

Explain the structural and direct form of violence against women in Pakistani Society by highlighting Case of Mukhtaran Mai

INCIDENT OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE :

On June 22, 2002, a boy was accused of having sexual relation with 20-year-old girl of Mastoi tribe. The boy was 12 year old. A panchayat was held on this issue. The panchayat decided that the boy's sister "Mukhtaran Mai" have to get married to the Salm's (women of Mastoi tribe) brother, Abdul Khaliq Mastoi. Mastoi tribe was not agreed on it. Later it was decided that the boy's sister (Mukhtaran Mai) will apologise for her brother's crime. Mukhtaran Mai

was agreed to do that. when she came to appolised, she was dragged into a hut and rapped by four men, upon the Order panchayat (Jirga).

## FAILURE OF PAKISTANI JUDICIARY

### To Provide Justice

After Eight days of incident The case was filled in the police station against mastoi's tribe. After first trial, 14 men were arrested, out of them 6 men were sentenced to death. in these 6 men, 4 were involved in Rape and Remaining two were involved panchayat of making decision. The 8 men were Released. When Mukhtar Mai filled case in Lahore high Court. They acquitted the 5 men due to Lack of evidence now there was just One person in Jail. When she appeal in Supreme Court. They decide that they upheld the Lahore's High Court decision. it take alot of time even the year to seek Justice but she failed to get Justice.

Justice delayed is Justice  
denied

form of violence in Mukhtaran Mai  
Case.

In Mukhtaran Mai case both Direct  
and indirect/structural form of violence  
exist. That describe how the women  
in Pakistan face direct violence and  
indirect violence

### Direct Violence.

it is a form of violence in which the  
victim is directly hit by the accused  
Like Sexual violence, physical violence, torturing,  
killing etc.

### Direct violence in Mukhtaran Mai Case.

in Mukhtaran  
Mai's case direct (Sexual violence) take place.  
it shows in Pakistan how women face direct  
violence.

### Sexual Violence:-

The people of Mastoi tribe raped  
the Mukhtaran Mai. it is Sexual violence  
Another thing that it show is  
How women's in Pakistan have to the crime

of their family.

## Structural violence :-

it is a form of indirect violence. that show how people with wealth and authority deprived the other from their Basic Human Right.

## Structural violence in Mukhtaran Mai's Case

There are a number of factor in the Mukhtaran Mai's Case that how how structural and indirect violence exist in Our Society.

## Class factor

Mai was belonged to a poor family. she was unable to Read and write. in her statement she said to police that she did not know how to fill a case. what should I tell. you just Record it by asking Question from me. she belonged to lower class family so she faced many delayed in her case. if she belonged to

Rich and educated family she could pressurized the ~~case~~ police for proper investigation. It shows that in Pakistan lower and middle class people are deprived from the Justice even they do not know about their Rights.

In another statement Mai Revealed that the federal Minister for defence, Sardar Abdul Qayyum Jatoi pressurized her not to file a case against accused persons of Mastoi tribe. That show how the person with authority misused their status to silence the Justice or to silence the victim.

"Injustice anywhere is threat to Justice everywhere"

- Martin Luther King Jr

## Gender Discrimination in Mukhtar

### Mai Case

The tribe of Mastoi charged Mukhtar Mai to apprise for her ~~birth~~ brother's accused. She was also Raped by four men in the name of honour. It

Shows how everytime women had to pay for crime of her family. it abundantly happens in Pakistan Society that everytime women have to pay for her family in the name of honor or anything else.

## Conclusion

Mukhtaran mai is not a single case it is the story of many girls in Pakistan who are facing these kinds of policies. made by Jirga (Panchayat) she is raped killed on the name of so called Honor. it is injustice. Maula Ali said that:-

'Society can survive with kufr but not with injustice'

- Hazrat Ali