

Department of Land

1. History & Background

Dept. of Land Administration was established in 1989 with the formation of the Provincial Council under 13th Amendment to the constitution. It is responsible for the coordination of all the activities related to Land Administration in the Province.

The Department is responsible for administration and management of settlement schemes other than inter Provincial schemes. In addition to same, it is authorized to alienate state lands and to regularize encroachments on state land in keeping with the govt. policies and criteria already laid.

Since the Land Development Ordinance was introduced in 1935 for systematic development and alienation of state land, 212 316 allotments totaling to 131217.667 Hectares of land have been alienated in the Eastern Province.

1.1. Mission

Systematic alienate and development of state lands in keeping with the norms of land utilization policy of the government and environmental sustainability within East Province.

1.2 Major Thrust Areas for Development - 2007

- a) Construction of Food Production wells
- b) Maintenance of colony roads
- c) Maintenance of Department Quarters

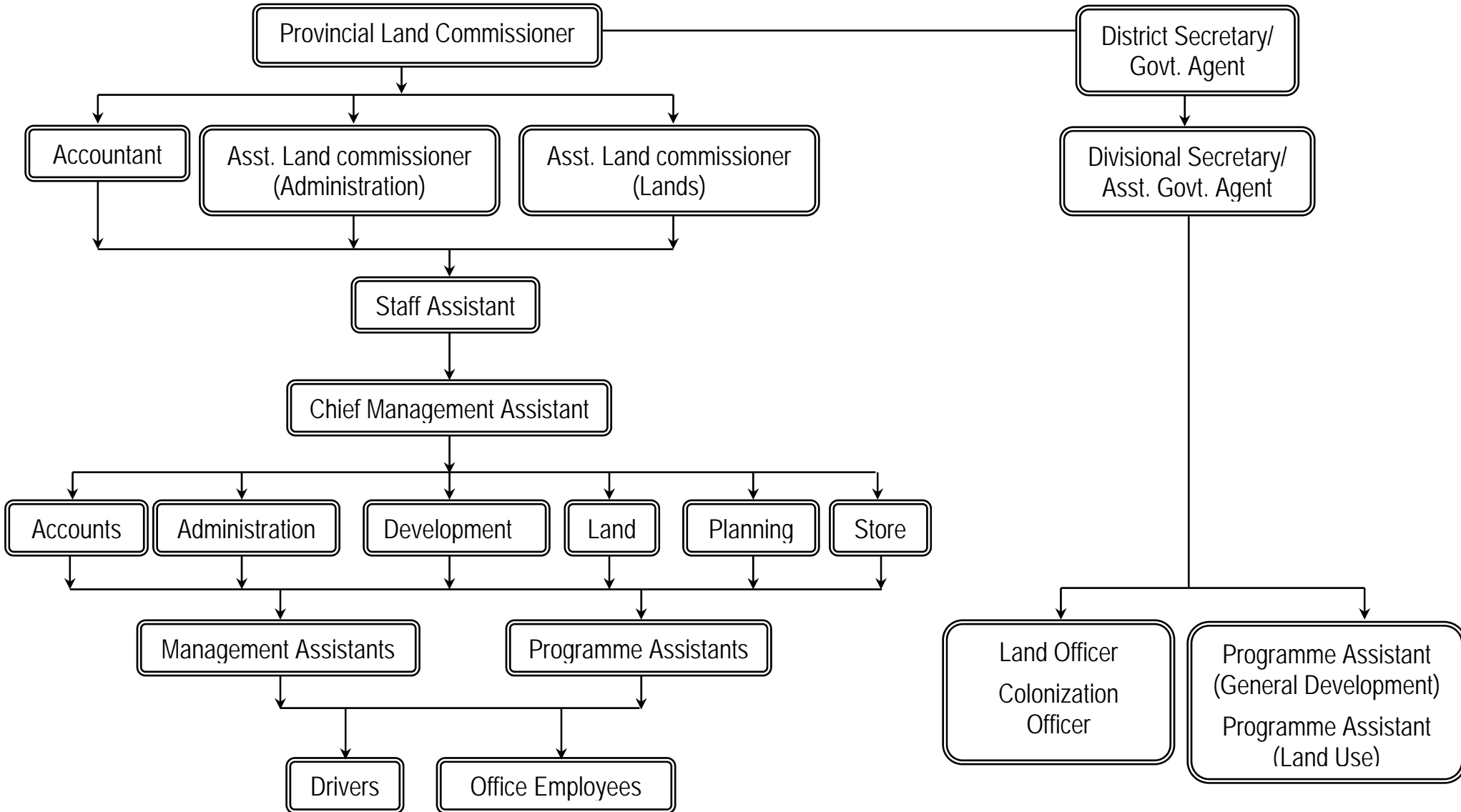
2. Human Resource - 2007

Service	Cadre Approved	Present Strength	Cadre Vacancies	Excess Cadre	Cadre Requirements
1. All Islands Service					
1. Provincial Land Commissioner	01	01*	01	Nil	01
2. Assistant Land Commissioner	01	01	Nil	Nil	01
3. Accountant	01	01*	01	Nil	01
2. Special Post					
1. Assistant Land Commissioner (Non SLAS)	01	01	Nil	Nil	01
3. Sri Lanka Surveyors Service					
1. Surveyor	3	03 [#]	3	Nil	3
4. Sri Lanka Technology Service					
1. Colonization Officers	79	73	6	Nil	79
2. Draughtsman	1	Nil	1	Nil	1
5. Management Assistant Service					
1. Administrative Officer	1	Nil	1	Nil	01
2. Management Assistant	12	8	4	Nil	12
6. Other Services					
1. Programme Assistant	53	51	02	Nil	53
2. Field Instructor	47	42	5	Nil	47
3. Driver	02	02	Nil	Nil	02
