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MANIPULASI IDEOLOGI DAN STRATEGI TERJEMAHAN TENTANG ISU GENDER DI DALAM TERJEMAHAN SYEDA HAMEED KE ATAS CERPEN TERPILIH ISMAT CHUGHTAI

ABSTRAK

Fokus kajian semasa adalah untuk menyiasat manipulasi ideologi isu gender dalam cerpen Ismat Chughtai yang diterjemahkan oleh Syeda Hameed. Ia menggunakan model CDA Farahzad (2012) untuk mendedahkan ideologi tersembunyi penterjemah. Selanjutnya, teori manipulasi Lefevere dan tipologi manipulasi Dukate juga akan diambil kira. Selain itu, set strategi eklektik juga telah dipertimbangkan untuk menyerlahkan bagaimana penterjemah telah campur tangan dalam teks sasaran melalui penggunaan strategi manipulatif. Analisis data adalah berdasarkan model-model CDA Farahzad (2012). Ia telah mengambil kira tahap intertekstual, CDA dan pilihan terjemahan model CDA. Dapatan mendapati Syeda Hameed membawa manipulasi ideologi dalam penterjemahan isu gender kerana konfliknya dengan idea penulis, Ismat Chughtai. Penterjemah menyahfeminkan teks sumber di mana mungkin. Dapatan juga mendedahkan penggunaan strategi manipulatif iaitu penambahan, pemadaman/peninggalan, rampasan, asingisasi, penggantian, peruntukan, doa dan terjemahan literal. Analisis itu juga mendedahkan tipologi manipulasi herotan Dukate. Teori manipulasi Lefevere membawa ke permukaan faktor ideologi yang membawa manipulasi tersirat dalam teks sasaran. Secara ringkasnya, manipulasi ideogi isu gender telah didedahkan melalui analisis model CDA Farahzad dalam cerpen Ismat Chughtai yang diterjemahkan oleh Syeda Hameed.

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ABSTRACT

The interaction between translation and feminist discourse has been catalytic in shaping the identity, knowledge and culture. Literary translation can act as a shaping force for a creative act. Accordingly, this study is an attempt to participate in the development of feminism by focusing on the manipulation of gender issues. The focus of the current study was to investigate the ideological manipulation of gender issues in the short stories of Ismat Chughtai translated by Syeda Hameed. It employed Farahzad's (2012) model of CDA to reveal the hidden ideology of the translator. Further, Lefevere's theory of manipulation and Dukate's typology of manipulation was also taken into account. Besides, an eclectic set of strategies was also considered to highlight that how the translator intervened in the target text through the use of manipulative strategies (Klimovich, 2016). The analysis of the data was based on Farahzad's (2012) model of CDA model. It took into account the intertextual, CDA and translation choices levels of the CDA model. The corpus of the study was the four selected Urdu language short stories of Ismat Chughtai translated into English language by Syeda Hameed. Findings revealed that Syeda Hameed brought about ideological manipulation in the translation of gender issues due to her conflict with the ideas of the writer, Ismat Chughtai. The translator defeminized the source text wherever possible. The findings also revealed the use of manipulative strategies i.e. addition, deletion/omission, hijacking, foreignization, substitution, appropriation, supplication and literal translation. However, the most widely used strategy were omission strategy (27%), addition strategy (28%), substitution strategy

(18%) and literal translation (10%). The analysis also revealed the Dukate's typology of distortion manipulation in the translation of gender issues. The Lefevere's theory of manipulation brought to the surface the ideology factor as the sole cause of the implied manipulation in the target text. In short, the ideological manipulation of gender issues was revealed through the analysis of Farahzad's model of CDA in the short stories of Ismat Chughtai translated by Syeda Hameed.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

This chapter provides an introduction to the study and consists of other sections relevant to the various aspects of the research. It aims to explore how the gender issues have been manipulated in the selected short stories of Ismat Chughtai by the translator, Syeda Hameed in her translation. First the background of the study is provided, then statement of the problem followed by research objectives and research questions. After that significance of the study and limitation of the study is given. The last part of the chapter is concluded by the definition of key terms.

1.2 Background of the Study

Feminist writers depict the real-life, cultural norms, values, customs, identity, stereotypes, taboos, and status of women, etc. concerning the opposite gender in their write up. The feminist press all over the world and Kali for Women in India are now trying to collect all these workings together and encourage translators throughout the globe to translate and share the experiences and women's issues in other parts of the world. But it has been observed that translation is not a faithful activity and the translation of feminist texts and gender issues creates problems in the process of translation (Flotow, 2010a). The translators insert consciously or unconsciously their socially constructed ideology in the target text hence manipulate the target text and readers (Mobashshernia & Eskandari, 2015).

