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British Parliamentarians Laud BISP's Role for making Pakistan a Social Welfare State; BISP is a national asset and serving the people of Pakistan without any discrimination; Says Madame Farzana Raja

Chairperson BISP Briefs British Parliamentarians on various initiatives of BISP

ISLAMABAD: The role of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) in a journey towards making Pakistan a social welfare state is quite astonishing. The Programme is a vital step in social sector of Pakistan which is bringing in positive socio-economic challenges in the society. This was expressed by the members of delegation of British Parliament (International Development Committee) led by Sir Malcolm Bruce during a meeting with Federal Minister and Chairperson BISP Madame Farzana Raja here at BISP Secretariat.



Islamabad: Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja giving briefing to a delegation comprising members of British Parliament, here at BISP Secretariat. (Dated: November 30, 2012)

The Eleven members' delegation lauded the leadership of Madame Farzana Raja in running BISP in highly successful and transparent manner. The members of delegation said that they have gained valuable information about the working of BISP during their visit.

Earlier, the Chairperson BISP informed the delegation about various interventions of the Programme aiming at poverty alleviation, women empowerment and to make Pakistan a social welfare state.

Madame Farzana Raja on the occasion apprised the members of the delegation that BISP is contributing significantly in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of United Nations regarding women empowerment and education. It is a 'one-window programme' providing various services to the beneficiary families simultaneously, she added.

Madame Farzana Raja said that the use of the state of the art modern technology by BISP has proved to be a great help in enhancing the transparency employed in the Programme further. She said that despite the difficult ground situation, BISP has completed country wide poverty survey including in the region of FATA. She added further that BISP is an asset of all Pakistanis and serving people without any discrimination or any other consideration. Madame Farzana Raja informed the delegation that BISP is about to introduce a legislation that would ensure the contribution of corporate sector in the area of social protection. She also thanked British Government for support to BISP through DFID especially in education sector.

It may be recalled here that the delegation of British Members Parliament is at visit of Pakistan presently to evaluate the spending of financial assistance provided by British Foreign Office as a contribution in the social sector.