ANALYSIS OF THE PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES OF TEACHER EDUCATORS AND SUBJECT TEACHERS OF EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT--Many researches had stated that world class educational system from pre-school to postgraduate levels could convert the raw talents of its people into productive asset. A world class education system is not possible without world class teachers, most importantly at the foundational level, who instruct, inform and inspire their students to quality learning and scholarship. The present study analyzed the professional qualifications and competencies of teacher educators and subject teachers of education. The respondents were categorized into three groups in order to measure their competencies and professional qualification. These were Heads / Principals, Teacher Educators and Subject Teachers of Education and their students. Questionnaires were used as instruments for data collection. T-test and Percentage were applied for the purpose of analysis. The data analysis states that subject teachers of education were more efficient as compared to teacher educators. At the end, the researcher concluded that majority of the teacher educators and subject teachers of education did not have professional qualification and they had MA education as an academic degree. The results of the study concluded that subject teachers of education were efficient and competent as compared to teacher educators. It is suggested to the policy makers and planers that they may develop separate criteria for the selection of teacher educators and subject teachers of education i.e. level of qualification, experience, professional qualification etc.

Keywords-- Professional Qualification, Competencies, Subject Teachers of Education, Teachers Educators.

I. INTRODUCTION

A world class education system sets the basics for global knowledge economy and molds the raw talents of its people into productive assets for a successful competition of any nation. World class teachers set the foundations for a world class education from pre-school to postgraduate level. Significantly, the foundation standards demand a standard instruction level that may lead the students to quality learning and scholarship. Educational system in any identified human society requires highly skilled teaching staff to raise the standard of Education (Commission on National Education (CNE), 1959; Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) & United Nations

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Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), 2001; National Education Policy 1998-2010 Likewise, a Report of the Commission on National Education (1959) emphasizes on the high training of teachers in academic terms and in terms of subject matter, moreover, a careful professional training is on demand.

During the past decades, significant research efforts have added a great deal to the body of knowledge about teachers and teaching profession. However, a serious attention has been laid on the nature of teachers' activities and teaching but over the years, a growing interest has been directed to teaching about teaching teachers of teachers—who they are, what they do, what they think and their desired characteristics have often been ignored in studies of Teacher Educations (Lanier & Little, 1986). Correspondingly, a rare amount of research has been conducted on the subject matters like, the competencies of teacher educators, tasks they should perform and meaning of a good teacher. Therefore, not surprisingly, very little has been discovered about the quality of Teacher Educations, and hence, that of Teacher Educators, over the years (Buchberger & Byrne, 1995; Korthagen, 2000; Koster et al., 2005).

Teacher educators are generally considered to be the persons who deliver instructions and provide proper guidance in the field of education, moreover, they serve as a pillar of support to student teachers and who thus render a substantial contribution to the development of students into competent teachers (Koster et al., 2005). A quality education and a quality teacher is the responsibility of Teacher Educators. Therefore, it is crucial to infer the contributing factors for building up the professional development of Teacher Educators, i.e. explicitly setting the quality requirements and environment of specific competencies for them. In this regard, the documentation of professional standards set or implied by professional organizations, institutional guidelines, academic publications, for promotion and tenure with other relevant sources is of a significant value. This is why, the assessment of professional development and performance of Teacher Educators as per criteria is important.

Competencies, with a vast room, encompass the facets of knowledge, skills, attitudes and behavior that are necessary for effective performance in order to conduct any real activity or task. The competencies that belong to teacher educators are skills, descriptions of the knowledge, behaviors and attitudes to perform in a classroom, effectively. They are, infact, known as minimum standards for the understanding and awareness of Teacher Educators that they may involve in improvement of students' learning.

Gauthier and Dembele (2004) in a background report for Education for All (EFA) Global Monitoring Conference highlighted a fact that a long course of pedagogical research has clearly pointed out that the major credit of Educational determinant in student's learning and achievement goes to teachers' efficient conduct in the classroom. This conduct may include skills, practices and behavior of an effective teacher that can be identified by teacher educator competency framework.

Caena (2013) narrated that specific qualification requirements and professional standards or models of competences are not necessary requirement for Teacher Educators in many countries. The academic competences which are stated in the higher Education context are exception. Most essentially, a vague pattern of national requirements of minimum qualification is prevalent and improvement in this regard is under debate, even in the countries where professional standards are clear.