7. Office Employee					
1. O.E.S	06	06	Nil	Nil	06

* - *On acting Capacity*

- *Temporary released from Surveyor Department*

3. Management Arrangement Chart



4. General Administration:

4.1. Appointments

Mrs.J.J. Muralitharan was appointed to this department as a Provincial Land Commissioner from 01.01.2007 to 31.08.2007. Mr. S.D. Piyadasa was appointed as a Provincial Land Commissioner from 01.09.2007 to 30.11.2007. Mr. Yasaratna was appointed as a Provincial Land Commissioner to this dept in 2007 December. and Mrs. S. Vanajaa was appointed as a Assistant Land Commissioner to this dept in 2007 December.

One Management Assistant and three LCD/FI were appointed in 2007

4.2. Retirement

The following officers retired from the service in the year 2007

Name of the officer	Designation	Department
Mr. A.L.M. Careem	Colonization Officer	Land Administration
Mr. V. Paramasivam	Colonization Officer	Land Administration
Mr. V. Shanmugarajah	Colonization Officer	Land Administration
Mr. M. Pavalendran	Colonization Officer	Land Administration
Miss. Thilagamalar Ponnampalam	Management Assistant	Land Administration

4.3. Re- Employment

The following officers were re- employed in their service in the year 2007

Name of the officer	Designation	Department
Mr. N. Konamalai	Colonization Officer	Land Administration

Mr. S. Salihu	Colonization Officer	Land Administration
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5) Management Organization Resource

5.1. Land & Building

Institutions	Available Land	Building						
		Square Occupied sq.ft	Own Building St.ft./No	Rent Building Sq.ft./No.	Additional Space Sq.ft.	No. of other Quarters	No. of other Quarters	Store space
Dept. of Administration	-	1729 (Part of Agrarian Development Dept. Building)	Nil	-	1000	-	12	218.5 (Part of Agrarian Development Dept. Building)

5.2. Vehicle

Institution	Car	Pick - up	jeep	Three Wheeler	Lorry	Bicycle	Heavy Vehicle	Other
Dept. of Land Administration	Nil	Two	Nil	One	Nil	One	Nil	Nil

