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MARVI SPOT CHECKS REGISTRATION DESKS IN SUKKUR AND NASEERABAD TO ENSURE SMOOTH RESURVEY PROCESS

Sukkur/Naseerabad ( ) National Socio Economic Registry (NSER) is a national asset vital for designing welfare programs. The updated data would play a pivotal role in planning and designing development programs on financial assistance, vocational trainings, microfinance, education and health by different Government departments besides BISP. New poverty survey for NSER update would be conducted in each and every corner of the country registering all households against certain socio-economic indicators. This was stated by Minister of State and Chairperson BISP MNA Marvi Memon on her visit to Sukkur and Naseerabad where registration desks for BISP’s new poverty survey have been set up.

Pilot phase of new poverty survey of BISP will cover 16 districts across Pakistan. It started from Haripur in June 2016 followed by Bahawalpur in September 2016 and Sukkur and Naseerabad in October 2016. Desk approach is being adopted in these districts. In Sukkur, 113 counters have been setup in 36 centers for expected case load of 1,74,851 households whereas in Naseerabad 18 counters have been installed in 10 centers for expected caseload of 30,532 households. Till date, 4,683 households in Sukkur and 1,781 households in Naseerabad have been registered.

The Minister stated that BISP would make all out efforts to document the best socio-economic registry in the world. She further added that to overcome the inclusion and exclusion errors, BISP has adopted CAPI (Computer Assisted Personal Interviews) instead of PAPI (Paper Assisted Personal Interviews). The authenticity of the survey would be verified through Operation Review Firms that are being procured through a competitive and transparent process.
Chairperson BISP inspected the registration centers and interacted with people for their feedback. She instructed the concerned officials to facilitate the people in registration process. She also informed people to contact BISP in case of any complaint at BISP Hotline No. 0800-26477.

Chairperson reiterated that the support from the local government in terms of logistics, security and social mobilization is critical for the efficient and timely completion of the resurvey.

For the resurvey, Poverty Scorecard has been revised and two approaches of resurvey i.e. Desk Approach and Door to Door Approach have been adopted so that no deserving family is missed out. The other 12 districts of pilot phase where door to door approach would be adopted include Jacobabad, Thatha, Mohmand Agency, Gilgit, Mirpur, Layyah, Chakwal, Faisalabad, Kech, Qila Saifullah, Lakki Marwat and Charsadda.