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# FACTORS AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF FEMALE TEACHERS IN HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF SAHIWAL DIVISION-PAKISTAN 

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ABSTRACT-The objectives of this research paper is to explore the factors affecting the performance of female teachers in higher secondary schools in Sahiwal division. For the selection of sample, 39 Government Girls High Schools and 195 teachers (SS/SSS) were selected from Sahiwal Division. Data were collected through a structured questionnaire containing 30 items. Different techniques such as 5-points Likert scale, descriptive statistics and ANNOVA were used to measure the response of respondents and analyze data. The major findings of the study show that there is significant difference among the perceptions of female teachers of all three districts i.e. Pakpattan, Sahiwal and Okara. It was concluded that shortage of subject specialists in higher secondary schools is the main cause of low quality education.

Key words: Female Teachers, Secondary Schools, Quality of Education.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1Background of Study

Education system is entirely dependent on teacher's role. This role is categorically described in national educational polices of Pakistan. Khan (2005) says that professionalism in teachers is falling day by day. The effectiveness of a teacher depends on his qualitative teaching. Education contributes to the continuity of culture as well as changes foundations of civilization peacefully and rationally (Pervaiz et.al., 1994). The intellectual development, cultural transmission and securing past and present are the traditional goals of education (Farooq, 1994). A teacher's quality and a student's achievement are co-related (abate) most students cannot get/have quality teachers (Borman \& Kimball, 2005; Demirtas, 2010). As, Mohanty (2000) is of the view that most adequate effort to attain quality education depends on the performance of its key players "teachers".

The role of higher secondary education is everlasting beyond any doubt. This is a kind of terminal education stage leading to higher and specialized education and provides basis for quality education onwards. Again there are several aspects which influence/affect the performance of teachers, they are: increased duties, fulfillment of many unnatural targets and departmental negligence in solving teachers' problems. These factors determine teacher's attitude towards their job.

### 1.2 Statement of the problem

Researchers are required to look in to the issue as to why female teachers are continuously demotivated and their satisfaction is decreasing. Since the emergence of organizational studies, the area of female teacher's performance is becoming much more focus of research. Present study is an
attempt to investigate personal, social and organizational factors which affect teachers' performance and organizational effectiveness.

### 1.3 Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the present study are stated as under:

1. To investigate the personal problems of female teachers that affect their teaching performance.
2. To study the organizational factors of female teachers affecting their job performance.
3. To study social factors which influence the performance of female teachers at secondary school level.
4. To find out difference in the perception of rural and urban teachers.

### 1.4 Research Questions

Research questions for the present study were framed as below:
1 Which personal factors influence job performance of female teachers in higher secondary school?
2. Which are the organizational factors that affect job performance of female teachers?
3. Which are the social factors that influence the performance of female teachers at higher secondary school?
4. Is there any difference in the perception of rural and urban teachers?

## 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Teaching is one of the great professions and teacher's role in the intellectual, moral and psychological development of students is doubtlessly outstanding. Education is actually a process of imparting knowledge to students and young ones in educational institutions (Cowie, 1989). Panda (1988) is of the view that strength of the nation lies in men and through
education destiny of nation is achieved and future of the nation is determined. The influence of teachers is everlasting and they cannot be bypassed in teaching-learning process. The whole world recognizes their importance (Panda and Mohantry, 2003).

Government of Pakistan (1979) declared its education system as three tiers: elementary (I-VIII); secondary (IX-XII) and tertiary (XIII above). So, we now have first year and second year classes in higher secondary schools with high enrolment. Currently our education system has the following tiers: Primary (I-V); Elementary (V- VIII), Secondary (IX-X); higher secondary education (XI-XII) higher education in colleges and universities (XIII and above), (Farooq, 1994). I year and II year classes are not university classes even in Pakistan. Their exams are annually managed by educational boards in Punjab, (NEP, 1998-2010).

Siddiqui (2004) found that a teacher's job performance is affected by factors like aptitude and attitude, command on subject, perfect teaching methods, personal traits, environment in the class and general cognitive capacity. On the other hand, Kumar (2005) points out that honesty is an abstract and hidden trait and professional honesty is positive attitude towards the profession of teaching which should be developed among individuals. Though quality of teachers guarantees economic prosperity of the country (Hanushek, 2009), anyhow previous customs and civilization of rewarding teachers on the success of students have brought minor changes towards success (Wyckoff, 2006, Fryer, 2013 ;)

Lefgren (2008) views that principals were unable to find the teachers with medium performers but they identified easily the low or tail performers. Painta and Hamre (2009) provide a set of emotional support and organizational
techniques which are as essential as instructional methods. They say that if teachers provide emotional support and a safe and predictable atmosphere, they can enable students to become more confident, independent and eager to learn, take risks and accept challenges. Relationships with staff members, relations with community and parents, balanced approach, interaction with learners, teaching competence of a teacher, grading fairness and overall attitude of a teacher towards students is additional requirement for the teachers (Ottosen, 2017).

