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**BISP is the practical manifestation of the vision of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto, International organizations acknowledge BISP's role, Says Prime Minister AJ&K, Ch. Abdul Majeed**

**Ceremony to Distribute Waseela-e-Haq Cheques, Life Insurance Certificates and Cash Grants amongst BISP Beneficiaries Held**

Muzaffarabad ( ): Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support (BISP) Madame Farzana Raja has said that those who are talking about early elections are abusing the mandate given by the people of Pakistan. Such elements should give up hatching conspiracies and avoid negative thinking. She said that that this is not the time for elections but



Muzaffarabad: Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja along with Prime Minister Azad Jammu & Kashmir Ch. Abdul Majeed distributing Waseela-e-Haq Cheques, Life Insurance Certificates and Cash Grant amongst BISP beneficiaries at Assembly Hall Lawn. Ch. Latif Akbar, Finance Minister AJ&K and Parliamentary Secretary Ms. Sadaf Sheikh, AJ&K also present on the occasion. (Dated: December 23, 2011)

to unite for resolving national issues. She reiterated the resolve that Government will win the war against poverty and terrorism while safeguarding the rights of the people of the country. She said this while addressing a ceremony held at Assembly Secretariat to distribute Waseela-e-Haq cheques among 26 beneficiary families of BISP. During the ceremony BISP's Life Insurance Certificate and Cash Grants were also distributed among the beneficiaries. Prime Minister AJ&K Ch. Abdul Majeed, AJ&K Finance Minister Ch. Latif Akbar and Parliamentary Secretary Sadaf Sheikh along with the others were also present on the occasion.

Prime Minister AJ&K Ch. Abdul Majeed while appreciating the efforts of Madame Farzana Raja for running a successful programme for social wellbeing of the people said that international organizations have acknowledgment transparent mechanisms and effectiveness of the programme. He said that Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto had special affiliation with the people of AJ&K. Also, the people of AJ&K have great devotion to PPP and its leaders. BISP is the practical manifestation of the vision of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto, he added.

Chairperson BISP further said that the programme is practical manifestation of PPP's slogan of "Roti, Kapra aor makan – Elm, Roshni, Sab ko kaam" and it is serving the masses irrespective of their color, cast, creed, religion and political affiliations. BISP through nationwide poverty survey has collected the data of 18 Crore people of Pakistan which is a national asset. The data can prove instrumental for the provinces and other institutions to plan future welfare policies, she added. Talking about BISP's role for socio-economic uplift of AJ&K, Chairperson BISP said that an amount over Rs. 2 Billion has been distributed amongst BISP beneficiaries of AJ&K whereas a MoU to launch Waseela-e-Taleem initiative has been signed between BISP and AJ&K Government on priority basis. Through this scheme, non school going children of beneficiary families will be sent to schools. She further said that BISP has played major role in women empowerment in the country by giving them their identity as Pakistan citizens. As to get benefitted from BISP, she added, around 15 million women including those of AJ&K also, got their CNICs.