Perceptions about Job Recruitment and Job Placement of Teachers Having B. Ed (Hons) Qualification

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The excellence in teaching and learning in academia depends on teachers’ abilities and process of recruitment. The current study planned to investigate teachers’ perceptions about job recruitment and job placement of B. Ed (hons) qualified teachers. The objectives were to explore teachers’ perceptions about job placement and job recruitment and to explore the distinction in male and female teachers’ opinions about the job placement and job recruitment. The sample comprised of 50 teachers who had B. Ed. (Hons) qualification and now working in education department. The self-developed instrument, Job Placement and Recruitment Survey was used. The data were analyzed using SPSS. Frequency analysis and t-test were applied. The results revealed that most teachers were willing and claimed that they sure that govt. has fair recruitment policy of teaching jobs. While 40% teachers denied that govt. has fair recruitment policy of teaching jobs. About 61% teachers told that they passed their recruitment test while preparing their exams through the courses they studied during training. 72% teachers perceived that subjects they studied during training helped them during recruitment exams. No difference was found between gender of teachers about their job recruitment and job placement.

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1. Introduction

The excellence in teaching and learning in academia depends on teachers’ abilities and the fair process of recruitment and job placement. The teaching job demands a combination of judgmental expert and proficient use of evidence based competence in teaching (Iqbal,
Hussain, Mushtaq, & Javaid, 2019). The competent teachers produce outstanding results in teaching. The decline of students' achievement is credited to the poor job recruitment, under estimated job placement and deteriorating quality in education system. Majority of candidates undergo unemployment because as they have no right job to do. The process of teachers' selection, recruitment, and placement is affected to a great extent because experienced and skilled teachers are not inducted to job (Osaretin, 2012).

The main objective of recruitment process is to encourage and attract more applicants to apply in teaching. It develops a talented pool of applicants to make selection the best applicants for the profession. It contains priorities of future and present needs of organizations with best job analysis accomplishments (Mascarenhas, 2011).

Many factors are responsible for secreted criteria for instructors' selection and recruitment. They are gender, religious affiliation, age, and physical aspirations. The teachers in govt. schools have low satisfaction in current social norms in teaching profession and feel themselves as mis-utilizing potentials (Abdou, 2012).

The teaching profession has a prestigious one and teachers should select on well-defined and clear cut criteria. The department should invite diversified caliber holder candidates. The value should be given on academic qualification rather than to select on favoritism basis (Kelkay, 2018). The recruitment is the first phase of selection. Selection involves picking capable and trained applicants suitable for the position (Oxford University Press, 2012). Outstanding selection measures are vital for locating best workforce in competitive pool. The training and employees' development is critical; it is hard to overcome poor qualified employees. According to Tripathy and Reddy (2009a), the basic source of the organizations are their human resources. There is a need to retain talented, creative, and devoted teachers in the profession. This contains a long term planning, selection and recruitment for organizations. The attainment of teachers' development and skills via refined selection and recruitment has positive influence on efficiency and effectiveness. According to John (2015), selection and recruitment activities has incorporated key role for organization. The studies of Margarett and Caroline (2009) revealed that selection and recruitment procedures enable the choice of applicants.

2. Teacher Recruitment and Candidates' Job Choices

One strand of research on educator employing has concentrated on seeing how enlistment messages impact candidates' view of employments and their attraction. As Young, Levin, and Wallin (2006) revealed that tests what they get engaging about a line of work or work setting. The commonsense objective of this examination is to create information that can help schools and locale make their enlistment messages progressively compelling in pulling in candidates and persuading possibility to acknowledge bids for employment.