In the modern era teachers' effectiveness has attracted the attention of the world (Lowrie \& Jorgensen, 2015), because effective teachers exert better learning influence than poor teachers (Hanushek \& Wobmann, 2007). An effective teacher knows how to use voice impression, and how to attract learner's attention and response. Kurtz et.al (2017) is of the view that another trait of educator is to communicate with learners in the language they are well conversant. Language of the teacher should be simple and easy. According to Rao (2001) teachers are the nation builders and teaching is a challenging job and a very responsible one. With the increasingly intricate living pattern, teacher's job is becoming more challenging and more demanding.

There are many external factors which affect a teacher's performance in the classroom. As per the views of Anderson (1991) what the goals are and what the students are being taught will determine the effectiveness of a particular teacher. Both internal and external factors are responsible for teacher's performance (Jabeen, 2001). Torrington et al. (2003) pointed out that teaching is composed of sequential actions which aim to help the learner, so that they may acquire the desired content through different teaching strategies adopted by the teachers (Iqbal, 1996). The teachers hence should have grip on
content as well as in the teaching methodology. Thus "how" to teach and "what" to teach are both important (Parson et al., 2001).

### 2.1 Distinction of the study

The present study is very unique in nature and objective. Most of the previous studies cover the secondary school level, while in this study public sector higher secondary schools have been selected and the subject specialists and senior subject specialists teaching in these higher secondary schools are taken as a sample. This study has been conducted in Sahiwal Division. The researcher could not found any study which has been conducted in this area earlier. So it makes this research study distinct.

## 3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This research was designed to find out the factors which affect the performance of female teachers in public sector girls higher secondary schools in Sahiwal division. Nasution (2009) says that every research is based on proper planning. So research methodology is the very basic requirement of every research. Whereas Gay (2000) is of the view that research design, research subjects, research instruments, research procedure and data analysis are the essential ingredients of every research. Kothari (1978) says that research methodology is actually the steps or sequence of events to be followed while conducting a research.

### 3.1 Research Design

As the study at hand is descriptive in nature and the researcher intended to find the perception on the factors having effect on the performance of female teachers, hence survey design was applied. Kombo (2006) says that a researcher uses a descriptive design when he / she has to describe the existing situation in detail. Nassaji (2015) states that descriptive research is basically concerned with the description of the conditions and nature of the current
scenario in detail. The descriptive method organizes data in the manner that main traits or characteristics are found with maximum effort. In the present study the researcher desires to explore the current situation in detail about the factors affecting the performance of female teachers in Sahiwal division.

### 3.2 Population of study

Borg and Gall (1979) say that population means total number of objects, people, structures or events from which we can draw a sample. There were 39 girls' higher secondary schools in the administrative area of Sahiwal Division. These 39 girls' higher secondary schools formed the population for the present study including all the subject specialists and senior subject specialists.

### 3.3 Sample of study

Sample is a very trivial set taken from the whole subjects and its characteristics are the same as those of the population. Ngoma (2006), states that a sample is a very small set of the population under investigation. Detail of the GGHSS was taken from the offices of the concerned District Education Officers (SE) (Sahiwal, Okara and Pakpattan).

According to Gay (2000) for descriptive research 10 to $20 \%$ of the population is enough for sample and for the population of 50000 individuals only $1 \%$ is sufficient as sample. So, 195 (45\%) teachers (SS/SSS) from Sahiwal division were selected as sample. Further five subject specialist /senior subject specialists were taken conveniently from each school.

