

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

(Public Relations Wing)

PRESS RELEASE

Islamabad the 21st August, 2017, The Election commission of Pakistan has taken a serious notice of the News items Published in the Daily Dawn, 21st August, 2017 regarding the alleged release of sufficient funds to the Parliamentarians for development schemes/projects and the use of state resources in NA-120 Lahore III where the election schedule has already been announced and poll date is 17 September, 2017. The story of the paper has also mentioned that the Federal Minister Mr. Pervaiz Malik and MNA Mr. Hamza Shahbaz along with Provincial Ministers and MPA's are using the chief Minister's Office for running campaign of Begum Kulsoom Nawaz.

It is pertinent to mention here that with the election schedule, the ECP issued the Code of Conduct to ensure that the spirit of democracy and fairness, justness and honesty of election is fully observed by all concerned.

In this connection, the ECP has directed the Secretary, ministry of Planning Development and reforms as well as the Chief Secretary and inspector General of Police the Punjab province that the violation of code of Conduct shall be proceeded against Article 204 of the constitution read with 103A of the representation of the people Act, 1976.

Hon'ble Commission has desired that a comprehension detail of releasing funds in different constituencies may be provided, the compliance of code of conduct strictly be made and it must be ensured that no funds for development schemes/projects are released in the constituency of NA-120 till the culmination of bye-election process.

By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan
