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**PM ENVISAGES A DIGNIFIED AND EMPOWERED LIFE FOR PAKISTANI
WOMEN: MARVI MEMON**

Marvi Memon visits IDP Camp in Fathepur Thakvila

Islamabad: () Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) and Minister of State, MNA Marvi Memon, vowed to wage a war against middlemen, exploiters and manipulators of the system and to protect the self-respect of the beneficiaries. She was addressing a group of BISP beneficiaries and journalists in Kotli District of AJK region today.



Kotli/AJK: Minister of State and Chairperson BISP, MNA Marvi Memon interacting with a BISP beneficiary at her residence. (Dated: September 12, 2015)

In her opening remarks, Ms. Marvi Memon showed gratitude to the beneficiaries of BISP who had travelled far and wide to greet the Chairperson of the Programme. She said that she is happy to be there in AJK and the purpose of the visit is to understand the problems of beneficiaries in order to have a clear picture of her own responsibilities towards the poorest

of the poor people of Pakistan. BISP is the largest Social Safety Net program in the history of Pakistan. At present, more than 5.1 million women head of the families receive quarterly cash grant.

While talking about her responsibilities, she stated that Prime Minister of Pakistan, Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, has given her this job to implement his vision of upholding self-respect and dignity of beneficiaries of BISP. She added that the Prime Minister is aware of the difficulties of women and he desires to deliver the promise of providing a purposeful life to them, which is their right.

Addressing the officials of BISP, Ms. Marvi Memon said that their job is not like any other ordinary job, rather, it is similar to a humanitarian cause, which needs to be kept in mind at all times for making an efficient and better delivery of services to the poor. She appreciated the contribution of Waseela e Taleem program of BISP in Mirpur district and appreciated the staff of Mirpur as well for their efforts.

During the interaction with beneficiaries, Ms. Marvi Memon listened to their problems and directed the officials to resolve them with utmost vigilance and honesty. She observed that the main hurdle in the provision of services are middlemen and other people involved in fraudulent activities, trying to manipulate the system and exploit the poor beneficiary because of lack of education. She reiterated her stance against such elements and said that for achieving PM's vision of women empowerment, these people will be defeated at all costs.

In her address to the participants during the visit of IDP's Camp dislocated by Indian army firing at Line of Control at Fathe Pur Thakyiala, she said that she was there with them to share their grief and the hardship they are facing due to Indian aggression.

In the later part of the day, Minister of State also addressed a large public gathering of people in community Hall in Fatehpur Thakyala. In her remarks, she told people of AJK that the government is committed to resolve their problems. She added that the present government envisions to bring people from remote areas in the mainstream and definitive steps will be taken for their betterment.

Chairperson BISP also paid a visit to Ex-Prime minister of AJ&K Sardar Skindar Hayiat Khan at his residence in Father pur Thaykila.