

Q Efficient use of natural resources can make Pakistan a prosperous nation. Discuss in the light of present situation of Pakistan.

Answer

Introduction

"Pakistan is full of natural resources" (Ishrat Hussain)

Pakistan has abundant natural resources. However, present picture is not satisfactory and leads to bleak view. Therefore, promote efficient use of natural resources to improve situation of Pakistan.

2. Natural Resources - a source of prosperity

"Efficient use of natural resources makes nations prosperous." (Ishrat Hussain)

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- 1- India
- 2- North
- a significant effort
- 3- ...
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World's successful and prosperous nations have benefited from natural sources.

"The United Arab Emirates has a peaceful, luxurious, prosperous life."

(Al-Jazeera, 2015)

Hence, natural resources is a signal of prosperity.

3. Current situation of Pakistan with respect to natural resources.

Following is discussion of current natural resources situation:

a) Decline in Agriculture

Decline in agriculture is prevailing since few years. Pakistan is an agrarian country and still faces agriculture decline yearly.

"About 19% of economy

of Pakistan is dependent
on agriculture."

(- Irrigation Department)

Thus, agriculture is declined in
Pakistan.

b) Food insecurity at peak

Moreover, food insecurity
is become a common trend in
Pakistan. People are deprived of
food across Pakistan. According
to National Food Security Survey,
"About 37% of families
are under food
crisis."

(- Food Security Survey, 2018)

Hence, food insecurity is at peak.

c) Surge in energy crisis

Further, energy crisis
is not a new problem. In fact,
Pakistan has been facing an
issue of energy crisis since 2007.

"The costly domestic
energy per unit is
reached at 34 PKR."

(Energy Crisis, 2022)

Thus, energy crisis is also prevailing crisis.

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Implication of inefficient use of natural resources

Following are impacts:

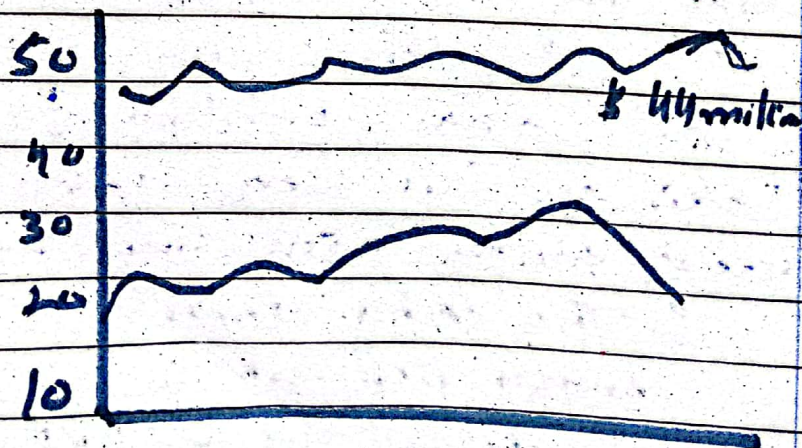
a)

Trade deficit

Trade deficit is an outcome of present situation. In fact, trade deficit is a result of misuse or inefficient use of natural resources.

"In 2022, Palestine's trade deficit is reached at \$44 million."

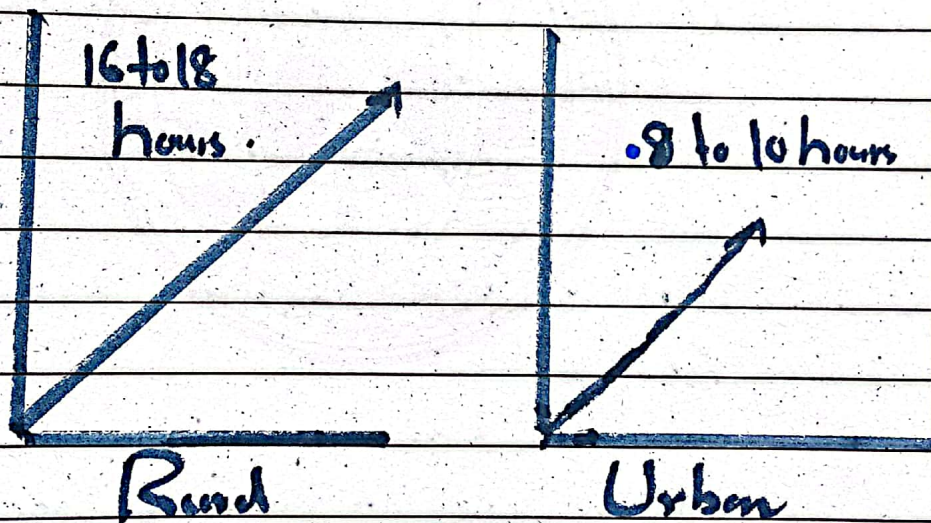
(- Economic Crisis, 2022)



• Trade Deficit

Hence, Pakistan suffers a huge trade deficit.

