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**BISP has made tremendous contribution in women empowerment and emancipation, says Madame Farzana Raja**

**Suggestions for working together with regard to women empowerment would be welcomed, chairperson BISP speech at South Asian Consultative Workshop on Mainstreaming Rights of Widows and Single Women in Public Policy**

**ISLAMABAD:** Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja has said that BISP through its various interventions has made significant inroads regarding women socio-economic empowerment and emancipation in the country. She said by providing financial assistance to the beneficiary families through the women head of the family has given a real sense of empowerment to women and contributed in raising their social status and dignity in the society. She said this while speaking at a workshop “Mainstreaming Rights of Widows and Single Women in Public Policy” held by “Aurat” Foundation here Thursday.



**ISLAMABAD:** Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja speaking at a workshop on “Mainstreaming Rights of Widows and Single Women in Public Policy” held by “Aurat” Foundation. (Dated: May 24, 2012)

Madame Farzana Raja presented details of various schemes launched by BISP including Waseela-e-Haq, Waseela-e-Rozgar, Waseela-e-Sehet as well as Waseela-e-Taleem and informed the audience that besides poverty alleviation and uplifting of the

living standards of millions of beneficiary families across Pakistan, these steps are changing the socio-cultural behavior towards the women.

Chairperson BISP said that all benefits including monthly financial assistance are transferred to the family through women of the family. Besides, she said, the programme has given the women folk their identity as 15 million female have obtained their national Identity cards to fulfill the requirement of getting enrolled with BISP.



ISLAMABAD: Dr. Masooma Hassan, President "Aurat" Foundation Board presenting a memento to Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja at a workshop on "Mainstreaming Rights of Widows and Single Women in Public Policy" held by "Aurat" Foundation. (Dated: May 24, 2012)

Madame Farzana Raja added further that Nationwide Poverty Survey has been conducted by BISP first time in history of Pakistan including FATA and Balochistan and the women in these areas also have obtained their NIC in great numbers. As a result of this survey, invaluable data on socio-economic conditions of the country's population has been collected which is being utilized for informed decision making in the social sector.

She said that because of technology based operations and transparent mechanisms adopted by BISP, the programme have won international appreciation and donor support. She said that BISP is apolitical programme and serving the underprivileged segments of the society regardless of any political affiliation. She informed the audience that BISP would welcome suggestions for initiating joint ventures regarding betterment

of the women in the country from the bodies working for the women empowerment in the country.