

Grant No. 04
106 - Election Commission
Medium Term Expenditure

(Taka in Thousands)

Description	Budget 2023-24	Projection	
		2024-25	2025-26
Operating Expenditure	2124,04,00	2272,72,00	2431,81,00
Development Expenditure	282,45,00	302,22,00	323,38,00
Total	2406,49,00	2574,94,00	2755,19,00
Recurrent	2236,60,37	2404,07,31	2527,57,61
Capital	169,48,63	170,46,69	227,21,39
Financial Asset	40,00	40,00	40,00
Liability	0	0	0
Total	2406,49,00	2574,94,00	2755,19,00

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 Preparing of electoral rolls for presidential election, parliamentary elections and local government elections and maintaining of related database and data center;
- 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) and providing related services;
- 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting public awareness about the functions of the Election Commission by highlighting its commitment to operate as an 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat

Medium-Term Strategic Objectives	Activities	Implementing Departments/Agencies
1	2	3
updating the activities of the Election Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> independent institution Preparing and reforming electoral laws and rules 	
2. Preparation of 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 National ID Cards (Smart Cards) and providing related services Maintaining the electronic database of electoral roll 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat
3. Free and fair elections and modernization of election management system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing election plans and having dialogues with different stakeholders including political parties 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 for holding free and peaceful election 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 upgradation of electoral roll 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election Training Institute
4. Supporting democratic culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National and international communication to ensure 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 Preparation of 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 real 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 be increased resulting 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 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 Thousands)

Description	Budget 2023-24	Projection	
		2024-25	2025-26
Poverty Reduction	694,90,56	741,63,87	774,48,62
Gender	1403,80,71	1561,73,88	1723,07,65

4.1 Priority Spending Areas/Scheme

Priority Spending Areas/Scheme	Related Strategic Objectives
1. Conduct National Parliament and local government elections According to the Constitution, one of the primary duties of the Election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building firm confidence of the people in the Election

Priority Spending Areas/Scheme	Related Strategic Objectives
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>Commission and updating the activities of the Election Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free and fair elections and modernization of election management
<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"> Preparation of 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 informations 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 democratic culture

4.2 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates and Projection (2023-24 to 2025-26)

4.2.1 Expenditure by Department/Agencies/Institutional Units

(Taka in Thousands)

Description	Budget	Revised	Budget 2023-24	Projection	
	2022-23			2024-25	2025-26
Secretariat	1252,99,53	1164,03,90	1960,04,50	2209,90,13	2356,93,90
Election Training Institute	48,93,47	48,19,82	145,01,86	53,38,33	73,31,50
Regional Election Offices	17,46,79	21,47,82	39,80,44	40,79,65	41,82,83
District Election Offices	53,95,76	49,84,34	59,64,77	62,61,69	65,72,67
Upazila Election Offices	155,57,02	131,00,67	191,20,26	197,01,41	205,69,09
Metropolitan Thana Election Offices	9,95,43	8,56,97	10,77,17	11,22,79	11,69,01
Grand Total :	1538,88,00	1423,13,52	2406,49,00	2574,94,00	2755,19,00

4.2.2 Expenditure by Economic Group Wise

(Taka in Thousands)

Economic Group	Description	Budget	Revised	Budget 2023-24	Projection	
		2022-23			2024-25	2025-26
	Recurrent Expenditure					
3111	Wages and salaries in cash	301,72,02	243,66,93	388,63,98	412,03,55	420,36,37

Economic Group	Description	Budget	Revised	Budget	Projection	
		2022-23		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
3211	Administrative expenses	232,29,88	242,87,84	623,82,35	605,72,24	565,71,47
3221	Fees, charges and commissions	26,77,07	20,75,55	92,14,87	356,98,23	483,45,37
3231	Training	48,46,99	57,96,42	137,15,54	44,82,37	63,33,56
3243	Petrol, oil and lubricants	25,76,64	25,90,54	55,30,13	29,92,58	30,09,24
3244	Travel and Transfer	21,18,08	11,14,58	23,37,24	23,76,85	24,15,14
3252	Medical and surgical supplies	1,00	1,00	1,50	2,00	3,00
3255	Printing and stationery	175,01,64	188,90,02	237,87,49	244,91,05	254,15,54
3256	General supplies and materials	64,20	64,00	68,60	71,85	75,11
3257	Professional services, honorariums and special expenses	107,97,09	103,87,80	603,98,63	584,56,03	579,34,74
3258	Repairs and maintenance	89,96,80	108,89,09	50,16,94	52,52,45	53,03,58
3821	Current transfers not elsewhere classified	2,45,25	2,57,25	2,51,60	2,55,40	2,58,92
3911	Reserve	84,39,24	41,76,30	20,91,50	45,52,71	50,55,57
	Total : - Recurrent Expenditure	1116,65,90	1048,97,32	2236,60,37	2404,07,31	2527,57,61
	Capital Expenditure					
4111	Buildings and structures	50,00	2,00,00	2,00,00	0	0
4112	Machinery and equipment	241,69,04	205,49,98	83,38,57	91,95,19	137,35,75
4113	Other fixed assets	156,52,00	146,94,98	84,10,06	68,51,50	79,85,64
4911	Reserve	23,11,06	19,31,24	0	10,00,00	10,00,00
	Total : - Capital Expenditure	421,82,10	373,76,20	169,48,63	170,46,69	227,21,39
	Assets					
7215	Loans	40,00	40,00	40,00	40,00	40,00
	Total : - Assets	40,00	40,00	40,00	40,00	40,00
	Grand Total :	1538,88,00	1423,13,52	2406,49,00	2574,94,00	2755,19,00

