

People have a 'right to know'.

Citizens of Pakistan have the '**right to know**' why the government did not have adequate medical services to save the lives of 30 persons who died after eating poisonous sweets in Layyah. On the contrary, official funds in the tune of millions of Rupees were spent on the Prime Minister's personal property related advertisements (newspaper ads of April 28, 2016). This amount could have been better utilised to build such medical facilities in Layyah and other towns across Pakistan.

In order to understand these mindless and illegal expenses, the following information and records were sought under the FOI Ordinance 2002 and Article 19A of the Constitution, from the Secretary Information, Govt. of Pakistan on April 29, 2016.

1. A list of all newspapers in which the Government of Pakistan placed half-page advertisements on April 28, 2016, relating to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif or his family's real or alleged assets disclosed by the Panama papers.
2. The amount paid to each newspaper for the half-page advertisement of April 28, 2016.
3. As property related personal clarifications cannot be advertised by using tax payers' money, please indicate the specific head from which this amount was allocated and who approved this expense.
4. While anyone can spend personal money for advertising one's own personal matters, in your opinion, **is it Legal** or **Ethical** for the Government of Pakistan to use government funds (tax payers' money) to publish private advertisements.
5. If the act of publishing private ads with the tax payers' money is either illegal or unethical, please mention the disciplinary action and the fiscal penalties that would be imposed upon the individual who approved these ads.

The Pakistani public shall await answers to these questions.