

Question # 8 :

Discuss the issues of mistrust in US-Pak relations after withdrawal of the US?

Answer :

Introduction

The expulsion of the superpower from the graveyard of empires has caused a huge impact on the whole globe, particularly in the region around Afghanistan. Pakistan, being a frontline state in War on Terror, is obviously going to face implications - Firstly, US withdrawal ~~is~~ raised the question of the governance in Afghanistan, directly implicating the security and policy questions in Pakistan. In addition, the rage of the USA ~~against~~ also directed against Pakistan had also impacted Pakistan's economy. In addition, global image of Pakistan is also at stake. For the United States, the biggest doubt on Pakistan is their support for the militant government in Afghanistan along with their

Question # 6:

Why did Pakistan joined Western Defence pacts? What cost ...

Answer

Introduction

Newly-Emerged Pakistan directly faced the phase of cold-war and global politics immediately after its creation. Pakistan decide to not remain non-aligned and pick a side. However, this was done for various reasons. The threat of the eastern neighbour and the fragile economy were the main reasons to step into the war and by signing the defense pacts as the guaranteed a better future. Along with that, ideology clash with USSR and a quest for leading the Islamic world were also a major reasons. No matter what was the reasons, but the cost has been @ the worst part of the pacts and is quite evident. The worst thing Pakistan had to face was the rage of Soviets and resulting loss of the eastern arm. Moreover, it also impacted the economic and political environment of Pakistan by creating dependence on USA. This dependence is what we even face in

The year 2023. Hence, Pakistan had to pay huge amount as a result of entering into these defense pacts.

Background of the Defense Pacts: The Cold-War

4- When Pakistan was created, the political environment of the world was already tense because of the cold-war between major powers of that time: the liberalist United States and the Communist ~~United~~ Union of Soviet Socialist Republic. With that cold-war going on, ~~the~~ both USA and USSR were trying to pursue other nations to build the defense ties in such a way as to influence and contain the other. As a result of that tug-of-war, Pakistan got into two defense pacts: SEATO was signed in the year 1954, followed by CENTO in the very next year, 1955. In this way, Pakistan dragged itself in global politics.

Reasons of Pakistan Joining the Defense Pacts

(3) Ideological differences from the Soviets

Another reason Pakistan entered into Anti-Soviet pact was the ideological reasons. Pakistan, being idealizing the golden Islamic principles of democracy and economic independence resonated more with USA. The atheist notions of Karl Marx and autocratic tactics of Joseph Stalin were unaccepted by majority of public and ruling class. These differences put Pakistan into alliance with USA.

(4) The Alliance with other Islamic Countries

Pakistan got into these pacts because of the fellow-Muslim countries. CENTO was actually an extension of already existing RCD, signed between Pakistan, Iran, and Turkey. Hence, the presence of fellow Islamic nations was also a major factor contributing to Pakistan's acceptance of the pacts.

The Cost Paid by Pakistan by entering Western Defense Pacts

1) India's alliance with USSR :

With Pakistan entering the defense pacts, India's foreign policy has also got some shift. India, although pre-dominately non-aligned, started building the relations with Soviets. In the year 1971, India and USSR also got into a treaty of Peace, friendship, and mutual support, promising to defend each other. In this way, the Indian threat did not mitigate but actually ~~augmented~~ was augmented.

2) The Great Tragedy: Losing the Eastern Arm

Pakistan, one-sidedly bound in such defense pact, took the wrong decision by allowing its air-bases to be used against Soviet. The resultant U-2 incidents fueled the Soviet rage.

The Soviets, under the friendship treaty with India, openly ~~and~~ supported India militarily and diplomatically. This resulted in Pakistan losing in the war of 1971 and ultimately losing its Eastern arm; Bangladesh.

3, ~~The chains to the economy:~~ Never-ending dependence

Although these facts supported Pakistan with momentary gains. Yet, they were proved detrimental to Pakistan's long-term economy. Pakistan, once depended on USA for aid and even after 67 years, Pakistan's economy is still loans and grants-driven. So, Pakistan's economy had to face long-term consequences as a result.

(4) Political Dependence on the United States

The complicated realm of international relation could not be limited to defense and economy only. In fact, the major influence was on the political state of the country. It is because of the mistrust that Pakistan cannot build good relations with Soviets ~~even~~ long after the pungent part-dence, political ~~mapures~~ also shaped, in fact, ruined by these facts.

Conclusion

The newly-born state of Pakistan in order to ensure its security and economic integrity moved towards a decision of the defense pact ~~and~~ with the West.

This decision, although gave momentary gains, but caused huge loss to the country in a long-run. The country was ripped-off its eastern part and made dependant to another nation. This is a reason why we are Pakistan is unable to be self-sufficient even after 67-year of these pacts.