Table 1:Detail of Teachers

| Sr. No. | Districts | No. of Teachers |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 1 | Sahiwal | $(5 \times 20)=100$ |
| 2. | Okara | $(5 \times 10)=50$ |
| 3 | Pakpatan | $(5 \times 9)=45$ |
|  | Total | $\mathbf{1 9 5}$ |

### 3.4 Development of Research Tool

Lancaster (2007) observes that some printed questions are used in data collection. The researcher in this study also used questionnaire for collection of data from teachers. So, for the completion of the study at hand and to obtain true data from the respondents, researcher developed a questionnaire for the teachers named as Female Teachers Performance Questionnaire for Teachers (FTPQT). The questionnaire for teachers comprised of thirty items. Researcher recorded responses on 5-Point-Likert rating scale with the direction to tick the boxes the respondents feel/understand most appropriate. Five levels to tick the boxes are as: if strongly agree to the statement in the questionnaire then mark $\boldsymbol{S A}$, if agree to the statement then tick $\boldsymbol{A}$, in case of undecided mark $\boldsymbol{U}$, if respondents disagree to the statement $\boldsymbol{D} \boldsymbol{A}$ will be used to show disagreement to the statement and $\boldsymbol{S D}$ for the strongly disagreement towards the statement.

### 3.5 Pilot study of the Tool/ Reliability Test

Pilot testing of questionnaire was carried out in February/March 2019. The instrument was served to 30 Subject Specialists / Senior Subject Specialists of Government Girls Higher Secondary Schools. In the opinion of Croasmun and Ostrom (2011) Cronbach's Alpha is used to determine the reliability when you have multiple Likert questions in a questionnaire and

Subkoviak, (1988) explains that .70 value is acceptable. Cronbach’s Alpha reliability of the questionnaires is presented in the following table 2.

Table 2: Cronbach's Alpha reliability of instrument

| S.No | Name of the <br> Instrument | Number <br> Statement | Cronbach's Alpha <br> Reliability |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | FTPQT | 30 | 0.87 |

## 4. Data Analysis

As, it has been discussed in detail earlier, that the focus of the present study was on exploring the factors affecting the performance of female teachers working in Government higher secondary schools in Sahiwal division. Data analysis and interpretation of the results have been described here as under.

### 4.1 Demographic information about teachers

Demographic information about teachers selected for the research is described in the table below.

Table. 3: Demographic information about teachers

| Variables | F | \% |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Gender <br> Female | 195 | 100 |
|  |  |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 9 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Local |  |  |
| Rural <br> Urban | 155 | 79 |
| Total | 40 | 21 |
| Districts | $\mathbf{1 9 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Sahiwal | 100 | 51 |
| Okara | 50 | 26 |


| Pakpatan | 45 | 23 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 9 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Designation | SS <br> SSS |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 9 5}$ | 62 |
| Academic Qualification |  | 38 |
| PHD | 04 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| M.Phil | 85 | 02 |
| M.A/M.Sc | 106 | 44 |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 9 5}$ | 54 |
| Professional <br> Qualification <br> B.ed <br> M.ed | 195 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

### 4.1.1 Gender

With respect to the gender variable only female teachers were selected for the study. So $100 \%$ sample comprised of female teachers.

### 4.1.2. Locality

As far as locality is concerned $79 \%$ teachers were from the rural area while $21 \%$ teachers belonged to urban area.

### 4.1.3 Districts

Three districts (Sahiwal, Okara, Pakpatan) were taken for the present study. Respondents from Sahiwal were $51 \%$, Okara $26 \%$ and Pakpatan were $23 \%$.

### 4.1.4 Designation

As regards the designation there were $62 \%$ Subject Specialist and $38 \%$ Senior Subject Specialist in the sample.

### 4.1.5 Academic Qualification

In connection with academic qualification only $02 \%$ were Ph .Ds, while M.Phils were $44 \%$ and $54 \%$ were M.A/M.sc.

### 4.1.6 Professional Qualification

From the sample $100 \%$ were holding B.ed degree while $64 \%$ were having M.ed degree as professional qualification.

Figure. 1 Demographic information about teachers


### 4.2 Comparison of the perceptions of Urban and Rural Teachers

## Locality wise perceptions of Teachers / Groups

The mean scores difference of urban and rural teachers' perception about factors affecting the performance of female teachers was calculated and following null hypothesis was tested.

Ho: There is no significant difference between the perception of teachers of urban and rural locality.

The null hypothesis was tested using ' $t$ ' test about difference between the performance of female teachers of urban and rural locality. The summary is presented in table 4.

