

(Hon) Secretary Message (Corrected as per the Director – Urban Settlement’s instructions – My. H & C)

I have great pleasure in taking this opportunity to convey my message to the Website of the Department of Government Factory, Kolonnawa. As an institution under the Ministry of Housing and Construction, this Department is responsible for providing mechanical engineering products and services to the public and private sector.

This Department has a history of 168 years of existence. British colonial rulers established this Department as the Mechanical Workshop of the then Public Works Department to provide infrastructure facilities to the people. Bridges, and Steel Structures made in those days still intact and long lasting. Now, key functions of this department is heavy fabrication works to the irrigation sector.

Main Customer is the Irrigation Department, and the main product is the Water Management Gates, such as Radial Gates, Stop Log Gates, Flap Gates, and Cast Iron Sluice Gates etc. Other products are Hospital Equipment to the Health Department, Ballot Boxes to the Election Department, and Wooden Office Furniture etc. Services are Aluminium and Wooden Partition Works, Putting up of Sun Shades and Huts for State Functions, Receiving Lines to Welcome Foreign Heads of States, Machine maintenances, and Engraving Chassis numbers on vehicles under the direction of the Department of Registration of Motor Vehicles, etc.

Department of Government Factory having ISO 9001:2008, uses tested genuine raw materials such as Timber Logs, and Structural Steel from legal supplies and acts as the regulatory body of the Mechanical Engineering Services, and Product Sector in Sri Lanka. This is to produce high quality durable products and services to the nation.

Pricing of Heavy Fabrication Sector is among the lowest, and other prices act as the Bench Mark in the market and regulate market prices. Competitors release their price lists after referring these DGF prices.

As we live in the information technology era, the requirement of Website is inevitable. Through this Website, all necessary information could be published, welcome comments from all interest parties to improve the services.

It is my wish that may this strong medium of communication launched today result in making Department of Government Factory a people friendly people’s Institution.