As translators act as the intermediaries between the source and target cultures when they translate a source text (ST) into a target text (TT) so they are expected to insert

their viewpoints while encountering ideological contents. The translators are constrained by social values and other factors (social, religious, economic, political, etc.) because of having a different standpoint when they come across with feminist ideological contents. These factors may become a source of influence and affect their decision in the process of translation. If the translation of such translators is investigated from the feminist perspective, it will throw light on and trace out the personal influences as well as other factors in the works of translators.

Ismat Chughtai is regarded as one of the pioneers of feminism in Urdu literature. She is considered a spokeswoman for Indian women in Urdu literature. The short stories of Ismat Chughtai illustrate the exploitation of women and the feminist ideology under the patriarchal society (Rajakumar, 2005). Ismat Chughtai realistically presented gender issues in her short stories like the conditions, exploitation, and struggle of women under the shackle of patriarchy (Fatima, 2019).

Gender is now considered as a major analytical phenomenon in translation studies and ideology. Feminist translators advocate exhaustive intervention in translation in terms of manipulating the patriarchal discourse. As a result, the translators change the values or worldviews embedded in texts in the course of translation from one language and culture to another language and culture (Lee, 2019). Santaemilia (2013), Flotow (2014, 2017) Plate (2020), Sharma (2020), and Vanessa (2020) have recommended to investigate the representation of gender issues in the target text and identify the strategies, which have been employed by translators to manipulate the gender issues. As a result, it is important to identify the gender issues presented in the short stories of Ismat Chughtai and the manner they have been represented and manipulated in the target text. To date, no studies

have examined the comparison of ideological manipulation of gender issues in the short stories. Thus, this study aims to fill this gap in the literature.

Tahira Naqvi and Syeda Hameed translated fifteen short stories and two novellas of Ismat Chughtai under the title, *A Chughtai Collection: The Quilt and Other Stories, The Heart Breaks Free and The Wild One* (Naqvi & Hameed, 2004). Though widely read among the Urdu readers, Ismat Chughtai reached the non-Urdu readers through their translation. A substantial body of Chughtai's work is translated into English by Tahira Naqvi and *few short stories by Syeda Hameed* (Flemming, 1995). The present study is an attempt to make a comparative study of the Urdu short stories by Ismat Chughtai, which were translated into English by Syeda Hameed. The comparison is based on the ideological manipulation of gender issues in the short stories. The present study will take into account only the short stories translated by Syeda Hameed.

The rationale behind the selection of the above text is that they present the sociocultural status of women and the numerous ways through which the voice of women is
delivered to the readers. The selected short stories (translated by Syeda Hameed) severely
criticize the patriarchal norms and the relegated position of women in a patriarchal society
but the translator (Syeda Hameed) seems to have subdued this voice of lamentation and
exploitation. The discrepancy between the women-centered source text and the patriarchal
ideology of the translator has motivated this study. The current study will intend to
describe the manipulation of the ideology of the writer and analyze the intervening
strategies of the translator and try to explain the irregularities of the translation from a
feminist perspective with a view that no attempt has been made before.

Accordingly, this study will present a comparative study of both source and target text from a gender perspective and will investigate that how gender issues have been reproduced and manipulated in the process of translation. This aspect of translation as rewriting or manipulation of ideology justifies the present work to investigate the ideological interference of the translator in the short stories of Ismat Chughta i. To achieve the objectives of this research, Farahzad's model of critical discourse analysis based on Fairclough's three-dimensional model of CDA along with an eclectic set of strategies, Lefevers' theory of manipulation and Dukate's typology of manipulation will be employed.

The writer has presented gender issues in the ST conforming to the feminist ideals of a society but the manipulation of these issues through the lexical and rhetorical choices of the translator (Syeda Hameed) seems to have gone against the feminist ideals in the TT. The objectives of the study will reveal what kinds of gender issues have been manipulated and how the translator has manipulated through various manipulative translation strategies. It will also highlight the type and effect on the meaning of manipulation and the factors that are associated with manipulation.

The concept of gender entered the realm of Translation Studies in the late 1980s as an analytical category, it refers to the way both men and women are culturally constructed at a specific time, place, and group. The different manifestations of feminism since the era of feminism had further developed the concept of gender. The term further acquired broader meanings in the 1990s by the incorporation of issues related to gay activism, queer theory, and ideas about the discursive performativity of gender (Flotow, 2010a).

