

Question no. 1

Rights of women in Islam in context of current waves of women right.

I. Introduction:

Before the advent of Islam, women were treated very badly and strict rules and regulations were implemented on them. But when the Prophet (PBUH) came and brought the message of Allah Almighty he ^{also} set basic fundamental rights for the women. He (PBUH) conveyed the idea that all human beings i.e. men or women all are equal and women should be respected in the same way as the men are. But again today we are seeing that women have been deprived of their fundamental rights. They have been treated very badly strict rules and regulations have been implemented on them. They have been asked not to work and they have also been deprived of their fundamental rights like justice, freedom, bread and butter and

related things. But all these rights have been given by Islam and these women are struggling to get these rights because they have forgotten the teachings and principles of Islam.

Is. What women have been facing at present

- i. Being Harassed at the work places
Today the women have been harassed at their work places. People have took benefit of them by placing them in the situations where they are weak. Women want necessary actions against these harassers. So the current wave of women right urge all to stand up for their right.

- ii. Early-age Marriage:

This is becoming common in almost all of the developing countries. Early marriage is the violation of right of women.

- iii. Forced marriage:

Beside early age marriage the women have been forced to have marriage without their own will.

iv - Deprived of Education:

In most parts of the world, women have been set off from their basic right of education. Education is necessary for the well-being and progress of society. Women education is a key element in development of a society.

v Not been made a part of working class

Although women possess certain skills and want to contribute to the country they have been forced to do only household work.

-vi Not been given basic fundamental

rights

Their basic fundamental rights have been ignored. The simplest of the rights include health, food, clothes, and justice. Women of today are facing their challenges and they are demanding these rights because it is the primary principle of almost every religion and Islam also urges its followers to give basic rights to the women.

III. Basic fundamental rights given by Islam to the women:

-i Right of chastity:

Islam give the basic fundamental right to the women that is to respect her chastity. ~~They~~ Islam urges his followers to not to dis-respect a women and to do not harass her at any given circumstances. Allah says in the Holy Quran:

"Say to the believing men they should lower their gaze and show modesty."
(An-Nisa:30)

So if we follow the teachings of Islam no women will be harassed.

-ii Protection within four walls:

Islam also urges his followers to not to tease women and men should give complete protection to their women and advise all the people to take care of her chastity within the four walls also Allah says in

the Holy Quran that
"Do not enter their homes without any permission except

You have been asked for."

Similarly Islam advises his followers that if you knock the door and you hear the voice of women you should lower your gaze and talk behind the screen if necessary otherwise it is ^{not} necessary to make contact with her.

-iii Women are equal to men

Islam says women are equal to men in all aspects except the physical realm. They should be treated as men are treated and they should be given equal rights as everyone is equal as far as Islam is concerned. Allah says in the Holy Quran that

"فَرِيقًا مِّنْ ذُرِّيَّتِهِ لَمَسَّ السَّعِيرُ"

And we have certainly honoured the offspring of Adam."

That means every person whether men or women all are equal in the view of Islam.

iv Right to education:

Islam gives equal rights to women in terms of getting the necessary education. The Holy Prophet (P. R. H.) has said

"**كُلُّ الْعِلْمِ رِيشَةٌ عَلَى كَرْتَلٍ وَسُلْطَةٌ**"

"Getting Education is the basic fundamental right of every muslim men and women.

Islam strongly emphasizes the importance of education. The first verse of the Holy Quran also starts with

"**اقْرَأْ بِسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ**"

"Read in the name of the creator.

So one should pay special heed to the education of women because it is the women education that makes a society a better place for living.

v Right to justice:

Women also have the right to get the basic fundamental justice. As every human being is equal so justice to women is also necessary because they have rights and Allah strongly

urges his followers to do justice
no matter what. It is a fundamental
right. Allah says in the Holy Quran

Be just **قُلْ بَرٌّ** it is near to piety:

-vi Right to freedom and life

Islam urges his followers to give
freedom to women. If it is a daughter,
wife or your mother, you have
to respect her freedom and
also you need to protect her
from all sorts of troubles. Islam says
that do not kill her because she
is a human also and it gives
guarantee of life. Allah says in
the Holy Quran

"وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ"

And do not kill any soul.

