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## **PML (N) is playing politics of confrontation, says Ms. Farzana Raja;**

## **Present government does not believe in the politics of empty slogans, BISP is the largest poverty eradication programme in Asia;**

## **The country would achieve financial self- reliance by broadening Tax Net**

Islamabad: Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), MS. Farzana Raja has said that PML (N) is doing the politics of confrontation for the sake of mere publicity and thus, such behavior is not in the good interest of the nation. She said that PML(N)'s behavior during the budget session was indecent and unjustifiable. However, the democratic government led by Pakistan Peoples Party would continue the policy of reconciliation and tolerance. She said this during a TV interview here on Saturday.

Ms. Farzana Raja said that PML(N) is attempting to derail democracy. However, the ill-conceived policies have exposed the leaders of the party to the people. She said that as a result of ill planning and poor governance, the poverty and law and order situation in Punjab are taking worst shape and the economy of Punjab is sinking under heavy loans which is unprecedented for a province which had no loans on it previously. She said that the dreams of PML(N) and other forces for mid-term elections would never come true and present democratic government would complete its term of 5 years.

Chairperson BISP said that the government has presented a balanced budget despite the hardships faced after devastating floods and ongoing war against terrorism. She said that by broadening the tax net, economy of the country would grow and reliance on others would be lessened.

Ms. Farzana Raja said that the present government does not believe in the politics of empty slogans. She said that BISP is largest programme in Asia aiming to curb poverty and it is providing relief to poor of the country without any consideration of political affiliations or caste, creed and religion. She said that BISP is not limited to providing Rs 1000 to beneficiary families as financial assistance but it has introduced comprehensive schemes i.e. Waseela-e-Haq, Waseela-e-Rozgaar and life insurance as exit strategies to curb poverty on long term basis.

Ms. Farzana raja said that so far Rs, 88 Billions have been distributed by BISP among poor. To ensure transparency, it has introduced state of the art technology; therefore, the prestigious international organizations have posed full trust in the programme. Ghayoor Saboor, an expert in economy, on the occasion, appreciated the developmental budget presented by the government and said that due to introduction of technology and poverty survey, BISP has been turned into a successful initiative for poverty eradication.