

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT OF THE  
COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF EXCISE  
FOR THE YEAR 2005**

**Introduction**

The Department of Excise, which operates under the directions and guidelines of the Ministry of Finance, obtains its legal authority for implementation of the excise policies of the Government and relevant activities including the protection and collection of excise revenue, principally under the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52 of the Legislative Enactment). In addition, the authority and responsibility for administration of the Tobacco Tax Act No: 08 of 1999 and the collective responsibility for the enforcement of Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance with the Police and other relevant Agencies are also mandatory functions delegated to the Department. The Department also acts as a Principal Agency holding the authority for the enforcement of provisions of the above Ordinances, Acts and consequential rules and regulations, notifications, orders and directives. The Department is engaged in performing a National Mission by providing social security through collecting enormous amounts of revenue to finance the economic development activities of the Government and preventing and detecting illegal activities of every description falling under the above legislations.

**2. THE MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT:**

The mission of the Department of Excise has been broadly identified as the “ efficient and effective administration of the Liquor and the Tobacco industry in Sri Lanka through the collection of revenue and prevention of illicit manufacture and sale of such products, for development and welfare of the society, and the enforcement of the Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance for the social protection of Sri Lanka.

**The objectives of the Excise Department are broadly identified as follows:-**

- a. The collection and protection of revenue from Liquor and Tobacco.
- b. The enforcement of the Excise Ordinance and the Tobacco Tax Act.
- c. The enforcement of the Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance.

**In pursuance of the above objectives, the Department undertakes the following functions:-**

- a. Supervision and Control of Licensed premises, and collection of revenue there from.
- b. Acting as the law enforcement agency in respect of the Excise Ordinance.
- c. Enforcement of the Tobacco Tax Act including supervision and control of Tobacco Manufactories.

- d. Acting as a law enforcement agency in respect of the Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance.

### 3. THE ORGANIZATION:

#### The Staff position as at 31.12.2005 stood as follows:-

Commissioner General of Excise (SLAS)	:	01
Excise Commissioners (Crimes/Training) (SLAS)	:	01
Excise Commissioners (Revenue/Admin) (SLAS)	:	01
Excise Commissioner (Finance) (SLAcctS)	:	01
Deputy Excise Commissioner (Admin) (SLAS)	:	01
Deputy Excise Commissioner (Finance) (SLAcctS)	:	01
Assistant Excise Commissioners	:	01
Superintendent of Excise	:	11
Chief Excise Inspectors	:	45
Excise Inspectors	:	162
Excise Sergeant Majors	:	28
Excise Sergeants	:	54
Excise Guards / Corporals	:	514
Excise Drivers	:	61
Public Management Assistance Service	:	96
Budgetary Assistant	:	01
K.K.S	:	41
Circuit Bungalow Keepers	:	02

### 4. IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES:

Excise Taxes were changed during the year under review. As a result, the prices of liquor had been risen. Detections relating to unlawful manufacture and sale of liquor were effectively conducted. Detections under Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance were also effectively conducted as in previous years.

### 5. STAFF CHANGES:

The under named Excise Officer retired from the State Service during the year 2005:-

Mr. T. Mahendran - Assistant Commissioner of Excise - 18.05.2005

Under mentioned promotions were made during the year 2005.

- Mr. S. Sivanandan, Assistant Commissioner of Excise was promoted to the Rank of Deputy Excise Commissioner by Letter No: P/5/24/11/03 d/d 02.11.2005 of Public Service Commission.

- Mr. W.A.M.A.B Abeykoan, Excise Inspector was promoted to the Rank of Chief Excise Inspector by Letter No: P/2/24/77/98 d/d 04.09.2005 of Public Service Commission..
- Under named Excise Inspectors were promoted to the Rank of Chief Excise Inspector with effect from 16.09.2002 by Letter No: P/2/24/77/98 d/d 04.09.2005 of Public Service Commission.

- I. Mr. C.J.A Weerakkody
- II. Mr. K.G.M.B.R Wijeratne
- III. Mr. R.M.S.P.A.K Ratnayake
- IV. Mr. H. Aruna Shantha
- V. Mr. P.N.R Jayawickrama
- VI. Mr. M.M.U.B Seneviratne
- VII. Mr. W.M.J Weerasinghe
- VIII. Mr. E.M.T.B Wickramanayake
- IX. Mr. W.N.B.R Fernando
- X. Mr. K.G.L Perera
- XI. Mr. P.H.C Silva
- XII. Mr. M.M.I.R Fernando
- XIII. Mr. T. Gunaratne
- XIV. Mr. R.A.D Indranath
- XV. Mr. R.M Senaratne
- XVI. Mr. M.D.P Sunil Shantha
- XVII. Mr. S. Susadaran
- XVIII. Mr. S. Jayaseelan
- XIX. Mr. K. Dharmaseelan

- Under named Excise Inspectors were promoted to the Rank of Chief Excise Inspector with effect from 06.11.2003 by Letter No: P/2/24/77/98 d/d 04.09.2005 of Public Service Commission.

