

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
BENAZIR INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

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**MARVI VISITS BAHAWALPUR FOR SPOTCHECKS TO ENSURE SMOOTH
RESURVEY REGISTRATION**
**MARVI URGES PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN RESURVEY REGARDLESS OF
SOCIAL STATUS**

Bahawalpur () National Socio Economic Registry (NSER) contains data of the entire population. It is a national asset vital for designing welfare programs for all segments of society. Resurvey for NSER update would be conducted in each and every corner of the country registering all households against socio-economic indicators. It is our national responsibility to be part of this resurvey exercise irrespective of social and economic status. This was stated by Minister of State and Chairperson BISP MNA Marvi Memon on her surprise visit to Bahawalpur for spot checks where registration desks for BISP's new poverty survey have been set up.



Minister of State and Chairperson BISP, MNA Marvi Memon interacting with people during resurvey spot checks in Bahawalpur. (Dated: October 4, 2016)

The pilot phase of BISP's new poverty survey started from Haripur in June 2016. Bahawalpur is the second district where desk approach (Self Registration) has been adopted for registration. 288 counters would be setup in 104 Union Councils (UCs) of Bahawalpur on the basis of estimated case load of 467,527. Till date, registration process has started in four UCs namely UC 1, UC11, UC15 and UC18 through eight counters that have registered 59% of the expected case load. The registration process in Bahawalpur would be completed by January 2017.

Chairperson BISP visited the registration sites to ensure smooth registration process through on spot inspection and feedback from the officials and people coming for registration. She instructed the concerned officials to facilitate people as much as possible. She highlighted that complaints can be made at BISP Hotline No. 0800-26477.

Chairperson acknowledged the support from the local government in terms of logistics, security and social mobilization. She stated that BISP, NADRA and local government are working as a team for the efficient and timely completion of the resurvey in Bahawalpur.

The Minister urged the public whether rich or poor to participate in registration process as the data would be used by other government organizations as well besides BISP. BISP will use this data for providing financial assistance to the deserving families while other organizations may utilize the data for planning and designing development programs in the field of vocational trainings, microfinance schemes, education and health sector.

The pilot phase of resurvey includes 16 districts across the country. Desk Approach is being employed in 4 districts while in 12 districts, Door to Door Approach will be utilized. Desk approach survey will start in Naseerabad and Sukkur in October 2016 and will be completed by January 2017.