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- Q.No. 2. (a)** What were the main objectives of Clean Development Mechanism? Also explain the reasons for the criticism on Koyoto Protocol by the developed countries. **(5)**

(1) Clean Development Mechanism:-

Described in Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol, Clean development mechanism is an initiative to contribute to global climate change efforts by reducing Greenhouse Gases emissions.

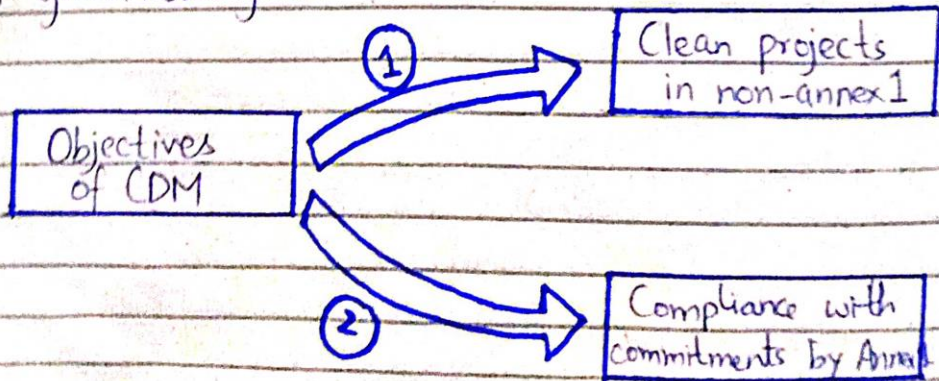
It works by implementing clean projects in developing countries and subsequent issuing of Certified Emission Reductions (CERs). These CERs can be sold to developed countries.

(i) Objectives of Clean Development Mechanism:-

Following are the objectives of CDM as stipulated in Article 12 of Kyoto Protocol:-

(a) Developing countries (Non-Annex 1) can be compensated by clean development projects to help them fight against global severe climate change.

(b) Annex 1 (Developed countries) should adhere and comply with their commitments regarding reduction in green house gases emissions.



(2) Reasons for criticism on Kyoto Protocol:-

Kyoto protocol has been criticized by developed countries on following grounds:-

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(i) No Deadline:-

Kyoto Protocol assigned tasks to both developed and developing countries but no deadline of completion is given. It means there is a loophole in the implementation of protocol in true spirit.

(ii) China in Non-Annex 1 list:-

Developed countries criticized protocol regarding inclusion of China in the list of countries having no binding commitment. China contributes about 30% of global GHGs emissions, yet it is not bound to limit GHG emissions. This created a wave of resentment among developed countries.

(iii) Economic Cost:-

Another criticism on Kyoto Protocol is its high economic costs for developed countries. As, developed countries needs to install clean projects in developing countries, it become a burden on their economies.

This is the reason due to which US never ratified the Kyoto Protocol.