

BUDGET PROMISES: BEYOND PARLIAMENT

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BUDGET PROMISES: BEYOND PARLIAMENT

“Budget Promises: Beyond Parliament” is a pioneering online platform that tracks the government’s performance in delivering on its budget promises.

The platform was launched in 2017 and seeks to answer two basic questions about the promises the government makes in its annual Budget Speech:

- Is the government doing what it is saying?
- Is the government saying what it is doing?

By giving the public access to the answers to these questions, the dashboard aims to;

- (i) Improve visibility of the government’s budget promises; and
- (ii) Hold it accountable for these promises.

HOW IT WORKS

This assessment tracked 24 expenditure proposals and 5 regulatory proposals explicitly proposed in the 2022 interim budget speech. While the former had expenditure allocations and resulting quantifiable outcomes, the latter required legislative enactments or regulatory notifications (gazettes) to have effect.

Proposals are assessed using two indicators: Openness and Progress.

While the research team tracked the online proactive disclosure of relevant information, it relied primarily on Right to Information (RTI) requests filed with implementing agencies via the Right to Information Act No.12 of 2016. The requests were filed on 31st of January and 1st of February 2023. Given the unique circumstances of the crisis, information for assessment was accepted from agencies for a period of 20 working days, until 28th February 2023. Any information received beyond this period was not considered for assessment.

OPENNESS TRACKER

This indicator tracks the extent to which the government is **saying what it is doing**. It measures the government’s level of disclosure of information about the implementation of each decision/proposal. In short, this indicator tracks transparency.

Openness is based on the information available at the time of assessment and is categorized as follows:



Closed

No information available.



Restricted

Information insufficient to determine any progress.

- 
Uncooperative Information provided upon request after much effort.
- 
Responsive Information available upon request in a timely manner.
- 
Open Information on progress disclosed voluntarily.

PROGRESS TRACKER

This tracks to what extent the government is **doing what it is saying**. It evaluates the level of progress of the government in implementing the promises, based on timelines and milestones established by the agency responsible.

Progress is categorised for expenditure proposals as follows:

- 
UNDISCLOSED No information is available to determine the status of the promise or available information is insufficient/unusable.
- 
BROKEN No progress has been made on the promise or the promise has been removed from the action plan.
- 
POOR Progress on the promise is less than 33% of the target.
- 
PARTIAL Progress on the promise is between 33%-66% of the target.
- 
SUBSTANTIAL Progress on the promise is between 66%-80% of the target.
- 
FULFILLED Progress on the promise is over 80% of the target.

Progress is categorised for regulatory proposals as follows:



UNDISCLOSED

No information available to determine the status of the proposal or available information is insufficient/unusable.



NOT IMPLEMENTED

The required legislative enactment or regulatory notification (gazette) has not been published for any part of the proposal. This has been confirmed in writing by the relevant ministry/government institution.



PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED

The required legislative enactment or regulatory notification (gazette) has not been published for some but not all parts of the proposal.



IMPLEMENTED

The policy proposal has been fully implemented. The legislative enactment or regulatory notification (gazette) required has been published for the full scope of the proposal and no further action is required.

FINDINGS IN DETAIL

Proposal/Cabinet Decision	Details of the Proposal	Openness	Progress	Government Agency
Establishment of a National Agency of Public Private Partnership (NAPPP)	A national agency will be established for the purpose of identifying and facilitating investment to be undertaken in partnership with the public and private sector. I propose to allocate Rs. 250 million for the implementation of this proposal.	<p style="text-align: center;">OPEN</p> <p>Limited proactive disclosure of information online - the Cabinet Decision that approves the establishment of the NAPPP is available, however, no further detail</p> <p>A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023, and the implementing agency provided a response dated on 28 Feb 2023, which therefore classifies as a delayed response. Headline physical and financial progress was provided, which was relevant and useful to conduct a progress assessment.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FULFILLED</p> <p>As per the cabinet decision dated 05 Sep 2022, approval was granted to establish the NAPPP.</p> <p>As per the RTI response from the implementing agency, no action plan was received but details of physical and financial progress was received, which is as follows:</p> <p>Mr. Ananda W. Atukorala, a senior retired banker and company director, was appointed as the chairman of the NAPPP on 14.09.2022. Mr. Atukorala though offered remuneration in terms of the cabinet decision, declined that offer, and is now working on a voluntary basis without drawing a salary. Chairman NAPPP has held several rounds of discussion with multilateral agencies (ADB, IFC and WB) seeking their expertise and assistance in establishing and guiding the NAPPP.</p> <p>Since the NAPPP and the SOE restructuring unit have to liaise with each other in PPP related activities, there are on-going discussions in identifying the specific projects in order to progress on actions plans.</p> <p>Simultaneously, NAPPP is addressing the proposals it receives from the Cabinet of Ministers and the Presidential Secretariat.</p>	Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

