

Q No 2 If the present constitutional crisis is the manifestation of poor political governance or its vice versa?

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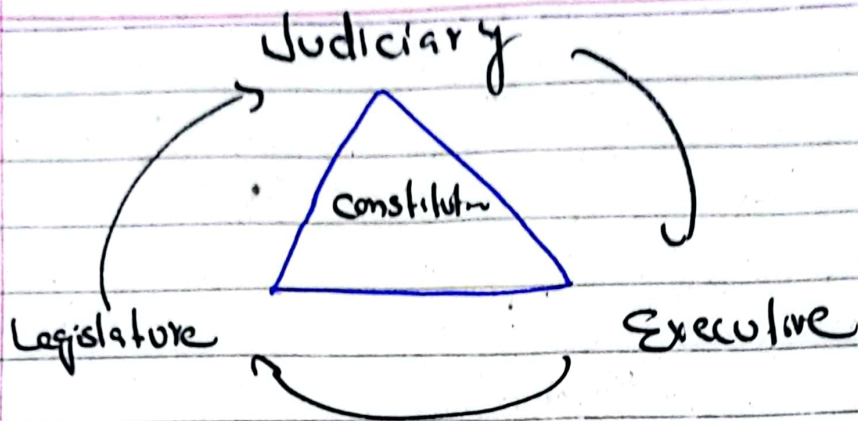
### ① Introduction

Before exploring the present constitutional crisis, one must understand an historic look of the constitutional journey of Pakistan including this, the current constitutional crisis is no doubt is the manifestation of poor political governance as, owing to poor political governance, an institutional imbalance is created.

That includes, politicisation of Judiciary, civil-military imbalance and capture of Hybrid regime. However, through judicious reforms the constitutional crisis can be fixed by ensuring the good political governance.

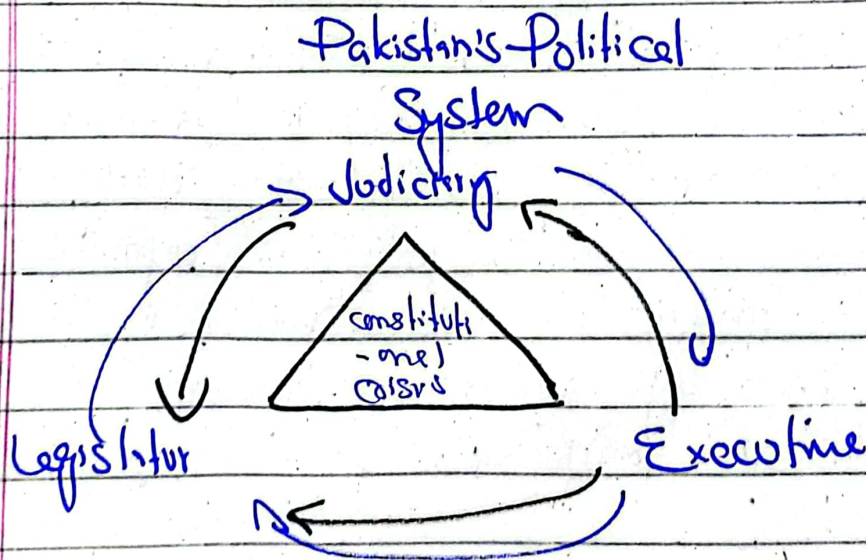
### ② History of Constitutional crisis: An overview

Following illustration will give an overview.



### Institutional Balance.

However, in case of Pakistan owing to constitutional crisis the institutional balance never prevailed in political governance of the country.



That resulted in the

- ① Dissolution of first



- Constituent assembly
- ② Coup of 1958
  - ③ Coup of 1973
  - ④ Coup of 2000

### ③ Current Constitutional Crisis in a nut shell

#### (i) Delay in General Elections

After dissolving the Assemblies, according to the constitution of Pakistan the general elections should be held within 89 days. However, the date given by the Election Commission of Pakistan is against the time period of constitution.

