



## SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS OF MUSLIM MINORITY WOMEN

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### Introduction

(The present research paper is based on the primary sources of information like books, journals, Magazines, Review of Literature etc.). Education is the foundation for growth and development of an individual as well as nation. It is now universally accepted, that Education is the major factor which can bring social change within the societies and communities. It is the weapon and necessary requisite for development and nation building. It is expected that education will bring about reduction of inequalities in society. It was on the basis of this that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights included Education as one of the basic rights of every human being.

Education is important for all members of the society. The survival of nations lies on education. India is a developing country and for rapid progress, it is needed to educate the individuals irrespective of gender, class, religion or economic difference. In India, Muslim is the largest religious minority of the country. If we see in India educational status of Muslims are very low, even a lot of efforts are made to improve their condition of education (Hussain 2013 & Naz 2017). As far as Islam is considered it provides equal rights to both gender to acquire education. Islam develops the attitude of his followers to come forward to enhance knowledge.

Islam gives right of education to female genders. In the Hadith literature the Holy Prophet (PBUH) says seeking knowledge is mandatory for every Muslim both men and women. He who has a slave girl and teaches her good manners to improve her education and then manumits and marries her will get a double reward. For example verses, 35:280 of the Quran states that. **"those truly faithful on Allah, among his servants, who have knowledge. one hadith states That,"** Seeking knowledge is a duty of every Muslim, both men and women. In the Muslim community, if we check out the deep study of Quran and hadiths of Prophet together promote the acquisition of knowledge for all. There is content in the Quran declaring or promoting that women should not be educated as they are denied the opportunity to acquire knowledge. The Islamic faith gives the women right to perceive education and in it emphasizes the value of education for both men and woman. But this belief cannot be translated as can be seen from the current status of women's education and literacy rate in Muslim majority community.

India is a developing country. In India Muslims are the largest religious minority in the country present constituting 14.23% of the population. In India Muslim girls gender-based barriers to higher education are Muslim access to higher education are generally lower than the Hindu caste women according to 2011 census the literacy rate of Muslim male and female in percentage are 62.41% and 51.9%. It is seen that Muslim female is only 51.9% which is lower than all other religious communities.

### Education And The Muslim Women In India

Muslims comprise of 12% of the population i.e. India's largest minority. The Muslim women are meant to recognize the significance of self-sufficiency and independence through education, so that they are not economically dependent. It is important for the Muslim women to develop a will power or determination; if the women themselves develop interest and enthusiasm towards attainment of education they will be able



to convene their families as well over all the obstacles that may a within the Muslim Society vim remote areas, Homer Secome more vulnerable and are def dent upon their male Counterpart For their existence.

Women in Muslim Community Lave lesser freedom and are largely dependent, they are obliged to obey their Parents are not able to speak out for themselves. These are the Main reasons that Education is low amongst them, and they an largely discouraged towards attainment of higher education or get engaged in Employment opportunities.

There is Shortage Schools and colleges in the areas, where there is a high concentration of Muslim population Girls are enrolled in Schools located nearby and are not sent to distant places, due to safety reasons. Therefore, Muslim women are required to develop their Capabilities and put in more confider amongst themselves to improve for the development of Muslim women required education, they are required to have a through discussion with the policy makers, academician and community leaders.

### **Educational Requirements of Muslim Women**

The study shows that in the Muslim community people do not possess strong viewpoints regarding the prevalence of positive culture within the school environment Muslim girls consider enrolment in education Institutions as the last priority and they are the first dropouts of School. It is important to introduce appropriate measures that would hold to understanding of Educational Requirements and generate positive School Culture among the Muslims.

Within the school environment It is vital that all individuals should be treated equally and there should not be any discrimination. Learning disability, these factors have led to an Increase in the drop-out range amongst the Muslim girls. To avoid this problem teacher should understand the problems of the students and provide them explanation.

### **Literacy among Various Minority Communities**

This is the foremost unfortunate state of affairs that the literary rate of Muslim Women isn't only less than the Muslim males but also among the women of other communities in India. The above table highlights the literacy rate of minority. Groups alongside their male-- the data indicate that male members from Jain, Buddhist and Christian Communities are during fairly will in literacy while Muslim male are lagging behind and are much below the national average i.e. 74.13% . If we critically aniline the above figures, we find that the Muslim women are not only much below than their Muslim counter parts, but their literals rate is worse among all other communities. This is very unfortunate that an outsized population of Muslim female i.e. approximately 48% is totaled illiterate and it seems that a part from many reasons. Religions orthodoxy and cultural ethos of Muslim lead them to believe that modern education is a threat to Islamic values.

### **Causes of Law Performance of Muslim Women In Education**

Since Independence many research Studies and surveys have been Conducted and some of the favors findings have listed the following many causes of low status of education and the work participates of Muslim Women in India are as follows:

1. Traditional apathy
2. Lack of awareness of oldsters About Modern education.
3. Household responsibilities.
4. School not available within walking distance.
5. Lack of Infrastructural facilities.



6. Curriculum not matching with the requirements of Muslim Girls.
7. Girls not allowed to exit after the Puberty.
8. Parents feared about Safety of their daughters in Schools & colleges.
9. Poor financial condition of Muslim Parents.

### **Suggestion toward Minimizing the Problem of Illiteracy among Minority Women in India**

The above principal causes of low performance of Muslim women in the field of Education can be divided into two Broader categories first those which relate to the Individual women of Muslim community, and Secondly those which relate to the education providing agencies including constitutional provisions. The study after having presented the status of education is of the firm opinion that apart from many causes of backwardness of Muslim women, the prime factor is lack of genuine and dedicated leadership. The reason of lack of awareness of parents towards the importance of education through is additional a crucial reasons for the poor educational status but is additionally thanks to either no or little guidance available.

### **Conclusion**

There is no doubt in saying that the situation of the women belonging to the minority community of this county is very unfortunate and they suffer from unimaginable discrimination and abuse every day but as compared to the past the condition of these women has shown improvement for instance due to education they are able to afford some sort of concrete lifestyles, and their living conditions have also significantly improved even the case of violence have reduced. All of these changes are possible because of the progressive nature of the country and an increase in awareness along with significant steps and measures are taken by the government.

### **Measures**

A few more measures can be taken to improve their current situation like. Particular attention should be given to the violence threats and Harassment experienced by Religious minority women. In order to do this police, and prosecutors must be adequately trained in treating minority, women victims in an appropriate, respectful and confidential manner and always enabling victims to be assisted by women Officers FIR Concerning Such cases must be filed and followed up promptly.

- Government and civil Society employee should be exclusively trained in gender Sensitive data Collection, Ensuring that religious minority women victims. Can Come forward and Report issues confidentially.
- Eliminating Discriminatory Treatment: It is vital for the Society to give equal preference to girls and women of minority and make provision of essential things to them in order to promote effective growth and development.

The preamble of the Constitution declares India to be Secular and in the spirit of Secularism and pluralism, all of the citizens should. Treated equally and should be given equal opportunities irrespective of their gender or caste or religion for the true development of this country. it is necessary that all resources are put to use and no capable person is considered a liability in society whether a man or women of the minority community constitute a large pulsation of the country and keeping them oppressed won't help us in an way giving equal treatment and respect to them will lead to a better future Religion and gender based late crenes should stop communal tension and riot s kill the fure spirit of the constitution and this practices should be curbed , various government policies should be introduced from the same.



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