Several issues arose when a relationship was established between gender studies and translation studies, for instance, cultural gender differences, the presentation of these differences in language, and their translation into other cultures. Patriarchal language played an important role in feminism and carries a profound effect on gender (Lee, 2013).

Gender is considered to be the basis of women's subordination in both private and public life, it affects every woman in the house as well as in the workplace (Ali et al., 2022; Nash, 2009). Activities regarding awareness about gender issues have led to incorporate women-centered perspective which helped to revise and rewrite many disciplines from women's standpoint (Sultana, 2012). Gender has proved to be an analytical category that has galvanized researchers in myriad fields (Flotow, 2014). Besides, in the Anglo-American context, it has brought an essential change in academic, political, social, and institutional structures (Flotow & Hernández, 2018). It has an impact on business decisions, educational institutions, and governmental policies. It is also considered as a substructure of society that needs an in-depth examination, understanding, and analysis in its varied forms and functions (Flotow, 2014).

Feminism has an impact on translation practice since the era of feminism on three levels, first, the translators have chosen to translate women's writing into their culture. Varied technical challenges of feminist translation have perturbed the translators. Second, feminist thinkers have observed language to be a powerful tool of manipulation, censorship, and intervention. Last, the works of important 'lost' writers and thinkers have created an enormous corpus of translation. The addition of annotation and criticism added a new dimension in translation criticism (Bracke et al., 2018; Flotow, 2014).

Flotow's (2014) views about gender issues and translation highlight the encounter between the writer and translator and its effects in the target text and the practice of translation. Bassenett (1992) also pointed out the dichotomy between the translator (Myriam Diaz-Diocaretz) and poetess, Adrienne Rich. Rich focus was on homosexual love while the translator focused on heterosexual love. Besides the problem posed by grammatical gender, social constraints also made the lesbian relation a thorny problem in translation (Bassnett, 1992; Dimitra, 2020).

It conveys the idea that translators are influenced by their ideology along with other external factors. Sometimes this influence is caused by external factors and sometimes the translators' ideology influenced the target text. As a result, the target text stands in a contrary position to the source text. Lefevere (1992) termed this phenomenon as 'manipulation.' Manipulation refers to the way the translators alter, reinterpret or rewrite the source text in a way i.e. different from it. He considers translation to be a rewriting of the source text that reflects a certain ideology and a poetics that manipulate the literary text in a given way to secure acclaim as well as social acceptance. Rewritings perform two different functions, the one introduces literary innovations in the form of new concepts, new genres, and new devices while the second acts as a depressant of innovation i.e. it represses innovation, distorts, and contains the original (Klimovich, 2015a; Lefevere, 1992). Lefevere is of the view that rewriting or translation creates an image of the original in such a way that is different from its source when the translator distorts or manipulates reality (Abbaszadeh et al., 2020). Thus, the target text gains a new creation through translation but the translation is considered original unless it is compared with its original. In such a case, the translator acts as authority over the source text, manipulates

it, and determines its reception in the target culture. Manipulation empowers the translator to be the protagonist and the real author of the original (Nkomo, 2019). Both Lefevere (1992) and Bassnett (1996) argue that translators are involved in manipulation, translation is now no longer a subservient activity, it is never innocent, and there is always a context and history which determine a translation (cited in Cobelo, 2013).

However, Lefevere (1992) criticizes manipulation but Bassnett (1996) approves of the positive aspect of manipulation. The manipulation and adaptations empower the translator with the power to bring change and reshape the original text in translation (Arrojo, 2013; Bassnett, 1996). Niranjana (1992) observed the same manipulating view in colonial discourse. She observed the strategies of containment in the process of translation, it shapes and takes shapes within the asymmetrical relations of power that works in colonialism. The translator shapes the source text in such a manner as to justify colonial domination (cited in Kumari, 2017). Manipulation is also thought of as a text modifying process in translation. The modification takes place on account of ideology, identity, gender, etc. literature has also been an important text-type of manipulation in literary translation. (Chinaveh & Suzani, 2015).

This is further to ensure that Boase-Beier and Holman (2016) argued that translators like writers are influenced and constrained by some factors. Both have a hierarchy of aims and agendas, which consciously or unconsciously constrain the source language text in the practice of translation (Boase-Beier & Holman, 2016).

