

# Education for women in Pakistan:-

## I Introduction

## II Opportunities of education or the facilities for women to get education.

- A - Educational institutes for female at local and at urban areas.
- B - Recruitments of female teachers in schools and in government colleges.
- C - Basic facilities in schools and colleges for female students.
- D - Working of several NGOs for empowerment of women for education.
- E - Transport system to access educational institutions.

## III Obstacles in women education.

- A - High drop out ratio of female student due to economic unavailability.
- B - Restrictions on education of women due to so-called religious scholars.
- C - Misconception about religious education concepts.
- D - Gender discrimination in rural areas particularly South Punjab areas and in Sindh areas.
- E - Early marriages and purdah culture.

## IV Suggestions to remove these hurdles.

- A - Religious teaching

- B - Reduction of Poverty & economic <sup>opportunities</sup>
  - C - More recruitments for female in private and government educational institutes.
  - D - Separate educational facilities for women and men.
  - E - Development of infrastructure and building
- Conclusion.

God has created men and women and has given them equal rights in their lives. No one is superior over other. In the same case, educational right is given to both men and women. God has mentioned the name of education in Quran, several time. Holy prophet P.B.U.H also said that acquisition of knowledge is obligatory for all. Pakistan is an Islamic Republic state, where education is provided to both men and women. Government of Pakistan has provided all the opportunities of education to women but there are certain obstacles that hinders the process of acquisition of education. There is a dire need to take a steps that can help in educating women. Several facilities like separate educational institutes transport system are given to them. There are still high drop out ratio of female due to economic liabilities and gender discrimination. There is a need to provide the economic facilities to poor rural areas, so that they can provide their daughters education. Separate educational facilities should be provided for women so that they can get education without hesitation.

Following are opportunities, hurdles and suggestions given for

women.

For educating the women in Pakistan, different educational institutes are constructed at urban and rural level. In rural areas girls educational institutes are constructed; so that they can easily get education. In Southern areas of Pakistan, there are various schools that are currently working. In case of separate educational institutes, parents do not hesitate to send their daughters to school and colleges. There are governmental and private colleges that are the main sources of education.

For educating the women in Pakistan, the government has recruited many female teachers in government colleges and in government schools. There is also a quota system in seats for jobs for women. Only the female teacher can encourage the female students for getting more education. She can also urge the parents of a female student to provide their daughters educational facilities. A female teacher can set an example for other female students by being a financially independent woman.

For education of women in Pakistan, all the basic facilities of education are provided at all schools and

college level. In case of co-educational institutes, there is a separate system of (class) infrastructure like playground, separate common rooms for girls and boys where they feel rest in break time. There are separate washrooms and bathrooms for girls and boys. There are separate hostels for girls and boys in government universities. Women Universities are also playing their effective role in providing educational facilities for female students.

For education of women, there is a need to access big schools, colleges and universities. Transport system like metro Bus service, Orange line, green line transport services and Veda transport system are the example of transport services that carry the students or make them reach at educational institutions. Every University has its own transport system. All the female students can reach at their educational institutes with little cost.

For education of women, there are various non governmental organizations in Pakistan that are working to inspire the young girls and female children for education. They send their members at different places in rural areas to encourage them for getting education. These

NGOs had a contributive role in developing Pakistan's society. But still there is a further need to educate women at all level. These are the almost half of the Pakistan's society. Only the development of women can raise the soft power of our country.

Education of women in Pakistan is facing several challenges. There is a high drop out ratio of female student from schools. Only few students can hardly reach at matric level education. The major reason behind this is economic fallibility. Poor people can not bear the educational expenses. Resultantly, they drop their daughters, girls out of schools. Girls of these poor families are usually fond of getting education but they are considered as economic liability. Thus, they remain deprive of their education. Economic stability can ensure their education.

