

: Gender Discrimination:

Gender discrimination is neither a new issue nor a fully settled one. Developed countries are dealing with this menace successfully, whereas the underdeveloped are still struggling. Pakistan is one of them. The main reasons behind gender discrimination are poverty, illiteracy and unemployment. First comes poverty. More than half of population in Pakistan is poor. Male members are considered the earning hands, so females are not given preference. Pakistani society is a male dominant society. Females can also be forced into a situation in which they are vulnerable to sexual exploitation. Due to poverty, second, illiteracy also results in this gender discrimination. Women are considered inferior to men in third world countries especially in Pakistan. Birth of a female child is not celebrated the way the birth of a male child is celebrated. Females are considered as an economic burden specifically in South Asia. If there are two males and three males in a family, males are getting proper education and females are left out. People of our region are of the view that education is not important importance of her education? They are unaware of the fact that educated women leads to educated society. Misinterpretation of religion leads to gender discrimination. Many people are unaware of the fact that Islam provides equal opportunities

to women as of men. Even Islam is the only religion which safeguards women's rights. Lastly unemployment is one of the factor that creates gender discrimination. Female employment ^{is} not encouraged. Male dominance ^{and} in government, industry, transport. When women are employed they tend to work in low quality jobs. Around the globe, the main stakeholder in any field are mostly men. In order to solve this problem, people must be educated and a significant ^{role of} religious clergy and government is required to ^{aid} this discrimination. Women comprise slightly more than half of population of Pakistan. Without their active role, the country cannot progress. To conclude, the remedy lies exactly where the causes stand. If the causes behind gender discrimination are addressed, then the problem would be solved by itself.