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Some elements want to sabotage PPP's process of reconciliation and harm the democratic system; No heroics in addressing a political rally, Says Farzana Raja; More than 6 million beneficiary families enrolled with BISP; Addresses a Press Conference alongwith Shazia Marri in Karachi

Karachi (): Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja has said that practical measures are required to redress the grievances of the people of Pakistan and empty slogans will not be of any use in this regard. She said that BISP, under the leadership of President Asif Ali Zardari, guidance of Prime Minister Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani and in accordance with the vision of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto, is striving to eradicate poverty in the country and as a result more than 6 million beneficiary families have been included in the programme. After the successful completion of first ever door to door poverty survey, the process in its final stages is underway in FATA so that the deprived segment of tribal areas can also be served. She said this while addressing a press conference here at PPP Media Cell Sindh along with Shazia Marri, the Provincial Minister for Information.



KARACHI: Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja along with Provincial Information Minister for Sindh, Ms. Shazia Marri addressing a Press Conference here at PPP Media Cell Sindh. (Dated: November 29, 2011)

Madame Farzana Raja said that raising empty slogans and holding rallies is of no service to country as well as of its people. Instead, she said, one has to make sacrifices to serve the people. She added that the number of beneficiary families of BISP has reached 6 million and it would rise further up to 7 million as a result of the completion of ongoing poverty survey. She said that every registered family has been covered with life insurance and in case of the death of bread-earner of the family, Rs. 100, 000 would be paid to family immediately as insurance cover.

Chairperson BISP said that 1.5 lac individuals of registered beneficiary families would be imparted vocational/technical training yearly under Waseela-e-Rozgar scheme while more than one million non school going children of these families will be sent in schools in the first phase of the Waseela-e-Taleem initiative of the programme.

Madame Farzana Raja said that Pakistan Peoples Party has always made reconciliation a part of its manifesto. However, she said some elements motivated by vested interests want to sabotage this process of reconciliation and thus harm the democratic system. She said that Pakistan at present is facing various national and international threats which could be meted out while sticking together as a nation.

She said that Shaheed Benazir Bhutto sacrificed her life for the sake of democracy despite being aware of the threats and it's ironic that some immature politicians are now not only trying to harm democracy but by terming our nuclear assets unsafe, they are harming Pakistan and strengthening the hands of the enemies of the country. She said that such people seeking their personal populism and they are devoid of the love for the country.

Madame Farzana Raja said that the service to people is important and those who are weakening Pakistan should understand that nobody can become a hero by delivering a speech at a political rally. She said that Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Imran Khan cannot get along for a longer period of time. She urged the workers of Pakistan Peoples Party to remain calm and believe in the ultimate power of the people.