

## **Bope Poddala Pradeshiya Sabha - 2021**

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### **1. Financial Statements**

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#### **1.1 Qualified Opinion**

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The audit of the financial statements of the Bope Poddala Pradeshiya Sabha including the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 comprising the Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, 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 Bope Poddala Pradeshiya Sabha as at 31 December 2021, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

#### **1.2 Basis for Qualified Opinion**

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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**

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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)**

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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 scepticism 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

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

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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

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### 1.6.1 Accounting Deficiencies

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<b>Audit Observation</b>	<b>Comment of the Council</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
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(i) The value of the water bowser donated by the Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils on 22. January 2015 had not been assessed and accounted.	The action will be taken to correct in future	Should be properly accounted.
(ii) The value of 109.16 perches of Sarasavi Asapuva land and 21.2 perches of Narawala citrus garden land acquired by the council through land auctions had not been assessed and accounted.		
(iii) Although the Hapugala Jana Sabha building was handed over to the council in the year 2008 under the Jathika Saviya Gama Naguma program, The value of the building had not been assessed and accounted.		

## 1.6.2 Non reconciled Account or Records

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<b>Audit Observation</b>	<b>Comment of the Council</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
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There was a difference sum of Rs. 2,597,693 in between the balance value of 02 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 differences existing in the balance will be settled.	Differences should be identified and corrected.

## 2. Financial review

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### 2.1 Financial result

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According to the Financial Statements presented, excess of revenue over recurrent expenditure of the Sabha for the year ended 31 December 2021 amounted to Rs.59,641,915 as compared with excess of revenue over recurrent expenditure amounted to Rs. 39,745,456 in the preceding year.

### 2.2 Revenue Administration

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#### 2.2.1 Rates and Tax

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<b>Audit Observation</b>	<b>Comment of the Council</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
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the outstanding assessment tax balance was Rs. 58,836,337 as at 01 of January in the year under review, and that value had increased to Rs. 68,485,521 by 31 December 2021.	In the future, conduct mobile services and collect arrears of tax by distributing red notices.	Arrangements should be made to recover arrears of Rates and taxes.

#### 2.2.2 Shop Rent

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<b>Audit Observation</b>	<b>Comment of the Council</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
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There was an arrear rent balance of Rs.1,670,050, which includes the balance of Rs.318,510 which has been unpaid for a period of 03 to 05 years and had not been recovered as at the end of the year under review.	The action will take s to recover the arrears in the future.	Arrangements should be made to recover the arrears.

### 3. **Operational Review**

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Matters revealed with regard to fulfilling regulation and control and administration of public health, public utility services and public roads, generally with the protection and promotion of the comfort, convenience and welfare of the people and amenities by the Council under Section 3 of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act are shown below.

#### 3.1 **Operating inefficiencies**

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##### **Solid Waste Management**

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<b>Audit Observation</b>	<b>Comment of the Council</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
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Garbage collected in the area is disposed at the Monrovia Estate Landfill in the year under review, an amount of Rs.1,813,500 was paid to the landfill for disposing of 1209 tonnes of waste, and the council did not have a long-term plan for Waste Management.	Inform that there is no suitable land for solid waste management.	A long term plan should be prepared for waste management.