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How far the nature of center province relations has changed under various amendments to the 1973 constitution?  
 Evaluate

Answer-

Introduction

18th amendment put an essence in 1973 constitution with respect to center-province relations. (Raz-e-Rabbani)

1973 constitution is a real image with respect to all provisions. Moreover, 18th amendment improved center province relations in several contexts. Therefore, 18th amendment strengthened center province relations.

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18th amendment 2010 - the status of 1973 constitution  
 18th Amendment changed the status

1- Intro

2- 18th

3- Center

18th of 1973

a) Provincial

b) Relations

c) Improve

d) Status

e) NEFC

f) NEC

g) FA

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j)



of 1973 constitution."

(Raza Rabbani)

1973 constitution is become a successful constitution. In fact, 18th amendment 2010, changed nature of 1973 constitution and improved bond between center and provinces. Thus, 1973 constitution under 18th amendment put soul in center province relations.

### 3. Center provinces relations under 18th amendment of 1973 constitution

Following discussion shows center province relation:

- a) Provincial autonomy granted
- Provincial autonomy granted under 18th amendment. Powers were divided between center and provinces. Before, 18th amendment, 3 federal lists were existing, but



after 18th amendment concurrent list was abolished and 36 subjects were given to provinces and 11 subjects were given to center.

"concurrent list abolishment shared major powers to provinces."

(- Raza Rabbani)

Thus, provincial autonomy granted.

## b) Restricted Use of Emergency

Moreover, emergency use restricted. Before 18th amendment president had power, but, now:

- The Prime Minister will invoke emergency in the center with president consultation and approval of both houses is necessary."

(- Article 232)

Moreover,



"President will declare emergency in provinces with approval of provincial assembly"  
(- Article 234)

Therefore, 18th amendment shared power of emergency, too.

c) Improve center province relations

Further, center province relations are improved under 18th amendment. According to Article 153, 154, 155;

"Premier will appoint members with consultation of chief ministers of provinces."  
(- 18th Amendment)

Therefore, center province relations are improved.

d) Enhanced parliament form of government

Furthermore, 18th amen-



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ment enhanced parliamentary form of government. In order to improve center province relations, parliamentary form of government enhanced.

"There will be power of premier in federal territory."

(- Article 90)

- AND -

"There will be power of PMs in federal courts."

(- Article 105)

Therefore, parliamentary form of government enhanced.

### e) The National Finance Commission (NFC) Award

Besides above, NFC share formula was designed under 18th amendment.

According to 18th amendment, NFC share will be divided between center and provinces with respect to given formula.



## • Formula of NFC Share

Population	82.2pc
Poverty and backwardness	10.2pc
Revenue generation	4.1pc

Therefore, NFC share formula was designed.

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## The National Economic Council

Moreover, NEC was legally empowered between center and provinces. In fact, center and provinces together will consult on economic matters.

• NEC is led to center-province consultation under 18th amendment.

(- Res Reblani)

Therefore, NEC coordinates center-provinces.



## Flow Chart of Center Province Relations

Under 18th Amendment  
1973 constitution

↓  
Provincial Autonomy  
Granted

↓  
Restricted Emergency  
Use

↓  
Improved center province  
Relations

↓  
Parliamentary Government

↓  
NFC

↓  
NEC

### 4- Critical Analysis

"18th amendment  
centralized provincial  
autonomy."

(-Raza Rabbani)

18th amendment centralized  
provincial autonomy. Not only