Education system of women in Pakistan is suffering from grave problems. Women student are restricted within four walls of homes due to mis-interpretation of Islam by so-called religious leader. They consider "education haram on girls". Several terrorists attacks on girls educational institutions in Peshawar and Sindh and named this attack a Jihad concept by Taliban. Due to fear of these attacks parents do not allow their children to go to

Schools. There is a need to reinterpret the Islamic teachings so that these parents can allow their daughter to get education.

The education of women in Pakistan is suffering from misinterpreted ideologies proposed by Maulvis and so-called Mullahs. These religious scholars do not have proper knowledge about religion and continue in prevailing the false concepts about Islam. They attack on religious institutions, Madrasahs, mosques where hundreds of students get educated. They do not have even knowledge that Holy Prophet P.B.U.H. said that acquisition of knowledge is binding to all men and women. Actually, these M.terrorists have no religion.

Educational systems for women are suffering from this grave problem of gender discrimination. In rural areas, particularly in South Punjab, women are suffering from gender discrimination. Because of being a female creature they are not provided education. They always remain dependent upon their male counterpart. They are sold like an object in certain areas of Pakistan. People feel proud on the birth of male as they consider that he would earn bread for them and would be source of

happiness for all family. So, they remain concerned about his qualification and do not focus on the education of girl.

Problem with education of women in Pakistan is that they are married in early time. This is why they remain devoid of achieving education. The people of rural areas think that there is no advantage of education of women. They consider her a burden on family. There is an other type of restriction on women in the name of parda culture. They are not allowed to go out of their homes because of this strict culture. Some people think that this education system for women is the game of Western countries who plot this to misguide them.

Although educational system of Pakistan is suffering from many problems, there are also certain recommendations that can help to empower women for education.

In order to improve education educational institutions, there is also a need of empowering of women for achieving education. Religious teaching is necessary for all. Particularly for those who have mis-interpreted the



teaching of Islam. Islam is the only religion that has given the right of education for all men and women. It can be proved by the Quran and Sunnah of Holy Prophet P.B.U.H. The people who blindly believe or trust on mullas, must be well aware of teaching of Islam. This is necessary, so that they can allow their children for education.

An order to educate women in Pakistan, government of Pakistan need to provide economic opportunities for all those people who are living under the poverty lines. Economically prosperous family can ensure the education for their children. They can easily bear the expenses of institutional fee to educate their daughters and women.

"Give me an educated women  
I will give you an educated nation."

(Napoleon).

Education of a single woman can teach or educate the next generation. While education of a single man has its single impact. This is why the education of a women is necessary.

For the education of women in Pakistan, there is a need for the further recruitment of women. More job opportunities for women will encourage more female

for education. Due to job opportunities women can become the financially independent and will remain no longer dependent upon their male counterpart. A woman can highlight the issue of gender discrimination and can help other women to pull out of plight condition.

So In Order to encourage women for education, there is a need to provide basic facilities in educational institution separate from boys even in the same school. Many people do not allow their girls for education as they think that they can fall prey in bad activities with boys, so strict system must be ensured to prevent such malice activities from both sides. Many of the women in Pakistan have achieved higher education (with) by remaining in cover or by opting hijab culture.

There is a need to encourage more women for achieving education in Pakistan. For this purpose, government of Pakistan need to provide more infrastructure and building. Still there is a need for constructing further schools at the local level. Fee should be minimum

so that a middle class girls  
'can access educational opportunities.  
Health, food and sanitation facilities  
must be provided in government  
schools. There must be facilities  
of air conditioners, fans, chairs  
and tables. There must be  
proper ventilation system for students.  
These are basic facilities which  
can encourage or improve the  
education system.

Hence, all the issues can be  
resolved and high standard  
of education can be ensured  
in Pakistan by keeping in  
view the grand problems in  
educating the women. Educational  
institutions can be improved, gender  
gap can reduced, malice culture  
can be removed, and religious  
teaching can be re-interpreted  
and all the issues regarding  
the women education can  
be resolved. These steps can  
ensure the development and  
prosperity of a country. It  
can build up the soft image  
of Pakistan at international  
level.