The brief background conveys the idea that literary translators practice translation under some influences and external and internal factors, as a result of these influences and factors, the target text is constrained. This research will highlight the gender issues that

have been manipulated during the process of translation. Under the influence of constraints, the literary translators consciously or unconsciously manipulate the interpretation of the source text in the target text. The ideology of the translator is under the influence of some constraints, accordingly, his/her lexis is determined and limited by some external or internal factors. Accordingly, the target text then shows both the creativity and orthodoxy of the translator.

1.3 Statement of the Problem

The ST in the current study is a collection of four short stories written in Urdu Language by Ismat Chughtai. These short stories are translated into English by Syeda Hameed. The ST presents gender issues with a feminist stance but the target text seems to have manipulated the feminist stance of the ST through a different lexis and rhetorical structure. The comparative analysis of both ST and TT in terms of gender issues will be analysed to know that how the feminist ideology of the writer has been presented in the TT by utilizing Farahzad's (2012) model of CDA.

Gender is considered an important analytical category in translation studies (Flotow & Hernández, 2018; Ninet & Vayá, 2020). The central problem to be researched in the proposed study will be the manipulation of gender issues in the translation of the short stories by Ismat Chughtai. The basis of the problem is the lack of research on the representation of gender issues in the translation of Ismat Chughtai's short stories. Hence, the study demanded a four-tier investigation. Four-tier investigation refers to the identification of gender issues that have been manipulated, strategies taken for the manipulation of gender issues that affect the feminist objectives of the writer, the type of manipulation that has affected the meaning of the ST, and finally the identification of the

factor(s) that has affected the meaning of the ST and ideological manipulation took place in the TT.

Gender issues is an umbrella term for the various challenges to women in a patriarchal setup (Lindqvist et al., 2021; O'Brien, 2009). Ismat as a feminist literary writer has presented the gender issues in her short stories to raise the living standard of women, who have been restricted, suppressed, and suffocated by the worn-out traditions and customs in a patriarchal social setup. She (Ismat) is of the view that gender is a social and cultural constructed phenomenon, delineated in all of her artwork (Fatima, 2019). Ismat has portrayed a multitude of gender issues but this study will be confined only to the gender issue of marital agency and its manipulation in the target text.

Ismat Chughtai has presented a feminist ideology in her short stories but the lexical choice of the translator (Syeda Hameed) seems to have manipulated the feminist ideology of the ST and favored a patriarchal ideology in its place. The foremost issue in the current study is the identification of gender issues (marital agency) in the short stories and the manner they have been manipulated in the target text. A fair number of dedicated researchers have been involved in the analysis of varied types of source and target texts from a gender perspective to unearth the hidden ideology of the manipulators, (Flotow, 2007, 2010a, 2010b, 2012, 2014; Flotow & Farahzad, 2017; Flotow & Kamal, 2020; Flotow & Scott, 2018); (Santaemilia, 2005, 2013); (Simon, 1996, 1997).

The above scholars have also investigated gender as an analytical category and provided instances where gender issues create problems in translation. Many of these scholars have recommended the investigation and representation of gender issues in translation studies in various genres of literature and the related issues associated with

gender such as (Plate, 2020) and (Flotow & Kamal, 2020). This endeavor aims to highlight those gender issues that have been manipulated and represented in a manner contrary to its original.

The second issue about the translation of gender issues in the short stories of Ismat Chughtai is the use of manipulative translation strategies by the translator. The translators adopt various translation strategies such as Venuti's domestication and foreignization strategies. Besides, Farahzad (2012) also mentioned a list of manipulative strategies such as addition, omission, passive and active construction, positive and negative sentences, nominalization, change of tense and coordination, and subordination. The translators employ these manipulative strategies to achieve their particular aims (Borumad et al., 2018). The prior studies presented the fact that these manipulative strategies have been utilized by the translators and manipulated the ST ideologies (Borumad et al., 2018; Pirhayati & Haratyan, 2018). The current study will aim to highlight those strategies that have been utilized for bringing a change in the TT in terms of translation of gender issues of Ismat Chughtai's short stories.

The third significant issue is related to the type and effects on the meaning of manipulation of gender issues in the translation of Ismat Chughtai's short stories. Schaffner (2003) is of the view that translation is ideological for the choice of the ST and the subsequent changes in its translation i.e. TT are determined by the interest and aims of the social agents (cited in Keshavarz & Zonoozi, 2011). Dukate considers manipulation to be a positive phenomenon. The aim of the study will be to find the effect and type of manipulation to be positive or negative or distorted in the translation of gender issues in the short stories of Ismat Chughtai. Dukate's (2007) typology of manipulation will inform

about the type of manipulation that has taken place in the manipulation of gender issues in the target text. It will also inform about its effect on the readers and meaning of such manipulation.