3. Review of Related Literature

3.1 Job Placement of Teachers

3.1.1 The Challenge in Teachers' Demand and Supply

Training experts in many nations are confronting different difficulties as for the instructing calling. Numerous nations have genuine deficiencies of staff. Now and again, these are connected to explicit subjects or certain land regions, while in others they are all the more for the most part because of the maturing educator quantity and attrition rates from the calling. Oversupply is
additionally an issue in certain nations or in certain regions and subjects. Moreover, low enrolment is the issue and poor teachers’ qualities in teaching profession add the difficulties in teaching work. While observing these improvements is positively an initial phase in understanding the developments occurring specifically in training of teachers at all levels.

3.1.2 Challenges in Teacher Supply And Demand

It is fascinating to see that many training frameworks face comparative difficulties concerning teachers’ flexibly and demand, regardless of whether they have completed their degrees or not. Many nations have severe shortage of teaching staff. This is usually due to lack of interest in teaching profession and high attrition rates from the profession. Therefore, very minute may be discovered in quality of teacher education, without planning proper selection and recruitment of teachers (Buchberger & Byrne, 1995; Koster et al., 2005; Korthagen, 2000). This is by all accounts the case for a few nations which demonstrate oversupply as their fundamental demands. Many nations are arranging the balance between demands and supply of teachers as significant investigation for improving teaching quality in teaching profession.

3.1.3 Unemployment Rates in Teaching Job and Teachers’ Professional Standards

With consistent increments in the teacher excess, the joblessness rate was 3% in 2006 and swift up to 38% in 2013. After four years, the unemployment rate has fallen significantly to 14%. The improvement in teachers’ professional standards were criticized over date as perceived by many researches. The main criticism was in the process of developing the standards (Zuzovsky & Libman, 2003). The Ontario graduate teachers currently believe themselves as completely employed. In spite of better job rates for Ontarioteachers’ education for past years, considerable difference persists among Ontario-resident teachers liable to language and qualification (Transition to Teaching, 2017). In spite of the improved activity rates for Ontario educator training graduates as a rule in the course of recent years, significant differences persevere among Ontario-occupant instructors relying upon language and divisional capabilities (McIntyre, 2003).

The less currently plan to teach outside the area in the following year four alumni from English language programs authorized in 2016 applied to Ontario tuition based schools. Around one of every seven recently authorized alumni recruited in Ontario for the 2016-17 school year instructed at tuition based schools. Most of first-year teachers’ work in occupations that don’t require Ontario teacher accreditation. Many pursue the work with kids and youth, mentoring, youth training, after school programming or different employments identified with instruction.

The training work showcase differs over the area, with detailed first-year joblessness most elevated in Toronto and focal Ontario and least in eastern Ontario. The reinforcing educator work advertise this year brought about further gains for recently Ontario-authorized instructors taught outside the area. Ontarians instructed while living abroad, the individuals who finished their educator training at US fringe schools, new Canadian instructors and instructors who relocated to Ontario following educator training in other Canadian regions all detailed higher paces of full work in the first year in the wake of authorizing, as did Ontario college graduates. Most of first-year educators who are alumni of Ontario college instructor training programs rate their work on instructing and course work profoundly. They recognize a scope of primary expert information and instructive abilities for which they were not also arranged or potentially which are high on their need records for future expert turn of events (McIntyre, 2003).
3.2 **Less Facilities in Teaching Jobs**

There are many reservations in teaching job. The teachers are said to have least economic status in the society. They are contented one to arrange their life facilities. No other incentives are provided to teachers so for. Now a day, teachers have most busy schedule as they have to fulfil all the duties from students to all stakeholders. Many schools are lack of basic physical facilities like boundary walls, clean water and furniture. Teacher are assigned the divine duties to transmit the knowledge to students. Their work is purposeful and too much curious (Karim, Lodhi, & Usman, 2011). The Transition to teaching review Ontario platform interest and joblessness rates for first-through fifth-year teachers, along with College data improving teaching profession (McIntyre, 2003).

