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## 1. Introduction:-

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is considered as a game changer for Pakistan's dwindling economy. After the agreement made between China-Pakistan in 1963 (the border agreement) made by the diplomat Aman Ullah. China remains an all weather friend of Pakistan and their ties remain as strong as a question was asked from the CSS aspirants "Stronger than the hills, Higher than sky's, Sweeter than ~~honey~~<sup>h</sup> honey". But, the only question arise in every Pakistani's mind that is it really a game changer or an illusion.

## 2. An Overview; The expectations from the CPEC

China started its One Belt One Road (OBOR) <sup>project</sup> ~~contract~~ in the year 2013, which is now known as Belt Road Initiative (BRI).

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In 2015, China has started its flagship program CPEC. The expectations from this project were creating a huge job market, providing FDI, different projects and industries on smaller scales, power plants and roads to connect China with Pakistan. This example was considered as cultivating land without water and irrigation system. China has almost spent 62 billion dollars. But, there are a lot of problems arise during this time.

### 3- Why Pakistan cannot blame Chinese?

Pakistan is a country which has the 5th largest population in the world. Most of the population is in the age group of (18-33) years. However, the young generation lacks behind due to poor educational standards. The institutions focus more on producing graduates rather than skilled people.

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The law and order situation is worse in Pakistan. The terrorism has been increasing day by day and the governments remain indecisive.

Further more, these terrorist activities became the reason of low FDI.

The investors do not trust the market or the policy makers due to regime changes.

### (a) Lack of Quality Education:-

Education is considered as a weak point of Pakistan because the institutes are not producing any skilled labour. The youth and employment opportunities go hand in hand. However, if a country does not provide enough opportunities to its youngsters then it can turn into a time bomb.

### (b) Unskilled Labour Cannot Contribute in Human Development

The labour in this country is not skilled. So the Chinese

Companies cannot higher their graduates on their jobs. For example Switzerland is a state which was also a British colony once. But, this is now providing skilled labour which can work efficiently and is capable to achieve the targets.

### (c) Poor Law & Order situation

In Pakistan laws are made not to follow but to break them. But, in Switzerland the people follow the laws with spirit. People of Pakistan can easily break the laws and do not consider this as crime.

### (d) Increasing terrorism activities:-

The terrorist attacks has been increased from last 3, 4 months. According to the Dawn News the TTP has claimed more than 100 attacks. These

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promote wrong image of the country. These attacks were the reason to keep Pakistan in FATF's grey list.

(e) Lack of trust by the investors and low FDI:-

Pakistan was once a country who provides loans to other nations on low interest rates in 1971. But, the situation is now different and the tables are turned. Even in Switzerland a sovereign state which has 43% population as compare to Pakistan and 1093 times smaller than Pakistan attracts 92 billion dollars as FDI and which is only 2 billion dollars in Pakistan.

(f) Poor policy making & regime change:-

Political stability does matter a lot to flourish the economy of a country political

stability is necessary. However, in Pakistan regime change has become a trend <sup>since</sup> from its inception.

There is no single Gorkhah civilian government which completed its term of 5 years. The politicians are more into personal politics and do not focus on policy making which is their prime responsibility.

↳ How these goals can be achieved? A way forward.

There are several ways to improve the existing situation regarding poor skill development, political polarisation, terrorism and steps to increase FDI and gain the trust.

(a) By focusing more on skills rather than producing unskilled graduates:-

In Pakistan, there is a need to improve their educational standards. The institutions and universities must initiate some skill development

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programs to improve the future.  
 If there is no opportunities in the market then they should be able to earn through the online market. And their standards must follow the needs of the Chinese companies so they can <sup>hire</sup> ~~buy~~ them.

(b) Law and order need to be strong to protect foreigners :-  
 following law and order

in Pakistan can be a reason for its prosperity. There are more than 10,000 Chinese foreigners which can promote a wrong image of the country in international arena if any attack was being made.

8- Conclusion :-

By concluding the argument, there are various reasons the Pakistani government cannot blame the Chinese. To improve their image in the world they must follow the strategies. There are several opportunities for this country.