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Topic: What Pakistan need most the charter of democracy or the charter of economy

Outline

1) Introduction:

Thesis statement: Pakistan needs both the charter of democracy and the charter of economy but the charter of democracy is more important because unstable political system is root cause of moribund economy. Therefore, charter of democracy is the sine qua non for the stable economy.

2) Defining the term charter of democracy and charter of economy

3) Why Pakistan needs charter of democracy (Thesis)

- a) It endorses the will of majority and their engagement in politics.
- b) Political stability and national unity are essential for economic growth.
- c) Democracy promotes concept of checks and balances.
- d) Democracy prioritizes welfare and addresses poverty and inequality.
- e) It discourages the military interventions.

4) Why Pakistan should prioritize the charter of economy (Anti-thesis)

- a) Democracy is ~~not~~ popularity of ignorance.
- b) Stable economy can stabilize the political system.
- c) Investments in public institutions hinder corrupt practices.
- d) Effective economic policies protect human

rights and ensures wellbeing

e) Economic growth is possible during military regime.

5) Charter of democracy is crucial for Pakistan (synthesis)

(a) Democracy is the only way to equality in politics.

b) Economic growth is ineffective without democracy.

c) Stringent rule of law can eradicate the evil of corruption.

d) Democracy ensures fundamental rights of people.

e) The abrogations of constitution and civilian policies had deteriorated the democratic system of Pakistan.

6) Conclusion.

The one common denominator of success of developed nations is charter of democracy which ensures good governance. On the other hand, one common reason of abysmal conditions of developing nations, especially for Pakistan, is the ignorance of democratic values. Democracy is the sine qua non for the development of Pakistan, because without charter of democracy the economic stability is impossible. Both are as necessary as oxygen for the survival. Since its inception, Pakistan has been remaining perpetual instability which leads many other problems: economic turmoil, corruption, poverty, disintegration and civil-military tensions. These problems are not for one day or for one year, these have been and will remain for a long time. The charter of democracy is the only way which eradicates these crisis and ensures political and economic stability in the Pakistan. Moreover, there are some questions: what is meant by the charter of democracy and charter of economy? Despite economic crisis, why Pakistan needs charter of democracy? How can charter of democracy and charter economy uproot existing crisis of Pakistan? Pakistan needs both charter of democracy and charter of economy but former is more important.

because unstable political system is the root cause of moribund economy. Therefore charter of democracy is the sine qua non for the political and stability and a remedy for other crisis of Pakistan.

It is necessary to discuss the charter of democracy and the charter of economy. The charter of democracy is a political agreement or document that aims to promote democratic values, principles, and governance reforms. It was jointly signed by the late Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and Nawaz Sharif of the Pakistan Muslim League - Nawaz (PML-N) in 2006. It aims to unite the opposition against military regime and advocate for democratic reforms. On the other hand, the charter of economy focuses on policies related to fiscal, taxation, investment, and social welfare. It seeks to provide a roadmap for economic reforms, attract investments, generate employment opportunities, and so on. This concept has been discussed and proposed in Pakistan as a means to address economic issues and poverty.

It is pertinent to discuss the reasons why Pakistan needs charter of democracy despite economic crisis. The first and foremost is it provides equal opportunities to everyone. Democracy represents the will of majority. There is dire need to take active part in politics and do accountable the leaders. Since inception, the true essence of democracy has been disappearing, none has paid his due share. It would not be wrong to say that, Pakistan's masses are responsible for today's crisis of Pakistan because they are failed to utilize their democratic rights. **For example,** In America, oldest democracy people take active part while electing their leaders, ~~Contrary~~ Contrastingly, in Pakistan elections remain big question. Therefore, Pakistan needs charter of democracy.

Secondly, Pakistan is going through political instability and polarization, which ultimately disintegrate and divided masses among political parties. It is because of weak democracy and weak rule of law. This disintegration and intolerance adds fuel to existing militancy and terrorist attacks. **As per National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA)** there are more than 200 small militant groups merged with one another to form large groups. These militant groups portray the bad

image of Pakistan and it discourages the foreign direct investment and developmental ^{loans} ~~invest~~. Moreover, economic turmoilts ~~can~~ ^{will} be uprooted by ensuring stability and peace in Pakistan. Hence, democracy is essential for Pakistan's survival.

Thirdly, democracy endorses the concept of checks and balances or separation of power, which is necessary for the development of any nation. It has never been appeared in Pakistan.

According to International Transparency Index, Pakistan ranked 140/180. Unfortunately, from peon to high ranked officer, all are deep rooted in corruption.

