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**NO CITIZEN SHOULD REMAIN DEPRIVED OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO
EDUCATION: MARVI MEMON**

Islamabad () Educated population determines the development and prosperity of a country and no citizen should remain deprived of constitutional right to education. It was stated by Minister of State and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) MNA Marvi Memon in her address during the prize distribution ceremony of “Mera Chand Model School” organized by “Mera Chand Welfare Trust”.

Mera Chand Model High School focuses on adult literacy by providing free education to those men and women who remain deprived of formal education in their early years of age. The illiterate and unproductive segments of the society are brought into the mainstream by equipping them with higher secondary education within a short span of two years thus providing them a launching pad for further education and income generation.

On the occasion, Chairperson BISP appreciated the tremendous efforts of the Trust for adult literacy and said that this institution has done a miraculous work within a limited time which proves its strong motivation and commitment to the cause of education. She expressed her determination to promote the design of this model school in other regions and provinces of the country.

As education is a provincial subject, she urged the provincial governments to work on the adult literacy. She stated that the experience of Mera Chand Model High School may be helpful to the provinces in implementing the projects of adult literacy. She also made an appeal to the business community to direct their corporate social responsibility activities towards spreading adult literacy.

Chairperson BISP stressed on the importance of education in bringing changes in the lives of men and especially women. She said that education creates opportunities for income generation which gives dignity, empowerment and meaning to the lives of women. She added that BISP also provides financial assistance to 5.1 million beneficiaries with the same vision. These beneficiaries are contributing in improving the economic conditions of their families with dignity and self respect. Empowerment of these beneficiary women and pulling them out of extreme poverty mark the top priority of BISP.

She also said that under Waseela-e-Taleem program, BISP is providing education to beneficiary children of 5 to 12 years age in 32 districts of the country. These children receive Rs. 250 stipend per month with a condition of 70% attendance in schools. BISP aims to extend this program to the whole of country so that maximum number of deserving children may benefit from the facility of incentive based free education.

Later on, Chairman "Mera Chand Welfare Trust", Mr. Sarfaraz Bhatti addressed the participants. He said that besides free education to children, this institution provides dresses, books, registration fees of the Board and a monthly stipend of Rs. 500 to them. He informed that currently 129 students are enrolled in this school while 6500 students have already received matriculation degrees through this school.

In the end, Chairperson BISP distributed prizes among the brilliant students and wished them for their bright future.