Criminology

→ Suggest measures to control robberies/ dacoities and urban street criminality in Pakistan?

Introduction:

Crimes poses serious threat to social order and no society on the earth is absolutely immune from crimes, variations in the role of occurence of crimes in different jurisdictions not with standing it is therefore challenge for the states and societies across the globe to overcome the crimes inorder to main social order.

Pakistan has been grappling with high levels of crime. Particularly, in urban areas. Robberies and dacoities have become increasingly common, leading to a sense of insecurity among the public. According to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics 2020 report total reported crimes were 876430. In order to address this issue, law enforcement and the community must work together to implement measures

that can help to control criminal activity.

Measures to control Criminality in Pakistan

(a) **Strengthening Law enforcement agencies:**

Enhance the capacity and training of the police force to investigate and prevent crimes effectively. Provide them with updated equipment and technologies to improve crime detection rates.

For Example:

The Newyork city police Department implemented the compstat system, which uses data analysis to identify crime hotspots and allocate resources accordingly, leading to a significant reduction in crime rates.

(b) **Increase police presence:**

Many experts believe that one of most effective ways to control crime is to increase the number of police officers on the streets.

According to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics there are currently only 1.4 police officers

per 1000 people in Pakistan, which is well below the recommended international standard of 2.5 officers per 1000 people. Increasing police presence can help to deter criminals and make citizen feel safer.

© **Public Awareness Campaigns:**
Launch targeted campaigns to raise awareness among individuals about preventive measures to secure their belongings and properties. Educate the public on techniques to identify suspicious activities and encourage reporting to the authorities promptly.

For Example:
" Take a bite out of crime "
campaign in the United States aimed to raise awareness about crime prevention strategies and promote public involvement in reducing crime rates.

ⓓ **Improving Surveillance Infrastructure:**
Install and maintain a comprehensive system of CCTV cameras in high-risk areas and public spaces to deter criminal activities and provide evidence for

investigations

For Example:

Singapore use of extensive surveillance measures, including high-definition CCTV systems and facial recognition technology, has helped reduce crime rates significantly.

Addressing Socio-Economic Factors:

Address underlying socio-economic issues that contribute to the prevalance of robberies and other crimes. Implement poverty alleviation programs, improve education and employment opportunities, and promote social integration to reduce the motivation for criminal activities.

For Example:

Brazil's implementation of social welfare programs such as the "Bolsa Familia" has helped reduce poverty and subsequently lowered crime rates.

① **Community Policing Initiatives:**

Establish community policing programs that encourage collaboration and information

sharing between law enforcement agencies and the public. This includes promoting neighbourhood watch programs and encouraging citizen participation in crime prevention efforts. The implementation of community policing has resulted in crime reduction in several cities, such as London's Metropolitan Police "Neighbourhood policing Model"

(g) **Strengthening Judicial System:**
Ensure efficient and swift court procedures that promote justice and accountability. Establish specialized courts focusing on addressing street crimes, robberies, dacoities case promptly.

For Example:
The UK's crown courts deal with the serious criminal offenses, including armed robberies, ensuring faster trials and stricter punishments when found guilty

(h) **Use Technology to Fight Crime:**
Technology can be a powerful tool in the fight against crime. For instance the use of CCTV and other detectors

can help deter criminals.

According to a report by the Pakistan Observer, the installation of CCTV cameras in high-crime areas has helped to reduce crime rates in some cities in Pakistan.