			<p>Approximately 2.2million LKR was used for the year 2022 for the refurbishing of an office that had been allocated at the Lotus Tower building.</p> <p>The NAPPP is currently following up on communications received via the Cabinet Office and the Presidential Secretariat on matters relating to public private partnerships.</p>	
Payment for Crop Damages	<p>The number of paddy farmers with 2 hectares or less who are in repayment arrears of cultivation loans given by the state banks as of 31.05.2022 due to the decrease in harvest, lack of fertilizers, agro-chemicals and inputs, abandonment of cultivation, etc., was 28,259. Aimed at strengthening of the farmers and freeing them from debt burden, actions are being taken to write off the outstanding loan amounting to Rs. 688 million (excluding interest) which is currently in default to the state banks. The money to be writing off will be paid back to the respective banks in two years in a phased manner so as not to put added pressure on the cash flow of the General Treasury. Accordingly, the respective banks should arrange to write off the interest 15 relating to such loans. I propose to allocate Rs. 350 million for the implementation of this proposal.</p>	<p>CLOSED</p> <p>No proactive disclosure of information online.</p> <p>A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023, no response was received from the implementing agency despite multiple follow-ups.</p>	<p>UNDISCLOSED</p> <p>No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.</p>	<p>Department of Development Finance</p>
		RESPONSIVE	POOR	

Establishing Youth Agriculture Companies	We must ensure that agriculture and entrepreneurship are fused together. We should make sure we understand problems and rethink to promote our agriculture. The youth are quick to adopt new technologies. They can use innovative tools and improve efficiency across the value chain. In this context, I propose to establish Youth Agriculture Companies and link them with 331 Divisional Federation of Youth Clubs to get maximum results. Rs. 250 million will be allocated for this proposal.	No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023, a response was received from the implementing agency dated 10 Mar 2023, which therefore classifies as a delayed response. An action plan and targets were provided, however it appears that no progress was available to report.	As per the RTI response from the implementing agency, the project has been strategized and targets have been devised for a 5 year period. However the information provided suggests that no progress has been made on actual implementation of the proposal.	Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs
Promotion of Domestic Dairy Production	There is a strong need to enhance domestic dairy production. Therefore, it is prudent to implement a National Programme with the support of all stakeholders through a project that will be funded by government or a development partner. Since the productivity in the highland climate is higher, the unutilized or low productivity lands of plantations could also be utilized for this project. I propose to allocate Rs. 200 million for this initially.	CLOSED No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023, no response was received from the implementing agency despite multiple follow-ups. However the Ministry of Agriculture did acknowledge receiving the RTI request via writing dated on 13 Feb 2023.	UNDISCLOSED No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.	Ministry of Agriculture
Supply of Seeds and Planting Materials to Farmers	Since there is a shortage of seeds and planting material due to the decrease in the cultivated area and yield in the past, the Department of Agriculture and government farms should implement an urgent programme to supply the necessary seeds and planting material to the	CLOSED No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023, a response was received from the implementing agency dated 14 Feb 2023 rejecting the	UNDISCLOSED No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.	Department of Agriculture

