

Abstract

Transgender is a person whose assigned gender clash with ones inner identity. Transgender is divided into three types: transwoman, transman and intersex. Historically, their job was mostly to guard the royal harem. Transgender have been in the world since time immemorial. Their social status differs from society to society with some societies provide deep respect to them while some societies treat them with disgust. In South Asia they were generally treated with respect. During the time of Mughals they reached high political posts. But it was during the times of British colonial rule that they became the downtrodden ones. British passed multiple acts to degrade them socially. When Pakistan got independence, transgender continued to be treated the same until 2009 when Supreme Court passed a judgment providing legal status to transgenders. Another act was passed in 2018 which was a comprehensive one providing many legal rights to transgenders. This act is an attempt to bring transgenders at par with the other two genders. As Pakistan is also a signatory to UNDHR, ICCPR and ICESCR, which provide multiple rights to the transgender including transgender in Lahore. These rights are Right of Security, Right to Health, Right to Dignity, Right of Equality, Right to Education, Social Security, Right to Family, Right to Standard of living, Right of Just and Favorable conditions of work and Right of Registration and Nationality. But all these rights of transgender are violated in Lahore. First of all this research defines transgender, its types, the theory behind the phenomenon of transgender, and its treatment. Then this research traces the historical status of transgender in general and then narrows it down to Pakistan. Then it shed light on the status of transgender in Lahore. It highlights that whether the rights which are being provided by UNDHR, ICCPR, and ICESCR are being provided to the transgender of Lahore or not. This research then provides different ways to overcome the issues faced by transgender or improve their status.