5.0 Key Performance Indicator (KPIs)

Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
			2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Updating electoral rolls *	1, 2, 4	%	1.0	0.8	2.5	6.72	2.5	2.5	2.5
2. Using of electronic voting machine (EVM)**	3, 4	Coverage (number)	272	366	15	500	150	150	150
3. Citizen Registration and Providing National ID Card*	1, 2	Coverage rate (%)	4.0	0.8	2.5	8.9	2.5	2.5	2.5

* Considering 10.92 crore voters in 2021-22, 11.19 crore voters in 2022-23, 11.44 crore voters in 2023-24, 11.72 crore voters in 2024-25 and 12.01 crore voters in 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: During the last three fiscal years (2019-20 to 2021-22) City Corporation, Municipal and Union Council Elections (Electronic Voting Machines) Rules, 2019, Amendment of Voters' List Rules-2012, Amendment of Voters' List Act, 2009, Local Government (Municipal) Election Rules, 2010 Amendment (Symbol), Local Government (City Corporation) Election Rules, 2010 Amendment (Symbol), Upazila Parishad Election Rules, 2013 Amendment (Symbol), Local Government (Union Council) Amendment (Symbol) of Election Rules, 2010, Delimitation of Constituencies Act, 2021 and Appointment of Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners Act, 2022 has been formulated. In addition, 19 by-elections for vacant seats in the 11th National Assembly, 5 city corporation elections, 10 by-

elections for various vacant positions in city corporations, 291 municipal general elections, 46 municipal by-elections, 4,172 union council general elections, 467 union council by-elections. 9 general elections of upazila parishads, 14 by-elections for various posts of upazila parishads, and 45 by-elections of zilla parishads have been successfully completed.

6.1.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1. Promoting 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	31	50	40	80	80	40
2. Preparing and reforming electoral laws and rules	Orientation meetings	1	Number	30	25	50	40	40	40	40
3. Updating of electoral rolls and inclusion of eligible expatriate citizens along with new electors	Inclusion of new voters	2	Number (in thousands)	1000	784	2500	7520	2500	2500	2500
	Inclusion of eligible expatriate citizens			11	12	10	10	10	10	10
4. Preparing and distributing National ID Cards (Smart Cards)	Provide new National Identity Cards	2	Number (in lakh)	45	45.5	25	75	75	75	75
5. Maintaining electronic database of electoral roll	Establishment of server stations*	2	Number	600		0		0	0	
6. Preparing election plans and having dialogues with different stakeholders including political parties	Interact with the political party, media and civil society	3	Number	40	27	50	60	45	50	50
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	20	7	50	40	50	25	40
	Domestic observers appointed		Number (in thousands)	5	2	10	05	100	10	05
	Foreign observers appointed		Number	20	6	50	10	500	25	10
	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	0	20	25	-
	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	35	14	35	25	35	35	35
	Participation in international workshops and seminars			15	03	15	10	20	20	20
10. Organizing seminars, workshops and dialogues for evaluation and review of election management	Dialogue with political parties	4	Number	30	25	50	50	70	20	50
	Conduct national workshops/ workshops			20	12	30	20	25	10	20

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2021-22		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11. Ensuring compliance of election conduct rules	Election disputes and complains resolution	3	Number	190	180	200	230	320	225	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	11	10	15	12	30	10	13

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

6.1.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Institutional Unit, Schemes and Projects

