Matale Municipal Council

Matale District

1 **Financial Statements**

Presentation of the Financial Statements 1.1

The financial statements of the year 2019 had been presented to the audit on the 28 February 2020 and the summary report of the Auditor General had been presented to the Mayor on 18 June 2020 and the detailed management report regarding the financial statements had been presented to the Mayor on 26 June 2020.

1.2 The Qualified Opinion

I am in an opinion that, except the effect on the financial statements of the matters referred under the section of the basis for a qualified opinion in this report, the financial statements had been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Matale municipal council as at 31 December 2019 and financial results of its operations for the year then ended.

1. 3 The basis for a Qualified opinion

1.3.1 Acc

ecounting deficiencies								
	Audit observation	Recommendation	Accounting Officer's Commentary					
(a)	The balance of the accumulated surplus account had been understated by an amount of Rs. 28,601,590 due to debiting the balance of Rs.16,673,586 which should to be credited and crediting the balance of Rs.2,372,791 which should to be debited.	Accounts must be corrected using a suspense account.	I accept the observation. Corrected from 2020 accounts.					
(b)	The value of 26 hand tools used for transporting garbage had not been assessed and accounted for.	Value should to be identified and accounted for.	I accept the observation. I will take action to account in the future.					

(c) The value of the land with 5 shops which belonging to the Municipal Council had not been identified and accounted for.

Land and buildings should be taken into account.

I will settle the ownership and take it into account.

1.3.2 Non reconciled control accounts

_____ Audit observation Accounting Officer's Recommendation Commentary _____ Although general the Accounts shoult be I will look into and resolve deposit account long-standing inequalities balance corrected by identifying included in the financial in the future. the differences. statement was amounting to Rs. 42,156,034, the balance was amounting to Rs. 33,859,215 as per the General Depository Register since There was a difference of Rs.8, 296,819.

1.3.3 Accounts payable and receivable

Accounts receivable (a)

Audit observation	Recommendation	Accounting Officer's			
		Commentary			
It had to be recovered an amount	Action should be taken	I will take action to			
of Rs.42,361,292 as at 10 June	to recover the amount	recover the balance of			
2020 Out of the balance of	due	arrears expeditiously			

2020 Out of the balance of Rs.20,746,552 over 1 year and under 5 years and Rs.11,684,262 over 5 years,

to of arrears expeditiously.

Audit observation

Further amount of Rs.158, 953,382 was due on 10 th June 2020 out of the balance of Rs.72, 415,794 due for more than 1 year and less than 5 years.

Recommendation

Accounting Officer's

Commentary

Action should be taken to settle the account balances payable. .

I will expedite the settlement of further outstanding balances.

1.3.4 Lack of written evidence required for the audit

Audit observation				Recommendation	Accounting Officer's
					Commentary
Evidence	had	not	heen	Arrangements should be	Laccent the observation

Evidence had not been submitted for the audit in respect of 05 accounting subjects amounting to Rs.59, 584,963.

Arrangements should be made to maintain records and files related to account balances.

I accept the observation. I will submit detailed schedules and files.

1.4 Non-compliance

Non-compliance with laws, rules, regulations and management decisions

References To rules and regulations and management decisions	Non-compliance	Value	Recommendation	Accounting Officer's Commentary
		 Rs.		
Section 21 of the Urban Development Authority Act No. 41 of 1978 and the Extraordinary Gazette Notification of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 1597/8 of 17 April 2009;Schedule V -1 (v), 4 (v), and	Building plans for 15 transmission towers had not been approved and development permits had not been issued.	460,000	Actions should be taken according to the rules and regulations etc.	I will look into this matter and take necessary action in the future.
6 (v) Extraordinary Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 1914/40 dated 15th May 2015 iv (a) Part 3 Provincial Council Announcement 3 (i)	Allowances had been paid to 20 members who had not attended the sittings of the Sabha meetings without the permission of the Sabha during the year under review.	1,070,000	Non-attendance should be Notice as per formal procedure.	Monthly allowances are paid on fulfillment of the condition of permission of the Sabha mentioned in Gazette Notification 3 (1) 1.

(c) Financial

Regulations of the Democratic

Socialist

Republic of Sri

Lanka

Circular

of

FR 104(3) and

05/01/119 of 26

th February 1992

Development

Authority.

No.

