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7 Discuss the status and role of women in Islam. How Islam ensure their rights in various sphere of life. Elucidate,

I- INTRODUCTION

Islam is the universal religion of the world, encompass each and every aspects of human beings, specially women have preferential rights in Islam. Islam protect and manifest women rights like, economic rights, legal rights, and social rights. However, the western world alleged Islam that it could not give the women rights. If we study various civilization, about the rights of women then we come to the conclusion that what is the right and status of women in Islam. If we read "Babylonian Civilization" if a man committed any murder, instead of him party punished his wife put to death. when we read

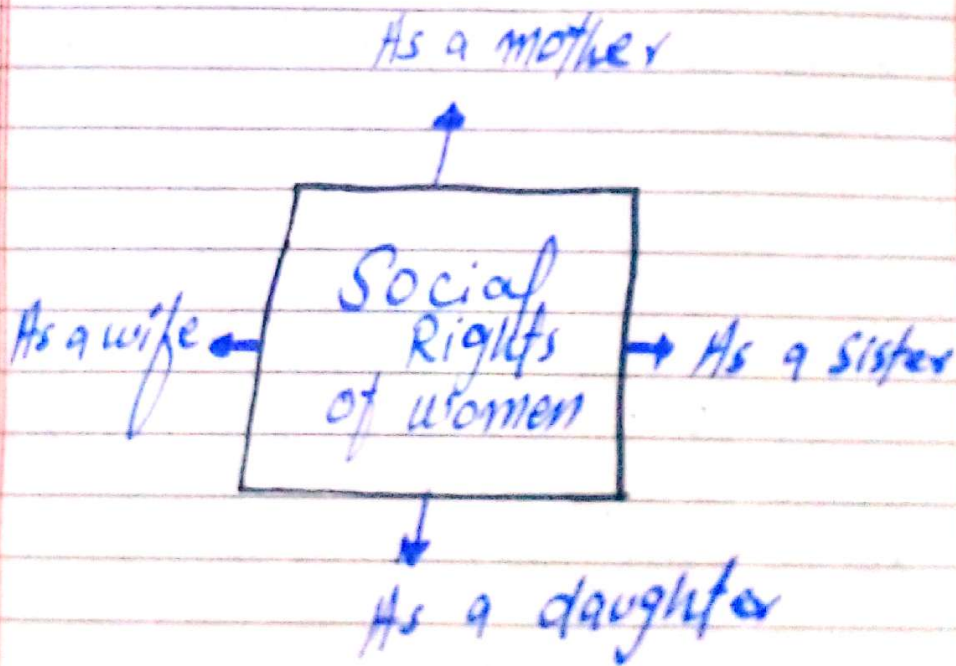
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"The Greek Civilization" they had a mythological person by the name of "Pandora" who was a woman and who was the cause of evil and misfortune in society. When we read the "Roman Civilization" reached to its peak. Men has a right to killed his wife. In "Egyptian Civilization" he considered the women a sign of devil, when we read "Arab Civilization" before the Quran was revealed, female child buried alive. After the revelation of Quran, on the prophet Muhammad (SAW), women were given their due rights and privileges, why then it is called universal religion.

II Women rights in Islam

(i) Social rights of women in Islam

Social rights of women divided into four sub main headings.



(a) The rights of mother in Islam

Islam provide authentic rights to mother, and emphasize retaining good relation with mother, because,

"Paradise lies beneath
the feet of your
Mother"

In One occasion, a person
told Muhammed (SAW) shall
I participate in Jihād? Prop-
het said, "Are your parents
alive?" He said yes "stay
with her, for verily paradise
beneath her feet."

(b) Rights of sister in Islam

Prophet Muhammed (SAW)
said, "if a person upbringing
two daughter with care and mercy
he enter Jannah without any
question". A woman approached
Muhammad (SAW) ^{and said} "my parents
forced me to married against
my wishes, Muhammed
(SAW) said, "she has a
right to accept it or not to
it."

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(c) Rights of daughter in Islam

One of the most notable example from the life of prophet Muhammad (SAW), whenever Fatima (RA) visit to him, he stand up greet her and kiss her face and provide his seat to her, this is the remarkable example from the life of prophet Muhammad (SAW) how to treat with daughter and other women in home and society.

(d) Rights of wife in Islam.

Quran rebuke the thought of sadness in the birth of female child.

"When a man marries, he has fulfilled half of his religion, so let him fear Allah regarding the remaining one."
(Sunan Ibn Majah)

(ii) Educational rights of women in Islam:

The first revelation of God on Muhammad (SAW) is not to offer sacrifice, charity, fast but it was "IQRA" to read.

”طلب العلم فریضه علی
کل مسلم“

"It is obligatory on every muslim men and women to acquire education" (Sunan Ibn Majah)

And one of the notable example of Hazrat Ayesha bint Abubaker, she has a collection of (2210) Ahadith and she was also expert in mathematics. After the demise of prophet Muhammad (SAW) people came to her in order to solve inheritance problems.

(iii) Economic rights of women in Islam

Islam give economic right to women 1300 year ago, before the western world. when the Quran revealed, and the advent of Mohammed (saw) the women have given a right to own and disown a property even they's married and unmarried without the permission of any one else.

(iv) legal rights of women in Islam

In Islam legally men and women are same, the women even have a right of witness.

10. Someone lays on allegation against the chastity and modesty of a woman, and does not produce four witnesses, gave him 80 lashes, as a punishment. (Surah Al-Aqoor)

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(III) Conclusion:

In a nutshell, Islam provide the due rights of women 1300 ago. It not only study one sphere of women rights in a society but, it study the women rights in a society in different sphere, even it is social, legal, educational and economic. This is so what called the universal deen.

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"Indeed, the religion in the sight of Allah is (Islam)"
(Al-Quran)

