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EXPLORING SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS' ORGANIZATIONAL CITIZENSHIP BEHAVIOR IN PAKISTANI CONTEXT

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Abstract:

This study was aimed to explore teachers' organizational citizenship behavior at secondary school level in division Sahiwal, Punjab, Pakistan. Nature of the study was descriptive and quantitative. A cross-sectional survey was conducted to conduct this study. Two-stage random sampling technique was adopted for sample selection process. The sample was comprised of 298 male and female teachers of secondary schools. A close-ended questionnaire was adopted to collect data. Research instrument was pilot tested to ensure validity and reliability. Descriptive (mean and standard deviations) and inferential statistical analysis techniques (independent sample t-test, and one-way analysis of variance) were applied to analyze the data. The results revealed that teachers had high level of organizational citizenship behavior at secondary school level in division Sahiwal. On the basis of major findings, it was recommended that teachers should develop their citizenship behavior in order to achieve educational goals in school settings.

Introduction:

Teachers' organizational citizenship behavior has been considered asthe most crucial factor in development of education system. Teachers are role model for their students. They have

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positive and idealistic effects on their students' advancement. They provide guidance to students in recognizing aims of life. Parents have alsoglobal-based expectations from teachers for their children for effective citizen development. Teachers play a fundamental role in improving students' leaning styles, competencies and their quality of learning. According to this discourse, teachers' citizenship behavior has constructive impact on school success (Askafi, Chandrarin, Assih, &Respati, 2017). Organizational citizenship behaviors (OCB) are discretionary, beyond behaviors that are not explicitly recognized by the formal compensate system but are considered imperative in advancing organizational effectiveness (Organ, 2018; Somech&Oplatka, 2015). Contextually well recognized and valued, these behaviors keep up and upgrade the social and psychological settings that contribute effective performance within the organization (Pickford & Joy, 2016). They offer assistance to increase proficiency, efficiency, and success of the organization (Mallick, Pradhan, Tewari, & Jena, 2014; Wei, 2014).

Organizational citizenship behavior has been considered as a crucial factor in teaching profession. Schools' success might be achieved through teachers' commitment because they play a fundamental role in accomplishment of educational goals (Somech& Ron, 2007; Somech & Oplatka, 2014). Teachers are considered as a change agent. Teachers' citizenship behaviors influence directly the schools' success. These behaviors are helpful in advancement of educational system. Teachers' willingness to "go above and beyond the call of duty to contribute to successful change," and schools "cannot anticipate through formally stated in-role job descriptions the entire array of behaviors needed for achieving (their) goals" (Belogolovsky & Somech, 2010, p. 914).

Organizational citizenship is a behavior that teachers play in school settings in order to achieve educational ends. They perform extra-role behaviors which are beyond their assigned duties for school success. Organizational citizenship behavior is significantly in enhancing job performance and increasing outputs of organization (Khazaei, Khalkhali, &Eslami, 2011). Performing OCB voluntarily outside responsibilities put a great impact on organization output which improves performance (Sadeghi, Ahmadi, &Yazdi, 2018).

OCB has distinctive categories and sub-factors. These include altruism which encompasses behaviors that workers help others at working place voluntarily. The conscientiousness behaviors of employees are impersonal that may play a constructive role within the organization. Courtesy which involves such types of employees' behaviors that prevent others' colleagues' problems in an organization. These dimensions of OCB can offer effective assistance to an organization through diminished requires for supervision and crises management costs. Another sort of OCB is sportsmanship which alludes to reediness to avoid minor bothers without appeal. This permits organizations to maintain productivity and viability by centering on more vital job functions. The final category of OCBs is civil virtue which incorporates helpful and constructive involvement in organizational issues. This provides assistance to organizations in enhancing its efficiency and effectiveness by giving constructive suggestions (Pickford & Joy, 2016).

Literature Review:

OCB has been considered to be accommodating in advancing quality and development in organization(Yaakobi & Weisberg, 2020). It encourages information sharing and advances work fulfillment, mental well-being, physical well-being, work maintenance, and service-oriented behaviors among workers (DeGeus, Ingrams, Tummers, &Pandey, 2020). OCBs are found to be

critical in advancing higher level of organizational performance, quality and effectiveness (Organ, 2018; Somech & Oplatka, 2015). Considering about the constructive outcomes of OCB on school organization, it very well might be said that it increases educators' organizational attachment and responsibility, their feeling of equity, and their inspiration while it diminishes the work turnover. A low level of OCB showed by instructors and administrators in schools has a negative effect on the performance of workers and it undermines the school's effectiveness (Buluc, 2008; Christine, 2011).

