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Benazir Income Support Programme has so far disbursed Rs. 52 billion among its 2.6 beneficiary families in Punjab

All the BISP beneficiary families would be provided with Benazir Cards by the end of this year:

Says Federal Minister and Chairperson BISP, Madame Farzana Raja

The entire world has acknowledged the transparent mechanisms adopted by BISP: Governor Punjab Sardar Latif Ahmad Khosa

BISP is advancing the mission of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto, Samsam Bukhari

282 BISP beneficiaries provided Waseela-e-Haq cheques worth Rs 1.5 lac each in a ceremony at Governor House Punjab

Lahore: The politics for Pakistan Peoples Party is like a divine obligation. However, it is unfortunate that our political opponents are confined to an attitude to safeguard their personal petty interests instead of fighting for the rights of the people. The present democratic government is engaged in fighting terrorism with the help of Pakistan Army on one hand and combating with poverty on the other through the platform of Benazir Income Support Program (BISP). BISP is a flagship program of the present government as well as national asset and is owned by the poor people of the country and the hapless women of the society. Federal Minister and Chairperson BISP, Madame Farzana Raja said this while addressing cheques distribution ceremony of the Waseela-e-Haq Scheme of BISP here in Governor House. During the ceremony, 282 women heads of deserving families from Lahore, Gujranwala, Faisalabad and Sahiwal divisions were awarded cheques of Rs. 1.5 Lac each under the Waseela-e-Haq Scheme.



Lahore: Governor Punjab Sardar Latif Khosa and Federal Minister & Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja addressing the audience at Waseela-e-Haq Cheques Distribution Ceremony amongst BISP beneficiaries here in Governor House Lahore. (Dated: Aug 11, 2012)

Besides others, Governor Punjab Sardar Latif Ahmad Khosa, Minister of State for the Ministry of Information Syed Samsam Bukhari, MPA Faiza Malik, MPA Uzma Bukhari and the Divisional President of PPP Lahore Ch. Manzoor were also present on the occasion. Governor Punjab on the occasion lauded the efforts of Madame Farzana Raja for winning international acknowledgment for the transparent and effective mechanisms adopted by BISP. He said that the honor of Hilal-e-Imtiaz to Madame Farzana Raja

from the President of Pakistan speaks volume about the performance which she has exhibited as Chairperson BISP. Sardar Latif Khosa said that PPP is not afraid of conspiracies against it whereas the elections in the country would be held on due time. He urged all the political forces in the country to come forward and promote the politics of national reconciliation. Governor Punjab said that the slogan *Roti, Kapra aur Makan* is in fact a programme of getting the people rid of financial exploitation.

Madame Farzana Raja in her speech said that BISP has become a leading programme only in a short span of 4 years among the 44 countries where similar kind of interventions in the social sector have been introduced. She said that the transparency has been given prime importance at every level in BISP and today the financial disbursement among the beneficiary families is being done through the technology based Benazir Cards which have replaced the old mechanism of delivery through the postmen. She informed the audience that 2 million Benazir cards have been distributed among the beneficiary families so far whereas it would be provided to all of the families registered with BISP by the end of this year.



Lahore: Governor Punjab Sardar Latif Khosa and Federal Minister & Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja distributing Waseela-e-Haq cheques amongst BISP beneficiaries here in Governor House Lahore. (Dated: Aug 11, 2012)

Chairperson BISP said that an efficient Grievances Redressal System has also been launched by BISP which would sort the complaints through online system and the families having a score, less than 20 at

poverty scorecard have been given the right to appeal. She added further that an amount of Rs. 52 billions have been distributed among the 2.6 million families from Punjab so far and in addition to it, more than 4,000 beneficiary families from Punjab have been benefitted from the Waseela-e-Haq Scheme. She said that the selected families are imparted proper training of running and conducting business. Moreover, she said, more than 10, 000 youth have been imparted with vocational technical training under Waseela-e-Rozgar and 4 million families across Pakistan have been covered under the Life Insurance Scheme of BISP.

Apart from this, Madame Farzana Raja said that about 3 million non-school going children from beneficiary families would be enrolled in the schools under the Waseela-e-Taleem Scheme and this process would be initiated before the end of this year. Madame Farzana Raja said that despite of the security issue, BISP has managed to enroll million of deserving families from FATA and Balochistan as a result of the process of poverty survey. She made it clear on the occasion that BISP has no such lucky scheme in which people are informed of their 'prizes' through SMS messages and hence, the people should not pay attention to such fraudulent messages.

Minister of State for the Ministry of Information Syed Samsam Bukhari also spoke on the occasion and said that BISP is successfully advancing the mission of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto. He said that BISP is an unprecedented initiative in the social sector of the world.

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