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Q: Discuss the role of regional and nationalist political parties in Pakistan politics. How far these parties are necessary for the political system.

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Ans: Role of regional and Nationalist political parties in the politics of Pakistan:

Difference of opinion and multiple party system is beauty of democracy. Democracy thrives and flourishes when there exist dissent. There are various regional and nationalistic political parties, such as Awami national party (ANP) and Mutehidda Qoumi movement (MQM), which have a prominent role in the politics of Pakistan.

(1) Provide representation:

The mainstream political parties, such as PPP or PMLN have their sway in urban masses. They are less involved in regional and nationalist politics. So, these regional and nationalist parties provides representation to such people and become their voice. In the absence of such parties they would remain deprived of political representation.

(2) Encourages political participation from regional and nationalist group:

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for their right and raise voice is politics and parliament. With the help of regional and nationalist parties such groups use political platforms to fight for their right. For instance, Balochistan Awami Party, uses political platforms for the rights of Balochs, thus keeping the aggrieved people at a bay from adopting unconstitutional measures, such as terrorism and use of force and violence.

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3- Absorb Anti-State Sentiments:

When the grievances of the aggrieved factions are not represented and listened to properly, they ultimately adopt the shape of anti-state sentiments. Therefore these regional and nationalist party provide such factions a platform, thus absorb their anti-state sentiment and provide them a platform for the fight of their right. Such as, the Mahajir of Karachi use MQM as a platform to fight for their rights.

4- Provide platform for grievances addressal.

When grievances remained unaddressed, unconstitutional and violent ways are adopted for its addressal and it cause civil war and unrest in the society such

as, Afghanistan and Syria. These parties act as a platform for grievances addressal, thus ensures peace and prosperity.

5. Give birth to new leadership:

For a democracy to function creatively, it must change and adapt itself to the changing time. Change of leadership and rise of new leadership is necessary for the better functioning of democracy. Such parties give rise to new leadership and also provide opportunities to people to rise to political leadership. For instance, the MUM party has given birth to plethora of new leadership from Kerala.

Importance of these parties for the political system:

Multiparty system is beauty of democracy because it provides representation to all and sundry, therefore such parties are necessary for the political system of a country.

1. Importance for the growth of democracy:

For democracy to thrive on all levels, such political parties are necessary because it encourages political

1- participation from regional and nationalist group, thus bring them forth to mainstream politics which strengthens democracy.

2- For the promotion of peace and prosperity:
When political representation is not provided to such groups, they recourse to violent and extremist approach which endangers the peace and security of country. So to ensure peace and prosperity it is necessary to have regional and nationalist parties so that such groups are absorbed by them.

3- To ensure and promote unity:

When regional and nationalist groups remain unrepresented, most of the time they opt for secession, for instance the Baloch nationalist group. Therefore, to ensure unity and avoid such threat of secession the presence of nationalist and regional parties is necessary.

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The other side of the coin:
Disadvantages of having such parties

As mentioned, ~~that~~ such parties are of immense importance for the political system but they also carry certain disadvantages.

First, the presence of such parties in a country poses a threat to the unity and integration of a nation.

Secondly, it causes polarisation in a society and divides masses on regional, ethnic and nationalist line. For instance, the Muhajir-Pakistan rivalry in Karachi, thus it threatens the peace, security and national integration of a country.

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Conclusion:

To cap it all, the growth of regional and nationalist party should be encouraged and promoted. It must be organised, regulated and monitored so as to avoid its ill consequences. In a country like Pakistan where there is great diversity such parties are of vital importance.

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