Practices like aiding colleagues, giving recommendations focused on fostering the work and processes; being cautious about being grinding away on schedule; making the best of working time; assisting the new-comers with their socialization (Demir, 2015; DiPaola & Tschannen- Moran, 2001); going to the work environment more than that is needed (for example withdraw not exactly authoritatively deserved); educating the administration regarding nonattendance ahead of time (Othman, 2018); helping the reviewers or then again administrators with their works; supporting them; and giving new and imaginative recommendations which would add to the organization (Podsakof, MacKenzie, Paine, & Bacharach, 2000) are huge pointers of OCB (DiPaola, Tarter, & Hoy, 2005). Those instructors who have strong OCB help their new colleagues willfully; assist in committees and councils; take an interest in additional exercises excluded on the timetable; help understudies during their relaxation times; work proficiently in collaboration with their partners and attach priority to professional activities. They utilize their own and expert abilities to ensure that understudies and the school accomplish their objectives (Demir, 2015).

OCB has positive links with personal and organizational performance and make constructive contributions in enhancing organizational efficiency and effectiveness. OCB makes the school seriously engaging and it accordingly builds the organization's ability to draw in the consideration of and keep up qualified educational managers instructors (Ozdemir, 2010; Yucel & Kalaycı, 2009). Empirical studies revealed that teachers' OCB has positive relationship with students' success. Teachers' teaching effectiveness directly depends upon their exhibition of OCB (DiPaola&Neves, 2009). In school stings, teachers' OCB is influenced by their personality (Moorman, 1991), job requirements and managers' leadership behaviors (Ozdemir, 2010; Podsakof et. al., 2000;Sagnak,, 2016).

In the outcome of numerous researches made, teachers who display OCB have been found to have higher performance. Students' prosperity and instructors' OCB have additionally been expressed to have a close relationship and teachers' proficiency to rely upon educators' presentation of OCB in school (Bogler & Somech, 2005; DiPaola & Neves, 2009; Moorman, 1991). OCB is additionally influenced by attitude towards the school, behaviors and perception. There is a need to create strong organizational environment to help teachers' exhibition of OCB that works with the collaboration, information exchange, help and sharing between the instructors (Demir, 2015; Sezgin, 2005). Therefore, OCB is crucial both for information transfer and bringing positive behaviors.

Numerous empirical studies have been conducted in different contexts related to organizational citizenship behavior especially in educational settings. These studies identified various factors of OCB such as teachers' job satisfaction (Sesen & Basim, 2012; Zeinabadi, 2010), teachers' commitment (Elstad, Christophersen, & Turmo 2012; Sesen&Basim, 2012; Zeinabadi, 2010), teachers' self-efficacy (Jimmieson, Hannam, & Yeo, 2010), sense of

educational calling (Oplatka& Golan, 2011), organizational trust (Elstad et al., 2012), perceived organizational support (Mauseth, 2007), school culture (individualism-collectivism), school climate (Vashdi, Vigoda-Gadot, & Shlomi, 2013), and educational leadership. These constructs have been considered as an outcome of OCB.

Teachers' citizenship behavior is supposed to be a fundamental in achieving higher level of students' learning outcomes. They play extra-role beyond the assigned duties in the classroom and within the schools in order to enhance school effectiveness. Teachers' citizenship behaviors directly influence students' achievement and their educational progress. Therefore, teachers' should develop organizational citizenship behaviors in development of educational sector and school success as well.

Research Objectives:

Following were the major objectives of the study:

- 1. To explore teachers' organizational citizenship behavior at secondary school level.
- 2. To compare difference in teachers' organizational citizenship behavior on the basis of their gender, job type, placement area, marital status, academic qualifications, teaching experience and age ranges.

Research Questions:

Following were the research questions of the study:

- 1. What is the level of organizational citizenship behavior of secondary school teachers?
- 2. Is there a difference in teachers' organizational citizenship behavior in terms of their gender, job type, placement area, marital status, academic qualifications, teaching experience and age ranges?

Research Design and Methodology:

Research Design:

The current research design was non-experimental. Positivist paradigm was adopted to conduct this study because nature of the study was quantitative and descriptive. A cross sectional survey was conducted.

Population and Sampling Procedure:

The population was consisted of all the secondary school teachers of the Sahiwal division. Two-stage random sampling was adopted to select the sample. Sahiwal division was comprised of 3 districts. At the 1st stage, one district was selected out of 3 districts of the Sahiwal division by using a random sampling technique. At the second stage, thirty boys and 30 girls' secondary schools were selected randomly from one selected district of the division Sahiwal. At the 3rd stage, the census technique was used to select the sample for the current study. The total sample was 290 teachers working in the division Sahiwal at the secondary school level.

Research Instrument:

A close-ended questionnaire was used to collect the data from selected respondents. Konovsky and Organ (1996) developed a 5 point Likert type scale to assess teachers' OCB at the

secondary school level. Siddique (2016) used this Likert type self-report measure in his M.Phill thesis, at University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan. This scale was used at secondary school level to explore teachers' OCB.It constitutes 5 factors for example altruism, courtesy, sportsmanship, conscientiousness and civil virtue. The reliability value of this instrument was 0.90. Data collection was done through contacts by mail and during personal visits to the schools. Descriptive (mean and standard deviations) and inferential statistical analysis techniques (independent sample t-test, and one-way analysis of variance) were applied to analyze the data

Data Analysis and Interpretations

Table 1.Descriptive Statistics for the Level of teachers' OCB

| Sub-factors of OCB | Mean | SD |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Altruism | 7.31 | 2.44 |
| Courtesy | 9.60 | 3.21 |
| Sportsmanship | 10.6 | 3.42 |
| Conscientiousness | 8.50 | 2.35 |
| Civicvirtue | 7.05 | 2.29 |

Table 1 indicated that the factor Sportsmanship of teachers' organizational citizenship behaviors showed the Mean score (M= 10.6) which was the highest among all the other factors. On the other hand, the sub-scale Civil virtue of teachers' OCB revealed the Mean score (M= 7.05) which was the lowest value among all the other sub-variables. The values of all the sub-variables were showing high level of secondary school teachers' OCB. It was concluded that teachers' had high level of OCB at secondary school level.

Table 2.Differences in teachers' OCB in terms of gender

| Sub Scales of OCB | Gender | N | Mean | SD | t | df | P |
|-------------------|--------|-----|---------|---------|--------|-----|------|
| Altruism | Male | 153 | 7.1438 | 2.27231 | -1.270 | 296 | .570 |
| | Female | 145 | 7.5034 | 2.61174 | | | |
| Courtesy | Male | 153 | 9.6471 | 3.29567 | .218 | 296 | .474 |
| | Female | 145 | 9.5655 | 3.14646 | | | |
| Sportsmanship | Male | 153 | 10.4183 | 3.51803 | -1.204 | 296 | .309 |
| | Female | 145 | 10.8966 | 3.32650 | | | |
| Conscientiousness | Male | 153 | 8.1895 | 2.28770 | -2.406 | 296 | .834 |
| | Female | 145 | 8.8414 | 2.38827 | | | |
| Civic virtue | Male | 153 | 7.0588 | 2.24849 | .014 | 296 | .542 |
| | Female | 145 | 7.0552 | 2.34455 | | | |

Table 2 indicated that an independent sample t-test was conducted to compare sub-scales of OCB with respect to teachers' gender. It was concluded that teachers' had no significant difference in sub-variables of OCB in terms of their gender.

Table 3.Difference in teachers' OCB with regard to their job type

| Sub Scales of OCB | Job Type | N | Mean | SD | t | df | P |
|-------------------|-----------|-----|--------|---------|------|-----|------|
| Altruism | Permanent | 230 | 7.3652 | 2.46665 | .602 | 296 | .779 |
| | Contract | 68 | 7.1618 | 2.38534 | | | |

| Courtesy | Permanent | 230 | 9.5609 | 3.33347 | 458 | 296 | .063 |
|-------------------|-----------|-----|---------|---------|-------|---------|------|
| | Contract | 68 | 9.7647 | 2.81318 | | | |
| Sportsmanship | Permanent | 230 | 11.0261 | 3.35774 | 3.540 | 296 | .793 |
| | Contract | 68 | 9.3824 | 3.38579 | | | |
| Conscientiousness | Permanent | 230 | 8.7000 | 2.29895 | 2.631 | 296 | .560 |
| | Contract | 68 | 7.8529 | 2.44501 | | | |
| Civicvirtue | Permanent | 230 | 7.1348 | 2.41431 | 1.257 | 144.477 | .041 |
| | Contract | 68 | 6.7941 | 1.80843 | | | |

Table 3 revealed that independent sample t-test was applied to compare mean scores of teachers' OCB with respect to their job type. It was concluded that only one factor civil virtue had significant difference at p = .001 among all the other sub-scales of OCB.