Urban

(4)

(d)

Accidents involving 5 vehicles had not been formally investigated and those responsible had not been

identified. It had been paid Planning Committee allowances without circular had been paid from the Council fund

compliance with the provisions and those allowances

without payment of

advance fees.

2,913,481

be obtained and necessary action

should be taken.

Test reports should I will obtain the reports of the Board of Inquiry and take the necessary actions as soon as possible.

191,000 Circular instructions must be followed.

Ι would like to inform that the Planning Committee Allowances had been paid by the relevant Expenditure head so as not to exceed the advance fees.

2. Financial Review

2.1 Financial Results

According to the presented financial statements, excess of income over recurrent expenditure for the year ending 31 December 2019 amounted to Rs. 64,769,012 as compared with the corresponding excess of revenue over recurrent expenditure for the preceding year amounted to Rs. 99,916,360.

2.2 Revenue Administration

2010

2.2.1 Estimated Revenue, Billed amount of Revenue, collected Revenue and outstanding Revenue

Details of estimated revenue, billed revenue, collected revenue and arrears of revenue for the year under review and for the previous year are as follows.

		2019					2018			
	Source of Income	Estimated billed Revenue revenue		Revenue Total arrears as of December 31st		Estimated Billed Revenue amount of revenue		Revenue collected	Total arrears as of December 31 st	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
(i)	Rates Taxes	45,000,000	36,673,649	24,963,721	28,403,873	36,722,000	36,384,186	36,615,594	24,248,573	
(ii)	Rent	20.000,000	13,696,558	12,641,502	2,138,883	13,100,000	13,404,418	12,782,147	3,803,086	
(iii)	Licence s fees	9,900,000	15,144,372	14,862,372	505,000	8,550,000	11,279,012	11,056,012	223,000	
(iv)	other revenue	357,442,151	383,898,249	345,439,387	37,780,503	308,156,000	274,911,769	271,108,683	31,351,173	
	total	432,342,151	449,412,428	397,906,982	68,828,259	366,528,000	335,979,385	331,562,436	59,625,832	
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Recommendation

2.2.2 Rates and Taxes

Audit observation

Any action had been taken to recover Action should be taken the total arrears to recover the arrears. . Rs. 8,161,234 and rs.3, 428,468 from 283 private entities and 48 government entities respectively which had elapsed the total arrears amounting to Rs.10, 000 as at 31 December of the year under review. And 7,375,274 Rs. and Rs. 3,232,416 were due on 31 May 2020 further, respectively.

Accounting Officer's Commentary

2010

Out of the arrears as at 31.12.2019, Rs.785, 960 and Rs.196, 052 have been recovered as at 31.05.2020 respectively.

2.2.3 Rents

(a)

old shopping

closed.

malls

Gongawela were sealed and

Audit observation Recommendation Accounting Officer's Commentary Shop Rents _____ Out of 13 stalls belonging to Action should be taken While the letters have 03 shopping malls, there to recover the arrears. . been sent to recover the was a arrears of Rs. 854,376 arrears and I will take stall rent and Rs. 25,000 legal action in keymoney for a period of 05 future. months to 14 years. (b) A 01 Rudy 25.7 perch plot Necessary action should As it has been of land in Nagolla was established that the be taken for leased to 12 persons on a unauthorized ownership of this land long term contract basis in constructions and belongs to the year 1988 and its Municipal Council, I should arrears be construction had will obtain the transfer been recovered. carried out by the lessees orders and proceed without permission. further. Any action had not been taken to collect rent of Rs. 31,280,000 for these shops. Action had not been taken to Action must be taken to Letters have been sent revise the leases of 3 shops the reach agreements. Valuation in the Gongawela shopping Department to obtain complex and 3 shops in the their new assessed supermarket. value for renewal of contracts. (d) 32 shops in the Action should be taken I will call for bids and select tenants in the Ambagahamula shopping to lease closed shops. complex and the new and future.

2. 2. 4 Court fines and stamp fees

Audit observation Recommendation Accounting Officer's

The stamp duty of Rs. 28,946,963 and the court fine of Rs. 4,224,058 were due from the Chief Secretary of the Provincial Council and other authorities as at 31 December of the year under review.

Receivables are should be recovered.

Requests have been made to the Chief Secretary of the Central Province to recover the stamp duty and court fines due.

