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## **BISP has launched Poverty Survey in Baluchistan on priority basis: Farzana Raja**

**QUETTA:** Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) has launched Poverty Survey in Baluchistan to identify deserving families, said Federal Minister/Chairperson BISP Ms. Farzana Raja on Monday.

Talking to journalists and media persons at the Baluchistan House during her visit to Quetta, Federal Minister/Chairperson BISP Ms. Farzana Raja said Poverty Survey has been launched in collaboration with Population Census Organization (PCO) and it will be completed by the end of May. She said the Poverty Survey is part of the Aaghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Baluchistan package and it will help identify deserving families. Those who fulfill the criteria and are declared deserving will then be included in BISP and would be given first installment of financial assistance.



QUETTA: Federal Minister/Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme Ms. Farzana Raja addresses a press conference at the Baluchistan House on Monday. Chief Minister Baluchistan Nawab Aslam Raisani is also present.

Federal Minister/Chairperson BISP Ms. Farzana Raja said technical skills of Baluch people will be developed through vocational centers at federal and provincial level. All these policies will be implemented in Baluchistan on priority basis. She said health based technical instruments will be made available to all people in the province.

Federal Minister/Chairperson BISP Ms. Farzana Raja said BISP has introduced Emergency Relief Package to help the earthquake-affected families of Baluchistan. Under ERP victims of Baluchistan earthquake and terror attacks are being given financial assistance.

Federal Minister/Chairperson BISP Ms. Farzana Raja said BISP will benefit 50 million people and no government will think of ending this programme. She said a programme like BISP could not be started even twenty years from now. She said BISP will be kept away from political interferences. Ms Farzana Raja said legislation will be done to give legal protection to

**BISP.**

Federal Minister/Chairperson BISP Ms. Farzana Raja said BISP was also in the process of introducing Health Insurance and Vocational Training schemes. Under Health Insurance scheme a health cover worth Rs.25,000 per year will be given to beneficiary family, whereas, Vocational Training scheme aims to give technical training to one member of the family to enable that person to get employed and start contributing to the household income thus lifting it out of the poverty trap.

Federal Minister/Chairperson BISP Ms. Farzana Raja along with Chief Minister Baluchistan, Nawab Aslam Raisani, visited victims of acid attack in a hospital and strongly condemned it as a heinous and inhuman act.