

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

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PRESS RELEASE

In view of the requests made by the Returning Officers, endorsed by the concerned District Returning Officer and Provincial Election Commissioner, Punjab for holding the poll under proper security provided by Pakistan Army/Rangers, the Election Commission, in terms of Article 220 & Article 245 of the Constitution, has decided that necessary arrangements for providing security will be made by Pakistan Army/Rangers (by deployment inside and outside polling stations) to assist the Election Commission to conduct elections in a free, fair and transparent manner.

2. The Personnel of Pakistan Army/Rangers may start patrolling/flag-march in the Constituencies No. NA-144, Okara-II, NA-122 Lahore-V, PP-147 Lahore-XI and PP-16 Attock-II before, on and after the said bye-election till midnight following the consolidation of results by the Returning Officer. Pakistan Army/Rangers Personnel will also be deployed one day before the day of poll on every polling station of the said constituency to assist the polling staff to conduct elections in a free, fair and transparent manner.

3. Further, each Presiding Officer, appointed in connection with bye-election to be held on 6th and 11th October, 2015 has been entrusted with the powers of a magistrate First Class to be exercised by him within the precincts of his polling station.

4. The Officer in-charge of Pakistan Army/Rangers/JCOs deployed in the constituency have also been delegated with special powers of a magistrate First Class by the Election Commission to be exercised by them on the day of poll.
