

ABSTRACT

This research was carried out in district Mardan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The prior purpose of the research was to know and analyze the socio-economic and religious issues of Christian's minority who are living in Mardan for so many decades. Primary data in the form of interviews have been collected from 12 respondents which consisted of their religious and prominent leaders, their political leader and some other locals. The outcomes shows that socio-economic and religious status of Christians who are living in Mardan is not that good which is their fundamental and legal right but somehow and from the interviewees it is cleared that they are living in a peaceful and cooperative environment with other communities. Some major issues which they are facing are low literacy rate due to lack of free educational facilities, lack of awareness of the Muslim community from the basic rights of Christians, having poor economic conditions due to lack of jobs, and lack of skillful workers in the community and discrimination in social as well as in religious sense from the general public. Majority of the interviewees were on the opinion and were demanding for good and free education, positive role of the Mullahs, jobs in every department where they have their legal seats. After studying and analyzing the socio-economic and religious status of the Christians in some areas of district Mardan where they are living. Have proved it that they are living freely by offering prayers easily and have not any type of social or religious problems from the general public but somehow and little bit if they are facing are due to some conservative minded people. As a method of research or study qualitative research have been applied on the prescribed research. The research have been done in this area for the first time on Christian community which basic purpose was to become aware of the due socio-economic and religious issues of the Christians in Mardan and to find out the possible solutions to the problems and to aware the general public and to give them lessons of inter faith and Religious harmony towards other communities.

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