

Grant No. 04
06 - Election Commission
Medium Term Expenditure

(Taka in Thousand)

Description	Budget 2017-18	Projection	
		2018-19	2019-20
Non-Development	308,86,00	307,62,00	304,01,00
Development	761,94,00	838,14,00	921,95,00
Total	1070,80,00	1145,76,00	1225,96,00
Revenue	784,06,14	297,36,00	293,53,00
Capital	286,73,86	848,40,00	932,43,00
Total	1070,80,00	1145,76,00	1225,96,00

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 presidential election, parliamentary elections and local government elections;
- 1.2.2 Delimiting the constituencies for holding parliamentary elections;
- 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"> Provide training to the polling personnel and persons involved in the election process regarding election management and vote casting Provide training to the 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 intention 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 enacted to increase women leadership in political parties and actions have been taken to implement them properly. 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 2017-18	Projection	
		2018-19	2019-20
Poverty Reduction	444,17,04	502,88,40	553,17,00
Gender	432,36,62	469,98,46	533,16,86

4.1 Priority Spending Areas/Programmes

Priority Spending Areas/Programmes	Related Strategic Objectives
<p>1. Conduct National Parliament and local government elections According to the Constitution, one of the primary duties of the Election Commission is to conduct national elections and by-elections. Besides this, 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

Priority Spending Areas/Programmes	Related Strategic Objectives
<p>2. Updating electoral rolls and proper preservation of electoral database</p> <p>To prepare an accurate/authentic electoral roll is the prerequisite to ensure free and fair elections for the Election Commission. It is 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare accurate and authentic electoral roll
<p>3. Using information technology in election management</p> <p>Installation of server stations, establishment of a data center, 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 (2017-18 to 2019-20)

4.2.1 Expenditure by Department/Agencies/Operational Units

(Taka in Thousand)

Description	Budget	Revised	Budget 2017-18	Projection	
	2016-17			2018-19	2019-20
Secretariat	1055,75,58	572,86,08	860,64,19	1012,46,79	1086,90,99
Field Offices	128,29,83	133,66,89	137,64,81	133,28,21	139,04,01
International Organisations	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
Elections	106,62,59	95,00,00	72,50,00	0	0
Grand Total :	1290,69,00	801,53,97	1070,80,00	1145,76,00	1225,96,00

4.2.2 Expenditure by Economic Group Wise

(Taka in Thousand)

Economic Group	Description	Budget	Revised	Budget 2017-18	Projection	
		2016-17			2018-19	2019-20
	Revenue Expenditure					
4500	Pay of Officers	22,50,22	23,96,20	25,37,77	26,08,58	27,52,65
4600	Pay of Establishment	33,35,87	33,27,38	35,71,82	36,77,29	38,83,84
4700	Allowances	48,38,10	46,98,73	50,77,85	53,10,13	55,78,48
4800	Supplies and Services	517,62,93	377,43,25	617,71,70	162,19,14	58,68,69
4900	Repairs and Maintenance	9,13,88	8,41,41	8,16,00	7,78,00	8,01,25
6100	Contributions to International Organisation	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
6300	Pensions and Gratuities	7,35,00	0	0	0	0
6600	Block Allocations	50,00,00	50,00,00	46,30,00	11,41,86	104,67,09
	Total: Revenue Expenditure	688,37,00	540,07,97	784,06,14	297,36,00	293,53,00

Economic Group	Description	Budget	Revised	Budget	Projection	
		2016-17		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	Capital Expenditure					
6800	Acquisition of Assets	46,31,85	57,57,29	37,06,86	9,81,00	10,03,00
6900	Acquisition/Purchase of Land & Landed Properties	3,08,00	31	0	0	0
7000	Construction and Works	431,61,06	64,38,97	50,98,00	838,14,00	921,95,00
7400	Advances to Government Employees	75,00	12,00	45,00	45,00	45,00
7900	Development Import Duty and VAT	109,37,00	139,34,00	198,24,00	0	0
7980	Capital Block Allocation & Misc. Capital Expen.	11,19,09	3,43	0	0	0
	Total: Capital Expenditure	602,32,00	261,46,00	286,73,86	848,40,00	932,43,00
	Grand Total:	1290,69,00	801,53,97	1070,80,00	1145,76,00	1225,96,00

5.0 Key Performance Indicator (KPIs)

Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
			2015-16		2016-17		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Updating electoral rolls *	2	%	4.5	5.00	2.5	0.20%	2.5	2.5	2.5
2. Application of electronic voting machine (EVM)**	3	Coverage (number)	10	0	10	5	10	10	5
3. Citizen Registration and Proving National ID Card*	2	Coverage rate (%)	4.5	5.00	2.5	0.20%	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: In last three financial years (from 2013-14 to 2015-16) 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, 10th National Parliament Election, election in reserved seats for women in 10th National Parliament were held. Election for the post of Chairman in District and Upazila Parishad, post of Mayor for City Corporation and Municipality, post of Chairman for Union Parishad were held, through nomination by the political parties for the first time in Bangladesh. Besides, general election in 4 city corporations, 4 by-elections in different city corporations, general election in 271 Pourashava, by-elections in 73 posts in different pourashavas, 4th general election in 484 Upazila Parishad, by-election in 10 Upazila Parishad, general election in 4294 posts of Union Parishads and by-elections in 1373 posts of 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		
				2015-16		2016-17		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2
1. Raising public awareness about the functions of the Election Commission by highlighting its	Meetings and dialogue activities	1	Number	100	75	100	150	100	100	100

