations have been made without</p>	<p>Advices have not been given on the implementation of the Project as per the changes in the state</p>	<p>These money has been in the savings accounts without utilizing even by February 2022.</p>

	Divisional Secretariats in the District under the Phase 1 of Grama Shakthi People's Movement Programme had remained in the Societies themselves as savings for about one year without being utilized up to the audited date of 15 May 2020.	allowing government-owned funds to be withheld without spending it for the welfare of the people.	regime because of the Grama Shakthi People's Movement was a programme commenced under the previous government.	
08.	Construction of New Three Storied Building and Construction of Boundary Wall Divisional Secretariat – Okewela -----			
	i. It had not considered about the land and needs of clients in designing of buildings and preparation of engineering estimate. Changes were made to in the building plan during construction and a sum of Rs.5,405,626 had been paid for 72 items as extra work. Accordingly, it is observed that the preparation of the	It should be considered about the land and needs of clients before preparing estimates on the construction.	When making adjustments, the problems had occurred due to the fact that the building planned for in front of the land where the Divisional Secretariat was then situated had to be constructed on another land.	The condition at the time of replying is not changed.

	building plan and the engineering estimate was at a very poor level.			
	ii. The works amounting to Rs.5,484,292 in 03 main work items of the engineering estimate had been abandoned. However, a pre-work advance amounted to Rs.948,973 had been paid for the abandoned work.	It should make sure to prepare estimates with work items that can be performed and to get those work items done.	The building is being constructed and, as it received provisions for these items under landscape, these items were not implemented under this estimate.	It had not been rectified even by February 2022.
	iii. Although a sum of Rs.2,245,030 had been estimated for the installation of electricity as per the engineering estimate, a sum of Rs. 4,996,348 had been paid for the entire electrical system as extra work and external work. Further, inadequate engineering estimates of Rs. 12,175 had been prepared for a three-phase power supply of the building.	There should not be unusual variations in the prepared engineering estimates.	These expenses were not included in the estimate because it exceeds the financial limit of Rs.100 million.	If it exceeds the expense limit, the relevant approval should be taken. It had not been done so. The estimated amount had been stated by reducing.
	iv. Casing used to lie electrical wiring that affects the exterior decoration of the building and the safety	Construction should be done with a proper completion. repayments should not be done as extra works	This was done because of the wiring used as per the original design could not be utilized and a	The approval had not been taken for the overpayments and, even not been recovered.

	<p>of the wiring system had been finished as seen from the outside. Further, payment of Rs.282,225 for setting up a support to install fans under Ex.54 of the bill is observed as an overpayment.</p>	<p>when bids are offered with prior knowledge in respect of the work item.</p>	<p>separate structure had to be prepared as the roof was high and there were no rafters where the fans should hang.</p>	
	<p>v. Although it had been estimated 900 cubic meters for excavating soil and spreading under the estimate item No.C-1, a sum of Rs.1,930,432 had been paid by bills for 9552 cubic meters considering survey records as a single measure in contrary to Sri Lanka Standards (SLS 573). Further, the confirmations were unavailable in the file for which purpose the 9552 cubic meters of excavated soil was utilized.</p>	<p>There should not be unusual variations in the estimated item sizes and the works related to the item. The professionals/ technicians should be aware of professional standards in performing their profession, and the work performed should be properly documented and handled with transparency.</p>	<p>Soil excavation could not be carried out as per the survey measurements due to the rapid preparation of estimates and, the excavated soil was disposed of to surrounding schools and temples.</p>	<p>The money was paid to level by cutting 8652 cubic meters by exceeding the approved limit of 900 cubic meters and, the written evidences are not presented for done as such.</p>
	<p>vi. The contract period had been extended to 6½ months for the building and 90 days for the wall without obtaining the</p>	<p>The contract period should be extended based on reasonable causes. Sites should be designed to be</p>	<p>Work plan was not obtained because there were not enough technical officers to supervise.</p>	<p>The time extension has been given without fulfilling the requirements.</p>

	<p>Work Schedule and the Progress which should be provided before commencing the contract and a new work plan as well for the future time period. As per the above matters, it is questionable in the audit that how the engineers properly supervised the work site.</p>	<p>maintained with a proper management.</p>	<p>The time period was extended due to delays in soil removing in the land and unavailability of explosives for rock removal. The first time extension was not given for the construction of the wall and, as the presented matters were reasonable, the second time extension had been given.</p>	
	<p>vii. Additional works valued at Rs.5,405,626 had been carried out from the Rs.14,518,048 shown as the contract savings. However, a sum of Rs. 108,113 or 2 per cent discount had not been deducted as per the contract agreement for this additional work.</p>	<p>Additional works had been carried out instead of the estimated work items. Discounts should be deducted therefore.</p>	<p>Discounts of the contractor are valid only for work specified in the contract and up to 25 per cent of that amount.</p>	<p>The condition prevailed at the time of replying was not changed.</p>
	<p>viii. Although there was no consent in the agreement to pay the price increases, a sum of Rs.3,324,543 had been paid for price</p>	<p>All payments should be made in a legal manner.</p>	<p>A delay error occurred in signing the agreement. Due to this, its advantage was gone for the contractor and, even</p>	<p>As there was an error of delay when preparing agreements, its advantage has been</p>

	increases by the final bill.		if it does not pay, the contractor gets the arbitration process. Then, the government has to pay the price increase and even the amount that incur to the contractor for the arbitration process. Hence, the price variances had been paid and, this was not a overpayment.	taken by the contractor.
	ix. As a result of non-recovery of advance bills 01 to 03 which should be recovered in accordance with the agreement within 06 months, a misuse of Government Funds amounted to Rs.5,558,482 had occurred.	Actions should be taken to collect Government Funds on due dates.	It was noted to act as per Standard Bidding Document (SBD) instructions and Contract Agreement in future.	Action ahd not been taken on acting regarding the misuse of government funds.
	x. The reconciliation statement including savings, abandoned works, and extra works had not been prepared when paying the final contract bill. Further, plans to be submitted	Officers should perform their responsibilities with greater transparency.	It is not essential to prepare comparative statements. Additional works can be found on the bills. AS build drawings have not been done because	Action ahd not been taken to obtain the letters that should be obtained properly.

	<p>after completion of the contract (AS build drawing), Non-claim Certificate and Certificate of Completion had not been obtained. It was observed that the repairs occurs in this will not be possible to correct in future on this condition and there were opportunities to the contractor to enter into further obligations in future by not obtaining confirmations as the bonds have been released in accordance with the agreement.</p>		<p>of no money has been allocated from the estimate. Because of obtaining a non-claim certificate is carried out for large projects, it has not been so done.</p>	
09.	<p>The activities on the files with regard to damages and losses totalled to Rs.73,253 in relation with 09 incidents valued at less than Rs.25,000 and the damages and losses amounting to Rs.8,233,211 relating to 20 incidents valued at more than Rs.25,000 occurred during the period from the year 1987 to 2018 and also</p>	<p>Files related to recoveries or write offs should be carried out promptly.</p>	<p>The relevant activities on the files are being carried out.</p>	<p>That condition has not been totally rectified even by February 2022.</p>

	elapsed between 12 months and 32 years by the end of the year under review, had not been completed.			
10.	As a result of 04 acres State Land situated at Galwala No. 16 , Eradugalayaya, Batatha South belonging to Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat and later to Divisional Secretariat, Tangalle from the year 2003 to 2018 has been holding by one person for a long time, had been registered at the Tangalle Land Registrar's Office on 14 March 2018 preparing a declaration deed in his own name.. Any action had not been taken by either of the two Divisional Secretariats regarding the unauthorized use of state land and the registration made in his own name.	Actions should be taken in accordance with the provisions of the State Land Ordinance with regard to State Lands.	The arrears will be recovered in future and actions will be taken to correct the methodology and issue licenses in future.	When giving mining licenses for this land, a declaration deed was presented by considering this land as freehold land. The Divisional Secretary has informed to the persons who claim the ownership of the land to prove the ownership by surveying the land through a private surveyer. That condition was prevailed even by February 2022.
11.	A weigh of 26244 kg explosives had been issued from 23 October 2017 when the commencement of the granite work site in Liyangastota area of Ambalantota Divisional	A formal follow-up process should be carried out to determine whether the explosives issued by the Assistant Explosives	Information will be obtained from the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau and submit the replies.	The replies are not provided until February 2022.

	<p>Secretariat to the 16 October 2019 and the total volume of granite excavated as per the field inspection report dated 16 October 2019 of the officers of the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau was 12656 cubes. The minimum volume of explosives required for this is 6328 kg. Accordingly, it was not revealed that the remaining 19916 kg or 76 per cent of excess explosives out of the issued volume was used for which purpose.</p>	<p>Controller are being used for the relevant purposes and as the release of such excess explosives to outside parties is also a threat to national security, the attention should be paid no this.</p>		
12.	<p>A sum of Rs.5 million from the interest free advance given by the District Secretariat on 11 August 2011 to one Co-operative Society in the Hambantota District out of the provision received from the Department of Treasury Operations for the purchase of paddy during the Yala Season 2011 had not been recovered as at the audited date of 06 February 2020.</p>	<p>Government funds given to external parties for national interests should be recovered promptly and credited to the Consolidated Fund.</p>	<p>Although the efforts have been made frequently to recover this amount, it has not been recovered so far and legal actions will be taken in future.</p>	<p>The instructions were given to act under section 05 of the Agreement for the arbitration before going for legal actions to recover money. The Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture has been reported to take future actions for taking arbitrator's decision.</p>

13.	Without considering the order of the priority list of 21 beneficiaries registered with the participation of the Samurdhi Development Officer, Grama Niladhari, Economic Development Officer and the Chairman of the Community Based Organization in selecting the Samurdhi Beneficiaries, Samurdhi subsidy entitlement certificates had been granted to the first 07 and the last 04 in the priority list in the Aravanamulla Grama Niladhari Division of Hambantota Divisional Secretariat Division.	Actions should be taken to select beneficiaries and provide benefits in accordance with the circular instructions.	Preventive actions have not been taken.	The register of 15,817 persons that in prioritized and registered in the District has been presented to the Director General. The Director General approved only 13,227 and, without considering the priority in priority list, the subsidy has been given.
14.	As per the audit examination, Samurdhi benefits had not been received for 30 families whose names were mentioned in the most qualified priority list and for 05 families whose names were not mentioned in the priority list but eligible in 03 Grama Niladhari Divisions in the	Actions should be done for the selection of beneficiaries as per the prescribed criteria and to provide benefits in accordance with the circular instructions.	The action was taken to provide subsidy according to the document approved by the Director General without considering of the priority stated in the Priority List.	- Do -

	Hambantota and Beliatta Divisional Secretariats.			
15.	Samurdhi benefits were given to 04 beneficiaries who have income sources in two Grama Niladhari Divisions of Beliatta Divisional Secretariat, without considering of the priority of the subsidy criteria.	Actions should be done for the selection of beneficiaries as per the prescribed criteria and to provide benefits in accordance with the circular instructions.	- Do -	Action was taken to provide subsidy in accordance with the document approved by the Director General.
16.	The provision of Rs. 120,806,068 had been allocated in the year 2019 to transform the temporary roof of poor family houses into a permanent roof under the Gamperaliya Housing Development Programme for 1209 beneficiaries in Beliatta, Tangalle, Okewela and Weeraketiya Divisional Secretariats. The following observations were made in this regard.			
	i. Although the above mentioned Divisional Secretariats with lower poverty level had been selected without selecting the Divisional	Actions should be taken to select the most suitable beneficiary as per the criteria mentioned in	The power to select the beneficiaries was not vested in the District Secretary or his officials and however, the	That condition is prevailed even by February 2022.

	Secretariats with the highest level of poverty in the District, the selection of beneficiaries had not been carried out in a proper manner.	the circular instructions.	relevant officers of the Divisional Secretariats were deployed to inspect the beneficiaries and the subsidies were provided.	
	ii. Only 20 per cent to 80 per cent of the allocation had been paid for 567 beneficiaries due to failure to use accurate and relevant criteria for the selection of beneficiaries and subsidy had not been paid to another 86 beneficiaries.	-Do-	The power to select the beneficiaries was not vested in the District Secretary or his officials and however, the relevant officers of the Divisional Secretariats were deployed to inspect the beneficiaries and the subsidies were provided.	- Do -
17.	It had been spent Rs.3,176,850 by exceeding the limit of given provisions by other ministries and 07 Departments.	Expenses should be incurred within the limit of given provision.	The relevant ministries have been informed on the shortages in the provisions.	Although the relevant ministries have been informed on the shortages in the provisions, the matters are not been stated on that.
18.	The required actions had not been taken to recover the inactive loan balances of Rs.443,538 that exceeded more than 04 years and should be received from two	Actions should be taken to recover the overdue loan balances promptly.	It was informed that the relevant file for loan balance of the sum of Rs.135,472 has been referred to the Public Service	Actions are being taken to recover even by February 2022.

	interdicted officers as at 31 December in the year under review.		Commission, legal action would be taken to recover the loan balance of Rs.308,066 and, the rest of the loan balance of Rs.8,000 would be recovered in installments.	
19.	The debt balances amounted to Rs.314,515 has to be recovered from three officers who had left the service as at 31 December in the year under review. Action had not been taken to recover those loan balances from the debtors or if not possible, recover from the guarantors as per Section 4.5 in Chapter XXIV in Establishment Code.	Actions should be taken to recover the overdue loan balances promptly.	Action has been taken to recover the loan balances legally.	Action is being taken to recover the loan balances legally.
20.	Although 09 retained deposits of sum of Rs.794,692 received under Deposit Account No. 6000-0-0-16-0-43 has exceeded 02 years by 31 December 2020, action had not been taken to pay for the relevant depositors or act in accordance with the Financial Regulations 571.	Actions should be done in accordance with the Financial Regulations 571.	Sum of Rs.170,644 has been settled.	A balance of Rs.624,048 has to be recovered by February 2022.

21.	Fifty percent of the interlock blocks that were inspected in the Project of building side wall and laying interlock blocks in the road from Pahe Gedara to Sinhala Gedara in Tissamaharama Divisional Secretariat Division were below the expected compressive strength level.	Tasks should be performed in such a way as to have the expected compressive strength level.	Since the average value of the readings was calculated and it was greater than 30NMM-2, the payments were made accordingly.	Action had not been taken to correct the expected compressive strength level.
22.	When the development of internal roads connecting Theraputhabhayagama, Sri Ragalgama and Sialsethgama villages by putting gravel, as 96.2 cubic meters of gravel was used in less, it was recommended to pay Rs.117,874 in excess.	Payment matters should be made by getting correct measures.	District Engineers will be consulted and action will be taken accordingly.	The overpayment had not been recovered by February 2022.
23.	Proceedings on files related to damages and losses amounting to Rs.73,253 pertaining to 09 incidents valued at less than Rs.25,000 that occurred during period of 1987 to 2018 that in between the period ranged from 02 years to 33 years by the end of the year under review had not been completed. Further, the files related to losses and	Action should be taken to recover or write off.	A special committee will be appointed to take necessary action.	The situation has not been completely rectified.

	damages amounting to a total of Rs. 8,538,572 in respect of 23 incidents worth over Rs.25,000 that occurred during the period of 1987 to 2020 had not been completed.			
24.	Amount of Rs.2,578,309 that should be reimbursed from the year 2013 for payment of water bills in the housing scheme of the officers adjoining the new administration complex at Siribopura had not been recovered.	It should be reimbursed as required.	Officers residing in the relevant quarters have been informed in writing to pay the water charges and accordingly the water charges will be collected and reported to the audit in future.	It was informed that Officers residing in the relevant quarters had been informed in writing to pay the water charges and accordingly the water charges would be collected and reported to the audit in future.
25.	Although it was ordered from the ecision 16 of the Committee on Public Accounts dated 25 October 2012 “The Urban Development Authority (UDA) should take over 22 official quarters for public officers built on the land belonging to the District Secretary without handing it over to the District Secretary till 12 October 2012. To report to the Committee on Public	It should be acted in accordance with Resolution 16 of the Committee on Public Accounts dated 25 October 2012.	The Urban Development Authority has been notified on several occasions and, no positive response has been received in this regard.	The Urban Development Authority has been notified on several occasions and, no positive response has been received in this regard.

	<p>Accounts within two months from the date of the aforesaid order after such acquisition”, There was no evidence that the order was enforceable. It has been observed that the land with the above houses was being taken over by the Mahaweli Development Authority to the Urban Development Authority.</p>			
26.	<p>By the letter dated 29 November 2010 from the Angunakolapelessa Regional Superintendent of Survey, 02 ruds had been reserved for a cemetery and 01 rud for a bodhi tree from the government land located on Gammanwela road in Siyarapitiya Grama Niladhari Division. Although the Grama Niladhari and the residents of the area had reported to the Divisional Secretary on several occasions that the adjoining temple contribution council was carrying out unauthorized constructions on the land reserved for this cemetery,</p>	<p>Necessary action should be taken under the Land Act.</p>	<p>As the Chief Incumbent of the temple is continuing the construction work, actions are being taken to take legal action.</p>	<p>As the Chief Incumbent of the temple is continuing the construction work, actions are being taken to take legal action.</p>

	the required action had not been taken under the Land Act regarding unauthorized construction in this cemetery even as at the audited ate of 19 February 2021.			
27.	Loans of Rs. 5,000, Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 15,000 were given for self employment to the members of the women's societies registered in the Katuwana Divisional Secretariat on an initial provision of Rs. 200,000 provided by the Ministry of Children and Women's Affairs and, it also agreed to recover the loan installments at 10 months with an interest rate of 6 percent. As the loan of Rs. 195,000 obtained by 39 borrowers under this had not been repaid within 10 months the balance of loan arrears of Rs.109,190 had been prevailed as at the audited date of 10 February 2021. Further, though an interest rate of 6 percent should be recovered as per the agreement, the interest was charged without such a	Action should be taken to recover the relevant loans and interest on time.	Borrowers have been informed to repay the loans arrears. Instructions have not been received regarding the recovery of past interest and, it was an agreement taken by the Board. Relevant officials have been instructed to obtain the agreement through the Regional Authority.	Borrowers have been informed to repay the loans arrears.

	definite basis and, the cumulative interest had not been charged for the months in which the installments were not paid.			
28.	Action had not been taken to recover the total amount of Rs. 115,000 that given to 23 non-Samurdhi beneficiaries under the Sahana Arunalu loan program during the Covid-19 pandemic period by Medamulana Samurdhi Bank Society in Weeraketiya Divisional Secretariat.	Loan installments should be charged as scheduled.	As loans can be provided under the Samurdhi Arunalu loan program for community based members who do not receive Samurdhi assistance, 23 beneficiaries have been given loans as such and, necessary steps have been taken to recover them.	As loans can be provided under the Samurdhi Arunalu loan program for community based members who do not receive Samurdhi assistance, 23 beneficiaries have been given loans as such and, necessary steps have been taken to recover them.
District Secretariat of Matale -----				
		2018	Qualified Opinion	
		2019	Qualified Opinion	
		2020	Qualified Opinion	
Major shortcomings in the report of the Auditor General -----		Recommendation of the Auditor General -----	Preventive Measures Taken by the Auditee Entity -----	Current Position -----
01.	Even though salary could not be paid to excess staff as per the circular No 03/2018 dated 18 July 2018 of Director General of Department of Management	Excess staff should be approved or transferred.	Approval has been sought from the Department of Management Services to create translator posts for	Except a Management Services Officer and Development Coordinator, the

	Service, an amount of Rs.1,870,300 had been paid for 19 officers of excess staff of 7 posts in district Secretariat and 06 Divisional Secretariats for a period of 10 months from January 2020.		Naula and Dambulla Divisional Secretariats. It has been directed to the State Ministry of Home Affairs to refer the Development Officers for approval to the Department of Management Services. It has been requested to transfer drivers to the ministry.	other excess staff remains the same.
02.	A value of Rs. 31,266 had been overly paid for the project of constructing the drain near the Batagalla road and the culvert of the access road to the community hall in oyapahala under the sapirigamak project at Matale Secretariat Division since the length is less than the prescribed length.	Payment should be made on work done items only.	Action should be taken to recover the overpayment from the retention money.	No action has been taken to recover even by 21 February 2022.
03.	A value of Rs. 29,538 had been overly paid for the construction work of Laying of water pipes and ditching of the project of water supply for 15 families in Dorakabura Uhanagodalla in Matale Divisional	When obtaining measures of work done, the measures of the completed items must be calculated accurately.	Obtaining information on water requirements to carry out ditching and laying of pipelines to the relevant distances.	No action has been taken to recover even by 21 February 2022.

	Secretariat utilizing provisions of Rs. 500,000 under the Sapirigamak development programme in the Matale Divisional Secretariat Division.			
04.	A society has been established and 20 zoje sewing machines amounting to Rs. 840,000 that should be distributed among its' members have been given to a single entity by the Yatawatta Divisional Secretariat.	Work should be carried out through a society as instructed in the project.	Informing the officers so that such shortcomings do not happen again.	No action has been taken to rectify the error as of February 2022.
05.	Since two officers serving as Samurdhi Development Officers and Public Representatives at the Laggala - Pallegama Divisional Secretariat had obtained motorcycles under both occasions, the sum of Rs.377,000 had not been recovered from them.	Action should be taken to recover the market value for the extra motor cycles that had been purchased and take further actions in this regard.	The Director General of Samurdhi has been informed on 7 occasions to recover from the salary.	No action had been taken to recover the money even By February 2022.
06.	A sum of Rs.68, 500 had been paid for unaccomplished work of 50 acre road and by road development project of the Naula Divisional Secretariat.	Action should be taken to recovery of the overpayments and action should be taken regarding responsible officers.	A letter has been forwarded to get a report from a technical officer on engineers' advice.	No action had been taken to recover the over payment even By February 2022.

07.	It had been unable to implement proposed 27 projects valued to Rs. 26,500,000 out of 177 projects in year 2020 at Matale Divisional Secretariats and instead of those, other projects had been implemented. Due to this, projects identified by rural representatives based on the requirements of General public had not been implemented.	Attention should be drawn on the implementation of the proposed projects and approval should be obtained for any other projects going to be completed.	Taking action to implement only the proposed projects in due course.	There was no information that the projects which had not been implemented were implemented even later.
08.	Constructions had been made in 06 instances incurring a sum of Rs. 5,769,793 under the water supply scheme in Lihinipitiya, Naula during 2008-2017. However, even by the end of the year under review, no consumer had been provided with water by that project.	Action should be taken to achieve the benefits expected from the projects for which funds were released..	Approval has been given to hand over the project to the Department of Community Water Supply.	The project had not been implemented even by February 2022.
09.	Having spent a sum of Rs. 3,685,398 out of provision totaling Rs. 3,748,000 granted in 06 instances under 5 programmes during 2014-2018, constructions of	Action should be taken to achieve the benefits expected from the projects for which funds were released. Action should be	No action had been taken to prevent it.	The project had not been utilized even by February 2022.

	the drinking water project in Kahawatta had been executed by the Divisional Secretariat, Yatawatta. However, due to deficiencies thereof, no water supply had been provided for any consumer even by the end of the year 2019.	taken regarding spending Government funds without a plan.		
10.	A sum of Rs. 666,935 which had been given for the strengthen of Gramasakthi project at Yatawatta Divisional Secretariat in 2018 and 2019 was in idle as at 31 December 2020.	Provisions should be utilized effectively for the projects.	- do	The situation was the same even by February 2022.
11.	Roofing sheets and instruments valued to Rs.26,642,202 purchased under the Gamperaliya project in 2019 in Ukuwela and Rattota Divisional Secretariats were in idle.	Action should be taken to distribute the received roofing sheets.	Ukuwela –approval of the district secretary had been obtained to do move forward after obtaining timber and labour from plantation companies. Roofing sheets and equipment are stored.	- do -
12.	There was a shortage of 11 body building equipment worth Rs. 141,750 that had been granted to 02 youth associations under the special programme for development of	Follow-up action should be taken on the items provided for the youth associations.	Grama Niladhari officers and sports officers have been instructed regarding failure to conduct follow ups. The society has been	The situation was the same even by February 2022.

	infrastructure implemented by the Divisional Secretariat, Rattota.		informed to install the missing items before December 15.	
13.	A sum of Rs. 995,180 due from 08 officers service in Galewela Divisional Secretariat ,who had been released to the teaching profession, have not been received although it had lapsed 03 to 06 years.	The Education Office should be informed and action should be taken to recover the relevant amount.	Provincial Secretary of Education has been informed.	The relevant amount has not been recovered from 06 officers even as of February 2022.
14.	Although the acquisition of land for 37 government development projects has taken place from 1 year to 43 years, it had not been completed by four Divisional Secretariats.	Acquisition of lands should be expedited.	Not submitted.	The Greater Matale Water Supply Project, Udupihilla Sri Saranankara Vidyalaya, Hunnasingiriya Broadcasting Station, Kohombiliwela Monument, Land Acquisition for Kandemada Displaced Persons have been completed and no other changes in observations that had been made.
15.	Even though a post of Assistant Planning Director (Super Numery) had been approved as private for one officer, it has been held an	Excess officers should be transferred to places where	Not submitted.	No changes in observation even by February 2022.

	extra post of Assistant Planning Director (Super Numery) and Rs.1,872,083 had been paid as salary and allowances from January 2019 to December 2020.	vacancies are available.		
Kandy District Secretariat -----				
	2018 -	Qualified Opinion		
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	2020 -	Qualified Opinion		
	Major deficiency included in the Audit Report -----	AG's Recommendation -----	Preventive measures taken by the Auditee entity -----	Present Position -----
01.	A Retiree of the Gangawata Korale Divisional Secretariat had obtained pensions totalling Rs.2,064,377 from 02 Offices from a period of 16 years and 2 months. Action had not been taken to recover that money from the parties responsible.	The name of the recipient should be removed from the Office that the pension was received after the transfer of the Pensions File. Action should be taken to recover the overpayments.	It had been informed that the investigations had been wound up at this moment and, that the Investigation Report had been referred to the Department of Pensions and to the Kandy Police Station on 8 February 2019 and that further activities would be carried out under the instructions of the Director General of Pensions.	It had been informed by the Letter No.DS/KGK/2/12 of 31-12-2021 of the Divisional Secretariat to the Director General OF Pensions to recover the overpaid amount of Rs.847,709 from the Widows' Pension by obtaining a special approval. Moreover, the pension of the above Pensioner (Pension No. 1603037) had been defaulted from January 2020 and it has been reported

				that the amount that should be settled up to date is a sum of Rs.321,842 due to the Pensioner being deceased on 02-03-2021.
02.	A sum of Rs.200,000 each had been provided as the First Installment to construct houses by providing lands to 153 families by allocating a private land, 25 acres in extent, nearby the Kurunduwatta Town to settle 162 families lived in the Berawila area, of the Divisional Secretariat Division of the Ganga Ihala Korale, that was identified as high risk zones. Out of them, 125 families remained to be residing in the high risk zones without making any construction whatsoever even by the year 2021.	Action should be taken to utilize the provisions provided to people living in high risk zones and to take action by way of taking follow- up action relating to the construction of the relevant houses.	Even though the payments had been made on the consent initially made by the National Building Research Organization, it was stated that action is being taken to resettle as per the alternative plans due to the consent not being given by the National Building Research Organization.	Thirty-three beneficiaries had been repaid out of the 153 beneficiaries who were provided with money for the lands and for the First Installment under the First Phase of the Resettlement Programme. At this moment, the progress of the Resettlement Programme is reported as follows. Nine persons had completed the construction of their houses and had exempted from the Fourth Installment, 25 persons had exempted from the