The last major issue is concerning the factors which affect the representation of gender issues in the translation of Ismat Chughtai's short stories. Lefevere's theory of manipulation will be crucial in attaining this aim of the study. Lefevere has identified four determinants i.e. poetics, ideology, the universe of discourse, and patronage, these factors constrain the literary translation (Amirdabbaghian & Shunmugam, 2019). These are the key elements in bringing a change in the meaning of the source text. The attainment of the aim will inform the researcher to judge whether the translation/manipulation has furthered the objectives of the writer or rolled back.

The gender issues related to marriage have seldom been highlighted and reported in translation studies and especially in the literary genre of short story from Urdu into the English language. There is a need to reduce the impact of this problem and highlight the sort of gender issues presented by the writer in the source and manipulated in the target text (Serajeva, 2005). This problem affects women rights and perpetuates the patriarchal ideology; which the past literature has seldom discussed in research, to eliminate the impact of this problem, the short story is an important literary genre that appears to be a workable content to promote gender awareness as well as highlighting of the gender issues, strategies of manipulation, the types of manipulation and their ideological effects and intervention will have a significant impact in the discipline of translation studies and Ismatian studies.

The present study is aimed to provide a better understanding of the representation and reproduction of gender issues in translation studies. Besides, the net of gender issues will also become wide among literary translators, for this study will act as an academic dissent against the prejudiced and manipualtion of gender issues.

The comparative analysis of gender issues in the short story is necessary for the promotion of gender awareness in literary translation. Prior studies focused on different data and gender issues such as (Sharifi, 2020), (Haiping, 2017), (Vanessa, 2020b), (Vanessa, 2020a), (Bojic, 2017), (Lee, 2013). These studies have focused on gender issues at the patriarchal values, racial, sexual, women's health, gender roles, and biological and grammatical level of gender in translation theory and practice but there is lack of literature to report and promote gender awareness at the socio-cultural level while taking into account the gender issues of marital agency.

Ismat Chughtai has successfully portrayed the gender issues, exploitation of women, and the patriarchal values in her short stories, for which she has got acclaim in the feminist circle (Fatima, 2019), (Sahana, 2019), (Rajakumar, 2005). The works of the writer have been critically examined and researched on a thematic basis but as to our knowledge limited focus is found on the comparative aspect of source and target text from a gender perspective.

It is also relevant to specify that the above-mentioned studies had not integrated the critical discourse analysis approach and thus failed to identify the hidden patriarchal ideology of the translators expressed through these issues. The macro-level will analyze the paratextual elements (preface, notes, and glossary) and the micro-level will analyze the gender issues conveyed through intertextual and translation choices elements of the short stories.

Accordingly, the present study is designed to explore gender issues in the short stories of Ismat Chughtai and their translation by Syeda Hameed. The study will identify the gender issues that have been manipulated and also to examine and identify the factors that have constrained and tamed the gender issues in translation. The study will take into account intertextuality and translation choices aspects of Farahzad's CDA (2012) model to get an elaborate picture of the translation along with an eclectic set of strategies.

1.4 Research Objectives

The translation scholars have developed various concepts such as manipulation, rewriting, censorship through which translators intervene in the process of translation as a result shape and re-contextualize the target text. Thereby necessitates the investigation to attempt to analyze the ways of translators who exercised their power of ideological manipulation for attaining specific objectives. The critique of gender issues in the source and target texts through Farahzad's model of critical discourse analysis based on Fairclough's three-dimensional model of CDA along with an eclectic set of strategies are expected to achieve the following aims of the study.

- To analyze and compare the gender issues of the ST in Ismat Chughtai's short stories that have been ideologically manipulated in the translation of TT by Syed Hameed.
- 2. To examine the translation strategies which have been employed by the translator for the manipulation of gender issues.

- 3. To identify the type of manipulation in the translation of Ismat Chughtai's short stories and examine its effects on the meaning.
- 4. To analyze the factors that have constrained the translation of Ismat Chughtai's short stories in terms of gender issues determined in Syeda Hameed's version.

The achievement of the above aims will inform that what the translator did in the process of translation and how she manipulated the ideology of the writer through the selection of lexical and rhetorical choices.

