

Performance Report – 1st Quarter

January to March 2018

Introduction

The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRC) was established in 1996 by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 21 of 1996. The Act sets out the legal basis and operational principles of the HRC. The HRC is referred to in the Constitution of Sri Lanka but it is not formally established by the Constitution. The Chairperson and Members of the Commission are appointed under Constitutional provisions.

The Act defines the HRC's jurisdiction in terms of fundamental rights and human rights. Fundamental rights are certain civil and political rights as well as economic, social and cultural rights guaranteed in Chapter III of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. Human rights are defined in international law.

The statutory functions of the Commission are:

- to inquire into, and investigate, complaints relating to procedures, or infringements or imminent infringements of fundamental rights to ensure compliance with the provisions of Constitution and to provide for resolution through conciliation and mediation
- to advise and assist the government in formulating legislation and administrative directives and procedures to promote and protect fundamental rights
- to make recommendations to the Government to ensure that national laws and administrative practices are in accordance with international human rights norms and standards
- to make recommendations to Government on the subscribing or acceding to treaties and other international human rights instruments
- to promote awareness of, and provide education in relation to, human rights.
(Section.10 of Act No. 21 of 1996)

The Commission functions with 153 staff members. The Commission consists of Inquiries & Investigations, Education & Special Programmes, Research & Monitoring and Administration & Finance Divisions and 10 regional offices (Ampara, Anuradhapura, Badulla, Batticaloa, Jaffna, Kalmunai, Kandy, Matara, Trincomalee and Vavuniya) to carry out its functions. Each Division is headed by a Director and each Regional Office is headed by a Regional Coordinator. The Chairperson and/or a Commissioner/Commissioners supervise each Division and Regional Offices.

A host of activities launched by the Commission during this period, has been analyzed in the report.

1. The Commission was actively involved in monitoring the human rights situation relating to the communal riots in Theldeniya and Digana in the Kandy District in March. The Kandy Regional Office of the Commission on the instructions of the Commission played a very active role in monitoring the situation and making representations to relevant authorities to provide protection to the affected communities.
2. The International Women's Day – 2018 was commemorated by the Human Rights Commission on 8th.March at the Bandaranayake International studies Centre. This programme was organized as an extension of the series of round-table discussions held last year in the Head Office and 10 regional offices with regard to the challenges and obstacles encountered by the women in informal economic sector. The report " Empowerment of women in informal economic sector: Human Rights Agenda " was launched on the basis of this round-table discussion. HRC's recommendations to the public officers to ensure future empowerment of women in informal economic sector were issued through this report. A party of elite personalities representing the State Sector, Private Sector, Civil Society, and others took part in these deliberations with Prof. Savithri Gunasekara as the Invited Guest. The recommendations were presented by Dr.Subha Mallikahewa, Lecturer in the Economic Division of the Colombo University.
3. The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka participated in a number of meetings during this quarter regarding the implementation of the National Human Rights Action Plan.
4. In February the Chairperson represented the Commission at the Annual Meeting of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions and was able to contribute actively to discussions and network with other National Human Rights Commissions from various parts of the world.
5. An awareness raising lecture and a discussion on Procurement Procedure, enriched with resources contributed by the Secretary General of National Procurement Committee took place on 16.01.2018 for the benefit of the relevant staff of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka. Further, the National Prisons Study,

organized by the European Union with funds provided by the United Nations, to assist peace building efforts of Sri Lanka, was commenced in February, 2018.

Summary of Complaints – Head Office

Number of complaints lodged with the Head Office	939
Number of complaints falling within the purview of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka	512
Number of complaints not falling within the purview of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka	427

Complaints, of which inquiries have been finalized by the Head Office

Classification of finalized complaints	Number of finalized complaints
Number of complaints on which recommendations have been issued	59
Number of complaints on which a settlement has been reached	16
Number of complaints finalized under various other reasons (withdrawals, Uninterested, no infringement of fundamental rights)	486