				<p>Third Installment, 10 persons had exempted from the Second Intallment and had initiated work by way of setting up the foundation.</p> <p>Beneficiaries had neither repaid nor constructed houses.</p>
03.	<p>Even though 243 houses and 36 estate homes had been identified to be resettled due to the high risk of landslides in the Ganga Ihala Korale Divisional Secretariat Division, 126 families remained being settled in the high risk area. A proper procedure had not been formulated to settle them in a safe area and, an expenditure amounting to Rs.1,929,960 had been incurred in the year 2018 for the road development of this land.</p>	<p>Resettlement should be carried out by expeditiously utilizing the provisions provided for the persons living in the high risk zones.</p>	<p>Even though payments had been made over the consent made by the National Building Research Organization, it was stated that action would be taken to resettle as per the alternative proposals due to not giving consent, afterwards.</p>	<p>Even though the number of families that should be resettled as recommended by the National Building Research Organization relating to this Division had been 243, the Divisional Secretariat had reported that the action necessary either to provide with Government Lands for the relevant remaining beneficiaries in the future or to refer to alternative opportunities due to</p>

				the land entrusted into the Government not being acquired with sufficient portions of land to provide for all the relevant beneficiaries.
04.	Action remained being taken for the resettlement of only 07 families out of 120 families who live in the high risk areas of the Madadumbara Divisional Secretariat Office and, the resettlement activities of the remaining 113 families had not been initiated.	Steps should be taken to settle the families who live in high risk areas in suitable places expeditiously.	Even though 120 families had been identified for the resettlement, compensation has been approved in the initial round for 07 families. The resettlement activities of the remaining families have been initiated.	It had been informed that the resettlement of 1 families of the Madadumbara Divisional Secretariat Division had been completed, houses for 16 families remain being constructed, 87 beneficiaries remained looking for lands for resettlement and that 4 beneficiaries would be verbally stating their reluctance for resettlement. Preparations have been made for the acquisition of the “Angurugamawatta” land of the Bambaragahadeniya

				<p>Grama Niladhari Division, belonging to the State Plantations Corporation, portion that land and to distribute it among the beneficiaries.</p>
05.	<p>A training and Machinery and Equipment valued at Rs.9,781,156 had been provided for 08 Factories under the programme of the Government for capacity development, empowerment of women, rural development and the upgrading of the living conditions and creating of one million jobs. Five factors out of 08 Factories had been closed and, Equipment valued at Rs.2,998,344 out of these Equipment had been stored in the house of the Coordinating Secretary to the Ministry.</p>	<p>Action should be taken to refer the goods purchased by spending state money.</p>	<p>The Machinery and Equipment that had been retained in such a manner had been physically examined as per the Register of Goods and, that Report and the recommendations relating to those Machinery and Equipment had been referred by the Letter No.KDS/4/11/3/7 of 22.07.2021 to the Secretary to the State Ministry of Batik, Handloom Fabric and Local Apparel Products and, it had been informed that awareness has not been made on the further action that should be taken.</p>	<p>The establishment of 08 Small- scale Factories had been carried out in 07 selected Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the Kandy District in the year 2016 by the Ministry of Industries and, all these centres remain inoperative at this moment. Moreover, these machinery and Equipment further remained to be retained in the Institutions that those centres were maintained on the Government Institutions not being acquired with a suitable place to securely store these</p>

				Machinery and Equipment.
06.	Even though an expenditure amounting to Rs.30,950,137 had been incurred from the year 2014 to the year 2018 for the construction of the Indoor Stadium of the Nugawela Central College, its work had not been completed.	Action should be taken to complete the relevant function by taking follow- up action on the functions that the provisions were made available.	The portions of work relating to the Estimates on the provisions made available from time to time had been completed and had been handed over to the Principal.	The constructions that could be carried out on the provisions made available up to the year 2017 had been handed over to the Principal of the Nugawela Central College for 17/02/2017 and the Divisional Secretariat had reported that a sum of Rs.10 million would be further incurred for the completion of the Indoor Stadium.
07.	A total sum of Rs.428,911 had been paid relating to the period from May 2008 to January 2012 as salaries of a pensioner deceased on April 2008, of the Kundasale District Secretariat. An Investigation had been carried out relating thereto, in terms of the Financial Regulation 104(4) and, it had been informed that, that money should be recovered	The Investigations relating to frauds should be carried out expeditiously and the relevant recommendations should be implemented relating to the parties responsible.	Action has been taken to recover money from two Grama Niladhari Officers in terms of the Investigation carried out in terms of the Financial Regulation 104(4) and, action has not been taken to recover the loss until the Decisions of the	It had been informed to the District Secretariat, Kundasale by the Letter No.KDS/1/6/2/2/14 the relevant Officers on the Officers responsible are bound to pay the loss incurred to the Government individually and/or

	from the parties responsible as per that Investigation Report. However, a sum of Rs.214,302 remained to be further recovered.		Ministries relating thereto had not been received on the Appeals not being furnished dated 02 May 2016, by another Grama Niladhari Officer, Pensions Officer and by a Writing Assistant Officer.	collectively as per the Letter No.HA/3/1/15/4-6 of 25.11.2021 of the Secretary to the State Ministry of Home Affairs.
08.	Twenty- three portions of land totalling 417 perches in extent belonging to the Government, in the areas of Pathahewaheta and Tumpane Divisional Secretariats remained being under the unauthorized occupation and, action had not been taken to acquire the ownership of those lands.	Action necessary to acquire the lands that are under unauthorized occupation, should be taken expeditiously.	A Register has been prepared on the unauthorized residents. Action is being taken to prescribe lands for them and to submit to the Provincial Commissioner of Lands, to conduct land kachcheris, to prepare Development Reports, to survey lands and to submit Survey Orders. The Divisional Secretariat, Tumpane had reported that action has been taken to prescribe those lands by conducting a	A request for survey has been referred to the Kachcheri Surveyor for specifying the extents of lands by conducting a land kachcheri on 08/04/2021 in the Udagama West Grama Niladhari Division. The final Selection List who has participated for the Land Kachcheri held on 06/10/2020, in the Kahambiliyawa Grama Niladhari Division, has been approved by the

			land kachcheri on 19 December 2019 and that Monthly Reports have been called by Grama Niladhari Division levels to control the illegal seizure of the Government lands.	Provincial Commissioner of Lands. As such, its licenses remain being prepared. Action has been taken to provide licenses to the relevant unauthorized residents on 29 December 2019 in the Tumpane Divisional Secretariat by conducting a land kachcheri.
09.	A loan balance amounting to Rs.136,620 of an interdicted Officer and a loan balance amounting to Rs.106,391 of an Officer who has vacated from service had not been recovered, despite it had lapsed over 08 years as at 31 December 2021.	Action should be taken in terms of the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter xxiv of the Establishments Code of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.	The Attorney General has informed that steps would be taken to expedite the Disciplinary Inquiry initiated relating to the recovery of the loan balance and to repay and settle the loan amounting to Rs.106,391, that should be recovered from the Officer who had vacated from service.	The proper Disciplinary Inquiries remained being defaulted due to the covid- 19 pandemic and, those Inquiries have been reinstated. It had been informed to the Attorney General for the recovery of the loan balance of the Officer who had vacated from service.

10.	It had been observed that 10 families out of the 53 families identified under the Resettlement Project of the Families living in the High Risk Areas in the Pasbage Korale Divisional Secretariat remained being settled in that same high risk area on the difficulty remaining in identifying the portions of land suitable for resettlement by the sum of Rs.400,000 provided by the Government and these families not having the capability of purchasing a land by incurring a certain expenditure in addition to the compensation provided.	Action should be taken to execute the intended objectives.	Lands remain to be further identified for resettlement only for 10 families.	It has been reported that one person out of these families have been provided with lands and that 06 families out of the other families have been resettled in their relatives' homes and in other places. As such, the Divisional Secretariat has reported that steps have been taken to assure the safety of the lives of those families during the times of heavy rains despite only 03 families being still residing in those high risk areas.
12.	A Double Cab vehicle belonging to the Uda Palatha Divisional Secretariat had faced with a accident on 25 May 2017 and the Board of Inquiry had decided to recover a sum of Rs.210,093 of its estimated total loss of Rs.2,223,927 from the Bus Driver who was involved	Action should be taken to recover the losses and damages from the parties responsible.	The driver responsible for the accident has died and information relating to his legal heir has been informed and submitted to the Attorney General by the Letter No.KDS/UDP/1/1/V	Information has been presented by the Divisional Secretariat on 13.03.2021 for the information requested by the Attorney General's Department on 08.02.2021 relating to

	with the accident of the Double Cab vehicle. However, that sum of money had not been recovered even by December 2021.		EH/9 of 13.03.2021 by the Uda Palatha Divisional Secretariat.	the accident of the Double Cab vehicle No. CPPD 6103 and replies had not been received even for the Reminder Letters referred to the Attorney General's Department on 27.12.2021, 27.10.2021 and on 05.05.2021.
13.	Even though it had been stated that an Officer is entitled to only one Motor bicycle as per the Paragraph 2 of the Director of the Department of National Budget No.BD/GPS/130/9/4/MC-8 of 22 November 2019, Motor bicycles had been provided for 07 Field Officers as well, who had previously obtained Motor bicycles on concessional basis in terms of the Budget Proposals of the year 2014 by way of being appointed as Public Representatives of the Provincial Councils.	Action should be taken in terms of the Circular.	It had been informed in writing to submit the Bills by making payments to the District Samurdhi Division before 20.05.2021 the market value of the Motor bicycle obtained for the relevant 07 Officers and that, action would be taken to recover that amount from the salary in the instance where it has been failed to make these payments.	Hereby, I kindly inform that instructions had been requested in writing on 13.01.2022 by the Letter No.KDS/07/2/17, from the Director General of the Department of Samurdhi Development relating to the recoveries.
14.	A sum of Rs.244,640 had been paid for the supply of	The payments should be made	Action would be taken to inquire	Hereby, I kindly inform that action

	Sanitation Services to the selected Institution in the year under review despite their service not being provided for 224 human days.	only in the instance where the relevant function has been executed by way of making follow- up action, in making payments.	whether the employees engaged in Sanitation Services receive the Employees Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund Contributions.	would be taken to recover this amount from the Services Supplier.
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Nuwaraeliya District Secretariat				
		2018	Qualified Opinion	
		2019	Qualified Opinion	
		2020	Qualified Opinion	
	Major Shortcomings in the Report of the Auditor General	Recommendation of the Auditor General	Preventive Measures Taken by the Auditee Entity	Current Position
01.	A loan balance of Rs.49,985 that continued to exist for a period of 05 years from an officer who had vacated the service of the Nuwara Eliya Divisional Secretariat and a balance of Rs.459,818 that remained outstanding for a period of 01 to 05 years from three interdicted officers could not be recovered even at the end of the year under review.	Action should be taken to promptly recover the loan advances granted.	Officers, who were interdicted and left the service have been informed to pay off their loans and a portion of the money has been settled. As payments have not been made thereafter, it has been informed that action will be taken to recover the amounts legally.	Not recovered even by February 2022.

02.	A project to produce eco-friendly hygienic lunch sheets using banana leaves in the Daliwela South Grama Niladhari Division of the Walapane Divisional Secretariat Division had been launched in November 2018 at a cost of Rs.1.74 million. The project had failed and subsequently been dysfunctional due to the fact that the purchase of banana plants, the main raw material for the project, had not been given priority and the electricity capacity required for the operation of the machine had not been taken into account in spending money on the relevant building.	Action should be taken to buy banana seedlings and to make the project a success.	Although the purchase of seedlings was delayed, it was observed that the interest of the people in the Division was gradually declining due to the short-term increase in revenue, despite the efforts made by the officers to plan and execute the work as mentioned above. Accordingly, it has also been informed that it will be possible to prevent the misuse of government funds by giving the project to another Grama Shakthi Division, which have an interest in this project without implementing the project in this Division.	Projects have not been started until February 2022.
03.	The imprest balance of Rs.900,878 which has been brought forward since 2013 had not been settled even by 31 December 2020.	Action should be taken to settle the unpaid advance balance.	This situation has arisen due to not recovering an advance to a contractor in the year 2012 and according to a Cabinet decision taken in the	Action has not been taken to settle an imprest balance, valued at Rs.900,878 and has been brought forward since

			year 2018, it has been referred to the Ministry of Home Affairs for further action.	2013, even by 31 December 2021.
04.	The allocation received to the District Secretariat from the Ministries and Departments for capital and recurrent expenditure, ranging from 3 percent to 68 percent had been saved during the year under review.	Received allocations should be utilized at the maximum level.	The projects could not be implemented due to the Covid situation.	There were savings ranged from 3% to 68% of the allocations received by the District Secretariat from the Ministries and Departments for capital and recurrent expenditure during the year under review.
05.	The Grama Shakthi Janatha Project was launched with the objective of increasing the income of the farmers who cultivate seed beans in the Hanguranketha Divisional Secretariat and Rs.5,311,908 had been incurred by the Government as at 31 December 2019. The cold room, which was completed last year at the premises of the Agrarian Services Centre in Mandaramnuwara to provide cold room facilities for seed	Necessary steps should be taken to implement the projects effectively.	It will be utilized effectively in the future.	The cold storage facility, of which the construction was completed by last year at the premises of the Agrarian Services Centre in Mandaramnuwara to provide cold storage facilities for seed beans had not been used even by 11 January 2021.

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06.	Although Rs. 42,500,000 had been incurred to generate electricity from solar power systems to 85 religious places in the district in the year 2020 under the Gamperaliya programme, those projects had not been operational even by 30 March 2021.	Action should be taken to implement planned projects as per the approved project proposal on the provisions provided in order to provide maximum level of public service.	The Ceylon Electricity Board has been informed to take action to connect to the national grid.	Although Rs. 42,500,000 had been incurred to generate electricity from solar power systems to 85 religious places in the district in the year 2020 under the Gamperaliya programme, those projects had not been operational even by 30 March 2021.
07.	There were 189 families identified for resettlement in the Walapane Divisional Secretariat as at 31 December 2020. Out of this, only 42 families had been resettled. A total of 147 families were still living in the affected areas, including 17 families affected by the 2014 landslide in the Palalpathana division.	Action should be taken to provide immediate relief to the affected people through the provisions provided.	20 acres of state lands have been requested and the resettlement process has been delayed due to the non-agreement of the Ministry of Plantation Industries and the plantation companies. A proposal is being prepared to acquire lands under the village expansion methodology.	147 families were still living in the same affected areas, including 17 families affected by the 2014 landslide in Palalpathana division.
08.	The objectives to be achieved by the year 2030	Should be clearly identify the	All officers will be informed and action	Objectives have not been planned

	had not been clearly identified and plans had not been prepared accordingly as per the provisions of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Development Act No. 19 of 2017.	Sustainable Development Goals and prepare plans to achieve them.	will be taken accordingly.	and reported to the audit.
09.	Although all the Divisional Secretariats in the Nuwara Eliya District have introduced and implemented the Citizen Charter as per Public Administration Circular No. 05/2008 dated 06 February 2008, it is observed that it is an obstacle in case of electricity breakdown. People who come to get essential services have to face great inconvenience, especially during high winds and rainy weather, when it takes a long time to restore electricity breakdowns.	The required actions should be done to provide generators with sufficient capacity by requesting additional provision.	Actions will be taken to provide generators on a priority basis based on the amount allocations received.	The work has not completed even by February 2022.

District Secretariat, Rathnapura

		2018	Qualified Opinion	
		2019	Qualified Opinion	
		2020	Qualified Opinion	
Major shortcomings in the report of the Auditor General		Recommendation of the Auditor General	Preventive Measures Taken by the Auditee Entity	Current Position
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01.	When paying compensation for furniture and equipment damaged due to floods in Ratnapura Divisional Secretariat area, Rs. 2,088,965 had been overpaid on 49 occasions in excess of the maximum amount claimed by the relevant beneficiaries on the recommendation of the committee appointed in this regard and the Divisional Secretary.	Action should be taken in accordance with the Financial Regulations 104, 109 and 156.	Preventive measures are not mentioned.	Even though the Board of Inquiry had been appointed on 25 October 2021, no investigation report has been released in this regard as at 03 February 2022, and no action had been taken to recover the overpayment.
02.	Amount of Rs. 1,187,711 had been overpaid for 31 houses in 09 divisions in contrary to the circular instructions given by circular no. NDRSC / 01/04/01/2017 dated 25 June 2017 when paying compensation for houses damaged by floods in the Ratnapura Divisional Secretariat area in the year 2017.	Action should be taken as per Financial Regulations 104, 109 and 156.	An investigation is underway.	Even though the Board of Inquiry was appointed on 25 October 2021, no investigation report had been issued in this regard by 03 February 2022 also, and no action had been taken to recover the overpayment.
03.	A Sum of Rs. 784,000 had been allocated for the construction	To comply with the financial regulations	Conducting an investigation	Preliminary investigation reports

	<p>of the side bund of Dehiathhawela Ela in Imbulpe Divisional Secretariat, area by the Irrigation and Water Resources Management Ministry. An agreement had been reached with a Death Donation and concessionary Society in the area for an amount of Rs. 784,000 to complete that project. Even though, an amount of Rs.702,575 (after deducting the 10 percent for retention) had been paid to the Society on the statement of completing the project as at 23 July 2018, that project had not been constructed when examining physically on 11 December 2018.</p>	<p>in making payments for the project and take disciplinary action against.</p>		<p>regarding three officers had been submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs along with charge sheets on 20 and 31 December 2020, charge sheets had been issued to the Technical Officer by the Ministry of Home Affairs on 29 November 2021. No investigation into the relevant officers had been completed accordingly and the necessary disciplinary action had not been taken by 03 February 2022.</p>
04.	<p>A sum of 50,653,814 had been allocated by the Ministry of Home Affairs for the development of the Galagama Laduyaya Road. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Western Provincial Road Development Authority on 14 December 2016 on the basis of completion of the contract in 37 days. By December 2017, construction work in the industry had been halted.</p>	<p>The relevant contractor shall be blacklisted and the termination of the Memorandum of Understanding with that party to be carried out and action should be taken in compliance with the guidelines of the Government Procurement Guidelines 5.4.8 (a).</p>	<p>Even though a performance security had not been obtained, more assets than the value of performance security had been charged from the contractor. Even though no action had been taken to blacklist this institution, no other agreement was reached with this institution after this incident. It</p>	<p>This road, which had been selected for the “100,000 km Rural Road Development Programme”, had not been completed by 03 February 2022.</p>

	<p>Failure to obtain performance security not less than 5% or Rs. 2,532,691 of the estimated contract amount In terms of the guidelines 5,4,8 (a) of the Government Procurement Guidelines, Failure to include the name of the contractor in the list of defaulting contractors in terms of the guideline 8.11.4 of the Government Procurement Guide, termination of MoU and fulfillment of the relevant contract by another institution / contractor had been done by the District Secretariat.</p>		<p>was observed that the progress was not sufficient at the progress review meeting even though the contract period had been extended as per the decision of the Procurement Board dated 23 May 2017. However, as it is not practical to cancel and sign the contract for the remaining period of the year, no action had been done for that purpose.</p>	
05.	<p>Opanayaka Divisional Secretariat in relation to the implementation of Grama shakthi campaign project launched with the objective of combating poverty in Sri Lanka by the Presidential Secretariat provision of Rs.3,178,000 had been released under Head 001-2-6-6-2509. For the “Grama Shakthi” Community Based Organization established in each division, sum of Rs. 2,959,650 at Rs.986,550 had been disbursed to each Division for livelihood development, capacity development and</p>	<p>Provisions allocated for projects should be properly utilized.</p>	<p>Necessary steps should be followed to utilize the remaining funds for livelihood development and capacity development as instructed.</p>	<p>According to the letter no. SMS/SDB/GS/Dist01 YD dated 03.02.2021 of Secretary of the State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment Business Development, it had been informed to remove the Grama Shakthi Janatha societies from registration at the Registrar of Companies. The</p>

	<p>infrastructure development on 29 December 2018. By 31 December 2019, only 20 per cent of the expenditure required for the development of infrastructure in the three selected divisions had been utilized and the balance money had been withheld in the Bank Accounts.</p>			<p>Divisional Secretary has reported that the procedures to be followed for this purpose could not be implemented in the current epidemic situation. The balance was remained in the accounts without being spent by 03 February 2022 also.</p>
06.	<p>In terms of the 4th instruction under Building Construction in the Letter of Internal Audit Instructions No. 22/2014 dated 18 August 2014 of the District Secretary instead of new construction, inquiries should be made to see whether there are other usable government buildings available in the area. Despite there was a closed school building, 1180 sq.ft in extent in the premises of Rathnapura Berankatiya School premises which could be used, the Gallinna Nila Sewana Office 729 sq. ft. in extent was built with the community contribution of Rs.961,261 with the Government Contribution of Rs. 2,000,000. As a result, was seen that the government</p>	<p>The 4th instructions under Building Construction in the letter of the District Secretary stated in the Internal Audit Instruction No. 22/2014 dated 18 August 2014 has to be complied with.</p>	<p>Refer to a board of inquiry.</p>	<p>The final inquiry report had not been issued by February 2021 also.</p>

	<p>money had been spend without making sufficient consideration since the opportunity to construct this Nila Sewana office in a Grama Niladhari Division had been deprived where there are no government buildings in the Pelmadulla Divisional Secretariat area.</p>			
07.	<p>Out of 131 Hammer Tests carried out at the Imbulpe Divisional Secretariat, the tests on six roads with a contract value of Rs.3,394,059 had failed and no action had been taken to conduct a Core Cutter Test for those roads and confirm the results until the audit date 01 February 2021. The audit also confirmed that five out of the six projects that failed the Hummer Test were conducted by a same subcontractor.</p>	<p>A Core Cutter Test should be performed on those routes to confirm the results.</p>	<p>Payment has been made to the Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering) of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council to carry out the Core Cutter Test for all the 6 projects which failed the Hummer Test.</p>	<p>The District Secretary sought approval by a letter to appoint a committee to make recommendations on projects that had failed these Tests.</p>
08.	<p>The attention had not been drawn for effective use of 31 Government Buildings in 08 Divisional Secretariat Divisions which has not been used since year 1999 and 04 Government Buildings which has not been used for 2 years by the District Secretariat and it</p>	<p>Steps should be taken proper utilization of the relevant property and a formal programme should be implemented for the protection of government property.</p>	<p>Directions have been given to do repairs immediately.</p>	<p>District Secretariat: B - 8 Repairs are in progress. B14 - Repairs have been completed. C - 31 Estimates for repairs are being done. C - 27 Referred to obtain the</p>

	was observed that the buildings were in a dilapidated condition and were ruined due to weeds being overgrown etc. as at the audited date of 04 February 2021.			<p>recommendation of the District Engineer for demolition.</p> <p>It has been informed that there are 31 unused government buildings in the divisional secretariat divisions.</p>
Kegalle District Secretariat -----				
	2018	Qualified Opinion		
	2019	Qualified Opinion		
	2020	Qualified Opinion		
Major shortcomings in the report of the Auditor General -----		Recommendation of the Auditor General -----	Preventive Measures Taken by the Auditee Entity -----	Current Position -----
01.	Even though the paddy lands should not be used for any purpose other than agricultural cultivation in terms of section 34 of the Agrarian Development Act No 46 of 2010 amended by Act No.46 of 2011, a paddy field had been reclaimed and a Madulbowa play ground was being constructed in the Mawanella Divisional Secretariat division.	Take action in accordance with the provisions of the Act.	The Divisional Secretary has been instructed to obtain the approval of the Commissioner of Agrarian Services before using paddy lands for development activities other than agricultural cultivation in due course.	The Divisional Secretary has informed that the permission has not been received yet to treat this land as a plot of high land even though the relevant applications have been submitted to the Department of Agrarian Services by the Principal to obtain the necessary permission.

02.	Out of the 15 apparel based mini factories opened by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce at the Divisional Secretariat level in Kegalle district, 04 centers were not functioning as expected and 11 centers had been closed.	Adhere to circular instructions, inspect and follow up on financial and physical resources provided to factories.	The Divisional Secretaries were instructed to pay attention to the activities of these garment centers.	The centers which were not operational in year 2018 are now operational and the two centers which had been operational in Rambukkana and Warakapola (in 2018) are not operational at present.
03.	An amount of Rs. 25 million had been provided by the Presidential Secretariat for the construction of a trade park with stalls (Grama Shakthi Avadhi Nagaraya - 2018), at Arandara area in Galigamuwa. Under the first phase, a sum of Rs. 1,911,146 had been paid for concreting the Thoranagahapitiya access road and the construction of the side walls, but side wall had collapsed. Further, no action had been taken to take over the proposed land and due to suspension of balance work on this project, the amount of Rs. 2,068,689 incurred up to now had become fruitless expenditure.	When selecting and implementing a project, a proper study should be done on it and action should be taken to implement it efficiently.	The Director Planning was instructed to focus on preparing project proposals in due course.	Parts damaged due to landslides caused by heavy rains have been removed by the Galigamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha. Estimates have been prepared and called tenders to repair the damaged sidewalls by the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Road Development Authority.
04.	An amount of Rs. 16,765,760 has not been recovered from the pension fraud that took place in the Kegalle, Warakapola Divisional	Take action in accordance with the Establishments Code and take action to	Necessary steps have been taken by the Department of Pensions to prevent	Formal disciplinary inquiries have been initiated against the relevant parties. The pensions of two

	Secretariats and the Kegalle District Secretariat during the period 2009 to 2013.	recover the money related to the fraud.	such frauds in due course.	officers involved in this fraud have been suspended and the amount suspended was Rs. 2,286,490 by November 2021. Inquiries related to Financial Regulations 104 (3) and 104 (4) have been completed and the reports have been submitted to the Secretary, Home Affairs, Department of Public Finance and the Director General of Pensions. A case has been filed by Criminal Investigation Department under No. 14414/4/14 in the Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court.
05.	A sum of Rs.69,575,200 had been given for 43 People's Societies in 11 Divisional Secretariat divisions under the first phase on the allocations received in year 2018 and 2019 and Rs. 4,560,000 had been given to 96 people's societies in 11 Divisional Secretariat divisions under the second phase in 2019 for establishment of people's societies under the Grama	Provisions should be used for the intended purposes.	It has been informed that necessary steps should be taken to achieve the relevant objectives.	The Saubhagya Bureau was contacted by phone in this regard and stated that no final decision has been taken yet.