It is because of ~~low~~ negligences of checks and balances. Moreover, power wrangles serve their own interest at the expense of those on the margins.

For example: Sugar Mafias, who are supported by corrupt feudals and leaders. These corrupt practices bring economic crisis in Pakistan, however, it has not emerged today, it has been continuing since independence. Therefore, Pakistan needs charter of true democracy which eradicates the evil of corruption and brings transparency in the country.

Tousshy, the wellbeing of ^{people} and poverty eradication is the top priority of democracy. Pakistan, presently, is one of those countries which are suffering from hunger and food insecurity. According to F.A.O, 100 million people will be under poverty line and suffering from acute ^{food} insecurity. This is because of lack of consensus and implementation of policies. Furthermore, Pakistan's G.D.P to Investment ratio is only 14% where, its neighbouring countries India - 21% and Bangladesh - 28%. Due to ineffective leaders and ineffective policies, country is always seeking I.M.F bailout packages and external loans. Pakistan is blessed with abundance of natural resources: gold in Sako Dig, salt in Khewara, coal mines and so on. However, the share of those resources in G.D.P is next to nothing. Resultantly, character of true democracy is remedy for long term crisis rather than character of economy.

Additionally, Pakistan has been witnessing four martial laws and military interventions in one way or the other. These civil-military tensions pushed Pakistan into morass of crisis. The inconsistency of policies of civilian and military governments

Let Pakistan very bad. Notwithstanding today's economic crisis are not new because what people are witnessing today are what ~~what~~ was fashioned in previous years - unrest, military tensions, and chaos. Pakistan needs charter of democracy which highlights the responsibilities and duties of civilian governments, and discourages military interventions in politics.

The previous paragraphs have discussed reasons of prioritizing the charter of democracy, now it is essential to discuss the views of some people who think that Pakistan needs charter of economy.

The chief among them, ~~is~~ economy is the backbone of the country because without economy survival is impossible. Pakistan got independence as a democratic country, but did not achieve anything in 75 years. The charter of economy is the remedy for Pakistan's ongoing crisis. It is oft-repeated that democracy is the way for progress and it provides equal opportunities for everyone, but according to Plato, it is popularity of ignorance. Further it is bolstered by

Will Durant, who called democracy as the government of emotional animals. Moreover, people choose their leaders ^{emotional} ~~on~~ ^{basis} ~~their~~ rather than their intelligence and competitiveness. Throughout history, Pakistan's people have been doing the same. Therefore Pakistan needs charter of economy which stabilizes the economy and takes out Pakistan from existing crisis.

Besides, the stable economy can stabilize the political system, because moribund economy divides the people among their leaders. Presently, skyrocketing prices of commodities and back breaking inflation have polarized the country and created space for militant and belligerents to increase chaos in the country. Moreover, if they were blessed with their due share, they would not be part of any belligerent group. The charter of economy creates job opportunities for educated people and it also attracts F.I.D, ease of doing businesses.

As, Pakistan's 58% economy is informal, people avoid to pay taxes which creates economic turmoil in Pakistan. However, Pakistan needs charter of economy, which formulates effective and ~~fruitful~~ ^{practicing} policies to ensure essence of democracy.

Along with it, ^{investment} ~~investment~~ in public institutions hinders the corrupt practices. The transparency and accountability only be ensured through bringing reforms in public institutions. Pakistan is investing 0.9% of GDP in Federal Board of revenue ~~revenue~~ ^{while} international standard is 2% which must be invested in public institutions. The lack of investments and benefits push them to do corruption and collect minimum level of tax ratio. According to American Judge J. Oliver taxes are the prices which we pay for the civilization. However, due to moribund economy, Pakistan's investment ratio is very low, the charter of economy will protect public institutions from bankruptcy and eradicate all corrupt practices. Hence, Pakistan should prioritize the charter of economy over charter of democracy.

Furthermore, effective and fruitful economic policies protect human rights and ensures wellbeing of people. because without stable and strong economy it is impossible to eradicate poverty from the country. For example, china is not a democratic country but it formulated valuable economic policies and

having brought its masses out of poverty. On the other hand, Pakistan, despite having potential and mounting resources, is relying on external assistance. It is because of absence of charter of economy and ineffective economic measures. Throughout history, Pakistan has been focusing on short term policies which creates hindrances in the way of development. Consequently, Pakistan is in quagmire.