- I. Mr. P.B Dharmakeerthi
- II. Mr. H.H.D Jayawardane
- III. Mr. D.S Wasanthasiri
- IV. Mr. W.S.R.F Fernando
- V. Mr. W.D.L Pathmasiri
- VI. Mr. S. Madanmohan
- VII. Mr. S. Senthurselvan
- VIII. Mr. S.K Ramanayake
- IX. Mr. S.K Wanigatunga

## **6. HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT:**

The following Residential Training Courses were conducted for Excise Officers at the Excise Training School at Panadaragama, during the year 2005.

<u>Period</u>		<u>Officers</u>
13.02.2005	- 17.02.2005	Instructors
13.03.2005	- 17.03.2005	Excise Guards
25.04.2005	- 29.04.2005	Excise Guards
08.05.2005	- 13.05.2005	Excise Inspectors
13.06.2005	- 17.06.2005	Excise Inspectors
17.07.2005	- 21.07.2005	Non Excise Drivers
31.08.2005	- 02.09.2005	Excise Drivers
25.09.2005	- 29.09.2005	Excise Guards
09.10.2005	- 14.10.2005	Excise Sergeant Majors
14.10.2005	- 15.10.2005	Excise Female Officers
16.10.2005	- 21.10.2005	Excise Tamil Officers
06.11.2005	- 11.11.2005	Excise Guards
28.11.2005	- 02.12.2005	Excise Guards
08.12.2005	- 09.12.2005	Excise Guards
12.12.2005	- 16.12.2005	Excise Sergeants
19.12.2005	- 22.12.2005	Excise Guards

## 7. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT (BUILDING/VEHICLES)

- a. Constructed permanent buildings to operate Excise Offices at Kesbewa and Padukka.
- b. Completed the necessary repairs of following buildings:-
  - Excise Office Complex at Badulla
  - Erection of the fence around the premises of proposed Circuit Bungalow at Polonnaruwa.
  - Official Quarter of Superintendent of Excise, Anuradhapura
  - Colombo City Office situated at D.R Wijewardane Mawatha, Colombo 10
  - Excise Head Office situated at Staples Street, Colombo 2

## 8. EXCISE TAX STRUCTURE:

	From 01.01.2005	From 09.11.2005	From 09.12.2005
Molasses, Palmyrah Arrack, Coconut & Processed Arrack (Proof Ltr)	366/-	381/-	396/-
Foreign Liquor (Proof Ltr)	490/-	510/-	525/-
Alcohol percentage below 5% for Beer, Bulk Ltr	27/50	32/50	37/50
Alcohol percentage 5% and above for Beer, Bulk Ltr	43/50	48/50	53/50
For Wine Ltr	200/-	225/-	250/-
Excise Duty on Tobacco per Kg	10/-	10/-	10/-

State of Income/Expenditure of the Department in recent past years:

Year	Revenue Rs. Mln	Expenditure Rs. Mln
1999	5735.000	109.000
2000	6219.625	120.000
2001	6240.385	148.097
2002	8537.430	151.395
2003	10719.444	146.415
2004	13545.000	173.000
2005	16120.785	211.933

### 13. TYPES OF LIQUOR LICENSES IN USE DURING THE YEAR:

a.

- F.L 1 : License to manufacture Malt Liquor
- F.L A : License to manufacture Foreign Spirits locally
- F.L B : License to manufacture, milk punch and or Wine
- F.L C : License to manufacture country made foreign spirits from Spirits distilled from the coconut or any of its products other than Toddy.
- F.L 3 : Wholesale License
- F.L 4 : Retail License
- F.L 6 : Beer and Porter License
- F.L 7 : Hotel License
- F.L 8 : Hotel Bar License
- F.L 9 : Entertainment Bar License
- F.L 10 : Railway Refreshment Room License
- F.L 11 : Restaurant License
- F.L 12 : Rest House License
- F.L 13 A : Club License
- F.L 14 : Occasional License
- F.L 15 : Supplementary Licenses to extend the hours of sale.
- F.L 16 : Auctioneer's License
- F.L 17 : Rectified Spirits License
- F.L 18 : Medicated Wine License
- F.L 19 : Special License
- F.L 22 A : Beer, Ale, Stout & Wine License for retail sale.
- F.L 22 B : Beer, Ale, Stout & Wine License for consumption in the premises.

b. Manufacturing Licenses:

License to tap, draw and manufacture fermented, unfermented sweet toddy.

