

Grant No. 04

06 - Election Commission

Medium Term Expenditure

(Taka in Thousand)

Description	Budget 2016-17	Projection	
		2017-18	2018-19
Non-Development	362,89,00	388,33,00	415,48,00
Development	927,80,00	992,70,00	1062,20,00
Total	1290,69,00	1381,03,00	1477,68,00
Revenue	688,37,00	1316,85,12	1466,91,00
Capital	602,32,00	64,17,88	10,77,00
Total	1290,69,00	1381,03,00	1477,68,00

1.0 Mission Statement and Major Functions**1.1 Mission Statement**

To conduct free, fair and impartial elections in accordance with the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the prevailing laws of the country.

1.2 Major Functions

- 1.2.1 Preparation of electoral rolls for the purpose of elections to the President, the Parliament and local governments;
- 1.2.2 Delimiting the constituencies for the purpose of elections to Parliament;
- 1.2.3 Conducting elections for the Office of Honorable President, Honorable Members of Parliament, different Local Government bodies, by-elections and other electoral processes prescribed by any other law;
- 1.2.4 Preparation and distribution of National Identity Cards (NIC);
- 1.2.5 Formation of the Election Tribunal and disposal of election disputes as per relevant Acts;
- 1.2.6 Preparation of proposals and formulation of laws, rules, regulations, and guidelines with regard to elections and the Election Commission
- 1.2.7 Registration of political parties and reservation of symbols for the registered political parties; and
- 1.2.8 Handling of matters related to the coordination and communication with local and international agencies, organizing and participating in international meetings and conferences, seminars/workshops and formulation of contracts;

2.0 Medium Term Strategic Objectives and Activities

Medium-Term Strategic Objectives	Activities	Implementing Departments/Agencies
1	2	3
1. Building firm confidence of the people in the Election Commission and updating the activities of the Election Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote public awareness about the functions of the Election Commission by highlighting its commitment to operate as an independent institution • Preparing and reforming electoral laws and rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat

Medium-Term Strategic Objectives	Activities	Implementing Departments/Agencies
1	2	3
2. Prepare accurate and authentic electoral roll	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updating electoral rolls and inclusion of eligible expatriate citizens along with new electors Preparing and distributing the National ID Cards (Smart Cards) Maintaining the electronic database of electoral roll 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat
3. Free and fair elections and modernization of election management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing election plans and having dialogues with different stakeholders Declaration of election schedules, management of polling stations, voting, preparation, announcement and publications of election results in view of conducting free and fair election Introduction of technology in election activities Ensuring compliance of the election conduct rules Taking steps to ensure normal law and order situation by conducting meeting/dialogue with concern ministries, divisions and departments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training for polling personnel and persons involved in the election process regarding election management and vote casting Training for relevant personnel in the preparation and up-gradation of electoral roll 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election Training Institute
4. Supporting the democratic culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National and international communication for the ensuring fair election environment and the development of a better political culture Organize seminars, workshops and dialogues for evaluation and review of election management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat

3.0 Poverty and Gender Reporting

3.1 Impact of Strategic Objectives on Poverty Reduction and Women's Advancement

3.1.1 Building firm confidence of the people on Election Commission and updating the activities of Election commission

Impact on Poverty Reduction: There is no direct impact.

Impact on Women's Advancement: There is no direct impact.

3.1.2 Prepare accurate and authentic electoral roll

Impact on Poverty Reduction: Identification of the exact poor beneficiaries is needed for poverty reduction activities or expansion of the social safety net. Preparation of National ID cards based on the correct electoral roll information will help identify true beneficiaries, and thus will contribute to efficient implementation of anti-poverty programs. Acute poverty will be reduced through the implementation of programs related to the targeted poor.

Impact on Women's Advancement: It is obvious that women's individualism is recognized through their inclusion in the electoral roll. Inclusion in the electoral roll encourages woman to involve herself in democratic process and to consolidate democracy through application of her voting right. Opportunities of

woman's participation as a candidate will be created resulting in her inclusion in electoral roll. As a result, the whole process will be strengthened and this will help establish true democracy. Thus their greater participation in governance will be ensured.

3.1.3 Free and fair elections and modernization of election management

Impact on Poverty Reduction: It is true that a free and fair election process strengthens democracy and elects qualified candidates, who will, in fact, try to implement government's programs based on the choices and aspirations of the people. Their visionary intent will also influence poor people's hopes and aspirations. Modernization of election management through leveraging information and communication technology strengthens efforts of the Election Commission to manage the election process efficiently and to ensure free and fair elections.

