

QUESTION:

Explore the significance of SCO for Pakistan

ANSWER:

Introduction:

The Shanghai cooperation organization was found in 1996 ~~with~~ with the name Shanghai five having only 5 members china, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan however, after the adding of Uzbekistan the organization name was replaced with SCO in 15 July 2001. Pakistan and India also got a place in 2007 and recently in 2023 Iran was also the part of this organization.

The purpose of this organization to deal with economy, terrorism, separatism, extremism, politics and much more. Every year this organization arrange meeting discuss with the mentio issues.

The objective of this organization is mutual security, to counter terrorism, maintain stability in the region.

The SCO is basically the allies of East as like NATO is the allies of west.

Significance of SCO for Pakistan

1)

GEO-POLITICAL:

a)

Cooperation between India and Pakistan:

The SCO can resolve the dispute between Pakistan and India but, the willingness of both countries also required. According to vice president of china, Pakistan's admission to SCO will play a role for the improvement of India and Pakistan bilateral relations.

b)

Relation of India and china:

We know that USA always want better relations with India to counter china, However, the platform of SCO can cooperation in the relation of India and china, better relation of both can help Pakistan to maintain stability in Afghanistan. If Afghan territory stabled, then the terrorism threat to Pakistan will also be reduced.

c)

Relation with Russia:

After the cold war and the almost won of America

and than the supporting of Pakistan, always hurt the relation of Pak and Russia but from the platform of SCO the relation of Russia and Pak getting towards betterness, we also have the recent example of Russia who provide helicopters to Pakistan for protection. and also increasing trade with Russia.

d) Counter-Terrorism:

In the object of SCO, the main purpose is to counter-terrorism and maintain stability because this organization always focus on stability so, it will help to Pakistan to counter-terrorism and make the region safe and clean it from terrorism. The anti-terrorism wing of SCO, can be a great pillar for Pakistan tackle with terrorism.

GEO-ECONOMICS

The geo-strategic local of Pakistan made a source for

Geo-economic integration, not only for SCO member countries but also for other organizations.

1) CPEC, Gwadar and KKH's

From the platform of SCO and following the purpose of mutual trade, China develop ~~and~~ a safe and short route, which will connect with different cities and starting from Kashgar and end to Gwadar. This route will help the central Asia to get access to warm water and then to nearest point to strait of Hormuz, China also develop KKH for better traveling. Due to CPEC Pakistan can also develop the economy, develop a good infrastructure with having employment opportunities.

2) China, Russia and CAR's

When we talk about China and Russia both are rich in resources having hubs of economically and industrialization. They play a important role for providing the safe and shorten way for the input and export of these sources. Specially Russia which rich in oil

and gas. According to report 13 million oil barrel export daily from Strait of Hormuz. The CPEC project is a good opportunity for Russia and CARs because Strait of Hormuz is nearest to Pakistan. The benefit for Pakistan is to earn foreign exchange and also increase foreign exchange and SCO members consider Pakistan as compare to other countries.

GEO-STRETAGIC

a) Pakistan on Junction

Pakistan is located on the junction of west Asia and central Asia. Pakistan is very important for all the region and specially for SCO member. The SCO always prefer Pakistan ~~to~~ Pakistan for good relation and for shorten trade to other countries because of its Geo-strategic location.

b) Regional Anti-Communism Structure

The main objective of SCO is to maintain stability in

in the region. The SCO also conducting training and drill for the dealing of terrorism so, its a great opportunity for Pakistan military to get better training to deal with terrorism.

c) Opportunity betterment of Economy is Having a great location with best opportunity of safe trade route like CPEC which is connected to the Gwadar, and also to the warm water, by checking all the opportunity can better the economy, it can also reduce the ratio of unemployment and also reduced the inflation, Pakistan can also increase their foreign exchange and can also decrease the debt of IMF, these all opportunity cannot possible without the cooperation of SCO.