

Exploring the Status of Hindu Minority in Economic Activities at District Swat of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan

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Abstract; The economy is regarded as one of the key institutions in a society. The study aims to highlight the status of the Hindus minority in economic activities in district Swat of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. The universe of today is confronting different sorts of issues. This is the call of great importance to make a quiet and fit life standard among individuals who belong to different faiths possesses in one country. This work attempts to analyze the willingness and position in economic transactions and business activities of Hindu minorities. The selected population is very rare in the Swat district due to some reasons in the area. Owing Qualitative nature of the inquiry, 08 participants were chosen through a purposive sampling method that pertaining 4 respondents from the business community and 4 respondents from jobs sectors in various Government and Non-Government departments. The data gathered from subjects were separated through interpreting the data and recognizing verification of themes for understanding. A harmonized environment amongst various segments of the population leads to a peaceful phase of progress and development. On the foundations of discoveries of study, positive social communication, common regards, energy in reasoning, and the positive role of media were suggested as strategy rules.

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Introduction

The economy is the fundamental institution of society and plays a vital role in terms of dependency among the various segments of society. Also, this is regarded as one of the pillars of a building on which the entire building is supported and exists. Pakistan is a Muslim majority country in

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the world and represents 96 % of the Muslim population. The rest of four percent represent religious minorities in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (Jan, 2020). Ali (2007) expressed that there are 57 nations populace is Muslims larger part out of 193 over the globe. As indicated by the humanist Wirth (1984) a compliant gathering is a total of individuals who, in light of their material just as social elements, are isolated in a similar society where they invested energy for the level of contrasts and inconsistent treatment. As per Henslin, (1997) convictions and rehearsed secluded the profane from the sacrosanct and the follower into a holy local area. The Muslims went toward the South Asian sub-central area as vanquishers, their gloriousness and commonness were unexpectedly blamed by the non-Muslims in a solitary way or the other. As shown by Hussain, (2009) strict minorities stood up to the issues connected with monetary exercises. Inamullah (2010) uncovered that interfaith amicability among the different fragments of society is fundamental for public activity. Interfaith congruity means to live and let others for life. Pakistan got independent status on the fourteenth august, 1947 and a different country for the Muslim of sub landmasses guarantee with a philosophy of equity for all the standing and doctrine. Hindus and Muslims have been lived separately on a comparative land package for more than 1,000 years. The future scans worse for this dispute; pressure is on the rising, people not being told what in particular precisely is happening, or more all, people are not seeing each other. Congruity is a must and fundamental for the smooth running of life in the area. As indicated by Mitra, (1992) Muslims and strict minorities live in the subcontinent for extremely long. During their living, there is incredible savagery, in light of the above discussion it can without a doubt be gathered that the direction of a few Hindu bosses and the systems of the Congress helped to expand the narrows among strict minorities and the Muslims (Mahbob, 2009). The review directed by Jan (2019) investigated that minority issues connected with monetary are featured nowadays by media and different offices for the sack of to get advancement whole arrangement of life.

Minorities in Pakistan have a recognizable condition, they live underneath the destitution line and they miss the mark on the necessities of life including wellbeing, instruction, and asylum. Although it is an exceptionally huge issue however no one is by all accounts such a lot of worry about the state of this class of the general public, who in any case should be furnished with every one of the necessities of life. Even though Pakistan is an Islamic nation, where the essential standards of value are should be practiced by law regardless of race and statement of faith yet practically speaking these all are deficient.

The universe of today is immersed in various kinds of dilemmas. The situation with minorities is a colossally examined subject of this state. The interfaith concordance between the Muslim and Hindu is ton of essential in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Versatility exists in Islam regarding the honors of minorities. Tragically the expansive correspondences and the western countries misinterpret that the minorities are denied of their essential privileges and opportunity. The zone of excitement for this assessment will grow the association among Hindus and Muslims living individually with amicability and concordance. The assessment will in like manner investigate the common respects, support of the two Muslims and Hindus in various ways of life.

Objectives of the Study

The goal of this review is to investigate the monetary and social state of minorities in Pakistan. The monetary state of the minorities has been portrayed through an appropriately run study in a portion of the region of the district of Swat, it covers all the parts of the society just as the financial states of the minorities which is far from being a true issue nearby.