1.5 Research Questions

The following research questions guide this dissertation which aims to identify the ways when a text crosses a linguistic and cultural border and landed into a foreign language and culture. What happens to a text when translators deal with ideological issues such as gender in the present context? Having this aim in mind, the objectives of the study developed the following questions.

- 1. What are the differences of gender issues in Ismat Chughtai's short stories that have been ideologically manipulated in the translation by Syed Hameed?
- 2. What translation strategies did the translator employ for the manipulation of gender issues?
- 3. What type of manipulation has taken place in the translation of Ismat Chughtai's short stories and how it affects the meaning?
- 4. What are the factors that have constrained the translation of Ismat Chughtai's short stories in terms of gender issues when compared to Syed Hameed's version?

1.6 Significance of the Study

The significance of the research is four-fold. It contributes both to the discipline of translation studies and Ismat studies. It contributes to translation studies by analyzing and comparing the Urdu short stories of Ismat Chughtai with their English translation, employing CDA with a feminist perspective. Its significance is four-fold while taking into account the intertextuality and translation choices of Farahzad's model of CDA. First, it confirms the findings of earlier studies that due to the ideological difference between the writer and the translator, gender issues create problems of misrepresentation and manipulation. Second, the study contributes to translation studies in a way that the English translation of Urdu language short stories from critical discourse analysis and feminist perspective has not been investigated before. Third, the analysis of gender issues will widen the scope of the problem and has implications for professional translators. The present study will analyze the manipulative strategies from a feminist perspective to illustrate the way that how the lexical choices of translator cut off the TT from its ST. Last but not least is the empirical significance of the study, i.e. the short stories of Ismat Chughtai have been studied from varied socio-cultural aspects but so far less attention has been given to the comparative aspect of the ST and TT. Moreover, the current study is about unearthing the implicit ideology of the translator that will also act as a contribution not only to the study of Ismat but also to the discipline of translation studies. Hence, the current study is an interdisciplinary work and will prove as a model for scholars and translators interested in researching the field.

The manipulation theory and Gender issues in translation studies have collectively opened new avenues for professional translators. It provided a new paradigm to

equivalence theory in translation studies. On the one hand translator is trapped to be as close to the source text as possible but on the other hand the translator is also expected to 'comply with the dominant *ideological* requirements. Because the ideas of the translator succumbed to various variables in translation such as ideology, poetics, motifs, prototypical characters, situations and symbols and the role of literature in the system (Gui et al., 2023; Klimovich, 2015a). Thus, it is necessary to closely observe both the source and target texts on the basis of gender issues. The aim of the comparison of gender issues will be to find out how the translator presented the ideology of the source text in the target text. The feminists translator like Castro have noted that sometimes the translators unconsciously fall to the dominant patriarchal ideology instead of clearly rejecting them (How, 2020).

1.7 Scope and Limitation of the Study

Tahira Naqvi and Syeda Hameed translated fifteen short stories and two novellas i.e. A Chughtai Collection: The Quilt and Other Stories, The Heart Breaks Free and The Wild One. The objective of the study will be to compare and analyze the short stories translated by Syeda Hameed. It will be confined only to the four short stories translated by Syeda Hameed (see table 3.3). This comparative analysis will be considered from the feminist translation perspective in which the translator is authorized to intervene in the text and manipulate it according to the objectives of feminism. But due to the ideological encounter of the translators, sometimes instead of moving forward the manifesto and objectives of feminism, the translators turn against the ideology of feminism. They strive consciously or unconsciously to further and perpetuate the patriarchal hegemony.

The current study will analyze this interventionist and manipulative approach of the translator (Syeda Hameed) while comparing and analyzing the lexical choices and rhetorical structures of the ST and TT. It is to be noted that Ismat Chughtai wanted to present to the readers the exploitation of women's rights in her short stories and thus had a feminist stance but it seems that the translator (Syeda Hameed) has a patriarchal mindset and manipulated the gender issues in the TT. The exposition of this ideological encounter between the writer (Ismat Chughtai) and the translator (Syeda Hameed) will be one of the major aims of the study.

The findings and conclusion will be based only on the selected and comparative study of both ST and TT, it may not be generalized to the other translations or translators of Ismat Chughtai.

1.8 Definition of Key Terms

1.8.1 CDA

Critical discourse analysis (CDA) is concerned with discourse (language used in text and speech) to reveal the relation of power and inequality in language. It brings to the fore the opaque as well as the transparent structure relationship of dominance, discrimination, power, and control as revealed through language (Bulcaen & Blommaert, 2000). Van Dijk is of the view that CDA studies and analyses written and spoken texts to identify the discursive sources of power, dominance, inequality, and the manner these are reproduced or resisted in discourse (Dijk, 1995a).

