10. Head 8 – National Police Commission

10.1 Non-maintenance of Registers and books

A Register of Bid Invitations had not been maintained in terms of the Guideline 5.2.1 of the Government Procurement Guidelines.

10.2 Appropriation Account

Budgetary Variance

Excess provision had been made for one Object and as such the savings, after the utilization of provisions amounted to Rs.911,002 or 20 per cent of the net provision.

10.3 Good Governance and Accountability

10.3.1 Annual Procurement Plan

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The Annual Procurement Plan in terms of the National Budget Circular No.128 of 24 March 2006 had not been prepared by the Commission.

10.3.2 Internal Audit

An Internal Audit Unit had not functioned in the National Police Commission.

10.3.3 Audit and Management Committee

The National Police Commission had not established an Audit and Management Committee in the year under review.

10.4 Assets Management

Action in terms of the Financial Regulations 770(2) and 771(3) had not been taken on the unusable goods pointed out in the reports of the Board of Survey for the year 2014.

10.5 Performance

Investigation of Complaints

Eleven Offices of the National Police Commission had received 483 complaints as shown below during the year under review.

| | Nature of Complaint | Number of Complaints |
|-----|---|----------------------|
| (a) | Action not taken by the Police (indifference) | 206 |
| (b) | Abuse of power | 97 |
| (c) | Partiality | 127 |
| (d) | Others | 17 |
| (e) | Assaults | 12 |
| (f) | Unlawful Detention | 04 |
| (g) | False allegations made/ Taking into custody | 15 |
| (h) | Torture | 01 |
| (i) | Harassment to Women and Children | 01 |
| (j) | Bribery and Corruption | 02 |
| (k) | Deaths while in Police Custody | 01 |
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| | Total | 483 |
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Settlement of 426 or 88 per cent of those complaints during the year under review had been reported. The number of complaints settled by direct involvement by the Police Commission had been 426. The particulars of other settlements are given below.

- (i) Withdrawal of the complaints by the complainant.
- (ii) Complainant not attending the investigation continuously.
- (iii) Court action taken revealed at the investigation.
- (iv) Proper action taken by the Police revealed at the investigation.
- (v) When reports were called for by the Police Commission, the Police had found out that the Police Officers had acted wrongly and as a result the Police had initiated disciplinary action.
- (vi) When the National Police Commission intervenes due to the delay in action by the Police, necessary action taken by the Police by expediting the investigation.
- (vii) Settlement between the parties revealed during investigation.
- (viii) Investigation revealed that the complaint does not come under the scope of the National Police Commission.
- (ix) Evidence in support of the complaint not forthcoming during the investigation.
- (x) Where the Complainants have forwarded in complaints simultaneously only to the Inspector General of Police and other authorities action taken by those authorities revealed during investigation.
- (xi) When the investigation by the National Police Commission revealed that the Police had committed the offence disciplinary action had been taken by the Inspector General of Police on the receipt of that notice.

10.6 Fruitless Expenditure

The powers of the National Police Commission established according to the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka had been revised by the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution. As such the recurrent and capital expenditure of Rs.42,938,271 incurred by the National Police Commission had not been utilized effectively.

10.7 Human Resources Management

Approved Cadre and Actual Cadre

The position of the cadre as at 31 December 2014 had been as follows.

| | Category of Employees | Approved Cadre | Actual Cadre | Number of Vacancies |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| (i) | Senior Level | 15 | 15 | - |
| (ii) | Tertiary Level | 03 | - | 03 |
| (iii) | Secondary Level | 33 | 27 | 06 |
| (iv) | Primary Level | 13 | 12 | 01 |
| | Total | 64 | 54 | 10 |
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The following observation is made.

(a) There had been 10 vacancies at the end of the year under review.

The actual cadre had included 13 officers of the Senior Level and two officers of the Secondary Level recruited on casual and contract