Table 4 Locality wise performance of Teachers
Groups

| Teachers <br> Performanc <br> e | N | Mean | SD | df | T | Sig |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| urban | 40 | 3.56 | 1.38 | 193 | 1.397 | 0.02 |
| Rural | 155 | 3.60 | 1.34 |  |  |  |

( $\mathrm{N}=195$ )
Table 4 indicates that there is statistically significant difference between the perception of teachers of urban and rural locality. The value of $t$ $(193)=1.397, \operatorname{sig}=.02$ is significant at $5 \%$ level of significance because 0.02 value is less than 0.05 significance value. The null hypothesis that there is no significant difference between the perception of teachers of urban and rural locality is rejected. It means that the performance of urban and rural teachers were different. Moreover, mean score of urban teachers is 3.56 and mean score of rural teachers is 3.60. Accordingly, standard deviation for urban teachers is 1.38 and for rural teachers is 1.34 . Hence, perceptions of urban and rural teachers are different about the female performance factors.

### 4.3 District wise perception of Teachers

District wise mean score about the perception of female teachers was calculated and following null hypothesis was tested.

Ho: There is no significant difference among district wise female teachers perception about the factors affecting the female teachers performance.

The null hypothesis was tested using ANOVA about difference among district wise female teachers' perception. The summary is presented in table 5.

Table 5 District wise comparison of female teachers
ANOVA
Teachers performance

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean <br> Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Between Groups | 1.338 | 2 | .669 | 22.3 | .004 |
| Within Groups | 7.222 | 193 | .03 |  |  |
| Total | 8.561 | 194 |  |  |  |

Table 5 indicates that there is statistically significant difference among female teachers' perception of different districts. The value of $\mathrm{F}(2,193)=22.3, \mathrm{p}=$ .004 is significant at $5 \%$ level of significance. The null hypothesis that there is no significant difference among district wise female teachers' perception, hence is rejected. It means that the perceptions of female teachers belonging to districts i.e. Sahiwal, Okara and pakpattan about factors affecting the performance of female teachers are different.

### 4.4 Statement wise analysis of Teachers data

Table 6: Analysis of teachers' statement

| SR <br> .\# | STATEMENTS | SA | A | U | D | SD | Total | Mea <br> n | S.D |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | I try to bridge the gap <br> between society and school. | 86 | 75 | 12 | 20 | 02 | 195 | 4.14 | 0.99 |
|  | Undue <br> involvement of political <br> creates anxiety for me. | 70 | 67 | 15 | 26 | 17 | 195 | 3.75 | 1.30 |
|  | I never get feedback from <br> principal regarding my <br> performance. | 47 | 67 | 21 | 35 | 25 | 195 | 3.38 | 1.36 |
|  | My attainments in school <br> boost up my morale. | 83 | 63 | 17 | 22 | 10 | 195 | 3.95 | 1.19 |


| SR <br> \# | STATEMENTS | SA | $\mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{U}$ | $\mathbf{D}$ | SD | Total | Mea <br> n | S.D |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5 | Acknowledgement of my <br> teaching work is source of <br> pleasure. | 98 | 56 | 19 | 17 | 05 | 195 | 4.15 | 1.08 |
| 6 | I enjoy good working <br> relations with my principal. | 76 | 69 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 195 | 3.92 | 1.17 |
| 7 | I am harassed by anybody <br> during my working hours. | 61 | 76 | 15 | 20 | 23 | 195 | 3.67 | 1.46 |
| 8 | Teaching gives me internal <br> satisfaction. | 92 | 68 | 11 | 17 | 07 | 195 | 4.13 | 1.09 |
| 9 | Only a particular group is <br> given opportunities for <br> professional development. | 51 | 67 | 20 | 34 | 23 | 195 | 3.45 | 1.36 |
| 10 | Department rewards me <br> according to my <br> qualification <br> experience. | 22 | 28 | 19 | 73 | 53 | 195 | 2.41 | 1.26 |
| 11 | Co-curricular work diverts <br> my attention from teaching. | 65 | 45 | 17 | 46 | 22 | 195 | 3.43 | 1.43 |
| 12 | Posting in remote areas <br> affect the performance of <br> female teachers. | 91 | 65 | 13 | 20 | 06 | 195 | 4.11 | 1.10 |
| 13 | Parents cooperate in <br> promoting students learning | 34 | 34 | 11 | 66 | 50 | 195 | 2.67 | 1.46 |
| at home. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| SR <br> .\# | STATEMENTS | SA | A | $\mathbf{U}$ | $\mathbf{D}$ | SD | Total | Mea <br> n | S.D |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 19 | Respect from society <br> enhances my working <br> capacity. | 81 | 59 | 20 | 23 | 12 | 195 | 3.89 | 1.24 |
| 20 | Teaching profession has <br> same status like other <br> professions in our society. | 35 | 47 | 14 | 48 | 51 | 195 | 2.81 | 1.49 |
| 21 | I can take steps towards the <br> better learning of students in <br> class rooms. | 58 | 75 | 20 | 33 | 09 | 195 | 3.71 | 1.19 |
| 22 | Overcrowded classes <br> increase my stress. | 60 | 68 | 18 | 39 | 10 | 195 | 3.66 | 1.25 |
| 23 | School policies are teacher <br> friendly. | 35 | 43 | 28 | 51 | 38 | 195 | 2.93 | 1.41 |
| 24 | I have enough opportunities <br> to get promotion in my <br> career. | 18 | 21 | 21 | 69 | 66 | 195 | 2.26 | 1.38 |
| 25 | I regularly plan my lesson to <br> be taught in classes. | 75 | 68 | 26 | 18 | 08 | 195 | 3.95 | 1.12 |
| 26 | Reasonable salary <br> positively affects teaching <br> performance. | 97 | 62 | 08 | 16 | 12 | 195 | 4.10 | 1.19 |
| 27 | Deficiency of modern <br> teaching facilities in school, <br> affect performance. | 74 | 67 | 08 | 37 | 09 | 195 | 3.83 | 1.25 |
| 28 | I am awarded opportunities <br> to take part in professional <br> development training of my <br> subject. | 33 | 51 | 19 | 48 | 44 | 195 | 2.91 | 1.25 |
| 29 | Teaching job provides me a <br> satisfactory standard of <br> living. | 64 | 70 | 14 | 35 | 12 | 195 | 3.71 | 1.26 |
| 30 | Teaching gives me a great <br> deal of overall satisfaction. | 69 | 53 | 25 | 27 | 17 | 195 | 3.68 | 1.32 |