Lastly, the economic growth is possible during military regime. There are many countries which are progressing under military regime. The worth mentioning example is Turkey, it is progressing ~~very fast~~ trying to impose Caliph system in Turkey ~~and~~ ^{and} to replace Saudi-Arab as a Muslim leader. Moreover, Pakistan under military regime brought some fruitful measures, such as, industrialization in General Ayub era, NAB and women participation in parliament in General Mushraf era. However, democracy is not solely responsible for development, there are many other form of governments. Therefore, economy is crucial for the establishment, development and survival of any nation. Presently, the remedy for ongoing crisis of Pakistan is the charter of economy.

After discussing the charter of economy as the need of hour for Pakistan, it is pertinent to shade upon synthesis the charter of democracy is essential for the Pakistan.

The first comes first, democracy suits Pakistan's culture because it is heterogeneous country which is divided among ethnicity, sectarianism, religion and customs. Any other form of government cannot be good for Pakistan's diverse society.

Moreover, since inception, the democratic values have not been fully exercised, in fact, Pakistan's people ~~are~~ ^{have} been going through identity crisis.

According to Anatol Levsthan: "Pakistan is the victim of identity crisis". These identity crises

bring more problems for Pakistan. It needs charter of democracy which fulfills demands of ~~the~~ diverse societies and provides equal right to engage in politics. However, charter of economy cannot satisfy these societies without representation in parliament.

This is only possible by implementing charter of true democracy.

Besides, the charter of economy is ineffective without charter of democracy. Democracy provides forum for consensus

present issues: economic crisis, inflation, intolerance, and power imbalances. The charter of democracy is need of how for Pakistan because it is suffering from election problems and judiciary incompetency to interpret the constitution. The current, political, economical, and judicial problems can only be solved through charter of democracy. **For example,** Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) Macro Policy Lab. is hosting a round table conference on fixing fiscal Policy on 7 September 2023. This conference ~~will~~ ^{bring} explore whether together the policy makers, leader and academia to chart a vision of fiscal Policy. Therefore, for implementation of those policies the charter of democracy is needed.

Furthermore, the stringent rule of law can eradicate curse of corruption. Pakistan should revisit its energies in formulating strict and stringent laws.

As per theory of Jeremy Bentham "Pain and Pleasure", crimes will be

uprooted when criminals measure the pain and pleasure of the temporary crime.

According to him, pain should be more than pleasure. However, those who are deeprooted in corruption they should be punished through public institutions, such as, NAB, FIA and FBR. It is only

possible when Pakistan adapt the charter of democracy and ensure strict concept of separation of power. It is because Pakistan is the republic of one percent, where these are interfere in one another's work and disturb the balance of separation of Power. Hence Pakistan need to revisit the charter of ~~democracy~~

Additionally, human development and well being of masses, is the one of the determinants of democracy. Democracy is the ^{form} of government, where the fundamental rights and Universal rights are protected. However, throughout the journey of 75 year, human development has not seen in Pakistan, because it is far from democratic determinants.

Despit seeking billion's dollars loans from I.M.F and other sources, the human investment on human development is

~~not next to nothing~~ ~~both~~ ~~by~~ ~~is~~ ~~ineffective and~~ ~~useless~~ until it incorporates the essence of democ. There are many countries, which are getting loans and investing on human development for the betterment of country. Constrastingly, lack of fruitful policies, Pakistan is bearing burden of loans under strict conditionalities.

So that, Charter of democracy can take out Pakistan from crisis.

Last but not the least, the civil-military relations ^{have} deteriorated the Pakistan's democratic and economic system.

It can be seen through, the Ayub Era who rejected previous ~~of~~ civilian policies and abrogated the constitution. After that, General ~~za-ul-Haq~~ introduced the concept of "Islamization" which deprived of women their basic rights and dignity. In 1990's politics became game which ^{was} played by ~~of~~ civilian against-civilian governments.

These inconsistencies never gave chance to democracy to be strengthened in Pakistan. The power wrangles were fulfilling their own interests at the cost of poor people. Moreover, the charter of economy cannot avert the political ~~or~~ crisis of Pakistan. The charter of economy remain unsuccessful until charter of democracy is implemented. For that reason, the charter of democracy should be prioritized over the charter of economy.

Conclusively, Pakistan is one of those countries which are suffering from uncertainty and identity crisis which brings ^{more} ~~more~~ other crisis. Moreover, Pakistan's current problems are because of

absence of democracy. The charter of democracy is the remedy for constitutional, political and economic issues of Pakistan.

However, charter of economy is also essential but it remains unsuccessful without adopting charter of democracy.

The charter of democracy ensures: economic stability, constitutional supremacy, equality among diverse societies, and political stability. Therefore Pakistan should implement the charter of democracy.