- Distillery License
- License to manufacture Vinegar
- License to refine, compound, process, spirits.

- c. License to collect toddy.
  - License for collection station.
- d. License for bottling:
  - License for fermented liquor
  - License for distilled liquor
- e. Auxiliary License
- f. License for produce and sale of fermented toddy.
- g. Tourist Hotel & Restaurant License:
 

Grade 'A' Hotels	:	FL 7 FL 8
Grade 'B' Hotels	:	FL 7 FL 8
Grade 'C' Hotels	:	FL 7 FL 8
Grade 'A' Restaurants	:	FL 11
Grade 'B' Restaurants	:	FL 11
Grade 'C' Restaurants	:	FL 11
Tourist Board approved premises – Irrespective of grade	:	FL 22 B
- h. Toddy Taverns sold by Tender.

#### **14. LIQUOR MANUFACTURERS OF THE RELEVANT YEAR:**

1. Distilleries Company of Sri Lanka Ltd., 110, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 10
2. W.M Mendis & Company Ltd., Welisara, Ragama
3. International Distillers Ltd., Kotalawala, Kaduwela
4. Nippon Expo Company Ltd., No. 102, St. Andrew Road, Modara, Colombo 15
5. A.E.F (Pvt) Ltd., Mattumagala, Ragama
6. Manori Lanka Company (Pvt) Ltd., No. 277/1, Jayamalapura, Gampola
7. Uva Glen Company (Pvt) Ltd., No. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mile Post, Passara Road, Badulla
8. Rio Marketing Services (Pvt) Ltd., No. 7, Perukkuliya Mawatha, Dankotuwa
9. Wayamba Distilleries Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., Malkaduwawa, Kurunegala
10. Acme Lanka Company Ltd., No. 73/1, Old Road, Hanwella
11. Sri Lanka Distilleries Ltd., Mestiya, Wadduwa
12. Periceyl Company (Pvt) Ltd., No. 296/10, Park Road, Colombo 5
13. Randenigala Distilleries Ltd., No. 255/86, Korathota, Kaduwela

14. Rockland Distilleries Ltd., No. 25/20, Mahawatta Road, Egoda Uyana, Moratuwa
15. Scotland Distilleries Company Ltd., Passara Road, Vineethagama, Badulla
16. Co-operative Distilleries, Payagala
17. Hingurana Distilleries (Pvt) Co., Samanabedda, Thittapattara
18. Thikkama Distilleries, Alwai, Point Pedro
19. Valikamam Distilleries, Chankanai
20. Globe Blenders (Pvt) Ltd., Malkaduwwa, Kurunegala
21. Mc-Callum Brewery (Pvt) Ltd., Pearl Estate, Meegoda
22. United Brewery Ltd., Mawathagama
23. Lion Brewery Ltd., No. 254, Colombo Road, Biyagama

## 15. THE QUANTITIES OF LIQUOR MANUFACTURED:

### a. Molasses Arrack

Manufacturing Institution	Qty (Proof Ltrs)	Duty (Rs. Cts)
W.M Mendis & Co., Ltd	222,840.000	82,517,467.50
International Distillers Ltd	538,648.548	228,941,307.78
Uva Glen (Pvt) Ltd.,	40,983.000	15,051,642.00
Manori Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.,	10,045.200	3,695,851.20
Rio Marketing (Pvt) Ltd.,	4,656.980	1,719,960.18
Scotland Distilleries Co., Ltd.,	3,987.900	1,467,671.40
Varani	1,046.070	393,067.72
Sri Lanka Distilleries Ltd.,	21,741.300	6,529,805.57
Hingurana Distilleries Pvt Co., Dompe	44,145.700	16,301,320.20
Thikkama Distilleries	44,938.900	16,695,806.40
Valikamam Distilleries	14,584.400	5,416,040.00
Nippon Expo Company Ltd.,	1,048.414	383,719.52
Randenigala Distilleries Ltd.,	4,534.400	1,667,568.90
Acme Lanka Company Ltd..	6,900.000	2,571,754.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>960,100.812</b>	<b>383,352,982.87</b>