5.3. Furniture

Institution	Table		Chairs		Almyrah		Others	
	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R
Dept. of Land Administration	48	126	75	126	21	42	Nil	20

A :- Available R :- Requirement

5.4. Equipment & Machinery

Institution	Computer	Photocopier	Printer	Typewriter	Telephone	Fax	Generator	Any other Adding Machine)
Dept. of Land Administration	06	03	01	06	05	01	Nil	01

6) Programme and Activities with Development Indicator

a) Capital Expenditure

Source of Fund	Amount Allocated Rs.	Amount Released Rs.	Amount spent Rs.	Indicator percentage on released funds
CBG	351,000	351,000	351,000	100%
PSDG	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

b) Recurrent Expenditure

	Amount Allocated Rs.	Amount Released Rs.	Amount Spent Rs. cts.	Indicator Percentage on released funds %
1. Personal Emoluments	45,447,670	50,407,500	42,975,230	100%
2. Other Expenditure	4,959,830		4,375,154	
	50,407,500	50,407,500	47,350,384	100%

7. Human Resource Development

7.1. Training

Details of officers participated in the MDTD training & other training programmes

Name of the officer	Designation	Field & Conducted by
Mr.K. Kurunathan	Asst. Land Commissioner	De Bono 6 hats Management Training - GTZ
Mr. N. Canabathipillai	Land Officer	Current Need of Supervisory Managerial grade officers in the public sector- NECORD
Mrs. S. Kamalini	Programme Assistant	Training Programme on CIGAS - MDTD
Mrs. P. Jegatheeswara	Management Assistant	PAY ROLE Training Programme - MDTD

Mrs. P.L. Roshetta	Programme Assistant	Productivity & Quality Improvement - MDTD
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7.2. Training programme conducted by the department for the sector

Two training programmes were conducted in Land Administration at Trincomalee and Ampara for Divisional Secretaries, Colonization Officers, Management Assistants, Programme Assistants, and Field Instructors to this department. Duration of each programme was 2 days.

8. Achievement.

8.1 Land Alienation and connected activities in District wise

S.No	Description of Programme	Ampara		Batticaloa		Trincomalee	
		Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
1	Ranbima Grant Programme	4395	273	1855	734	700	154
2	Alienation Land through Land Kachcheries	1432	1	965	72	340	1
3	Regularization of encroachment	6646	1064	5196	1275	1325	793
4	Long term & Short term Lease (Recommended to LCG)	156	1	428	31	149	12
5	Vesting (Recommended to LCG)	28	2	25	1	23	3
6	Release of state land for Govt. Depts.	107	9	82	22	40	7
7	Tsunami Programme (Recommended to LCG)		157		423		0
8	Out right Grant (Recommended to LCG)	649	0	359	0	300	1
9	Pooja Grant (Recommended to LCG)	47	0	9	0	17	2

8.2. Divisional Secretary wise mobile service

No	D.S. Division	Date
1	Koralapattu North (Vakarai)	29.08.2007, 15.09.2007
2	Manmunai west (Vavunativu)	30.08.2007
3	Kinniya	01.09.2007
4	Kuchchaveli	06.09.2007

5	Kaluwanchikudy (M.S & E.P)	09.09.2007, 15.09.2007
6	Porathivupattu (Vellavelli)	10.09.2007, 16.09.2007
7	Paddipala (M.S.W)	11.09.2007, 17.09.2007
8	Koralaipattu West (Oddamavadi)	13.09.2007
9	Town & Gravets	15.09.2007
10	Morawewa	16.09.2007
11	Gomarankadawela	17.09.2007
12	Muthur	29.09.2007
13	Manmunaiipattu (Arayampathy)	29.09.2007
14	Uhana	29.09.2007
15	Kattankudy	30.09.2007
16	Damana	30.09.2007
17	Kinniya	30.09.2007
18	Manmunai North (Batticaloa Town)	01.10.2007
19	Kuchchaveli	01.10.2007
20	Maha Oya / Pathiyathalawa	01.10.2007
21	Eachilampattu	06.10.2007
22	Manmunai West (Vavunathivu)	06.10.2007
23	Alaiyadivembu	06.10.2007
24	Eravur Town	07.10.2007
25	Seruwila	07.10.2007
26	Kalmunai T.D / Navithanveli	07.10.2007
27	Eravurpattu (Chenkalady)	08.10.2007
28	Karaitivu	08.10.2007
29	Thampalakamam	08.10.2007
30	Pathavisiripura	13.10.2007
31	Koralaipattu (Vallaichenai)	13.10.2007
32	Koralaipattu South (Kiran)	13.10.2007
33	Koralaipattu North (Vakarai)	14.10.2007
34	Koralaipattu Centre (Vallaichenai)	15.10.2007