The degrees like B.Ed./M.Ed./M.A. are required for the field of teaching in Pakistan. A B.Ed. qualified person can teach at school level and M.Ed. or M.A qualified person is able to teach in any education college at intermediate

or undergraduate level. More possibly, persons with same qualification are eligible for teaching in education colleges at B.Ed level.

Statement of the Problem

The present study intends to analyze the professional qualification and competencies of Teacher Educators and Subject Teachers of Education. This is a comparative study as it compares the efficiencies of both groups of teachers. The study also compares perception of heads, teachers and students about these teachers' content knowledge, pedagogical knowledge and pedagogical content knowledge. The study duly considers how far the qualification and competencies added to the performance of these teachers.

Objectives of the Study

- 1) To examine and compare the professional qualifications of Teacher Educators and Subject Teachers of Education
 - 2) To analyze the competencies of Teacher Educators and Subject Teachers of Education
 - 3) To compare the competencies of Teacher Educators and Subject Teachers of Education.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

According to Higher Education Commission (H.E.C) equivalence rules M.A Education (2years) degree program is equivalent to M.Ed. The curriculum of mentioned programs/degrees does not define whether the person will join teacher training institution or will be teaching at school or at college level. Basically, the standards on professional level are different for teaching from those necessary for Teacher Educators. Teacher education need the professionals who offer in-service training courses for teachers and school leaders, experienced teachers who act as mentors to new teachers in schools, university lecturers in different subjects, Education staff who teach pedagogy or didactics and researchers of higher level in Education and allied fields. So this issue needs intense attention to form a quality of professional Teacher Educators by offering specialization fields or separate degree programs during their M.A/M.Ed. The revival in educational system with trained and highly qualifies staff may raise the standard of education in any renowned human community. It is inferred from the previous literature that the quality of the teaching staff and faculty can enhance the educational system of any country. Many of the educational documents provoke the teachers' training and importance of their professional qualification in Pakistan. A report by national education commission (1959) clearly indicates that the teachers should have professional training and well academically qualified in the subject whom he or she is going to be teaching. Iqbal (1996) highlights a fact that the quality of teachers is directly proportional to the quality of education. Malik and Azad (2014) emphasizes that the teachers educators must know how to operate teaching related technology, having practical and theoretical knowledge, must know about principles of learning, able to identify the inconsistency and rarity of students and should have the knowledge of human growth and development. Hussain (2004) argued that education can bring about a change in any society. The practical implementation of that change is subject to training of teachers and professional qualification, in a certain society. Aziz and Akhter (2014) in a recent study said that professional training make teachers more competent than that of untrained teachers in the areas of research,

pedagogy, management and assessment. The excellence in teaching profession depends on professional training of teachers (Shahid, 2007). Shulman (1987) documents the availability of professional knowledge to the students and teachers' role in it. Motivation has a deep impact on the effectiveness of teachers' role that is a key element for educational development.

Kayani et al. (2011) provokes the value of trained and competent teachers in a way that well-trained teachers can enhance the quality of teacher educators in different training institutions. Fakhra (2012) also focuses on the skills and knowledge necessary for an instructor when he/she is instructing in the classroom. Arrangement of careful training program of teachers is the only source for obtaining a competent teacher in the present era of teaching learning (Jumani, 2007).

National educational Policy (1998-2010) also explains that for bringing change in the scenario of education the role of teacher educators is very vital. Previous studies of different researchers such as the studies of (Goldhaber & Brewer, 1996); Ahiz & Princewell, 2011; Cukjati, 2007; Abe & Adu, 2013) explain the professional qualification of teachers. Korthagen & Kessels (2001); George (2004); Koster et al. (2005) describes the competencies of teachers' educators. On the other hand studies of Veer (2004); Lassa (2004); Hammond (2009) analyzed about the competencies and qualities of subject teachers. Smith (2003) examines this issue by discussing about the subject teacher and teacher educators by using these dimensions: characteristics of the good teacher educators, professional knowledge of teachers and trainers difference between the experience of teacher educators and classroom teachers. This was the counterpart of the idea commonly started at the earlier of this century that a good academic student was destined to be a good teacher was sure to dominate this profession in practice (Korthagen & Russel, 1995).

