

Question no. 4

A complex political situation has emerged in Pakistan where opposition, coalition government, military and judiciary are increasingly confronting each other. Critically evaluate the situation and give workable solutions.

Introduction

Political situation is not good in Pakistan at present and it is going towards complex situation where state institutions are confronting each other. Political situation in Pakistan ~~do not~~ ~~feel~~ seems as a fragile where every person whether ~~he~~ is a leader or normal person blame ~~to~~ others for this weak situation. Some reasons are contribute to bring such a complex political situation, such as political instability, un-democratic norms, corruption, etc. and it has side-effects on whole nation like negative image of Pakistan, militant activities and many more. It is a dire need to normalise these political crisis so that Pakistan will become a developed country.

Reasons of complex political situation in Pakistan

1 Political instability in Pakistan

One of the few reasons of complex political situation in Pakistan is

political instability. There is hardly any political party to complete its political period in Pakistan. Political instability is due to some conditions like not cooperation between ruling party and opposition parties and blame game among political leaders. In the past, martial laws and military confrontation also caused to political instability. For example, the last ruling party of Pakistan ~~did~~^{was} not completed its time; the PTI government ruled about 4 years and meltdown before or 1 years of tenure period.

2 Lack of rule of law

Rule of law is also lessen in Pakistan which cause to complex political situation. No one in the country feels good regarding law and many people raise voice for the implementation of rule of law. According to World Justice Project's rule of law index, 2023, Pakistan ranked 130th across 142 countries. In view of rule of law, different leaders are protesting and blaming others for its accomplishment and sometimes severe conditions happen in the country which cause to complex political situation.

3 Failure of democracy

Although Pakistan is a democratic country but democracy and its process are not implemented in the

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country. Pakistan's situation is very wrong with respect to democracy because it seems more like autocratic or dictatorship than democratic. According to Democratic Index of 2023, Pakistan is on 48th number of the world with a democratic score of just 3.25 points. This report shows that Pakistan is not democratic and it is a matter of concern for the country.

4 The centralization of power

The most power lies in the hands of centre and provinces are showing no extra-ordinary performances due to one-sided power. In this way, relationship among centre and provinces become weak and it cause to complex political situation. Although 18th Amendment gave more power to provinces, but it is necessary to solve the crisis of centralization of power.

5 An aggressive style of politics

An aggressive style of politics are creating in Pakistan because of conflicts among political leaders. Everyone wants to rule a country according to his or her wills, but it is not suitable to run a country where political situation is already not good. Some attacks are also happening on politicians and civilians due to this aggressive style of politics and it cause to complex political situation in Pakistan.

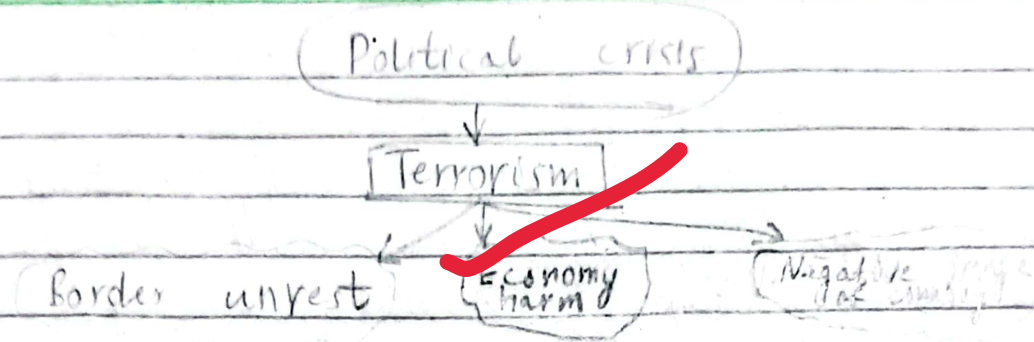
6 Corruption enhanced

Corruption is increasing in Pakistan and it caused to political turmoil. Corruption cases are noted in Pakistan on which people criticize each other. Such criticism is not appropriate and become a catalyst to complex political situation in Pakistan. According to Transparency International, Pakistan has a score of 29^{in corruption} in 2023, meaning it ranks 133 out of 180 countries.