3.3 **Teaching Profession and Teacher Mobility**

The change from initial teacher training to proficient professional has emerged from teachers’ point of view point of view. The European Commission underlines that improving educators’ choice and enrollment procedures may help in distinguishing the most appropriate competitors. The conventional method to recruit instructors in Europe by acquiring suitable personal. The method by which instructors are chosen and enrolled may have an effect on the nature of the encouraging workforce in teaching profession.

3.4 **Recruiting fully Qualified Teachers**

There are three primary frameworks in Europe for selecting completely qualified teachers for their first appointment, open enrollment, serious assessment and applicants’ records. Under open recruitment, the procedure is normally overseen by schools, some of the time related to the neighborhood authority. The open enrollment process infers the nonappearance of a top-level framework for supply teachers to schools: the vacant teaching positions are filled by competent applicants applying for work on school basis. Many training frameworks of the entire method can be exceptionally managed, while in others just the fundamental approaches are controlled.

3.5 **Objectives of the Study**

The objectives were:

- To explore teachers’ perceptions about their job placement and job recruitment?
- What is the distinction in male and female teachers’ opinions about the job placement?
- What is the distinction in male and female teachers’ opinions about the job recruitment?

3.6 **Research Questions**

The research questions to achieve objectives of study were:

1. What are teachers’ perceptions about their job placement?
2. What are teachers’ perceptions about their job recruitment?
3. What is the distinction in male and female teachers’ opinions about the job placement?
4. What is the distinction in male and female teachers’ opinions about the job recruitment?

4. **Research Design**

It was case study. Only Department of Education from GC University Fsd. Was selected.

4.1 **Population**

There were total of 50 teachers participated in the study. Among them, thirty-one (64%) were male teachers and eighteen (36%) were female teachers. Thirty-six teachers (73%) who have experience up to three years. The teachers with more than three years of experience were fourteen
(27%). Therefore, most of the teachers have above three years of teaching experience.

4.2 Sample of the Study
Fifty teachers with B. Ed. (Hons) appointed in secondary schools participated in the study. Census sampling technique was used. As most appropriate techniques of a study of every subject in a population. All the teachers with B. Ed. (Hons) qualification were selected from district Faisalabad. The teachers were categorized in Tehsil, gender, area wise.

4.3 Instrument of the Study
The self-developed instrument, Job Placement, Content Competencies and Professional Attitude Survey (JPCCPAS). It was adapted from studies of Long, Ibrahim, & Kowang, 2014; Norazman, Nor’ain, & NurFazliana, 2012; and Ramsden, 1991. Only teachers’ job placement and job recruitment items were selected, revised and analyzed. In addition, professional attitude indicators were also included.

4.4 Data Analysis
The data were analyzed for answering the research questions. For investigating the difference between the job recruitment and job placement with respect to gender, t-test was applied. For analyzing the teachers’ perceptions about the indicators, frequency analysis was used.

RQ: 1. What are teachers’ perceptions about their job placement?

Table 1: Frequency Analysis of Job Placement of Teachers

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<tr>
<th>S#</th>
<th>Job Placement</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>The teachers participate in work experience and in workplace learning programs.</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>It is somewhat difficult to get a teaching job on the basis of my degree.</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>36</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>There are more job opportunities in other fields than teaching professions.</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Being a teacher for me was the last choice I have availed.</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>16</td>
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The table 1 revealed a frequency distribution about the job placement of the teachers. Forty percent teachers were strongly agreed and told that they participate in work experience and in workplace learning programs. Fifty percent teachers were agreed about participation in learning experiences. Two percent were undecided and two percent were disagreed about participation in learning. Thirty-six percent teachers were strongly agreed and fifty-four percent teachers were agreed that they found it difficult to get a teaching job on the basis of their degree. Four percent teachers were undecided and six percent teachers were disagreed to the statement that they found it difficult to get a teaching job on the basis of their degree. Thirty percent teachers were strongly agreed and thirty-six percent teachers agreed that there are more job opportunities in other fields than teaching professions. Twelve percent teachers were undecided about the opportunities of teaching job. Sixteen percent teachers were disagreed that are more job opportunities in other fields than teaching professions. Sixteen percent teachers were strongly agreed and sixteen percent
teachers were agreed that being a teacher for them was the last choice they have availed. Ten percent were undecided about the statement. Twenty-eight percent teachers were disagreed and thirty-four percent teachers were strongly disagreed that being a teacher for them was the last choice they have availed.