### b. Coconut & Processed Arrack:

Manufacturing Institution	Qty (Proof Ltrs)	Duty (Rs. Cts)
Distilleries Co., of Sri Lanka Ltd.	2,213,439.257	822,856,260.28
W.M Mendis & Co., Ltd.	54,350.710	20,108,281.20
International Distillers Ltd.	201,649.186	90,412,303.63
Manori Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.	1,986.800	736,345.80
Rockland Distilleries Ltd.	340,066.546	125,592,562.01
Nippon Expo Ltd.	14,310.900	5,273,817.90
Hingurana Distilleries Co., Ltd., Dompe	3,473.500	1,271,301.00
Co-operative Distillery	3,556.925	1,347,007.05
Scotland Distillery	10,011.855	3,724,704.18
Rio Marketing Services Pvt Ltd.,	702.100	258,879.30
Acme Lanka Company Ltd.,	8,276.600	3,047,775.60
A.E.F (Pvt) Ltd.,	484.916	177,479.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,852,309.295</b>	<b>1,074,806,717.21</b>

c. Special Arrack

Manufacturing Institution	Qty (Proof Ltrs)	Duty (Rs. Cts)
Distilleries Co., of Sri Lanka Ltd.	26,748,790.524	9,872,363,506.41
W.M Mendis & Co., Ltd.	353,931.000	130,433,729.40
International Distillers Ltd.	2,436,203.966	863,250,138.78
Uva Glen (Pvt) Ltd.	133,043.030	49,468,168.98
Manori Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.	112,877.500	41,639,923.50
Rockland Distilleries Ltd.	1,006,834.370	371,526,682.79
Nippon Expo Ltd.	119,329.400	43,859,607.90
Wayamba Distillereis (Pvt) Ltd.	110,822.900	40,561,181.40
Hingurana Distilleries Co., Ltd	75,496.700	28,014,059.70
Co-operative Distillery	26,195.723	9,733,399.21
Scotland Distillery	233,134.024	85,785,604.50
A.E.F (Pvt) Ltd.,	318,298.016	117,572,970.78
Rio Marketing Services (Pvt) Ltd	56,085.790	20,707,247.64
Randenigala Distilleries Co., Ltd	320,992.700	118,479,793.20
Acme Lanka Ltd	200,451.300	73,891,363.80
Perecyl (Pvt) Co., Ltd	115,764.342	48,630,881.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,368,251.285</b>	<b>11,915,918,259.35</b>

16. COUNTRY MADE FOREIGN LIQUOR:

Manufacturing Institution	Qty (Proof Ltrs)	Duty (Rs. Cts)
W.M Mendis & Company	35,334.500	17,492,672.50
International Distillers Ltd.	949,797.696	469,605,392.68
Rockland Distilleries (Pvt) Ltd.	725,798.086	358,989,178.41
Periceyl Company (Pvt) Ltd.	476,326.604	235,981,601.65
Nippon Expo (Pvt) Ltd.	1,534.700	752,003.00
Hingurana Distilleries Ltd., Dompe	3,487.100	1,708,679.00
Sri Lanka Distilleries Ltd	84,051.510	41,239,855.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,276,330.196</b>	<b>1,125,769,382.37</b>

17. MALT LIQUOR (BEER): Alcohol Percentage below 5%

Manufacturing Institution	Qty (Proof Ltrs)	Duty (Rs. Cts)
Mc-Callum Brewery	1,053,713.995	29,838,887.97
United Brewery	2,170,545.600	61,949,892.00
Lion Brewery	26,106,304.275	742,927,796.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,330,563.870</b>	<b>834,716,576.26</b>



**18. MALT LIQUOR (BEER): Alcohol Percentage above 5%**

Manufacturing Institution	Qty (Bulk Ltrs)	Duty (Rs. Cts)
Mc-Callum Brewery	947,421.630	41,219,583.60
United Brewery	2,644,496.400	117,712,377.90
Lion Brewery	18,626,451.750	827,139,561.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,218,369.780</b>	<b>986,071,522.76</b>

**19. WINE:**

Manufacturing Institution	Qty ( Ltrs)	Duty (Rs. Cts)
Lanka Wine (Pvt) Ltd.	6,023.300	1,312,717.80
Rano Sake	293.775	98,755.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,317.075</b>	<b>1,411,473.12</b>

**20. BOTTLED TODDY MANUFACTURERS:**

The names of bottled Toddy Manufactures, and the quantities they manufactured and the duties recovered from each of them are as follows:-

