## IMPACT OF WORK FAMILY CONFLICT ON FEMALE INTENT TO QUIT: SPECIAL REFERENCE TO TWO SELECTED APPAREL COMPANIES IN RATHNAPURA DISTRICT



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## **ABSTRACT**

Employee turnover is a challenge faced by any organization and Apparel Company is of no exception. Several studies are devoted to identify employees' intent to quit in the Apparel Company, but most of them have ignored female turn over behavior. A separate research is imperative to explore female intent to quit.

The present study is trying to fill up this gap by exploring the turnover intentions of female employees in selected two Apparel Company in Rathnapura District. Intent to quit (ITQ) has been tested empirically for its association with work to family conflict (WFC) and family to work conflict (FWC). The study is important in a sense that for the first time the quit intentions of female Apparel employees have been identified. Hence, this study attempts to fill this knowledge gap.

The random sampling method was used to make the sampling frame work of the study. Data were collected from the female employees of two selected Apparel company in Rathnapura District. A total of 200 questionnaire were distributed out of 401 respondents. The respondent rate was 54% and 46% respectively Randhi International (PVT) Ltd and Orit Apparel Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. The data were analyzed using by descriptive analysis, Pearson correlation and regression analyses with the support of Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS 22.0).

The results show that the level of work family conflict and family to work conflict are high levels in selected Apparel Company in Rathnapura District. Overall finding of from this study is identified that, there is strong positive relationship between work family conflicts on female intent to quit in selected two Apparel Companies in Rathnapura District. Lastly, the regression analysis between work to family conflict and family to work conflict indicated that 82.7% of total variance of intent to quit is explained in selected two Apparel Companies in Rathnapura District.

Hence, there are some recommendations would be developed to reduce the intent to quit of female in selected two Apparel companies in Rathnapura District.

**Keywords:** Intent to quit, Work to family conflict, Family to work conflict, female Apparel Company employees

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