Smith (2003) looked into this matter and exhibit a clear difference between the experiences of teacher educators and classroom teachers in different areas, such as, quality of knowledge, coordination of reflectivity and cognition, knowledge of how to create met new knowledge, professional maturity and independence and the comprehensive understanding of the education system.

Smith (2005) delineates the difference of opinion of both, teacher trainers and novice teachers, instead of the fact that for the sake of growth good trainers show patience, support and empathy for student teachers. Similarly, many good teachers who became the teacher trainers were thrown into the deep end, after an application procedure that was aimed primarily at checking their competence in the specific discipline and experience as a teacher. Caena (2013) narrates that teacher educators include: experienced teachers who performed their duties as mentor to new teachers in institutions, professionals who provide in-service training courses for teachers and school leaders, staff of higher education who are teaching pedagogy or didactics, university teachers in all different subjects that future teachers study, researchers in education and related areas. support and empathy for student teachers. While confirming this view point, Ethell and McMeriman (2007) said that the joint thinking of expert teachers caters the better comprehension in terms of theoretical and practical components of teacher education. Particularly for teacher educators, a variety of techniques has been mentioned by Loughran and Berry (2005) that can be used by their students to access non-cognitive knowledge. In this context, Ducharme, (1993); Guilfoyl, (1995); Regenspan (2002) highlights the complex dual role of teacher educators.. Kitchen & Russell (2012) describe that the duty of educators is tough, they convoy the message how to teach is hard job because the trainer harder get training for

their job. Wilson (2001) mentions a fact that teacher educators mostly work under heavy time pressure. According to Ducharme (1993) the educators manage to get some favor from their surroundings.

Kanter (2014) narrates about the significant value of competence. The era of globalization demands the assets of connection, networking and competency for the sake of one's survival. Hartanto (1998) presented the indicators for the sake of human competition. First indicator is the intellectual competency related to the professional skills, second, the competence is obtained from the association of the network, third is the credibility of competence. Johnson (1999) highlighted in his study that competence is a logical and reasonable action and it demands satisfaction with the objective condition to achieve something. Moreover in a study Wijaya and Rusyan (2000) follows the idea about competence that it is a general idea of the conduct of educational staff or teachersof the qualitative nature and has a valuable significance. The following components of the competence are developed by Mamun and Muhammad, (2009) that are to be possessed by educators. First is the performance component, second, teaching subject component, third, the teaching process component, fourth is the personal adjustment component, fifth one isvocational education component, Sixth, the attitude component containing the quintessential elements of attitudes, values and roles that are important to base all the skills of educator

So this issue needs intense attention to form a quality of professional Teacher Educators by offering specialization fields or separate degree programs during their M.A/M.Ed. The present study was undertaken to analyze the professional qualification and competencies of Teacher Educators and Subject Teachers of Education.

III. METHODOLOGIES

Study Population

The study was exploratory in nature. A field survey was conducted to examine the professional qualification of teacher educators and subject teachers of education through a personal profile Performa. Their competencies were investigated from their heads and students through questionnaires, separately. The population of the study included all Govt. colleges and Govt. Elementary Teacher training colleges of Punjab. All the heads/Principals and students of Govt. Elementary Teacher training colleges and Govt. Colleges where Education was taught as a subject were the part of population. All Teacher Educators who taught at the B.Ed. and M.Ed. levels and teacher who taught Education subject at intermediate and BA level students were also included in the population of the study.

Table 1: Population of the study

No. of Govt. Colleges where Education is taught as subject (selected divisions)	202
No. of Govt. Elementary Teacher Training Colleges (selected divisions)	14
Principals of Govt. colleges	202
Principals of Govt. Elementary Teacher Training Colleges	14
Subject Teachers of Education	350
Teacher Educators	160

Students of Govt. Colleges	23328
Students of Govt. Elementary Teacher Training Colleges	17672

Sample Selection

Multi-stage sampling technique was used for the selection of sample. At first stage, 10 percent of districts (4 divisions of Punjab) were chosen by simple random sampling technique. At the second stage, selection of colleges was made. All Government Teachers Training Colleges and Govt. Colleges of these selected divisions were considered in the study where Education was taught as a subject, by using universal sampling technique. The respondents were comprised of three types of groups in order to measure competencies and professional qualification, i.e., the Heads / Principals (to measure professional qualification and competencies of Teacher Educators and Subject Teachers of Education), the Teacher Educators and Subject Teacher Educators.