RQ: 2. What are teachers’ perceptions about their job recruitment?

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<td>5</td>
<td>I sure that govt. has fair recruitment policy of teaching jobs.</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>22</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>I have full confident on my competencies that I gained during my course work (Teacher training).</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>50</td>
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<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>My professional competence made me to get teaching job easily.</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>I was selected purely on merit basis.</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>72</td>
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<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>The big hurdles in seeking my job are the irrelevant teaching techniques I was force to study during my professional training.</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>I passed my recruitment test while preparing my exams through the courses I studies during training.</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>13</td>
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<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>The subjects I studied during training did not help me during recruitment exams.</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>4</td>
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In table 2, the frequency method was analyzed to explore perceptions of teachers about job recruitment. The majority of teachers (56%) were agreed and strongly agreed and claimed that they sure that govt. has fair recruitment policy of teaching jobs. While 40% teachers denied that govt. has fair recruitment policy of teaching jobs. Most of the teachers 92% told that they were agreed and strongly agreed about confident on their competencies that they gained during their course work (Teacher training). About 76% teachers opined that professional competence made them to get teaching job easily. 92% teachers claimed that they were selected purely on merit basis. There were equal perceptions of teachers (40%) and claimed that big hurdles in seeking their job were the irrelevant teaching techniques they forced to study during their professional training. About 61% teachers told that they passed their recruitment test while preparing their exams through the courses they studied during training. 72% teachers perceived that subjects they studied during training helped them during recruitment exams. It was a negative statement and cross question with regard to pervious question.

RQ: 3. What is the distinction in male and female teachers’ opinions about the job placement?
Table 3: Comparison of Opinions of Male and Female Teachers about the Job Placement

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<tr>
<td>Job Placement</td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>3.6016</td>
<td>.69809</td>
<td>.091</td>
<td>.928</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Female</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>3.5833</td>
<td>.65305</td>
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According to table 3, the t-test about to comparing teachers’ opinions in the job placement was applied. It shows that there is a non-significant difference was found between gender of teachers about their job placement. It is obvious that both groups have same perceptions. The mean achievement score of males \((M = 3.6016, sd = .69809)\) and females \((M = 3.5833, sd = .65305)\), \(t(48) = .091\) teachers on the indicator of job placement. So, the research question about to comparing teachers’ opinions in the job placement answered in negative.

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<tr>
<td>Job Recruitment</td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>3.5417</td>
<td>.62504</td>
<td>.719</td>
<td>.476</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Female</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>3.4259</td>
<td>.36255</td>
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5. Results and Discussion

Majority of teachers were agreed about participation in learning experiences. Majority of teachers were strongly agreed and fifty-four percent teachers were agreed that they found it difficult to get a teaching job on the basis of their degree. Thirty percent teachers were strongly agreed and thirty-six percent teachers agreed that there are more job opportunities in other fields than teaching professions. Sixteen percent teachers were strongly agreed and sixteen percent teachers were agreed that being a teacher for them was the last choice they have availed. Twenty-eight percent teachers were disagreed and thirty-four percent teachers were strongly disagreed that being a teacher for them was the last choice they have availed.

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A non-significant difference was found between gender of teachers about their job placement. It is obvious that both groups have same perceptions. As the recruitment policy is a matter of govt. There is same process both male and female teachers experience at their job. It shows that there is a non-significant difference was found between gender of teachers about their job recruitment. It is clear that both groups had same opinions. The job recruitment is the same for both male and female teachers.

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