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Abstract

Parole and probation systems are considered to be important elements of criminal rehabilitation measures globally. The present research was carried out to analyze the effectiveness of parole and probation systems in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. The main objective of the research work was to find out the level of effectiveness of these rehabilitative measures in Pakistani context. The study was carried out in Rawalpindi which is one of the major cities of Punjab province of Pakistan. This research work utilized the quantitative research design for collecting the data. Forty five respondents selected on the basis of multi-stage sampling technique were interviewed for the collection of data. After the data collection, it was analyzed through the use of statistical package for social sciences (SPSS). The findings of the study showed that the parole and probation system is operational in Pakistan, but individuals are unaware of its utilization properly. A vast majority of the respondents showed lack of confidence on these rehabilitative measures. Various factors particularly the structural factors were found responsible in proper implementation and utilization of these systems. Lack of awareness among public and allocation of funds by the government were also found responsible for non-effectiveness of this department. The study concludes that there is a dire need of effectiveness of these rehabilitative measures in Pakistan. Educating public about rehabilitative measures and its proper utilization can be important steps towards their implementation. Provision of governmental support in terms of infrastructure can enhance the trust of people on the department.

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