

“Rabia Rashid”

This is a story of Rabia Rashid a married woman of twenty-seven lives in Kasur with two children, one of them is studying. Rabia is a metric pass girl but she has got no training in any of skills she is presently working i.e. the chik-making (traditional blind). She lives in a house consist of one room only, “This is our drawing-room, bed-room, kitchen, common-room and our workplace” Rabia informed. “I can do more work in a better position if we are provide some good and big place at least one separate room for work”, she added.



Rabia is not satisfied with her life she is living. The basic facilities of life are not available to her and the family. She wanted to study further due to poor financial conditions of the family she had to leave her study and start working for small amount of money.

“I earn only Rs. 1200 a month. I have been doing this work of since last five year to meet ever-increasing living expenses of my family. I work for 8 to 10 hours a day”, Rabia informed.

The work of chik-making has suffered her with diseases and pain especially back-ache, pain in shoulder, high blood pressure and eye-sight problems. Transportation, visiting markets and shops are big issues when she needs to buy raw material and provide finished products.

Rabia is attached with Ittihad Foundation Kasur as the member of the organization. However she is not getting order work and other health facilities form the organization. She does not know much about social welfare and social security schemes. The major issues and needs included getting more order work, better health facilities near her residence, opportunity to participate in the fair and exhibitions to introduce her skills and earn more for her family.