Summary of Complaints – Regional Offices

Summary of Complaints	Ampara	Anuradhapur	Badulla	Batticaloa	Jaffna	Kalmunai	Kandy	Matara	Trincomalee	Vavuniya
Number of complaints received	33	162	34	73	64	54	195	128	20	56
Number of complaints within the purview	25	117	18	69	64	53	139	112	20	55
Number of complaint not within the purview	8	45	16	4	0	1	27	16	0	1
Number of complaints settled	2	26	3	11	36	15	133	3	2	21
Number of complaints referred to Head Office for recommendations	4	13	0	0	0	1	3	2	1	1
Number of persons who contacted Regional Offices	103	241	147	172	387	90	308	309	114	307
Number of complaints finalized	24	111	45	66	50	63	192	40	30	82

Conducting Suo Moto Inquiries

Inquiries and Investigations Division of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka has initiated 14 Suo Moto inquiries as per Section 14 of the Human Rights Commission Act in the following manner:

	Nature of the incident	Number of Complaints
01	Death in custody	01
02	Torture	03
03	Inaction	04
04	Sexual harassment	01
05	Harassment	01
06	Elections-related complaints	02
07	Deaths occurred in confrontations with the Police while being taken into custody	02

Following incidents, out of the above mentioned 14 suo moto inquiries, have been identified as most important:

- An investigation under Suo/ Moto/03/18 has been initiated into the case of death of the patient called Wickramasinghe Arachchiulage Lasith Indika of Madiwala, Kotte who

was under residential treatment in Ward 27 of the Colombo South Teaching Hospital, occurred on or around 01.01.2018 by suicidal hanging.

- An investigation under Suo/ Moto/07/18 has been initiated into the case of a female contestant of an independent group who was assaulted by a civilian on or around 17.01.2018 in the presence of Police Officers of Wellawaya Polic Stattion who had arrived there for an inquiry in response to a telephone call on 119.
- An inquiry was conducted and a recommendation was issued under Suo/Moto/08/18 in the case of the Principal of Badulla Tamil Maha Vidyalaya who had been forced to kneel down by the Chief Minister of the Uva Province, but HRC complaint is set aside since a case is pending in the Supreme Court.
- An Investigation under Suo/ Moto/14/18 has been initiated into the case of death caused by drowning of Nalin de Kasun of Niwungama, Kesbewa, Piliyandala while trying to apprehend by the Officers of Kahatuđuwa Police Station on 15.02.2018.

Summary of Visits to Detention Centres

Venue	Head Office	Regional Offices									
		Ampara	Anuradhapura	Badulla	Batticaloa	Jaffna	Kalmunai	Kandy	Matara	Trincomalee	Vavuniya
Police Stations	51	32	94	13	22	51	18	126	70	21	63
Prisons	3	3	5	-	6	-	-	1	3	1	-
Child Care/Child Detention camps	1	3	22	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Homes for the Aged	-	3	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
CID/TID	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Special	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
Total		41	124	13	30	51	18	127	73	23	68

Recommendations issued to State Entities

No.	Complaint No.	Respondent Entity	Nature of Complaint	Date of Recommendation	F.R. infringed	Implementation of the recommendation
01	HRC/660/13	Police Station, Embilipitiya	Inaction	12.01.2018	12(1)(2)	x

02	HRC/4613/14	UC, Jaela	Inaction	12.01.2018	12(1)	x
03	HRC/2242/13	Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha, Kotikawatta	Interdiction	06.01.2018	12(1)	x
04	HRC/K/148/11 KRC/K/165/11	Police Station, Rangala	Torture	02.01.2018	11	x
05	HRC/293/13	Sri Lanka Fisheries Corporation	Service Conditions	01.02.2018	12(1)	✓
06	HRC/1849/13	Police Station, Dehiwala	Torture	02.01.2018	11	x
07	HRC/3353/13	Police Station, Moratuwa	Torture	12.01.2018	11	x
08	HRC/2864/14	Police Station, Aluthgama	Torture	12.01.2018	11	x
09	HRC/3479/13	Police Supdt., Kalutara	Harassment	12.01.2018	14(1)(E)	✓
10	HRC/K/75/17	Dept. of Agriculture	Transfers	22.01.2018	12(1)	x
11	HRC/1016/16	Royal College, Colombo	Non-admission	22.01.2018	12(1)	x
12	HRC/AM/10/13	Police Station, Jaffna	Torture	22.0.2018	11	x
13	HRC/AM/63/13	Pradeshiya Sabha, Uhana	Misuse of powers	22.01.2018	12(1) 12(2)	x
14	HRC/3960/12	Narcotics Bureau, Colombo	Torture	29.01.2018	11	x
15	HRC/2629/09	Police Station, Dodangoda	Torture	08.02.2018	11	x
16	HRC/3120/14	National NARA Institute	Recruitments	08.02.2018	12(1)	x
17	HRC/372/13	Zonal Education Office, Minuwangoda	Service Conditions	29.01.2018	12(1)	x
18	HRC/5026/13	Police Station, Gokarella	Torture	12.02.2018	11	x
19	HRC/K/327/03	I.G.P.	Interdiction	08.02.2018	12(1)	x
20	HRC/4500/14	Police Station, Mt. Lavinia	Harassment	08.02.2018	13(1) 13(2)	x
21	HRC/425/12	I.G.P.	Interdiction	08.02.2018	12(1)	x
22	HRC/2058/11	Dept. of Technical Edu. and Training	Recruitments	05.02.2018	12(1)	x
23	HRC/4026/14 HRC/4156/14 HRC/4157/14	M/Education	Non-admission to schools	08.02.2018	12(1)	x
24	HRC/2305/15	Police Station, Uragasman	Torture	21.02.2018	11	x