Commentary

2. 2. 5Surcharges

Audit observation Recommendation Accounting Officer's

The surcharge of Rs. 530,396 imposed by me against those responsible under Section 226 of the Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252) had not been recovered.

Action should be taken to recover the surcharge.

While the actions are taking to recover the sum of Rs. 20,396 relating the concreting a private road in Kandagolla the and surcharge of Rs. 510,000 has been appealed for providing housing to outsiders.

Commentary

3 Operational review

3.1 Performance

Following are the observations on the perform the functions of Public Health, the regulation of matters of public utility services and the management of public roads, people in comfort, convenience and welfare of the Council to regulate and administer public health, public utility services and public roads under section 04 of the Act.

(a) Extraordinary activities

Audit observation

The recurring income collected annually amounted to Rs. 237,816,189 had been invested in fixed deposits without being utilized for development activities in the area. .

Recommendation

Recurring income should be used for regional development.

Accounting Officer's

Commentary

I would like to inform you that it is possible to use that money in the future for urban development activities.

(b) Failure to obtain the expected benefits

Audit observation

The Municipal Council did not have a legal document proving the ownership of the land with the park in the center of Matale city and about 6 acres belonging to the park had been used for other purposes. Although the park was developed in 2016 at a cost of Rs. 7,692,264, there were no tourist attractions in the park. The recurrent expenditure of the park during the last 4 years was Rs. 13,737,217 and the income earned during that period was amounting to Rs. 4,253,150.

Recommendation

Efforts should be made to maintain it as a tourist attraction and to create an environmental value.

Accounting Officer's

Commentary

Answers had not been given The Municipal Council did not take actions to beautify the park as it was planned to be done by the Ministry of Municipalities and Western Development.

(c) **Abandoned Tasks** _____ Audit observation Recommendation Accounting Officer's Commentary _____ Six projects estimated at a total The need should be This is due to the nonof Rs. 31,500,000 for the year identified and projects of approval these under review had not been should be implemented projects by the General completed. with proper planning. Assembly, land issues and non-implementation of these projects by other agencies. (d) Delays in performing tasks Audit observation Recommendation Accounting Officer's Commentary While 130 unauthorized Action should be taken to No comments. occupants have been residing for prove the ownership of the about 40 years of lands belonging lands and transfer the to the Municipal Council on the ownership to the residents. road MC and no action had been taken to obtain the approval of

the President for the long term lease of those lands to the relevant residents. The council did not have any information to prove the ownership of this land. (e) Solid Waste Management

Audit observation

About 210 tons w

(i) About 210 tons were being used to produce organic fertilizer and the remaining waste was being disposed of informally to a private land out of 405 tons of biodegradable waste collected monthly and 106 tons of non-biodegradable The environmental waste. protection license had not been obtained for this. Due to this, external parties had filed lawsuits against the Municipal Council and by 21 August 22019, the council had to spend Rs.4, 585,986 as legal fees. Due to this, there was uncertainty regarding the disposal of garbage in the future.

(ii) although a land of 5 acres in Viharagamawatta area was purchased in the year 2010 at a cost of Rs. 2,000,000 as a solution to the garbage disposal problem of the Municipal Council and Rs. 400,000 has been spent to prepare the basic feasibility and design of its sanitary landfill, the land had been remained idle since dispose the garbage Unable to do so.

Recommendation

Settlement of land ownership. Attention should be paid to obtaining environmental protection licenses and developing organic fertilizer production.

Accounting Officer's Commentary

Garbage is sorted and collected, and 800 barrels of compost are provided to regulate domestic composting. A center for segregation of non-perishable waste has been set up. A survey has been conducted on the composition of the waste. It collects 7.4 tons of biodegradable waste per day.

If the land cannot be used for the intended purpose, appropriate action should be taken and action should be taken against the officers who made the purchase. No comments.

(f) Issues on Environment _____

Audit observation

Relevant interventions and regulators to control the discharge of wastewater from public places, businesses and public institutions into public drains and toilets, and the discharge of toilet waste into waterways and the impact on the natural watershed due to the malfunction of the sewer system of the Matale General Hospital. The Environmental Audit Report was released to the Governor on 27 February 2020.

Recommendation

Prepare a formal, longterm plan for wastewater disposal, take legal action, improve it, and minimize damage to the natural watershed.

Accounting Officer's

Commentary

Necessary action being taken by doing All on-site inspections of wastewater in business premises, homes.

