

Chairperson's Profile

Marvi Memon was born in Karachi in July 1972. After schooling from Karachi, Paris and Kuwait, she graduated from the London School of Economics with a B.Sc (Econ) Honors in International Relations in 1993.

With internships at Dawn, Newsline, Pakistan Institute of International Affairs, US Commercial Consulate, International Union for Conservation of Nature, during her education years, she started her career as a banker at Citibank Pakistan where she specialized in Marketing and Quality Management for the consumer bank. After this, she launched Pakistan's first satellite tracking fleet management company Trakker, which established her as an entrepreneur and the youngest woman CEO of a multinational firm at the time. Her next assignment led her to advising the President of Pakistan on Media Management. After this she advised on Investments. She served as Member of Parliament for the first time from March 2008 to June 2011 as a PMLQ MNA. She was a member of the parliamentary committees on Environment, Information Technology, Kashmir Gilgit-Baltistan. Her groundbreaking legislation on acid crime and Pakistan's first research institute for parliamentarians (PIPS) led her to be the subject of Pakistan's first Oscar winning documentary.

She was one of the first to resign from parliament, setting new political standards, when her party changed stated policies. After that, she launched a movement for rights in Pakistan and galvanized rural Sindh's villages for change. She joined PMLN in March 2012 and toured all of Pakistan spreading the PMLN message for a year during which she set up a new constituency for PMLN in feudal rural Thatta, Sindh. She was chairperson of the Interprovincial subcommittee of the PMLN Manifesto committee prior to the May 2013 elections and developed consensus on many inter-provincial harmony issues within the party. Having attempted to get elected from a general seat from Thatta NA 237, she joined parliament as PMLN MNA on a woman reserved seat from Sindh.

She is one of the first parliamentarians to have pursued public interest litigation in the superior judiciary and being petitioner for many record making verdicts related to flood management, air crashes, constitutional amendments, higher education and workers' rights. She has written many research papers and articles on foreign affairs. She is the first parliamentarian of Pakistan to author parliamentary diaries "My Diaries" published in 2012. Her last assignment within parliament was Chairperson for the National Assembly Committee for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage and Member of the Standing Committee of the National Assembly on Foreign Affairs. Her committee made record recommendations and published record reports in 15 months of her tenure to improve media management and media standards. Her strength is her close contact with grassroots, youth and discriminated populations of society in all provinces and territories of Pakistan as Pakistan's most widely campaigning parliamentarian.

She was appointed Chairperson of Benazir Income Support Program with the status of Minister of State on Feb 25, 2015.