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Adversaries of President Asif Ali Zardari bound to fail; No mean allegations of political bribe can stop us from serving the masses indiscriminately; Hope the Chief Minister of Punjab would not deprive thousands of non-school going children to get education through BISP's Waseela-e-Taleem initiative; Says Madame Farzana Raja

BISP is a giant step towards a social welfare state; Says Governor Punjab

Ceremony to distribute cheques under Benazir Income Support's Waseela-e-Haq and Life Insurance Schemes held in Governor House Lahore

Lahore: PPP is a political party of those who have made sacrifices for the rights of the people of Pakistan. For those who are terming our indiscriminate services to the people of the country as a political bribe, we want to make it clear that we will keep on serving the people despite of such



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mean allegations. Some people have made welfare of people a cliché of after retirement and living a lavish and luxurious life for the 60 long years. Such elements cannot deceive people of Pakistan by these trickeries. President Asif Ali Zardari has saved the Pakistan at a crucial juncture by raising the slogan *Pakistan*

Khappy (We need Pakistan) and his adversaries will have to face disappointment again as their evil design against him are bound to fail. Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja said this while speaking at a cheques distribution ceremony under Waseela-e-Haq scheme of BISP held here at Governor House. During the ceremony, 152 cheques each comprising of Rs. 1.5 million were distributed among the beneficiary families while 20 under life insurance scheme of BISP were also distributed among the beneficiaries. Besides other leaders, Governor Punjab Sardar Latif Khosa, President PPP Punjab Imtiaz Safdar Warraich, PPP Parliamentary Leader in Punjab Assembly Raja Riaz and General Secretary PPP Punjab Samiullah Khan were also present on the occasion.

While applauding the efforts of Madame Farzana Raja for running BISP in most transparent and effective manner, Governor Punjab Sardar latif Khosa termed the initiative as a giant step towards a social welfare state. He said that the so-called political leaders born in the nurseries of military dictatorship must evaluate poor state of governance in Punjab. He said that the law and order situation in the province is getting deteriorated alarmingly. Sardar Latif Khosa said that it's quite ironic that the chief polling agent of Gen. Pervez Musharraf during his referendum is now talking of change which is an effort to befool the people. He said that nobody can overthrow President Asif Ali Zardari from the office of the Presidency while the general elections would be held in the year 2013 as per schedule.



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Chairperson BISP Madame Farzana Raja said that some so-called leaders are talking of service and people at the final stage of their life and they must understand that the serving the masses is a continuous process and one has to make lot of sacrifices. She said that so far Rs. 36 billion have been distributed among the beneficiary families from Punjab and out of this amount, Rs. 13 billion is distributed among the families recommended by MPs of PML (N).

Chairperson BISP added further that after schemes like Waseela-e-Haq and Waseela-e-Rozgar, BISP has launched Waseela-e-Taleem to impart education to children belonging to

poor beneficiary families. She said that we have planned to enroll one million children in the school till April 2012 and 3 lacs out of them would be from Punjab. She said that the file regarding Waseela-e-Taleem MoU with Government of Punjab is still pending with them. However, she said , we hope that the Chief Minister of Punjab would not ruin the future of these poor children from the province for the sake of his personal ego.

Madame Farzana Raja said that keeping in view the transparent mechanism of BISP and its effectiveness, India is also considering replicating BISP which is a huge success for us. She said that the organizations like the World Bank and USAID have also endorsed the transparency of BISP. She informed the audience that DFID and the World Bank have recently pledged to provide \$350 million for Waseela-e-Taleem initiative which shows their trust in the programme.

Imtiaz Safdar Warriach, the President of PPP Punjab while speaking on the occasion said that BISP is practical manifestation of the dreams of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto and the manifesto of the PPP. He said that Punjab government could not give the people any similar programme for their welfare. Raja Riaz, the opposition leader in Punjab Assembly said that the mission of Shaheed BB is still a source of guidance for the people. He said that millions of people are getting benefitted by BISP across Pakistan.

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