

SOCIO-ECONOMIC ISSUES OF MINORTIES IN SOUTHERN PUNJAB, PAKISTAN

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Abstract

Minorities are usually defined in terms of ascribed status characteristics such as race, gender, and ethnic or religious background, as well as acquired statuses such as sexual orientation. The objectives of this study were to access the different issues of religious minorities in South Punjab; to explore the protection of minority regarding their issues; to identify the social condition of minority in South Punjab and to examine the role of Government for the protection of minorities. A sample of 150 respondents was drawn from the total population and structured interview schedule was administrated. Data were analyzed and interpreted by using SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Sciences) 19.0 version software. The structured interview was discussed with two experts of the Sociology Department (>8 years' experiences) working in the University. It was revised to incorporate recommended improvements. Descriptive and inferential statistics were applied to analyze the data that includes: frequency, percent, mean, standard deviations. The study was focused on examining the socioeconomic issues of minorities of Southern Punjab. The study of the universe was the District Multan and the target populations of the present were consisting of minorities which are resident of Multan City. The purposive of sampling was used for the data collection. Interview schedule was used for the collection of qualitative data from uneducated respondents and for quantitative data; questionnaire constructed for educated respondents. The study summarized that rights should be given to the all human beings, especially minorities religious rights are important.

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