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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
LOCAL GOVT. & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT

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To

All the District Coordination Officers,
in the Punjab.

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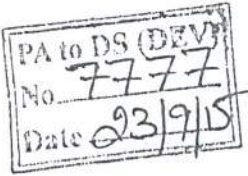
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A meeting with high level officials of Planning & Development Departments the Federal and Provincial Governments of the Punjab and Sindh Provinces was held in ECP Secretariat, Islamabad on 16.09.2015 under the chairmanship of Mr. Babar Yaqoob Fateh Mohammad, Secretary, ECP in order to deliberate upon and address the issues relating to observance of Code of Conduct for Political Parties and Contesting Candidates with special reference to its para 26. The following attended the meeting:

1. Secretary, Planning & Development Division, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
2. Chairman, Planning & Development, Government of the Punjab, Lahore.
3. Additional Secretary (Planning), Government of Sindh, Karachi.
4. Additional Secretary (Admn), ECP.

2. At the outset, the Secretary welcomed the representatives of Federal Government, Provincial Governments of the Punjab & Sindh Provinces and conveyed unflinching commitment of ECP for strict observance to Code of Conduct issued for conduct of Local Government Elections in the Punjab & Sindh Provinces. In this regard, the Chair informed the participants that observance to Code of Conduct is only possible if the Federal and Provincial Governments concerned extend their full cooperation and support to the Election Commission. Moreover, the Chair conveyed the participants concern of Hon'ble Election Commission regarding reports of alleged violations of Code of Conduct relating to announcement of development schemes by the Federal/Provincial Government concerned and informed them that necessary action against any such violation of the referred Code shall be taken so as to ensure that Local Government Elections in the Punjab & Sindh Provinces are conducted exactly in accordance with the spirit of Article 218(3) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

3. All the participants of the meeting assured the Chair on behalf of their respective governments that all the directions and directives of Election Commission shall be implemented upon in letter and spirit as Provincial Governments are lawfully

bound to assist the Hon'ble Commission and to act upon all the directions of Election Commission for ensuring honest, just and fair elections to the Local Government Institutions of the Punjab and Sindh Provinces.

4. After threadbare discussion to devolve a strategy and develop parameters for observance to the Code of Conduct relating to issuance and use of development funds by the governments, the following was agreed to present before the Hon'ble Commission for issuance of necessary directive, if so desired, by the Hon'ble Commission:

- i. Public Sector Development Programmes (PSDPs)/Annual Development Programmes (ADPs) may be allowed to continue as these are long run sustainable programmes announced by the Federal/Provincial Governments well before the announcement of Local Government Elections' Schedule. However, no new development scheme shall be announced by the Governments after the announcement of Election Schedule for Local Governments in the Punjab & Sindh till its culmination;
- ii. no directive relating to local development or issuance of necessary funds for local development issued after announcement of Election Schedule shall be executed;
- iii. Federal, Provincial Governments of the Punjab & Sindh and local government concerned shall not issue funds from public exchequer for publication or airing advertisements on print or electronic media relating to development schemes and para 21 of the Code of Conduct shall be strictly adhered to;
- iv. Community Development Programmes of the Federal Government and Provincial Governments of the Punjab & Sindh including sustainable development programmes and discretionary grants for MNAs/MPAs, if any, shall immediately be frozen and be suspended for the districts till the culmination of election process thereat. However, such development programmes/schemes where work

orders have already been issued by the concerned authorities before the announcement of Election Schedule may be allowed to continue;

- v. Cabinet Division, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad shall not release any development fund in regard to the above referred Community Development Schemes.

5. The Chair emphasized to the participants that their cooperation would be required in order to ensure strict observance to the Code of Conduct relating to announcement of development schemes and release of development funds hence, the Chairman, Planning & Development, Government of the Punjab and Additional Secretary (Planning), Government of Sindh were asked to nominate their focal persons who would be responsible for providing immediate response to ECP relates to the matters/complaints regarding alleged violation of Code of Conduct in the above regard. Mr. Javed Latif and Abdul Fateh Tunio, Senior Chief Coordination Officers of the Punjab & Sindh were nominated as Focal Persons by the Chairman, Planning & Development and Additional Secretary (Planning) respectively.

6. The Chair pointed out that bye-elections to three National Assembly Constituencies (NA-122, NA-144 & NA-154) and two Provincial Assembly Constituencies (PP-16 & PP147) were also being held in the Punjab Province hence, it would also be ensured that the Codes of Conduct issued for the above referred constituencies are implemented in letter and spirit by the governments concerned in the manner as at Para 4(i) to (v).

7. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the chair.
