

Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha - 2020

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Qualified Opinion

The audit of the financial statements of the Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha including the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 comprising the Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, Statement of Financial Operations, Cash Flow Statement for the year and significant accounting policies and other explanatory information was carried out, for the year then ended, under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154 (1) of the constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with Sub-Section 172 (1) of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act No. 15 of 1987 and the Provisions of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018. My comments and observations which I consider should be report to parliament appear in this report.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in paragraph 1.6 of this report, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha as at 31 December 2020, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

1.2 Basis for Qualified Opinion

My opinion is qualified on the matters described in paragraph 1.6 of this report.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibilities, under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified opinion.

1.3 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Generally accepted Accounting Principles, and for such internal control as management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Pradeshiya Sabha's financial reporting process.

As per Section 16(1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the Pradeshiya Sabha is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities, to enable annual and periodic financial statements.

1.4 Audit Scope (Responsibility of the Auditor for the audit of Financial Statements)

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercised professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of its internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

The scope of the audit also extended to examine as far as possible and as far as necessary the following;

- Whether the organization, systems, procedures, books, records and other documents have been properly and adequately designed from the point of view of the presentation of information to enable a continuous evaluation of the activities of the Pradeshiya Sabha, and whether such systems, procedures, books, records and other documents are in effective operation;
- Whether the Pradeshiya Sabha has complied with applicable written law, or other general or special directions issued by the governing body of the Pradeshiya Sabha
- Whether it has performed according to its powers, functions and duties; and

- Whether the resources of the Pradeshiya Sabha had been procured and utilized economically, efficiently and effectively within the time frames and in compliance with the applicable laws.

1.5 Report on Other Legal Requirements

The National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 contains special provisions regarding the following requirements.

- Financial Statements of the Pradeshiya Sabha as per the requirement mentioned in Section 6 (1) (d) (iii) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 corresponded with the Financial Statements of the previous year.
- In accordance with the requirement referred to in Section 6 (1) (d) (iv) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, recommendations made by me during the previous year are included in the submitted financial statements.

1.6 Audit observations regarding the preparation of financial statements

1.6.1 Accounting Deficiencies

Audit Observation	Comment of the Sabha	Recommendation
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(i) The balance stock in hand amounting to Rs.725,850 as at the end of the year under review had been accounted as Rs.283,395 as a result, stock assets had been understated by Rs.442,455.	Since the stock consumption for the year 2020 has not been taken into account, it will be corrected in the preparation of the accounts for the year 2021.	Should be accounted correctly.
(ii) The Kosgahahahena Land valued at Rs.400,000 received as a donation during the year under review had not been accounted in the Assets.	Will be corrected in future.	

1.6.2 Non reconcile control account or reports

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There was a difference sum of Rs.16,708,542 in between the balance value of 03 accounting items in the financial statements and balance value in relevant utility registers and sub registers as at 31 December of the year under review.	The reasons for the non-reconcile will be find and actions will be taken to resolve them in the future.	Action should be taken to correct the accounts by comparing the changes in the relevant balances.

1.6.3 Suspense Accounts

Audit Observation	Comment of the Sabha	Recommendation
The action had not been taken to settle the balance of the Suspense Account amounting to Rs.18,315 which has been in existence since 2008.	It will be accepted and resolve this in the future.	The balance should be reconciled by investigating.

1.6.4 Lack of Documentary Evidence for Audit

Audit Observation	Comment of the Sabha	Recommendation
The information required for the audit had not been submitted regarding 07 accounting items amounting to Rs.137,360,561.	The documents related to the accounts will be prepared in the future.	Should be Maintain an updated and regular Fixed Asset register.

1.7 Non compliances

Non compliances with laws rules and regulations

Reference to laws rules regulations	Non compliance	Comment of the Sabha	Recommendation
Financial Regulation 570,571 and 572 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.	There were 40 deposits worth Rs.1,507,136 which had expired from 2016 to 2018, actions had not been taken in accordance with the relevant regulations for them.	Actions will be taken to correct in future.	Action should be taken in accordance with the Financial regulation.

2. Financial review

2.1 Financial result

According to the Financial Statements presented, revenue over recurrent expenditure of the Sabha for the year ended 31 December 2020 amounted to Rs.1,562,549 as compared with against the revenue over recurrent expenditure amounted to Rs.5,297,139 in the preceding year.

2.2 Revenue Administration

2.2.1 Performance of revenue collections

Audit Observation	Comment of the Sabha	Recommendation
<p>(a) Shop rent and Fair taxes</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Action had not been taken to recover the rent arrears of Rs. 2,749,826 during the year under review.</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>The three months of tax exemption had been given due to the Covid epidemic, the revenue has decreased and It will take action to recover the arrears.</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>Actions should be taken to recover the income.</p>
<p>(b) Licenses Fees</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Action had not been taken to recover the outstanding license fee of Rs. 646,629.</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>The Covid epidemic has led to the closure of many businesses and relief to businesses had been given therefor the revenue had less.</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>Actions should be taken to recover the income.</p>