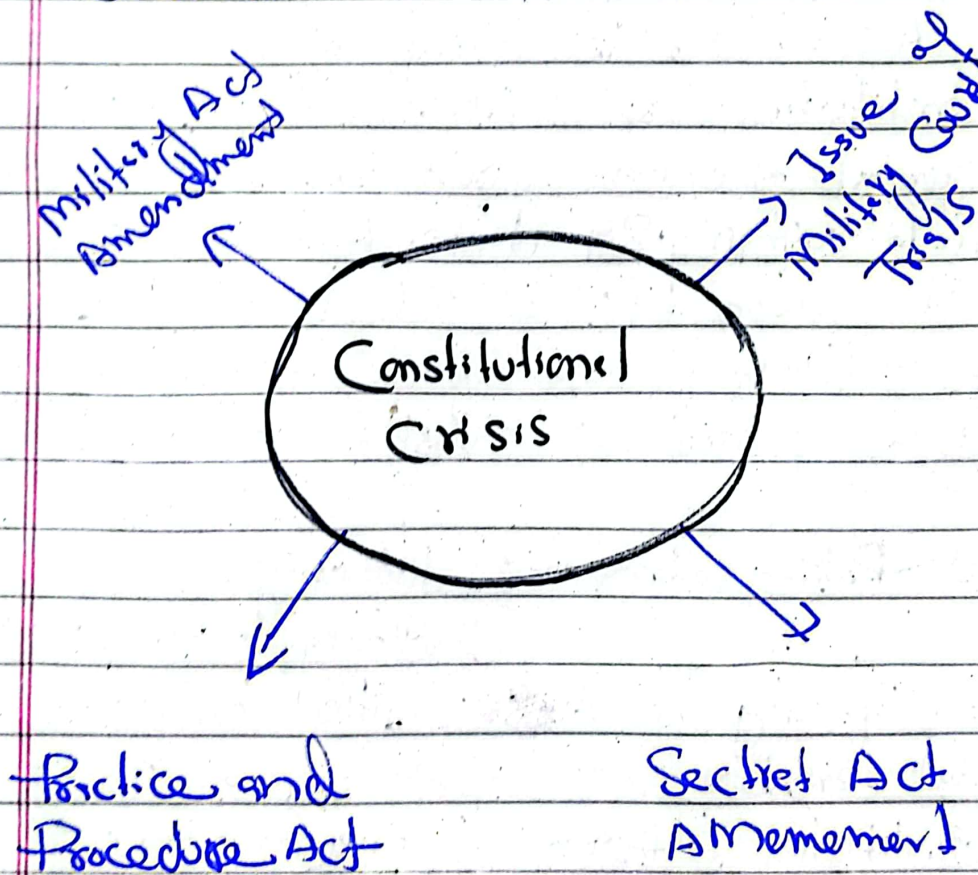
#### (ii) Politicisation of Judiciary

Judiciary is the soul of any country's political culture that enables the supremacy of constitution through ensuring the decisions are taken within the constitutional limits. However, after the ouster of the Ex-Prime Minister of Pakistan in 2022.

the soul of Judiciary may also was also politicised.

### (iii) Hybrid Regime:

According to the website [www.democraticmetric.com](http://www.democraticmetric.com) Pakistan has been under the hybrid Regime since 2018. Thus, its practice is also against the constitution.



There are also the part of the current constitutional crisis of Pakistan.



④ How -the current constitutional crisis is -the manifestation of poor political governance?

The following examples will elaborate it.

(i) Inability of to abide by -the constitutional law owing to their political rivalry

As this can be seen through the following example: After the Horse Riding of the Ex- P.M in 2002, the street politics took the reins of the political system. That created more constitutional issues. Similarly according to the book, How Democracy Dies, it is mentioned that Political Polarization will ultimately create the constitutional issues and eventually the failure of democracy.

(ii) Legislature's failure to form an active committee to vet the executive policies in the Parliamentary

form of government (that Pakistan has) the legislature can form the committee to overlook the actions of the Chief Executive in order to ensure the constitutional balance. However, in Pakistan's political governance this has been lacking. As that can be seen through the visit of Ex P.M to Russia at a critical time.

(iii) Failure of the Judiciary to take the Judicial review at a moment

The murder of the Zulqarnain Ali Bhutto, the dissolution of First Constituent and the role of Justice Muneer are enough to substantiate the point.

(iv) Others are given below

(i) Flawed Policies of Executives in order to achieve the personal gains



(iii) Discontinuation of policies of prior governments is also cause - the problems

## ⑤ Solutions to ensure the good political governance

(i) Political harmony

(ii) Active political participation of opposition parties in politics

(iii) Active role of Judiciary

(iv) Active role of Legislature

(v) Ensuring the system of checks & Balance

⑥ Conclusion : There is no doubt that the current political crisis is due to bad political governance that has created the constitutional crisis in the country. Through

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active Participation of the  
political institution the constitutional  
stability can be raised