<p>Shakthi People's Movement introduced by the Sustainable Development Division of the Presidential Secretariat with the objective of eradicating poverty in Sri Lanka through the use of a community controlled system. However, at the end of the year under review, a sum of Rs. 49,812,357 of 34 societies representing 71 per cent of the amount disbursed in the first phase and a sum of Rs.4,358,021 of 96 societies representing 96 per cent of the amount disbursed in the second phase in the bank accounts without being utilized for the relevant purpose by the end of the year under review.</p>			
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06.	Under the smart Sri Lanka Programme, a sum of Rs.1,985,293 had been spent by end of the year 2020 as Rs.1,744,015 allocated for the establishment of Smart Sri Lanka Centres at Galigamuwa, Ruwanwella, Dehiowita and Rambukkana Divisional Secretariats under allocations received to Kegalle District Secretariat in 2019 and a sum of Rs.241,278 for introduction and training programmes. In addition, 22 computers with software were provided to the Divisional Secretariats to implement the relevant programmes. However, by the time of the audit in March 2021, the Smart Sri Lanka Programme was not in an operating condition for achieving the expected goals.	The relevant project should be used for the intended purpose.	Actions have been taken on the instructions of the Director General of the Department of Manpower and Employment.	Measures have been taken by the Director General of the Department of Manpower and Employment to hand over the center established in NAITA, Galigamuwa to National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority. As informed by the Director General of the Department of Manpower and Employment by his letter dated 02 July 2021, one computer has been handed over to each of the Human Resource Officers of the Divisional Secretariats under the Smart Sri Lanka Programme.
07.	78 families were identified in the Ruwanwella Divisional Secretariat area under the Resettlement Project of Families victimized by landslides and landslide risk conditions. Out of these, 28 families were not included to receive the benefits for various reasons and 15 families out of	Action should be taken to solve the existing problems and pay the housing assistance.	The public was continuously kept informed under the resettlement project, and called to the office from time to time for giving advice. The Ruwanwella Divisional Secretary has informed that	The number of families residing is 05. The number of families engaged in the construction of houses is 06. There are 04 families who have not reported any

	the remaining 50 families had not completed their housing construction work by the end of the year under review and due to that the outstanding housing assistance was amounted to Rs. 4,850,000.		action has been taken through field inspections to inform, give written instructions and release the money in installments.	progress in housing construction.
08.	The two-storied Tuttiripitiya bus stand had been handed over to the State Engineering Corporation on 19 February 2014 for construction at an estimated cost of Rs.23,570,905. The construction works on the project was halted after incurred an expenditure of Rs. 3,988,900. Although the Provincial Land Commissioner had been informed in 2018 and 2019 to make the necessary arrangements to hand over this land to the Aranayake Pradeshiya Sabha as it is a government owned land, that task was done even by end of the year under review.	In the case of planning a project, it should be planned as to gain a benefit for the money spent on the project.	The Director (Planning) was informed to take necessary steps to prevent such problems in future.	Even though the above project had been implemented in the land allotted by the Land Commissioner of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council, no provisions had been received to complete the remaining work. Under these circumstances, the construction of the bus stand has been halted due to a legal issue regarding the allocation of land for development to the Aranayake Pradeshiya Sabha. However, this state property has been temporarily handed over to the Aranayake Pradeshiya Sabha for effective use and the

				building will be utilized effectively in the future.
09.	Provisions of Rs. 35,615,876 had been provided to the District Secretariat in year 2019 for implementation of the Kitulgala Town Development Project under the Rural Infrastructure Development Programme of the Ministry of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs. Under this, an agreement had been reached to widen the both sides of the road in the center of Kitulgala town, with a length of 0.8 km, and to construct side drains at a cost of Rs. 25,698,900. Constructions had been halted from November 29, 2019 due to a pressure from an outside party when carrying out this task.	New projects should be designed to benefit the money spent.	Such problems will not be arisen as decisions regarding projects are taken on the proposals of the village committees at present.	The relevant Ministry has been informed in this regard and the Director (Planning) has informed that the project can be implemented in the future if funds are provided under the Kitulgala Town Development Programme.

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Major deficiency included in the Audit Report		AG's Recommendation	Preventive measures taken by the Auditee entity	Present Position
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01.	Even though the Ussella Sathipola Development Project had been completed by spending a sum of Rs.494,890 by the Haldummulla Divisional Secretariat, that Project remained idle without having any use whatsoever even by 19 October 2018.	Projects should be planned and implemented in a manner that achieves those objectives by properly identifying the needs and objectives of the beneficiaries.	The organizing of the future activities by the Rural Development Committee for its maintenance as a Stocks Purchasing Centre for the goods manufactured in the area.	The building remained idle even by February 2022.
02.	Even though the Badulla District Valuer had estimated the damage relating thereto as a sum of Rs.500,000 on 15 May 2019, 08 years since a Double Cab vehicle belonging to the Uva Paranagama Divisional Secretariat being involved with an accident, that damage had not been recovered from the parties responsible.	The relevant action should be taken as per the Financial Regulations by carrying out Preliminary Inquiries.	Inquiries are being carried out.	The Preliminary Inquiries had not been carried out.

03.	A sum of Rs.12,150,749 had been overpaid as pensions, 114 pensioners relating to 6 Divisional Secretariats due to not paying attention to the instructions in the Laws, Rules and Regulations that are subjected to change from time to time relating to the calculation of the salaries in the payment of pensions to the Pensioners and due to the calculation errors.	The pensions should be calculated accurately and overpayments should be recovered.	It has been stated that action would be taken to prevent such conditions.	The overpayments remain to be recovered.
04.	An Agreement amounting to Rs.2,661,859 had been entered into with a Private Contractual Institution on 12 October 2017 by the Lunugala Divisional Secretariat for the Project of providing water for the Lunugala Hopton B Area under the provisions of the Ministry of Economic Development. Even though the works of the Project should be completed on 12 December 2017, the period of the Agreement had been extended on 05 instances up to 12 December 2019 upon the request of the contractor.	The construction projects should be constantly monitored and the valid period of the Guarantees should be extended.	The preventive measures taken by the Institution had not been reported.	The project had not been completed even by February 2022. A sum of Rs.133,093 recoverable to the Government had not been recovered.

	<p>Even though a sum of Rs.906,558 had been paid to the contractor by 31 December of the year under review, the works of the project had been identified by the contractor. The Guarantee had been exempted by the contractor on the valid period of the Performance Security Guarantee relating to the contract not being extended and a sum of Rs.133,093 that could have been recovered by the Government, could not be recovered.</p>			
05.	<p>A total sum of Rs.48,000,000 had been provided in the years 2018 and 2019, as a sum of Rs.1,000,000 each, to each Committee for various projects, for 48 Grama Shakthi Peoples' Committees, selected in a manner that covers 15 Divisional Secretariats in the Badulla District. However, a sum of Rs.38,151,040 of it had been retained in the Bank Accounts by 25 February 2021.</p>	<p>It should be confirmed that the money had been utilized for the function that it was provided, by thoroughly monitoring and by taking follow-up action on the Projects.</p>	<p>The preventive measures taken by the Institution had not been reported.</p>	<p>A sum of Rs.38,151,040 remain idle in the Bank Accounts even by February 2022.</p>

06.	An Agreement amounting to Rs.1,999,998 had been entered into on 20 August 2014 by the District Secretariat Haldummulla for the construction of the Ussella Clinical Centre under the “Palath Naguma” Development Programme in the year 2014 by the Ministry of Economic Development and even though a sum of Rs.1,773,300 had been spent for the construction by 31 December of that year, the building had not been handed over to the Director of Health Services. The building had not been used for clinical activities despite 7 years had lapsed by the date of audit of 23 February 2021 and, the ceiling of the building had not been erected. Moreover, water, electricity and sanitation facilities also had not been provided.	Action should be taken to complete the work and to utilize the building.	The preventive measures taken by the Institution had not been reported.	The building remains idle even by February 2022.
07.	A damage amounting to Rs.6,349,333 had been incurred by a motor vehicle	Action should be taken in terms of the Report of the Board	Inquiries remain being carried out.	Even though 3 ½ years had lapsed, the Inquiries had not

	<p>belonging to the Rideemaliyadde Divisional Secretariat being involved with an accident and, a sum of Rs.2,500,000 paid on 25 June 2020 by the Insurance Company in this connection had been retained in the General Deposit Account. The motor vehicle had not been repaired even by 10 February 2020 and the motor vehicle that was involved in the accident remained idle and being halted in the parking area of the District Secretariat for a period of over 3 ½ years after the occurrence of the accident.</p>	<p>of Inquiry on the damage being occurred to the motor vehicle.</p>		<p>been wound up even by February 2020 and the loss had not been recovered.</p>
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	Main Deficiencies Included in the Auditor General's Report -----	Recommendation of Auditor General -----	Preventive Measures Taken by the Entity -----	Current Status in This Regard -----
01.	<p>The payments had been made to the Ceylon Electricity Board for an estimate of Rs.33,</p>	<p>When approving and certifying expenses as per Financial Regulations 137 and</p>	<p>The payments had been made as per the estimated provided by the Ceylon Electricity Board. It</p>	<p>The full details had not been presented on the way of preparing electricity bill. Any action had</p>

	582,527 for the supply of electricity for the exhibition premises of the Enterprise Sri Lanka Exhibition for three days that held in Monaragala District. The public money had been spent improperly with paying without taking action to reduce the estimate by inquiring on the unusual expenditure estimate of sum of Rs.22,724,451 as Rs.13,066,537 as labour charges, Rs.1,929,102 as transport charges, Rs.3,115,152 as suspense expenses and Rs.2,770,396 as renting of generators and fuel cost.	139, the payments should be made so as to incur minimum expenses to the government by inquiring properly.	has been informed that a detailed report was not provided by the Ceylon Electricity Board.	not been taken to recover the part of paid estimated amount from the Ceylon Electricity Board by inquiring the unusual expenses.
02.	Although Rs.14,664,834 had been paid for fixing safety electric lamps in order to supply additional electricity for the annual Esala Festival of the Ruhunu Kataragama and Kotabowa Kuda Kataragama kovils in the year 2018, the payment had been made for the bill without having proper information on number of electric lamps used, fixing	When approving and certifying expenses as per Financial Regulations 137 and 139, the payments should be made so as to incur minimum expenses to the government by inquiring properly.	The payments had been made as per the estimated provided by the Ceylon Electricity Board. It has been informed that a detailed report was not provided by the Ceylon Electricity Board.	The full details had not been presented on the way of preparing electricity bill. Any action had not been taken to recover the part of paid estimated amount from the Ceylon Electricity Board by inquiring the unusual expenses.

	cost and employees utilized for that.			
03.	Although travelling expenses subject to maximum of Rs.3,000 per month could be paid to the Economic Development Officers in respect of the activities of the “Gramashakthi People Movement”, contrary to that, the Divisional Secretariats, Kataragama, Wellawaya and Thanamalwila had paid a monthly payment totalling Rs.189,000 to 10 officers without obtaining proper approval.	In making payments to the public officers without being adhered to the circular instructions, approval of the Director Establishments should be obtained.	Payments had been made in terms of Letter No.MO/DS/DPS/D/02/04 dated 04 September 2018 of the Director (Planning).	It had not been recovered even by February 2022 and, a proper approval had not been obtained for those payments.
04.	A sum of Rs.68.25 million had been spent on “Enterprise Sri Lanka” exhibition and the following deficiencies were observed at the sample audit carried out in that connection.			
	(i) Although Rs.14.34 million had been spent on the vehicles and machinery used by the contractor for the ground preparation of the exhibition held, the	Action should be taken to obtain recommendations and approval of the supervising officers for the certification	It was instructed to focus attention on the Job Cards in making payments to the contractors in future.	The job cards in relation to the payments were not submitted.

	actual cost was not confirmed for it as there was not available the details on transport activities with the certification of supervisors for the confirmation of number of running hours of machineries and number of vehicle running days.	before making payments.		
	(ii) Although the construction of internal road network of the exhibition premises had been completed by spending Rs.2.06 million, the road was damaged by having potholes and detaching tar layer applied on the roads even before the lapse of 05 months from the completion of roads.	The constructions should be done with the required standard.	Action will be taken to draw attention on the quality and the durability of the constructions in future.	This premises with constructions had been used for the project of constructing the Monaragala District sports complex.
	(iii) A sum of Rs.1.6 million had been spent on 143 Hume Pipes and 60 collars in related to that for the use of ground preparation activities of the exhibition premises. Although a period of over five months had	Action should be taken to utilize remaining collars and hume pipes for the suitable development activity.	As it is useful for the proposed green garden that would be constructed in future, these were not removed.	It was prevailed in same manner even by February 2022.

	<p>elapsed from the end of the exhibition as at 10 January 2019, those pipes and collars had been remained idle.</p>			
	<p>(iv) Although a sum of Rs.2.84 million had been spent for the construction of a pond in the exhibition premises, the constructions were out of the standard as several places of the pond had been damaged before the lapse of five months from the completion of the construction of it.</p>	<p>It should be planned to prepare the constructions that done for the exhibition in a manner that can use for another work after ending the exhibition.</p>	<p>Although it was expected to use this pond as a part of the green garden, that part was also included to the sports complex when preparing district sports complex.</p>	<p>The land with this construction had been used for the project of constructing sports complex.</p>
05.	<p>A sum of Rs.3,616,001 had been excessively paid to the contractors due to the reasons of carrying out lesser amount of works, using incorrect quotations, failure in complying with the instructions specified in the Highway Schedule of Rates, failure to recover the delay charges and failure to prepare estimates in a manner favourable to the</p>	<p>Preparation of estimates, implementation and acceptance of the project on its completion should be properly carried out in accordance with the relevant regulations.</p>	<p>Explanations had been made for the reasons of the overpayments.</p>	<p>Rs.1,939,152 has to be recovered further out of the overpaid amount even by February 2022.</p>

	Government in the projects implemented by 10 Divisional Secretariats.			
06.	The Janasabha Office Building constructed by the Divisional Secretariat at a cost of Rs.3,922,914 under the “Jathika Saviya Gamaneguma” special programme in the years 2008 and 2009 had been exposed to the natural disasters without being used for the intended purpose. Although it had been pointed out at the 148 Committee on Public Account Meeting held on 22 March 2018 that special attention should be drawn on effectively using this building, it had not been acted accordingly as it was elapsed 03 years by the decision.	Action should be taken to use the idle government buildings in intended purposes.	It was used as the official quarter of the Assistant Director (Planning).	It has not been utilized for the intended use even by February 2022.
07.	The Divisional Secretariat, Bibila had spent Rs. 902,450 on 31 December 2018 for the implementation of the Wegama South Mawatha Water Project under the Rural Economic Development Promotion Programme 2018. This water	Necessary measures should be taken to make the project productive and effective.	The project has been completed according to the amount of funds allocated for the project. It has been informed that provisions have been requested to install a motor as the second	The project has not been made for the functional status even by February 2022.

	project was not in operational even by 16 October 2019 and it was necessary to install a water motor and set up a distribution pipe system to make it operational.		phase of the project and it is expected to act accordingly in the future.	
08.	The total balance of debt that should be recovered from the deceased, interdicted and resigned officers was Rs.2,688,119 and Rs.1,957,679 out of it had been prevailed than 05 years without recovering.	Action should be taken to recover the outstanding debt balance.	It had not been mentioned the prevention actions.	Rs.299,912 out of the loan balance prevailed than 05 years without recovering had been recovered. The rest had not been recovered even by February 2022.
09.	It was observed Rs. 77,691,659 had been retained idle for over one year in 125 bank accounts maintained in favour of the Grama Shakthi Societies as at 31 December of the year under review, out of the funds granted to 11 Divisional Secretariats under the Grama Shakthi People's Movement implemented in Monaragala District in the years 2018 and 2019.	Action should be taken to effectively use the allocated funds.	The State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment and Business Development has informed by its the letter dated 03 February 2021, to all the District Secretaries on the steps to be taken in this regard and further action will be taken accordingly.	As it was informed to do future activities by registering the Grama Shakthi Societies in Divisional Secretariats by removing the registration from Registrar of Companies, the actions are being taken to remove from the registration of Registrar of Companies. There was no any change

				in the prevailed status even by February 2022.
10.	Rs. 8,361,836 had been remained in arrears even by 31 December of the year under review, out of the loans granted under the revolving loan scheme in the year 2019 by 07 Divisional Secretariats in the implementation of livelihood development programmes under the first phase of the Grama Shakthi People's Movement.	Outstanding loan balances should be recovered without delay.	Action will be taken to recover the outstanding loan balances after starting the accounting process by the relevant societies.	The arrears of loan balances were not recovered even by February 2022.
11.	According to Section 5.2.3 of Chapter XIX of the Establishments Code of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, though it has been stated that economic rent of the functions houses (chummeries) should be recovered in equal installments from each officer residing therein, the sum of Rs.312,325 of economic rent recoverable from the male and female chummeries of the Monaragala District	Arrears rentals should be recovered in accordance with the assessment report.	As there are issues in the recovery of economic rent, request has been made to the Department of Valuation to carry out a new assessment in terms of number of rooms or number of persons who can reside therein.	The arrears rentals had not been recovered even by February 2022.

	Secretariat from the year 2016 to December of the year under review had been recovered less than the due amount.			
12.	Although provision of Rs.4,750,000 had been allocated for the implementation of horticulture project with the use of financial provisions in 2019 of the Ministry of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Rural Economic Affairs, it was observed that Rs.5,763,882 had been paid and in compliance with the Financial Regulation 449(2)(b) of Financial Regulation of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Rs.1,013,882 had been spent without prior approval.	No expenditure should be incurred exceeding the limit of provisions without prior approval.	Accepted. Additional provisions were needed to purchase tools and planting materials. Accordingly, the ministry was informed to provide that money by the letter dated 16 November 2019 and since there were provisions remained under the expenditure heads, action was taken to settle the expenditure.	Approval had not been taken.
13.	The temporary retained deposits and contract retention money of Rs.9,230,126 for refunding to a third party and lapsed for 02 to 05 years as at 31 December 2020 in 06 deposit accounts of the	Action should be taken according to the Financial Regulations in respect of lapsed deposits.	Action would be taken accordingly. A part of the balance of contract retention money has been disposed of. The officers concerned have been instructed	The retention amount of Rs.2,414,503 has to be settled even by February 2022.

	Monaragala District Secretariat had not been refunded or credited to the public revenue in terms of Financial Regulations 571(3).		to settle the remaining balances according to the imprest received from the Treasury.	
14.	The District Secretariat, Monaragala had entered into an agreement worth Rs.8,700,000 for the installation of a solar panel system under the Pothukolapitiya Anicut Restoration Project and an agreement worth Rs.1,080,309 for the construction of agrarian well, pump house, and irrigation canal system under the provisions, 2019 of the Disaster Management Centre and paid Rs.8,700,000 for the installation of solar panel. Although constructions of canals should have been completed by 10 September 2019, the expected benefits of the project could not be achieved as those constructions had not been carried out even by 14 September 2020. Further,	Estimated works should be completed within the agreed period.	The constructions have been delayed due to the delay in receiving funds for the project and non-receipt of adequate amount of funds to settle payments for completed works.	It was informed that it has been included in to the plan 2021 for the construction of security fence for solar power panel. The project had not been completed even by February 2022.

	two out of the ninety panels installed had been damaged as steps were not taken to safeguard the solar panel system.			
15.	The amount incurred had been fruitless expenditure due to non-utilization of the tank after completion of construction works by incurring Rs.4,916,581 for the restoration of Siyambalanduwa Karammada Tank under the Small Tank Restoration Project, 2019 of the Ministry of Public Administration and Disaster Management by The District Secretariat, Monaragala and, the objective of cultivating nearly 50 acres of paddy lands expected 20 beneficiary families through the restoration of this tank had not been achieved.	Funds should be used effectively and expected objectives should be achieved.	The Divisional Secretary has been informed to take actions to achieve objectives by discussing.	The benefits had not been received by any farmer family from the project even by February 2022.
16.	Having prepared a cost estimate of Rs. 2,019,484,413 for the Monaragala District Sports Complex Project by the	Funds should be utilized productively for the works that should be given priority by	As necessary funds could not be obtained to carry out the works of this project, it has been discontinued at	The expected objectives could not be achieved as non-receipt of provisions until February 2022.

	<p>Monaragala District Planning Secretariat in 2019, the expense of Rs.13,389,919 had been incurred for it by 14 October 2020 by utilizing the provisions of Department of Sports Development and, constructions of the project had been abandoned following the month of October 2019.</p>	<p>doing proper evaluation and, action should be taken to achieve the expected objectives of the project.</p>	<p>present and therefore, there is no possibility to use the sports complex in its full capacity.</p>	
17.	<p>a sum of Rs. 7,472,044 had been overpaid to the contractors in relation to the matters such as performance of less work out of the work to be done on projects implemented by the Monaragala District Secretariat and 04 Divisional Secretariats, use of inapplicable price rates, non-compliance with instructions of the Highway Schedule of Rates, making overpayment for completed work , non-preparation of the estimates in favour of the Government and non-recovery of liquidated damages and, Rs.4,517,246 out of it was further remained recoverable</p>	<p>The preparation of estimates and payment reports should be carried out correctly and responsibly and the overpaid balance should be recovered.</p>	<p>Details and explanations of the recovery of charges related to these projects have been provided.</p>	<p>Rs.2,954,798 had been recovered out of the overpaid amount by now and, Rs.4,517,246 has to be recovered further.</p>

	relating to the District Secretariat, Monaragala and the Divisional Secretariats of Monaragala, Buttala and Siyambalanduwa.			
18.	A total cost estimate of Rs.49,310,900 had prepared for the rehabilitation of the Miyaketuara tank under Gamperaliya Development Programme 2018. This estimate included Rs. 4,076,800 for the construction of the breakwater in the tank using stones and Rs. 4,974,900 had been spent for only the purchase of the stone. Accordingly, Rs.898,100 had been spent only on the purchase of stones by exceeding the estimated cost. The stones on the bund of the tank had not been laid with the thickness mentioned in the estimate and the remaining stones had been piled up in the tank premises.	Constructions should be done in accordance with the estimate.	In the rehabilitation of Miyaketuara tank under the Gamperaliya Development Program, lying stones on the stones on the tank bund has been done and a part of its basic application has been completed. It is informed that the required thickness and gaps were remained incomplete due to non-completion of its work though the stone was laid by the machines as the rain was about to fall.	It was informed that remained stones were piled up in the tank premise due to non-completion of construction of breakwater of the bund of the tank even by February 2022.
19.	Fourteen vehicles belonging to the Monaragala District Secretariat remained idle in the office premises for more	∞ Action should be taken either to repair or dispose of the vehicles.	Out of those, 09 vehicles remained condemned and 05 were not productive	The registration of vehicles in a residual state had not been cancelled and the

	than 10 years and action had not been taken to repair or dispose of those vehicles.		economically to repair. Action is being taken to auction those vehicles.	other vehicles were not auctioned.
20.	Although it was instructed to dispose of all the vehicles in unusable conditions before 30 June 2018 by following the instructions given by the Public Finance Circular No.01/2015 dated 10 July 2015 as per Assets Management Circular No.01/2018 dated 19 March 2018, on the contrary that, a cab, a tractor, a motorcycle, and a plow that remained unusable condition and owned by the Madulla Divisional Secretariat had been retained at the office premises even as at 12 February 2021.	Action should be taken to carry out disposals in terms of circular instructions.	It is informed that relevant actions are being taken to dispose.	The relevant actions have not been taken to dispose by February 2022.
21.	It was observed that a generator, a jeep, a tractor bowser, a lorry bowser and a motorcycle belonging to the Siyambalanduwa Divisional Secretariat had been remained unused for a long period.	Action should be taken either to repair or dispose.	Action will be taken regarding the generator according to a decision of next Board of Survey and, actions are being taken to dispose other vehicles.	Actions to dispose had not been done.

22.	A cab belonging to the Wellawaya Divisional Secretariat had met with an accident on 19 September 2002 and according to the Financial Regulations 104 (4) report, it had been decided to recover the loss of Rs.375,000 from the driver. The Committee on Public Accounts held on 23 April 2013 had also directed to recover the loss from the driver. Although nearly 08 years had been passed since the issue of above directive, only Rs.92,500 had been recovered from the loss.	Action should be taken to recover the loss without delay.	Of the relevant loss of Rs.375,000, a sum of Rs.107,500 has been recovered so far from the driver responsible for the accident. It is informed that the recovery is being done continuously at Rs.2,500 per month.	2022 පෙබරවාරි වනවිටත් රු.267, 500 ක් අය කර ගැනීමට ඇත.
23.	A cab belonging to the Wellawaya Divisional Secretariat had been met with an accident on 17 December 2016 and a loss of Rs. 2,630,726 had been incurred. A sum of Rs. 188,524 which was not covered from the insurance for the repairs made after the accident was borne by the Monaragala District Secretariat. Although more than four years have been	Inquiries should be conducted without delay in terms of provisions of the Financial Regulations	A board of inquiry has been appointed to conduct final inquiries and the relevant reports have not so far been provided although committee officials were informed through reminders.	The final investigation report has not been received even by February 2022.