Table 2: Sample Size

Unit of Analysis	Sampling technique		Sample size		Research instrume nts	Preseason for selection of unit of analysis
	Teacher training college s		Teacher training colleges	Govt.		
Heads	Univers al samplin g techniq ue	al	14	202	Questionn	For analysing professional qualificatio ns and competenci es
Teachers	Rando m samplin g techniq ue (33%)	Rando m samplin g techniq ue (33%)	54	150	Profession al qualificati on Performa, Observati on	For analysing professional qualificatio ns and competenci es
Students	Rando m	Rando m	400	400	Questionn aire	For analysing

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IV. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Personal Profile Performa and questionnaires were used as instruments to collect the data from the heads / Principals, Subject Teachers of Education and Teacher Educators of Teacher Training Colleges and Govt. Colleges of the Punjab.

Statistical Analysis

For data analysis, t-test and percentage were applied for the purpose of analysis. The analysed data were presented in the tabulated form along with detailed interpretation.

V. RESULTS AND FINDINGS

We collected data from teacher educators and subject teacher of education regarding their personal profile i.e. Gender Qualification, Professional Qualification, Experiences, and Diplomas etc. Data was collected from heads and students of Govt. colleges where education is taught as subjects and Govt. Elementary teacher training to measure the competencies of teacher educators and subject teachers of education.

Table 3: Frequency Distribution of Respondents with Regard to Professional Qualification

Professional	Subject tea	ocher of	Teacher educators		
Qualification	rrequenc	Percentage	Freque ncy	Percent age	
None	115	76.6%	38	70.3%	
CT	04	2.6%	02	3.5%	
B.Ed	31	20.6%	08	14.8%	
M.Ed	00	0.0%	06	11.1%	
Total	150	100%	54	100%	

Table 3shows the results regarding professional qualification of subject teacher of education and teachers educators. The subject teachers of education and teacher educators give views about the professional qualification respectively. A good number of (76.6%) subject teacher do not have any professional qualification, 20.6% have degree of B.Ed and 2.6% have certificate of teaching (CT) as a professional qualification. On the other hand, in majority, (70.3%) of the teacher educators do not have any professional qualification, 14.8% have B.Ed degree and 11.1% have M.Ed degree and 3.5% have certificate of teaching as a professional qualification. The above results conclude that most of the subject teachers of education and teachers' educators do not have any professional qualification.

Table 4: T-test between heads of Government College and Teachers Training

College regarding overall competencies of teacher educators and subject teachers

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Variables	Heads				F	Sig.	t-
	GC (n = 201)		TTC	TTC (n =			test
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	Mean	SD	Mea	SD			
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Design	24.39	2.25	24.4	2.21	.012	.911	-
Teaching			3			NS	.05
Programm							7
e for							
Desired							
Outcomes							
Subject-	10.58	2.33	10.5	2.41	.000	.995	.00
Specific			7			NS	9
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у							
Lesson	19.29	3.30	19.2	3.41	.000	.988	.00
Planning			9			NS	9
Skills							
Lesson	23.56	4.08	23.5	4.15	.005	.942	-
Presentatio			7			NS	.01
n Skills							3
Lesson	14.15	3.01	14.1	3.11	.000	.999	.00
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The above mentioned Table 4describes the opinions of heads of Govt. Colleges and Govt. Elementary teacher training colleges regarding the competencies of subject teachers of education and teacher educators. On average, regarding competencies of subject teachers of education is (227.63) and the teacher educators is (228.62). The spread of distribution shows that performance of subject teachers of education is relatively efficient as compared to the teacher educators; however, this difference is very less and not significant (measured through F test). Competencies of subject teachers of education is not significantly different from teacher educators since T statistic is (-.117) and P-value is greater (5%) so we do not reject null hypothesis for no significant difference in performance of both groups of teachers.

