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஁யஸனனஸே ந஡ - ஡ேர்ர ர஦் ப்ரலாஸன ஡ேபார்ந஡ேன்஡ுல

பார்லிமேன்஡ுலே ராபா ஁஡ூ஡ி பி஡ி஡ெ ஡ார஡ ஁ஸால லி஁ன் ஁ஸாஸன ஡ரன ல஡ லார்஡ா
஁஡ி஡ன்஡ெஸன் ஁஦ாலர ஡ி஡ேஸ ஁க 119(4) ஁஦னே ஁ர ஁யஸன ஁ர ஡஡ாஸலரஸாஸே
஡ிரி஡்஁஁ ஁ ஁஡ு ல஡ன பிஸலர பார்லிமேன்஡ுல லேன ஓ஡ிபி஁ன் ஡ிரி஡

பாராஸ஡ன்ற ஁ுஸி஡ீ஡ுத் ஡ோ஡ர் இல஡஡ - 243

நிறு஁னத்தின் புயர் - ஡ோ஡்டார் ஁ாகன போ஡்஡ு஁ரத்து ஡ிணை஡஡ஸ஡

பாராஸ஡ன்றத்தின் ஁ரச ஡ண஡்஡ு ஡ு஡ு஁னால ஡ுன஁஁஡஡஡஡ ஁஡ி஡஡ை ஡ோ஡ர்பாக நிலையி஡ற்
஡஡்டளை இல஡஡ 119 (4) இன் ஡ீ஡் நிறு஁ன஡்஡ளிற்குப் புறுப்பான ஡ுளர஁ ஁஡ை஁஁ரின்
஁஁஡ா஡ிப்பு஡்஡ஸ஡ ஡ற்ற஡ ஁஡ு ஡ோ஡ர்பாக ஁஡ு஡஡஡஡஡ ஡஁஁஡஡஡஡஡஡ ஡ாராஸ஡ன்றத்திற்கு
஁஡ர்ப்பித்தல்

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Name of the Institution - Department of Motor Traffic

Submission of observations of the Hon. Minister in charge of the institutions
and steps taken with regard to the reports tabled by the Committee On Public Accounts
in terms of standing order No. 119(4)

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Shortcomings identified the committee	Actions taken by the institution to rectify the shortcoming /current status
01. - The Department of Motor Traffic had not acted positively so far with regard to the recommendations given by the Committee after examination on 23.10.2019 regarding the issues contained in the 25 recommendations of the Auditor General given previously including the matter under the heading “Registering 158 vehicles imported on permits given to places of religious worship by altering either the name of the license holders or conditions of transfer pertaining to each permit and altering the year of manufacture in registering 120 vehicles” regarding which audit queries had been posed in 2014 to which no replies had been received. - The Committee also directed the Chief Accounting Officer of the Ministry of Transport, Highways, ports, and Civil Aviation and the Accounting Officer of the Department of Motor Traffic to obtain a report on the investigation pertaining to the 118 files presented to the Criminal Investigation Department by the then Accounting Officer following the Departmental investigation conducted in 2020 in this regard and report to the Committee on the progress of that investigation.	- A committee consisting of a retired high court judge, a retired deputy auditor general of the Auditor general’s department and a retired special grade officer of the Accounts service has been appointed and the committee is conducting investigations. - The report obtained from the Department of criminal investigation has been submitted to COPA.

2.	- Progress of the disciplinary measures taken by the Department against officer responsible for matters contained in the Special Audit Report of the Auditor General dated 12.09.2023. - The Chief Accounting Officer at the Ministry of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation to conduct an inquiry regarding the non-performance of the function by the persons appointed in two instances to the committee appointed by the Department according to the provisions of the Establishments Code and report to the Committee within three weeks.	- A committee consisting of a retired high court judge, a retired deputy auditor general of the Auditor general's department and a retired special grade officer of the Accounts service has been appointed and the committee is conducting investigations. - The Ministry of Transport, Highways, ports, and Civil Aviation has conducted an investigation and submitted the investigation report to COPA.
3.	The irregularities that have occurred by importing motor bikes without a lawful customs process based on the Cabinet Decision No. CP/16/1307/709/061 dated 7th September 2016 and registering them only subjects to a surcharge.	The interim report has already been submitted to COPA, and necessary steps are being taken to issues the final report in due course.
4.	Review of the facts contained in the Reports of the Auditor General for the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and present progress. The committee considered the 18 and 8 respectively the matters contained in the Reports of the Auditor General issued in respect of the Department for the years 2020, 2021,2022,and 2023 and concluded that many acts of financial fraud and corruption have been commutated according to most fact contained therein and directed:	Committee consisting of investigation Assistants from the investigation Division of the Ministry of Public Administration provincial council and Local Government has been appointed to conduct investigation in this regard.

5.	• Irregularities committed in issuing international driving permits.	• An investigation in to this matter has been conducted and the report has been submitted to COPA.
6.	• General Recommendations of the Committee ✓ It is compulsory to conduct relevant investigations in respect of fraud corruptions and irregularities that have occurred in the Department and to mete out punishment according to the disciplinary procedures of state agencies. ✓ There should be constructive intervention and oversight on the part of the Chief Accounting Officer of the Ministry of Transport, Highways, ports and Civil Aviation in respect of all Departmental inquiries. ✓ It is necessary to mete out punishments through judicial process in respect of criminal offences revealed through disciplinary action. ✓ It is necessary to inflict punishments to offenders through law enforcements agencies by way of a resolution of parliament in respect of criminal offences unveiled by Audit Reports and brought to limelight before the Committee	• In accordance with the recommendations of the COPA, appropriate action will be instituted against those found guilty upon the conclusion of the investigations.


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