Manufacturing Institution	Qty ( Ltrs)	Duty (Rs. Cts)
Eagle Bottle Toddy Manufactory	458,610.000	110,066.40
Singha Bottle Toddy Manufactory	709,083.750	170,180.10
Commander Bottle Toddy Manufactory	282,443.750	67,786.50
New Commando Bottled Toddy Manufactory	218,166.875	52,360.05
Three Lion Bottled Toddy Manufactory	354,748.750	85,139.70
Manori Lanka Bottled Toddy Manufactory	823,567.500	197,656.20
T.S.R Bottle Toddy Manufactory	103,255.000	24,781.20
Chankanai Palmyrah Development Co-operative	125,218.500	25,043.70
Horse Power Bottled Toddy Manufactory	361,307.500	86,713.80
Wayamba Super Bottled Toddy Manufactory	40,155.000	96,370.20
Golden Eagle Bottled Toddy Manufactory, Madampe	292,787.500	70,269.00
Rio Marketing Bottled Toddy Manufactory	437,896.000	65,684.40
Empire Bottled Toddy Manufactory	142,341.250	52,360.05
Shooting Star Bottled Toddy Manufactory	272,460.000	65,390.40
Super Star Bottled Toddy Manufactory	12,202.000	2,928.60
Payagala Pirisidu Coconut Toddy Manufactory	37,233.125	9,000.00
Golden Eagle Bottled Toddy Manufactory, Colombo	45,420.000	10,900.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,716,896.500</b>	<b>1,192,630.300</b>

## 21. SPIRITS

Spirits produced from Coconut Toddy

Distilleries	Pure Toddy (Ltrs)	Spirits Manufactured
Seeduwa Distillery	19,090,489.100	1,428,435.400
Co-operative Distillery	5,434,393.000	413,886.400
Beruwala Distillery	5,072,055.000	386,712.300
Mestiya Distillery – Wadduwa	6,434,350.000	496,566.000
Rockland Distillery	4,947,558.000	373,152.200
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,978,845.100</b>	<b>3,098,752.300</b>

Spirits produced from Palmyrah Toddy

Distilleries	Pure Toddy (Ltrs)	Spirits Manufactured
Walikamam Distillery	726065.756	26737.900
Thikkam Distillery	228189.000	12153.750
Varani Distillery	218064.750	7178.572
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,172,319.506</b>	<b>46,070.222</b>

## 22. RECTIFIED SPIRITS:

Distillery	Qty Manufactured in (Proof Ltrs)
Sevanagala	2,069,731.500
Pelwatta	6,787,596.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,857,327.500</b>

## 23. DENATURED SPIRITS

Distilleries	Qty Manufactured (Ltrs)	Tax (Rs.)
Pelwatta	34,529.000	103,271.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,529.000</b>	<b>103,271.00</b>

## 24. MANUFACTURE OF VINEGAR

The number of trees licensed, the quantity of Vinegar manufactured, and the selling prices are given in the appendix "C".

## 25. TOBACCO PRODUCTION AND TAX

The quantity of Tobacco issued and the duty recovered during the year 2005.

Production (Kgs)	Tax (Rs.Cts)
3,387,606.300	33,876,063.000

## 26. THE FUNCTIONS OF SPECIAL OPERATION BUREAU (S.O.B)

### a. Colombo Unit

This Unit is under the supervision of Commissioner General of Excise. The Unit is administered by the Commissioner of Excise (Crimes/Training). Superintendent of Excise, 02 Excise Inspectors including an Excise Officer In-charge and a staff of 18 other officers are engaged in this Unit.

This Unit bears the responsibility of curbing all excise crimes in all areas in addition to Excise Stations through out the Island. Accordingly, the number of crimes detected by this Unit during the year 2005 was 2000. The number of detections conducted with regard to license premises was 316. 14 raids with regard to narcotic drugs have been conducted under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance. 28 persons have been taken into custody. Out of these raids, 03 detections were High Court cases. A Lorry, Luxury Vehicle and a Trawler used for transport Narcotic Drugs were taken into custody. With regard to excise crime detections more than 178 unlawful Arrack Manufactories were raided. The Excise Officers were able to take more than 11 vehicles including Three Wheelers into custody. While conducting these raids, 02 Kgs, 34 grams & 800 milligrams of Heroin, 540 Grms & 800 milligrams of Opium, 1168 Grms of Ganja, 131,983,350 ml of unlawfully distilled spirits, 609,906.50 ml of unlawfully manufactured liquor (Goda) and 571980 Cigarettes (Tax unpaid) were taken into custody as productions.