Table 5: T-test between students of Government College and Teachers Training

College regarding Overall competencies of Subject Teachers of Education

& Teacher Educators

	Students					t-	
Variables	GC (n = 400)		TTC (n = 400)		F	Sig.	test
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	-		test
Command over the Subject	26.373	2.456	24.140	2.291	6.367	0.012*	- 13. 293
Design Teaching Programme for Desired Outcomes	18.928	4.639	25.103	3.217	114.756	0.000**	- 21. 877
Subject- Specific Technology	5.320	1.635	8.280	1.384	9.612	0.002*	- 27. 630
Lesson Presentation Skills	26.228	6.640	18.710	3.573	9.104	0.003*	- 19. 939
Lesson Management Skills	12.503	2.317	9.918	2.177	0.176	0.675NS	- 16. 263
Maintaining Social Environment	9.873	2.310	13.915	7.660	5.239	0.022*	- 10. 106
Appropriate Teaching Methodologies	16.608	2.970	12.325	3.581	29.981	0.000**	- 18. 317
Maintaining Class	6.593	1.790	8.663	1.506	25.444	0.000**	17.

Discipline							695
Teacher							-
Classroom	16.145	2.950	13.118	2.534	1.867	0.172NS	15.
Behavior							572
Formulation of							-
Appropriate	16.969	3.225	13.378	2.471	5.725	0.017*	17.
Questions							589
Checking of							_
Homework and	15.915	3.484	11.573	2.757	4.876	0.028*	19.
Class Work	13.713	3.404	11.575	2.737	4.070	0.020	536
Regularly							330
Inspiring							-
Confidence in	17.975	3.515	21.180	4.283	2.708	0.100NS	11.
Students							565
Monitor							
Student							-
Progress and	11.938	3.093	8.918	1.999	54.932	0.000**	16.
Provide							400
Feedback							
Evaluation							-
Skills	11.895	2.814	9.028	2.264	4.009	0.046*	15.
							880
Overall							-
competencies	231.781	35.522	179.789	20.036	77.950	0.000**	25.
-							346

The above mentioned Table 5documents the results about the views of students of Govt. Colleges and Govt. Elementary teacher training colleges regarding the competencies of subject teachers of education and teacher educators. On average, regarding competencies of the subject teachers of education is (231.781) and the teacher educators is (179.789). The spread of distribution shows that performance of subject teachers of education is efficient as compared to the teacher educators, this difference is very high and significant (measured through F test). Competencies of the subject teachers of education is significantly different from teacher educators since T statistic is (-25.346) and P-value is less (5%) so we reject null hypothesis for significant difference in performance of both groups of teachers.

VI. CONCLUSION

Majority of the teacher educators and subject teachers of education did not have professional qualification and they had MA education as academic degree. According to the views of principals of Govt. colleges and teacher training colleges no significant differences found in the competencies of subject teachers of education and teachers

educators in following indicators such as command over subject, design teaching programme for desired outcomes, uses of subject specific technology, lesson planning skills, lesson presentation skills, lesson management skills, maintaining social environment, utilization of appropriate methodologies, maintaining class room discipline, classroom behavior of the subject teachers of education is not significantly different from teacher educators, formulation of appropriate questions in classroom, checking of homework and class work regularly, inspiring confidence in students, monitor student progress and provide feedback and usage of Evaluation Skills. The principals of Govt. colleges and teacher training colleges indicated that competencies of subject teacher of education are not significantly different from teacher educators. Both groups of teachers showed similar performances. However responses of students of Govt. colleges and teacher training colleges show that competencies of subject teachers of education are significantly different from teacher educators. Subject teachers of education presented efficient performance as compared to teacher educators. The responses of students of Govt. colleges and teacher training colleges describe that significant differences exist in performance of subject teachers of education and teachers education in the following indicators of competencies i.e. command over the subject of subject, design teaching programme for desired outcomes of teacher and usage of subject specific technology, teacher educators were efficient as compared to subject teachers of education. Whereas Lesson presentation skills of subject teachers of education and teacher educators are not significantly different from each other. Maintaining social environment in the classroom by teacher educators is significantly different from subject teachers of education. Usage of appropriate teaching methodologies, maintaining classroom discipline, classroom behavior, formulation of appropriate questions, checking of homework and class work regularly, inspiring confidence in students, monitoring student progress and provision of feedback and evaluation skills, subject teachers of education showed significantly efficient performance as compared to teacher educators. At the end it is concluded that competencies of the subject teachers of education are significantly different from teacher educators. It is suggested to the policy makers and planers that they may develop separate criteria for the selection of teacher educators and subject teachers of education i.e. level of qualification, experience, professional qualification etc. In-service training, refresh courses and workshops and diplomas may be conducted for both subject teachers of education and teacher educators.

