

a) PG  
b) country  
c) P. S. D. S. S.  
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Q. Critically analyze the key causes of delay construction of dams in Pakistan - Give some suggestions to revert this collateral loss.

Answer

Introduction

"Dams are source of sustainability of the state and prosperity of the nation."

(-The World Bank, 2019)

Dams are sources of stability and prosperity of the state. But, unfortunately, Pakistan has several causes of delaying construction of dams. Therefore, some policies be adopted to revert this collateral loss.

2- Dams: the symbol of stability of the state.

"A country with 100 dams is in the safe zone."

(The World Bank, 2019)

Dams are symbols of prosperity of the state. Every stable state has focused on construction of dams.

'China has constructed more than 350 dams.'

(- Al-Jazeera, 2022)

- AND -

India has constructed about 250, big and small dams.'

(- Al-Jazeera, 2022)

Therefore, developed countries are stable because of construction of dams.

3- What are key causes delay construction of dams in Pakistan?

Following are key causes of delay construction of dams.

a) Political Polarization in Pakistan.

"Politicking leads to neglect of sustainable development of the state."

(- M. K. Hossain, 2002)

Pakistan has been facing political instability since its inception. Consequently, sustainable development of dams is continuously neglected.

"Pakistan has not constructed a single, major dam since its inception."

(- The World Bank, 2018)

Therefore, due to political instability, delay of construction of dams is prevalent.

b) Rampant Corruption and lack of funds is a key cause of delaying of dams

Further, Pakistan has been facing rampant corruption problems. In fact, corruption

has damaged country's  
model structure.

"Corruption is a disease  
that weakens the  
roots of the state."

(-Nelson Mandela)

Therefore, rampant corruption is  
one of major causes of delay  
construction of dams.

c) Lack of funds and adequate  
Budget leads to delay  
construction of dams.

Furthermore, Pakistan does  
not have sufficient fund and  
adequate budget to construct  
dams. In fact, lack of funding  
leads to delay construction  
of dams.

"Pakistan has only  
water life of 33  
days."

(Economic Survey, 2022)

- AND -

'Pakistan does not have  
adequate budget to  
construct dams.'''

(- Mubeen Khatun, 2010)

Therefore, lack of funding and budget  
is a cause of delay construction  
of dams.

d) Lack of transparency and accountability:  
a reason of delay construction  
of dams

Moreover, lack of transparency  
and accountability is become  
a major problem of delay  
construction of dams. In fact,  
Pakistan is poor in transparency  
and accountability measures  
Lack of transparency,

and  
lack of accountability  
is the main  
reason  
in construction

of dams.'''

(- Mubeen Khatun, 2010)

Therefore, lack of transparency and accountability is a major problem in construction of dams.

### Key Causes of Delay Construction of dams

• Political Instability

•  Rampant Corruption

• Lack of funds and budget

• Lack of transparency and accountability

4- Key Measures to revert this colossal loss

Following are measures to revert this loss:

a) Adequate Budget and fund for development of dams

Pakistan needs to acquire adequate fund and budget for construction of dams. In fact, Pakistan can ask its friend countries for funds for construction of dams.

"The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has allocated \$240 billion for Muzand Dam construction."

(- The Sustainable Development, (Economic Panel, 2023))

Therefore, Pakistan needs to get adequate fund and budget for construction of dams.

b) Consensus Oriented Policies Regarding Construction of Dams

"Pakistan needs to be inclusive..."

(- Syed Hussain)

Pakistan needs to make consensus oriented policies to develop dams in the country. Impact, equity among political parties leads to consensus.

"Consensus of political parties for policy development is an example of the state."

(- Richard Harman)

Therefore, Pakistan needs to frame consensus oriented policies for construction of dams.

c) Enhance transparency and accountability: leads to sustainable development

Further, Pakistan needs to enhance transparency and accountability for development.

"In every relation, there is need of transparency and



accountability."

(- Faizal B. M.)

Pakistan needs to embrace  
accountability in order to put  
down corruption.

"Transparency is cure  
of corruption."

(- Qasid-e-Azam)

Therefore, Pakistan needs to  
increase transparency and accountability  
to construct dams.

d) Public Fund: the source of dams  
construction in Pakistan

Public has always  
provided helping hand in dams  
construction. Pakistan needs to  
profit from public fund in order  
to construct dams.

"Almost public has  
funded in Damar  
Baba on

the eve of presence  
of Pakistan."

(- Faizal B. M., 2022)

Therefore, Pakistan needs to utilize funds of public to construct dams.

### Key Measures to revert this collateral loss

• Adequate fund and budget

• Consensus oriented policies

• Transparency and accountability

• Utilization of public fund

5.

Conclusion

"Pakistan needs to construct more dams."

(The World Bank, 2022)

Pakistan has been deprived of construction of dams. In fact, several key causes are behind delay construction of dams. Therefore, suggestive policies be adopted to meet collateral loss.