Literature Review

Rehman (2010) expressed that minorities need to stand up to segregation and stay under the order of larger parts everywhere. They are separated in friendly conduct, monetarily minimized, confined in offering their ceremonies, and don't appear to be part of the standard of society. It is seen cautiously that strict bigotry and oppression have been stay on the oblivious elements in the talk of human past time. There are various sorts of the subjected bunch in Pakistan, yet in the excellent foundation, the significance is given to minorities based on religion. They were normally experienced financial injustice and imbalance. Minorities in Pakistan seem as though isolated and shaky in varying backgrounds. Fouzia (2014) investigated that strict minorities are gone up against carelessness from state foundation and took advantage of by fanatic gathering. A minority is financially denied and in reverse instructively. They have incompetent positions, little pay, and an assortment of social issues that went up against them in their everyday life. Occupations, advancement, and security are not given to them because of bias. Sad to report, the administration of minorities has been estranged and fruitless to play out its part in this foundation as needs be (Safia, 2015).

Micheal (2008) depicted that there is a deficiency of legitimate homes and essential offices of wellbeing just as security too strict minorities in Pakistan. Then again (Hussain, 2009) referenced that 4 million strict minorities are taking in Pakistan that is Hindu, Christians, and Sikhs. Whenever an undesirable event happens in India, in response to this occurrence Hindus are focused on Pakistan. Similarly, Pakistan Christians are going up against a difficult situation after America's assault on Afghanistan. This is asserting that they are being segregated in Government benefits although standard held for them in Government administrations at nearby, Provincial or focal levels. The historical backdrop of book schedule advancing detests and creates hostile perspectives among the understudies of Muslims towards strict minorities. In the development of Pakistan, the job of the Minority Population never gets space in the schedule of course readings. They have as an un-called for large business environmental elements and stood up to impediments in the recuperation of credits and assets. The ladies of Hindu are experiencing persuasive changes and capturing the new religion. By and large, they are kept hopeless, underneath training and underemployment.

Materials and Methods

District Swat is the capital part of the Malakand division of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and is regarded as the economic and business hub of seven districts. Swat host some minority along with the Muslim majority like; Christians, Sikhs, and Hindus. The population of Hindus is very rare in the Swat district due to some reasons in the area. Owing Qualitative nature of the inquiry, 08 respondents are chosen through a purposive sampling method that pertaining 4 respondents from the business community and 4 respondents from jobs sectors in various Government and Non-Government departments in Swat. The data gathered from subjects were separated through interpreting the data and recognizing verification of themes for understanding, the effective examination offers emphasis to assessing, pinpointing, and plans from the data (Creswell, 2010). These topics in the data were critical to the explanation of the truth related to the exploration questions.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Problem faced in Business Activities

Financial exercises are typically performed by individuals for their occupation and acquisition. These exercises assume an imperative part in developing solid and possible ties between individuals from the various social, social, ethnic, and phonetic foundations. Moreover, different minority bunches in Pakistan might have solid cooperation with greater part Muslims established in the financial ties. In such a way one of the respondents expressed,

“The individuals from minority bunch view themselves as imperiling by the main gatherings as far as lifestyle and identity. These suppositions are escalated in the nonappearance of financial equity. The foul play of Socio financial (for instance, the dismissal of fundamental freedoms or the leave of monetary privileges, for example, right to use to adequate staple and convenience) encourages racial pressure.”

The statement showed the level of participation in economic activities is quite diverse than the majority in the area. In the justification of this finding Rehman (2010) expressed that minorities need to go up against separation and stay under the order of larger part everywhere. They are separated in friendly conduct, financially minimized, confined in offering their customs, and don't appear to be part of the standard of society. In this respect the subject revealed,

“Minority can contribute a lot to the economic stability and growth of a nation or a country. But minorities remained ignored by some elements and keep away from the national growth of economy and progress.”

Participation in economic activities can easily strengthen the socio-economic relation between a superordinate and subordinate group of society. Minority participation in all economic activities like business, trade transactions is very significant in respect of economic growth and stability. One of the respondents also clarify the importance of economic ties that

“solid social ties may likewise lessen the monetary expand among minorities and Muslim greater part which may likewise supportive in wiping out the oppressive demeanor towards minorities.”

The aforementioned statement declared that financial exchange and business binds can improve their social connection with Muslim larger parts nearby. Then again, solid social binds may likewise increment and urge the minorities to start business attaches with the greater part. Regarding this, Yiftachel (1997) depicted that in heterogeneous social orders, an ethnic clash is featured and created by uncalled for sharing assets of state in the general public, and minimization of racial gatherings are caused to grumbling for the protection of their nearby monetary interests. They are allowed to exploit their financial advantages from cross-country assets. Opportunity is requested by them to accomplish their gathering advantages. Then again, the endorsement and satisfaction were created by prevailing gatherings and notice the construction of state to be agreeable.

