

Q: write a comprehensive note on the growth of population in Pakistan and underscore its effects on the country's socio economic climate.

Ans:

Introduction

Population of Pakistan is growing at a large pace. This growth is recorded over the period of years.

Pakistan is the 5th most populous country in the world. According to the National Institute of Population Studies (NIPS), the estimated population of Pakistan is "229.22 million" in 2022.

Not only that Pakistan's rural population is records high in the latest census. As according to

Economic Survey of Pakistan - ESP

"In 2022, Pakistan's urban population is 84.69 million

while rural population is 144.53 million". These facts are depicting the clear increment in the growing population of Pakistan.

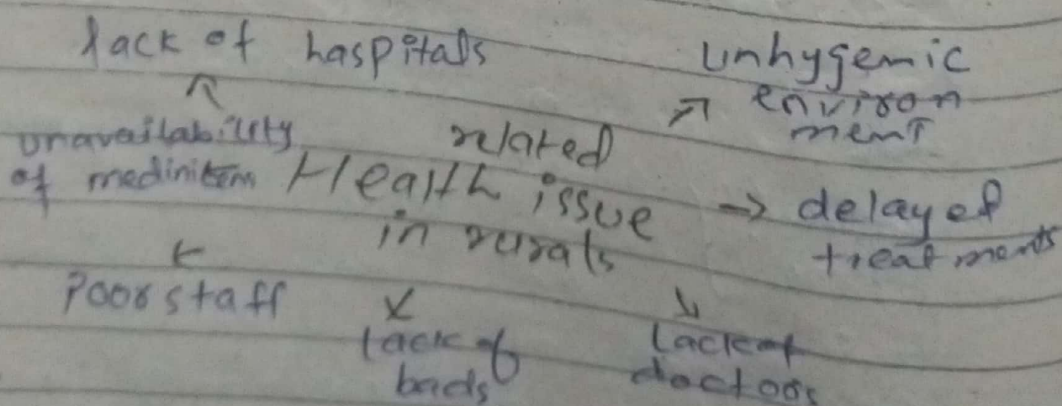
Impact of - Pakistan's Growing Population On Socio-economic Climate

Growing population has direct relation with poverty in a less developing country. (LDC) with the increase in population, countries like Pakistan are unable to manage their resources often leads to increase in poverty. There are many people who are living below the poverty line. According to a report submitted by Ministry of Planning and Development in the National Assembly of Pakistan, about

24.3% Pakistani lived below the poverty line which translates into 55 million people.

Over crowded hospitals unable to treat the patients same

people are unable to get the effective health treatment even in the public hospitals. The situation is worst in the rural areas, where the patients faces the issues like lack of medicines, delay in the treatment, unhygienic condition of hospital, lack of bed, poor staff



Over Crowded Classrooms one of the cause of "Children out of school"

One of the major reason
of the children out of
school is that class-
rooms are over crowded.

This is the "Large"
impact of growing
population in the
education system of
Pakistan.

Evidence :

In PSLM 2019-20, out of
school children is 32% in
the country with higher rate
of female out of school
(37%), than male (27%).

As the social benefits
are not enjoyed by all due
to over population, many
people have low standard
of living

The unavailability
of equal opportunity
for all often makes

people to live low standards of living. Even the middle income families strive very hard for their subsistence.

Increase in Income disparities

Many of the people in Pakistan are working as a labour. Their large strength leads to the market competition. Resultantly most of them suffers with the income inequality. As people associated with the "White collar jobs" get more in a few working hours.

Low ranking in Human Development Index

The inefficiencies which are specifically the cause of popul-

tion growth leads to
Pakistan low ranking of
human development index. As of
2022, Pakistan's HDI is 0.544
and ranks 161 out of 192
Countries

Lack of job opportunities, Lead to unemployment

people are not very
opportunes regarding jobs
in Pakistan. As most of
them are out of job market
because of large population.

According to the Labour Force Survey
2020-21, total labour force is 71.76m
out of which 67.25m are employed and
4.51m are unemployed.

Increase in demand cause high inflation

With the rise in population,
people demands more for
goods. especially for food,
resultantly increase in
food inflation. food inflation
in Pakistan is rises on
the daily basis as

Country is also facing a huge economic downturn according to (ESP), "Urban food inflation" during Jul-May, FY 2023, is recorded at **37.3%** against **12.5%** last year.

Food Inf	Year
12.5%	2022
37.3%	2023

Source: Economic Survey of Pakistan

Conclusion

It is worth noticing, that Pakistan's growing population is among the major socio-economic challenges a country faces today. The population explosion cause huge problems including poverty, poor health facilities, underprivileged education system, unemployment etc. Moreover, it affects Pakistan position on international level.