Table 4.Differences in teachers' OCB with regard to their placement area

| Sub-scales of OCB | Placement Area | N | Mean | SD | t | df | P |
|-------------------|----------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|---------|------|
| Altruism | Urban | 176 | 7.2670 | 2.79024 | 470 | 295.446 | .045 |
| | Rural | 122 | 7.3934 | 1.84775 | | | |
| Courtesy | Urban | 176 | 9.5170 | 3.24077 | 581 | 296 | .882 |
| | Rural | 122 | 9.7377 | 3.19556 | | | |
| Sportsmanship | Urban | 176 | 9.6818 | 3.32796 | -6.222 | 296 | .186 |
| | Rural | 122 | 12.0492 | 3.08248 | | | |
| Conscientiousness | Urban | 176 | 8.0398 | 2.52612 | -4.442 | 293.927 | .006 |
| | Rural | 122 | 9.1803 | 1.90266 | | | |
| Civic virtue | Urban | 176 | 7.0057 | 2.34581 | 464 | 296 | .466 |
| | Rural | 122 | 7.1311 | 2.21919 | | | |

Table 4 illustrated that independent sample t-test was used to compare mean scores of teachers' OCB with respect to their placement area. It was concluded that only one factor altruism had significant difference at p = .001 among all the other sub-scales of OCB.

Table 5.Teachers' differences of OCB with regard to their marital status

| Sub-scales of OCB | Marital Status | N | Mean | SD | t | df | P |
|-------------------|----------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|---------|------|
| Altruism | Single | 82 | 7.7195 | 3.04807 | 1.757 | 295 | .126 |
| | Married | 215 | 7.1628 | 2.16741 | | | |
| Courtesy | Single | 82 | 10.2073 | 3.96509 | 1.995 | 295 | .532 |
| | Married | 215 | 9.3767 | 2.86983 | | | |
| Sportsmanship | Single | 82 | 10.1707 | 3.57565 | -1.498 | 295 | .296 |
| | Married | 215 | 10.8372 | 3.36926 | | | |
| Conscientiousness | Single | 82 | 8.4390 | 2.74918 | 256 | 122.541 | .026 |
| | Married | 215 | 8.5256 | 2.19771 | | | |
| Civic virtue | Single | 82 | 7.4268 | 2.33614 | 1.735 | 295 | .803 |
| | Married | 215 | 6.9116 | 2.26856 | | | |

Table 5 showed that independent sample t-test was applied to compare mean scores of teachers' OCB with respect to their marital status. It was concluded that only one factor Conscientiousness had significant difference at p=.001 among all the other sub-scales of OCB.

Table 6.One-way ANOVA on teachers' OCB in terms of teaching experience

| Sub-variables of OCB | | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----|----------------|-------|------|
| Altruism | Between Groups | 32.609 | 5 | 6.522 | 1.092 | .365 |
| | Within Groups | 1744.106 | 292 | 5.973 | | |
| | Total | 1776.715 | 297 | | | |
| Courtesy | Between | 55.732 | 5 | 11.146 | 1.077 | .373 |
| | Groups | | | | | |
| | Within Groups | 3021.332 | 292 | 10.347 | | |
| | Total | 3077.064 | 297 | | | |
| Sportsmanship | Between | 100.202 | 5 | 20.040 | 1.725 | .129 |
| | Groups | | | | | |
| | Within Groups | 3391.502 | 292 | 11.615 | | |
| | Total | 3491.705 | 297 | | | |
| Conscientiousness | Between | 41.664 | 5 | 8.333 | 1.514 | .185 |
| | Groups | | | | | |
| | Within Groups | 1606.823 | 292 | 5.503 | | |
| | Total | 1648.487 | 297 | | | |
| Civic virtue | Between | 35.366 | 5 | 7.073 | 1.355 | .241 |
| | Groups | | | | | |
| | Within Groups | 1524.664 | 292 | 5.221 | | |
| | Total | 1560.030 | 297 | | | |

Table 6 depicted that One-way analysis of variance was conducted to know the difference in mean scores in the sub-scales of OCB on the basis of teachers' teaching experiences. The results concluded that there was no significant difference in teachers' OCB factors.