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Institutional Unit/Scheme/ Project	Related Activity	Actual 2021-22	Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates		
			2022-23		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Operating Activities							
General Activity							
1060101 - Secretariat	1-12	42,42,50	111,90,28	55,38,27	101,59,36	140,48,44	145,24,42
1060201 - Regional Election Offices	1-8, 11,12	9,09,07	17,46,79	21,47,82	39,80,44	40,79,65	41,82,83
1060202 - District Election Offices	1-8, 11,12	31,70,20	53,95,76	49,84,34	59,64,77	62,61,69	65,72,67
1060203 - Upazila Election Offices	1-8, 11,12	87,81,79	155,57,02	131,00,67	191,20,26	197,01,41	205,69,09
1060204 - Metropolitan Thana Election Offices	1-8, 11,12	6,07,41	9,95,43	8,56,97	10,77,17	11,22,79	11,69,01
Total : General Activity		177,10,97	348,85,28	266,28,07	403,02,00	452,13,98	470,18,02
Special Activity							
120000200 - Elections	7-8	157,99,51	228,84,50	222,40,50	1454,49,67	1634,66,04	1762,19,44
120000201 - Voter list preparation program	3-5	6,44,83	75,20,00	63,07,75	77,00,05	77,50,00	66,00,00
120000801 - Loans to Government Employees	1-12	0	40,00	40,00	40,00	40,00	40,00
120012101 - National Identity Registration	3-5	14,18,56	87,43,75	73,82,38	43,99,42	54,52,65	59,61,04
127002201 - Association of the Asian Election Authorities	1-12	0	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00
127022901 - Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB)	1-12	0	20,00	25,00	10,00	10,00	10,00
Total : Special Activity		178,62,90	392,09,25	359,96,63	1576,00,14	1767,19,69	1888,31,48
Total : Operating Activities		355,73,87	740,94,53	626,24,70	1979,02,14	2219,33,67	2358,49,50
Development Activities							
Annual Development Program							
221000106 - Reserve for unapproved project Election Commission Secretariat	8	0	0	0	0	10,00,00	10,00,00
224246800 - * Strengthening and Capacity Development of Election Commission Secretariat (SCDECS)(01/07/2018-30/06/2023)	1-12	1,43,54	1,00	14,49,00	29,00	0	0
224252700 - * Use of Electronic Voting Machine in order to Apply ICT in Election System (০১/০৭/২০১৮-৩০/০৬/২০২৩)	1-12	533,63,70	281,99,00	281,99,00	3,27,00	0	0
224331200 - Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project (2nd Phase) (01/12/2020-30/11/2025)	1-12	13,15	467,00,00	452,21,00	278,89,00	292,22,00	313,38,00
Total : Annual Development Program		535,20,39	749,00,00	748,69,00	282,45,00	302,22,00	323,38,00
Total : Development Activities		535,20,39	749,00,00	748,69,00	282,45,00	302,22,00	323,38,00
Total :		890,94,26	1489,94,53	1374,93,70	2261,47,14	2521,55,67	2681,87,50

6.2 Election Training Institute

6.2.1 Recent Achievements: In the last three fiscal years (2019-2020 to 2021-22), a total of 7,30,329 persons have been trained. Among them 67,213 persons were trained in Voter list updating, 1,89,070 persons in city corporation general election, 82,633 persons in elections for vacant seats in Jatiya Sangsad, and 89,098 persons in municipal general election, Union Parishad general election, Upazila Parishad general election and by-elections. Besides this, 7,500 officers and employees were also trained for capacity building

6.2.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1. Provide training to the 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)	229.67	281.76	221.51	19.14	563.85	77.91	103.69
	Trained Polling Officers			502	481.41	343.19	33.25	959.17	136.67	184.21
	Trained Returning and Assistant Returning Officers			2.0	1.39	0.70	0.10	2.15	0.175	0.05
2. Provide training to the relevant personnel in the preparation and up-gradation of electoral roll	Registration Officer	3	Number (in thousands)	0.65	0.64	.052	.52	.00	.65	.65
	Supervisor			10	8.76	20.02	4.72	00	15.0	0.4
	Data collector			64	26.28	93.97	22.03	0060.0	60.0	20.00
	Revising Authority			0.16	0.14	0.28	0.28	00	00	0.28
3. Providing information technology training on EVM	EVM Trouble Shooting	3	Number (in thousands)	20.0	11.85	7.05	2.41	4.0	1.0	1.0
	EVM QC Training			1.5	2.55	0.5	0.05	2.0	0.5	0.5
	EVM Customization Training			0.05	0.05	0.05	00	0.15	0.05	0.05

6.2.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Institutional Unit, Schemes and Projects:

Not Applicable

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Institutional Unit/Scheme/ Project	Related Activity	Actual 2021-22	Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates		
			2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Operating Activities							
General Activity							
1060102 - Election Training Institute	12	41,48,77	48,93,47	48,19,82	145,01,86	53,38,33	73,31,50
Total : General Activity		41,48,77	48,93,47	48,19,82	145,01,86	53,38,33	73,31,50
Total : Operating Activities		41,48,77	48,93,47	48,19,82	145,01,86	53,38,33	73,31,50
Total :		41,48,77	48,93,47	48,19,82	145,01,86	53,38,33	73,31,50