1.8.2 Discourse

Mills (1997) defines it as a group of utterances, sentences, or statements "which are enacted within a social context, which are determined by that social context and which contribute to the way that social context continues its existence" (Mills, 1997).

1.8.3 Gender Issues

Gender issues are any issues or concerns related to both men and women, these are determined either by gender or sex-based differences between women and men, as a result which exploit women in favor of men (Little, 2016; Tabeje, 2004).

1.8.4 Ideology

This study has opted for the definition presented by van Dijk, who defines it as, "a set of ideas, which organize our lives and help us understand the relation to our environment" (cited in Perez, 2003). The concept of ideology is essential in critical discourse analysis for it is maintained and perpetuated through discourse (Shahbazi & Rezaee, 2017).

1.8.5 Intertextuality

Kristeva argues about intertextuality as 'the insertion of history/society into a text and of this text into history' i.e. a text imbues the content of other texts from the past and thus builds a new one from the already existing texts (Fairclough, 1992). The concept of intertextuality thus shows the productivity and interconnectedness of text with other texts and contexts i.e. it shows how text is transformed and redefines existing conventions. It also conveys the idea that a text cannot live by itself or self-sufficient whole but the writer transforms other texts and present his new text available to readers (Raj, 2015).

1.8.6 Manipulation

Manipulation refers to the exercise of illegitimate influence using discourse. The manipulator tries to persuade others to believe or do things that are in the interest of the manipulator but in reality, they are against the best of the manipulated (Dijk, 2006).

Dukate (2007) presents her views about Ideological manipulation in translation that it is a type of manipulation which is due to the dominant political ideology and can take the form of omissions, additions, substitutions and attenuations (Sharififar et al., 2016).

1.8.7 Ideological Manipulation

Nitsa (2000) defines ideological manipulation in translation as, 'any interference with the text, be it cultural, religious, political or otherwise, imposing modifications that are not textual constraints, for the purpose of indoctrination' (Aldawood, 2017).

1.8.8 **Power**

Fairclough (1995) argues about the power that can be conceptualized both in terms of asymmetries between participants in discourse events and in terms of unequal capacity to control how texts are produced, distributed, and consumed in particular social contexts. This kind of power originates from ideology, the knowledge that enables persons or groups to carry out their will or to influence others despite their resistance (Elsharkawy, 2011).

1.8.9 Summary

Chapter one has provided a general overview to manipulation and ideology in Syeda Hameed's translation of Ismat Chughtai's short stories. specifically this chapter has

offered the statement of the problem, the objectives of the study, the research questions, significance of the study besides key terms. The next chapter will introduce the literature relevant to the present study.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

This chapter will provide a detailed discussion of the writer and her translation along with the application of the CDA approach to unveil the ideological manipulation of the translators. A review of relevant studies is also presented in the chapter. The pertinent CDA model, its related concepts are also reviewed besides concepts like gender issues and manipulation, which are the two main aspects of the study. The subsequent section explains CDA model of Farahzad, next elucidate on an eclectic set of strategies and manipulation. The chapter ends with concluding remarks.

2.2 Ismat Chughtai as a Feminist Writer

Ismat Chughtai was born in a middle-class family in India at Badayun, on August 15, 1915. She was the second last of her four sisters and six brothers. Her oeuvre is composed of five collections of short stories, three novellas, seven novels, sketches, plays, reportage, radio plays, as well as stories, dialogues, and scenarios for films, non-fictional essays, recollections, and a memoir (Bashir, 2018; Bhatia, 2020). She dealt with women's sexuality, Muslim middle-class society, issues, 'conflicts between generations, traditions, and modernity in her stories and novels (Bagchi, 2016; Tripathi, 2015). She is considered as one of the pioneers of feminist writers in India and "one of the four pillars of modern Urdu fiction," the rest of the three are Manto, Chander, and Bedi (Kazmi, 2004). Being the pioneer as a woman writer, she boldly revealed the social and psychological aspects of a woman's sexual life in her short stories. (Aamir et al., 2017; Ghosh, 2017; Suni, 2014).

