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In accordance with Article 25.5 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bhutan and Chapter 6, Section 115 & 116 of the Audit Act of Bhutan 2018, the Performance Audit Report of Safe and Sustainable Road Transport System and Performance Audit Report on Farm Road Development and Management in Bhutan have been submitted to the Druk Gyalpo, the Prime Minister and Parliament, and for tabling in the Joint Sitting of the Parliament.

A. Performance Audit Report of Safe and Sustainable Road Transport System

The performance audit on "Safe and Sustainable Road Transport System" was conducted with the objectives to assess the effectiveness in the implementation of road safety strategies to ensure safe road transport system; and to determine the extent to which the government initiatives have ensured accessible, available and affordable public transport.

RAA conducted the performance audit in RSTA as a main agency covering the period 1st July 2016 till 30th June 2020 and entailing visits to the office of various stakeholders such as RBP, MoH, MoLHR, MoWHS, Thimphu and Phuentsholing Thromdes, selected Dzongkhag Municipals, City Bus Service (Thimphu) and DTIs. The audit observed eight significant findings and provided 13 recommendations aimed at addressing the findings.

B. Performance Audit Report on Farm Road Development and Management in Bhutan

The Performance Audit on Farm Road Development and Management was conducted with the overall objective of assessing efficiency and effectiveness in the development and management of farm roads in the country. The sub-objectives identified for the audit are to assess the adequacy of institutional structure and planning and budgeting process; and to assess efficiency and effectiveness in quality control and assurance of farm road construction and maintenance.

The RAA reviewed the systems, structures and process of farm road development and management in the country covering 13 Dzongkhags and 121 Gewogs. The audit covered the period from 2010-2011 to 2020-2021. The RAA observed a total of 10 significant findings and provided nine recommendations to address the identified findings.

The Performance Audit Report of Safe and Sustainable Road Transport System and Performance Audit Report on Farm Road Development and Management in Bhutan are available on the RAA website www.bhutanaudit.gov.bt

Auditor General

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