Sustainable Development Goals (g)

Audit observation

The long term plans for improving the living standards and health of the people in the Council area through the Global Indicators for those objectives had not been prepared by 30 April 2020 Due to the Council's lack of formal awareness of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Objectives.

Recommendation

Circular instructions should be followed.

Accounting Officer's

Commentary

Answer had not been given Actions are being taken to identify the Sustainable

Development Goals and make plans to achieve the objectives of the government according Municipal the

Councils Ordinance.

3.2 Management Inefficiencies

Audit observation

- (a) Although the 848 applications had been approved out of 1325 building applications submitted during the last 5 years but only 189 Certificates of Conformity have been issued. Unauthorized building applications had not been followed up during this period.
- (b) Although surveys had been carried out and plans had been obtained for 25 plots of land of 87 Rood 02, 33.34 perches belonging to the Municipal Council, action had not been taken to obtain title deeds. In addition, there was no documentary evidence to prove ownership of 25 plots of unidentified quantities.

Recommendation

Accounting Officer's Commentary

Actions should be taken in accordance with the rules, and regulations.

Action should be taken to ensure the legal ownership of the land.

Relevant parties have been informed in writing to obtain Certificates of Conformity and to extend the validity period of the licenses.

While the Divisional Secretary has been instructed to issue transfer orders for the relevant lands and after receiving the transfers, I will act in accordance with Section 36.1 (iii) of Authority 252 of the Municipal Council Ordinance.

As per the decision of the dated 31st To (c) January 2006, it was decided to lease out plots to 104 unauthorized occupants in connection with the residents. Higgolla housing project on a long term basis. However, the approval of the President could not be obtained under Sections 36 (1) (iii) and 40 (e) (i) of the Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252) regarding the unauthorized occupants of these lands.

comply with provisions of the Act and to give legitimacy the While the Divisional Secretary has been instructed issue to transfer orders for the relevant lands due to it had been confirmed the ownership as to the council. Actions will be taken according to the Section 36.1(iii) Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252) after obtaining the ownership.

While the Matale Railway station Action should be taken to while it (d) warehouse was taken over by the Municipal Council without any agreement as per the Cabinet Memorandum With the intention of Shopping the pedestrian trade and modernized at accost of Rs. 4,970,721 and leased it to traders by the Municipal Council.later traders were removed from that place on 12 March 2019 and it had returned the warehouse to the Railway Department on general assembly decision.as a result vendors had to trade on pavement again and the amount of Rs.4,970,721 which spent on the modernized the ware house had been vain. Also, as at 10 April 2019 there was rent arrears of Rs.667,740 should to be paid to the Railway Station and bails of Rs.249,000 which had collected from 43 salesmen had not been released.

recover the loss and arrears incurred by the Council Fund.

had been received only Rs. 206,000 from the rent amount of Rs.393,400 at 10.06.2020 and the legal action will be taken to recover the remain amount Rs.187,400.

3.3 Human Resource Management

	Audit observation	Recommendation	Comments of the Accounting Officer
(a) (i)	The mayor had recruited 40 employees without any recruitment procedures. It was not clear how these employees were selected and Rs.1, 511,606 had been paid as salaries to the period from December 2018 to March of 2019.	Must work under a formal recruitment procedure.	The appointments of the employees recruited by the Hon. Mayor have been suspended on 31.12.2019 and the allowances have been paid from the income earned by the employees.
(ii)	A sum of Rs. 179,690 had been remained in the general deposit account from the employees without taking action to grant membership of the Public Employees Provident Fund.	Legal procedures should be followed.	I will expedite the payment of the relevant money to them or remit it to the Public Service Provident Fund.
(iii)	The temporary appointments given by the Mayor were canceled on 31.03.2019 and the appointments were made again on 09th and 25th April 2019 on the basis of commission payment.	Follow the rules, regulations, regulations and circular instructions.	I accept. the appointments were canceled due to unable of following a formal procedure
(b)	According to the newspaper advertisement, 17 health workers who did not meet their educational qualifications were recruited but no action was taken to recruit 4 candidates who met all the qualifications.	Action should be taken against the parties responsible for recruitment through an informal system.	Appointments have been given by the Commissioner of the Municipal externally for the newspaper advertisement.

(c) 44 workers and health workers were employed in responsible office positions and services such as watchman, driver.

Employment workers in regular services.