Impact on Women's Advancement: Necessary rules have been formulated to develop women's leadership, and actions have been taken to implement this. Specifically in the formulated acts/regulations related to the registration of political parties, a provision is made that 33 percent women to be represented at all levels in all the Committees of any political parties by 2020. Hence women's participation as representative in the National Parliament is expected to be increased. Further, the number of women representatives in local government bodies will also increase which will result in their empowerment. Fair and neutral elections will encourage women to participate in the election process. Introduction of modern information technology will also help women officers and staff to discharge their responsibilities smoothly. Therefore, due to the greater involvement of women in the decision making process, overall governance will be improved.

3.1.4 Supporting the democratic culture

Impact on Poverty Reduction: Strong democratic processes and institutions are critical for good governance and the protection of fundamental rights of the people. It will indirectly contribute to poverty reduction.

Impact on Women's Advancement: A strong democratic culture in all fields has a positive impact on women's representation and articulation of women empowerment, which, in turn, will shape the development of policies and women-oriented programs of the Government.

3.2 Poverty Reduction and Women's Advancement Related Spending

(Taka in Thousand)

Particulars	Budget 2016-17	Projection	
		2017-18	2018-19
Poverty Reduction	410,13,44	540,15,12	637,32,00
Gender	503,92,81	537,11,66	590,88,06

4.1 Priority Spending Areas/Programmes

Priority Spending Areas/Programmes	Related Strategic Objectives
<p>1. Conduct National Parliament and local government elections</p> <p>According to the Constitution, one of the primary duties of the Election Commission is to conduct national elections and by-elections. Further, conducting elections for local government bodies is also a key responsibility of the Election Commission. Conducting free and fair elections within the given time-frame, and the discharge of Constitutional responsibilities have therefore been considered as the highest priority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building firm confidence of the people in the Election Commission and updating the activities of the Election Commission Free and fair elections and modernization of election management
<p>2. Updating electoral rolls and proper preservation of electoral database</p> <p>It is the prerequisite for the Election Commission to prepare an accurate/authentic electoral roll to ensure free and fair elections. It is</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare accurate and authentic electoral roll

Priority Spending Areas/Programmes	Related Strategic Objectives
crucial to update the electoral rolls periodically in order to incorporate changes necessitated by new voters and drop out voters. It is also essential to collect personal information including biometric data with the intention of preparing an accurate /authentic electoral roll and database with photos of the voters. National ID Cards have been issued based on the information provided. This is therefore a priority area for the Election Commission.	
<p>3. Using information technology in election management</p> <p>Installation of server stations, establishing a data centre, and inter-ministerial network through VPN would enable free flow of election related information. Beside these, election related information have been provided to the voters through using the installed database. Further, the Commission is taking steps to introduce Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) which would strengthen and quicken the election management process. This area is therefore given priority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free and fair elections and modernization of election management
<p>4. Increase public awareness through publicity</p> <p>Building public awareness about the democratic process and the role of the Election Commission is essential to ensure the election process transparent and the election machinery accountable. Further it is essential to design, implement and sustain electoral reform programmes through discussion and debate on relevant issues in various public forums, and through public awareness programmes. This is therefore a priority area for the Commission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the democratic culture

4.2 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates and Projection (2016-17 to 2018-19)

4.2.1 Expenditure by Department/Agencies/Operational Units

(Taka in Thousand)

Description	Budget	Revised	Budget 2016-17	Projection	
	2015-16			2017-18	2018-19
Secretariat	1082,94,40	816,73,56	1055,75,58	1086,27,71	1227,84,69
Field Offices	81,52,84	102,97,71	128,29,83	132,05,51	136,54,58
International Organisations	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
Elections	321,43,76	579,55,37	106,62,59	162,68,78	113,27,73
Grand Total :	1485,92,00	1499,27,64	1290,69,00	1381,03,00	1477,68,00

4.2.2 Expenditure by Economic Group Wise

(Taka in Thousand)

Economic Group	Description	Budget	Revised	Budget 2016-17	Projection	
		2015-16			2017-18	2018-19
	Revenue Expenditure					
4500	Pay of Officers	15,38,67	21,48,13	22,50,22	22,97,34	23,56,58
4600	Pay of Establishment	18,65,16	31,67,45	33,35,87	34,96,84	36,75,92
4700	Allowances	30,47,67	30,28,39	48,38,10	49,48,00	51,55,87
4800	Supplies and Services	1003,93,88	991,46,17	517,62,93	1144,25,44	1289,84,13
4900	Repairs and Maintenance	16,21,21	6,88,28	9,13,88	7,81,00	7,82,00
6100	Contributions to International Organisation	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
6300	Pensions and Gratuities	7,71,66	7,76,00	7,35,00	7,35,50	7,35,50
6600	Block Allocations	60,40,25	80,21,22	50,00,00	50,00,00	50,00,00
	Total : Revenue Expenditure	1152,79,50	1169,76,64	688,37,00	1316,85,12	1466,91,00