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2
commitment to operate as an independent institution										
2. Preparing and reforming electoral laws and rules	Orientation meetings	1	Number	20	20	20	15	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)	4368	4868	2500	192	2500	2500	2500
	Inclusion of eligible expatriate citizens			10		10		10	10	
4. Preparing and distributing the National ID Cards (Smart Cards)	Provide new National Identity Cards	2	Number (in lakh)	43	48	25	25	25	25	25
5. Maintaining electronic database of electoral roll	Establishment of server stations*	2	Number	0	0	200	200	200	114	50
6. Dialogues with different stakeholders and preparing election plans	Interact with the political party, media and civil society	3	Number	200	50	150	100	100	100	100
7. Declaring 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	400	350	80	300	150	200	200
	Domestic observers appointed		Number (in thousands)	50	40	50	30	50	50	40
	Foreign observers appointed		Number	45	100	50	40	50	500	50
	Election results published on the web		%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
8. Introducing of technology in election activities	Introduction of GIS in voting centers	3	Number (in thousands)	10	0	10	10	10	10	10
	Candidates information on the web		%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
9. National and international communication for ensuring fair election environment and developing a better political culture	Participation in international forums	4	Number	8	2	15	5	5	5	5
	Participation in international workshops and seminars			25	29	25	20	20	20	20
10. Organizing seminars, workshops and dialogues for evaluation and review of election management	Dialogue with political parties	4	Number	40	20	50	50	50	50	50
	Conduct national workshops/ workshops			20	10	25	25	50	50	40
11. Ensuring compliance of the election conduct rules	Election disputes and complains resolution	3	Number	150	160	200	200	150	210	200
12. Taking steps to ensure normal law and order situation by conducting meeting/dialogue with concern ministries, divisions and departments	Meeting/-dialogue	3	Number	10	7	10	10	10	10	10

* 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 2015-16	Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates		
			2016-17		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Operational Units							
0601-0001 - Secretariat	1-12	129,76,07	94,54,97	95,62,68	84,31,69	48,62,15	143,02,25
0601-0003 - Election Training Institute	12	57,91,99	33,40,61	15,66,40	14,38,50	125,70,64	21,93,74
0602-0000 - Field Offices	1-8,11,12	91,43,79	128,29,83	133,66,89	137,64,81	133,28,21	139,04,01
0606-4460 - Association of the Asian Election Authorities	11	81	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
0611-0001 - Elections	-	0	0	0	72,50,00	0	0
0611-0080 - Other Elections	7-8	491,16,80	106,62,59	95,00,00	0	0	0
Total : Operational Units		770,29,46	362,89,00	339,96,97	308,86,00	307,62,00	304,01,00
Total : Non Development		770,29,46	362,89,00	339,96,97	308,86,00	307,62,00	304,01,00
Approved Projects							
0601-5010 - Block allocation for unapproved projects	8	0	373,19,00	0	50,98,00	838,14,00	921,95,00
0601-5060 - Construction of Upzila & Regional Server Stations for Electoral Database	5,8	7,24,04	26,08,00	3,74,00	0	0	0
0601-5120 - Establishment of Election Resource Centre	11-12	54,91,19	47,01,00	67,56,00	0	0	0
0601-5130 - Identification system for enhancing access to Services	1-8,11,12	167,13,54	481,52,00	390,27,00	710,96,00	0	0
Total : Approved Projects		229,28,77	927,80,00	461,57,00	761,94,00	838,14,00	921,95,00
Total : Development		229,28,77	927,80,00	461,57,00	761,94,00	838,14,00	921,95,00
Total :		999,58,23	1290,69,00	801,53,97	1070,80,00	1145,76,00	1225,96,00

6.2 Election Training Institute

6.2.1 Recent Achievements: In last three financial years (from 2013-14 to 2015-16), total number of 13,22,044 persons were trained. Out of them, 8,017 persons in National Parliamentary by-election, 3,06,252 persons in 10th National Parliamentary Election, 72,146 persons in City Corporation Election, 7,07,503 persons in Upazilla Parishad Election, 55,998 persons in Municipality Election and 27,999 persons in Union Council Election were trained. 1,39,359 persons were trained to update electoral rolls with photographs. In addition, 4,170 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		
				2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20		
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)	48	30	250	251	50	353	23
	Trained Polling Officers			82	51	500	502	400	108	40
	Trained Returning and Assistant Returning Officers			01	0.22	01	01	0.5	01	0.05
2. Training for relevant personnel in the preparation and up-gradation of electoral roll	Registration Officer	3	Number (in thousands)	.60	0.64	0.55	0.55	0.65	0.65	0.075
	Supervisor			22	11	25	25	22	22	32
	Data collector			64	53	63	65	55	55	65
	Revising Authority			0.40	0.41	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.50

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