VII. DISCUSSION

The present study was undertaken to analyze the professional qualification and competencies of Teachers Educators and Subject Teachers of Education. It had been a comparative study. Data was collected through questionnaire.

In order to know the professional qualification of subject teachers and Teachers Educators the researcher had used personal profile Performa. It was revealed that majority of the Teachers Educators and Subject Teachers of Education did not have professional qualification and they had MA education as an academic degree. It was, however, found that Subject Teachers of Education were efficient and competent as compared to the Teachers Educators irrespective of their professional qualification. According to Adieze, (1986) non-qualified and non-professional teachers in teaching profession are killing the profession because they are not really teachers. He

regarded them as "bird" of passage that create unnecessary vacuum whenever they see greener pasture and better prospect in the profession they are originally trained for.

Regarding competencies of the Subject Teachers of Education and Teachers Educators, data were collected from heads and students of Govt. Colleges separately. In these colleges, Education is taught as a subject. Heads and students of the Govt. Elementary teacher training colleges were also the population of the study. These colleges provided training to future teachers. The quantitative data analysis of heads' views indicated that there were no significant differences regarding the competencies of Subject Teachers of Education and Teachers Educators. Whereas, students' responses about Govt. colleges and Govt. Elementary teachers training colleges showed that there existed significant differences between the competencies of Subject Teachers of Education and Teachers Educators. Now the question arises why the differences existed between the heads' views and students' views regarding the competencies of Teachers Educators and subject teachers of education. In researcher's, opinion the reasons for their views is that students are directly interacted with their teachers in the classrooms. Different indicators of teachers' competencies such as command over the subject, usage of technology, classroom behavior, maintaining classroom environment etc. are related to the students. Students deeply observe their teachers so their views regarding teachers' competencies are different as compared to heads of the institutions.

The data analysis stated that Subject Teachers of Education were more efficient as compared to Teacher Educators. The same point of views was discussed by Ali (1998) about the staff of Govt. Elementary teacher training colleges (GCETs) that the staff of these colleges was not properly trained. Inappropriate teaching methodology was used by them as well as teaching practice of future teachers was not properly supervise by them for enhancement of teaching skills.

It was interesting to discover that there existed significant differences between the Subject Teachers of Education and Teacher Educators concerning essential teaching skills. The Subject Teachers of Education were found more competent as compared to the Teacher Educators in lesson planning, lesson presentation; maintaining classroom climate, command over the subjects, usage of appropriate teaching methods, maintaining classroom discipline and classroom behavior. Wijaya and Rusyan (2000) clarify that competence is an overview of the qualitative nature of the conduct of teachers or educational staff seems very significant.

However, both groups of teachers had the same traditional methods of assessment and evaluation. There were found no significant differences between the performance of both groups of teachers' formulation of questions, closure of the lesson and usage of evaluations skills of both groups of teachers. Akbar (2002) enlightens some skills for effective teaching that a teacher should plan the lesson according to the needs of students, present the material effectively, keep a good and pleasant learning environment, develop a strong interaction between students and teacher, maintain good discipline in the classroom, ask the right questions and use appropriate questioning during the lesson and use assessment techniques to assess student achievement.

To sum up, the results of the study indicated that whatever the qualification and competencies be, Subject Teachers of Education were found more efficient and more concerned with the outcomes of their efforts as compared to the Teacher Educators.

VIII. IMPLICATION OF STUDY

The study carries significance from a number of angles as spelled out below:

The study will be significant for policy makers, planners, curriculum developers, educationists, teachers and administrators regarding professional qualifications and competencies of Teacher Educators and Subject Teachers of Education.

This study is also likely to be of significance for prospective researchers who may explore several others angles of the professional qualifications and competencies of Teacher Educators and Subject Teachers of Education.

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