	farmers. Accordingly, I propose to allocate Rs. 400 million to the Department of Agriculture to produce the necessary seeds and planting materials.	request on the basis that it fell within the purview of a different information officer in the same department.		
Utilizing Unemployed Youth for the Productive Use of the Existing Government Lands	With the aim of efficiently and productively using government land for agriculture and livestock under the strategy for encouraging export-oriented agriculture, the government lands will be used efficiently, and unemployed youth will be directed for that purpose. Accordingly, it is expected that 20 acres of land will be allotted to currently unemployed youth groups (groups of about 10 members) in the area where the identified lands are located for the purpose. I propose to allocate Rs. 50 million to implement this proposal.	CLOSED	UNDISCLOSED	Not Determined
		No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023, a response was received from the implementing agency dated 22 Feb 2023 rejecting on the basis that the proposal was not within their possession, custody, or control (Note: The initial RTI filing was based on implementing agencies identified by the National Budget Department).	No information was provided since the implementing agency remains unclear, and no information available online to assess the progress of the proposal.	
Promotion and Commercialization of R&D Focusing on Startups	Improving R&D is important to improve Sri Lanka's global competitive ranking in order to be successful. I propose Rs. 100 million to establish a mechanism to promote R&D and commercialize the same, particularly with the startup culture, with the assistance of local universities and technological institutes.	CLOSED	UNDISCLOSED	Ministry of Education
		No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023, no response was received from the implementing agency despite multiple follow-ups. However, the Ministry of Education did acknowledge receiving the RTI request via writing dated on 22 Feb 2023.	No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.	
		RESPONSIVE	POOR	

Promotion of Local Packaging Products	<p>There is a need to reduce wastage of agricultural produce by way of improving the marketing and storage time. Therefore, food packaging industries using local raw materials should also be promoted to preservation and marketing of agricultural produce. Accordingly, 50 percent import duty concession is offered on import of advanced new technology equipment/accessories for food packaging. Apart from this, the Palmyra Development Board, National Design Centre and Export Development Board should jointly introduce new packaging programme and contribute to the promotion of the export market through innovative packaging. I propose to allocate Rs. 250 million to implement this proposal.</p>	<p>Some proactive disclosure of information online by the EDB - The way forward was discussed at a meeting chaired by the Senior Additional Secretary to the President (Economic Affairs), held on 28th September 2022 at the Presidential Secretariat, to implement proposal Number 32 of the interim budget 2022 on promotion of local packaging products.</p> <p>The National Packaging Pavilion at the Profood, Propack and Agbiz 2022 Fair held at the BMICH from November 18-20, 2022 attracted many visitors and showcased the collaboration of the Ministry of Industries and the Ministry of Investment Promotion, together with eleven Government Institutions and the services available to the packaging industry through the National Packaging Center.</p> <p>The Palmyra Development Board, National Design Centre, National Crafts Council, Sri Lanka Standards Institute, Industrial Technology Institute, Industrial Development Board, National Engineering Research and Development Centre, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology, Sri Lanka</p>	<p>As per the RTI response from the implementing agency, the EDB received only 5.7 million LKR of the revised allocation of 26.84 million. The funds were utilised for the following purposes: (1) Government National Packaging Pavilion at the Profood and Propack Exhibition, and (2) Reactivation of the National Packaging Center (NPC) as the national coordinating body on packaging related projects.</p>	Export Development Board
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		<p>Institute of Postharvest Technology and the Sri Lanka Export Development Board collaborated at the pavilion and conducted a series of seminars as well to provide SME's the tools and know-how on value added packaging services.</p> <p>A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023, and the implementing agency provided a response dated on 15 Feb 2023. Provided information relevant and useful to conduct a progress assessment.</p>		
Implementation of Tourism Promotion Related Activities	<p>In order to attract more tourists from September this year, the Ministry of Tourism should organize special programmes with the support of the Tourist Board and other institutions related to the tourism industry. Here, it is necessary to target the cultural /religious events that are unique to different races to be held in Sri Lanka in the future. Considering the importance of this industry, by the end of 2023, the number of tourist arrivals per year should be increased to more than 25 lakhs as the target. In addition, special attention should be paid to attract high-end tourists. Also, a five-member committee, representing various sectors, should be appointed to present a report</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RESPONSIVE</p> <p>No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023, a response was received from the implementing agency dated 15 Feb 2023. Provided information relevant and useful to conduct a progress assessment.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">POOR</p> <p>As per the RTI response from the implementing agency, a committee comprising of 5 members to develop a special programme to attract more tourists was appointed (details provided), and the committee developed a special programme. However, the programme has not been implemented yet due to lack of funds.</p>	Ministry of Tourism and Lands

