

Explain the reconstruction of Pakistani society in the light of Islamic teachings?

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Pakistani society has witnessed social evils, immoral values, violation of human rights, persecution of minority rights, suppression of women rights, lack of rule of law, and religious intolerance in recent times. However, reconstruction of the society is imperative for socioeconomic development, religious harmony and moral construction of people. It can be achieved by following Islamic teachings.

"Indeed, Allah orders justice and good conduct and giving to relatives and forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded."

(An-Nahl; 90)

## 2. RECONSTRUCTION OF PAKISTANI SOCIETY IN LIGHT OF ISLAMIC TEACHINGS

### (i) Eradication of Extremism:

Currently, Pakistani society is witnessing growing extremism which is enforced by a particular radical ideology of individuals. Islam rejects the trends of radicalization and religious extremism in the society. For example: killing of Sri Lankan manager by mob of workers at Pakistani factory over accusations of blasphemy reflects the holding of extreme ideology of individuals in the country.

There are many divine guidelines that the Quran clearly presents to Muslims for building tolerance and understanding among differing religions.

"Everyone's God-given human dignity must be respected, regardless of his or her faith, race, gender, or social status." (Quran, 17:70)

### (ii) Respect and upholding of Women's rights:

In Pakistani society, women suffer from strict restrictions and the presence of granted human rights. As Pakistan is known as male dominated society, women live in violation and discrimination, cannot earn equal wage, and have low attainable standard of physical and mental health. Islam says that there should be equal political, economic, social and cultural and civil rights for women regardless of their marital status or race. ~~Quran~~ <sup>Prophet</sup> says,

وَجِيَارَ تَمَّ جِيَارَ تَمَّ لِنِسَاءِ بَنِيهِمْ خَلْقًا

"The best of you are those who are best to their women"

(Sunan al-Tirmidhi 1162)

### (iii) Respect of Minority rights:

In Pakistan, minorities feel insecure amid growing religious extremism. There is dire need to respect minorities ~~now~~ in order to avoid interfaith clashes. Holy Quran says, 'O Muhammad (PBUH)! Invite mankind to the way of your Lord with wisdom and fair preaching and argue with them in better way. Truly, your Lord knows best who has gone astray from his path, and He is the best aware of those who are guided.' (Nahl: 125)

#### iv. Developing Tolerance :

Building tolerance in Pakistani society is need of the hour as people are falling in malpractices, fitna, and immoral activities rapidly. As a result, intolerance emerges in the society and cause disharmony. The holy Quran says,

حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ

"Sufficient for us is Allah, And [He is] the best disposer of Affairs (AL-Imran Verse 173)

#### v. Promoting social justice :

In Pakistan, citizens are deprived from the social justice. Judicial system of the country is either been controlled or confronts corruption. Therefore, rule of law dies in the country. Islam stresses on the promotion of social justice. Abu Hurairah reported that the Messenger of Allah said: 'One who strives for widows and poor is like one who fights in the way of Allah.'

#### vi. Establishing economic system that can eradicate poverty from the society:

According to the Planning Commission of Pakistan, as of 2023, poverty is expected to reach 37.2 percent in Pakistan. This hints dismal situation of poor in the country. However, by following the teachings of Islam, the viable economic system can be established in the country that can terminate poverty.

In the Qur'an Allah says, 'we have allocated among them their livelihood in the worldly life, and have raised some of them over others in ranks, so that some of them may put some others to work.' (43:32)

(vii) Building of high quality education system:

Education plays an important role in any civilized society. Civilized society's fundamental aspects are deeply associated with education. According to the Pakistan's economic survey of 2022-23, "an estimated population of 60 million is illiterate in the country." This illiterate population is likely to fall in social evils. Therefore, Pakistan needs to build high quality education system as Islamic teachings stresses on education. Prophet (PBUH) has said, "The seeking of knowledge is obligatory for every Muslim." (AL-Tirmidhi #74)

In the Qur'an, Allah also says,

"Allah will raise those who have believed among you and those who were given knowledge by degrees."

(Qur'an 58:11)

### (viii) Promoting accountability:

In Pakistan, there is dire need of accountability system. People have to keep their accountability and their rulers so that social welfare state can be established in the country. In Quran, Allah says, "If any one does a righteous deed, it ensures to the benefit of his own soul, if he does evil, it works against (his own soul). In the end will you (all) be brought back to your lord." (AL-QURAN, 45:15)

### (ix) Moral reconstruction of people:

People in Pakistan lack moral values due to having good number of illiterate population. In a civilized society in the world, living population own moral values. In Pakistan, moral reconstruction of people is mandatory for exercising religious harmony, respect of human rights, empowerment of women and tolerance. This all can be done by following islam teachings. A man asked The Prophet (PBUH): "What is the best in Islam?" The Prophet (PBUH) said, "To feed (the poor) and greet (Salaam) those whom you know and those whom you do not know."

(Bukhari: 79.10)

## CONCLUSION

There are multiple problems which are present in Pakistan's society. As a result, the society does not only face social instability but also move backwards. Therefore, this society can be reconstructed in the light of Islamic teachings. They include eradication of extremism, ensuring human rights, promoting tolerance and social justice, and constructing moral values in the society.