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25	HRC/AP/460/14	Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	Promotions	19.02.2018	12(1)	x
26	HRC/4071/13	M/Education	Service Conditions	21.02.2018	12(1)	x
27	HRC/KL/31/13	D/TID, Div.Secretariat, Kalmunai	Land disputes	22.02.2018	12(1)	x
28	HRC/3047/16	Dept. of Pensions	W & O.P.	22.02.2018	12(1)	x
29	HRC/2102/14	Police Station, Kurunegala	Arrest of a 13 yrs. old child	19.02.2018	13(1) 13(2)	x
30	HRC/1973/14	M/Education	Recruitments	21.02.2018	12(1)	x
31	HRC/3118/13	Dept.of Agriculture	Pensions	22.02.2018	12(1)	x
32	HRC/4596/15	Dept.of Pensions	Pensions	26.02.2018	12(1)	x
33	HRC/MT/151/17	Richmond College,Galle	Non-Admission	27.02.2018	12(1)	✓
34	HRC/91/14	TC,Kesbewa	Property disputes	27.02.2018	12(1)	x
35	HRC/3646/16	M/Agriculture	Promotions	05.03.2018	12(1),(2)	x
36	HRC/2802/14	I.G.P. Police Headquarters	Pensions	28.02.2018	12(1)	x
37	HRC/2174/14	Police Station, Dompe	Arrests/ detentions	28.02.2018	13(1) 13(2)	x
38	HRC/4036/13	CEB,Kegalle	Electricity Problems	28.02.2018	12(1)	x
39	HRC/4040/13	TC,Kalutara	Recruitments	28.02.2018	12(1)	x
40	HRC/2734/13	I.G.P. Police Headquarters	Transfers	28.02.2018	12(1)	x
41	HRC/2682/14	Police Station Panadura	Torture	28.02.2018	11	x
42	HRC/AM/03/12/S/T	Police Station, Maha Oya	Torture	28.02.2018	11	x
43	HRC/889/14	Police Station Kurunegala	Torture	27.02.2018	11	x
44	HRC/1097/11	Police Station Seeduwa	Inaction	27.02.2018	12(1),(2)	x
45	HRC/K/165/16	Police Station, Mawanella	Arrests/ detentions	27.02.2018	13(1)	✓
46	HRC/1153/15	1.DS,Suriya-Wewa 2..L.C.G.	Land disputes	15.03.2018	12(1)	x
47	HRC/656/16	Maliyadewa	Non-	16.03.2018	12(3)	✓

	HRC/2325/16	Balika Vidyalaya, Secretary/ Education	admission			
48	HRC/3950/11	N.W.S.D.B.	Transfers	01.03.2018	12(1)	✓
49	HRC/MT/232/15	Police Station Gandara	Arrests/ Detentions	23.03.2018	12(1)13(1)	x
50	HRC/K/191/17	MC,Kandy	Licence Issues	01.03.2018	12(1)	x
51	HRC/2868/17	Royal College Colombo, M/Education	Non- admission	27.03.2018	12(1)	x
52	HRC/K/08/16	Police Station Kandy	Arrests/ Detentions	27.03.2018	12(2)	x
53	HRC/K/235/16	Police Station Yatawatta	Arrests/ Detentions	28.03.2018	13(1)	✓
54	MRC/MTT/08/09	Police Station Hakmana	Torture	28.03.2018	13(2),11	x
55	HRC/398/14	S/Education, Sabaragamuwa Provincial Education Department	Service conditions	28.03.2018	12(1)	x
56	HRC/1144/12	Police HQ,Ratnapura Police Station, Kolonne	Arrests/ Detentions	28.03.2018	13(1)	x
57	HRC/60/13	Police Stations, Wellampitiya, Welikada and Padukka	Arrests/ Detentions	28.02.2018	12(1)	x
58	HRC/2736/12	Police Station, Mahawa	Torture	28.02.2018	13(1) 13(2)	x

AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

SPECIAL LECTURES

Date	Topic	Resources Contribution	Targeted Group
17.01.2018	New Election Law and Operation thereof.	Mr.Mahinda Deshapriya, Chairman, Elections Commission	Staff of Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

Lecture assistance – Director (Education and Special Programmes Division)

Description of the Programme

A programme on Human Rights Concepts was held by the Department of Prisons at Welikada Training Institute on 22.01.2018 for the benefit of Jailors-Class. II.
Awareness Raising lectures were delivered at the Workshop organized by the Directorate of Humanitarian and Human Rights of the Sri Lanka Army on 06,12,21,22 and 27.02.2018 and 21.03.2018.
" Gender Equality, Sexual harassment in working places and its legal profile: can we make a change? Programme was conducted in commemoration of International Women's Day on 09.03.2018 at Angoda Institution premises for the benefit of the staff of National Mental Health Institutions.

- Awareness Programme " Inclusion of Access Rights of Disabled Persons in Development Programme" s was held on 16.02.2018 at the Auditorium o the Ministry of Mega Police and Western Development for the benefit of the staff of the Ministry of Mega Police and Western Development.

Other Meetings/Discussion's held with the participation of HRC Officials.

Date	Description of Programmes
04.01.2018	A meeting on National Human Rights Action Plan organized by the Prime Minister's Office was held in Temple Trees. Director (Education and Special Programmes) participated.
17.01.2018	Disabled Access Audit was conducted at the HRC premises by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka and Disability Organizations Joint Front.
17.01.2018	An Access Audit at the Ayurveda Medical Institute was conducted by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka and the Disability Organizations Joint Front. Deputy Director (Inquiries and Investigations) ,Education Officer and the Investigation Officer took part in this session.
24.01.2018	A meeting on the Parocedure of raising social awareness on Sri Lankan LGBTIQ community organized by the Equal Ground institution was held at HRC premises and Director(Education & Special Programmes) and Education Officer participated.
26.01.2018	A discussion on HRC's action with regard to Sri Lankan LGBTIQ community organized by ' Wenasa' Transitional Gender Campaign was held in the HRC premises with the participation of Ms.Gracepur, Member of the Outright Action in USA and Director(Education & Special Programmes) and Education Officer took part in the session.
26.01.2018	A meeting on Detention conditions of the detainees and Mediatory functions of these two institutions as at present was held in HRC premises with the participation of a party of representatives of the ICRC and Director(Research and Monitoring) participated.
29.01.2018	A lecture on Development of Correct Institutional Culture in Public Service organized by the Sri Lanka Asia Foundation was held at Foundation premises.

07.02.2018	A round-table discussion under the chairmanship of the Chairperson of HRC was conducted by the Commission in Sri Lanka Asia Foundation premises, in order to harness multi-lateral views on United Nation's Child Rights Committee's selection of Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka as the independent body to monitor child rights in Sri Lanka. Director (Research and Monitoring) took part in the session.
22.02.2018	The Institutional Network Meeting being conducted by the United Nation's High Commissioner for Refugees in order to ensure protection of refugees in Sri Lanka was held in Periyamulla Ahamadiya Mosque, Negombo and Director(Research & Monitoring) participated.
21.03.2018	The meeting " Rights Now, Right to Life" organized by Rights Now in collaboration with the families of missing persons was held in Negombo and Director (Education n Special Programmes) participated.
21.03.2018	A discussion on how the Civil Societies could merge with HRC activities , organized by the "Rights Now" organization was held in Negombo and Director (Research and Monitoring) participate in the session.