	<p>passed since the accident, a final report on the accident had not been submitted by conducting inquiries as per Financial Regulation 104 (4) even by 23 March 2021. Further, repair costs of Rs.188,524 borne by the government expenditure had not been included in the Statement of Losses and Waivers under the losses to be further recovered, written off, or waived.</p>			
24.	<p>Although the Monaragala Divisional Secretariat had spent Rs. 495,000 to repair the culvert on the road near the shop No.12 of the Hulandawa South First Step under the Sapirigamak Program 2020, the culvert had been demolished for the construction of a new bridge at the site where the project was implemented. Accordingly, it was observed that the cost incurred for this project had become a fruitless expenditure.</p>	<p>Development projects should be properly assessed their requirement before implementation of them in order to utilize the funds effectively.</p>	<p>The work on the project had been completed on 12 November 2020. However, it would like to inform that the Rural Bridge Project notified on 28 December 2020 that a bridge would be constructed at the site, but any notice was not given at the time of construction of the culvert.</p>	<p>A new bridge had been constructed in the place where this project was implemented.</p>

25.	<p>Due failure in the collection of rent for government quarters belonging to the Monaragala District Secretariat in 2016, 2017 and 2018 according to the assessment report No. MO/RG/301 dated 11 December 2015, the rent remained in arrears for those years amounted to Rs.1,506,250. Out of which Rs.17,400 only had been recovered by 30 March 2021 and a sum of Rs.1,488,850 further remained in arrears. Although five years have passed since the last assessment of government quarters, the assessment rent had not been revised.</p>	<p>Arrears of house rents should be recovered according to the assessment reports.</p>	<p>The officers concerned have been informed to collect the arrears of rent from January 2016 to August 2018. Therein, few officers made requests to pay the arrears in installments as they could not make the payments as lump-sum payments, and those requests were sent to the Line Ministries for approval. Installments are currently being charged from the officers who received the approvals and reminders have been sent to other officers.</p>	<p>Rs.149,107 had been recovered even by February 2022 and the rent to be recovered is Rs1,3757,143.</p>
26.	<p>Although every officer who has served in the same post/workplace for a maximum period of 05 years should be given transfers to be allowed to work in other workplaces according to Public Administration</p>	<p>Regarding the transfers, action should be taken in accordance with the circular.</p>	<p>It is revealed that most of officers had not received annual transfers although they applied for annual transfers.</p>	<p>It was informed that most of officers had not received annual transfers although they applied for annual transfers.</p>

	Circular No. 18/2001 dated 21 August 2001, 584 officers in the Monaragala District Secretariat and 11 Divisional Secretariats had been employed in the same station for a period of 06 to 29 years.			
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01.	A well had been constructed at a cost of Rs. 1,039,947 for the implementation of a drinking water project in the new village of Diyathittawewa in the Horowpothana Divisional Secretariat Division. The intended objectives of the project had not been achieved as the water in the constructed well was not of a suitable standard for drinking.	Prior to the commencement of the project, a feasibility study should be conducted to evaluate the productivity of the project and implement only those projects which can achieve the objectives.	Even though the water in this well is unsuitable for drinking, at present the people meet all their other water needs from this well.	The intended objectives of the project had not been achieved.
02.	A cost Rs. 6.35 million was incurred for construction of the fish market complex at the Anuradhapura Public Market in	Relevant approvals should be obtained for construction and the work should be	Action has been taken to obtain the relevant approvals.	The situation was the same by February 2022.

	<p>2015 and 2016. The following observations are made in this regard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The approval of the Urban Development Authority had not been obtained for this construction. • Engineering standards had not been applied to the expected designs. • The public fair did not conform to the needs of the community. <p>The shopping complex was completely demolished to no avail.</p>	<p>carried out in accordance with the plans and engineering standards and requirements.</p>	<p>According to the new plan, the old stalls are not be included in it and the stalls have been demolished and new constructions have been done.</p>	
03.	<p>15 government quarters owned by the District Secretariat had been given for the usage of officers in the North Central Provincial Council from more than 10 years period. The rents had not been charged by the District Secretary from those quarters according to the provisions in the Paragraph 05 of the Chapter XIX of the Establishment Code. The control of these houses has been lost due to the internal control of acquiring possession had not been implemented by the District Secretary even the</p>	<p>The rents should be charged according to the provisions in the Chapter XIX of the Establishment Code and the possession should be re-acquired according to the agreement between the District Secretariat and the tenant.</p>	<p>The Chief Secretary has been informed to return the official residences, where the 11 houses occupied by the officers of the North Central Provincial Council to me and there are 04 other problematic houses. Further action will be taken after investigating their ownership and by whom the constructions were carried out.</p>	<p>The existing problems had not been resolved by February 2022.</p>

	<p>occupying period of 05 years has been exceeded by those tenants.</p> <p>However, rates had been paid continuously by the District Secretary for these quarters.</p>			
04.	The following controlling weaknesses were observed at the Fire arms store in the District Secretariat.			
	(i) There were 388 fire arms in the fire arms store of District Secretariat Office without documenting the details of received date to the store, reason for handing over and the fire arm number.	A Register should be maintained to recognize receipts, issues and the fire arms existed in outside.	It was found at the re-survey held on 26.08.2021 that those weapons had been classified as unusable firearms by the Firearms Assessment Board held on 14.05.2016. Arrangements have been made to hand over those firearms to the Field Force Headquarters before 31.12.2021.	The situation was the same by February 2022.
	(ii) It could not be identified the purpose of storing 15 pistols and about 500 ammunitions in the fire arms store.	It is required to act as the advices given by the Ministry of Defence.	Arrangements have been made to hand over these 15 pistols and 500 ammunition to the Field Force Headquarters before 31.12.2021.	- do -
06.	Measures have not been taken for a long time to issue 536 grants ,signed by the President that were received to the Divisional	Necessary action should be taken to ensure that the grants signed by the	There are 166 grants left for further distribution.	There were recipients of grants that had not yet been

	Secretariats, to give to farmers residing and cultivating in the government lands in the 4 Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Tirappane, Palugaswewa, Horowpothana and Mihintale.	President are received to the owners immediately.	Since these grants had been made about twenty-five years ago, they had to be kept in the Divisional Secretariat for a long time due to difficulty in finding information. Action will be taken to inform GramaNiladhari officers regularly and obtain information and action will be taken to send for issue and cancellation of grants from time to time.	distributed by February 2022 also.
07.	The land where the former Assistant Government Agent's office in Medawachchiya is located has been occupied by an outsider for a long time without permission ,and the land commissioner recommended to transfer 40 perches of this land to the resident on long term lease basis according to the investigations carried out in that regard. However, the rest of the land could not be released due to not acting accordingly.	Action should be taken according to the recommendation of the Land Commissioner to issue long term permits for 40 perches and release the remaining lands.	The relevant party has presented to a land Kachcheri held for the GramaNiladhari Division of the relevant division where this land is located. Once the selection lists have been prepared and sent to the Provincial Land Commissioner (NWP) and after receiving the approval the 40 perch plot can be released to the resident on long term lease basis.	The situation was the same by February 2022.
08.	Even though Article 13.2 of Chapter XLVIII of Part II of the Establishments Code of the Democratic Socialist Republic	Action should be taken in accordance with the provisions of the	Preliminary inquiry reports of two officers were sent to the Director General of	The situation was the same by February 2022.

	of Sri Lanka requires the officer ordering the preliminary inquiry to direct the board of inquiry regarding the time frame within which the preliminary inquiry should be completed, 4 such inspections carried out by the District Secretariat during the last 6 years had not been completed by the end of the year 2019 due to the fact that the Board of Inquiry has not been notified exactly when the preliminary Inquiry should be completed.	Establishments Code.	Combined Services on 22.06.2020. Formal disciplinary inquiries have not been commenced yet. It is kindly informed that the time frame for submission of the report will be given, when appointing the Preliminary Investigating Officers, at present.	
09.	Amount of Rs. 2,478,156 had been paid in excess of the estimated value during the construction of the Smart Sri Lanka building.	The total cost estimate for variations should be revised and approved and action should be taken in terms of the section 8.13.4 of the Procurement Guideline.	No action has been taken to prevent it.	Approval has not been obtained for spending in excess of the estimate.
10.	Subcontracts, valued Rs. 6,006,157, for 06 work subjects had been awarded to Smart Sri Lanka Building deviating from the procurement guidelines.	Proceed with the Procurement Guidelines.	No action has been taken against those who deviate from the Procurement Guidelines.	The same situation exists today.
11.	Equipment and 51 tool items worth Rs. 186,000 purchased for the construction of the Smart Sri Lanka Building had	They should be taken back and inventoried.	The equipment and tools purchased for the construction of the Smart Sri Lanka	They have to be taken back as they have been purchased by the

	not been returned by the agencies involved in the construction work.		building were entered into the Inventory of the Department of Civil Engineering (NC) and reported to me. (Appendix 12)	District Secretariat ,but have not been returned.
12.	<p>Amount of Rs. 250 million had been allocated to provide micro finance credit facilities in Anuradhapura District within the year 2018 under the loan facility programme for the indebted people live in the North and North Central Provinces under the Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development and Hindu Religious Affairs.</p> <p>The allocations were released to the North Central Provincial Cooperative Development Department for the implementation of the programme in January 2019, and the Department had entered into an agreement with the Anuradhapura District Co-operative Rural Banking Association. Since only Rs. 6.5 million had been disbursed under this programme as at 31 December 2019, Rs.243.5 million or 97.39 percent of the allocations had not been utilized for the relevant project.</p>	The criteria set out in the project proposals should be revised and the process of issuing loans for the intended purpose should be expedited.	<p>As indicated by the audit, the main reasons that contributed to the very low level of progress of this programme as at 31.12.2019 were inadequacy of maximum loan amount and the annual interest rate is as high as 14 percent.</p> <p>Referrals have been made to the Secretary to the State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment Business Development and Underutilized State Resources Development for raising these limits and lowering interest rates. However, the relevant Cabinet paper was approved on 18.01.2021. The maximum credit limit</p>	No loan issuance progress has been made. More than Rs. 200 million is inactive in the cooperative rural bank accounts.

			was increased from Rs. 40,000 to 100,000 and the annual interest rate was reduced from 14 percent to 6 percent by the Cabinet paper. Accordingly, significant progress has been achieved so far.i.e., loans worth Rs. 41.531 million have been given to 987 borrowers so far.	
14.	A loss of Rs. 287,821 had been incurred during the procurement process for the construction of the fence at the Thambuththegama Economic Center due to rejecting 5 qualified bidders who submitted minimum bids and awarding the tender to the bidder who had submitted a bid for the 6th place without following the instructions given for detailed bid evaluation by comparing with the engineering estimate of service contracts in terms of the para 7.9.2 of the procurement guideline.	The provisions of the Procurement Guidelines should be followed and action should be taken against the parties responsible for the loss.	Actions have not been informed. The reasons are explained.	An investigation was done by the National Procurement Commission also confirmed that procurement deficiencies had occurred. No loss has been charged from those responsible parties.
15.	Even though a deposit of Rs. 200 should be obtained per cube of gravel required for land restoration deposits during gravel mining, the restoration of the environment in the 13 Divisional Secretariat divisions had not been done properly due to non-retention of Rs. 5,575,600 of	Action should be taken complying with conditions of the industrial mining license.	The money has been released due to relocation of 15 plots of land in 06 Divisional Secretariat Divisions was completed. Deposits in 2 Divisional Secretariat Divisions have been credited to	Excavation sites in 5 Divisional Secretariat Divisions have not been restored.

	deposits to be retained in 25 occasions.		Government Revenue from Public Deposit Account.	
16.	The government lost about Rs. 42.9 million in year 2017 and 2018 due to gravel mining carried out in the Anuradhapura District, without obtaining legal permits and abusing licenses obtained.	Appropriate internal control system should be developed in collaboration with the Geological Survey and Mining Bureau.	As soon as there are reports of gravel mining being carried out without obtaining a legal permit, relevant institutions should be informed to take legal action against them. In cases where further mining are being carried out using the licenses obtained, the extent of such mining should be calculated by the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau. Therefore, it is proposed that a deposit be made from the relevant licensee so that the deficit can be recovered in such cases.	Government fees lost have not been recovered by February 2022 also.
17.	Two plots of land for which long term licenses should be issued after recovering the assessed value for residential and agricultural activities as per the Government Land Ordinance had been alienated to two persons in the Mahakalaththewa Grama Niladhari Division No. 279, in Nuwaragampalathe East Divisional Secretariat division. It	Long-term permits should be issued after recovering the assessed value.	Matter has been referred to the Land Commissioner General by Nuwaragam Palatha East Divisional secretary for seeking instructions, and it has been informed to cancel two permits issued under the relevant Land	Long-term licenses have not been issued by February 2022 also.

	was further observed that these permits were 02 free permits issued in terms of Section 19 (2) of the Land Development Ordinance to the persons whose annual income is less than Rs. 144,000.		Development Ordinance by the letter of the Commissioner General of Lands No. 3/4/1 / අනු/නැනුප /2020/01 dated 01.12.2020 and to prepare two long term lease permits under the Government Land Ordinance for those plots of land. Accordingly, the relevant persons have been instructed by the Divisional Secretary to return the licenses issued under the Land Development Ordinance to the Government.	
18.	According to the letter No. NSE / DVE / 04/02/03/11 dated 13 January 2020 addressed all Divisional Secretaries by the National Secretariat for Elders, the projects had not been implemented in 10 Divisional Secretariat Divisions even though it had been informed to make a one-time payment of Rs. 30,000 as self-employment assistance to senior citizens in his/her division.	Adequate efforts should be made to ensure that the programmes implemented by the National Secretariat for the Elderly are implemented within their divisions.	Discussed at the Audit and Management Committee meeting and informed the Divisional Secretaries.	Not implemented until February 2022.
19.	Out of the loans issued under the Women's Bureau loan programmes implemented in 21 Divisional Secretariats in the	The project should be implemented in a manner that meets the	Women Development Officers working in the Divisional Secretariats have issued reminders	The total uncollectible debt balance stood at

	<p>district, the total non-performing loans for more than one year was Rs. 5,530,631.</p> <p>Out of the provisions received for the implementation of the loan programme, an amount of Rs. 12,560,764 was left in the bank accounts of 18 Divisional Secretariats without being utilized for the loan programme.</p>	intended objectives of the loan scheme.	in this regard and have taken steps to recover the debts by referring them to the Mediation Boards. Debt recovery is already underway through Mediation Boards.	Rs. 17,934,807 as at September 30, 2021, while the total non-performing bank account balance stood at Rs. 9,589,890.
20.	<p>Even though Rs. 1,980,000 had been spent in the year under review to construct the side wall of the Mahanelumbewa sluice in the Nachchaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division under the "SapiriGamak" Rural Development Programme, the construction work had been carried out contrary to the plan and engineering instructions given by the Department of Irrigation. Due to that, less than 06 months after its construction, the entire wall had collapsed into the canal and the entire money spent had become a passive expenditure.</p>	Disciplinary action should be taken against officers who acted contrary to engineering instructions.	The project related to this matter is a project belongs to the Department of Irrigation. It was implemented by the Divisional Secretariat as per the strong request of the villagers according to the Letter No. DE1 / NA / W / 544 dated 07.02.2020 of the Divisional Irrigation Engineer and the plan sent. Therefore, I would like to further inform that the relevant project has been carried out in accordance with the plan given by the Irrigation Department to the Nachchaduwa Divisional Secretariat.	Disciplinary action has been initiated against the supervising officers.
21.	It was observed that 46 out of 84 beneficiaries or 55% were not eligible for entitlement according to a sample inspection conducted	Priority should be given to those who	The relevant titles have been issued to these beneficiaries according to the observations	According to the priority list, the right people to

<p>in the Nuwaragam East Divisional Secretariat Division regarding the awarding of new Samurdhi titles. It was further observed that in many cases there are instances where these benefits were given to the last few, leaving those who are at the top of the priority list.</p>	<p>are eligible according to the survey.</p>	<p>made based on the above mentioned beneficiaries. According to the survey conducted by this office, the list of eligible beneficiaries was prepared according to the priority of eligible beneficiaries. Document approved by the Divisional Secretary was forwarded to the Head Office through the District Director. Out of these, titles were given only for the beneficiaries selected by the Head Office to this office and then the relevant beneficiaries were given the titles. Accordingly, the Divisional Secretariat did not have the power to amend it.</p>	<p>receive the benefits were left out.</p>
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District Secretariat, Plonnaruwa

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01.	Of the works stated in the original estimates prepared for the putting up of side bund project near the corporative on Pudur road by the District Secretariat, works valued at Rs.1,160,676 had not been carried out. As such the provision made for this project had not been fully utilized.	Provisions should be obtained after preparing accurate estimates.	Action has been taken to obtain information from the relevant division.	Due to the construction of a private house and a shop, only 86 meters of the estimate had been constructed.
02.	According to the full report on accident caused to vehicle No.59-8974 on 25 June 2010, it was decided that the value of Rs.230,000 loss relating to the accident to be recovered from a former Divisional Secretary in terms of Financial Regulation 104(4). However, action had not been taken to recover such loss.	Action needs to be taken to get it recovered.	Noted to take further actions.	A letter dated 12.01.2022 has been sent to the Director General of Pensions by February 2022 to recover the loss. The same amount had not been recovered by 15.02.2022.
03.	Even though 84 roofing sheets valued at Rs. 160,902 ordered by the District Secretariat to be provided to the beneficiaries under the Gamperaliya programme in year 2019 were damaged,	The loss should be recovered.	It has been informed that the relevant institution has agreed to provide the undamaged sheets.	The loss had not been recovered from the supplier by February 2022.

	the loss has not been settled by the supplier.			
04.	Rs. 185 roofing sheets worth Rs. 330,595 purchased in year 2019/2018 by Dimbulagala, Medirigiriya, Welikanda, Hingurakgoda and Tamankaduwa Divisional Secretariats ,to distribute under the Manampitiya sand project, were damaged ,and no action had been taken to obtain new roofing sheets for those roofing sheets.	Care should be exercised on the due standard in making purchases and action should be taken to obtain new roofing sheets in place of the damaged sheets from the relevant trading institutions.	It has been informed that action will be taken to distribute new roofing sheets in place of the damaged sheets immediately after the receipt of new sheets.	New roofing sheets had not been recieved from the supplier by February 2022 to replace the damaged roofing sheets. Its' present value (excluding VAT) is approximately Rs. 547,970.
05.	Action had not been taken to recover a balance of Rs. 408,048 that remained recoverable for more than 10 years from an interdicted officer in terms of paragraph 4.6 of Chapter xxiv.	Action should be taken in accordance with the provisions of the Establishments Code.	Action will be taken to institute a suit against the relevant officer.	Not recovered even by 10 February 2022.
06.	Even though a loan of Rs. 206 million had been granted to the Polonnaruwa District Rice Producers' Co-operative Society Limited from 26.03.2019 to 06 .08.2019 by the Polonnaruwa District Secretary under object no. 118-02-03-48-1409, Rs. 66.4 million of that amount had not been repaid yet ,and	Action should be taken to recover the government-owned funds from the relevant parties without delay.	Relevant parties have been informed in writing from time to time to settle the payments before the expiry of 06 months as per the agreement.	The CID is conducting an investigation to recover the relevant amount.

	Rs. 139.5 million had been paid later.			
07.	Of 29 Grama Shakthi People's Movement Societies established under the first phase in the Polonnaruwa district, 10 societies had been identified as being dysfunctional and a sum of Rs. 53,083,349 given to those dysfunctional societies by the Livelihood Development, Capacity Development, and Infrastructure Facility Development Funds had remained idle.	Inactive societies should be maintained at the level of active societies and action should be taken to utilize funds efficiently.	The Divisional Secretaries have been informed to dissolve the inactive Gramashakthi societies and take over the funds that remained idle.	Instructions had been sought advice from the State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment Business Development to take further action against these inactive unions ,but no reply has been received till February 2022.
08.	A sum of Rs. 8,963,712 given to the active societies in the Grama Shakthi People's Movement for livelihood development, capacity development, and infrastructure facility development under the first phase had not been utilized during the year 2020.	Funds should be utilized efficiently and follow up actions should be taken in this regard.	Officers of the societies have been constantly instructed to obtain monthly progress and to conduct field inspections and utilize the funds.	Rs. 4,711,927 had not been utilized by the end of the year 2021.
09.	Of 26 societies established under the second phase of the Grama Shakthi People's Movement, 23 societies had been identified as being inoperative and Rs. 9,374,289 given for the livelihood development, capacity development, and infrastructure facility	Action should be taken to maintain the societies at the level of active societies and to utilize funds efficiently.	It has been informed that action is being taken to dissolve the inactive societies and to take over all monies and assets granted by the Government.	The State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment Business Development has been inquired about the future course of action to be taken regarding the government funds

	development remained idle without being utilized.			remaining inactive in the bank accounts of the relevant societies. Answer were not given until February 2022.
10.	Eleven items estimated at Rs.1,276,161 relevant to construction of Laksha Uyana Ranaviru Park proposed to be constructed at a cost of Rs.4,425,190 under the Awakening Polonnaruwa Programme had not been carried out. A sum of Rs.347,089 had been overpaid than the physically available amount of construction works. Further, the Titanium net fixed at a cost of Rs. 470,611 had detached.	Projects should be implemented in due standard and action should be taken to offset overpayments against the retention money and rectify the defects.	According to the decisions taken in the discussions with the former President, the plans had to be changed from time to time and it has been instructed to recover the overpayments from the retention money. The contractor has been informed to rectify the defects prior to the expiry of the warranty period.	The overpayment of Rs. 348,089 only had been recovered from the withholding amount.
11.	Measures had not been taken to recover the penalty rent of Rs. 319,849 from a retired technical officer who had settled in a government quarters in the District Secretariat for 32 years beyond the contract period.	Action should be taken to get the possession of government quarters back to the District Secretariat and recover the penalty rent.	Action will be taken to file a lawsuit to seize possession of government quarters and recover the penalty rent.	The possession of government quarters has been taken over by the District Secretary and the pension gratuity is being prepared and further steps are being taken to recover the relevant penalty rent.
12.	Motor Vehicle Inspectors had been residing in a government quarter belonging to the District Secretariat from 2014 to May 2020 and no action had	Action should be taken to identify and recover the arrears due.	Arrangements are being made to recover the arrears.	The rent arrears have not been recovered as of February 2022.

	been taken to identify and recover the arrears of rent due from them.			
13.	Action had not been taken to recover the loan balances of Rs.6,357,487 given to 163 accounts holders by Samurdhi Community based Banks in Elahera and Aththanakadawala.	Action needs to be taken to recover the defaulted loans.	Action is taken to recover the loans.	The arrears were Rs. 1,824,402 as at 15 February 2022.
14.	The ownership of 24 lands in which Nila Sewana office is located, belongs to the Divisional Secretariat Elahera had not been under taken by the Divisional Secretariat from the Mahaweli Authority.	Action needs to be taken to get the ownership of lands transferred.	Instructed to the officers.	Requests have been made to take over the relevant lands from the Mahaweli Authority.
15.	The Land Kachcheri held in the year 2015 for 549 blocks of land holders had been cancelled by the Elahera Divisional Secretariat and suitable action had not been taken against the block holders.	Land Kachcheries need to be held again for Land Kachcheries cancelled.	It was informed that it was not properly disposed of and the land owner had not handed over the grant paper to the government.	Recommendations on the possibility of releasing these lands, which have been gazetted as a wildlife zone, have not yet been received from the Director General of Wildlife. Recommendations have been requested from the Commissioner General of Lands in letters dated

				12.02.2020 and 20.11.2021.
16.	A land given on grant paper by the Divisional Secretariat, Elahera had been used to build two transmission towers, exterior for the purposes for which the grant was obtained.	Lands with grant papers have to be used under the relevant conditions ,and legal action should be taken against land owners who have not done so.	It was informed that it was not properly disposed of and the land owner had not handed over the grant paper to the government.	The problem had not been resolved by February 2022. No formal tax license has been obtained.
17.	Even though more than a year had passed from purchasing a number of 996,223 kilograms of rice to be provided to the Government from the stocks of paddy given to paddy mill owners in the Thamankaduwa, Medirigiriya, Hingurakgoda, Elahera under the Government's paddy purchasing programme for the 2019/2020 Maha Season, no action had been taken to recover the rice stocks.	Expeditious action should be taken to obtain the stocks of rice to be received by the Government.	The Divisional Secretaries have informed that there is no risk to the Government as the rice owner is obliged to supply rice as per the agreement and efforts are being made to obtain stocks of rice.	The value of these stocks of rice is being charged in installments. The arrears due from Medirigiriya, Tamankaduwa and Welikanda Divisional Secretariats by January 2022 is Rs. 6,254,043.
18.	Although a personally owned land in the Elahera Divisional Secretariat Division had been demarcated considering as a government land and permits had been issued under the Land Development Ordinance on 26 April 2000, the District Court had returned a verdict on 28 September 2017 that the land	Formal action should be taken against the officials who partitioned a private land considering as a government land without due regards.	Another land has been proposed and the farmers have given their consent. Action will be taken to partition and distribute the land plots after the receipt of the concurrence of the	No inquiries had been conducted regarding the authorities who had divided a private land as a government land. Further action is being taken to hand over a plot of land located in Batuwangala in the

	belonged to the respective private owner. As a result, 8 recipients had lost their lands and due to distribution of lands irrespective of the ownership of lands, the permit holders who developed the lands had become helpless.		Director General of Wildlife.	Damaneyaya Division to the relevant aggrieved party.
19.	Samurdhi Officers of the Elahera Divisional Secretariat had committed a financial fraud totaled Rs. 2,428,067 and it had been accepted according to the disciplinary inquiry report that they had committed those frauds coming under the first schedule. Nevertheless, the Director General of the Department of Samurdhi Development had reinstated those officers while determining that they had committed a fraud coming under the second schedule and action had not been taken to recover the loss incurred.	Action should be taken to recover the financial frauds coming under the first and second schedule that may be committed by the public officers.	These officers have been reinstated subject to the final decision of the Disciplinary Authority. It has been stated that there is no indication about recovery of the loss.	Although the loss has been calculated and reported to the Investigation Division by sending a letter later stating that it was a mistake without noting the recovery of loss in the disciplinary order, no reply has been received so far.
20.	No action had been taken to recover the arrears of tax amounting to Rs. 7,299,210 due from 51 persons who own Central Government lands in the jurisdiction of Medirigiriya, Tamankaduwa, Elahera and Hingurakgoda Divisional Secretariat Divisions.	Action should be taken to recover the arrears of tax on the due date.	The Medirigiriya Divisional Secretariat has requested the Commissioner General of Lands to cancel the lease. It has been informed that the other Divisional Secretariats have instructed the officials to collect taxes	Further tax arrears of Hingurakgoda and Elahera Divisional Secretariats were Rs. 4,274,012.

			and inquired into the possibility of obtaining tax relief.	
21.	Interlock stones had not been purchased through the Divisional Secretariats and allowed to supply by the contractor himself projects in developing roads relating to the rural economic development, by the Welikanda and Thamankaduwa Divisional Secretariats. As a result of making payments in accordance with Provincial Prices therefore, a sum of Rs.3,134,751 had been overspent.	When purchasing, a method more economical to the government needs to be applied, and action should be taken to recover the overpaid amount.	It had been done in a manner that the project is approved.	Interconnected stones have been purchased at the lowest prices on the instructions of the Presidential Secretariat for the Let's Awaken Polonnaruwa programme. In the implementation of rural economic development projects, extra payments had to be made for interlock stones at the North Central Provincial rates.
22.	Attention had not been paid to identify how many award papers and Jayabumi papers were given without being surveyed and without obtaining line drawings out of 559 copies of award papers and Jayabhumi papers in the Thamankaduwa Divisional Secretariat area and to	Further action needs to be taken to identify the number of award papers and Jayabhumi papers issued without obtaining survey orders and line drawings.	Sustainable Solutions will be given in due course.	The Ministry of Lands and the Survey Department have not yet taken a clear decision regarding the survey of lands for which Jayabhumi grants have been issued.

	survey them and to get line drawings.			
23.	Action had not been taken to distribute 292 deeds and 113 licences relating to the Lankapura Divisional Secretariat, which had been sign by the President, 25 deed award papers relating to the Thamankaduwa Divisional Secretariat. Action had also not been taken to cancel the deeds and licences which could not be identified or problematic deeds.	Action need to be taken to identify beneficiaries and distribute and or cancel problematic or unidentified licences.	Divisional Secretaries make aware about further action	It has not been confirmed that it will be distributed by .2022
24.	Although those construction contracts entered into after 30 June 2020 should be based on Building work rate as the Divisional Secretariats have been informed after that date about the North Central Provincial Building Work Rates to be based for the Year 2020, an additional payment of Rs. ,437,624 was made for 48 road development projects in Tamankaduwa, Lankapura, Medirigiriya and Welikanda Divisional Secretariat areas as the North Central	Payments should be made based on the prescribed rates and action should be taken to recover the excess payments from the relevant parties.	The Medirigiriya, Thamankaduwa and Lankapura Divisional Seretariats had informed that action would be taken to recover the overpayments as retention money had not been released. The Divisional Secretary, Welikanda has informed that a single rate was adopted as discrepancies would likely to be arisen due to using different rates for various sub-projects of the same project.	The amount due from Welikanda and Medirigiriya Divisional Secretariats by February 2022 is Rs. 2,333,135.

