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Rights of Daughters in Islam
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AND Denial of these Rights by
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Muslim Contemporary World”

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Introduction

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When Prophet (P.B.U.H) was asked who would be close you in life here after. The prophet (P.B.U.H) showed His finger and said those who look after their daughters and unmarried sisters will be with me like these two finger (Muslim). This evidence is demonstration of the fact that Islam has given a great of rights to daughters. Islam is religion of peace and tranquility so, it can not leave any matter unaddressed which can produce chaos in society. If Islam had not given rights of women, Islam society must have been suffering. Therefore, Islam has given rights to daughters in every domain of life whether it is social, economic, political or spiritual. Today, Muslim community is denying their (women) rights, as a result, women gender is facing illiteracy, poverty, lack of participation in politics and workforce and many other problems. These mischiefs of society are due to not obeying the commandments of Qur'an and teachings of Prophet. Islam has given a rights to daughters (women) and solutions to women-related problems.

② of Social Rights of Daughter (women) in Islam

(a) Right of Education:

The Apostle has said "Education is mandatory on every muslim (Muslim). The Apostle has not demarcate a line where one side has right of education and other side is deprived of right of Education. The Prophet has used word/phrase "Every Muslim" which means male and female are entitled to get education and enlighten their lives and ~~be~~ the life hereafter!

(b) The right of Personhood:

In Quran verse 125 of Al-Nisa Quran Allah says I have created you from a single soul and from that I have made mate for you. As you can spread into families of male and females. In this verse Allah has clarified in clear words that both genders are separated and can enjoy their individuality unlike Hindu Scriptures which say that Women is complement to man. Islam maintains right of Personhood to women.

(c) Right of Equality with men:

The Quran says in different verse that Allah has given equal social status to women as compared to their counterparts males. At some place Allah place males superior than females. But due to their physical and emotional constraints.

However, this does not mean that Islam enshrine males a upper place in society than females.

(d) Women have Right to live in this world.

In the Jahalia era daughters were buried alive into dust. Islam does not like that act and strongly prohibit. The Prophet says that who does not bury their daughter, treat their sons superior and do good will enter into Paradise (Hambal). Hence, Islam awards the right of life to women (daughters) with equal dignity.

③ Economic Rights of Daughters in Islam

(a) Right of Inheritance to daughters:

Islam does not discriminate between males and female in right of Inheritance.

Islam protects women rights of inheritance. That right The English Common Law gave to women in 1864. that means Islam is very progressive religion and understands women right of inheritance. Islam gives $\frac{1}{3}$ of property to daughter and $\frac{2}{3}$ to sons. This is not because Islam acknowledge the superiority of male. The sole reason is men participation and ^{their} role in society. So, Islam gives $\frac{2}{3}$ of share to son. Therefore, Islam is religion of equity and justice.

(B) The right to own property.

Islam has given women ~~to~~ right to own, sell, buy property. Islam is role model for other religions. According to Muhammad Qutab, there is no commandment in Islam which prohibits women to own property, sell it and buy it.

(C) The Right of Employment/Business:

Islam is not a religion which is conservative in nature. Islam has given rights of Employment and to do business. "Hazrat Bibi Khatija was a owner of business. She run a business

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successful. After Her will she helped Islam financially. There are jobs which are unfit for women in context to physical constraints, such as military. In these job Islam allows "Ijma". If consensus is developed that conditions have been changed and women can join these type of jobs then Islam puts no any restrain to do employment.

(d) Giving Haqee Mahr before changing status of daughter into wife:

Islam, verily, is a code of conduct which takes care of every aspect of life. At the time of Nikkah Islam obliges husband to pay Haqee Mahr. If he does not pay, it is debt to him. Haqee Mahr is a type of social and economic security.

It gives women access to some amount of money before entering into new life.

Islam protects all economic aspects of life

(4) Political Rights of Daughter:

(a) Right of Political Participation:

Whenever the Prophet used to take a political decision, they used to ask women about their opinions (Muslim).

This is a good example that Islam entitles women to participate in political affairs of states.