During the year 2005 a sum of Rs 14,832,185/= was recovered from the raids conducted by this Unit. A sum of Rs 5,735,725/= was recovered from offences committed in licensed premises.

The Officers of this Unit managed to detect largest detections of Ganja, and Cigarettes and also by taking maximum number of vehicles into custody, they were able to earn a large sum of revenue in the year 2005.

### b. Central Province Unit

This Unit is under the supervision of Commissioner General of Excise. The Unit is administered by the Commissioner of Excise (Crimes/Training) and Assistant Excise Commissioner (Central Province). An Officer In-charge including a Chief Excise Inspector, an Excise Inspector, an Excise Sergeant, 04 Excise Guards, an Excise Driver are engaged in this Unit. This Unit which

established in the year 2003 was actively operated in Central, Uva, North, North Central and Eastern provinces. On the orders and instructions of the Commissioner General of Excise, the duties of this Unit was expanded to island-wide.

700 raids were conducted and 700 personnel were taken into custody during the year 2005, and a sum of Rs 17089500/- was recovered from the raids. This includes, 10 unlawful distilled centres, detecting of 25 acres of cannabis cultivation, capturing of Jobbers and detecting of 1880 non tax paid cigarettes.

Detections were carried out for 506 licensed premises with regard to violation of excise rules and 506 TCRR were submitted. A sum of Rs 8,466,540 was recovered from offences committed in licensed places.

By detecting 04 largest cannabis cultivations in the island during the week of narcotic prevention, the officers of this Unit have done a great achievement.

## **27. ACTIVITIES OF THE MANUFACTURING OPERATION UNIT:**

This Unit which is under the Commissioner General of Excise is administered by Excise Commissioner (Crimes/Training) and consisting of a Senior Excise Inspector, 01 Excise Inspector, a female Corporal, a female Excise Guard and a Excise Corporal Driver.

The main functions of this Unit are the supervision of Distilleries, Liquor Manufactories and liquor wholesale licensed places. The Officers attached to this Unit inspect these places regularly and submit Technical Crime Reports if they found any offences occurring in these places. They also give advise to these Establishments regarding the excise rules and regulations and keep them under continuous supervision.

Further, this Unit maintains the statistics related to liquor manufactories and detections. The payment of rewards to Technical Crime Reports is also done under the supervision of this Unit.

During the year 2005, 13 Technical Crime Reports were submitted after having supervised the above-mentioned licensed premises and the Unit has collected Rs 7,904,750/- by way of composition fees and selling forfeited spirits. To reach at the target given, this Unit contributes a paramount service by perpetual supervision of the licensed premises.

## **28. ACTIVITIES OF THE NARCOTICS UNIT:**

The Narcotic Unit established for the enforcement of law under the Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs ordinance is in operation at D.R Wijewardena Mawatha, Colombo 10. This Unit operates under the supervision of a Superintendent of Excise consisting with 20 Officers.

720 detections were made during the year 2005 and 645 males and 75 females were taken into custody. Out of the 720 detections, 485 were connected to Heroin and 215 were connected to Ganja detections. All these cases were filed in Courts and Rs 1,089,770/= was recovered as fines.

In addition, One acre of Cannabis cultivation were destroyed during this year.

According to the information recorded in the Narcotics Unit, the highest recorded numbers of detections were made in the year 2005.

During the year 2005, 722 Grms and 124 milligrams of Heroin, 667 Kgs & 387 Grms of Cannabis were detected. Also 680 cases were resolved by Magistrate Court and 32 cases were filed at High Court.

## **29. EXCISE CRIMES:**

The number of raids conducted in order to curb the unlawful menace of illicit liquor was increased in the year under review. Though the target for the year was 55220 detections, 45993 detections were made. Rs 91,229,190/- were recovered as fines.

Technical offences done by Licensees which were not deemed serious as to warrant cancellation or suspension of licenses were compounded under Section 56 of the Excise Ordinance and collected Rs 42,956,610/= as composition fees.

## **30. ASSAULTS & OBSTRUCTIONS:**

No incidents were reported during the year 2005 with regard to any obstructions and assaults.

## **CONCLUSION**

The excise revenue collected during the year under review was Rs 16120 million. The total raids conducted were 45993 Accordingly, I am pleased that we have been successful in achieving the department's objectives, during the year under review.

The success of the department was due to the qualitative improvements made in the operational activities through proper using of limited resources and systematic human resources management.

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