	Provincial Procurement Rates were used to prepare and pay the Engineering Estimates in year 2019.			
25.	Although Rs.86,384,000 had been spent from the accounts of the Samurdhi Community Based Bank Societies of the Thamankaduwa, Welikanda and Medirigiriya Divisional Seretariat Divisions for the payment of Sahana Piyawara and Sahana Arunalu Allowances on the basis of reimbursement by the Department of Samurdhi Development, the above money had not been reimbursed from the the Department of Samurdhi Development.	Action should be taken to get the money reimbursed from the Department of Samurdhi Development.	It has been informed that the above money has not been reimbursed although requests were made for the reimbursement.	This amount had not been reimbursed as of January 2022.
26.	As necessary activities had not been carried out in an updated manner in regard to 67 blocks of land comprising 1.6564 hectares acquired from the Thamankaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division under the Awakening Polonnaruwa Road Development Programme in the years 2017 and 2019, compensation had not been paid to the relevant land owners. As a result, the government may have to bear	a considerable time is taken for the compensation payment process and the necessary arrangements are being made.	a considerable time is taken for the compensation payment process and the necessary arrangements are being made.	Title Inquiries have been conducted for 58 plots of land for which no compensation has been paid and referred to get assessment reports. The disputed lands have been referred to the court. Compensation has been paid for 9 plots of land.

	an additional cost with 7 per cent interest annually in the future for the payments relating to the period of delay.			
27.	As necessary activities had not been carried out in an updated manner in regard to 0.97 hectares of land acquired during the period 1984-2011 for development projects and constructions of government institutions in the Hingurakgoda Divisional Secretariat Division, relevant landowners had not been compensations. As a result of having to pay money with 7 per cent interest annually for period of delay, the government had to bear the additional cost and landowners were unable to receive compensation during their lifetime.	Action should be taken to minimize the loss to the government by paying compensation expeditiously	It has been stated that this situation has arisen due to the inability to find the boundaries due to the clearing of lands by the Air Force on urgent needs.	Due to the clearing of land by the Air Force due to urgent needs, it was unable to find boundaries and the plots could not be assed. As a result plot owners could not be compensated.

28.	In pursuance of Paragraph 3 of the Circular No. 2020/6 dated 20/02/2020 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs and Provincial Councils and Local Government, recruitments had been made as Multipurpose Development Assistants to the Divisional Secretariats by conducting interviews at the Grama Niladhari Division level based on 10 criteria. However, as the candidates with the lowest marks and the candidates with the zero marks had been selected despite the existence of high scorers in the divisions, the recruitments had not taken place systematically.	Action should be taken in a manner that ensures transparency to meet the primary objective of the Government Programme to provide hundred thousand employments.	It has been informed that the appointments and selection process was carried out by the Department of Multi-Purpose Development Task Force.	Appointments were made and selected by the Department of Multi-purpose Development Task Force Only interviews were conducted by the Divisional Secretariats in this regard. Only the interviews in this regard were conducted by the Divisional Secretariats.
29.	A jogging lane had been built for the people in the Divisional Secretarial area, Dimbulagala by incurring of Rs.1,959,698 under the Walking Lane Construction Programme of the Ministry of Sports. However, The need for a walking lane had not been confirmed, and It had become a project that no one would maintain and use.	A project proposal needs to be prepared after a formal feasibility study.	Through the voluntary organization in the area, action will be taken to make aware of the people to encourage the use of jogging lanes.	During an on-site inspection by the auditor on 10 February 2022, the Walking Lane was found to be weedy and there was no evidence that it was being used or had been used.
30.	Material aids of Rs. 440,000 given to 22 beneficiaries to make cultivation wells at	Until getting results being commenced projects, follow up action needs to be	Action will be taken to recover the money from the relevant beneficiaries.	Only Rs. 13,000 has been charged from 4 beneficiaries. The OIC ,Medirigiriya

	Rs.20,000 per well in the Divisional Secretarial area of Medirigiriya had not been utilized.	done continuously ,and action should be taken to investigate the reasons for non-use of the material aid provided and to take necessary action.		has been instructed to take legal action against the remaining persons for misappropriation of public funds.
31.	The outstanding house rent of Rs.153,600 recoverable from an officer occupied in an official quarter belongs to the Divisional Secretariat Medirigiriya had not been recovered.	Action should be taken to recover the arrears.	It was informed that future action is being taken.	The District Secretary has informed by his letter dated 22.10.2021 to take further action to recover the arrears from the officer's widow or orphan pension or to recover the arrears from his wife's salary as she is in the public service.
32.	The common well and the volley ball ground constructed in the Somapura, Lankapura division by spending a sum of Rs.1,479,000 had become in vain.	Follow up needs to be done continuously until getting results being commenced the project,and the reasons for not using it should be examined and necessary action should be taken.	Action will be taken to distribute water by fixing a water filter to the common well and to use the sports ground by putting a grille cover, round the ground.	Proposals have been submitted to the Rural Committee for the year 2022 to construct a recirculating water system for the use of public well. It has not been revealed that both of these

				projects are currently in use.
33.	Even though, the materials required for the agro -water project of Lankapura Dewalagodella under the Grama Shakthi Janatha movement of the Presidential Secretariat had been given in the year 2017, such goods/ equipment had become idle as the electricity connection was not obtained.	Necessary steps should be taken to obtain electricity for the project and implement it.	Action will be taken to rectify the deficiencies pointed out by audit.	No action had been taken to obtain electricity by the time of the audit on 15 January 2022.
34.	As a result of non-implementation of the project by two schools selected by the Hingurakgoda Divisional Secretariat under the Solar Energy Supply Project as an alternative energy for home gardening, two solar powered water pump systems purchased at a cost of Rs. 166,500 for that purpose remained idle.	Action should be taken to select the needy beneficiaries before making purchases.	It has been decided to use them for cultivation purposes of another school and the land of the Divisional Secretariat.	Even though action was taken to request provisions for the installation of this system in the year 2021, action has been taken to request the provisions again.
35.	Ten modern Tractor bowsers belong to Welikanda Divisional Secretariat had been parked in the office premises for more than 3 year since year 2018, subjected to natural disaster.	The safety of assets needs to be established.	Next steps will be taken when provision is received.	The estimated cost of the car park is Rs. 3,729,445 and it has been constructed to accommodate only two bowsers in the year 2021 with an allocation of Rs. 752,640.

Trincomalee Divisional Secretariat

	2018	Qualified Audit Opinion		
	2019	Qualified Audit Opinion		
	2020	Qualified Audit Opinion		
Significant Deficiencies in Report of the Auditor General		Recommendation of the Auditor General	Preventive Measures taken by the Institution	Current Status in that Regard
01.	Circular No. 02/2017 of the Ministry of Finance and Mass Media dated 21 December 2017 The institute did not have the registration ownership for seven vehicles in the Muttur Divisional Secretariat, and no action had been taken to obtain the ownership of registration as per the provisions of the circular.	Action should be taken as per the relevant circulars.	Since the ownership of these vehicles had not been in favour of the District Secretary to auction the vehicles that had not in the usable level, action will be taken in the future to get instructions in that regard from the Comptroller General's Office.	The right of registration has not been obtained even by February 2022.
02.	Officers, who have been awaiting transfers for a long time in the Divisional Secretariats far from the city have been subjected to injustice because a transfer policy had not been implemented in respect of officers, who had exceeded 05 years of service in the District Secretariat and Divisional Secretariats.	Steps should be taken to implement a transfer policy.	Arrangments will be made to implement the Annual Transfer Policy and the Internal Transfer System in the future.	A transfer policy has not yet been implemented even by 2022.
03.	As per paragraph 03 of the Treasury Instructions regarding the release of imprests, the released	Action should be taken to use the received imprest	Considering the priority and urgent need, the imprest received has to be	Provision had not been utilized for the purposes.

	<p>imprests was to be used only for the intended purpose . However, imprest amounting to Rs.63.99 million received from the State Ministry of Rural Housing and Construction and Building Materials Industries and the State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self-Employment and Business Development, had been for other purposes without using for the intended purpose.</p>	<p>only for the relevant purpose.</p>	<p>managed to bear the expenses, which should have been given priority at the moment of receiving the imprest.</p>	
04.	<p>Although an imprest amount of Rs.3.014million was requested for the year under review, due to receiving only an imprest of Rs. 2.667 million, the difference between the requested imprest and the received imprest was Rs. 347.52 million. As a result, Rs. 196.68 million was stated as bills due at the end of the year under review.</p>	<p>Action must be taken to obtain the imprests by submitting the imprests applications in a timely manner.</p>	<p>The imprest received had been managed to cover the expenses that should be given priority at that moment.</p>	<p>The imprest has not been estimated and obtained for the ensuing year.</p>
05.	<p>The Chief Accounting Officer and the Accounting Officer should ensure that an effective internal control system is in place for the financial control of the Trincomalee District Secretariat in accordance with the provisions of Section 38 of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018</p>	<p>Action should be taken in accordance with the provisions of the National Audit Act.</p>	<p>I will review the effectiveness of the system and submit a written copy to the audit in the future.</p>	<p>An effective internal control system has not been developed.</p>

	and although the effectiveness of the system should be reviewed from time to time and necessary changes should be made to ensure that the system runs efficiently, and such reviews should be made in writing and a copy should be submitted to the Auditor General, but statements that such reviews had been made had not been submitted to the audit.			
06.	As per the Circular of the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs bearing No. 06/2016 dated 11 April 2016, the Kantale Divisional Secretariat had not set up a continuous mechanism to ensure that only the recommended foods are issued by the registered traders during the implementation and monitoring of the Rs. 20,000 nutritional allowance programme for pregnant mothers and to check their quality. The recommended food list regarding the purchase of food items worth Rs. 13,377,000 for the year 2020 and a report on their quality had not been submitted.	Action should be taken in terms of the Circular.	Steps have been taken to set up a formal mechanism.	A formal mechanism has not been set up.
07.	Rs.3,462,632 has been paid to the Water Supply and Drainage Board for laying potable water pipes in 03 Grama Niladhari Divisions	Construction should be completed within the contract period.	During that time some parts were delayed due to the spread of the corona disaster and the	The project has been commenced but action has not been taken to complete the project.

	under the Sapirigama Project in Muttur Divisional Secretariat Division but the relevant projects had not been started.		difficulty of purchasing the necessary raw materials.	
08.	When purchasing paddy under the Accelerated Purchase Programme of Paddy Harvest for the 2019/ 20Maha Season, the stocks of paddy valued at Rs.1,868,000 had been decreased by 821 kg, 8,072 kg and 28,457 kg respectively in those Divisional Secretariats in purchasing of paddy from the farmers in Kantale, Thambalagamuwa and Seruwila Divisional Secretariats and releasing it to the paddy mills.	According to the Circular of the Presidential Secretariat, the issue should be investigated and immediate action should be taken.	The recommendations of the Committee appointed to inquire into this matter have been submitted to the Director General of the Development Finance Department of the Ministry of Agriculture for approval.	An investigation has not been carried out on the decrease of stocks.
09.	The second party had to agree to calculate the percentage of rice issued from paddy, 60per cent for Kiri Samba and 65per cent for other varieties and hand over the relevant quantity of rice to the nearest warehouses of Lanka Sathosa. However, rice stocks amounting to Rs. 8,319,959 had received in less amounts comprised of 75,130 kilos to the Kantale Divisional Secretariat, 3,465 kilos to the Seruwila Divisional Secretariat and 2,939 kilos to the Thambalagamuwa Divisional Secretariat.	According to the Circular of the Presidential Secretariat, the issue should be investigated and immediate action should be taken.	The recommendations of the Committee appointed to inquire into this matter have been submitted to the Director General of the Development Finance Department of the Ministry of Agriculture for approval.	An investigation has not been carried out on the decrease of stocks.

10.	The following matters were observed during the sample audit conducted in 04 Divisional Secretary's Divisions of Towns and Gravets, Kinniya, Thambalagamuwa and Kantale on the payments of allowances made during the year 2020 for the allowance of Rs. 5,000 for families, who found it difficult to earn a living due to Covid 19.			
	(a) This social benefit allowance, which should be paid once a month only per family, had been overpaid by a sum of Rs.4,305,000 on 861 occasions in 04 Divisional Secretary's Divisions as it had been paid more than once from different lists.	Payment of allowances should be made in accordance with the provisions of the Circular.	Allowances that had been paid twice have already been recovered.	Overpayments have been recovered.
	(b) In contrary to Circulars PTF/03/2020)III) and PTF/03/2020)I) of the Secretary to the Prime Minister dated 17 April 2020 and 03 April 2020, an amount of Rs. 5,255, 000 had been paid to 527 beneficiaries belonging to 4 Divisional Secretariats.	-Do -	Action has been taken to recover.	-Do-
	(c) In the payment of the allowance of Rs. 5, 000	Payments should be made on the actual	This situation has arisen as the	-Do -

	to the beneficiaries according to the list of Samurdhi beneficiaries in Kantale Divisional Secretariat, a sum of Rs.1,275,000 had been overpaid to Samurdhi Development Officers and Samurdhi Village Societies on 10 occasions in the year 2020 although the number to be paid had been 1,519.	documents of the beneficiaries.	members of the village committee are the members of the society. It has been advised not to make such mistakes in the future.	
11.	Officers had not been adequately made aware of the sustainable goals and it was not possible to assess the achievement of the targets set for the year under review as the Sustainable Development Goals had not been identified.	Sustainable development goals need to be identified and implemented.	Action will be taken to identify the Sustainable Development Goals related to the District and to achieve them.	The Sustainable Development Goals have not been identified.
12.	The total number of vacancies was 238, including 18vacancies for senior level officers, 19 vacancies for tertiary level officers, 166vacancies for secondary level officers and 35vacancies for primary level officers.	Expedite action should be taken to fill the vacancies of essential posts.	Requests have been made to the Ministry of Home Affairs on a number of occasions to fill the relevant vacancies.	The total number of vacancies was 257 as at 23 February 2022.

Batticaloa District Secretariat				

	2018	Qualified Audit Opinion		
	2019	Qualified Audit Opinion		
	2020	Qualified Audit Opinion		
Significant Deficiencies in Report of the Auditor General		Recommendation of the Auditor General	Preventive Measures taken by the Institution	Current Status in that Regard
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01.	A swimming pool had been constructed at a cost of Rs. 197.47 million in the year 2017 in order to provide training in swimming and exhibit skills of swimmers in the Batticaloa District and handed over to the Municipal Council, Batticaloa,. However, it was given to a Private Institute for training of swimming on the basis of lease in the view of earning revenue without being giving opportunities to the swimmers to get swimming training. Hence, expected objectives had not been achieved from this project.	Action should be taken to use the swimming pool to achieve the purposes of construction.	This swimming pool had been handed over to the Municipal Council, Batticaloa and since a sum of Rs. 76,220 has to be incurred for maintaining it cleanly and hygienically, this pool has been given on lease to earn income from part time activities to offset such expenses.	The situation remained same even by February 2022.
02.	Activities in respect of acquisition of lands and resettlement of people, who had been affected by tsunami had been completed by the Divisional Secretariat, Manmunai North in the year 2017. However, after that, a compensation of 6.3 million had been obtained by three	Disciplinary action should be taken in accordance with the Financial Regulations regarding the negligence of the duties by the officers and	The Secretary of the Ministry of Internal and Home Affairs and Provincial Councils and Local Government to take appropriate action against the officers, who had been involved in	Action has not been taken to recover the overpaid compensation or to take legal action even by February 2022.

	persons who submitted illegal documents. Even though the responsible officers of that District Secretariat had recommended to pay compensation without paying attention in respect of accuracy of simple documents, disciplinary actions had not been taken against those officers.	incurring losses to the Government.	acquisition of lands and it had been informed to the Divisional Secretariat of Manmunai North that legal action had been taken against the persons, who had obtained compensation improperly.	
03.	The Management had failed to implement adequate internal controls in respect of payment made through cheques and maintaining records at the Samurdhi office of Batticaloa District. Therefore, an officer, who worked at that office, had the opportunity to get money fraudulently from the cheque valued at 5,700,000.	In accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulations, an effective internal control system for cheque usage systems should be developed and cheque fraud should be dealt with in accordance with the Financial Regulations.	Accuracy of the cheques had not been checked daily and certified by the relevant officers. However, at present, the relevant officer has been transferred after conducting disciplinary inquiries. Action has been taken to avoid such errors in the future.	Action had not been taken to recover the fraud. The employee had been given a transfer.
04.	A provision of Rs. 6,700,000 issued by the Ministry of National Integration, Reconciliation and Official Languages in the year 2018 for the purpose of modernizing the children's parks which were with various deficiencies in the area of Eravurpattu had not been utilized for intended purposes and had been spent for constructing a new children's park at Kumaraveliyar rural area	Provisions issued for the purpose of modernizing the children's parks in Eravurpattu area should be utilized only for the intended purposes.	Information on audit queries relating to children's park at Eravurpattu is being collected. Replies in respect of these audit queries will be sent expeditiously.	Provisions had not been utilized for the relevant purposes.

	with stagnating water even without getting the permission of the Land Reclamation and Development Cooperation in contrary to the proposed plan.			
05.	Further, provision of Rs. 2,969,635 had been issued by Ministry of National Integration, Reconciliation and Official Languages to the Divisional Secretariat, Manmunai South West in the year 2018 for goat and poultry farming with the purpose of increasing income level of public, who had lost livelihood by the war. However, it had not been implemented by the Divisional Secretariat by conducting a proper feasibility study in order to achieve the expected output level from this project. As a result, this project had remained idle within a short period.	Action should be taken to implement projects in order to achieve their respective targets.	I would like to inform that action will be taken to avoid such shortcomings in the future and steps will be taken to achieve targets and action will be taken against the relevant officers.	Although it has been informed that action will be taken against the relevant officers, such action has not been taken.
06.	A sum of Rs. 2,954,000 had been spent by Rural Infrastructure Special Programme and Office for National Unity and Reconciliation for the project of supplying drinking water to the public of newly constructed house scheme by abandoned well located at Kavaththamunai	It should be implemented after conducting a formal feasibility study and taking report on water quality before implementing this project and disciplinary action should be taken against the	Instructions had been given to the Divisional Secretary in order to implement programmes, which have an impact on the people through obtaining consultation of the suitable technological	Disciplinary action had not been taken against the officers, who are responsible for the implementation of the project without conducting a feasibility study.

	<p>in the Division of Koralaipattu West Divisional Secretariat. However, according to report on water quality issued by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board, this well water have more ammonia and there are opportunities to affect the public who use this water mostly by severe diarrhea, jaundice, stomach and intestine disease and kidney disease, etc. Therefore, expected outcomes of this project could not be obtained.</p>	<p>responsible parties, who had taken action to initiate the project without doing so.</p>	<p>experts. Action will be taken to implement plans by avoiding the occurrence of these types of errors in the future.</p>	
07.	<p>A sum of Rs. 4,912,500 had been spent by the Ministry of Rural Economic Affairs and the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs in the years 2016 and 2017 respectively to construct two small garment factories in the area of Oddamavadi. However, those two garment factories had remained idle for over 02 years without being utilized for intended purposes.</p>	<p>Necessary action should be taken to utilize these two garment factories for the relevant purposes.</p>	<p>Information on audit queries relating to construction of two garment factories in Oddamavadi area is being collected. Replies in respect of these audit queries will be sent to you expeditiously.</p>	<p>It had not been used even by February 2022.</p>
08.	<p>Although Rs. 16.96million has been allocated for the construction of a market building in the Eravur Pattu Divisional Secretary's Division under the Economic Strengthening and Social Infrastructure</p>	<p>Steps should be taken to implement programmes to achieve the targets of the relevant project.</p>	<p>When the water supply system was repaired and it was ready to supply water, delays in operations were caused by Covid-19 situation.</p>	<p>-Do-</p>

	Development Programme, the construction costing at Rs.2,608,321 had not been completed due to the change in the proposed plan and the building had not been used effectively.			
09.	Although provision of Rs.1,705,000 had been made to encourage 79 entrepreneurs in the Koralai Pattu South Divisional Secretariat Division in 2019 for the Industrial Entrepreneurs Promotion Programme under the “Nanwamu Lanka Programme” of the Ministry of Industry, the programme was abandoned by the Divisional Secretariat due to shortcomings in the selection of beneficiaries.	Steps should be taken to identify the beneficiaries correctly and to implement the programmes, for which financial provisions were made, within the prescribed periods. Action should be taken in relation to the beneficiaries for not making the right choices.	All the operations related to this project have been suspended as per the instructions of the letter of the Ministry of Finance bearing No. BD/GPS/01/09/155H A- 2019 dated 20 November .2019	Action has not taken to accurately select the beneficiaries and to implement the project even by the year 2022.
Ampara District Secretariat -----				
	2018 -	Qualified Opinion		
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	2020 -	Qualified Opinion		
	Significant Deficiencies in Report of the Auditor General -----	Recommendation of the Auditor General -----	Preventive Measures taken by the Institution -----	Current Status in that Regard -----
01.	The lands belonging to 15 Divisional Secretariats had not been estimated and accounted.	All the lands and buildings belonging to the Divisional Secretariats should be estimated and accounted.	An estimate had been made by the Government Valuation Department on 15.07.2019 and, the	The lands belonging to 12 Divisional Secretariats had not been estimated and accounted.

			Report is intended to be submitted.	
02.	A Project on the Establishment of small-scale Garment Industries for the economic empowerment of women had been implemented by the Small and Medium- Scale Industry Development Division of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. As such, the sewing machines and equipment valued at Rs.19,525,600 provided for 08 Divisional Secretariats of the Ampara District in the year 2017 remained idle even by 11 February 2019.	The utilization should be carried out in a manner that the intended maximum benefits are received from all the assets.	Problems were arisen in its implementation on the declaration of dissent to act together with those committees by the beneficiaries.	The sewing machines and equipment remained idle even by 31 December 2021.
03.	Even though a disposal or a destruction of assets had not been carried out in the year 2018, assets valued at Rs.26,316,881 that had been stated in the Financial Statement (ACA 6) had been stated as Sales. It had not been rectified even in the year 2020.	The preparation of financial statements should be reported in terms of the nature of the relevant transaction.	In the instance where an error is occurred in including a certain asset into the Cigars Computer System, it should be stated either as a sale or destruction within the programme in order to rectify the error.	It had not been rectified even by 31 December 2021.
04.	A sum of Rs.4,050,000 had been approved by Supplementary Estimates for the Green Clubs Programme. However, only a sum of Rs.2,675,592 of the Financial Provision received had been spent for the relevant objectives.	The total provisions approved under the Supplementary Estimates should be used for the relevant programme.	It had been temporarily postponed due to the political influences remained within that period.	The total provisions had not been utilized for the relevant programme.
05.	Twelve works valued at Rs.13 million provided under the Ministries for the	Necessary action should be taken to resettle the persons	Three projects had been initiated and necessary action	Two projects valued at Rs.1 million had not been initiated.

	Resettlement of the long-term displaced persons and for the cooperative development and 0 works valued at Rs.3.5 million had not been initiated up to the date of audit of 23 January 2020 by the Akkaraipattu Divisional Secretariat.	by utilizing the money that has been made available by the Ministry for the resettlement of the displaced persons.	should be taken to initiate the work of 02 projects and to resettle the displaced persons.	
06.	Even though the total number of programmes valued at Rs.170,631,000 had been approved by the financial provisions under the projects of RIDP, ONUR, Task Force on Resettlement of Protected IDPs, Lagoon Conservation and Development, Let's together for nation and DCB for various programmes such as the Reconstruction of Hindu Temples, Sports Equipment, Weekly Fair and the Reconstruction of the concrete road had been approved for 15 Divisional Secretariats, the relevant projects could not be implemented on reasons such as land problems, wrong preferences and not receiving the approval of the Department of Coast Conservation.	Action should be taken to solve the problems on the money provisioned for various projects and to implement the programmes.	It had not been able to implement 09 projects valued at Rs.1.14 million that had received the approved to be implemented in 05 Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Dehiattakandiya, Kalmunei (Mu), Sammanthurai, Thirukkovil and Potuvil in the year 2019.	Nine projects totalling Rs.1.14 million had not been implemented.
07.	The Government Land, 0.847 hectares of perimeters in extent, located in the Sennal Village 01, had been provided on the basis of long-term lease (30 years) for the preparation of Model	It should be certified that the Long-term Lease Deeds are used for the relevant objectives in providing Long-	It had been informed by the Letter No.Ep/28/LB/Ls/Am p/Gen of 26.05.2020 to provide with documents for taking action to cancel the	Action has not been taken to cancel the Long-term Lease.