	<p>focusing on the identification of new places of tourist attractions and the improvement of related facilities and a report containing their recommendations to be presented in a month for onward actions. I propose to allocate Rs. 300 million to implement these proposals.</p>			
<p>Provision of Training and Qualification from Selected Vocational Training Institutes to Employees without Previous Training</p>	<p>In the Sri Lankan labour market, there are a large number of people who are employed without any previous training and are employed by getting skills through work. There is a need to provide more training and qualification to this group, including relevant theoretical knowledge. Through this, the productivity of work will grow, and businesses will be able to gain a competitive position in the global context by having skilled staff. Also, the job seekers will be able to find more effective employment opportunities as well as foreign employment opportunities. As a result of the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic recession, there are people who are losing their jobs, so there is a need to train them for new job opportunities. Support level staff working in free trade zone factories from rural areas tend to return to the countryside after working for about five years. Here, women often</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CLOSED</p> <p>No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agency identified by the NBD. The request was transferred to the State Ministry on 22 Feb 2023. No further correspondence was received.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UNDISCLOSED</p> <p>No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.</p>	<p>State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation</p>

	<p>lose job opportunities and men are engaged in informal jobs. Accordingly, it is necessary to provide further training to be able to get a new job based on the skills acquired in the jobs engaged in free trade zones. Accordingly, it will be possible under this system to train and provide NVQ certificates from the selected vocational training institutes (Youth Corps, VTA, NAITA,) and TVEC, which is the regulatory body in the vocational training sector. I propose to allocate Rs. 200 million to implement this proposal.</p>			
<p>Use of Railway Facilities for Vegetable and Fruit Transportation to Make the Supply Chain More Efficient</p>	<p>The transport of vegetables, fruits, flowers and tea products from the upland areas to Colombo and urban areas is important to the farmer, the producer, the trading community as well as the consumer while preserving the freshness. Hence, it is necessary to encourage the transportation of these goods by railway. Through this, waste, delays and costs can be minimized and an additional revenue will come to the Sri Lanka Railways. As a starting point, a train with relevant facilities should be deployed to transport vegetables, fruits and other products from Hali Ela Railway Station to Colombo Fort Railway Station. Cargo loading facilities should be improved in relevant railway stations for this purpose, a</p>	<p>CLOSED</p>	<p>UNDISCLOSED</p>	<p>Department of Railways</p>
		<p>No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agency, no response was received despite multiple follow-ups.</p>	<p>No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.</p>	

	system should be implemented with the participation of cooperatives and private entrepreneurs to establish cargo collection centres and provide transport facilities from those centres to the respective railway stations. Sri Lanka Railways should work to implement a suitable program to encourage wholesalers to transport goods from Colombo to Badulla. I propose to allocate Rs. 200 million to implement this proposal.			
Monthly Samurdhi Allowance	Monthly Samurdhi Allowance Current benefit - Monthly allowance of Rs. 420/- to Rs. 4,500/- Proposed Benefit for the next 04 months - Monthly Minimum payment of Rs. 3,000/- to a maximum payment of Rs. 3,100/-	CLOSED No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agency identified by the NDB, the request was transferred, and no response was received.	UNDISCLOSED No sufficient information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.	Department of Samurdhi Allowance
Allowance for Elders	Allowance for elders Current benefit - Monthly allowance of Rs. 2,000/- for over 70 years of age and Monthly allowance of Rs. 5,000/- for over 100 years of age Proposed Benefit for the next 04 months - Monthly payment of Rs. 3,000/- for elders over 70 years and Monthly payment of Rs. 2,500/- for elders over 100 years	CLOSED No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agency identified by the NDB, the request was transferred, and no response was received.	UNDISCLOSED No sufficient information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.	Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment
		CLOSED	UNDISCLOSED	