Thematic Sub Committee Meetings

Date	Sub Committee/ Theme
08.02.2018	Meeting of Sub Committee on Educational Policy
22.02.2018	Meeting o Sub Committee on Rights of LGBTIQ persons
09.03.2018	Meeting of Sub Committee on Disabled Persons
26.03.2018	Meeting of Sub Committte on Educational Policy
29.03.2018	Meeting of Sub Committee on Disabled Persons
13.03.2018	Meeting of Sub Committee on Gender
20.03.2018	Meeting o Sub Committee on Rights of Transitional Labour

Internal Meetings

Meeting	January	February	March
HRC staff Meeting	18 & 30	17	21 & 28
HRC Board Meeting	08	12	12

Training Programmes

- i. A two-day programme on Articles 11 and 13 - Fundamental Rights - in the Constitution was held on 27-28 January, 2018 at the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration. This training was afforded for the benefit of Regional Coordinators and Legal and Investigation Officers with the financial support from the United Nations Development Programme. Resource persons were Mr.Shantha Jayawardana, Attorney-at-Law, Dr.Ajith Tennakone (Chief Judicial Medical Officer) Dr. Deepika Udagama(Chairperson), Ms.Ambika Sathkunanathan (Commissioner) and Ms. Sulari Liyanagama (Acting Director of Inquiries & Investigations).

- ii. A two-day programme on Fundamental Rights enshrined in the Constitution was held on 24-25 March, 2018 at the Galle Face Hotel, Colombo. This training with financial support from United Nations Development Programme was held targeting Regional Co-ordinators and Legal and Investigation Officers with Mr. Asthika Devendra, Attorney-at-Law, Mr.Pulasthi Hewamanna, Attorney-at-Law, Dr.Kalana Senaratna, Dr.Deepika Udagama (Chairperson), Mr.Sliya Pieris (Commissioner), Ms.Ambiga Satthkunanathan (Commissioner) and Ms.Sulari Liyanagama (Acting Director of Inquiries & Investigations) as resource persons.

Commemoration of International Women’s Day

The International Women’s Day – 2018 was commemorated by the Human Rights Commission on 8th.March at the Bandaranayake International studies Centre. This programme was organized as an extension of the series of round-table discussions held last year in the Head Office and 10 regional offices with regard to the challenges and obstacles encountered by the women in informal economic sector. The report “ Empowerment of women in informal economic sector: Human Rights Agenda ” was launched on the basis of this round-table discussion. HRC’s recommendations to the public officers to ensure future empowerment of women in informal economic sector were issued through this report. A party of elite personalities representing the State Sector, Private Sector, Civil Society, and others took part in these deliberations with Prof. Savithri Gunasekara as the Invited Guest. The recommendations were presented by Dr.Subha Mallikahewa, Lecturer in the Economic Division of the Colombo University.

Human Rights Quiz Competition

Competition at district level was finalized by the Head Office and Regional Officers.

Regional Offices

Support by way of lectures

Regional Offices	Target Groups						
	Army	Police	Prisons	Civil Security	Public Officers	Students/ Youth Groups	General public/civil societies/religio

							us leaders/others
Matara	2	1	1	-	-	2	-
Kandy	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Trincomalee	-	1	-	-	1	-	3
Anuradhapura	6	2	-	1	-	-	-
Ampara	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Badulla	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Batticaloa	-	-	-	-	-	1	2

Awareness and Training Programmes

Regional Offices	Target Groups				
	Police	Civil Security	Public Officers	Students/Youth groups	General public/civil societies/religious leaders/others
Matara	-	-	-	2	-
Ampara	2	-	-	-	1
Vavuniya	-	1	-	-	-
Kalmunai	-	-	2	1	2

Mobile Services/ Other programmes

Regional Office	Date	Topics
Matara	01.02.2018	Inter-regional competitions of Human Rights Quiz were held.
	19.02.2018	Civil Society meeting was conducted.
Jaffna	06.02.2018	Discussion on torture based on gender were held
	26.02.2018	Civil Society meeting was conducted.
	16.03.2018	Meeting on protection of Civil Society Activists was held.
Kalmunai	16.03.2018	Regional Committee Meeting on promotion child rights was held.
	19.02.2018	Regional Committee Meeting on children's housing was held.

Commemoration of International days

Launching programme of the report on 'Empowerment of women in informal economic sector: Human Rights Agenda' held by all Regional Offices in commemorating International Women's Day.

