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### **Dalit/caste references:**

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Discrimination based on caste or land-ownership may affect police and justice system treatment of both victims and perpetrators.

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#### **Lack of social and economic empowerment puts religious minority women at extreme disadvantage:**

Recent surveys have revealed for instance that 87 per cent of scheduled caste Hindu women were illiterate compared to 63.5 per cent of males of their community, given that the national illiteracy rate among Pakistani women reaches 58%. The gap between the primary school enrolment rate of the scheduled castes women (10.2%) and the average rate (48% of Pakistani females) also tells much about the huge discrepancy existing between the opportunities offered to women from minority communities and Muslim women.