“Individuals of minority bunch is denied of its expected offer in a state and they are kept financially smothered. Ethnic anxiety is brought about by these distinctions in all parts of society. Financial contrasts produce social crumbling and fracture of society. They aggravate racial contrasts that make a tremendous hole among greater part and minority.”

The findings fully support the view of Ahsan (2002) that economic deprivation, isolation, and sanction lead to frustration and anxiety among the members of society. It is oftentimes uncovered that minorities

are segregated in hardly any critical regions including the getting of public character cards, admittance to business, and good instructive open doors. Moreover, other basic issues looked at by minorities are the constrained transformations and plunder of their hallowed spots of love and barely any different grievances have additionally been accounted for in other extraordinary regions. A few observational discoveries on the situation with minorities in Pakistan show that strict minorities' interests are monetary because of the fiscal imbalance and equivalent freedoms of citizenship. Moreover, financial issues defied by minorities are more basic in contrast with the issues of disrespect or constrained transformations. Additionally, other significant issues regularly revealed by minorities are connected with lawful and political angles which incorporate the absence of availability to the accessible mutual labor and products. These grievances show the expanding underestimation of the strict minorities in Pakistan who are social avoided through authoritative and individual separation in light of their confidence and accept

Issues in Jobs and Employment

There is a five percent standard hold for very much perused and prepared people of strict minorities in government occupations of Pakistan. In Arakan, the Muslim government employees are exceptionally scant to fire up an exchange and business. An organization with a Buddhist is generally significant for a Muslim to build up a financial relationship with minorities. In this joint endeavor, the Buddhist partner claims half of the business without contributing any advantage (Insani, 2012). One of the subjects respond in this respect;

"The greater part of Hindus is sweepers or block furnace specialists in our general public. The functioning conditions for minorities are not secure by any means and they are excessively real and orally abused by their proprietors. Sterile and clean water for drinking was not getting by them and not have any offices for a latrine at work puts even work the entire day."

The finding supports the statement of Faruqi (2012) expressed in his report that the functioning state of strict minorities is undependable and they work the entire day, yet they don't get drinking water and latrine offices in their working environments. Such a way another respondent stated;

"In the financial front, the strictly subjected bunches contemplate themselves overwhelmed by the main gatherings in varying backgrounds the most significant of which is the nonappearance of minorities in the financial exercises. The monetary issues faced by minorities in Pakistan are apparent from their chronic frailty conditions and working for their acquiring to take care of their families."

The working condition for a minority is also nonsatisfactory. They faced a different kind of problem like they work all day and get very low wages due to their subservient status in society. they are not facilitated like the majority is facilitated in working places. Even they confronted the issue of cold drinking water in their workplaces. The majority even didn't share their food with the minority nor did they set at the same table at the time of eating. Along with this, there in Pakistan five percent quota is reserved for minorities in jobs.

"Financial issues went up against by minorities are more basic in contrast with the issues of irreverence or constrained transformations. Besides, other significant issues often announced by minorities are connected with lawful and political viewpoints which incorporate the absence of availability to the accessible mutual labor and products. These objections show the expanding minimization of the strict

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Then again, solid social binds may likewise increment and urge the minorities to start business attaches with the larger part. The economy is one of the basic institutions of society. It's not only confined to the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services. But economy plays an important role in social interaction and integration amongst the people of society. The societies which inhabit religious minorities confronted the issues of solidarity and adjustment.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on findings, the study concluded that economic activities play a key role in the development of a nation. Jobs and employment are necessary for needs satisfaction in life. It is regarded as one of the most important aspects of society through which a congenial relationship exists and developed dependency upon each other. Muslims and Hindus harmoniously lived with each other in the targeted area. The finding shows that the Hindus have some difficulties in economic activities in district Swat. Anyhow, minorities participate in all the activities related to business, trade, and transaction in the targeted area. According to conducted study, both of the communities had a smooth and peaceful environment of mutual respect, sustainability, and cooperation. In the light of the study, a strong socio-economic relationship needs to develop for the smooth running of life. Maximum relationship in economic activities leads to solidarity, cohesion, and acceptance of each other. Also, the study recommended that vibrant media needs to play its role through focusing on economic activities.

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