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PPP would respond non-democratic behavior of opposition with maturity, Says Ms. Farzana Raja

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ISLAMABAD: Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Ms. Farzana Raja has said that PML (N) has shown utterly indecent and undemocratic attitude during budget session. However, Pakistan Peoples Party would respond it with maturity and issue based politics. She said that we cannot afford non-serious politics at a juncture where the situation in country demands otherwise. She said that people of Pakistan will better judge between democratic and undemocratic behaviors. She said this while talking during a TV programme Monday.

Ms. Farzana Raja said that despite of unfavorable economic conditions, the democratic government did not abandon the poor of the country and has decided to provide continued relief to them. She said that 4 million poor families at present are being benefitted from BISP and number would rise sharply as a result of countrywide poverty survey. She added further that terrorism has destroyed the economy of the country. Therefore, the democratic government would fight war against terrorism with full vigor. She said that keeping in view the present economic conditions of the country; we have scarce funding as compare to actual need in regard with providing relief to poor. However, we will seek the cooperation of the corporate sector of the world to improve and expand pro-poor initiatives further.

Chairperson BISP said that BISP is a transparent programme which enjoys the support and trust of the various prestigious international organizations. She said that the programme is not limited to Rs. 1, 000 monthly cash grant. Instead, she elaborated, it provides micro-finance facilities as well as vocational/technical training aiming to enable poor segments of society to achieve financial self-sustainability. She said that the victims of bomb blast and IDPs have also been included in the programme as beneficiaries.

Ms. Farzana raja said that beside poverty eradication, BISP has played vital role in empowering women in the country. She said that life insurance facility has been extended to all the registered beneficiary families and in case of the death of earning head , the family receives the support of Rs. one lac within two weeks. She said that the programme has emerged as comprehensive social safety net.