

Ques: Suggest Measures to control robberies/dacoities and urban street criminality in Pakistan

Ans: ① Introduction

Before suggesting the measures of controlling robberies and urban street criminality in Pakistan, one must understand the factors behind the increasing dacoities and urban street criminality in Pakistan; by aligning the criminological theories there are various ways forward to control the above mentioned menace in Pakistan, in the light of criminology. As like, strengthening the writ of state, creation of general deterrence, poverty alleviation, employment generation, application of social control theory and also by increasing police mobility in red zone areas.

② Understanding the reasons behind the robberies and urban street criminality in Pakistan in the light of criminological theories.

③ Social Disorganization Theory: A depiction of Urban street crime

The social disorganization theory of criminology suggests that, there are three main factors

behind the crimes, number one is the excessive poverty is number second is the cultural heterogeneity and rapid mobilisation. To understand this theory, one must understand its basic terminology. As, the excessive poverty creates no options for the people but the only one is to survive. Similarly, the cultural heterogeneity in the urban cities give freedom to children from the community guidance and the rapid mobilisation also increase the socialisation of youths with different people. In the context of social disorganization theory, it can be seen that in the urban cities of Pakistan the cultural heterogeneity is common, excessive poverty is prevailing in the slum areas of urban cities and also rapid mobilisation is common.

6) Anomic Theory: A depiction of robberies during social upheaval

Anomic theory suggests that during the social upheaval like disasters, revolutions or war the writ of the state becomes weak and people stops to follow the law that increase the crimes. In that context it can be seen that, during the floods

of 2022 in Pakistan the cases of robbery increased by 10% because of social upheaval.

## ① Social Learning Theory: A way of learning for youths

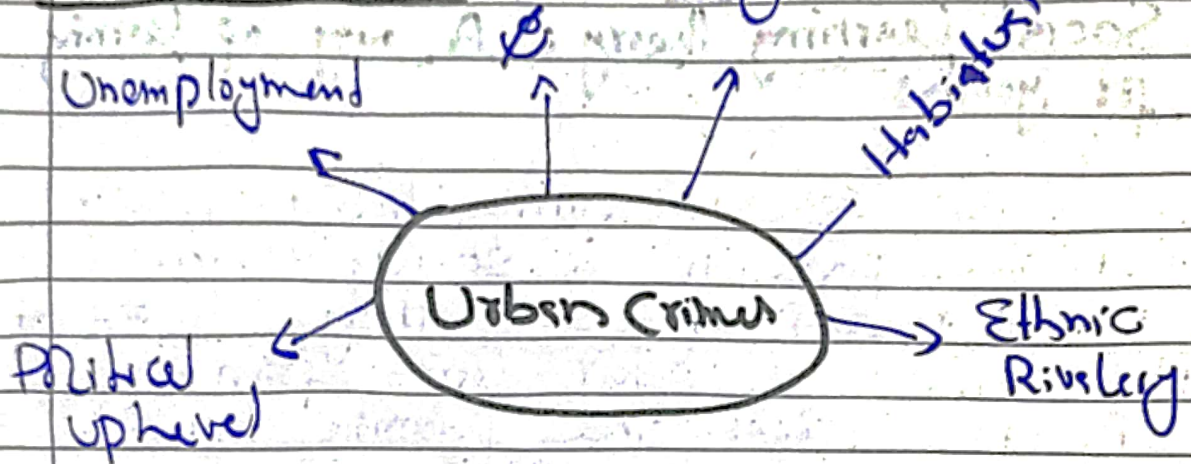
The social learning theory suggests that the people in a society learn from their surrounding environment. For example, as a kid learns from parents, follows the favorite actors and also follows the peers. In the context of social learning theory, the youth of Pakistan also gets motivated from the uncensored material from the social media.

## ② Strain Theory: A highlighter of Blue collar crimes in Pakistan

The strain theory propagated the idea that, the crime or deviant behaviour of somebody is due to the some deprivation in his past, because of economical or sociological factor. That strains kept the individual in frustration and motivated towards the crime. In the light of strain theory, the

The blue collar crimes in Pakistan are due to the streamlining of youths of Pakistan.

### Other Factors



⑤ Measures to control robberies/dacoities and urban street criminality in Pakistan

### ① Strengthening the writ of State

In order to control the robberies and urban street criminality in Pakistan, strengthening the writ of state is necessary. By strengthening the writ of state, the public may ensure the sense of security and the anarchy can be controlled. As the Hobbes said in the theory of social contract, in the state of nature there was anarchy, as the state created the role of law prevailed.

## ⑤ Controlling the Crimes through deterrence

Another way to control the crimes in Pakistan is that, the institutions should create the deterrence through their strict policies and punishment of the convicted. As the Casser Baccaris and Jeremy Bentham has said the punishment should be only for the deterrence.

## ⑥ Engaging Youth through Skill development Programs

As mentioned above, the employment in the youth causes the stream in youth. In order to engage young blood from turning their ways towards crimes the state of Pakistan should enable the government to skill development programmes for engaging the youth.

## ⑦ Police Mobility and Surveillance in the Red Alert areas

In order to stop the menace of street crimes, robberies in Pakistan the police mobility should be ensured and the surveillance should also be ensured as it is suggested.

in the constraint theory to stop the crime.

### ① Monitance of Slums areas and Poverty alleviation strategies

As mentioned in the social dis-organization theory the poverty is one of the reasons of the crime in the country. The government should monitor the poverty ridden areas and also work and make poverty alleviation strategies. For example is Azaan vision of Pakistan of poverty alleviation.

### ② Ensuring the positive role of Religious Leaders! A method of Social Control theory

As Pakistan is country with majority of Muslim population, and the majority of population follows the religious leader in order to live peaceful life. As the social control theory suggests that people also don't commit crime because of religious factor. In order to stop the crime in Pakistan, the positive role of religious leaders should be ensured.

## Conclusion

Before going towards the ways forward of robberies and urban street crimes held by in Pakistan one must understand its cause in the light of criminological theories. After understanding the reason one can easily find various ways forward to control the above mentioned problems in the light of the criminology theories.

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