

Financial Performance of Commercial Public Enterprises - 2004

Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau

1 Name & Address of the Enterprise: **Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau (CECB)**
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2 Mission:

"Be the internationally recognized leading Sri Lankan Engineering Organization making use of resources to acquire excellence in civil, electrical and mechanical engineering, architecture, project management of water resources, infrastructure developments, power and energy, software engineering and utilizing state of the art technology."

3 Major Activities:

Provision of consultancy services in hydropower, buildings, roads and bridges, port and coastal engineering, irrigation engineering, environmental engineering, electrical and mechanical engineering etc.
Undertaking of design-build construction including buildings, roads, bridges and factories etc.

4 Performance Trend

ABSOLUTE VALUES		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 B	
1	Total Revenue for the year	(Rs.' 000) 759,058	943,206	1,198,126	1,789,198	1,326,420	
2	Gross Profit for the year	(Rs.' 000) -	-	-	-	-	
3	Net Profit before Interest and Tax for the year	(Rs.' 000) 53,915	33,218	69,885	13,334	51,440	
4	Financial Charges for the year	(Rs.' 000) 79,655	35,302	31,117	14,083	23,670	
5	Total Cost of Employment for the year	(Rs.' 000) 157,043	177,249	189,144	242,314	224,590	
6	Capital Expenditure for the year	(Rs.' 000) 35,598	45,401	37,670	13,949	108,279	
7	Non-Current Assets as at end of the year	(Rs.' 000) 183,783	202,699	209,730	195,330	338,378	
8	Current Assets as at end of the year	(Rs.' 000) 1,218,193	1,542,861	1,839,513	1,475,143	1,434,673	
9	Current Liabilities as at end of the year	(Rs.' 000) 1,200,274	1,453,434	1,669,249	1,256,857	1,298,043	
10	Non-Current Liabilities as at end of the year	(Rs.' 000) 58,332	57,897	58,796	83,301	68,900	
11	Equity as at end of the year	(Rs.' 000) 143,370	234,229	321,198	330,315	406,108	
12	Contribution to the Consolidated Fund	(Rs.' 000) -	-	-	-	20,000	
13	Number of Employees as at end of the year	(Nos.) 576	598	594	616	600	
14	Investment of Surplus Fund as at end of the year	(Rs.' 000) -	-	31,445	31,445	31,445	
15	Key Performance Indicators						
i)	Net Profit bef. Tax to Equity	%	-18%	-1%	12%	0%	7%
ii)	Net Profit bef. Fin. Charges & Tax to Total Assets	%	4%	2%	3%	1%	3%
iii)	Current Ratio	%	101%	106%	110%	117%	111%
iv)	Total Cost of Employment per Employee	(Rs.' 000)	273	296	318	393	374

5 Comments on Performance:

Total revenue although has increased by 49% there has been substantial decline in the gross profit and net profit during the year. The profit situation has now turned to be a loss situation.

Financial charges has declined substantially during the year.

Total cost of employment has increased by 28% during the year with the increase in the number employed.

Capital expenditure have declined substantially during the year.

There has been substantial decline in the asset base and current liabilities while equity has improved marginally.

The Bureau has not been contributing to the Consolidated Fund, however it is expected to contribute Rs.20mn during the year 2005.

Return on equity and total assets reflect a deterioration during the year.