Due to the vacancies in the office services and the inadequacy of the approved number employees, workers have been employed.

(d) While as at 31 December of the year under review there were 107 vacancies of 31 approved positions and there was a surplus of six including four post that were not approved that day.

Vacancies should be filled and appropriate action should be taken with regard to surplus posts.

Vacancies in the Council have been gazette to be filled in future and other vacancies have been requested to be filled by the Provincial Public Service Commission.

3.4 Operational Inefficiencies

Audit observation

(a) Collected contributions from Out of the 90 employees who were recruited on a temporary basis and later made permanent and Council contributions amounting to Rs. 8,352,228 were kept in the Public Deposit Account without remittance to the Public Service Provident Fund.

Recommendation

Comments of the Accounting Officer

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Necessary action should be taken regarding contributions collected from the employees.

If the period of service served on a temporary basis (casual) as per the circular instructions is added to the calculation of pensions, they are retained to remit the relevant council contribution.

(b) Action had not been take to recover an advance amount of Rs.491, 080.

Action must be taken to resolve this quickly.

As the advance balance has been in place for a long time, I will take the necessary steps to find and settle it expeditiously.

(c) A Value Added Tax (VAT) amount of Rs.7,818,300 and Nation Building Tax amount of Rs.1,022,000 had been remained without remmit to the Inland Revenue Department.

Action must be taken to take immediate action.

Action will be taken to remit the amounts Immediately.

(d) Assessments were levied for the year under review based on the 2012 assessment too.

Action should be taken to obtain assessment reports.

The Valuation Department has been informed to submit an assessment report.

(e) The mechanical work shop of the Municipal Council was now inactive.

Action should be taken to activate the mechanical workplace and bring the performance to a higher level.

Action should be I will take steps in the future to taken to activate the restore the work of the mechanical mechanical workshop.

3.5 Asset Management

Inactive / Underutilized Assets

Audit observation

Recommendation

Comments of the Accounting

Officer

A total of Rs. 4,317,500 worth of 3 lands and buildings, 3 vehicles, machinery and 2 lands and buildings with an unidentified value had been remained inactive and underutilized.

Measures should be taken to repair and use vehicles that Can be used and to dispose of other vehicles. The General Assembly has decided not to dispose of vehicles that have been subjected to the process of disposal, and I will take necessary action to use or dispose of future vehicles as not a single vehicle has been sold at auction.

3. 6 Economic Progress not Measure will

Audit observation Recommendation Comments of the Accounting Officer

Six unauthorized shops were demolished on 19 July 2018, but 10 months later, the mayor allowed four stakeholders to operate the shops for a daily rent of Rs. 500 without council approval.

Unauthorized constructions should be removed.

Although 6 unauthorized shops have been removed on the decision of the council, the Hon. Mayor has taken steps to lease those stalls back to the selected tenants to earn revenue.

3. 7 informal transactions

Audit observation Recommendation Comments of the Accounting Officer

(a) It was leased to an outside party under a contract for 10 years at a monthly rental of Rs.82, 000 for construct and maintain a 3D cinema hall at upper floor of the super market without taking actions in accordance with the provisions of the Procurement Guidelines and without assessing the rent and irregularities and acting informally.

A formal procedure should be followed as per the circular instructions.

Only one bidder has submitted and the contract has been awarded to the relevant bidder as per decisions of the Bid **Evaluation** Committee and the Council.

(b) No action had been taken regarding the unauthorized construction of two high-tech transmission towers in front of the Municipal Council and near the Ambagahamula bus stand in the year 2018.

A formal and legal procedure should be followed.

legal I will look into the matter
be of two high-tech
transmission towers and
will take relevant actions
in the future.

(c) No legal action had been taken in 2018 regarding the construction of a private contractor using a land of acre in Parawatta belonging to the Municipal Council to maintain its project yard in the year 2018.

Legal action should be taken against those involved in unauthorized activities.

Action will be taken to take future actions in this regard.

(d) 02 public toilets of the Municipal Council were illegally maintained by two Municipal Council Workers using other parties and misused an amount of Rs.462,880 which collected by public from January to September of the year under review.

Proper action should be taken regarding irregularities and proper management of toilets should be maintained. Actions are taken to maintain All existing public toilets of the Council will be under the direct supervision of Public Health Inspectors and income inspectors.

