

Q Discuss the role of regional and nationalist political parties in Pakistani politics. How far these parties are necessary for the political system?

Ans: Introduction:

Pakistan is a federal state comprising of multipolitical parties system with autonomous provincial powers under 18th ammendment granted. Since, its inception, multipolitical parties system were introduced comprising of nationalists i.e. those who are having influence at larger scale and regional i.e. limited to ascribed geo-politics. Both of the categories are having influence in the

Political affairs of Pakistan.

11 Role of regional political parties in Pakistan:

There are many regional political parties in Pakistan, mainly of these are:

- ① Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM)
- ② Awami National Party (ANP)
- ③ Balochistan Awami Party (BAP)
- ④ Qaumi Watan Party (QWP)

⑤ Representation of each multi-ethnicities in Pakistan

Regional political parties are basically representing their ethnic group.

For instance, MQM supports the Muhajirs (those refugees in times of partition).

They play their role and politics for the

prosperity, development of their ethnic groups whose are the hard supporters.

② Solving the disputes at their minimal level in consideration with nationalist Courts in power.

The main role of the regional political parties is to solve the disputes as a front head with the government support in federal. For instance, in the wake of Pak-Afghan border, Pakistan has shown its readiness and representation for bi-lateral discussions including the regional political parties. It has a major role in solving disputes as they are more aware of their own regional

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* Role of nationalist Parties in Pakistan:

The nationalist political parties are representing the all regions and dimensions of Pakistan. They are not limited to a proportionate region and are scattered on massive level across Pakistan.

Mainly it includes:

- ① Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)
 - ② Pakistan Muslim League (N)
 - ③ Pakistan People Party (PPP)
- ④ Nationalist Parties are defendants of the democratic system:

The nationalist political parties have a

clear vision and ideology with a team of technocrats to run the state affairs. They mainly enhance and amend the political charters to bring cohesion among the provinces.

In 1973, under 12th amendment the provincial autonomy was granted, increasing shares of provinces in NFC - award etc are some of the eye-witnessed rules of Nationalists.

②: Directing the economic policies and diplomacy of Pakistan:

The nationalist political parties majorly source in federal with central over country's policies. The economic policies

and diplomacy lies
 mainly under their
 control. Each nationalist
 political party under
 reign modify the
 predecessor's policies
 towards economy, national-
 security and geo-strategic
 positions under the light
 of existing challenges.

** Necessity of regional and
 nationalist political parties
 for the political system:

① Regional political parties as
 barrier to the wrong
 moves of nationalists:

Regional political parties
 acts as a barrier
 to the unbeneficial moves
 of the nationalist political
 parties, affecting the
 sentiments of specified
 region. It provides no

edge for the nationalist parties to have supremacy over the existential resources.

②: Coalition governments for the socio-economic development.

The nationalist political parties "under the situation in a shortage of electoral votes" can form coalition government with the required political parties.

The regional political parties see it as an opportunity for the development of its regional zones. It strengthens the cohesion and essence of unity among the diverse ethnic groups of Pakistan. It in turn provide an opportunity of national representation.

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Conclusion:

In the political progress of Pakistan, both regional and nationalist political parties have a major stake. Both have to serve for the national interest of Pakistan with collaboration and mutual partnership.

It can strengthen the national cohesion, portraying the image of unity and can tackle the multi-colored challenges to Pakistan.