Implementation of Apprentice Training Programme for Graduates/Under-Graduates.

In this instance, trainees are recruited for a 3 month-training programme. Relevant notices pertaining to these recruitments are published in the HRC Web page in addition to calling for applications by post from the degree-awarding institutions. Trainees selected through interviews held by the Head Office and Regional Offices are recruited for the positions.

Accordingly, during the 1st.quarter of this year, 18 trainees and 10 trainees have been respectively attached to the Head Office and Regional Offices.

Media discussions held by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

Themes
Awareness Raising Meeting for the benefit of the media on Present Activation of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka was held on 04.01.2018 in the Head Office of HRC.

Updating of Web Page of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

Date	Updating
22.01.2018	A Complaint-receiving Unit was established by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka to receive complaint relating to Local Government Elections -2018.
22.01.2018	Issuance of directives by the HRC to the Police officers with regard to the Local Government Elections -2018
22.01.2018	Issuance of directives by the HRC to the public officers with regard to the Local Government Elections -2018
23.01.2018	Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka promulgated its report on police attacks on National Higher Diploma on Accountancy students.
30.01.2018	Issuance of Press Release with regard to the Unit receiving election-related complaints.
07.03.2018	Promulgation of HRC's correspondence referred to the President and the Prime Minister with regard to religion based hate speech and violence which took place recently.
13.03.2018	Promulgation of HRC's report on 'Empowerment of Women in Informal Economic Sector' launched on the basis of International Women's Day.
	Promulgation of Press Release related to the incident in Kandy
15.03.2018	Promulgation of HRC's letter to Telecommunication Regulatory Commission with regard to the obstacles encountered by Social Media Networks .
29.03.2018	Publicizing details pertaining to commemoration of International Women's Day.

Creating awareness among the various external parties regarding News/Specific Recommendations/ exclusive interventions of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka.

This information is shared with Printed Media, Electronic Media, Internet, Civil Society Organizations, Members of the Thematic Committees of Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, Diplomatic Missions in Sri Lanka, International Human Rights Organizations, Asia Pacific Regional National Human Rights Institutions, it's Communication Network, and Asia Pacific Regional National Human Rights Institutions Forum. This sharing is always done after every updating.

After every updating, these details are referred to all the regional offices of the Human Rights Commission with instruction to display them in their notice boards for the information of the general public.

Monitoring news reports in the electronic and printed media with regard to the violation of human rights falling within the purview of the Regional Offices and calling for reports from the respondent parties and take follow-up action with regard to the progress.

Reports published in the mass media on Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

1. The statement made by the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka at the press conference to the effect that legal action will be instituted against fraudulent human rights institutions pretending to be the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka was given publicity in the Lankadeepa Newspaper of 05.01.2018.
2. The statement made by the Chairperson at the Press Conference to the effect that a notable development and progress of human rights is evident and freedom of Speech, assembly and association is enjoyed at its maximum was given publicity in the Dinamina News Paper of 05.01.2018.
3. The statement made by the Chairperson at the Press Conference to the effect that 07 Regional Offices will be established for fulfilling human rights requirements of the rural communities was given publicity in Dinamina and Lankadeepa on 05.01.2018 and 06.01.2018.
4. The notice issued under the signature of the Chairperson with regard to " the manner state officers should act during elections, their responsibilities and legality of their official activities" was reproduced in the Dinamina of 01.02.2018.

Discussions/Programmes held with the participation of Chairperson/Commissioners

	Date	Description
01	04.01.2018	Press Conference –Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka
02	04.01.2018	Mr.David Mckinnon, Canadian High Commissioner's invitation for lunch – Canada House
03	05.01.2018	New Year celebrations and house warming – led by the Speaker