Support for Low-income Disabled Persons	Support for low-income Disabled Persons Current benefit - Rs. 5,000/- Proposed Benefit for the next 04 months - Monthly payment of Rs. 2,500/-	No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agency identified by the NDB, the request was transferred, and no response was received.	No sufficient information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.	Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment
Allowance for Kidney Patients	Allowance for Kidney Patients Current benefit - Rs. 5,000/- Proposed Benefit for the next 04 months - Monthly payment of Rs. 2,500/-	CLOSED	UNDISCLOSED	Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment
		No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agency identified by the NDB, the request was transferred, and no response was received.	No sufficient information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.	

Relief for the Affected People from the Difficult Economic Condition (Allowance for those who are not currently receiving Samurdhi, elderly, disabled or kidney allowances but are on the waiting list)	Relief for the affected people from the difficult economic condition (Allowance for those who are not currently receiving Samurdhi, elderly, disabled or kidney allowances but are on the waiting list) Current benefit - Rs. 5,000/- has been granted for the month of May, June, and July Proposed Benefit for the next 04 months - Payment of Rs. 5,000/- for further 4 months	CLOSED	UNDISCLOSED	Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment
		No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agency identified by the NDB, the request was transferred, and no response was received.	No sufficient information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.	
		CLOSED	UNDISCLOSED	

Nutritional Food Package for Expectant Mothers	Nutritional Food Package for expectant Mothers Current benefit - Rs. 20,000/- allowance are being paid Proposed Benefit for the next 04 months - Monthly payments of Rs. 2,500/-	No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agency identified by the NDB, the request was transferred, and no response was received.	No sufficient information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.	Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment
Families Identified for Immediate Relief	Families identified for immediate relief Proposed Benefit for the next 04 months - Monthly payment of Rs. 10,000/-	RESPONSIVE	PARTIAL	The Presidential Secretariat
		No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agency identified by the NDB, the request was transferred to the Presidential Secretariat. However the original agency did still provide information relevant to assess progress.	As per the RTI response from the implementing agency, both physical and financial progress correspond to 58.6%	

State-Owned Enterprise Restructuring Unit	It is proposed to establish the "State-Owned Enterprise Restructuring Unit" to facilitate restructuring of government owned business entities. I propose to allocate Rs. 200 million to implement this proposal.	UNCOOPERATIVE	SUBSTANTIAL	Ministry of Finance
		Limited proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agency identified by the NDB, the request was transferred to the Ministry to which the	As per the information received via email from Mr. Suresh Shah - appointed Head of the SOE restructuring unit, the following is the progress on the proposal: 1. Prepared a draft SOE policy which is now being finalized with the assistance of the World Bank. This is to be tabled in Cabinet for approval	

		<p>department belonged to. A response via email was received on 24th Mar 2023.</p>	<p>before the April new year.</p> <p>2. Got cabinet approval to set up a holding company to implement SOE reforms and to manage SOEs going forward. This entity will be formed once the Articles of Association are ready. The Articles are being drafted with the technical assistance of the WB.</p> <p>3. In-principle cabinet approval has been obtained to divest 8 entities, the details of which, including the process we intend following, are now in the public domain.</p> <p>4. Our expenses are minimal; members of the Committee including myself work pro-bono. As for salaried staff, we currently have 6. Our office is based in Temple Trees which is a state complex.</p> <p>The information provided does not disclose the financial progress of the allocated funds. However, is sufficient to assess the progress of the establishment of the SOE restructuring unit.</p>	
Strengthen the Domestic Agriculture Development (DAD) Value Chain Programme	<p>It is important to develop agriculture value chains as well. For this purpose, I propose to strengthen the Domestic Agriculture Development (DAD) Value Chain Programme. The DAD pilot phase (DAD PP) is being implemented by CBSL with its own funds (Rs. 1 billion) and it is expected to expand the program in 2023 with the assistance of the development partners, while encouraging the production for the overseas market.</p>	<p>CLOSED</p>	<p>UNDISCLOSED</p>	Department of Agriculture
		<p>No proactive disclosure of information online.</p> <p>A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agency identified by the NDB, the request was transferred to the Department of Agriculture on 10 Feb 2023, following which no information was received.</p>	<p>No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.</p>	
		<p>RESPONSIVE</p>	<p>POOR</p>	