- b) **Excessive prevailing loadshedding**
 Moreover, excessive loadshedding is also outcome of inefficient use of natural resources. Pakistan has been facing unbearable loadshedding. According to Economic Survey 2022,



Therefore, Pakistan has been facing an issue of loadshedding.

- c) **Surge in unemployment**
 Further, dependency on oil part leads to unemployment across country. Almost 70% of

Pakistan and unemployment.

'About two million people lost their jobs the last year, 2022.'

(- Softly and its discontent, 2023)

Hence unemployment is reached at peak.

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How efficient use of natural resources improve present situation of Pakistan?

• Following is detail of it:

a) Improve and reform agriculture sector

Pakistan needs to improve its agriculture sector. Pakistan's economy is dependent on its agriculture.

According to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics,

"Pakistan can get 2% increase in its GDP by reforming its agriculture

sector."

Therefore, first reform agriculture sector.

b) Generation of energy from wind

Moreover, Pakistan can generate its energy needs from its natural source. Pakistan can meet energy crisis by generating energy from wind.

"Pakistan can generate 3000 MW energy from wind source."

(- Energy Crisis, 2022)

Hence, Pakistan can reform its energy sector, too.

c) Production of energy from Solar

Further energy can be produced from solar source. Pakistan, by using technology can generate adequate energy from solar panels.

"Almost 900 MW energy can be produced"

from solar panels."

(- Pakistan Bureau of Statistics)

Hence, Pakistan can also meet solar energy needs.

d) Hydroal production of energy
Besides above, Pakistan can also produce energy from hydroal sources. Pakistan has potential to generate energy from its hydroal sources. According to economic survey 2001

Hydroal energy production

Karrot	730 MW
Sukki Kivare	883 MW
Mummal	4300 MW
Dam	4500 MW

Moreover,

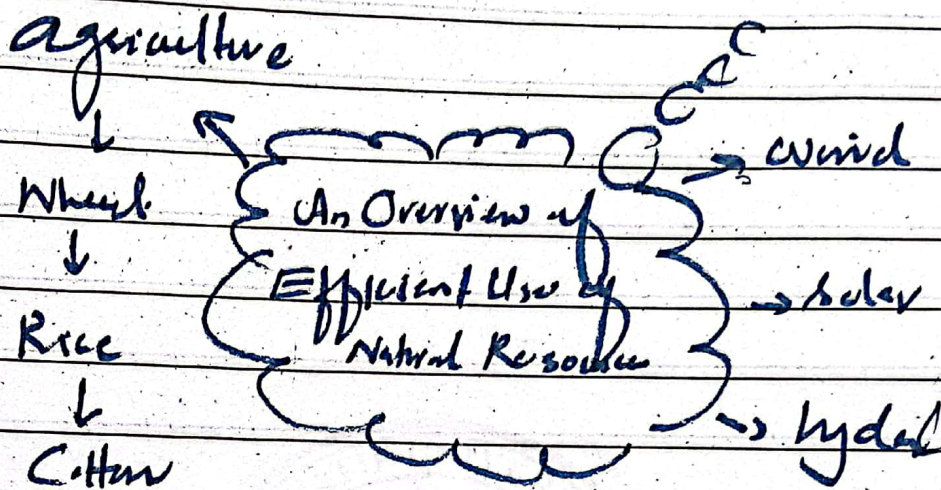
« Pakistan can produce a

60 pc of energy from its local sources. »

(- The World Bank, 2001)

Therefore, Pakistan can improve

its energy sector.



6- Conclusion

"Pakistan has tremendous potential of natural resources."

(The World Bank, 2013)

Pakistan is a country of concern. Pakistan has been facing several issues, such as, decline in agriculture, energy crisis etc. However, efficient use of natural resources will help in improving present situation.