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Federal Minister / Chairperson BISP Ms. Farzana Raja meets member German Federal Parliament Mrs. Marieluis Beck.

While meeting with the Federal Minister and Chairperson BISP Ms. Farzana Raja member German Federal Parliament Mrs. Marieluis Beck & German Ambassador Dr. Michael Koch expressed that poverty is the basic reason of terrorism and we can only counter terrorism by alleviating poverty.

German federal parliamentarian Mrs. Marieluis Beck said that Pakistan is geo-politically a very important country. Germany and Pakistan have signed more than 50 agreements of various natures. She said that Germany appreciates Pakistan's role in the war against terrorism. She emphasized the need for development work in the areas affected by terrorist attacks, and appreciated Benazir Income Support Programme, At this occasion, Federal Minister Farzana Raja briefed member German Federal Parliament Mrs. Marieluis Beck & German Ambassador Dr. Michael Koch about the progress of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP). Farzana Raja while expressing views about terrorism and regional situation said that an unstable Afghanistan has negative impact on the stability of Pakistan. A stable Afghanistan guarantees peace not only in Pakistan but the entire South Asia.



Federal Minister / Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme, Ms. Farzana Raja Presenting a plaque to Mrs. Marieluis Beck, Member German Federal Parliament.

Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Farzana Raja said that the Government of Pakistan is working on a 3 point strategy for relief, settlement and development of IDPs. After the operation in the terrorism affected areas, alongwith development works; it will be ensured that those areas are provided political and economic rights. In the same way elected government has given Gilgit and Baltistan thus providing political and economic rights to them.

While briefing on BISP Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme Ms. Farzana Raja said that BISP is playing vital role in alleviating poverty from the country. Through this program not only deserving families but families affected by terrorism and bomb blasts and families displaced by operation (IDPs) are being provided assistance. She said that by now 22 lacs families have been provided financial assistance

through BISP. This year BISP is estimating to provide financial assistance to 50 lacs deserving families. She said that through BISP, for the first time in the history of Pakistan poverty census is being conducted.