The woman is sexually, economically, educationally, and psychologically exploited in the Indo-Pak middle-class Muslim society. Women have become the victim of exploitation by men or other women in the patriarchal setup (Dhabak, 2020). Ismat has turned every stone for the betterment and equality of women in the orthodox and radical society of the sub-continent in her short stories (Pandey & Singh, 2017). Her short stories abound in with "the world of the middle-class Muslim women, their gossip and scandal, desires and urges, jealousies and tensions, rituals and traditions, as also their repressions and little rebellions" (Kumar, 2015, p. 1).

Ismat Chughtai is considered as one of the stars of the galaxy of The Progressive Writers Association (Akhtar & Zaidi, 2016). The Progressive Writers Movement (1933) and communism had a great impact on the ideas of Ismat, particularly the thoughts of Rashid Jahan made a lasting influence. Like the progressive writers, Ismat employed her writing and literature for the reformation of the evils of society (Jaffer, 2015). "Ismat Chughtai, the brilliant author, the talented wordsmith, the creative genius," (Zakaria, 2018, p. 1) having the aims of Progressive Writers Association in mind, sworn to criticize irrational, useless, and deteriorating social concepts, orthodoxy, inflexibility, and problems faced by women (Kiran, 2016).

She (Ismat) also informed the women and showed them a way forward to a new and better way of life. She conveyed in her writing sexual deprivations, equality, justice, open-mindedness, education, and economic independence for women. Besides gender inequality, feudal patriarchy, and double standards in the Muslim society were her targets of acerbic pen (Abbas, 2018; Khanna, 2014; Kiran, 2012). According to Naqvi (1993), Ismat was found to be best when she dealt with the middle-class women and a world

crowded with women in her myriad roles i.e. mother-in-law, wife, aunts, granny, maids, etc. she possessed a master command over these characters and portrayed with utmost realism their problems and social issues, class conflict in her short stories and novels (Abbas, 2018; Naqvi, 1993).

2.3 Translators of Ismat

Various translators did their best to translate the different fiction and non-fiction works of Ismat Chughtai, among them the prominent are Tahira Naqvi, Syeda Hameed, Asaduddin, Francis W. Pritchett, Madhu kishwar and Ruth Vanita, Surjit Singh Dulai and Carlo Coppola and Noor Zaheer (Pritchitt, 2007).

But Tahira Naqvi proved to be an incessant and prolific translator of Ismat Chughtai. She has translated many short stories, novels, novellas, autobiography, and a collection of her nonfiction work (Naqvi, 2020). Being an ardent translator of the writer since 1983 to date, she is considered as a second Ismat and applauded for her unceasing translation of Ismat Chughtai. Presenting her (Naqvi) own views regarding the difficulty she faced while translating the short stories of Chughtai, she argued in the following manner, "translating Ismat Chughtai's work is a task fraught with danger. It is not just the story that needs retelling; her work carries a certain mood, a tempo and essence that cannot be put into words" (Naqvi, 2015).

Krishan Chander also expressed about the spontaneous and flowing style of Ismat Chughtai 'her stories make us think of a horse race: there is swiftness, movement, speed, alacrity not only the *afsana* (short story) appears to be running but the sentences, symbols, and metaphors, voices and characters and emotions and feelings seem to be springing and

moving forward with the speed of a storm" (Abbas, 2018, p. 4) Ismat is "unfathomable in the scope of her writing and her life" (cited in Abbas, 2018).

The difficult diction of the writer and the utter difference between Urdu and English languages as well as cultural differences have attracted the curiosity of the writer to make a comparative study of the two texts from a gender perspective as well. For Ismat is considered throughout in literature and reviews that she is an iconoclast, icon of women empowerment, the doyen of South Asian feminist writers (Abbas, 2018), but still, the researcher has found some ideas in the target text which still possessed a soft corner for patriarchy. This aspect attracted the attention of the researcher and cannot leave it without investigation. So, this study will investigate to study the ideological manipulation of the source text in terms of gender issues in its translation as recommended by Plate (2020), Flotow (2014) and Sharma (2020).

In the words of the translator (Tahira Naqvi) about the role of translator of Ismat Chughtai, she argues "We enter the world of the text, and how we colonize it will make us a failure or a success at what we do. I view it as an act of colonization indeed, but one where the translator as colonizer treads softly, noiselessly, so that he or she can see clearly and hear all, and then, in trying to make the text his or her own, become one with it" (Naqvi, 2015).

This statement of one of the translators of Ismat Chughtai has motivated the researcher to know whether the translator has colonized the text in translation or not. It also raises questions about the ideological manipulation of the ideas of the source text. As manipulation is considered as a creative phenomenon in translation that can make a work weaken or strengthen consciously or unconsciously, so this study will seek the ideological