	<p>Farms under the Government Lands Act on 23 March 2000, to the “Sapoor” Cooperative Society of the Sammanthurai Divisional Secretariat Division. The Grama Niladhari and the Colony Officer had reported in July 2011 that, it had 04 houses that had completed The Grama Niladhari and the Colony Officer had reported in July 2011 that, it had 04 houses that had completed the construction work, 03 permanent buildings that had laid foundation in that land, by way of partitioning the land into many plots without utilizing for the relevant purpose. However, steps had not been taken to acquire that land up to 18 February 2020.</p>	<p>term Lease Deeds and, expeditious action should be taken in the instance where action has not been taken accordingly.</p>	<p>leases by the Provincial Commissioner of Lands. As such, action has been taken by the Divisional Secretariat.</p>	
08.	<p>A sum of Rs.6,512,909 had been misused in implementing 05 projects of which had entered into Agreements to implement under the “Dayata Kirula 2013” Development Projects, by the Damana Divisional Secretariat.</p>	<p>Steps should be taken to expedite the Investigations that are being carried out on the relevant disputed condition.</p>	<p>Hereby, I kindly inform that a Special Investigation is being carried out relating thereto by the Police Special Crime Investigation Division and, the relevant documents have been taken under their custody for further investigations.</p>	<p>The Investigations had not been wound up.</p>
09.	<p>A sum of Rs.522,734 received by the sale of Fixed Deposits in the year 2020 had been brought to account</p>	<p>Steps should be taken to rectify by way of inquiring whether all revenue</p>	<p>It has been instructed to the Officers of the relevant Divisional Secretariats to note</p>	<p>Had not been rectified.</p>

	as a sum of Rs.218,830 under the Head of Other Revenue. (2006-0-2-0-20)	had been noted into the relevant Head of Revenue prior to the preparation of Financial Statements.	such errors to the relevant Head of Revenue instead of noting them to the Head of Revenue in the year 2020.	
10.	Action had not been taken to recover a sum of Rs.776,750 recoverable from three Officers of 03 Divisional Secretariats as at 31 December of the year 2020.	Action should be taken to recover the outstanding money.	Action should be taken to recover the relevant outstanding loan balances.	A sum of Rs.572,750 remained to be recoverable as at 31 December 2021.
11.	The value of 32 office building used by 08 Divisional Secretariats had not been and accounted in the year 2020.	Action should be taken to estimate the value of the office buildings.	The estimated value relating to the buildings had not been provided by the Department. Reminders had been made. Action would be taken to account as soon as it is recovered.	Had not been estimated and not being brought to account.
12.	A Register of Liabilities had not been maintained in terms of the Financial Regulation 214.	Liabilities should be noted in a Register of Liabilities in terms of the Financial Regulations.	Action would be taken to maintain a Register of Liabilities in terms of the Financial Regulations, in the future.	A Register of Liabilities is not being maintained.
13.	The confirmations on a sum of Rs.35,949,298 that was added to the value of the assets on the revision of the opening balance as at 01.01.2020 stated in A.C.A-6, Statement of Non- current Assets, had not been furnished to the audit.	The relevant Reconciliation Statements should be furnished relating to the revision of the opening balance, along with the Financial Statements.	I kindly inform that action would be taken to furnish a Statement for the opening balances in the forthcoming year.	A Reconciliation Statement relating to the revision of the balances had not been prepared.
14.	Even though Samurdhi concessional stamps should	Action should be taken to recover the	Action has been taken to recover the	Action has not been taken to recover a

	be provided based on the number of family members in terms of the Diwi Naguma Circular No.08/2017 of 29 March 2017, of the Department of Samurdhi Development and the Amended Circular No.DSD/HO/SW/14/16 of 10 September 2019, action had not been taken to recover a sum of Rs.2,993,215, overpaid for 43 families by 10 Samurdhi families, contrary to that provision.	overpayments made, contrary to the Circular.	concessional amount, overpaid to Samurdhi beneficiaries, in installments.	sum of Rs.937,840 even by February 2022.
15.	Even though financial provisions amounting to Rs.4,026,559 had been made available on 02 February 2020 by the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs for the construction of the Cultural Centre in the Uhana area, the project had been abandoned by refunding these provisions on not carrying out procurement activities relating to this construction.	Steps should be taken to carry out the construction activities expeditiously, of which the provisions have been made available.	The project could not be implemented on the Office processes being remained stagnated due to the spread of the covid-19 pandemic.	The construct activities remained abandoned.
16.	Even though Financial Provisions amounting to Rs.1,000,000 had been made available by the Ministry of National Integration for the Project for Economic Empowerment and Social Infrastructure Development for the construction of the Indoor Pavilion of the Carmel Fatima National School, located in the	Steps should be taken to implement the project within the required period.	Even though requests had been made for the approval for including this project under the Volunteer Programme in the year 2020, this project had been abandoned due to not receiving the approval relating thereto.	The project had been abandoned.

	Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat Division.			
17.	Action had not been taken to recover an outstanding tax amounting to Rs.5,271,471 that remained recoverable by 04 Divisional Secretariats in providing lands on long-term lease basis.	Steps should be taken to timely recover the tax revenue.	Instructions have been given to recover the outstanding money from the relevant Tax Depositors.	A sum of Rs.2,400,078 remains recoverable even by February 2022.
18.	Action had not been taken to recover the lease rent amounting to Rs.338,531 recoverable from 6 Government Houses belonging to the District Secretariat, from the year 2002.	Steps should be taken to recover the lease rent from the Government Houses expeditiously.	Steps have been taken to recover the lease rent.	The outstanding lease rent had not been recovered even by February 2022.
19.	The motor vehicle insurance entitlement amounting to Rs.4.8 million that could have been obtained from Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation relating to an accident occurred to a motor vehicle belonging to the District Secretariat in the year 2015 could not be able to be obtained even by the end of the year under review due to not making a request for that insurance entitlement during the requested period.	Action should be taken to take disciplinary action towards the parties responsible that did not take action to obtain the compensation, that could have been obtained from Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation and, necessary action should be taken to obtain the compensation.	The approval of the Ministry dated 08.10.2021 has been requested for obtaining compensation.	Action had not been taken to obtain the insurance entitlement even by February 2022.
20.	Even though a motor vehicle belonging to the District Secretariat had been handed over to a garage for repairs from over a period of 20 years, action had not been taken to obtain that motor vehicle even by the end of the year under review.	Disciplinary action should be taken against the relevant parties responsible on not taking follow-up action on the motor vehicle that had been handed over to the	A Report from the Motor Vehicle Inspector for returning this motor vehicle No.42- 8880, to this Office, has been requested.	The motor vehicle had not been obtained even by February 2022.

		garage and, necessary action should be taken expeditiously by examining its current position.		
21.	The administrative activities of the Grama Niladhari Divisions remained stagnated on not making permanent recruitments for 76 Grama Niladhari posts that remain vacant, as at the end of the year 2020.	Action should be taken to fill the employee vacancies considering the service requirements.	Action has been taken to raise the awareness of the Ministry on the number of Grama Niladhari vacancies.	Action has not been taken to fill these vacancies even by February 2022.
22.	Even though the approved cadre of the year 2020 had been 2,364, the actual cadre had been 2,163. However, appropriate action had not been taken to recruit 201 posts that remain vacant.	Steps should be taken to fill the vacancies that remain vacant at Divisional Secretariat level, on service requirements.	The awareness of the Ministry of Home Affairs has been raised, in this connection.	Action has not been taken to fill the vacancies even by February 2022.
Kilinochchi District Secretariat -----				
	2018	Qualified Opinion		
	2019	Qualified Opinion		
	2020	Qualified Opinion		
	Significant Deficiencies in Report of the Auditor General -----	Recommendation of the Auditor General -----	Preventive Measures taken by the Institution -----	Current Status in that Regard -----
01.	A sum of Rs. 1,348,904 had been incurred for the repair due to a vehicle of Kandawalei Divisional Secretariat met with an	Actions should be taken in accordance with the Circular.	Further actions will be taken as soon as the report of the appointed committee of inquiry is received.	Necessary steps had not been taken even by February 2022 .

	accident on 16 June 2016 . Activities in this regard had not been completed in terms of Financial Regulation.			
02.	A sum of Rs. 368,929 had been paid for work- in-progress in contrary to Sections 11.1, 11.3 and 11.4 of the General Conditions 01 of Guideline of the Industrial Development Authority dated 02 January 2007 at the constructions of Pallikuda Walarmathi Harbour.	Actions should be taken in accordance with the Circular	Steps will be taken in future to calculate and reduce losses due to failure to complete the work.	Actions had not been taken to recover this amount even by February 2022 .
03.	Buildings and equipment which had been provided for 04 multi-purpose cooperative societies had remained in idle in between the previous 01 to 02 years.	Necessary steps should be taken for the usage.	Since the responsibility of this has entrusted to the multi-purpose cooperative societies it has been referred for their attention.	Two buildings had not been used even by February 2022 .
04.	Even though more than 02 years had elapsed after handing over the machineries valued at Rs. 2,001,500 required for the functioning of Rice Mill of the Karachchi North Multi-purpose Cooperative Society, those	Actions should be taken to commence the Rice Mill using the equipment handed over for the Rice Mill.	Funds have been allocated for this project on the basis of the society would fulfill the required facilities.	Those equipment had not been utilized even by February 2022 .

	equipment had not been used.			
05.	Fifty water tanks with a capacity of 1000 liters donated by the Ministry of Irrigation, Water Supply and Disaster Management in 2018 to supply water in a drought and 40 water filters has been in idle for more than a year	Actions should be taken to use.	Those are distributed on priority basis as required and filters will be issued within a week.	Fifty water tanks had not been used even by February 2022 .
06.	Drying equipment and generators amounting to Rs. 11,595,798 had been provided to the Fruit and Vegetable Processing Factory in Vinayagapuram Farmers' Co-operative Society in contrary to the decision of the Procurement Committee and the Technical Evaluation Committee.	Machinery should be procured as per the recommendations of the Technical Evaluation Committee.	Procurement activities has not yet been completed and technical requirements have not yet been met due to the technical certificate has not yet been issued.	The Relevant requirements had not been met by February 2022.
07.	The advances of Rs. 3.42 Million given to 3 Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies in the Kilinochchi District for the purchase of paddy had not been settled for more than 7 years.	Immediate steps should be taken to settle unsettled advances or to withdraw cash .	It has been advised to complete payments monthly.	Advances amounting to Rs. 700,000 had not been settled even by February 2022 .

08.	Actions had not been taken to recover a balance of Rs. 820,425 to be recovered for more than 10 years from the officers who had left the office and suspended from service even up to now as per the Reconciliation Statement on Advances to Public Officers Accounts.	Taking steps to recover arrears on time.	Actions are being taken to recover the arrears debt balances of the officers .	The arrears of balance had not been recovered even by February 2022
09.	The District Secretariat and the Divisional Secretariats had not taken steps in terms of Financial Regulation 571 with regard to 36 deposits totaled to Rs. 5,424,688 for more than 2 years.	Actions should be taken in terms of Financial Regulation 571	Payments have been made and actions have been taken to make payments .	Actions had not been taken to settle even by February 2022
10.	A sum of Rs. 3,274,966 received from other Ministries and Departments had retained in the deposit account for the period of 01 to 03 years without being used for the relevant purposes.	Arrangements should be made to carry out the relevant functions with funds received from other institutions and if not, arrangements should be made to return the money.	Actions are being taken to release some deposits, to credit some deposits to income and the to commence projects from the rest of deposits .	There was a balance of Rs. 1,299,448 even by February 2022 .
11.	Although 169 business entities have been maintaining for a period of	Actions should be taken in terms of Circulars.	The Survey Department has been informed to prepare	Actions had not been taken even by February 2022 .

	08-10 years using government-granted properties , as per the Department of Land Commissioner General's Circular No. 2017/01 dated 04 July 2017 , actions had not been taken to recover the leases by entering into agreements with the recipients of the properties.		plans. Accordingly, further steps will be taken.	
12.	Arrears of lease from the lands leased out from 2014 to 2020 amounting to Rs. 7,875,400 had not been recovered in terms of Paragraphs 5 (iii) and 6 (c) of the Department of Land Commissioner General's Circular No. 96/05 dated 01 August 1996 .	Actions should be taken to recover the arrears of rent.	Actions have been taken to recover .	Actions had not been taken even by February 2022 .
13.	An amount of Rs. 142,988 had been overpaid for a wall built around a school.	Actions should be taken to recover the overpayments.	Actions are being taken to recover.	A sum of Rs. 63,429 had to be recovered as at February 2022 .
14.	Although the 03 gravel roads constructed by the Poonakary Divisional Secretariat at a cost of Rs. 3,960,000 in the year 2020 had severely dilapidated and the public	Roads should be properly constructed and necessary actions should be taken against the failure of carrying out the	Since these roads were operated under the supervision of the Pradeshiya Sabha, a report has been called from the Pradeshiya Sabha.	Actions had not been taken even by February 2022 .

	had been put to difficulties in a short time, that is, by March 2021 a fruitful step had not been taken for that.	construction as such.		
Jaffna District Secretariat -----				
	2018	Qualified Opinion		
	2019	Qualified Opinion		
	2020	Qualified Opinion		
Significant Deficiencies in Report of the Auditor General -----		Recommendation of the Auditor General -----	Preventive Measures taken by the Institution -----	Current Status in that Regard -----
01	Karainagar Divisional Secretariat Building had been constructed on a private land at a cost of Rs. 58 Million. Even though the value of this land had been stated under non-current assets in the financial statement as Rs. 02 Million , actions had not been taken even by 30 June 2020 to take over the ownership of the land.	Arrangements should be made to take over the ownership of the land.	Requests have been made to take over the land.	Actions are being taken to acquire these properties.
02.	Construction of Manippai Market Complex in Valikamam South Western Divisional Secretariat			
	(i) An amount of Rs. 348,998 had been	Actions should be taken to recover the overpayments.	Arrangements have been made to recover	Although this amount was recovered, actions

	overpaid for the construction.		the overpayments from the contractor .	are being taken to repay this amount as per the decision of the Inquiry Committee appointed on an appeal of the contractor.
	(ii) The fine for the 145 days delay in completion of the construction amounting to Rs. 1.09 Million had not been charged from the Contractor as per Paragraph 6.4 of the Contract Agreement.	Delay charges should be charged for the failure of completion of work on time as per the agreement.	The Manippai Pradeshiya Sabha is taking steps to use the building. Likewise, arrangements have been made to charge a fee from the contractor for the delayed period.	Although an amount of Rs. 377,109 out of this was charged, actions are being taken to repay this amount as per the decision of the Inquiry Committee appointed on an appeal of the contractor.
03.	A sum of Rs.115,169 had been overpaid in the reconstruction of Salambai Wyaparamoolei Road in Vadamarachchi North Divisional Secretariat.	Overpayments should be recovered.	Answers have not been given.	Actions are being taken to recover.
04.	The construction contract of Nallur Divisional Secretariat Building Complex had been stopped on 21 October 2018 due to the construction was not properly done. Nevertheless, a sum of	Arrangements should be made to complete the project on time and delay charges should be made as per the agreement.	Arrangements have been made to charge a fee from the contractor for the delayed period.	The Buildings entered into agreements with the relevant contractor has been informed to the Department. Further actions will be taken as per the

	1.65 Million had not been recovered from the contractor as per Paragraph 4.9.1 of the Contract Agreement for the delay of 03 months.			replies receive to this.
05.	A sum of Rs. 466,000 had been overpaid for 02 roads constructed in Vadamarachchi North Divisional Secretariat.	Actions should be taken to recover the overpayments.	Clarifications will be obtained from those who implemented the projects and actions will be taken immediately.	Actions are being taken to recover this money.
06.	A sum of Rs. 10,223,189 had been spent for the establishment of Nirveli Banana Cane Growers' Co-operative Society Building and Banana Cultivation Center in Valikamam East Divisional Secretariat. These works which should be completed before 31 December 2018 had not been completed even by 31 July 2019.	Arrangements should be made to complete the Project on time.	The machinery and plant for the Project have been imported from a foreign country. We will conduct operations continuously furthermore after installing the machine and receiving its technical reports.	The Project had completely failure.
07.	The building constructed in the month of July 2019 and the equipment with a value of Rs. 13.75 Million under the SMART Sri Lanka Project with a view of providing training to	Arrangements should be made to make the existing assets suitable for use.	The building could not be used for the intended purpose due to the lack of further instructions and financial allocations regarding this Project.	This building is not used for the intended purpose and it was given to a youth association in Jaffna to use.

	job seekers by the Jaffna District Secretariat had not yet been used for the relevant purposes.			
08.	Even though a sum of Rs. 8.32 Million had been spent for the construction of power plant building and purchase of machinery in Valikamam North Divisional Secretariat they had not yet been used for the relevant purposes.	Proper planning and technical evaluation should be done before commencing the projects and arrangements should be made to use it for the relevant purposes.	There was a time delay in correcting some deficiencies. It is stipulated to be implemented by the trained staff of the Northern Provincial Department of Labour by now.	Actions are being taken to use.
09.	The Valikamam North Divisional Secretariat Building had been constructed in a land belonging to other party incurring a sum of Rs. 56,023,874. Actions had not been taken to acquire its ownership up to 31 March 2021 and the value of the land had not been disclosed in the financial statements.	The land should be acquired and the value of the land should be disclosed in the Financial Statement.	Arrangements will be made to take over.	Relevant acquisitions are being done.
10.	Several projects of the Jaffna Divisional Secretariat had not been completed within the stipulated time. Nevertheless, the delay	Steps should be taken to complete projects on time and to charge delay charges as per the	The relevant contractor has been informed to pay this amount either from the contract retention money or directly. Likewise,	Actions had not been taken to recover this amount.

	charges for that amounting to Rs.547,766 had not been charged from the relevant contractors as per the agreement.	agreement in case of delays.	steps have been taken to recover certain money from the late fees mentioned.	
11.	The procurement had been awarded to a bidder who was .not recommended by the Technical Evaluation Committee for the construction of the Chunnagam Post Office and the Post Master's Quarters . The agreement had been terminated on 31 December 2019 by the consent in between two parties on a payment only for work performed basis because he did not complete those tasks. Nevertheless, 25 per cent of unperformed work when paying for certified work that is, Rs. 1,169,074 had not been recovered as per the Contract Data 60.1 of the agreement .	Actions should be taken to recover the relevant amount. As per the Contract Data 60.1 .	Since the agreement was terminated by the consent of two parties, this amount had not been recovered.	Actions had not been taken to recover this amount.
12.	Investigations had not been carried out in respect of the financial fraud of Rs. 280,000 stating that Rs. 5,000 each was given	Appropriate internal controls should be put in place to prevent frauds and actions should be	The duties of the Samurdhi Development Officer have been suspended and other officers have	The money was not recovered even by February 2022 .

	to 56 beneficiaries in Thenmarachchi Divisional Secretariat.	taken to recover the overpaid amount.	been warned and given transfers. Steps are being taken to recover the relevant money from the specified officers	
13.	A sum of Rs. 13,458,697 received for a project had been retained in the deposit account of the District Secretariat for more than 3 years without proper utilization.	Steps should be taken to settle the relevant deposit balances without delay .	Steps have been taken to settle these deposits without delay .	One task of this Project which consists of 03 tasks has been completed. It is expected to check its progress and to perform the remaining 02 tasks.
14.	The machine (Batch Pasteurizer(which was purchased for Rs. 1,336,300 to a yoghurt manufacturer in Nallur Divisional Secretariat under the programme to establish 50 small factories had remained in idle for over a year.	An inquiry should be made into the purchase of a machine without spare parts. Necessary steps should be taken to make use of the machine.	Since the major spare parts required to operate this machine have not yet been provided by the relevant supplier it is inactive. As soon as the spare parts are received, actions will be taken to restore the machine.	This machine is still in idle.
15.	A number of 52 fishing nets received in the year 2017 for the distribution among fishermen families valued at Rs. 690,849 had retained in the Wadamarachchi District	The requirement should be properly identified before purchasing and actions should be taken to utilize the idle assets effectively.	It has been informed that these fishing nets are suitable for catching fish in deep sea. Therefore , the District Secretariat is taking actions to provide	Those fishing nets had not been distributed among required beneficiaries even by now.

	Secretariat for a period of 03 years.		those nets to required beneficiaries.	
Vauniya District Secretariat -----				
	2018	Qualified Opinion		
	2019	Qualified Opinion		
	2020	Qualified Opinion		
	Significant Deficiencies in Report of the Auditor General -----	Recommendation of the Auditor General -----	Preventive Measures taken by the Institution -----	Current Status in that Regard -----
01.	A number of 280 items had been stored insecure without being used for over an year.	Arrangements should be made to utilize and secure the assets.	Since there are no provisions for the payments, watchers have not been deployed.	These good had not been used even by February 2022 .
02.	A sum of Rs. 116,157 had been overpaid when constructing Wengalasettikulam Building.	Making payment as per the rate submitted by the contractor and the overpayment should be recovered.	This has been so happened due to failure to prepare the estimates accurately and it was noted not to occur in future as such.	Overpayments had not been recovered even by February 2022 .
03.	Even though an unauthorized constructions had been carried out in a state land located at A 9 Omanthai , Vauniya, the required legal actions against that had not been taken by the Divisional Secretariat Vauniya .	Legal actions should be taken in respect of unauthorized constructions .	The approval is not given by the Divisional Secretariat for the construction of the building .	Legal actions had not been taken even by February 2022 .

04.	The Omanthai Cultural Center built in October 2018 at a cost of Rs. 12,956,898 had not been opened to the public even by July 2020 and the center area was overgrown with weeds.	Actions should be taken to open this place for the use of public.	Actions will be taken to open.	Actions had not been taken to open even by February 2022 .
05.	Even though land plots with 80 perches each had been granted for 57 persons who do not have lands in Irattaperiyakulama in the year 2014 and only 08 persons had resided developing lands and building houses even by August 2019 .	Necessary actions should be taken carrying out inquiries on beneficiaries whose lands were not developed.	Necessary actions will be taken in future considering the lands where the people are not resided.	This problem had not been resolved even by 2022 .
06.	Land plots consisting of 40 perches had been granted to 113 government servants per each under Government Servants' Housing Project in Irattaperiyakulama Weragama in the year 2011 by Vauniya South Sinhala Divisional Secretariat . Nevertheless, even though 08 years had elapsed by 2019 , houses had been constructed and	Necessary actions should be taken in respect of landowners whose relevant objectives were not fulfilled by reviewing the progress of the project	Necessary actions will be taken considering the lands where the persons are not resided.	This problem had not been resolved.

	resided only in 45 land parcels out of 113 land parcels.			
07.	The Vauniya Economic Centre constructed on an estimate valued at Rs. 291.64 Million had been handed over to the District Secretariat in the year 2018. However, arrangements have not been made to use this Centre up to now.	Arrangements should be made to use this centre for the tasks of constructing of the Centre.	The approval of the Line Ministry for the opening of this Centre had not been received by now.	Actions had not been taken to utilize this Centre even by February 2022 .
08.	Three vehicles belonging to the District Planning Secretariat had not been utilized for more than 10 years.	Necessary actions should be carried out to be utilized the vehicle or to be disposed.	Arrangements have been made to dispose on recommendation received as the repairs were not effective.	Actions had not been taken to dispose even by February 2022 .
09.	A sum of Rs. 223,200 had been paid for 02 work items which were not done at the time of construction of the office building of Diviesional Secretariat Vauniya North . Likewise, even though a sum of Rs. 3,338,560 had been paid for the raw materials remained in the work site , proper records on those volume of stock had not been maintained.	The payments which were made to for the works not carried out should be recovered and proper records should be maintained for the stock of raw materials.	Certain portions of works out of the works not carried out had been done and rest of the works are being carried out.	Actions had not been taken to recover the overpayments and to submit accurate stock records.

Mulitivu District Secretariat

	2018 -	Qualified Opinion		
	2019 -	Qualified Opinion		
	2020 -	Qualified Opinion		
Significant Deficiencies in Report of the Auditor General -----		Recommendation of the Auditor General -----	Preventive Measures taken by the Institution -----	Current Status in that Regard -----
01.	A number of 118 housing constructions implemented by the Divisional Secretariats of Manthai East, Oddusudan, Thunukkai and Kareithureipaththu totalled to Rs. 183.9 Million had not been utilized during the period of 02 to 06 preceding years and had retained in the office premises without being properly maintained and repaired.	Arrangements should be made to utilize these houses effectively.	Actions will be taken to correct these errors in future.	These houses had not been utilized even by now.
02.	Seven cabs, 02 lorries and 06 motor cycles had been retained in the office premises without having proper maintenance and repair in between the period from 01 year to 06 years .	Actions should be taken to perform the repairs and maintenance properly.	Preventive measures had not been submitted .	No step whatsoever had not been taken in this regard even by February 2022 .