Economic Group	Description	Budget	Revised	Budget	Projection	
		2015-16		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
	Capital Expenditure					
6800	Acquisition of Assets	120,66,20	72,62,12	46,31,85	9,79,00	9,82,00
6900	Acquisition / Purchase of Land & Landed Properties	1,50,00	1,50,00	3,08,00	0	0
7000	Construction and Works	96,50,30	58,35,30	431,61,06	0	0
7400	Advances to Government Employees	44,00	44,00	75,00	95,00	95,00
7900	Development Import Duty and VAT	112,75,00	166,74,58	109,37,00	53,43,88	0
7980	Capital Block Allocation & Misc. Capital Expen.	1,27,00	29,85,00	11,19,09	0	0
	Total : - Capital Expenditure	333,12,50	329,51,00	602,32,00	64,17,88	10,77,00
	Grand Total :	1485,92,00	1499,27,64	1290,69,00	1381,03,00	1477,68,00

5.0 Key Performance Indicator (KPIs)

Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
			2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Updating electoral rolls *	2	%	5.0	5.2	2.5	4.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
2. Application of electronic voting machine (EVM)**	3	Coverage (number)	02	0	100	10	10	10	10
3. Citizen Registration and Proving National ID Card*	2	Coverage rate (%)	5	2.5	2.5	4.5	2.5	2.5	2.5

* Considering 9.20 crore voters in 2014-15, 9.66 crore voters in 2015-16, 9.90 crore voters in 2016-17 , 10.15 crore voters in 2017-18 and 12.65 crore voters in 2018-19 as baseline.

** 10 constituencies out of the total number of constituencies in the Upazilla Parishad / Pourashava / City corporation / Union Parishad in which elections held and to be held

6.0 Recent Achievements, Activities, Output Indicators and Targets and Expenditure Estimates of the Departments/Agencies

6.1 Secretariat

6.1.1 Recent Achievements: National Identity Registration Rules 2014 and National Identity Data Information Preservation Regulations 2014 have been enacted. Election Governing Rule, 2008, Conduct Rule for Political Parties and Candidates in Parliamentary Elections 2008, Representation of the Peoples Order, 1972 and Rules/Conduct Rules for City Corporation, Municipality, Upazila Parishad and Union Council Elections have been amended. Presidential Election, election in 06 vacant seats in 9th National Parliament Election, 10th National Parliament Election, election in reserved seats for women in 10th National Parliament, general election in 9 city corporations, 3 by-elections in different city corporations, general election in 16 Pourashava, 75 by-elections in different pourashavas, 4th general election in Upazila Parishad, by-election in Upazila Parishad in 490 posts, general election in 55 Union Parishads and by-elections in 891 Union Parishads were held successfully. Moreover, construction of 548 server stations in different regions, districts and upazilas were completed successfully.

6.1.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2
1. Promote public awareness about the functions of the Election Commission by highlighting its commitment to operate as an independent institution	Meetings and dialogue activities	1	Number	50	27	100	100	100	100	100

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2
2. Preparing and reforming electoral laws and rules	Orientation meetings	1	Number	20	16	20	20	20	20	20
3. Updating of electoral rolls and inclusion of eligible expatriate citizens along with new electors	Inclusion of new voters	2	Number (in thousands)	4600	4700	2500	4368	2500	2500	2500
	Inclusion of eligible expatriate citizens			10	8	10	10	10	10	10
4. Preparing and distributing the National ID Cards (Smart Cards)	Provide new National Identity Cards	2	Number (in lakh)	46	0	25	43	25	25	25
5. Maintaining electronic database of electoral roll	Establishment of server stations*	2	Number	18	0	07	0	200	200	114
6. Dialogues with different stakeholders and preparing election plans	Interact with the political party, media and civil society	3	Number	100	60	200	200	150	150	150
7. Declaration of election schedules, management of polling stations, voting, preparation, announcement and publications of election results in view of conducting free and fair election	Voter Education Program	3	Number	150	100	500	400	80	80	80
	Domestic observers appointed		Number (in thousands)	45	42	50	50	50	50	50
	Foreign observers appointed		Number	54	52	50	45	50	50	50
	Election results published on the web		%	100	93	100	100	100	100	100
8. Introduction of technology in election activities	Introduction of GIS in voting centers	3	Number (in thousands)	5	0	10	10	10	10	10
	Candidates information on the web		%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
9. Ensuring compliance of the election conduct rules	Election disputes and complains resolution	3	Number	80	120	150	150	200	150	210
10. Taking steps to ensure normal law and order situation by conducting meeting/dialogue with concern ministries, divisions and departments	Meeting-dialogue	3	Number	05	7	10	10	10	10	10
11. National and international communication for the ensuring fair election environment and the development of a better political culture	Participation in international forums	4	Number	3	6	10	8	15	15	15
	Participation in international workshops and seminars			5	10	25	25	25	28	28
12. Organize seminars, workshops and dialogues for evaluation and review of election management	Dialogue with political parties	4	Number	14	14	54	40	50	50	50
	Conduct national workshops/ workshops			10	10	20	20	25	50	50

