

Q- USA is actively engaging with India & US cooperation with India is a threat to Pakistan's security. Discuss the Pak US relations vis-a-vis India.

I. INTRODUCTION

Domestic policy can defeat us only; foreign policy can kill us

— John F. Kennedy
(US former President)

Foreign policy of US towards India is highly affecting the foreign policy of Pakistan as well. The relationship between US and India has been increasing through various military and political support. This joint force can have a devastating impact on the security and other policies of Pakistan. Pakistan can opt the strategy of engagement and cooperation with US if the situation does not get worsened.

II. INCREASING COLLABORATION BETWEEN US AND INDIA.

India and US are engaging in military and political both grounds.

① US-INDIA SECURITY ENGAGEMENT

US and India have shown collaboration on security agreements.

Such as:

① LEMOA

Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Association is a security agreement and India is part of it.

② COMCASA

Communicability Security Association is an other association of which India is a part.

③ QUAD

QUAD is also another agreement between four nations one of which is India. This agreement is also for military collaboration.

② US-INDIA POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

(i) NSG:

Nuclear Security Group is an association in which India has applied.

(ii) UNSC:

United Nations Security Council also shows collaboration between India and US. As, India has applied for it also.

(iii) CPEC:

US opposes CPEC because it wants to make India strong to contain China.

(iv) FATF

India has forced US to put Pakistan on the grey list.

III - US-INDIA COLLABORATION AS A THREAT FOR PAKISTAN

① Militarily Strong India Can Affect Pakistan's Security.

India and Pakistan relations are a zero-sum game. So, if India tries to attack Pak, balance

of power will be disturbed.

② US WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN CAN DEVIATE US FROM PAKISTAN & BRING US-INDIA CLOSER:

US-India relations are enhanced because US's main purpose of collaborating with Pak was Afghanistan. As its State Security Department has said

US was looking at Pakistan only in terms of Afghanistan and not in broader sense of relationship.

③ US-INDIA TIES CAN IMPACT PAKISTAN'S POLICIES.

US-India's political collaboration can affect Pakistan's political situation. FATF can be an example of it.

④ US-INDIA COLLABORATION CAN IMPACT PAK-CHINA RELATIONS & POLICIES —?

OPEC and BRI have

already invested in Pakistan. But if the collaboration between US and India threatens these investment projects, the result can be devastating.

IV. POSSIBLE SCENERIOS FOR US-PAK RELATIONS

Scenario 1: Cooperation & Engagement

Pakistan should try to cooperate with the US. The liberals are of the view that bilateral trade between both countries should be enhanced.

Scenario 2: Decoupling & Narrowed Relationship

Realists are of the view that if US strongly takes one side then Pakistan should adopt decoupling strategy.

Scenario 3: End Relationship

It's for the severe case when the power goes to adopt high military strategies and threaten Pakistan.

V. CRITICAL ANALYSIS

Since history, US first adopted hyphenated strategy with Pakistan to combat USSR. Later on, it shifted to dehyphenated strategy towards both Pakistan & India. If US can adopt dehyphenated strategy then why it wants Pakistan to hyphenate with US and leave China, as was seen in C5+1 project.

VI. CONCLUSION

US-Pakistan should focus on the points of convergence and should increase cooperation. Otherwise, the increasing collaboration between US and India can be a cause of major threat for Pakistan.

Ultimately, Pakistan cannot be ignored.

Pakistan is one of the few countries with high levels

of access to China, Europe,

US. We cannot ignore that

— senior advisor in World Bank.