03.	A generator had not been utilized for more than 04 preceding years . The old machine had not been utilized. Instead of using that, a new generator with an electric power of 502KW higher than the average electricity consumption required had been purchased without following international competitive bid procedure from a foreign country (Turkey) for a Rs. 9.8 Million .	Actions should be taken to repair and utilize the Generator and necessary arrangements should be made in respect of purchasing without following the procurement procedure exceeding the required capacity .	Actions will be taken in near future.	The old machine had not been utilized.
04.	Effective measures had not been taken in terms of Section 4 of the Chapter XXIV of the Establishments Code for the period of 05 to 26 previous years to recover the employee loan balances totalled to Rs. 321,560 of suspended, retired, deceased and the officers who had left the service.	Steps should be taken to recover the arrears of debt balances within the stipulated time period.	Arrears of debt balances of two officers are being recovered and details on debt balances of other Officers have been sent to relevant Ministries and the Treasury.	Debt balances totalled to Rs. 223,057 should have been recovered furthermore.
05.	The advances paid for 02 Multi – purpose Co-operative Societies in the years 2014 and 2015 for	Actions should be taken to recover the advances provided.	The measures on recoveries are being carried out continuously.	Debt balances out of the advances paid amounting to Rs. 18,729,785

	the purchase of paddy amounting to Rs.17,920,775 had not been settled for more than 05 years.			should have been recovered furthermore.
06.	Even though a contract which was disregarded had been cancelled, the retention money obtained in the year 2018 for that contract had not been credited to the revenue. Likewise, arrangements had not been made to settle a sum of Rs. 1,800,000 received in the year 2017 for the purchase of paddy even by now.	The deposits pertaining to the contracts which were cancelled should be taken to revenue and arrangements should be made to settle the advances obtained.	Actions are being taken in terms of Financial Regulations.	Steps had not been taken to settle even by February 2022 .
07.	Two water bowsers which were provided in the year 2019 to the District Secretariats Thunukkai and Pudukuduyirippu had not been utilized even by now. The revenue license and insurance certificates pertaining to these vehicles were not submitted to audit.	Steps should be taken to use for the objectives and to obtain revenue license and insurance certificates.	Steps have been taken to repair and to obtain revenue license and insurance certificates.	Required activities had not been achieved even by now.

Mannar District Secretariat -----				
	2018 -	Qualified Opinion		
	2019 -	Qualified Opinion		
	2020 -	Qualified Opinion		
Significant Deficiencies in Report of the Auditor General -----		Recommendation of the Auditor General -----	Preventive Measures taken by the Institution -----	Current Status in that Regard -----
01.	Although livestock should be provided to 08 beneficiaries by Manthai West Divisional Secretariat , a sum of Rs. 685,300 had been paid instead in contrary to the instructions of Secretary to the Line Ministry and Provincial Governor .	Actions will be taken as per the relevant circular instructions and measures should be set against the parties responsible in respect of functioning against that.	Actions will be taken to avoid such errors providing instructions to relevant officers.	Even though it had been determined to set an Investigation Committee as per the decision of the Audit Committee , there was no progress even by February 2022 .
02.	Cattle had been purchased for a Rs. 11,900,000 without determining the prices by the Manthai West Divisional Secretariat.	Arrangements should be made as per the instructions of the relevant Circular.	- do -	- do -
03.	Goats had been purchased by the Manthai West Divisional Secretariat and Nanattan Divisional Secretariat for a Rs. 199,800 and a Rs. 2,160,000 respectively	Arrangements should be made as per the instructions of the relevant Circular.	- do -	- do -

	without determining the prices			
04.	Nanattan Divisional Secretariat had taken actions to purchase livestock valued at Rs. 22 Million exceeding the approved limit and not to enter into agreements respectively in contrary to Guidelines 2.14.1 and 8.9.1 (b) of the Government Procurement Guidelines 2006 .	Arrangements should be made to follow the Procurement Guidelines and to enter into agreements.	Measures are taken to prevent such errors providking knowledge on procurement activities.	Necessary steps had not been taken investigating the reasons for not following the guidelines.
05.	Manthai West Divisional Secretariat had taken actions to make livestock and other purchases at a cost of Rs. 15,499,800 exceeding the approved limit of Rs. 10 Million in contrary to Guidelines 2.14.1 of the Government Procurement Guidelines 2006 .	Procurement Guidelines should be followed.	Actions will be taken to prevent such errors by providing knowledge on procurement activities	-do -
06.	Although a number of 151 dairy cows had been purchased by the Murungan Government Veterinary Superintendent for Rs. 13,212,500 , prices had not been set for it. Cheques had been written	Procurement Guidelines should be followed.	Actions have been taken. Answers will be provided in due course.	Although it was decided to set up a Committee of Investigation as per the decision of the Audit Committee there was no

	in the name of the Nanattan, Musali Livestock Breeding Association and paid			progress even by February 2022 .
07.	On the instructions of the Murungan Government Veterinary Superintendent, writing of cheques amounting to Rs. 7,525,000 in the name of three of his employees and had cashed them.	Checques should be written directly to the supplier's name and disciplinary actions should be taken against the parties responsible for writing cheques in the name of employees.	-do -	-do -
08.	The money had been taken by the Murungan Government Veterinarian by writing cheques amounting to Rs. 4,025,000 in the name of 07 beneficiaries .		-do -	-do -
09.	Even though it was mentioned that the payments have been made to the Musali Nanattan Livestock Co-operative Society in the year 2016 for the purchase of livestock by the Manthai West Divisional Secretariat , cheques had been written in the	Cheques should be written directly to the supplier only and disciplinary actions should be taken against the responsible parties in respect of the writing cheques in personal names and make payments.	-do -	-do -

	personal name of the veterinary doctor of Manthai.			
10.	Although the cheques should be written directly in the name of the supplier, it had been ascertained by the deposit slip that a sum of Rs. 318,000 was deposited on 28 February 2016 in the name of the veterinary doctor .	Cheques should be written only in the name of the supplier. Further, actions should be taken to make necessary arrangements conducting a formal investigation .	-do -	-do -
11.	A number of 121 cheques totalled to 2,516,812 had been forged during the period from the year 2014 to 2017 by a Management Assistant of the Manthai West Divisional Secretariat.	Actions should be taken against the parties responsible immediately carrying out examinations on the fraud.	Priliminary investigations have been commenced. Further actions will be taken just after the instructions received from the Ministry.	Confirmations on the current status were not submitted.
12.	The Mannar Divisional Secretariat had made an overpayment of Rs. 1,674,732 when constructing Erikkalampitiya coastal way and Erikkalampitiya Ameipadukkei padaguthurei road.	Overpayments should be recovered conducting formal investigations.	Actions will be taken to recover the overpayments conducting investigations.	Overpayments had not been recovered.
13.	Thirty three housing complex located at District Secretariat and 05	Examining the current condition on failure of using	Due to various reasons it had not resided in relevant lands.	Actions had not been taken on the issues remained even by

	Divisional Secretariats in the year under review totalled to Rs. 334,900,000 had been in idle and destroyed from the period of 01 to 09 years due to the reasons such as failure to maintain by the owners, residing of them in other places and construction of houses in unsuitable lowlands.	these houses and necessary actions should be taken in respect of being idle and being destroyed.		February 2022 and houses had remained in idle.
14.	Seventeen buildings and machinery units which are in use and under the control of Mannar District Secretariat and 05 Divisional Secretariats valued at Rs. 30,358,345 had remained in idle from 2 to 7 years.	Necessary actions should be taken immediately for the utilization of these buildings.	Steps have been taken to repair the buildings, provide basic facilities and to entirely utilize them.	The buildings were in idle even by February 2022 .
15.	Government lands in Silawathura village, Musali Divisional Secretariat, were approved to be given to 18 beneficiaries and those requests were later rejected without any reason and it had been given to a private company on a long-term lease basis for aquaculture.	The investigations should be carried out and assistance should be provided to the beneficiaries.	Preliminary investigations have been carried out and the Ministry has been informed.	This issue had not been resolved even by February 2022 .

16.	As a result of non-completion of renovation work of St. Thomas' playground belonging to Manthai West Divisional Secretariat the advance paid amounting to Rs. 96,955 had been a futile expense and the sports equipment purchased for that amounting to Rs. 388,040 had been an uneconomic expense.	Contract works should be completed on time.	Steps have been taken to recover.	Actions had not been taken in this regard even by February 2022 .
17.	Even though a sum of Rs. 495,000 had been paid for the construction of a public hall in 2017 by the Manthai West Divisional Secretariat, because those constructions had not been completed the money spent had been a futile expense.	Steps should be taken to complete the work within the allotted time and use it.	The work will be completed as soon as the financial provisions are received.	- do-
18.	Because the Completion Report had not been prepared total transactions amounting to Rs. 3,914,565 could not be satisfactorily vouched during the audit.	Actions should be taken in accordance with Financial Regulation 780.	This was due to the overwork of the technical officer.	Reports that the work had been completed by February 2022 had not yet been submitted to the audit.
19.	A sum of Rs. 260,119 had been obtained as	Payments made in addition to the	Due to the frequency of holding meetings,	The amount received in addition to the

	entertainment allowance by the District Secretariat exceeding the approved limit for the period from May 2019 to August 2020 in contrary to the Ministry of Home Affairs Circular No. 08/2019 dated 27 March 2019 .	monthly entertainment allowance should be charged from the relevant officer.	additional costs had occurred.	entertainment allowance, had not been recovered.
20.	The District Secretary had obtained a monthly fuel allowance of Rs. 470,045 during the period from January 2019 to August 2020, in accordance with Section 3 (ix) of Public Administration Circular No. 11/2006 dated 14 July 2006 . Nevertheless, in addition and contrary to that Circular, fuel valued at Rs. 444,875 had been obtained from government fuel orders.	Fuel costs incurred in contrary to the circular should be recovered from the officer.	Additional fuel had been provided based on the matters such as epidemic situation, additional meetings held in Colombo, etc.	The money had not been recovered even by February 2022 .
21.	Twenty retained deposits for contracts for more than 02 years amounting to Rs. 1,585,534, had remained in the general deposit account.	Take steps to settle deposit balances promptly.	Actions are being taken to repay retention deposits or transfer to government revenue.	The balance had not been settled even by February 2022 .
22.	A tax of Rs.425,752 had been credited to the	Because there is no tax right on	The owner has been instructed to obtain and	Actions had not been taken to collect the

	deposit account considering that the value added tax should be paid on behalf of contractors who had not registered to pay value added tax.	unregistered contractors, steps should be taken to credit that money to government revenue.	submit tax registrations.	tax return relevant to the period of failure to be registered for the tax.
23.	Although the construction of a road with an estimated cost of Rs. 10 Million was scheduled to be completed by November 2019 it had not been completed even by March 2021 . Since it had failure to request extensions for this and due to tasks were not performed as agreed, the decision to cancel the agreement and credit the performance bond to government revenue had not been taken immediately. As a result, the bond had been redeemed by the contractor. Although the contractor was paid for the raw material brought to the site, as a result of the lack of a specific programme to protect, they were	The construction work should be completed on time without any loss to government funds and actions should be taken against those responsible for failing to do so.	A Committee of Investigation has been set up in respect of this Project. Actions will be taken and answers will be given in due course as per the Committee Report.	Even though the investigation had been completed, further actions had not been taken even by February 2022 .

	disappearing and being destroyed.			
24.	Although 49 payments totaled to Rs.1,371,155 had remained unidentified since 2015 , actions had not been taken to identify and settle them. a total loss of Rs. 1,995,318 had occurred to the government as Performance Bond value, raw material cost and payments made to the contractor for this abandoned Project.	Necessary steps should be taken completing the investigation expeditiously .	Steps have been taken to investigate the matter in this regard.	Preliminary investigations were completed and charge sheets had been issued.

District Secretariat – Puttalam

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Main Deficiencies in the Auditor General’s Report		Recommendation of the Auditor General	Preventive Measures taken by the Institution	Current Situation related thereto
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01.	Due to non-availability of files at the District Secretariat relating to 19 vehicle accidents, losses and damages totaling Rs. 1,318,233 could not be satisfactorily vouched.	A formal inquiry should be conducted and action should be taken on the officers responsible.	A Committee has been appointed to look into the said files.	Relevant inquiries have not been conducted even by February 2022.

02.	Ten out of the 71 official residences pertaining to the District Secretary had remained unsuitable for use. However, due to failure to take action properly in that connection, those official residences had remained idle and dilapidated.	Necessary action should be taken to renovate those official residences and to utilize them.	As soon as provision is received, action will be taken to demolish those official residences.	Demolition of official residences or renovations have not been completed even by February 2022.
03.	The Department of Social Services had paid a sum of Rs. 2,844,000 as allowances (Living Allowance) in the year 2018 to 79 disabled persons in the area of Divisional Secretariat, Puttalam. However, 66 more disabled persons have been in the waiting list after requesting for the allowance.	Measures should be taken promptly to fulfill the requirements of the general public.	Even though There were 66 qualified persons in the waiting list, payments could not be made to them due to lack of provision. Requests have been made for obtaining necessary provision.	This situation is observed in very year.
04.	Moneys had been paid at a value of work done amounting to Rs.1,923,000 for removing aquatic plants from Kudawewa in the Mahawewa Divisional Secretariat Division under the Gamperaliya Programme -2019. However, according to audit inspection carried out on 04 January 2020, a large area of the Kudawewa	In spending public moneys for projects, action should be taken so as to receive maximum benefits to the public.	The extent is 47 acres and even though aquatic plants should be removed from an area of 17 acres in extent according to the estimate, aquatic plants in 20 acres have been removed.	At present, this tank is full of aquatic plants.

	had been covered with Salvinia. As such, the expenditure incurred therefor had become fruitless.			
05.	It had been decided that the Nawagattegama Theatre constructed under the Deyata Kirula Programme implemented in the year 2014, should be vested in the Local Authority within the area of the relevant authority so as to use in a proper manner. However, it had not been so done and thus, the said theatre had remained idle, being subjected to destruction.	Action should be taken to vest in the relevant Local Authority and to use it.	Action has been taken to obtain the Plan (Tracing) required for the purpose of vesting the land where the said Nawagattegama Theatre is located, in the Pradeshiya Sabha.	The said theatre had remained idle, being subjected to destruction even by February 2022.
06.	Provision had been made at Rs.20,000 each for providing electricity to houses of 30 recipients of the Divisional Secretariat Division of Chilaw. Moreover, in the implementation of the housing aid project under the Gamperaliya Programme, aid amounting to Rs.4,600,000 had been approved at Rs.100,000 each for 46 recipients in the	Action should be taken to identify benefits accurately and to receive maximum benefits from provision made for the regional development.	The 46 recipients of houses have refused the accepting aid stating that construction of the houses cannot be completed by 31.12.2019. These projects could not be implemented as all projects which had not commenced works at present have been suspended	This situation is observed even at present.

	<p>year 2019. However, those projects had not been implemented as a result of shortcomings in the process of selecting of Beneficiaries due to non-identification of persons desperately in need of those aid.</p>		<p>until further notice by the letter No.BD/GPS155/09/01/HA-2019 of 20.11.2019 issued by the Secretary to the Treasury of the Ministry of Finance.</p>	
07.	<p>According to budget proposals of 2019 of the Mundalama Divisional Secretariat, 33 projects which were approved prior to 30 September 2019, had not been implemented in the year 2019.</p>	<p>Action should be taken to reap maximum benefit from monies allocated for regional development.</p>	<p>Projects are planned so as to reap maximum benefits from monies allocated.</p>	<p>This situation is observed even at present.</p>
08.	<p>A sum of Rs.2,674,434 had been spent in the years 2014, 2015 and 2017 for the water project implemented by the Subhasetha Community based Organization in 557 C, Thambagalle South Grama Niladhari Division in Madampe Divisional Secretariat Division. However, the works of the aforesaid project could not be completed even by the end of the year 2019 due to court proceedings</p>	<p>In spending public monies for projects, action should be taken as to receive maximum benefits to the public.</p>	<p>Projects are planned so as to reap maximum benefits from monies allocated.</p>	<p>This issue has not been resolved even by February 2022.</p>

	conducted regarding an issue that arose between the two parties.			
09.	The pool vehicle of the Mahakumbukkadawala Divisional Secretariat is in a decayed state and action had not been taken to repair it properly and to operate same. The tractor and water bowser received from the Ministry of Disaster Management remained idle, being subjected to decay as a result of non-use.	Government property should be properly made use of.	As there are no protected places for parking, the two tanks of tractor bowsers are parked in a manner of being exposed to sun and rain. Provision has been requested for construction of vehicle parks.	This issue has not been resolved even by February 2022.
10.	A total of 42 vehicles comprising 25 tractors, 09 bowsers and 08 lorry bowsers had been provided by the National Disaster Relief Service Centre, Ministry of Home Affairs and Disaster Management Centre for distribution of drinking water among the people affected by drought and action had not been taken to take over those bowsers to the District Secretariat and to bring them to account.	The relevant vehicles should be taken over and brought to account.	Action has been taken to account all vehicles taken over by the Puttalam District Secretariat by the year 2020 and as vehicles provided by the Ministry of Disaster Management had not been taken over, action is being taken to take over them.	This issue has not been fully resolved even by February 2022.
11.	Action had not been taken to auction or if unusable, to	Action should be taken in terms of	The Ministry of Finance has been	- do -

	write off from books in terms of Financial Regulations, 11 vehicles of five Divisional Secretariats, valued at Rs.5,650,000 unutilized in any manner whatsoever over a period of two years.	Financial Regulations.	referred to, for taking over of vehicles remained idle over a period of two years.	
12.	In the development of rural roads by laying gravel, under the Gamperaliya Accelerated Programme in the Anamaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division, overestimates had been prepared, on obtaining gravel. As such, an overpayment of Rs.3,667,149 had been made in 42 instances.	Accurate Engineer's estimates should be prepared according to the prescribed Item of Work and the total loss occurred due to preparation of Engineer's estimates without proper professional diligence should be recovered from responsible parties.	I have appointed a three person investigation committee chaired by the Executive Engineer of the Provincial Department of Road Development to examine and report thereon. Necessary action will be taken once the said report is received.	Even though it had been decided to recover the money, recovery of monies has not been completed even by February 2022.
13.	A Grama Niladhari attached to the Mahakumbukkadawala Divisional Secretariat, had been suspended from service and taken legal action against, due to taking bribes. However, in terms of Section 27.11 of Chapter	Action should be taken in terms of provisions in the Establishments Code.	Action necessary for holding the Departmental inquiry has been commenced.	An inquiry has not been held even by February 2022

	<p>XLVIII of Volume II of the Establishments Code, a Departmental inquiry should be held separately and judged whether innocent or guilty. However, it had not been so done.</p>			
14.	<p>The Geological Survey and Mines Bureau has authority for issuing licences for mining of soil, gravel and sand under the Mines and Minerals Act, No.33 of 1992 and before issuing licences, illegal mining of soil, gravel and sand had been carried out under the approval of various institutions in an instance in which the Karuwalagaswewa Divisional Secretary had not made recommendations.</p>	<p>The Divisional Secretary should be briefed on licences issued by the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau for control of illegal mining of soil, gravel and sand.</p>	<p>Action will be taken to brief the Secretary to the Ministry relating to issuing mining licences without the recommendation of Divisional Secretaries.</p>	<p>It was observed that the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau issues licences without the recommendation of Divisional Secretaries.</p>
15.	<p>Action had not been taken regarding public deposits with a total amounting to Rs.50,679,629 relevant to 07 types of deposit accounts exceeding two years from the date of deposit in terms</p>	<p>Deposits exceeding two years from the date of deposit shall be dealt with in accordance with FR .571</p>	<p>Action will be taken to settle in the coming year.</p>	<p>Had not been settled even by February 2022.</p>

	of the Financial Regulation 571.			
16.	A sum of Rs. 1,374,333 had been spent for laying gravel on the access road on 15 October 2019 and Rs.251 , 991 had been spent for clearing the above place on 29 November 2019 under the Gamperaliya programme in year 2019 for establishment of a Sri Lanka Advanced Technological Institute in Karuwalagaswewa Divisional Secretariat Division. However, in the absence of specific plans for the construction of the said industry the above money had been spent for this purpose from the Gamperaliya programme, and since no further action was taken, the weeds had sprout and the entire amount spent had been fruitless.	Action should be taken to inform the responsible parties in this regard.	These projects were implemented based on the plans of the then Government on the need to construct access roads to the proposed University and Teacher Training College construction site and to identify the land separately, and it is kindly pointed out that the responsibility for the construction lies with the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technology, and it is not under my purview.	It is notified that the proposed university will not be constructed and that the Regional Development Committee had granted approval for other projects.
17.	The pressure balancing tank belonging to the Dankotuwa Water Supply Board is to be established in the M/ Kahatawila Grama Niladhari	Priority should be given to expeditious implementation of projects that	Wennappuwa Pradeshiya Sabha, National Water Supply and Drainage Board and Divisional	The problem has not been solved even by February 2022.

<p>Division, which belongs to the Dankotuwa Divisional Secretariat Division. The land of Delgahawatta belonging to the Pradeshiya Sabha in the said Grama Niladhari Division had been acquired in accordance with the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 1716/15 dated 26 July 2011 to acquire an area of 0.2023 ha (02 roods) for this purpose. Rs. 773,220 was deposited in the Divisional Secretariat for preliminary work of acquisition and payment of compensation. The authorities had not taken steps to give priority to this project which covers a large area of 28 Grama Niladhari Divisions in Dankotuwa Divisional Secretariat Division, 07 Grama Niladhari Divisions in Nattandiya Divisional Secretariat Division, and 52 Grama Niladhari Divisions in Wennappuwa Divisional Secretariat Division due to not handing over the possession of the land by the</p>	<p>can cover a large area.</p>	<p>Secretariat officials jointly discussed the future steps of constructing the Dankotuwa Pressure Balance. Accordingly, the Wennappuwa Pradeshiya Sabha has agreed to hand over the ownership of the Delgahawatta land, which is 2 roods in extent, in the W/Kahatawila Division for the construction of a pressure balance tank belonging to the Dankotuwa National Water Supply and Drainage Board. Also, the Water Board is preparing for the construction of the pressure balance tank. Accordingly, it is kindly informed that in the future it will be possible to provide water facilities through 52 Grama Niladhari Divisions in</p>	
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	Wennappuwa Pradeshiya Sabha.		Dankotuwa, Nattandiya and Wennappuwa Divisional Secretariat Divisions.	
18.	<p>The project of constructing the West Iranavila Children's Park was implemented by the Mahawewa Divisional Secretariat with the objective of creating an active generation of children and to spend the leisure time of people residing in coastal area. It was built on the plot of land numbered PU / MHW / 2016/122 in Iranavila West. This belongs to the Coast Conservation Department, and by the date of the audit it was observed that the seawater had arrived at the site where the project was built. It was observed that in case of further coastal erosion, the amount of Rs. 927,000 spent on the project would be wasted, no action had been taken to prevent coastal erosion and there is a fault in selecting the site for the project.</p>	<p>Necessary steps should be taken to prevent such shortcomings from recurring, and a decision should be taken to get a high return on the money spent by performing a formal study.</p>	<p>The west coast of the Divisional Secretariat Division was eroded by the sea. As the audited children's park is also located on the west coast, the impact of the aforementioned natural weather disaster also affected the area where this children's park is located. Since this beach was not subjected to this kind of severe sea erosion at the time of selecting the land for construction, action was taken to select the relevant project as the viability of the land was at an optimal level by that time.</p>	<p>Even though it had been informed that the project will be implemented after carrying out a feasibility study, such action had not been taken in planning this project.</p>

19.	A sum of Rs. 3,884,248 had been spent for the Kumarakattuwa Water Project in the Arachchikattuwa Divisional Secretariat Division under the Annual Budget Proposals for year 2014 and Rs. 2,204,798 had been borne by the Kumarakattuwa Community Based Society. It was observed that it was not possible to provide drinking water to the people of the area even by the year 2021.	Action should be taken to complete the remaining shortcomings and provide benefits.	Action is being taken to utilize the provisions of the year 2021 to provide immediate benefits to the people.	The problem has not been solved even by February 2022.
20.	The Southern Clinic Center located in the Wanathawilluwa Divisional Secretariat Division was constructed in the year 2014 at a cost of Rs. 4,646, .356It had remained idle without being used even by the year .2021	Necessary steps should be taken by the responsible officials to achieve the objectives of implementation of the project.	The construction has been handed over to the Regional Health Directorate offices. It has been informed that there is a difficulty in maintaining this clinic center due to vacancies of doctors and staff.	The clinics have not been held even by February 2022.
21.	The power loom building constructed using allocation of Rs. 1,500,000 under the special programme of developing rural	Allocation should be obtained and the remaining work should be completed and	Action is being taken to transfer this construction to Anamaduwa Multi-	The remaining work has not been completed up to February 2022.

	infrastructure initiated in 2017 by the Anamaduwa Divisional Secretariat, had been completed only up to the foundation and the remaining work had not been completed until 2021.	measures should be taken to make use of it.	Purpose Society.	
22.	A number of 18 projects initiated by the Anamaduwa Divisional Secretariat by incurring Rs.7,725,000 from 2015 to 2019, had been abandoned halfway and the attention of the responsible officers had not been paid towards the measures to be taken regarding the completion of the projects.	Action should be taken to complete the projects after finding the reasons for non-implementation of the project.	Estimates were prepared based on the allocations received, with an expectation of carrying out constructions stepwise. However, due to failure in making provision again, these projects remain as half completed projects.	The issue existed as at February 2022 has not been resolved even by now.
23.	Even though <i>Nila Sewana</i> offices have been constructed on lands called Sirigampola North and Kolinjadiya South, the relevant lands had not been transferred to the Divisional Secretary of Wennapuwa.	Action should be taken to get the lands transferred.	Nila Sewana office buildings have been constructed in N/Sirigampola and S/Kolinjadiya State lands under provision made by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Although these lands are belonging to the Government, it is informed that the possession of	The situation pointed out remains unchanged even by February 2022.

			these lands has not been handed over to the Divisional Secretary. However, it is informed that all State lands within the Divisional Secretariat Division have been marked in the State Land Register maintained by the Land Division	
24.	According to the estimate of the project of developing Kasakelle Wella Road incurring Rs.990,184, running to Ilanthadiya Fisheries Jetty in the Divisional Secretariat Division of Kalpitiya under “Sapairigamak” Community based Rural Development Programme in the year 2020, although the total length of the road is mentioned as 155m and width as 2.74m, the width had ranged from 2.5m to 2.6m at various points deviating from the standard width. Since tarring had not properly been done, road metals underneath had surfaced. It was observed	Payments should be made based on physical measurements and proper supervision should be done as per the estimate. Action should be taken to identify construction defects and get them remedied by the contractors.	Action will be taken to get the contractors to remedy the defects identified in audit and to mention the retention money.	Even though it had been informed that the contractors will be made to remedy the deficiencies of the project, no action had been taken regarding supervising officers.

	that the soil used to fill either sides of the road had been washed away and a risk emerged of stones in either sides of the road getting removed.			
25.	There were 25 vacancies related to 13 posts in the approved cadre of the Puttalam District Secretariat. It was observed that there were 390 vacancies related to 18 posts in the approved cadres of Divisional Secretariats belonging to Puttalam District Secretariat.	Recruitments should be made only if it is felt essential to make such recruitments by analyzing the need for recruitments and attachment of officers to Divisional Secretariats should be done on priority basis by identifying the Divisional Secretariat where more vacancies existed.	Information has been sent to relevant Divisions to fill existing vacancies.	This situation remains unchanged even by 2022.