<p>Programme to Reduce Climate Effects in Collaboration with the Climate Fund</p>	<p>As there is a trend of increasing accidents, disasters and property damage due to weather and climate related effects in Sri Lanka, suitable measures should be taken urgently to reduce the climate effects. For that, the Ministry in charge of the subject of environment should prepare a suitable program and obtain necessary support from the Climate Fund and implement a mitigation program accordingly.</p>	<p>No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agency and a response was received dated 08 Mar 2023. The information provided was relevant to assess progress.</p>	<p>As per the RTI response from the implementing agency, the project has been strategized and targets have been devised, however, the information provided suggests that no progress has been made on actual implementation of the proposal.</p>	<p>Ministry of Environment</p>
<p>Establishment of Branch Campuses Focusing on STEM Subjects</p>	<p>Many countries in the world have opened educational opportunities to foreign students in a manner to build their foreign reserves. In the South Asian region, Bangladesh, India and Nepal have already opened up their countries to foreign students to build up their foreign reserves. Accordingly, Sri Lanka also needs to encourage private investment to provide educational opportunities to foreign students. Hence, I propose to facilitate the establishment of branch campuses in Sri Lanka, particularly focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects as well as finance, information technology and medicine. For this purpose, the government will provide all facilities through the Board of Investment (BOI) to establish such branch campuses as per the provision laid down in the Companies Act and Universities Act</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CLOSED</p> <p>No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agencies and no response was received.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UNDISCLOSED</p> <p>No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.</p>	<p>Ministry of Education/ Ministry of Defence/</p>

	<p>and other applicable legal provisions subject to amend them when and where necessary. The creation of space for private investment in higher education will free up government resources that will enable the state to ensure that free education is preserved and in fact expanded beyond present levels. Scholarships will also be provided to Sri Lankan students to study in these universities. I also propose to open a branch campus of the Kotalawala Defence University (KDU) in Kurunegala.</p>			
<p>Establishment of Community Units in Government Vocational Training Centres</p>	<p>Many people in the community living in urban and rural areas are engaged in micro-scale self-employment / livelihood occupations. By providing parttime or short-term formal training in technology and innovation for life occupations to this community, the productivity, safety, and health of those jobs will increase, and the quality of products will also improve. For this purpose, it is proposed to establish a community unit in every Vocational Training Centre operating under the government to empower the community and the technical services that are not available in the training centre will be obtained from outside and training facilities will be provided to the community. Accordingly, work is being done to provide formal</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CLOSED</p> <p>No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agencies and no response was received.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UNDISCLOSED</p> <p>No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.</p>	<p>Ministry of Education</p>

	<p>training in food and beverage preparation, fish drying and vegetable dehydrating, sewing knitting, beeralu weaving, brass industry and Black Smithing as livelihood around the training centre, online self-employments based on the Gig economy and other life occupations. After the training, a certificate is also being provided. After formal training, the currently engaged profession can be done effectively and efficiently, so food and other products can be provided in quality. Through that, it is possible to confirm their job security and improve their businesses. I will allocate Rs. 200 million to implement this proposal.</p>			
<p>Private Investment to Improve Quality and Efficiency of the Railway</p>	<p>Since providing efficient and high-quality transport service to the people is a priority task of the government, it is expected that private sector investments will be used for the development of the railway transport service using the existing infrastructure under this program. Accordingly, it is expected to develop the Kelaniweli train service as a pilot project. The selection of investor/s will be based on competitive bidding process.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CLOSED</p> <p>No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agency and no response was received.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UNDISCLOSED</p> <p>No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.</p>	<p>Department of Railways</p>