* Server Station Buildings have been completed. However, the target of planning for establishing main servers has shown in the medium term target.

6.1.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Operational Unit, Programmes and Projects

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/Project	Related Activity	Actual 2014-15	Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates		
			2015-16		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Operational Units							
0601-0001 - Secretariat	1-12	59,34,59	86,17,86	114,23,81	94,54,97	81,43,64	82,22,60
0601-0003 - Election Training Institute	12	8,10,44	32,20,54	52,91,75	33,40,61	12,14,07	83,42,09
0602-0000 - Field Offices	1-8,11,12	69,64,35	81,52,84	102,97,71	128,29,83	132,05,51	136,54,58
0606-4460 - Association of the Asian Election Authorities	11	78	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
0611-0080 - Other Elections	7-8	56,08,16	321,43,76	579,55,37	106,62,59	162,68,78	113,27,73
Total : Operational Units		193,18,32	521,36,00	849,69,64	362,89,00	388,33,00	415,48,00
Total : Non Development		193,18,32	521,36,00	849,69,64	362,89,00	388,33,00	415,48,00
Approved Projects							
0601-5010 - Block allocation for unapproved projects	8	0	0	0	373,19,00	809,23,06	1062,20,00
0601-5060 - Construction of Upzila & Regional Server Stations for Electoral Database.	5,8	27,18,45	11,65,00	11,65,00	26,08,00	0	0
0601-5110 - Strengthening Election Management in Bangladesh (SEMB)	1-8,11,12	5,00,83	33,76,00	29,72,00	0	0	0
0601-5120 - Establishment of Election Resource Centre	11-12	44,35,17	93,34,00	56,64,00	47,01,00	0	0
0601-5130 - Identification system for enhancing access to Services	1-8,11,12	55,25,69	825,81,00	551,57,00	481,52,00	183,46,94	0
Total : Approved Projects		131,80,14	964,56,00	649,58,00	927,80,00	992,70,00	1062,20,00
Total : Development		131,80,14	964,56,00	649,58,00	927,80,00	992,70,00	1062,20,00
Total :		324,98,46	1485,92,00	1499,27,64	1290,69,00	1381,03,00	1477,68,00

6.2 Election Training Institute

6.2.1 Recent Achievements: In last three years, total number of 12,57,930 persons were trained. Out of them, 9,781 persons in National Parliamentary by-election, 3,04,872 persons in 10th National Parliamentary Election, 68,543 persons in City Corporation Election, 7,22,923 persons in Upazilla Parishad Election, 4,021 persons in Municipality Election and 6,245 persons in Union Council Election were trained. 1,33,750 persons related to activity on updating electoral rolls with photographs were trained. In addition, 7,795 officers and staff of the Election Commission were trained under internal training program.

6.2.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2
1. Training for polling personnel and persons involved in the election process regarding election management and vote casting	Trained Presiding and Assistant Presiding Officer	3	Number (in thousands)	350	378	50	48	250	50	353
	Trained Polling Officers			650	647	500	82	500	400	108
	Trained Returning and Assistant Returning Officers			01	.01	02	01	01	0.5	01
2. Training for relevant personnel in the preparation and up-gradation of electoral roll	Registration Officer	3	Number (in thousands)	0.60	0.52	0.60	.60	0.55	0.65	0.65
	Supervisor			25	27	20	22	25	22	22
	Data collector			62	70	60	64	63	55	55
	Revising Authority			0.40	.41	0.40	.40	0.40	0.40	0.40

6.2.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Operational Unit, Programmes and Projects: Not Applicable