-vii Right ~~of dowry~~ dower:

Islam says that on the night
of marriage give them the
dower (Mahr-e-Maher) and do
not take it as if it is
her fundamental right.

viii. **Right to Inheritance**
Islam is the first religion which gives women the right of inheritance. Whether she is a daughter or mother, Islam has set a specific share of inheritance for her.

ix. **Right to bread and butter**
It is the fundamental right of every woman that men should take care of her bread and butter. Men should provide him with basic clothes, food and all the necessary things. Allah says in the Holy Quran

"Men are the caretakers of the women". (An-Nisa: 34)

x. **Right in the affairs of state:**

Islam also urges that women should be a part of state affairs. They should be given equal opportunities as of men. We have the examples that how Islam has taken care of women. During Hazrat Umar (R.A) caliphate, he appointed many women at higher ranks e.g. Hazrat Shifa who was appointed as the market administrator.

Conclusion.

In short by following the teachings of Islam, all people need to access and realize that women are just as equal as men. Women should be given equal rights in order to not to see the current protest by women for their basic fundamental rights. We can only please Allah if we fulfil the basic fundamental rights of all the humans including women. Imam Ali says:

"Those who seek humanity
seek solitude"

Q:02

Moral values of Islam are a significant feature of Islamic Civilization

1) Introduction:

Civilization can be defined as a process by which a society or culture reaches an advanced stage of social and culture development.

Syed Abul ala Maududi says:

"Civilization is a complete process which comprises of all dimensions of action, thought, morality and ethics that a man has adopted in his individual, social and political realm of his life."

Today there are number of civilizations but Islamic civilization is most distinctive of well. It comprises of almost all dimensions of human life.

It gives a clear cut about all the fundamental dealings and affairs of the world. It gives significant value to the moral norms which are essential in order to have

a peaceful and prosperous society.
From the day Islam arrived in the
world, its broad focus was on the
human and the rights and moral values
that are to be given to him.

This makes it different from all
civilizations of the world. Moral
values hold a key space in
the Islamic Civilization.

Moral Values in the Islamic Civilization

1. Ihsan - Excellence in Faith

Ihsan ~~is~~ contextual meaning is
that Allah is seeing all actions
of humans and keeping that in
Mind, A man tries to do
good and want to benefit all
the mankind. This only exist in
Islamic civilization where a man
by fear of God tries to benefit
his companions. Allah says in
the Holy Quran

ان الله يحب المتقين
"Surely Allah enjoys the justice
and doing good."

By having this
in mind people will try to
benefit each other. They will

not benefit himself or herself. This is the distinctive aspect of Islamic

-ii Equality for ~~All~~ All:

Civilization Islamic civilization urges his followers that all human beings are equal. All are the sons of Adam and all should be treated equally no matter from which cast, creed or colour he belongs. Allah says in the Holy Quran

وَلَا تَرْتَابَ فِي أَصْنَابِنَا ذَمٌّ

And we have certainly honoured the sons of Adam.

So by this Islamic civilization urges all that all the rights of the people should be given to them because all human beings are equal.

iii Tolerance and Co-existence.

Islam gives the message of tolerance and co-existence.

This is only possible in Islamic civilization. The teachings urge his followers that we should live as a whole

and also to forgive the wrong-doings of others. Prophet (PBUH) was a perfect example for all of us how to use to be tolerant even to his bitter enemies.

iv Social Justice:

Islamic civilization urges his followers to do justice ^{matter} no matter what the cost is. Social Justice is a key factor in the success of a civilization.

As in his book "Clash of Civilizations" Samuel says that moral values will be found where the civilizations will have a conflict. So Social Justice is necessary and Islam promotes justice. Allah says in the Holy Quran

"And be fair and Allah love those who are fair." Al Hujrat

A society cannot flourish without social justice and justice means equality for all whether men, women, children all are equal.

v **Simplicity**
Simplicity is the key essence of Islamic Civilization. Islam promotes simplicity and modesty.

"And do not walk on the Earth by heading your heads high."

vi **Patience and Forgiveness**
Islam urges its followers to be patient and forgive everyone that has done bad to you. Only Islamic Civilization promotes this kind of moral values. Allah says in the Holy Quran

"وَابْتَغِ الْفَعْلَ بِالسَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ"

"And seek help through patience and prayer."

"إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ"

Indeed Allah is with those who keep patience

vii **Social Relations:**

Islam says that social relations are key for the growth of civilization. Islam covers all social relations and

