

ROLE OF PATROLLING POLICE IN PREVENTION OF ROAD CRIMES IN FAISALABAD REGION

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ABSTRACT

Crimes are the major issues of Pakistan. The aim of the present study is to know about the role and contribution of Punjab Highway Patrolling Police in the reduction and prevention of crimes especially occurred on roads and highways. Punjab Highway Patrolling Police was propelled in June 21, 2004. The objectives of the police were prevention and detection of crimes, in case of emergency to help the commuters and Traffic management through education and enforcement and to build a soft image of police in the province of the Punjab.

The present study was carried out in Faisalabad region to explore the attitude of commuters towards Punjab Highway Patrolling Police regarding road crimes in Faisalabad Region. Therefore the universe of the research is the 49 Highways of Faisalabad Region. There are four districts (Faisalabad, Jhang, Toba Tek Singh and Chiniot) in Faisalabad Region. Eight Highways were selected through Simple Random Technique (02 Highways from each District). Convenient Sampling Technique was used for data collection of 160 respondents (40 respondents from each District). The structured questionnaire was used for collecting the necessary information. The data was analyzed through SPSS.

According to results, performance of PHP regarding traffic management and road crimes has been found satisfactory. Majority of the respondents 77.5 % thought PHP perform duty with honesty. 86.3% respondents were satisfied with PHP performance. Majority of the respondents 86.3% were disagreed that PHP had involved in corruption. 85.6 % reported that PHP had controlled the ratio of Highway crime. 12.5% of the respondents told that PHP failed to control crimes due to outdated vehicles. Majority of the respondents 88.8% reported that people feel safe to travel on Highways due to presence of PHP.

According to findings, Punjab Highway Patrolling Police has controlled the ratio of crimes and accidents. Relying on counterfactual arguments to assess the performance of PHP, an all-time patrolling component of Punjab Police, it is unquestionably a pseudonymous author of peace on security on more than 12000 Km of roads in Punjab since its inception. Sense of security infused into the won over the period of 15 years of its operations. Mostly people are satisfied with PHP performance although to some extent PHP has involved in corruption.

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