

PREFACE

Muslim Women in India are the deprived section of the society. This is mainly because of injustice and discrimination faced by them in their daily life. The misinterpretation about the rights of Muslim women by some male scholars in an offensive way is a matter of concern. In Islamic society, the recognition of Muslim women by some religious practitioners in India is mainly as ignored with invisibility or is mum, mute or as inarticulate. With such a repressing attitude, the religious practitioners misinterpret religion to validate the disparity against Muslim women and infringe her basic right. However, the advent of Islam saved women from the violations of human right and granted her basic human rights. The Holy Quran commands gender justice and equality between men and women. In matters of marriage both have rights over each other. With regards to Mahr, the Holy Quran by verse of Surah Nisa held it as the exclusive property of women. And in respect to divorce, the husband cannot have unilateral and uncontrolled rights. But in real practice all these provision of the Holy Quran has been misinterpreted and the dignity, justice and rights of Muslim Women have been ruined. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) entrust women many rights and He asked the male sections of the society to be liberal towards women. He allowed participation of women in public affairs, although preference was given in upbringing of children and domestic works. In order to signify the relevance of women, the Holy Quran declares that a woman will be judge on her merits and man on his merits. Thus, the Holy Quran does not make minute discrimination against women. Both of them will be rewarded according to their deeds. Another notable point to be understood that there is no Quranic injunctions which specify that women must be submissive or subordinate to their husband, it has just become the societal norms due to the dominance of male patriarchal values.

In the above mentioned circumstances, it is very much essential to analyse and understand the status of Muslim women in India as well as the safeguarding provision

mentioned in the constitution of India and other statutory legislation. So, the researcher is going to make an analytical study in this regard in her research study entitled as '**A Critical Evaluation on the Rights of Muslim Women in India from Islamic perspective**'.

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