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**PLANNING COMMISSION TO UTILIZE BISP NSER IN DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING**

**BISP NSER DATA SHOULD BE USED FOR TARGETED SUBSIDIES BY ALL GOVT
DEPARTMENTS: MARVI**

Islamabad: Minister of State and Chairperson BISP MNA Marvi Memon held a meeting with Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Sartaj Aziz to discuss the maximum utilization of National Socio Economic Registry (NSER) in planning. During the meeting she shared the results and analysis of data collected during NSER survey in pilot districts across Pakistan. Member Social Safety Dr Asma Haider and Chief Poverty Alleviation Zafar ul Hassan were also present in the meeting.

Mr Sartaj Aziz said that data sharing between various organizations would result in better development planning and the departments should collaborate with each other so as to benefit from each other's experience. He said that the collaboration between BISP and Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) would be helpful in enriching PBS data bank that is utilized for development planning. He directed his team to coordinate with BISP so as to utilize maximally from NSER as it would help Planning Commission in the monitoring of SDGs.



Minister of State and Chairperson BISP MNA Marvi Memon briefing Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Sirtaj Aziz on National Socio-Economic Registry (NSER) in Islamabad on 7th September 2017.

While briefing on NSER, Chairperson BISP said that BISP NSER data should be used for targeted subsidies by all govt departments. She added that the ongoing NSER survey is technology enabled that is being done through tablets. The automated systems enable BISP to ensure 100% accurate data collection by identifying and rectifying any error in the collected

data during survey on real time basis. It is history in the making as it would make BISP the top social safety net of the world, thus putting Pakistan ahead of other countries.

Data Analytics of collected data from pilot districts was also shared with planning commission. Data analysis of province wise age distribution, education level, employment status, population brackets, literacy rates, disability stats, house construction based pilot districts survey was also presented. The data showed Punjab with highest proportion of youth population, KPK with second highest literacy rate after Punjab, Balochistan with highest disability prevalence, Gilgit with highest proportion of post graduate population and FATA with highest unemployment rate.

Mr Sartaj Aziz said that data sharing between organizations must be two-way. The departments that utilize BISP data must share the details of data usage so that BISP is able to analyze the status of its beneficiaries on regular basis. Chairperson BISP apprised him that the mechanism for double data sharing is being developed. It was discussed to hold dialogues with different ministries on data sharing so as to maximize the utilization of NSER for development planning and targeted subsidies.