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How are problems in society addressed through public policy? How do they get on the policy agenda? Discuss the primary stakeholders and their interests in the process.

Provide real life case examples as part of your answer.

Answer- Introduction

"Public policy is an essence of the state and society."

(-Harold F. Gates)

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In fact, problems of society are addressed by stakeholders by setting certain agendas through public policy. Therefore, public policy is a backbone of the state.



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Definition of public policy

"Public Policy is a response of government to public demand."

(- Suckler Hudson)

Public policy is a government's responsibility to address public needs. In fact, public policy is favourable to public welfare. Therefore, public policy is correlated with public norms.

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Approach of government to policy agenda in solving problems of society

Following is detail:

a) Public Right to equity: the Clean Air Policy (CAP)

Government approaches to the most prevailed issue in

public. In fact, clean air is become a need of the globe.

"Ministry of environment of government of Pakistan has framed the National Clean Air Policy (NCAP) to improve quality of air."
 (-Shirri Rehman, 2013)

Therefore, policy agenda is set on the most appropriate prevailing problem to public as environmental issue.

b) ~~Poor growth of public: long-prevailing malnutrition~~

Moreover, malnutrition is the prevailing issue in agenda setting to poor or growth of public. In fact, malnutrition is deep-rooted in rural areas of the country.

According to the National Nutrition Report;

"About 53% of cases of malnutrition are reported in FY 2017 and 2018."

(- National Nutrition Report, 2017)

Therefore, government has set agenda to curtail malnutrition problem.

"Ministry of 'Food Department' has provided 'National Nutrition Supply Programme' agenda of 2022 to 2027."

(- Tejuwan Hussain, malnutrition, 2023)

Hence, government has addressed issue of malnutrition through framing public policy.

c) Poor healthcare system: the first need of public

Further, government

his set health programmes by observing need of proper health care system. In fact, a healthy nation is the assets of the state.

"By 'Sahaj Programme'"

about 3.2 million

people were benefited by free treatment."

(Faisal Bari, life style reevaluation, 2023)

Hence, government has focused on health to contain poor health system.

Policy Agenda

clean air



health



nutrition



Social Reforms

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Interest of primary stakeholders in public policy

Following is detail:

PM and cabinet	Center
Min and members	Province
district officers	local

a) To legislate for security of public Parliament concern with public welfare to ensure security of public. In fact, long-threat of insecurity today has compelled the state to frame security policies.

"Establishment of Financial Unit has halted terrorist

financing successfully."

(- Toqeer Hussain, revival of TTP, 2022)

Hence, government has primary role in public policy.

b) Provincial government and members of assembly

Further, provincial government is also very active in public policy formation. Sindh government has successfully provided subsidy principles to its public.

• BISP programme has given girls' stipend to encourage education of rural girls.

† Inis Saleem, reforming education, etc.

It may provincial stakeholders are also addressing public welfare.

c) Role of Civil Servants: Local Government Success

Furthermore, civil service

servants provide advisory role in success of local government. In fact advice of servants help authoritative bodies to formulate or policies.

" Bureaucrats have advisory role in policy formation on the basis of their experience "

(- Woodrow Wilson)

Thus, grass root level formation of policies led by civil servants, advisory role.

5- Conclusion

~~" Public Policy is an imaginary state behind real state."~~

~~(- Marx)~~

Public policy is an essence of the state. In fact, state has public norms to fulfill public

public needs. Therefore, policy agents
by stakeholders help in add-
ressing public issues in society.

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