Side-effects of complex political situation in Pakistan

1 Escalating terrorism and extremism

Complex political situation cause to escalate terrorism and extremism. Different terrorist activities are doing done in Pakistan in previous years which imbalance the normal situation in Pakistan. Similarly, extremism is also a negative result of complex political situation in which different extremists target on masses and politicians to exploit the situation in Pakistan. Some people also involve in militant activities which is threat to Pakistan. Terrorism is not only harmful to ~~only~~^{economy} politics but it has also other negative impacts.



2 Impact on relations with other countries

Political crisis also impacts negatively relations with other countries. The countries feel ashamed or threatful to engage with such a country which has not maintain good political situation. Further, trade and bilateral agreements with other countries can affect which cause to isolate a country. So, Pakistan should realise to sustain good relations with countries in order to become a progressive country. But, it is impossible with the presence of complex political situation.

3 Decreasing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

A complex political situation is not good because it can decrease Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) in Pakistan. FDI is a way to boost economic activities ~~to~~ which encourage country's ability to run smoothly and bring prosperity in the country. But, due to political crisis, some countries are in a confused condition to invest in Pakistan. In this way, political unrest is not doing well in Pakistan.

Solutions to improve the political situation

1 Cooperative Civil-Military Relations

Improving civil-military relations in Pakistan can significantly enhance the political situation by fostering a more stable and predictable governance environment. When military respects democratic processes and civil authorities cooperate with military activities, it helps to facilitate more coherent policy making, support economic developments, and strengthen democratic norms. It will ultimately lead to greater political stability and improve political situation.

"Good civil-military relations are essential to a well-functioning democracy, as they prevent the military from becoming a political player and ensure that elected leaders remain accountable."

David M. Kennedy (USA historian)

2 Strong Judiciary

The strong judiciary can improve the political situation in Pakistan by upholding the rule of law and ensuring that all actions of the government adhere to constitutional and legal standards. When everyone will work according to the rules and regulations of judiciary, including judiciary itself, then political situation in the country will improve and contributing to more stable and effective political environment.

"Judicial abuse occurs when judges substitute their own political views for the law."

Lamar S. Smith (US politician)

3 Role of opposition and coalition government to better political situation

The role of opposition and coalition government is crucial in enhancing the political landscape by fostering accountability and ensuring more representative governance. These two bodies can work collaboratively with policy-makers to set the frameworks for politics. As Pakistan is currently coalition government, it is very beneficial to focus on this measure because it has potential to normalize the political situation.

4 Devolution and delegation of power

Devolution and delegation of power can significantly enhance the political landscape by promoting governance and politics at different tiers. The power distribution will allow various political players to keep part in politics and do good for the country. The decentralization can also reduce the ~~tension~~ concentration of power at federal level, potentially diminishing political tensions and fostering collaborative governance. For example, USA has five types of local government namely: the counties, the municipalities, town and townships, school districts and special districts.

5 Avoid blame-game in politics

Avoiding the blame-game in Pakistani politics can foster a more collaborative environment where leaders focus on problem-solving rather than finger-pointing. Blame-game does not only create dis-harmony among political leaders, but also it affects the economy severely. So, it is need of the hour to keep at arm's length from blame-game and to focus on work cooperatively for the country. In this way, political situation in ~~the~~ Pakistan may be improved.

Conclusion

Pakistan's political situation is fraught with tension as different stakeholders confront among one another. Some reasons are contributing in political clashes and harms the politics of Pakistan. The political situation is worsening from day to day, and some measures need to be taken to tackle the problem. The above-mentioned solutions can pave the way for a more stable and democratic Pakistan, mitigating the current conflicts and restoring public trust in governance and politics.

Good attempt!!