

BISP inspection team raids post office

LAHORE: An inspection team from the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) made a surprise visit to the Ismail Nagar Post Office on Thursday. The team took strong notice of distribution of money orders to the deserving families at the premises of the Post Office instead of being delivered to them on their doorstep and ordered suspension of the Post Office staff.

On receiving complaints about the staff of the Ismail Nagar Post Office, a team from BISP made a surprise visit to the Post Office and caught the staff present their distributing money orders to the deserving families and accepting bribe from them. It must be clarified here that under BISP, cash assistance is delivered at the door step of the deserving families through Pakistan Post, whereas, the staff of Ismail Nagar Post Office was found distributing money orders at Post Office premises.

BISP Chairperson Farzana Raja took strong notice of this incident and directed Pakistan Post to immediately launch an inquiry into it and give the deserving families their full money. Farzana Raja said negligence by the Post Office staff in disbursement of cash assistance to BISP beneficiaries will not be tolerated and strict legal action will be taken against those found involved in such activities. She appealed to the beneficiaries to report such incidences to regional offices of BISP. It must be mentioned here that negligence in the delivery of BISP money orders has up till now led to the suspension of more than 20 Pakistan Post employees.

It is further clarified that the mode of disbursement of cash under BISP is being modernized. In this regard, Benazir Smart Card will soon be introduced through which BISP beneficiaries will get cash assistance on urgent and transparent manner.