

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 16th May, 2013

No.F.8(12)/2012-Cord.— WHEREAS, the Election Commission was of the considered view that mass recruitments and diversion of funds for the sake of development work in particular constituency on the eve of General Elections 2013 of the National Assembly and Provincial Assemblies would substantially influence the results of elections, hence as pre-emptive measure, the Election Commission vide its notification dated 22-01-2013 had directed that:

- a. All kinds of recruitments in any Ministry, Division, Department or Institution of the Federal Government or any Department or Institution of any Provincial and Local governments is banned forthwith except recruitments by the Federal or a Provincial Public Service Commission.
- b. Diversion of funds already allocated to various development projects in the country is banned forthwith and the spending of funds so diverted shall stand frozen forthwith.

AND WHEREAS the above notification was partially modified vide ECP notifications dated 08-02-2013 and 28-03-2013 whereby ban on recruitments was withdrawn and relaxation had been granted in respect of diversion of funds allowing old development schemes to continue while ban was continued in respect of announcement of new development schemes.

AND WHEREAS the General Elections to the National Assembly and Provincial Assemblies have been conducted on 11-05-2013 and there exists no need of continuation of above-mentioned ban in the country.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of its powers conferred upon it under Article 218(3) of the Constitution and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission is pleased to completely withdraw its ban on diversion of funds and as a consequential result, the notifications of Election Commission of Pakistan dated 22-01-2013 and 28-03-2013 will be treated as withdrawn.

By Order of the Election Commission of Pakistan


(Ishtiaq Ahmad Khan)
Secretary