Table 7.One-way ANOVA on teachers' OCB in terms of academic qualifications

| Factors of OCB | | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-----|-------------|-------|------|
| Altruism | Between Groups | 4.652 | 2 | 2.326 | .387 | .679 |
| | Within Groups | 1772.063 | 295 | 6.007 | | |
| | Total | 1776.715 | 297 | | | |
| Courtesy | Between Groups | 2.223 | 2 | 1.112 | .107 | .899 |
| • | Within Groups | 3074.841 | 295 | 10.423 | | |
| | Total | 3077.064 | 297 | | | |
| Sportsmanship | Between Groups | 53.552 | 2 | 26.776 | 2.297 | .102 |
| - | Within Groups | 3438.153 | 295 | 11.655 | | |
| | Total | 3491.705 | 297 | | | |
| Conscientiousness | Between Groups | 17.862 | 2 | 8.931 | 1.616 | .200 |
| | Within Groups | 1630.625 | 295 | 5.528 | | |
| | Total | 1648.487 | 297 | | | |
| Civicvirtue | Between Groups | 11.610 | 2 | 5.805 | 1.106 | .332 |
| | Within Groups | 1548.420 | 295 | 5.249 | | |
| | Total | 1560.030 | 297 | | | |

Table 7 revealed that One-way analysis of variance was used to know the difference in mean scores in the sub-scales of OCB on the basis of teachers' academic qualifications. The results concluded that there was no significant difference in teachers' OCB factors in terms of their academic qualifications.

Table 8.One-way ANOVA on teachers' OCB in terms of age ranges

| Sub-scales of OCB | | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-----|-------------|-------|------|
| A 14 | D-4 C | 21.020 | 4 | F 404 | 016 | 155 |
| Altruism | Between Groups | 21.938 | 4 | 5.484 | .916 | .455 |
| | Within Groups | 1754.777 | 293 | 5.989 | | |
| | Total | 1776.715 | 297 | | | |
| Courtesy | Between Groups | 63.860 | 4 | 15.965 | 1.552 | .187 |
| | Within Groups | 3013.203 | 293 | 10.284 | | |
| | Total | 3077.064 | 297 | | | |
| Sportsmanship | Between Groups | 15.909 | 4 | 3.977 | .335 | .854 |
| | Within Groups | 3475.796 | 293 | 11.863 | | |
| | Total | 3491.705 | 297 | | | |
| Conscientiousness | Between Groups | 1.210 | 4 | .302 | .054 | .995 |
| | Within Groups | 1647.277 | 293 | 5.622 | | |
| | Total | 1648.487 | 297 | | | |
| Civic virtue | Between Groups | 22.460 | 4 | 5.615 | 1.070 | .372 |
| | Within Groups | 1537.570 | 293 | 5.248 | | |
| | Total | 1560.030 | 297 | | | |

Table 8 showed that One-way analysis of variance was conducted to know the difference in mean scores in the sub-scales of OCB on the basis of teachers' age ranges. The results concluded that there was no significant difference in teachers' OCB factors in terms of their age ranges.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

OCB has been considered to be accommodating in advancing quality and development in organization. It encourages information sharing and advances work fulfillment, mental wellbeing, physical well-being, work maintenance, and service-oriented behaviors among teachers. In educational settings, teachers' OCB links directly with the educational effectiveness. The current study was designed to explore teachers' citizenship behavior at secondary level in the division Sahiwal, Punjab province, Pakistan. The study explored that teachers' had high level nature of citizenship behavior at secondary school level. T-test results indicated that teachers' views had difference with respect to their marital status, placement area and job description. Their views were different on the basis of organizational citizenship behavior. The results revealed that teachers' organizational citizenship behavior plays a vital role in betterment of schools effectiveness. The results of current study also reported that teachers' mean scores had no difference on the basis of gender, academic qualifications, teaching experience and age ranges. The teachers' should enhance their citizenship behavior in order to accomplishment of educational ends. The primary responsibility of the head teachers at school level to create an environment that supports teachers' citizenship behavior. Teachers' citizenship behavior should be acknowledged and appreciated by the other colleagues and head teachers within the school settings.

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