

Q What are issues and problems of federation in Pakistan? Discuss with reference to the US federation.

Answer- Introduction

'Federation strengthened the status of 1973 constitution of Pakistan..

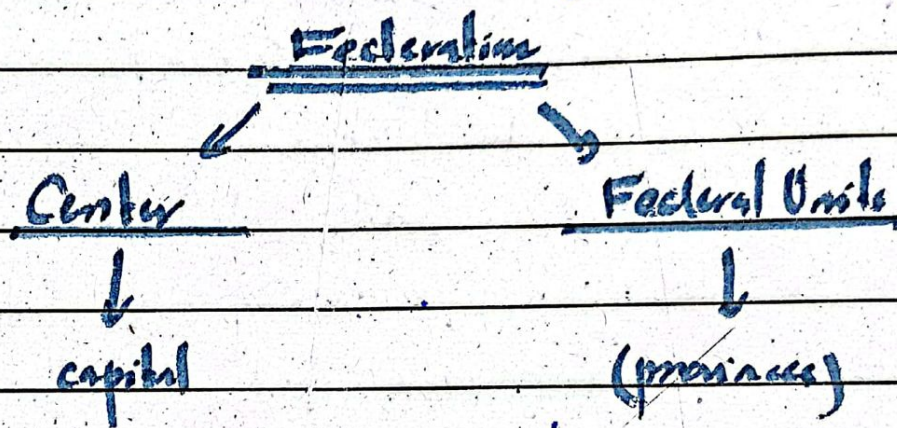
(Raza Rishi)

Federation is division of powers. In fact, Pakistan is a multi-cultural society and federation is a suitable form of the government. But, several issues of federation are observed that are compared with federation of the US. Therefore, federation is the division of powers.

2- Definition of 'federation'

"Federation is an essence of multi-cultural nation."

(Taqyeez Hussain)
 Federation is division of powers. In fact, federation is division of powers between central and provincial government. Thus, federation is the government of shared responsibility.



3- Issues and problems of federation in Pakistan with reference to the US federation

Following are issues:

1) Uneven distribution of resources

between center and provinces
 Uneven distribution
 of resources is an issue of feder-
 ation. In fact, provinces are in conflict
 of unequal treatment.

"Sindh has issued an
 unequal resource share
 on the claim of a
 huge revenue
 generating capacity."

(-Fair & Basic, life
 style redistribution, 2022)

However, in the USA every state is
 autonomous in its own revenue
 generation and expenditures. Thus, un-
 even share of resources is an
 issue in Pakistan.

b) Disharmony between center and provinces
 Moreover, disharmony
 is another issue of federation
 in Pakistan. Failure of cooperation

between center and provinces
leads to weak federation.

" Institutional breakdown
in provinces is mainly
blamed on center
due to its uncooperative
in performance..

(Toqueville Hussain)

Federation critic, 2007

↳ However, in the USA, federation leads
to equal cooperation under suprem-
acy of law.

" US federation leads to
"rule of law" supreme
and

all states are equal
votes in any
amendment of the
Congress..

(Hussain Hussain,

The US federation, 2017)

Thus, the US federation is a

real federation and disharmony is in federation of Pakistan.

c) Frequent political instability

Political instability is also an issue of federation in Pakistan. Unfortunately, Pakistan is caught in a vicious cycle of political chaos.

"Political instability is a main issue of federation of Pakistan."

↳ M. A. Hashmi,

Political Science, 2018

While, the US federation is based on separation of powers and are only responsible for own performances. Thus, political instability is also a cause of weak federation.

d) National integration crisis in Federation of Pakistan

Further, national

integration crisis is also an issue of federation. Pakistan is multi-cultural society and has different norms.

"Sindh disintegrated into units in the provision of the Single National Curriculum (SNC)"

(-Muzamil Mushtaq)

However, the US federation is free in its own policies under provision of federation. Thus, national integration crisis is an issue in federation of Pakistan.

e) Weak local government under provincial autonomy

Furthermore, weak local government is also an issue in federation of Pakistan. In fact, centralized provincial autonomy

is unable to maintain a effective local government responsibility separately.

"Institutional breakdowns and conflicts among districts of provinces leads to weak local government."

(-Ishaq Hussain,
local government, 2000)

However, the US federation is completely cooperative and effective in equally responsibilities of country system.

Therefore, federation of Pakistan faces weak local government problems.

f.) Frequent judicial review

Frequent judicial review is an issue in both, federation of Pakistan and the US.

In fact, both countries are democratic, but judicial review is uncl-

emocratic.

"Due to protection of the constitution from violation judicial review is used frequently."

(M.H. Jinnah, 2020)

Hence, judicial review is undemocratic and also an issue in federation.

4- Critical Analysis

"Federation is equal shared autonomous authority."

(Rozo Rehm)

Federation is equal shared responsibility. In fact, federation is autonomous power of divided territories. But, the federation of the US is real federation with autonomous sovereignty of 50 states, while federation in Pakistan lacks sole autonomy that leads to issues.

of federation in Pakistan. Thus, federation is division of powers.

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Conclusion

"Multi-cultural nation should have federal structure."
(Sirat Hussain)

Federation is a soul of multi-cultural state. But, unfortunately, federation in Pakistan lacks (real) autonomy unlike the US federation. Resultantly, several issues and challenges are in federation of Pakistan. Therefore, federation is an essence of the state.