District Secretariat, Kurunegala

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Major shortcomings in the report of the Auditor General		Recommendation of the Auditor General	Preventive Measures Taken by the Auditee Entity	Current Position
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01.	Out of 37,500 Cavendish banana plants worth of Rs.3 million, 3,350 plants had destroyed due to lack of proper standard and given to cultivate in 50 acres area in Mahawa region under the Cluster Entrepreneurship Model Project of Fruit Production conducted across District Secretary operate by the Fruit Research and Development Institute of the Department of Agriculture under provisions of the Ministry of Agriculture. Although it was proposed to provide water requirement for Cavendish banana cultivation from 4.8 million provisions, 11,800 plants worth Rs.1.18 million were not planted in the field due to	Action should be taken to achieve the desired goals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advising the relevant officers through the Department of Agriculture to implement projects according to methodologies and prescribed standards. • Informed to provide the necessary funds to complete the work on time and to provide the required amount of benefits without any shortage, when the Ministry makes allocations. • Prior to implementation of such projects, project planning 	Although the project had been commenced, the project had failed due to the destruction of the Cavendish plants. Even though, a similar project was started by the Mahawa Divisional Secretariat in the year 2021, it also failed due to improper implementation.

	<p>non-availability of sprinkler system. Although Rs. 5.70 million had been spent by 09 farmers for the preparation of land and other activities, even minimum growth requirements had not achieved due to failure to meet the water requirements of the plantation. There was a problem of achieving the intended objectives due to contracts were not signed with a suitable market, individual or institution for purchase post-harvest.</p>		<p>should be done by the implementing agency.</p>	
02.	<p>Machinery and equipment valued at Rs.122,264,445 had been provided to implement small scale apparel projects in 10 Centers in 10 selected Divisional Secretariat areas in Kurunegala District by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. A sum of Rs.3,776,180 had been incurred as operating expenses on behalf of the project in year 2017 and 2018.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action should be taken to success of the projects so as to achieve the intended purposes of the project and to achieve maximum benefit of the money. 	<p>The Ministry of Industry and Commerce has been informed in this regard and instructions have been given to the relevant Divisional Secretaries.</p> <p>Centers such as Mahawa, Panduwasnuwara (West), Rideegama and Udubaddawa were reopened successfully, and</p>	<p>Machinery and equipment worth Rs. 122,264,445 were provided to 10 centers in 10 Divisional Secretariat Divisions. Although the operation of four of these centers was successfully carried out, all the other centers except the Kurunegala center were inactive due to failure.</p>

	<p>The observations made in this connection are shown below.</p> <p>(i) Although details of places and persons at Divisional Secretariat level selected by the District Secretary were referred to the Director of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, additional electricity expenditure of Rs.138,290 had to be incurred and delays in commencing training were occurred due to the Secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce has selected and sent other places and persons.</p> <p>(ii) Although after six months of training, it was proposed to operate as self-sufficient factories, the garment factories in Polgahawela, Kurunegala, Panduwasnuwara (West), Mahawa, Ridigama and Udubaddawa had been shut down and the machines were inoperative at the audited date of 26 February 2019.</p>		<p>temporary closures were observed at all centers due to extremely reasonable practical issues.</p>	
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03.	According to the instructions and demonstrations of the North Western Provincial Department of Irrigation and with respect to the removal of silt from the Nallur tank in Hettipola, soil had been removed from the upper end of the area reserved for the tank (<i>Tavulla</i>) whereas areas close to the bund had not been excavated. By disregarding the instructions of the Circular, No. 9/2017 of the Commissioner General of Agrarian Development, dated 07 June 2017, soil from an area of 35*35 square meters had been removed to a depth of 1 ½ meters at the upper end of the reserved area (<i>Tavulla</i>) in accordance with the estimates. Given the unusual depth, it was observed that a canal had been dug through the middle of the tank from the reserved area (<i>Tavulla</i>) to allow the flow of accumulated water.	Instructions of Circular, No. 9/2017 of the Commissioner General of Agrarian Development should be followed when deepening the tanks.	Divisional Secretaries have been instructed to follow the instructions of the Circular 9/2017 of the Commissioner General of Agrarian Development in deepening the tanks. All tank renovation work was instructed to be done only by institutions with such technical knowledge.	Rs. 264,668 was recovered as the loss from the removed soil, and the places where the soil was removed had not been properly filled with soil.
04.	Engineering estimates of 05 projects for renovating irrigation systems in the	Accurate engineering estimates and	Losses incurred in preparation of estimates should be	Although it was informed that extra payments would be

	<p>division of the Divisional Secretariat, Giribawa under the “Gamperaliya” development programme, had not been prepared accurately. As such, the Government had incurred a loss following the overestimation of Rs. 2,457,550.</p>	<p>payments should be made. Further, the entire loss incurred due to the preparation of incorrect engineering estimates should be recovered from the responsible parties.</p>	<p>recovered from the responsible parties. It has been advised to prepare accurate estimates when preparing future estimates. Only Rs. 170,253 has been charged from this over estimation.</p>	<p>recovered from the withholding amount, only Rs. 170,253 was charged and the remaining amount of Rs. 2,287,297 was not charged.</p>
05.	<p>An agreement had been entered into with the IhalaPerakum Farmers’ Association for renovating the HeenaPamula tank in the GramaNiladhari division of Medagedara in the division of Divisional Secretariat, Ibbagamuwa at a cost of Rs. 1,261,000. A sum of Rs. 80,750 had been paid based on the rate of Rs. 1,615 per cubic meter mentioned under the work item 1.1 for the construction of spill and sluice gate by using backhoes to excavate the bund with human labor being used thereafter. The standard rate for irrigation of the Department of Agrarian Development for the year</p>	<p>-do-</p>	<p>It has been advised not to prepare estimates on the basis of over estimates when preparing irrigation estimates. It has been informed that the estimates should be prepared very accurately. The loss has been reduced by paying Rs. 11, .412</p>	<p>Only Rs.11,412 out of Rs.431,165 was recovered and a balance of Rs.419,753 was not recovered.</p>

	<p>2019 was Rs. 109 for excavating one cubic meter of soil. If this rate had been used, the expenditure would have been Rs. 5,450, thus observing that the Government would have made a saving of Rs. 75,300. Moreover, having indicated under work item 1.5 that 58.85 cubic meters of soil had been brought from outside for constructing the bund, a sum totaling Rs. 35,015 had been paid at Rs. 595 per cubic meter. Nevertheless, it was observed that the soil used had not been brought from outside but the tank itself. Due to using inaccurate rates when soil had been removed from the tank, it was observed that a sum of Rs. 431,165 had been overpaid.</p>			
06.	<p>As for applying soil obtained from outer areas on the bund using tractors and compacting, the rates of Rs. 580 and 595 with and without VAT respectively had been used as per ISR 12 for 40 tanks pertaining to 10</p>	-do-	<p>Instructions were given to recover of losses incurred in preparation of estimates from the responsible parties and to be very</p>	<p>Although an additional payment of Rs. 2,426,429 due from 10 Divisional Secretariats, Rs. 1,909,775 had been collected for 03</p>

	Divisional Secretariats, thus preparing estimates for a total of 20,194 cubic meters of soil. However, as the rate of Rs. 580 being the value without Value Added Tax, had been used instead of the correct rate of Rs. 447, it was observed that a sum of Rs. 2,426,429 had been overestimated.		accurate in preparing estimates in future.	Divisional Secretariats. Rs. 516,654 had not been collected from the remaining 07 Divisional Secretariats.
07.	When it came to auctioning the soil excavated while deepening the tanks in the divisions of 08 Divisional Secretariats, a lesser quantity of soil had been auctioned, thus causing the Government to sustain a loss of Rs. 3,160,338 relating to 31 tanks.	The amount of loose soil should be calculated accurately and action should be taken to auction it.	Actions are taken to recover the loss incurred in preparing the estimates from the responsible parties. Instruction was given to prepare in future estimates very accurately.	Even though Rs. 536,069 had been recovered out of the total loss out of Rs. 3,160,338 by February 2022, the remaining Rs. 2,624,269 had not been recovered.
08.	Rates excluding the Value Added Tax should be used to make payments for the services obtained from the suppliers who had not registered under the Value Added Tax Act. However, the VAT- included rate of Rs. 450 had been used instead of the rate of Rs. 392 per cubic meter mentioned in	Payments should be made including VAT to the contractors registered to pay VAT when paying for machinery. Action should be taken against the parties responsible for making taxable	Divisional Secretaries have been instructed not to pay VAT, to collect the overpaid VAT and to pay the rate separately according to the Gross VAT if the contractors are not registered for VAT.	The overpayment had not been fully recovered.

	<p>ISR 60.16 for the work of excavating, loading, transporting and piling 87,582 cubic meters of soil from 59 tanks in 11 Divisional Secretariats. As such, an overpayment of Rs. 5,079,756 had been made to the contractors at Rs. 58 per cubic meter, thus causing the Government to incur losses.</p>	<p>payments to those whose registration is not based on value added.</p>		
09.	<p>Surveys and records of Technical Officers confirm that over 6,000 cubic meters of sandy soil has been removed from the Medagama Thalghamula tank in the Wariyapola Divisional Secretariat Division under the guise of silt removal. The entire stock of soil has been removed by piling about 500 meters away from the excavated soil. It was observed that soil with sand and gravel in the district worth Rs. 2,650,176 as $\frac{6,000 \times 125 \times 1,000}{2.83 \times 100}$ had been removed by the Farmers' Association due to auction of 01 cube of such sand for</p>	<p>As for the works relating to tanks, the removal of soil, and sand from the tanks should be properly supervised in accordance with the Circular, No. 9/2017 of the Commissioner General of Agrarian Development, dated 07 June 2017.</p>	<p>Instructions had been given to follow the Circular No. 9/2017 of Commissioner General of Agrarian Development dated 07th June 2017 and to exercise proper supervision and in dealing with tanks that it should be done by institutions that have tank technology.</p>	<p>An amount of Rs. 848,000 out of the soil stock worth Rs. 2,650,176 removed by the farmers' associations had been recovered and the remaining Rs. 1,802,176 was not recovered.</p>

	more than a price of Rs. 1,000.			
10.	Provision totaling Rs. 35,568,218 had been given by the Presidential Secretariat in the years 2017, 2018, and 2019 in order to implement the “Grama Shakthi” People’s Movement. It was the main objective of this movement to make 5000 people-centric, and production and service oriented Grama Niladhari divisions by the year 2020, thereby uplifting the livelihood of the people. It was an objective of the movement to double the monthly income of the people, but that objective did not become a reality. Of the sum provided for 360 GramaShakthi associations in order to implement the programme, Rs. 169,669,778 remained dormant in the bank accounts as at 30 December 2019.	Funds of the Government should be utilized to achieve the objective of the relevant programme.	The Divisional Secretaries have been instructed to use the resources of the Grama Shakthi Fund for the intended purpose and effectively. It has been requested to continue the implementation of revolving loan schemes related to livelihood development projects. It has been informed by the offices that the activities here are going very well. Training related to Grama Shakthi project activities has been provided.	An amount of Rs. 42 million has been given as revolving loans by February 2022. The remaining Rs. 127 million was kept in bank accounts.
11.	It was informed that all the roads to be constructed should be connected to the	Circulars should be followed.	It has been informed to complete the work parts of such projects	Those parts were not completed due to

	<p>national road network in terms of the Finance Commission Circular 2016/1 dated 30 December 2015.</p> <p>However, the constructions relevant to 02 road projects with the estimated value of Rs. 1,200,000 implemented by the Narammala Divisional Secretariat under the provisions of the Ministry of National Policy Affairs, Resettlement and Infrastructure had been constructed in parts that were not connected to the national road network.</p>		<p>so as to connect to the National Road Network. Essential development activities were carried out due to limited funding, and it has been also instructed to carry out those unfinished works from the next provisions.</p>	<p>non-availability of funds.</p>
12.	<p>Seventy two contracts valued at Rs. 93,827,150 directly awarded to 60 community-based associations by 04 Divisional Secretariats in terms of the Circular, No. 1/2012 dated 05 January 2012, had been subcontracted with the intention that 05 per cent of the value of the work done would be obtained by those associations contrary to the said Circular.</p>	<p>Circular provisions should be followed and action should be taken regarding subcontracting.</p>	<p>It has been instructed to regularize the supervision of community based associations. Divisional Secretaries have been instructed not to award sub-contracts.</p>	<p>No action had been taken against the community base associations for which the subcontract was awarded, and it was observed that this is still the case today.</p>

13.	<p>As for erecting the fence around the handball stadium constructed with the provision of Rs. 2,000,000 at the division of Medagedara in the Divisional Secretariat, Ibbagamuwa under the Gamperaliya Development Programme – 2020, estimates had been prepared to vertically fix the galvanized pipes with outer diameter of 50 millimeters whilst horizontally fixing the 40 millimeter pipes. The diameter of the pipes fixed was less than 8.7 millimeters than the 50 millimeter pipe as per the 2019 BSR rates. The outer diameter of the 40 millimeter pipes fixed horizontally remained 5.7 millimeters less; as such, the strength remained weak. Furthermore, it was not verified that those pipes had been coated with anticorrosive paint. The base on which the posts had been fixed, became cracked from all the directions.</p>	<p>Formal action should be taken against the parties who submitted incorrect measurement reports. Since the amendments were not made correctly, the overpayment should be recalculated and recovered.</p>	<p>The Divisional Secretary has been instructed to take action so that there are no shortcomings in the relevant project. The Divisional Secretary has been informed to recover.</p>	<p>The shortcomings pointed out had not been rectified and no formal action had been taken against the parties concerned.</p>
14.	<p>The following matters were observed in the physical</p>			

	audit inspection carried out at 17 gravel mines at the division of Othara, Kiruwampola in the Divisional Secretariat area, Alawwa.			
	(i) According to the conditions of the mining licenses issued by the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau, the soil excavated from the outer layer of the mining area should be piled up. Once mining is completed, that soil should be used for rehabilitating activities. Nevertheless, the owners of the land had not made excavations by removing the outer layer of soil.	Minimum environmental impact should be ensured. Action should be taken constantly to apprise the responsible institutions.	It has been informed that legal action will be taken for this. Relevant government agencies have been instructed to take further action to prevent such incidents.	Although legal action was taken, it was observed that illegal gravel cutting was still taken place.
	(ii) A drainage system should be prepared enabling the flow of water accumulating in the mining area whilst maintaining the slope of excavation at 45 degrees. However, it had not been so done.	- do -		
	(iii) All those lands were given by the Government for cultivation and	- do -		

	<p>constructing houses. As such, the licensee has no authority for mining and removal of minerals as per the Condition 01 stated in second schedule of the license issued under the Land Development Ordinance. Nevertheless, soil had been removed by violating those conditions.</p>			
	<p>(iv) All the 17 gravel mines were not included in the list of licensees issued by the divisional mining engineer of the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau, hence they were illegal.</p>	- do -		
	<p>(v) Unusual mining of gravel was observed in the Grama Niladhari division of Vilgamuwawatta for Government projects and housing requirements. Risk of landslides was observed in 04 instances.</p>	- do -		
15.	<p>The paving blocks used for 10 out of 15 roads constructed in 04 Divisional Secretariats under the Gamperaliya Development</p>	<p>A suspicion prevailed on the initial test of Newton force conducted on the</p>	<p>The Divisional Secretaries have been instructed to make all the charges as directed by the Audit</p>	<p>15 roads have not been properly maintained due to lack of standards in the paving blocks by</p>

	Programme, did not comply with the required amount of Newton force. Due to lack of standard of the paving blocks, there was a risk for those roads to become unsuccessful.	paving blocks. It is suitable to appoint a committee thus conducting an inquiry in that connection.	Division.	04 Divisional Secretariats, and no action has been taken against the officials responsible for this irregularity.
16.	A provision amounting to Rs. 62,922,034 had been approved in the year 2018 for 34 projects to be implemented by the Divisional Secretariat, Polpithigama under the special programme for infrastructure development. A sum of Rs. 32,937,462 had been allocated therefrom for the renovation of 17 tanks, and 05 of those projects had been fully implemented in the year 2018 whilst 04 projects had been continued in the year 2019 whereas 08 projects had not been implemented. Additionally, a provision of Rs. 13,790,000 had been received in the year 2019 as well for renovating 07 more tanks. Those renovations too had been done.	Payments should be made after accurate preparation of engineering estimates in accordance with the relevant item of work. The loss incurred due to inaccurate preparation of estimates, should be fully recovered from the parties responsible. Deep digging of tanks should be done as per the circular instructions of the Commissioner General of Agrarian Services.	It is informed that all the money overstated in the estimates is subject to recover. It has been advised to use the correct rate when preparing estimates for future projects. Arrangements have been made to conduct a special inquiry in this regard.	The overpayments have not been fully recovered and no action has yet been taken against the responsible officials.

	<p>(i) Following were the matters observed in the audit examination conducted on 16 tanks that had been renovated under the said programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to erroneous preparation of engineering estimates, a sum of Rs. 9,863,754 along with a sum of Rs. 3,576,953 for works not done, had been overpaid. • Contrary to Section 17 of the Agreement, all the community-based associations had subcontracted the projects without being authorized. • By exceeding the estimates, a volume of 8,562 cubic meters of soil had been excavated from 03 tanks which had been suitable for extracting sand. • Although payments had been made for completely fixing sluice gates to 06 tanks, no 			
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	<p>action had been taken to remove certain items of work and accessories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanks had been deepened in violation of the instructions given in the Circular, No. 09/2017 of the Commissioner General of Agrarian Services causing severe damages to the bunds of two tanks. • Only bulldozers should have been used for the removal of silt, but backhoes had been used for deepening all the tanks. 			
17.	<p>Even though a boulder situated in a state land within the area of authority of the Kurunegala Divisional Secretariat had been leased out in terms of the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1600/18 of 06 May 2009, charges for 8,087 cubes of granite had not been recovered since the year 2015.</p>	<p>Charges should be recovered in leasing out as per the Gazette Notification.</p>	<p>The Kurunegala Divisional Secretary has been instructed to collect the arrears of taxes. Accordingly, a sum of Rs. 110,000 had been recovered.</p>	<p>Even though a sum of Rs. 110,000 had been charged for 8,087 cubes of black stone for leasing black stone ,the full amount had not been charged.</p>
18.	<p>Nine road development projects at an estimated cost of Rs.611.13 million had</p>	<p>The loss sustained by the Government should be recovered</p>	<p>Even though chief Secretary of the North Western</p>	<p>No action had been taken to recover the loss from the</p>

	<p>been executed on direct labour basis by the Road Development Department, North Western Province under the provision granted to the District Secretariat, Kurunegala in the year 2019 under the Rural Infrastructure Development Programme. The following matters were observed in the audit test checks carried out in this connection.</p> <p>i. A proper approval had not been received to execute these projects on direct labour basis deviating from competitive procurement procedure.</p> <p>ii. The Road Development Department, North Western Province was not equipped with facilities including labourers, machinery required for carrying out these projects on direct labour basis and under such circumstances, those projects had been assigned to the said Department itself.</p>	<p>from officers responsible therefor. Procurement procedures should be followed in a manner of reaping maximum economic benefits to the Government and in terms of procurement laws and rules.</p>	<p>Provincial Council has been informed in this regard, reply has not been sent.</p>	<p>responsible officials, and no action had been taken in this regard.</p>
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	<p>iii. The procurement process for supplying materials and machinery required for the said road project had been implemented deviating from Government Procurement Guidelines including failure to carry out with transparency, restriction of the competition, and making purchases without proper authority and contrary to North Western Provincial Financial Regulation 419.</p> <p>iv. In the purchase of 04 main types of raw materials for projects, purchases had been made at higher rates than the normal prices in the market. As such, a sum of approximately Rs.153.75 million had been lost to the Government.</p>			
19.	A sum of Rs. 6,928,609 had been overpaid due to failure in carrying out activities such as laying concrete, removal of soil from the	Action should be taken in terms of provisions in Financial Regulation 156(1)	The Polpithigama Divisional Secretary and the relevant responsible officials have been instructed	Out of this amount Rs. 2,684,771 was credited to the government revenue

	surface of the tank bund, and filling the tank bund with soil, removal of silt, digging bordered canals, laying sods by Technical Officers and other officers responsible therefor in a proper manner in the reconstruction of eleven tanks belonging to the Polpithiganma Divisional Secretariat, under the Rural Infrastructure Development Programme.	by examining on overpayments.	to recover the overpaid amount. Accordingly a sum of Rs. 2,684,771 has been charged.	and the remaining amount of Rs. 4,243,838 had not been recovered. No action was taken against the responsible officials for their negligence and use of unfinished work and false prices.
20.	Even though an illegal quarrying activity has been operated for over a period of 10 years in a state land belonging to the area of the authority of Kuliyaipitiya (West) Divisional Secretariat Division, the Divisional Secretariat had not been made aware thereon. As such, it was observed that the royalty due to be received during the period of 10 years had been lost to the Government.	Dues receivable to the Government should be recovered and legal action should be taken in respect of illegal quarrying.	The Kuliyaipitiya (West) Divisional Secretary has been informed to charge the royalty receivable to the government and to inform the responsible parties regarding the unauthorized quarrying. Similarly, the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau has also been informed in this regard.	Even though it was stated that the royalty would be levied from 25 February 2021, it was not charged.
21.	Four road construction projects had been executed by the Road Development	Action should be taken to comply with the circular	The Mahawa Divisional Secretary has been instructed to	Rs. 300,000 had been withheld from the amount of

	<p>Department, North Western Province under the provision made to the Mahawa Divisional Secretariat under the Sapiri Gamak Development Programme. The following matters were observed at the examination of Nagollagama Estate Road Development Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 02 million of those projects.</p> <p>i. Contrary to provisions of Public Finance Circular No.1/2012 of 05 January 2012, the said contract had been awarded to a Farmers' Organization which is outside the jurisdiction of Associations and not equipped with adequate financial and other facilities.</p> <p>ii. Moreover, contrary to provisions of the said circular, it had been awarded to the Technical Officer who prepared cost estimates of the project, and supervised and prepared survey reports,</p>	<p>provisions and to pay the amount prepared.</p>	<p>inquire from them as these projects were carried out by the North Western Provincial Road Development Department.</p>	<p>withholding and payments had not been made in accordance with the Public Finance Circulars.</p>
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	<p>as a sub-contract at a commission of 05 per cent by the Farmers' Organization.</p> <p>iii. Requests had been made for obtaining overpayment amounting to Rs. 298,893 by indicating inaccurate expenses on transport of raw materials including soil, gravel, ABC required for the project, according to the receipt made available for payments.</p>			
22	<p>A cultivation well and a water tank had been constructed under the Wadugedara Water Project belonging to the Divisional Secretariat Division, Kuliyaipitiya (West) indicated to be completed by spending a sum of Rs.10,000,000. However, the said well had not been made use of.</p>	<p>Projects should be executed after carrying out a feasibility study.</p>	<p>Responsible officials including the Kuliyaipitiya (West) Divisional Secretary and Planning Director have been instructed to take necessary action to implement the Wadugedara water project. Even though the well is polluted as there is no way to drain the water from the well at present, the water project is</p>	<p>The Wadugedara water project is not been operational by 2022.</p>

			planning to use a well-constructed to supply drinking water in association with that well.	
23.	A loss of Rs.5,508,631 had to be sustained by the Government from 100 projects executed through community based organizations under the “Gamperaliya” Programme due to erroneous preparation of Highway Standard Rates (RS1-017) for the Item of Work of rehabilitation of roads by laying with concrete paving blocks	The loss sustained by the Government should be recovered.	Information has been sought from the Chief Secretary of the North Western Provincial Council.	The loss of Rs. 5,508,631 had not been recovered by the Government.
24.	Out of the 73 candidates selected for the post of Multipurpose Development Office Assistant for the Kurunegala Divisional Secretariat, 49 candidates who obtained below the minimum level of marks that should be obtained, had been recruited to the service.	Action should be taken according to circular instructions in making recruitments.	It had been advised all divisional secretaries and responsible officers to follow the instructions of the Presidential Secretariat Circulars in issuing relevant applications through Divisional Secretariats and Grama Niladari Offices.	He had been recruited for the post of Multi-Purpose Assistant in the Kurunegala Divisional Secretariat without following the instructions of the Presidential Secretariats’ circular.

25	In selecting eligible persons for the post of Multipurpose Development Office Assistant in the Divisional Secretariat, Kurunegala 10 candidates above 40 years had been recruited contrary to the newspaper advertisement of 20 January 2020.	In the scheme of recruiting eligible persons, recruitments should be made so as to avoid problematic situations.	The newspaper advertisement and the circulars have been issued by the Presidential Secretariat and Divisional secretaries have been informed to take actions according to the authority assigned to them in terms of circulars.	Recruitment had been made for the post of Multi-Purpose Assistant in the Kurunegala Divisional Secretariat apart from the recruitment process.
26.	In payment of the benefit amounting to Rs.5,000 for families finding difficulty in maintaining day-to-day life due to Covid 19, only the difference between the Samurdhi subsidy granted monthly and the sum of Rs.5,000 should be paid. However, both the Samurdhi subsidy and the allowance of Rs.5,000 had been paid contrary to the Cabinet Decision No.20/0796/212/015-1 of 14 May 2020. Accordingly, an overpayment of Rs.424,346,960 had been	Payments should be made as per the Cabinet Decision.	Instructions included in the Cabinet Decision No.20/0796/212/015-1 dated 14 May 2020 had not been received to the District Secretary. According to circulars of the Director General of Samurdhi Development, subsidy loans for the month of April have been paid as social benefits for the month of May.	These payments were made excluding the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers.

	paid to 173,316 permanent Samurdhi beneficiaries.			
27.	Even though a sum of Rs.67.3 million had been allocated for 22 programmes in the year 2020, no progress could be noted. Moreover, 12 programmes mentioned in the Action Plan relating to the year 2020 had not been implemented in the year 2020.	Sustainable Development Goals should be implemented according to the Action Plan	Even though all responsible parties have been informed to implement the action plan as far as possible in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, the people / clients could not be mobilized due to the corona disaster situation prevailing in the country when the allocation for the District Secretariat was received.	The Sustainable Development Goals had not been implemented as per the action plan.