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The China Women Federation is sending a chartered plane of relief goods, to be distributed through BISP, among the flood victims  Sino Pak cooperation for rehabilitation of flood affectees and poverty alleviation would be a welcome development, says Ms. Farzana Raja

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Ms. Farzana Raja has said that joint relief efforts of China and Government of Pakistan for the relief and rehabilitation would be a highly welcome step. She said that the poor segments of the society have been worst hit by the recent devastating flood in Pakistan. Thus, there was a dire need to redress their problems on immediate basis. Therefore, she said, BISP stepped in quickly and released RS.10 billion to provide these highly vulnerable people with immediate relief throughout Pakistan.

MS. Farzana Raja expressed these views while talking to H.E Liu Jian, Ambassador of the Republic of China in Pakistan, who visited BISP Secretariat on Tuesday. Ambassador Jian expressed the concern of Chinese nation and the government for the flood affected people of Pakistan. He ensured that China wants to provide all out help for flood affectees in Pakistan. He said that more than 3,000 ton of relief goods have already been provided to Pakistan. He handed over details of the relief items, collected by the members of China Women Federation for the Pakistani flood effectees, to MS. Farzana Raja. These goods would reach Pakistan on September 13th, through a chartered flight, and would be handed over to BISP for distribution among flood affectees. He also informed that soon another team of Chinese military doctors, mostly women, will be arriving in Pakistan. He further ensured that China would offer all possible support to Pakistan in its post-disaster relief efforts.

Earlier, Ms. Raja gave a detailed briefing to ambassador Jian regarding the working of BISP and its various pro poor initiatives. She elaborated that besides monthly cash grants, BISP has evolved a comprehensive strategy to eradicate poverty from the country by introducing initiatives like Waseela e Haq and Waseela e Huner, which aimed at enabling poor and vulnerable segments of the society to achieve self sustained livelihood and economic freedom Mr. Liu appreciated the efforts made by
BISP for poverty alleviation from the country. Ms Raja said on the occasion that “we love China and would love to work together with Chinese Government for helping millions of flood affectees of Pakistan”.