



Illicit Relations leading to Marital Conflict

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ABSTRACT

The study was conducted in Mewat cultural pocket of Haryana state as it is dominated by Muslim population .Two districts namely Gurgaon and Faridabad were selected purposively .Out of which 30 males and 30 females were selected who had filed their cases for divorce to find out the influence of personal factor i.e illicit relation in family disorganisation.The data were collected using selfstructured, pretested questionnaire with the help of local people Analysis on personal factor i.e illicit relation given by females revealed that majority of them reported that their husbands had extramarital relations whereas as males also reported their wives were also involved in extramarital relationship.

Key words. Population , extramarital relation , family disorganisation , divorce

Introduction

Marriage is the starting point for founding the institution of the family .Marriage in which both husband and wife feel alive ,content , functional and lucky to have each other when an individual marry he or she has many expectations and dreams about marital life

A marriage conflict is a fire that devastates mercilessly.Marriage is certainly one of the important things in life but why we might wonder does the high endeavor things in life but why we might wonder does the 'high endeavor' so often fail .There are several reasons why difficulties occur again and again in successful as well as unsuccessful marriages.Major consideration that is especially relevant today is that the attitude towards marriage has changed completely from the old patriarchal view which existed for thousand of years.The current view is that marriage is a partnership .The role of husband and wife and the nature of their life together are now regarded in quite different way from that of earlier times .

Husband and wife one must be prepared to sacrifice something in the interest of one's life partner the children and the institution of family .The high incidence of divorce can be reduced if marriage is postponed till both partners are mentally and emotionally mature enough to face the vicissitude of life .couple must be prepared to face the problems



associated with married life It would be hallucination to assume that marriage brings permanent happiness.couples with such illusions cannot withstand and tolerate even small conflicts in married life.So the present paper is a modest attempt to find out the factors associated with marital conflict. An effort has been made to enhance the knowledge level regarding personal conflict which would help in early counseling .

Materials and method

The study was conducted in Haryana state due to easy accessibility.Gurgaon and Faridabad were purposively selected from Mewat pocket as these were dominated by Muslim population.The criteria of sample selection was purposive based on the availability of cases of marital conflict with different religious organisations and willingness of the respondents to co-operate with researchers. From the prepared list thirty males and thirty females were randomly selected on the basis of their cooperation .To study the personal factor i.e illicit relation leading to conflict ,self developed pretested questionnaire was used . frequency and percentage were used to draw the inference.

Result and discussion

Data in Table 1 show the Personal profile of respondents revealed that majority of the selected females(70%) were illiterate whereas education of the males of the selected sample revealed that almost half of the males(43.33%)had education upto matric level followed by 23.33% were middle pass.The age at marriage of females (86.66%) was between 12_18 years,whereas all the males were in the age group of 12_18years, whereas ,all the males were in the age group of 18_25years.

Table 1 profile of respondents

(N=60)

Sr. No 1	Educational level	Illiterate	21(70)	–
		Primary	5(16.66)	–
		Middle	2(6.67)	6(20.00)
		Matric	2(6.67)	13(43.33)
		Secondary	–	–
		Technical	–	7(23.33)
		Education	–	–
		Graduate	–	4(13.33)
	Post _graduate		–	
2	Age at marriage	13_18 years	26(86.67)	–
		18_25 years	4(13.33)	–
		Above 25 years	–	–

Figures indicate percentages

Table 2. Frequency distribution of illicit relations among conflicted couples

Sr. No	Factors	Female	Male
1	Spouse had illicit relations		
	Yes	16(53.33)	9(30)
	No	14(46.67)	21(70)
2	Relations started		
	Before marriage	16(100)	4(44.44)
	After marriage	-	5(55.56)
3	Where aware about these relations before marriage		
	Yes	-	-
	No	16(100)	9(100)
4	Time when illicit relationship came in knowledge after marriage		
	Within 1 year	-	-



	1-2 years	1(6.25)	3(44.45)
	After 2 years	15(93.75)	6(55.55)
5	Reason for illicit relations		
	Spouse persuade	-	-
	Self interest	16(100)	9(100)
	Result of rape	-	-
	Ignorance	-	-
6	Spouse posted at outstation		
	Yes	4(25)	-
	No	12(75)	-
7	Frequency of visit to home		
	Once a week	2(50)	-
	Twice a week	-	-
	Once a month	2(50)	-
	Twice a month	-	-
	After a month	-	-
8	Your visit to spouse place		
	Yes	-	-
	No	4(100)	-
9	Came to know about illicit relations when		
	Caught red handed	14(87.5)	9(100)
	Confusion by spouse	-	9(100)
	Told by some friends/relatives	2(12.5)	-
10	Observe any behavioural change		
	Yes	16(100)	9(100)
	No	-	-
11	Specify the change		
	Irritative	-	-
	Quarrelsome	4(25)	9(100)
	Undersexual	8(50)	8(88.89)
	Cruel	4(25)	-
12	Cope with this situation		
	Directly question	4(25)	9(100)
	Confront spouse	4(25)	-
	Parents help	8(50)	-
	Leave as it is	-	-