35	Kanthale	15.10.2007
36	Koralaipattu West (Oddamavadi)	15.10.2007
37	Kalmunai M.D/ Sainthamaruthu	27.10.2007
38	Ninthavur	27.10.2007
39	Addalaichenai/ Irakamam	28.10.2007
40	Akkaraipattu	28.10.2007

Category of schemes	Total No.of Allotments	Extent in Hectares
1. a) Major Colonization scheme H/L	552	393.518
b) Major Colonization scheme P/L	552	670.031
2. Major Irrigation	1,632	1,440.485
3. Minor Irrigation	6,227	6,891.763
4. High Land settlement schemes	1,396	1,130.364
5. Youth settlement schemes	547	347.026
6. Village Expansion Schemes	93,007	32,480.437
7. Manawari schemes	18,053	19,879.480
8. Middle class colonization schemes	1,070	4,654.816
9. Alienation under section 20(a) of the LDO	18,888	8,778.092
10. a) Inter Provincial scheme H/L	32,670	14,485.731
b) Inter Provincial scheme H/L	37,722	40,065.924
Total	212,316	131,217.667

9. Strength and weakness

9.1. Problems and constraints

Office space

Land Administration Department presently functions in a portion of the office building belongs to Agrarian Development Department. The office is congested and the officers are greatly inconvenienced without basic facilities. This department needs additional space for office and Record cum storeroom. It actually needs an own office building.

Vehicles

Department of Land Administration is provided with two pickups. There are five staff officers in the head office. They find it difficult in drawing up their advance Programms. Surveyors released by Surveyor General are also requesting vehicles for field work. Divisional Secretaries are not prepared to provide transport to them. Further a lot of lapses have been observed in the Divisional Secretariat Land branches. Hence Dept. of Land Administration needs three additional vehicles for smooth running of the department.

The Following Cardre to be Filled.

Service	Vacancies
Accountant	1
Surveyor	3
Colonization Officers	6
Administrative Officer	1
Management Assistant	4
Programme Assistant	2
Field Instructor	5

Hence suitable action should be taken to fill up these vacancies.

9.2. Special Training given on capacity strengthening

Two training programmes were conducted on Land Administration at Trincomalee and Ampara for Divisional Secretaries, Colonization Officers, Management Assistants, Programme Assistants and Field Instructors of this department. Duration of each Programme was 2 days.

In Ampara, training programme was arranged for two sessions, one for sinhala medium and the other for tamil medium officers who are Divisional Secretaries, Land Officers, Colonization officers, Field Instructors, Programme Assistants and Management Assistants from Divisional Secretariats. Sinhalese and Tamil officers working in Ampara district participated in this 2 days programme.

Resource persons for this training programme were from Land Commissioner General's Department, Ministry of Agriculture Development, and from this department and one hundred and fifty eight officers participated in this programme.

In the history of this department, two Training Programmes were conducted for Tamil speaking Grama Niladharies of Trincomalee district in Town & Gravets and in Kinniya. Programme was limited to one day, and 60 officers participated in these Training Programmes. Training Programmes were conducted by NRC.

The participants were highly satisfied with the information and knowledge they gathered in land work during these training programmes. Field and office level management skills of the staff also developed.