(e) While it had constructed unauthorized stalls in the ground floor of second building in the Abagahamula shopping complex, and an unauthorized fish market was running at the shop no.10.

Unauthorized constructions should be removed and legal action should be taken.

I will conduct a site inspection and take legal action in this regard.

3.8 Identified losses

June 2019.

(a)

Audit observation

Recommendation

Of the Accounting Officer

Comment

Although it had selected Eighteen tenants to lease the second and third floors of the supermarket

and secured a deposit of Rs. 1,004,587, but no action was taken to build and lease the shops. Also had lost of Rs. 10,237,500 in rental income which could have been obtained during the period from 31 December 2015 to 30

Action should be taken to assign shops to selected tenants and to identify the parties responsible for losses.

Necessary steps have been taken to prevent such omissions in the future.

(b) 18 employees were given permanent appointments contrary to Public Administration Circular No. 25/2014 dated November 12, 2014. while those employees had been filed a case at Supreme Court due to canceled those appointment by the Council Decision on 23 September 2015 and therefor it could be restore their permanent appointments according to the Court decision. due to this, there was a loss of Rs.250,000 to the Council fund which had spent on the courtcase.

Action should be taken to pay attention to the parties who made irregular recruitments in charging legal fees.

It had been decided to recover the attorney fees which paid by the Municipal Council for the supreme Court case no.SC/FR/2015/2017 from the employees who filed the case as per the general decision no.06:1:01:59 dated on 06.12.2018.

(c) The collected amount for the notice boards was less by an amount Rs.263,875 due to differences of the quantities in the measurments of the notice boards between which included in the register of the notice boards and the phisical countings.

Notice boards must be clearly identified and charged.

The charges had been recovered on the number of notice boards and on the square feet of them which had displayed within the limit of Municipal Council area in the year 2018.

(d) When purchasing the waste burners nearly 24 million Rupees, there was a loss of an amount of Rs.121, 193 that had expended on newspaper advertisement since the rejection of comparison the prices which had received by the Technical Evaluation Committee due to specifications what had made informally and without a technical method.

Action should be taken to adopt formal technical procedures and identify the parties responsible for the losses.

Drain all of the institutions and detention on the annual production of technical presentation was done. According those to presenting's, it was recommended that the waste burners should not purchased.

3.9 Visual Acuity Disorders

Audit observation

Action had not been taken to return Action should be the 52 receipt books worth of taken to get the Rs.234,000 which had issued from stores to 03 officers in revenue department for giving vehicle administrative employees in the years 2018 and 2019.

Procurement

3.10

3.10.1 Supplies and Services

Audit observation

It had been calling bids for carried out Actions 34 projects worth of Rs.28, 837,085 from 09 registered contractors at the Municipal Council. Although the 05 contractors had been done irregularities when applying by presenting the higher prices rather than the estimates by aligned informally, the contract had been assigned to these same contractors.

Recommendation

relevant receipt books back.

Of the Accounting Officer Comment

Actions are being taking to getting the all of receipt books which they had used to the office by collecting all the money relevant to the receipt books.

Recommendation Of the Accounting Officer Comment

_____ _____

should taken be to violate the irregularities.

We had taken actions according to the approved by laws and the procurement guild lines since we cannot control the matter of applying for contract at the higher prices rather than the estimates by contractors' through corporate governance when presenting the bids.

3. 10.2 Contract Administration

Audit observation

Although the Cold Mix had been transported by tippers in 32 times for 4 roads, weight measurement was carried out when 4 only runs. While the 03 times thereof had been carried out by the supplier without supervision of Municipal Council, the amounts of net weight of those times were 15275 kg, 15130kg and 15190kg. But at the time of the random inspection by the Municipal Council, the net weight of the cold mix was 9740 kg. Accordingly, a confirmation had not been obtained whether the cold Mix quantity of 460 metric tons that had stated as purchased had received correctly.

Recommendation

Comments of the Accounting Officer

Action should be taken against those who acted illegally.

I would like to inform that it had been planned to measure the weight randomly when bringing the cold mix for the constructions in future.

4. Accountability and good governance

Unanswered Audit Queries

Audit observation

While it had not been answered for the 14 audit queries which were presented to the Municipal Council, as at 31 December and the countable value of the same queries was amounting to Rs. 96,726,792.

Recommendation

Comments of the Accounting Officer

Action must be taken to provide answers.

Action will be taken to giving answers for audit queries immediately.