13	After your knowledge spouse continued illicit relations		
	Yes	16(100)	9(100)
	No	-	-
14	Help by in-laws in soughting out relations		
	Yes	-	4(44.44)
	No	16(100)	5(55.56)

figures indicate percentage

Further data in Table 2 show that illicit relation among conflicted couples. It means the voluntary sexual intercourse of a married person with one of the opposite sex whether unmarried or married to another. The data in Table 2 from female side depict that almost nearly half 53.33 percent of the females reported that their husband had extramarital affair and in all cases the relation was started after marriage means that the husband was involved in postmarital relations and most of respondents had revealed that their husband were having relation within the family means they were involved with their sister_in_law and in some cases husbands were found to be involved with the neighbour girl. Mainly loose character of husband were reported to be the main reasons of marital disputes in family. None of female respondent had been aware these relation before marriage. Table further revealed that majority 93.75 percent female respondents came to know about these relations after 2 years of marriage followed by in 6.25 percent cases where they came to know within 1_2 year of marriage. Regarding reasons for illicit relations cent percent (100%) of females reported that the illicit relation of their husband was due to their own self interest. Further specifying the reasons, most 75 percent of female respondents reported that their husbands were not posted at outstation followed by 25 percent cases where the husbands were posted at outstations. Among them equal number of 50 percent females reported that their husband visited home once a week and once a month. Incent percent cases female respondents were never visited to their spouse residence at outstation. Regarding their knowledge of their husbands illicit relation majority (88.5%) of female respondents reported that they caught their husbands followed by 12.5 percent cases where the respondents were told by some friends /relatives about their spouse's affairs. In all the females observed some behavioural changes in their spouse, majority of 87.5 percent of females reported quarrelsome



behaviour of their husband's towards them followed by only 6.66 percent cases where females complaint of their husband for being undersexual .Table further reveals that in equal percentages (50%) of cases females reported that they had taken help of their parents in coping with the situation and in equal number of cases(25%) females reported that they confront wuth their spouse on this matter and direcly question them.Cent percent of female respondent reported that their husbands continued with these relations even after their knowledge and none of them had got from their in_laws in soughting out these relations.

In contrast in their among males respondents 30 percent of them reported that their wives had illicit relations against 70 percent of cases where their wives had not illicit relations.In more then half 55.56 percent cases these relation were started after marriage followed by 44.44 percent cases where the relations started before marriage and none of them had knowledge of this affair before marriage.Table further reveal that in 55.55 percent cases ,males came to knew about illicit relations after 2years followed by 33.33 percent males who came to knew about these relations within 1_2 years of their marriage. Majority of them (80%) caught their wives red handed followed by 20 percent males who were told by some friend and relatives due to these relation cent per cent of males observed behavioral changes in their wives .Specifying the change all the males complaint quarrelsome behaviour of their wives and majority (8 89%) of them complaint of their wives for being undersexual .All the males reported that they directly questioned about their relation .Cent percent of males reported that their wives continued with these relations even after their knowledge.More than half(55.56%) of males reported that they were not helped by their in_laws in soughting out relation followed by 44.44 percent of cases males got help from in_laws.

Conclusively it is stated that extramarital affairs are contributing factors leading to the break up of marriage .It was found that from both side extramarital relation was started after marriage .Self interest and loose character of spouse were main reason of extramarital affairs.Almost illicit relations were started 1_2 years of marriage. When they came to knew about these relation and after their knowledge spouse continued involved with these relations This clearly shows that when adultery becomes known to the spouse is the most serious threat to the greatest majority of marriage .It is often the last straw the symbolic final tension .Even people of either sex react with deep shock ,anger and jealousy



to the discovery that their partner has been involved in extramarital affairs this leads to conflicts between husband and wife finally leads to break up of marriage same results were observed by (kenkal,1973).

It can be concluded that extramarital relation was responsible for marital conflict which destroys marriage forever.present paper is an modest attempt to find out the factors responsible for marital discord .Adultery was found to be major reason for developing differences between the couples.

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