

There is an opinion that some of subjects handed over to provinces in 18th Amendment, should be....

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Introduction:

The 18th Amendment to the constitution of Pakistan was a significant step towards the strengthening of political autonomy of provinces. It devolved 17 federal ministries to the provincial level. The ongoing debate of handed over back some subjects to the center will create political unrest and trust deficit between the center and the provinces. Health, education, Environment, population management, policy formulation, crime prevention, local government and rural development and women development should not given back to the provinces as they can effectively be managed by the provinces.

Brief history of provincial autonomy of Pakistan:

Different military and democratic government used local governments for their own political gains. Musharaff's local ordinance of 2001 gave autonomy and power in true sense but later on elected government demolished it.

IAN Talbot in his book "Pakistan: A New History" argues that military involvement in politics resulted into discontinuity of policies and political instability.

The ministries handed over to provinces in 18th Amendment:

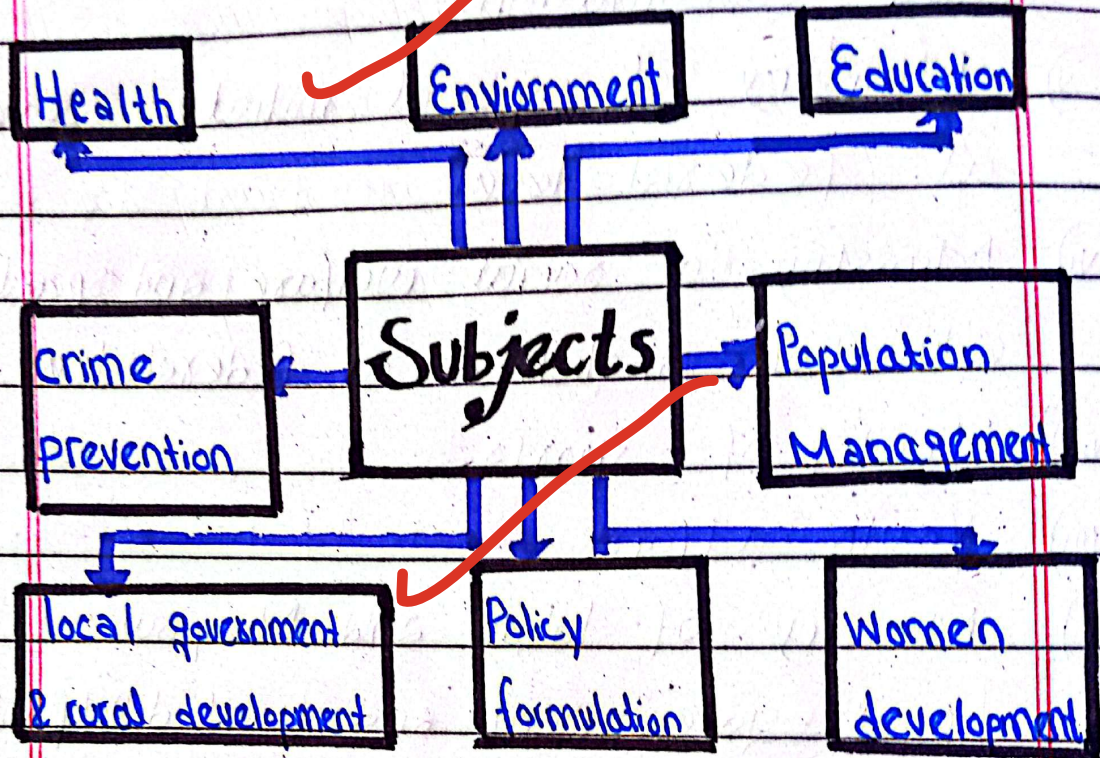
The 18th Amendment handed over following subjects to the provinces:

- i) Ministry of Education
- ii) Ministry of Archaeology and culture became Ministry of culture

- iii) Ministry of environment became Ministry of climate change.
- iv) Ministry of health became Ministry of National Health services, Regulation and Coordination.
- v) Ministry of special initiatives abolished at federal level.
- vi) Ministry of social welfare and special education abolished at federal level.
- vii) Ministry of sports
- viii) Youth affairs
- ix) Ministry of labor and Manpower
- x) Local government and rural development
- xi) Minorities affairs
- xii) Population welfare
- xiii) Tourism
- xiv) Women development
- xv) Zakat and Ushr.

Subjects that should remain under provincial control:

The following subjects should not be given back to center as they can effectively be managed by the provinces:



i) Ministry of health - Better service delivery at grassroot level:

The ministry of health should remain under the purview of provincial government. The provincial government should devolve these

powers to the local government to ensure the better delivery of services to the public.

Ishrat Hussain in "Governing the Ungovernable" argues that local officers can understand the needs of their people and deliver services accordingly.

ii) Crime prevention. Local government addressing the grievances of people effectively:

The central government can not address the crime prevention of large population effectively. It is the local government which can maintain the rule of law at the grassroot level.

For example, New York 'Broken Windows' policing had successfully reduced crime more effectively than wider federal approaches in the 1990s and 2000.

iii) Policy formulation at provincial level - Ensuring larger participation of people:

A study of World Bank shows that local leaders are easily accessible to the common citizens than the federal ministers.

Ishrat Hussain in "governing the ungovernable" argues that policy formulation at local level will ensure the local participation.

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iv) Environment protection - Better disaster management:

Pakistan is amongst the countries which are vulnerable to climate change.

The local governments better capture the situation of the area under their control and issue measures suitable to the situations.

Local government effectively protect the areas from disaster effect." IPRI

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v) Local government and rural development - Better transparency and accountability:

Developing the responsibilities to the local government will not only ensures effective delivery of services but also ensures transparency.

Ishrat Hussain in "governing the ungovernable" argues that local government system clears responsibilities and ensures transparency and accountability.

vi) Population Management due to better understanding of cultural sensitivity of area:

Local governments clearly understand cultural sensitivity of an area and adopt measures accordingly.

The Indian states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu are appreciated for better population management and family planning initiatives.

vii) Education department-Increased literary rates and school enrolments:

The education department should remain under the control of provincial government as it will ensure larger enrollments in the schools. The local government will perform better to improve the conditions of school and staff.

A survey conducted by World bank reveals that Musharaff's local government system increased the access to education and literary ratio.

viii) Women development-Increased opportunities for Women in political and social participation:

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will increase women participation in political and social sphere. The local governments will ensure policies for the development of women.

Ishrat Hussain in "governing the ungovernable" argues that local government increased the women participation in union council and the level of satisfaction of people of their area.

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Critical Analysis:

The 18th Amendment has increased provincial autonomy which is somehow good for the democracy in the country. But, to prevent from any political unrest in the country the provincial government should strengthen the local government as third tier of the government.

This will ensure the good governance in the country and political stability.

Conclusion:

Hence, it is clear that handed over back some subjects to the center will create trust deficit among the provinces and center. This will also create political instability in the country. So, instead of reversing back subjects, measure should be taken by the provincial government to effectively manage these subjects.