(b) Right of Political Debates to daughters:

There are many evidences which teaches Muslims that Islam allows women to debate political matters. The Kufar had set a debate with the Messenger, and asked Muhammad to bring his people to with Kufars. "Hazrat Fatima" was selected by the prophet among others for debate with the Kufars. The Prophet's wives also used to discuss and debate with Hazrat Muhammad on various political issues, such as: "Umm Salma" played a role in "Hudaybiyah" and persuaded him to perform pilgrimage.

(c) The right of Political leadership:

At the time of Prophet (P.B.U.H) there was no woman ready to take political leadership role. As recently, the Messenger had opened the gates of rights for women. But now scholars have consensus that women can play political leadership role in the world. As Muhammad Qutb in his book "Islam as misunderstood

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Religion" argues that Now the socio-economic and political conditions are favourable for women and they can take political leadership role. There is no order in Quran and Sunnah which halt women in this regard.

(5) Spiritual Rights of Women (Daughters)

(a) Equal Status in the Life hereafter.

Allah says: Do good believing muslim women and believing muslim (man). And ask for God forgiveness in the Life hereafter.

Its good is Merciful and forgiver (Al-Ahzab)

Islam has given all and equal opportunities to women. The Daughters can enjoy paradise likewise their counterparts. Unlike as in Hindu scriptures as women is associate with their husband. The women will be with husband even if they secure different positions.

(b) Equal Right to Prayer.

Both males and females have similar rights of prayer. Not only they have similar right of prayer but also women are given leniency. The leniency is

enjoyed when women experience menstrual cycle; pregnancy and delivery as they have to look after their newborn baby. So Islam gives special status to women in spiritual matters.

(c) Unlike Bible, Quran blames jointly for Adam and Eve:

The Quran says that both jointly are questionable for their disobedience (26:78). Hence Islam considers that the wrongdoing of Adam and Eve are equal. So Eve is not blamed for mischief. As a result, Islam holds both equal and illustrate that in Islam both genders are spiritually equal. There is no discrimination.

(6) Contemporary Muslims Denial of Daughters Rights

(a) Kari-Kharo abrogates the right of Life to daughter:

Our contemporary muslim societies are not ideal Islamic societies which are "patriarcal". Where there is case of Kari-Kharo the girl is killed but boy is not. In compensation of

boy's life money is given. As a result, a girl loses a life. This is not the way of Islam. Islam treat both gender equal and give daughters right to live. In case of adultery Islam has equal punishment for both and does not command to take life of any. This is issue of Patriarchical society and Islamic teachings are solution to it.

(b) Gender Inequality deny their equal right of status in society.

The Muslim societies experience gender inequalities due to many reasons such as Patriarchy, liberalism (wage difference) governance. In contrast, Islam guarantee equal status to women. The evils of inequality can be solved through following Islam teachings in policy making.

(c) Illiteracy is manifestation of encroachment of right of Education.

There is disparity between ratio of male literacy and female literacy in Pakistan. Male literacy is 64 and women 36 (World Bank). Although Islam enjoin both gender to

The right of Education yet Pakistan society is more gender insensitive, not allowing and giving daughters to equal education opportunities.

(d) No political Participation of women

Islam has stressed equal participation of women in Politics. Most of societies are not following the Islamic covenant. In societies politics is only affairs of male therefore there is strong need to apply Islamic laws in the societies, as women can participate in politics.

(e) Structural Violence against women

Women are experiencing structural violence and they are not assimilated into workforce. Pakistan societies consists of 51% men and 49% females but most of women are domesticated and deprived of right of employment ensured by Islam.

(f) Conclusion:

In nutshell, Islam is complete code of life. It is protected daughters in every domain i.e. Politics, Economics, Spiritual,

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and social through giving them.
There are many ills in the society and societies are not allowing women to enjoy their rights due to patriarchy. As a result, women suffers from illiteracy, structural violence and many more problems. The ~~comp~~ contemporary society can be directed to progressive tracks through granting all the rights that Islam has given.