

If women are not protected legally
can legal action protect them? ^{socially}

1. Introduction

TS. If women is not protected from the patriarchy that is prevalent in the society, taking only legal actions will only prove futile but may even sometime backfire which leads to the worsening oppression like ever. It thus underscores the need ^{at the hour} to shift gears toward providing her social protection for ^{her} real emancipation.

2. Why is social protection necessary for the effectiveness of legal actions?

3. Problems/issues where legal actions taken proved futile due to absence of social protection:

- a. Honor killing
- b. Domestic violence
- c. Child marriage
- d. Workplace harassment
- e. Dual duty of home and job.
- f. In Politics

How providing social protection increases the effectiveness of legal provisions:

- a. Education increases her ability to access legal support against violence.
- b. Social welfare programmes empowers her to access legal help

wrongly.

Some argue that legal protection leads to social protection a Personal is Political. Susan Miller Okun.

- a Family and marriage laws.
- b Abortion rights.
- c Quota system.

Conclusion.

Introduction:-

"Her real emancipation lies in change ^{bringing} in the society" (Amanda Cooman).

Latimer has since ever been struggling to free herself from the chains of oppression that have been piercing not only her body but also her soul. For this purpose a wife and somewhat organized struggle started was triggered in mid 19th century which focused to put pressure on the stakeholders to make legislations on these issue. Uptill now there have made enormous laws in almost every state against core issues like honor killing, domestic violence, early marriage, harassment, dual duty of home ~~and~~ work an inside home and outside of employment etc. However, these legal effort proved futile due to the absence of any social change and empowerment. On the other hand

instances of providing social protection lead to her
avail. These legal actions ^{wrongly} in true
sense. However some may argue that
legal actions lead to social protection
However if women is not protected
just for the patriarchy that is
prevalent in the society, through
social protection, then taking only
legal steps will only prove futile. Thus
this wretched oppression ^{wretched} ^{unpleasant}
-the need of the hour to shift
focus towards providing her social
protection for real emancipation.

The effectiveness of legal
action depends upon social ^{social} grounds.
The reason is that ^{improved} society is made
of deeply ^{improved} ^{inculcated} norms. If
society is not ready for change
then legal actions not only prove
futile, but sometimes may even backfire
Same is the case with the legal
provisions related to women's empowerment.
She needs to be protected socially
through education and economic
support to take full advantage of
legal provisions. In the same way
awareness programs are needed
to spread the importance of protection
of women.

Exam Legal provisions against
domestic violence prove futile due to
the absence of social

Despite the presence of enormous laws women hardly find the courage to raise voice against it as in case of reporting, she will need to leave the house. While ^{due to me} absence of any proper shelter homes she is bound to bear the oppression throughout her life. According to Human Rights Commission Pakistan nearly 90% of women face some kind of domestic violence and out of them only only 0.4% women take their case to court. This underscores the failure of legal provisions against domestic violence due to the absence of social protection.

Gender based killing is another grave issue which has seen a little or no reversal. ^{It's} due to the fact that those who are under threat or have survived attack do not find proper social protection in the form of safe shelter homes or cost free legal support. According to United Nations ^{atmo} in each eleven minute one woman ~~abuse~~ is killed by an intimate partner or family member. In the same way in Pakistan, honor killing is an example of it where a woman is killed due to her choice of clothing, employment or life partner.

Survey report says that only 30% of those who report harassment, finds new job. ~~But~~ Moreover, as Chhabra Greed Hart puts it, that reporting jeopardises her perceived sense of worthiness of promotion. In this way, Pakistan Legal provisions of Harassment Act 2010 at workplace Harassment Act 2010, which was further improved by an amendment in 2022 proved ineffective as Deloitte's report says, almost 40% of women faced harassment, or aggression by senior. Thus the absence of social protection mechanism against this grave issue proved almost futile.

Dual duty of childcare and job also can be causes obstacle in her struggle for economic empowerment which couldn't be catered through socially imitated programs such as daycare. She is often brainwashed that she is capable of taking both the responsibilities, and which ultimately leads to her giving up. As Vera Nazario P. says "she is a human, not more strong more intelligent and more creative than man". In developed countries for instance, day care systems are provided for working women and also social awareness programs to make her

Doctors realize her plight. However in
absence of providing such social
protections providing only legal
actions like job opportunities will
not be effective.

~~to Politics as well women~~
quota is fixed

Moreover providing social protection
increases the effectiveness of legal
provisions such as providing her
education and awareness increases
her ability and knowledge to access
legal support against violence or
any other kind of injustice. In
Pakistan, for instance, according to
a report by Public Sector Development
Programme education increases ~~to~~
reporting of violence as of those
who reported were 44% of
literate, educated women and 26%
of uneducated women. Thus social
protection of education increases
the effectiveness of legal actions.

In the same way social
welfare programmes also empowers
her to access those legal support
systems in Pakistan for instance,

Banoor Income Support Programme
is reported to have not only
increase ~~to~~ rural women's say in
her home decisions but also increased
her worth in ^{status} household of her male

Such counterparts in the same way enable programs to improve her to health but also to take by herself the decision of family planning. This idea was put forth by Margaret Atwood in her book The Handmaid's Tale that economic power allows men to take decisions of make her a child producing machine. Thus slogans and legal actions of 'G.C. 130' by body my choice will be futile unless she is economically empowered to be socially protected.

Despite all these above stated well designed arguments, some may argue that legal protection ~~leaves~~ to alone may will protect women from oppression. These arguments were put forth by liberal feminists like Mary Wollstonecraft, Susan Moller Okun and John Stuart Mill who focused on the legal liberation of women by ~~enjoying~~ achieving for her voting rights, wage parity laws, and equal job opportunities. However due to the absence of socially focused steps, these struggles produced results that were not fully utilized or were not accessible

Susan Muller Okins, for instance proposed the famous slogan 'Personal is Political' in her book Family, Justice and Gender. That only politics intervention can bring an end to female oppression. Inspired by such thought ideas states → incubated laws related to family and marriage protection. One for instance is Pakistan's Family and marriage Protection Ordinance in 1960. Such laws have no doubt brought immensely positive impact for many. However, today even after 62 years, these are not accessible for many, plightful women due to lack of resources and even due to lack of knowledge about such laws. Thus she is still in need of economic and educational protection to end her oppression by taking advantage of political and legal help.

Moreover, these liberal feminists, as inspired by Margaret Atwood brought through struggle abortion acts which allowed her to abort a child if she feels herself not ready for it due to one reason or another. However even after more than a century these laws are

standing on shaky grounds. As we saw previous year even in an advanced state like USA some states reached such lower by Rhoer Wo Wade, It happens so due to lack of proper health care systems which leads to health complications. Even in Pakistan a slogan related to such issues is Bisqum backlashed due to absence of proper social health awareness mechanism.

Hence, legal actions although significant which significance cannot be ignored prove ineffective in the absence of social protection mechanisms which alone may lead to her emancipation.

Thus women must be empowered economically and through education

As the oppression of the half of the population of the world will remain the biggest obstacle for a global development as a whole. As Rup Kaur says.

"The moment we realize resilience, the moment we realize her potentials, we all move the world starts moving towards greater progress."