

Discuss prospects and challenges to construction of CPEC. How will CPEC become a game changer.

Prospects:-

Load shedding would be over once and all:-

In 2007-16 there was shortage of 5000-8000 mw energy have load shedding 6-8 hrs in urban areas and 16-18 hrs in rural areas, but in 2020 shortage covered but in 2022 capacity 37000 mw, energy consumed 28000 and produced 19000-2000 as we cannot produce more energy due to lack of hydrocarbons as they are expensive we have to import them to generate electricity but after CPEC projects completed we didnot need to import hydrocarbons for making electricity than we can produce more electricity

Cheap electricity produce:-

As hydrocarbons are expensive, In Pakistan we are 2nd in asia and 3rd in world to make expensive electricity. now one unit is 37 PKR as for civil nuclear projects it will be 14 PKR and after breakeven 8 PKR. Hydrocarbons project it will be 8 PKR and after breakeven 4 PKR. So it will improve Pakistan economy development as well.

Industrialization increases

There are 2000 to 4000 industries shut down as they cannot bear electricity expense but now more industrialized will promote after CPEC project completion.

Clean Environment

Pakistan has already done a lot of carbon emission as they cannot increase that they have to produce electricity locally without use of hydrocarbons as they will clean environment by use of water, hydro, solar, wind projects.

Challenges to CPEC:

- Political instability of Pakistan is a big challenge to CPEC as they started work and then stop that.
- There is competition of influence between US and China and India and China as well effect that
- US has said to CPEC that Pakistan has shared their confidential documents to IMF to get loan to make sure they are not giving that amount to China
- Gwadar port is still not connected to China, Afghanistan and that.

Yes, CPEC become a game changer, it will produce labor which will be with skills and know technical functions, it will improve Pakistan economy as decrease their trade deficit as 23 billion trade is of hydrocarbons which is 50% of their loan after completion of CPEC, Many countries like 60 countries have to pass through Pakistan to accomplish their trade as it will be shorter as less transportation cost and time will invest their as after breakeven period all companies will be of country, As China belt and Road initiative also boost their economy and have found shorter way to increase their 500 billion dollar trade with help of that.