

A Review of the AAR 2001

The AAR 2001 was published on 25th April 2003. The Royal Audit Authority made an attempt to evaluate the follow up status on the observations that featured in the AAR 2001.

We are, therefore, pleased to reproduce in gist the status of those observations for the information of all. It may be noted that little over 53% of the issue or the amount reflected in the AAR 2001 have been either found recovered or adjusted as at 31.7.03

An agency wise summary of the status of AAR 2001 is shown in the Table below:

Sl. No	Agency	Amount reflected in AAR 2001.	Amount adjusted /recovered as on 31.7.03	Balance as on 31.7.03	% not settled	Agencies reported in the AAR 2001
1.	Ministry of Health & Education	22.67	17.02	5.47	24.13	Department of Health Services & GOI Projects
2.	Ministry of Trade & Industry	24.91	2.68	22.23	89.24	Deptt. of Geology & Mines, Trade, Tourism, Industries, RTIO, Thimphu & CMU, Begana
3.	Ministry of Communications	138.88	127.86	11.02	7.93	Road Maintenance Section Lobesa, Trongsa, Trashigang, MPU, P/ling, Mechanical Cell, MoC Secretariat, Department of Civil Aviation, City Corporation, Thimphu, Regional Workshop Hesothangka & L/thang
4.	Ministry of Home Affairs	54.14	10.44	43.70	80.72	Dzongkhag Adm. Dagana, Lhuntse, Mongar, Punakha, Trashigang, Trongsa, Tsirang & S/jongkhar.
5.	Ministry of Agriculture	1.57	1.47	0.10	6.37	Divisional Forest Office Mongar, Samtse, Sarpang, Thimphu, NRTI, Lobesa & PVADP.
6.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	40.69	1.66	39.03	95.92	Secretariat, PMB Geneva, PMB New York, RBE Delhi, Dhaka, Kuwait
7.	Corporations	334.70	95.82	238.88	71.37	BBSC, Army Welfare Project, FDCL, Bhutan Post & BBPL.
8.	Armed Forces	96.04	91.58	4.45	4.63	Royal Bhutan Army & Royal Bhutan Police.
9.	Autonomous agencies	100.50	84.89	15.61	15.53	Bhutan Olympic Committee, Royal Bhutan Polytechnic, NDTI, NWAB, NCCA, DDC, RIM & RTI
	Total	814.1	433.58	380.52		

Figures in Millions

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Trade & Industry and the then Ministry of Home Affairs has the maximum amount of unresolved issues with 95.92 %, 89.24 % and 80.72 % respectively. On the other hand agencies like the Armed Forces, Ministry of Agriculture and the then Ministry of Communications has unresolved issues of only 4.63%, 6.37 % and 7.93 % respectively.

Most of the unresolved issues pertain to the outstanding advances. It is to be mentioned that an advance, which is not adjusted/recovered within the legitimate timeframe permissible by rules, are as good as misuse of funds for private gains. We expect all overdue be settled in order not to be recognized as misuse.