Proposal/Cabinet Decision	Details of the Proposal	Openness	Progress	Government Agency
Comprehensive Framework to Strengthen Governance and Fight Corruption	A comprehensive legal framework will be established to strengthen governance and fight corruption.	<p style="text-align: center;">RESTRICTED</p> <p>Limited proactive disclosure of information. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agency and no response was received.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NOT IMPLEMENTED</p> <p>As per the information proactively disclosed an Anti-Corruption Bill is to be submitted to Parliament, inclusive of the establishment of an Independent Commission of Inquiry on Bribery and Corruption which is accountable to Parliament.</p>	Department of Attorney General
		CLOSED	UNDISCLOSED	

Strengthening Asset Declaration System	This framework will strengthen the asset declaration system and increase independence of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.	No proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agency and no response was received.	No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.	Department of Attorney General
Increasing independence of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption	Further, I propose to promote technology infused systems to eliminate grounds for corruption and create transparency.	RESTRICTED	NOT IMPLEMENTED	Department of Attorney General
		Limited proactive disclosure of information online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agency and no response was received.	As per the information proactively disclosed, this proposal is to be fulfilled through the proposed anti-corruption bill.	
Promoting Technology Infused Systems to Eliminate Grounds for Corruption	Further, I propose to promote technology infused systems to eliminate grounds for corruption and create transparency.	UNCOOPERATIVE	UNDISCLOSED	The Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption/Ministry of Technology
		No proactive disclosure of information Online. A RTI request was filed on 01 Feb 2023 with the implementing agency and a response was received on 03 Mar 2023.	As per the information provided by the implementing agency, an action plan of the intended project activities were provided via a concept paper titled "Introduction of a centralized electronic assets declaration system for Sri Lanka and Installation of a computerized database on the movement of the investigation files of the commission to investigate allegations of bribery and corruption". However this response did not provide any information regarding the actual implementation status of the proposal, therefore an assessment could not be carried out.	

Committee to Review the Activities of Project Offices and Project Units	It is important to review the activities of the project offices and project units that have been established for various purposes as these involve significant number of staff and high amounts of	OPEN	IMPLEMENTED	Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization
		Information was proactively disclosed via a Cabinet Decision.	As per information proactively disclosed: - On 06.09.2022 President's Media Division announced that the Committee to Review the of	

	<p>payments. Hence, I propose to appoint a committee to review whether the intended purposes of such offices and units have been met and whether it is necessary to continue such entities and submit recommendations to the Cabinet of Ministers within a period of 3 months.</p>		<p>Project Offices (POs) and Project Management Units (PMUs) was appointed to implement or facilitate various projects and B11 programs of the Government. The committee was chaired by K. T. Kamal Padmasiri while N.K.G.K. Nemmawatte and R.H. Ruvihashave were appointed as the other member of the committee. The report containing the recommendations of the committee is to be submitted before 15.11.2022.</p> <p>- Upon the appointment of the proposed committee, its functions were further elaborated. The committee was tasked to examine: 1) Whether the work done through the Project Offices/Project Management Units can be accomplished under the respective Ministry/Department/Institution by itself 2) Whether respective tasks assigned to POs and PMUs have been accomplished 3) Whether POs/PMUs should continue due to the nature of the work being carried out by them 4) Whether there is an excess of existing staff in those POs and PMUs 5) Any other related matters incidental or associated, if any.</p> <p>- According to a cabinet decision taken on 06.02.2023, the committee recommended that it is appropriate to close down 55 Project Management Units presently in operation, to suspend further 32 Project Management Units and maintain 46 project management units with a minimum staff. Accordingly, the proposal made by the Hon. President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies to implement the recommendations stated in the Committee Report, was approved by the Cabinet.</p>	<p>and National Policies</p>
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