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**BISP's Transparency attracts Continuous International Support; Dream of making Pakistan a welfare state fulfilled by BISP; Pilot Phase of Waseela-e-Taleem being Launched towards the end of Current Year in 20 Districts; People of Pakistan to decide next government in coming general elections:  
Federal Minister and Chairperson BISP Madame Farzana Raja**

Islamabad ( ): International donors and world community has posed resounding confidence in Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)'s transparent and technology based systems. BISP has made inclusion of Pakistan possible in the list of 44 countries which are running social sector programmes successfully. Five countries of the world especially India has shown its willingness to replicate BISP like programme in the country as well. This was said by Federal Minister and Chairperson BISP Madame Farzana Raja during her talk in an interview with a leading TV Channel on Sunday.

Madame Farzana Raja said that the dream of making Pakistan a welfare state has been fulfilled by virtue of BISP. The Programme has empowered millions of women by giving them identity and socio-economic strength in a society dominated by men. In addition to this, 3 million children of the beneficiary families will be provided free quality education in accordance with the MDGs. In this regard, the World Bank has already signed contract to provide \$150 Million and soon DFID will also be providing \$100 Million for this initiative of BISP, she added. Federal Minister said that the pilot phase of Waseela-e-Taleem is being launched towards the end of current Year in 20 districts across Pakistan.

Chairperson BISP said that through nationwide poverty survey held first time in the history of South Asia, BISP has compiled comprehensive data of 27 million households across Pakistan and this data is being shared with the provincial governments and development organization for various social sector endeavors in Pakistan. She said that the government is fighting two wars simultaneously; one against terrorism and other against poverty. Conventional war is fought by the Armed forces of Pakistan while war against poverty is fought by BISP.

Madame Farzana Raja said that BISP has launched initiatives like Waseela-e-Haq, Waseela-e-Rozgar, Life Insurance and Health Insurance for its beneficiary families which are proving instrumental in making them independent and useful citizens of Pakistan. Waseela-e-Rozgar programme is imparting vocational and technical training to vulnerable youth so that they can be saved from the menace of extremism by earning their livelihood in dignified manner.

Replying a question about the coming elections, Madame Farzana Raja said that we take politics as worship and a mean of service of Pakistan. Our performance to provide employment, business, health and education facilities is in front of the people. Pakistani nation will decide about the future government in coming general elections.