## 5. Findings about statement wise analysis of teachers' data

Percentage, mean score and standard deviation of teachers' data was calculated statement wise, which were presented in the above table. In addition
to this, the data were showed in graphical form as well. Major findings regarding statement wise analysis of teachers' data are given below: -
1.On the whole, $82 \%$ respondents agreed that they try to bridge the gap between society and school, $6 \%$ respondents were undecided while $12 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 4.14 , which concludes inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
2. On the whole, $70 \%$ respondents agreed that undue political involvement of people creates anxiety, while $22 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.75, which concludes inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
3. On the whole, $59 \%$ respondents agreed that they never get feedback from principal regarding performance, while $30 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.38 , which concludes inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
4. Overall $75 \%$ respondents agreed that their achievements in schools give sense of pride, while $16 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.95 , which concludes inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
5. Overall $79 \%$ respondents agreed that recognition of their work gives them sense of pleasure, while $11 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 4.15 , which concludes inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
6. Overall $75 \%$ respondents agreed that they have good working relations with their principals, while $15 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.92, which concludes inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
7. Overall $70 \%$ respondents agreed that they are harassed by anybody during working hours, while $22 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.67, which concludes inclination towards disagreement on the part of respondents.
8. Overall $83 \%$ respondents agreed that teaching provides them inner satisfaction and sense of ownership, while $13 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 4.13 , which concludes inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
9. On the whole $60 \%$ respondents agreed that only selected teachers get opportunities for professional development, while $30 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.45 , which depicts inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
10. On the whole $25 \%$ respondents agreed that the benefits they get from department are according to their qualification and experience, while $65 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 2.41 , which depicts inclination towards disagreement on the part of respondents.
11. On the whole $56 \%$ respondents agreed that the co-curricular work diverts attention from teaching, while $35 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.43 , which depicts inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
12. On the whole $80 \%$ respondents agreed that posting in far flung areas affect the performance of female teachers, while $13 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 4.11, which depicts inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
13. On the whole $34 \%$ respondents agreed that parents cooperate in promoting students learning at home, while $60 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement.

