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1. MARVI URGES KP GOVT TO HELP ENROL MORE DESTITUTE FAMILIES

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Peshawar—Minister of State and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Marvi Memon has urged the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government to cooperate in enrolling more deserving persons of province in the programme.

During a meeting with KPK, Chief Minister Pervez Khattak on Friday, she said there was a need to extend regular financial help to needy women of those areas of the tribal belt where life had restored following successful conduct of operation Zarb-e-Azb by enrolling them in the BISP which served as social safety net for the poor people of the country.

Since, she said the current date was five year-old, a resurvey was being launched from remote areas of KPK to bring more deserving persons under the BISP through a mobilization campaign.

She said Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on behalf of the Prime Minister recently announced to increase the monthly stipend of BISP beneficiaries from Rs 1500 to 1700 per month, adding the amount would be given with arrears from July 1, 2015.

She also urged the KP government to enrol children of Wasele-e-Taleem programme in educational institutions and stressed a need to launch a mobilization campaign with active involvement of concerned departments to bring more deserving persons under the BISP.

Earlier, she visited BISP office at Nowshera district and addressed the beneficiaries, adding that handicraft work of beneficiaries would be promoted through E-commerce.

She said that through this programme beneficiaries could easily earn a handsome amount at their homes online.

Marvi said that present government was committed to address all the issue of women and promote the empowerment among them, besides focusing on the education and health of women.

She said 45,000 BISP beneficiaries' committees were operating across the country and creating awareness among women about their rights.

Under the BISP, Marvi said, 5.2 million registered women were being provided Rs 1500 per month each as financial assistance, adding that the distribution process had been further simplified to avoid any inconvenience to them.

Earlier addressing a gathering of women and notable of the area at Regional Office of BISP here, she said a survey was conducted five years back under BISP and registered many poor families, but several others could not get themselves registered.

She said a fresh survey would be conducted this year to ascertain exact number of registered families besides providing leftover poor families to get themselves registered with BISP, adding the survey would be completed in two years. She advised leftover poor families get their names registered in the new survey to get financial benefit of the government's scheme.—

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(Frontier Post, Patriot, Express, Nawaiwaqt, Jinnah also carried the story and picture)



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(Nation, Naibaat, Jahan Pakistan, Express, Dunya, Jang published the picture – Feb 13, 2016)

2. MALNUTRITION CAUSES INFANTS' DEATHS IN THAR

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Badin—Marvi Memon, Chairperson, BISP and Minister of State while addressing the meet the press in Badin Press Club said that infant's deaths in Tharparkar occurred because of malnutrition.

To improve the malnutrition condition overall Pakistan, BISP has increased the basic stipend of BISP families from 4500 to 4700 effects from July 2015 and all debts to be paid in March 2016 BISP installment to all BISP families, she added.

She expressed that Prime Minister Pakistan, Mian Mohammad Nawaz Sharif and Federal Finance Minister, Ishaque Dar are committed to reduce the poverty in Pakistan.

BISP has created the website portion where BISP families can upload pictures of their production like hand embroidery, art work and vice versa and BISP official have been instructed to purchase the uploaded productions as BISP families demands and amount of the productions will be paid in BISP installments, she

expressed. She told that deaths of infants of BISP families have been also occurred and I am going to Thar for the condolences of infants.

There is malnutrition issue in Thar and deaths of infants are being occurred because of it. Prime Minister of Pakistan and Federal Finance Minister have conducted successful talks with World Food Program (WFP) and they soon initiate their activities in Thar to cope and reduce the malnutrition condition, Marvi Memon added.

(Business Recorder, Frontier Post, Express, Nawairwaqt, Jahan Pakistan, Naibaat, Ausaf and Pakistan also carried the story)

3. INCREASE IN STIPEND FOR BISP BENEFICIARIES EFFECTIVE FROM JULY 1, 2015

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Islamabad—Finance Minister Ishaq Dar, Saturday, said that stipend at the enhanced rate of Rs. 4700/- per beneficiary of Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) per quarter would be payable with effect from July 1, 2015.

The arrears would be paid along with the next installment, the Finance Minister added. The Finance Division has already issued instructions to BISP to ensure disbursement of quarterly stipend at the enhanced rate.

He said that he had consulted the Prime Minister regarding increase in the stipend for BISP beneficiaries and it has been decided to increase the annual stipend to BISP beneficiaries from Rs. 18000/- to 18800/- per annum in accordance with the increase in CPI during the last year.



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The decision would contribute to mitigating the effect of inflation on the BISP beneficiaries, he added. The present government, he said, is fully committed to protecting the most vulnerable segments of the society and for this purpose the annual allocation for BISP has been enhanced by the present government from Rs.40 billion to Rs.105 billion while the annual stipends have been enhanced from Rs. 12000/- to Rs.18000/- during the last two years. These have now been further increased to Rs.18800/- per beneficiary per annum.

(Dawn, Express Tribune, Nation, Daily Times, Pakistan Today, Frontier Post, Jang, Nawairwaqt and Naibaat also carried the story)

4. GOVERNMENT WORKING TOWARDS EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN: MARVI

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Minister of State and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Marvi Memon has said that various schemes have been launched to empower women economically.

"Under the BISP, 5.2 million registered women are being provided financial assistance. Distribution process has been simplified to avoid any inconvenience to them," she said speaking at a meeting with BISP beneficiaries and notables here on Sunday. The BISP Chairperson said that the government was

striving to make downtrodden segments of the society economically sound.



She said, through women empowerment program, the beneficiaries would be able send their handicraft work to local office of the BISP with the picture and then their work would be displayed on the webpage of BISP.

"Local handicraft and embroidered products will be showcased in international market to enable women to earn their livelihood in a better manner," she said adding that through this, beneficiaries could easily earn a handsome amount at their homes online.



Marvi Memon said that the present government is committed to address all the issues of women and increase their empowerment, besides focusing on their education and health. She warned that corruption will not be tolerated in the BISP. She said that exceptional performance of the BISP team gave new meaning to the life of marginalized sections of the society. She directed the BISP authorities for



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increased staff strength in Tharparkar to facilitate deserving people.

Director BISP Sukkur Region Zulfiqar Abro also spoke. He said that BISP was launched for the welfare of poor people, to eradicate poverty from the country and to empower women.

He lauded Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif for taking keen interest in the BISP and for constant supervision of the program.

BISP Sindh DG Azhar Dahar and other officials of BISP were also present.

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