04	16.01.2018	Progress monitoring meeting on the Implementation of National Human Rights Action Plan at Prime Minister' Office
05	16.01.2018	Discussion on Catamaran website.
06	16.01.2018	Sectorial Monitoring Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights – at the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs
07	17.01.2018	Discussion with Mr.Bob Last, Deputy Head of Political Rights of the UK Mission of United Nations.
08	18.01.2018	Forum discussion on National Plan to combat corruption in Sri Lanka – at the Presidential Secretariat
09	19.01.2018	Sectorial Committee Meeting on Prevention of torture - at the Ministry of Law and Order
10	22.01.2018	UNDP meeting at Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka
11	22.01.2018	Vetting of army personnel - at Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka
12	24.01.2018	Sectorial Committee meeting to monitor the implementation of NHR Action Plan at the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs
13	24.01.2018	Sectorial Monitoring Committee meeting to monitor the implementation of NHR Action Plan on Civil and Political Rights at the Ministry of Justice
14	25.01.2018	The High Commissioner for Australia' reception at Canadian House
15	26.01.2018	National Law Conference at Senate Room, University of Colombo
16	30.01.2018	Consultation meeting on ongoing gender assessment of Sri Lanka Police at Galle Face Hotel
17	02.02.2018	British High Commission reception at Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07
18	04.02.2018	Independence Day celebrations at Galle Face Green
19	05.02.2018	Orientation of Interns at HRCSL
20	06.02.2018	Centre for the study of Human Rights – University of Colombo
21	06.02.2018	EU Head of Mission's meeting, Colombo 07
22	07.02.2018	Monitoring on Independent Child Rights: Perspective and Options.
23	08.02.2018	Discussion with Director, FPA of Sri Lanka
24	14.02.2018	Meeting with the officials' Committee to monitor the progress on the implementation of NHRAP – 2017-2021 at HRCSL
25	15.02.2018	Meeting with the Hon. Speaker and officials o the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development
26	15.02.2018	Press Interview with Mr. Chandana Bandara of Lake House
27	15.02.2018	Workshop on archiving - BMICH
28	15.02.2018	Video Conference - OPCAT
29	15.02.2018	Meeting in connection with the recent Associated Press Report on torture –at the Ministry of Law and Order and Southern Development
30	19.02.2018	Luncheon meeting with Ms. Joanna Roper,UK Special Envoy, the Gallery Cafe
31	27.02.2018	Meeting on NHRAP- ESC Rights –at the M/ National Policies and Economic

		Affairs
32	28.02.2018	Programme on Women' Rights - SLRC
33	02.03.2018	Vetting Army personnel – at HRCSL
34	02.03.2018	Meeting on NHRAP- ESC Rights –at the M/Labour and Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamuwa Development
35	05.03.2018	Union Meeting at HRCSL
36	07.03.2018	Interview with Mr.Piyan de Silva, Journalist- at HRCSL
37	14.03.2018	Vetting Army personnel at HRCSL
38	15.03.2018	Sirasa Interview at HRCSL
39	15.03.2018	Meeting on Megapolis -at HRCSL
40	16.03.2018	Meeting with Mr. Knox Thames, Senior Advisor of the Office of International Religious Freedom at Movinpick Hotel
41	17.03.2018	Role of Independent Commissions Workshop – Galle Face Hotel
42	17.03.2018	Discussion at Rani Beach Hotel, Negombo
43	17.03.2018	Lecture for the Secretariat for Co-ordinating Reconciliation at Anantara Resort, Kalutara
44	23.03.2018	Meeting with USA officials at HRCSL
45	26.03.2018	Army Staff College lecture at Sapugaskanda Staff College
46	26.03.2018	Sectorial Committee Meeting on NHRAP at Ministry of Justice
47	27.03.2018	Meeting to discuss violence in the Central Province at Digana

Foreign Training

Name	Designation	Country	Workshop	Duration
Ms.S.N.Liyanagama	Investigation Officer/Deputy Director (Inquiries and Investigations)	Germany	Role and Importance of archives of sharing experiences related to transitional justice and reconciliation	15.01.2018 to 19.01.2018

Financial Statement

Opening	Balance
0.00	
Imprest Received from the Treasury	
Recurrent	48,900,000.00

Capital	6,440,000.00
Other Revenue	386,531.50
Total	55,726,531.50
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Personnel emoluments	24,863,926.81
Traveling expenses	976,495.95
Supplies	1,442,744.94
Maintenance expenditure	694,883.71
Services	18,222,378.91
Transfers	-
Human Rights Programmes	722,305.07
Rehab. & Impove. of capital assets	-
Acquisition of capital assets	12,200.00
Capacity building	8,577.00
Catalytic support for peace-building in Sri Lanka (UNDP)	673,516.56
Provision of opportunity to returnees to the Island to enjoy their rights (UNHCR)	120,000.00
Strengthening capacity of HRC SL (SWISS)	-
Total expenditure	47,737,028.95