Mean score was 2.67 , which depicts inclination towards disagreement on the part of respondents.
14. On the whole $66 \%$ respondents agreed that school administration resolves my academic issues collaboratively, while $22 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.69 , which depicts inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
15. Overall $77 \%$ respondents agreed that teaching provides opportunity to use academic and professional skills effectively, while $15 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.94 , which depicts inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
16. Overall $72 \%$ respondents agreed that support of administration affects my performance, while $19 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.78 , which depicts inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
17. Overall $63 \%$ respondents agreed that family responsibilities become the cause of stress in job for them, while $28 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.61 , which depicts inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
18. Overall $20 \%$ respondents agreed that the promotion policy provide suitable opportunities for promotion to the teachers, while $70 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 2.82 , which depicts inclination towards disagreement on the part of respondents.
19. Overall $72 \%$ respondents agreed that respect from society enhances my working capacity, while $18 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.89, which depicts inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
20. On the whole $42 \%$ respondents agreed that teaching profession have same status like other professions in our society, while $51 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 2.81 , which illustrate inclination towards disagreement on the part of respondents.
21. On the whole $68 \%$ respondents agreed that they are free to take steps about students' leaning at classroom level, while $22 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.71, which illustrate inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
22. On the whole $66 \%$ respondents agreed that overcrowded classes increase their stress, while $25 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.66, which illustrate inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
23. On the whole $40 \%$ respondents agreed that school policies are teacher friendly while $46 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 2.93, which illustrate inclination towards disagreement on the part of respondents.
24. On the whole $20 \%$ respondents agreed they are provided enough chances for promotion in teaching job while $69 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 2.26, which illustrate inclination towards disagreement on the part of respondents.
25. On the whole $73 \%$ respondents agreed that they regularly plan their lesson to be taught in classes, while $14 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.95 , which illustrate inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
26. Overall $82 \%$ respondents agreed that reasonable salary positively affects teaching performance, while $14 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement.

Mean score was 4.10 , which concludes inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
27. Overall $72 \%$ respondents agreed that lack of modern teaching facilities in school, affect teaching performance, while $24 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.83 , which concludes inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
28. Overall $43 \%$ respondents agreed that there are provided with the opportunities for professional development trainings in their subjects, while $43 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 2.91 , which concludes disagreement on the part of respondents.
29. On the whole $69 \%$ respondents agreed teaching job provides them a satisfactory standard of living, while $24 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.71 , which concludes inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.
30. On the whole $64 \%$ respondents agreed that teaching provides satisfaction, while $23 \%$ respondents disagreed to the statement. Mean score was 3.68, which concludes inclination towards agreement on the part of respondents.

## 6. Conclusions

Analysis shows that the perceptions of female teachers belonging to districts i.e. Sahiwal, Okara and pakpattan about factors affecting the performance of female teachers are different. And it was concluded that a significant difference existed between the rural and urban teachers' perceptions. It was found that female teachers try to bridge the gap between school and society but it was also concluded that undue political involvement of society creates anxiety among female teachers. A considerable number of the teachers' agreed that they never get feedback from principals regarding
their performance. It was found that achievement in schools give sense of pride and recognition of teaching work is source of pleasure which ultimately affects the performance in positive way.

It was concluded that teaching provides the female teachers inner satisfaction and ownership. It was found from the results of the study that only selected teachers get opportunity for professional development and that cocurricular work diverts the attention. It was evident from the findings of study that the benefits female teachers get from school-department are not according to their qualification and experience and teaching provides with opportunities to utilize academic and professional skills effectively.

It was found that support of school administration enhances performance while responsibilities of the whole family causes stress to the female teachers. It was concluded that respect from society encourages the teachers. Overcrowded classes increase stress and tension in female teachers, any way teachers are free enough to take steps towards the better learning of students' in the classrooms.

It was concluded that female teachers get reasonable pay that is why teaching job provides a satisfactory standard of living which positively affect performance. Majority of respondents agreed that they plan their lessons on daily basis, so teaching profession provides them true inner satisfaction which is necessary for better job disposition.

On the other hand, it was found that female teachers were harassed during working hours. It was the opinion of the majority that parents do not cooperate with teachers regarding studies, which have strong effect on the performance of teachers. Likewise, majority of the respondents claimed
promotion policies are not teacher friendly. It was concluded that teaching profession does not have same status like other professions in our society.

## 7. RECOMMENDATIONS

On the basis of conclusions, the following recommendations are proposed:

- Department should review promotion policies and promotions should be made within due time and period.
- Considering the issues of the female teachers, policies should be made to appoint them near their residences.
- Necessary arrangements may be made to recruit subject specialists in the GGHSS as per requirement.
- Necessary arrangements may be made on work places for female teachers to avoid any type of harassment and harassment act be publically published.
- Awareness must be created among the masses for the integrity of teachers. Occasions like salam teachers' day should be celebrated on vast levels.
- Government should take necessary steps to stop undue political involvement in educational institutions.
- Principals should give feed back to the teachers in time.
- Pays and salaries are needed to be revised.


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