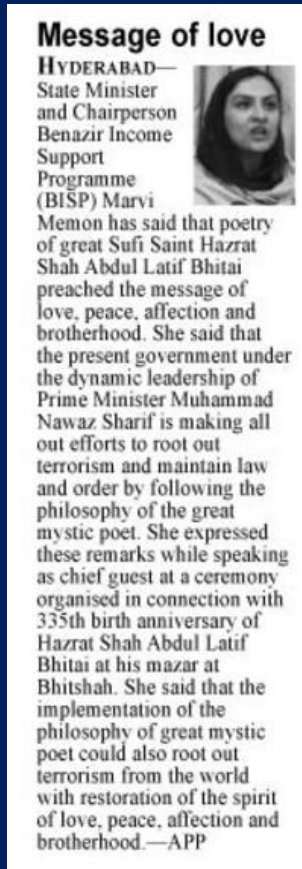




## 1. MESSAGE OF LOVE

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Post Office (GPO) have deposited Rs 5 million released for the support of beneficiary of the BISP in their bank accounts fraudulently, due to negligence of accounts officer of concerned Post Office as the accounts officer did not inform the concerned superintendent about the missing of money.

After inquiry, the post master of concerned post office was held responsible, however, no action has been taken against any staff members of the P.O, the report added.

The report further reveals that three post offices have illegally secured the amount of Rs 2.3 million released for the beneficiaries of BISP.

Out of which Rs 2 million have been looted by post master Multan while Divisional Superintendent postal service Bahwalnagar has secured Rs 2.50 lac and Post Master General Peshawar got Rs 88000/- . Despite identification of responsible of this fraud, no action has been taken against them so far by the concerned authorities.

The employees of GPO Multan have transacted Rs 1.4 million in their bank accounts illegally.

These employees have been dismissed from their services after inquiry but no case was registered against them, the report added and maintained that costly land owned by Postal Services department in Dalbadin and Ziarat had illegally occupied by the influential of land mafia and they had built commercial markets on said land.

No action has been taken against the activists of land mafia to recapture the illegally

## 2. POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES' LOOT MILLIONS OF RUPEES SANCTIONED FOR BISP

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Islamabad (Online): The corrupt employees of Post Office department have looted millions of rupees sanctioned for the beneficiaries of Benazir Income Support Program (BISP).

According to report tabled in the parliamentary committee, the employees of Charsada General



occupied land by the authorities concerned, the report concluded.

### **3. BISP WARNS PUBLIC TO STAY VIGILANT OF FRAUDULENT ELEMENTS**

*Published in The News, April 10, 2016*

Islamabad: Minister of State and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) MNA Marvi Memon warned general public to stay vigilant of fraudulent elements, trying to sell fake BISP survey forms in return of money.

While talking to BISP beneficiaries on telephone calls, she said that BISP has not started its resurvey yet and no survey forms are being distributed by the organization.

Chairperson BISP reiterated that in the pilot phase, resurvey would be initiated by middle of this year in fifteen districts and a tribal agency namely Mirpur (AJK), Charsadda, Lakki Marwat, Haripur (KPK), Chakwal, Layyah, Faisalabad, Bahawalpur (Punjab), Jacobabad, Sukkar, Thatta (Sindh), Gilgit (Gilgit Baltistan), Qila Saifullah,, Kech, Nasirabad (Balochistan) and Mohammad Agency (FATA). "After completion of the pilot phase, national roll out of resurvey will be started," she said.

Callers from all over the country apprised Chairperson BISP of their problems. Chairperson BISP issued instructions to the concerned officials for quick redressal of their grievances.

Marvi stressed that resurvey form would be free of cost once resurvey gets initiated. "If anyone asks for money in return for resurvey form it should be reported immediately to the nearest Police station," she said. "The BISP Case Management team head was also present to guide the callers on their problems. The complaints can also be made at BISP hotline 0800-26477.

As a result of previous Nationwide Poverty Scorecard Survey in 2010-11, BISP is the only National Socio-economic Registry (NSER) of the country. It has data of almost 27 million households across Pakistan. It enabled BISP to identify eligible households through the application of a Proxy Means Test (PMT) that determines welfare status of the household on a scale between 0-100. According to this NSER, 7.7 million deserving families were identified living below cut-off score of 16.17. Out of 7.7 million, BISP is providing financial assistance to 5.2 million at this point of time.

As per international standard, the age of demographic data is approximately 5 years, after which it needs to be updated. Following the best international practices, BISP is preparing to conduct resurvey so that the NSER could be updated.



## 4. WB TELLS BISP TO PUT HOUSE IN ORDER OR TAKE FUNDS FROM ELSEWHERE

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### WB tells BISP to put house in order or take funds from elsewhere

By Shahid Abbas

**ISLAMABAD:** The World Bank (WB) has expressed its resentment over Benazir Income Support Programme's failure to maintain the beneficiary data and sought a report on the increasing complaints about the programme.

Keeping in view the prevailing situation, the WB may delay an Rs60 billion grant for the programme, popularly known as BISP. If this happens, some 7.7 million people benefiting from the programme would face problems. The programme was launched in 2008 with the financial assistance of the WB to provide relief to poverty-stricken

people. In the beginning, Rs1,000 was given per family per month, but later this amount was increased to Rs1,500 per family.

The incumbent government assured the WB that it would submit up to date data of the programme beneficiaries, but it could not do this despite a lapse of more than two years. The WB has written to the government and programme Chairperson Mervin Memon to address people's complaints about distribution of funds, otherwise, it would stop the funding.

The Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Information Technology made tall claims about smooth functioning of the

programme and a biometric system to check irregularities, but people were still complaining about the distribution of funds. Memon indicted two IT experts against hefty salaries to resolve the issue, but they could not give the desired results. The government did not make any effort to streamline the programme. It is worth mentioning that the total funding for the programme has reached Rs90 billion and hundreds of thousands of people are benefiting from it every month. A well-organised mafia as the programme is minting millions of rupees from simple people through fake text messages, but no action is being taken against it.

On the other hand, the rul-

ing Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has removed the names of about 250,000 deserving people from the list of beneficiaries in Punjab and Sindh. This move is aimed at benefiting the PML-N workers.

Programme bosses said that hundreds of people who robbed the beneficiaries had been arrested. They said that names of those people who did not receive this fund would be removed from the beneficiaries list. They said that all steps were being taken for transparency in the programme. When programme authorities were contacted to comment on the WB concerns, there was no response from their side.



Chairperson BISP MNA Mervin Memon cutting the cake on the occasion of Birth Anniversary of Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai. Saliha Nadeem of Darqah Syed Wasir Hussain Shah is also present at the occasion. 09-04-2016



Chairperson BISP MNA Mervin Memon Laying the floral wreath at the Mazar of Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai. 09-04-2016

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