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Q What is Local Self government? Discuss Special reference to Pakistan, Also discuss the reasons of failure.

Introduction

Local government can be described as some government bodies elected by the people that have administrative, legislative and executive function within a territory.

Stones Definition Local government as part of the government of a country, that deals with problems or issues of population within a certain territory. It works like house work that achieves roads work, cleanliness, education, primary and secondary healthcare and construction etc.

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Kind of government in management of their affairs by the people of the locality where they are.

Features of Local government

- 1- Have certain Population
- 2- Having specific Surface area
- 3- The capacity to sign contracts or to enter into relationship with third party i.e legal status ~~authority~~
- 4- Have continuous organization
- 5- To realize financial functions have the capacity to collect taxes and determine its budget.

Main characteristics of Local government

- i- Develop a Statutory status
- ii- Decision of own taxes where extend jurisdiction
- iii- Right of local community in decision ~~making~~ process.
- iv- Capacity to act independently under central government

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Responsibility of Local government to develop

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| → | Local Finances |
| → | Local Autonomy |
| → | Local Participation |
| → | Local Leadership |
| → | Local Accountability |
| → | Local Development |

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Local Government in Pakistan

Pakistan is a federal republic with three tiers of government: Federal, provincial, and local. Local government in Pakistan is discussed in **Article 32** of the constitution of Pakistan. It is also written in **Article 140-A** of the constitution. By this government, each province has its own govt, legislation and ministries under the rules set by central government.

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Detail of territory is as under
of all the four provinces.

District Councils = 129

Urban Councils = 2055

Municipal Committees = 96

Union Councils = 7979

The main aim of local self government in Pakistan is of metropolitan corporation, Policing, education, healthcare, roads, local economic development, water and sanitation, maintenance of museums, libraries and environmental protection.

Tiers of Government in Pakistan



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Legal Basis for Local Government

The Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan in its **Article-32**, which deals with the promotion of local government and development of institutions of Pakistan. It involves **Peasants, workers and women** in its body for the development of local economy, accountability, development within a prescribed area under law. **Article 140-A** of the constitution also draw **line** in each province by law, its aim to devolve political awareness, administration and financial responsibility.

Main Legislative Texts

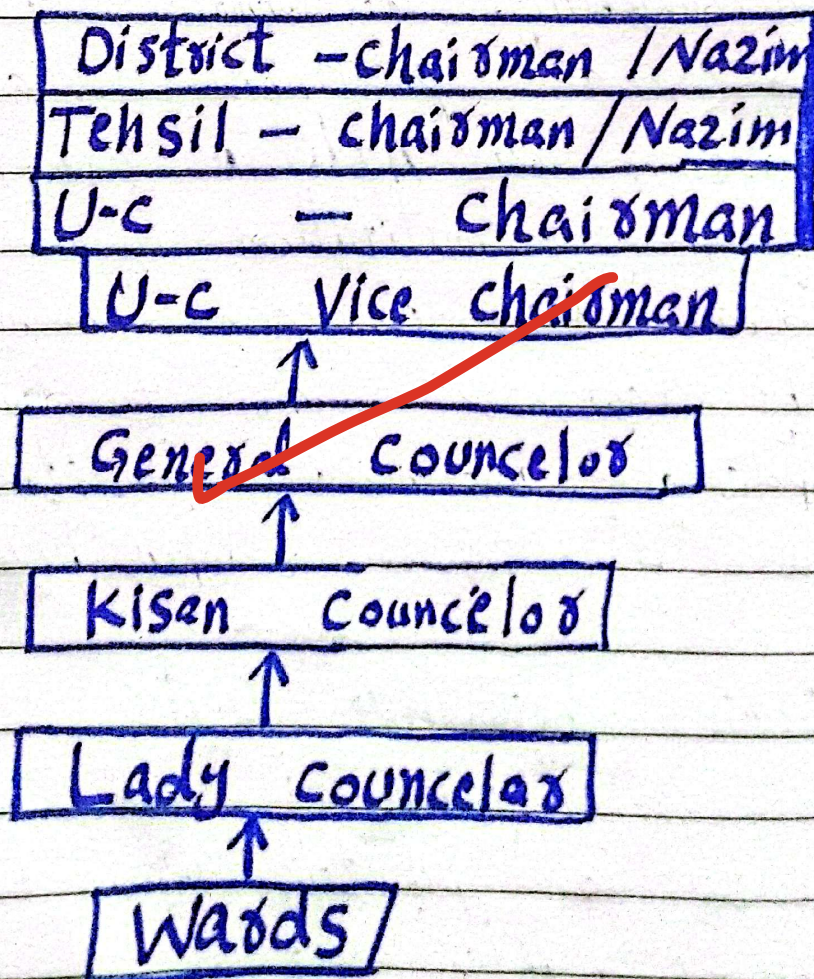
Local government in most parts of Pakistan was established in **2010**. After that, in the past

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of tribal areas, in 2012
bill was prepared for FATA,
(Federally Administered Tribal Area)
but bill was not signed by
president. By the 25th amendment
KPK has the merged area
of FATA, since then FATA
is treated under KPK rule
of self government.

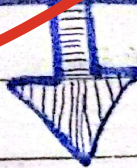
Structure of Local Government



Types of Local Government

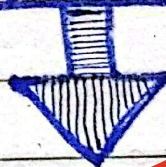
There are mainly two types of local government in Pakistan.

Local Government



Administration of local area by appointed bureaucracy.

Local Self Government



Administration of local areas run by its elective representatives.

Ministerial oversight Pakistan is a federation with central government. After 18th amendments numerous departments are transferred from center to provinces. Local government plays a pivotal role in the development.

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Local government also coordinate among the tiers of the government. Each department is headed by provincial government under rules and regulations set by the government of Pakistan.

Council Types

These are

Various types of Council

District Councils = 129

Urban Councils = 2055

Union Councils = 7979

Cantonment boards = 56

Military Land and Cantonment boards was established in Act 1924.

Elections

Local bodies elections were held in Balochistan in 2013 and in 2015 in KPK, Sindh and Punjab.

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Voting System

All the local body elections are held

First-Past-The-Post System

Women Representation

In the local bodies election 2013, 2015, there were almost **19.6 %** of the Councillors were women. In 2015, the cantonment election also show **2** women Councillors out of **199**.

Distribution of service delivery and responsibility

The local government system in Pakistan actually deals with the local issues regarding education, primary and secondary health care, agriculture, interdistrict roads, street services, lightening, water and sanitation, metropolitan corporations, union level libraries, wells and ponds, cell, roads and irrigation.

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Other Association of Local Government

In Punjab there is an establishment of (LCAP) Local Council Association of Punjab in 2006. Similarly Local Council Association of Sindh, KPK and Balochistan in 2009 was formed. Its motive was to decrease the decision making gap between inter provincial government. Also contribution of local leaders in the provincial and inter provincial decision making body.

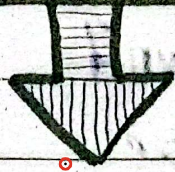
Reasons of failures of Local Self Government in Pakistan

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Key Factors



Legal and institutional Instability

Local government lacks performance, with constant changes leading to instability.

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Fiscal Disempowerment

Local government is financially dependent on provincial government with limited revenue authority.

Centralized Bureaucratic Control

provincial ~~de~~ bureaucracy dominate key services, leaving local govt with limited decision power.

Political Reluctance

provincial govt resist genuine devolution, using local governments as patronage.

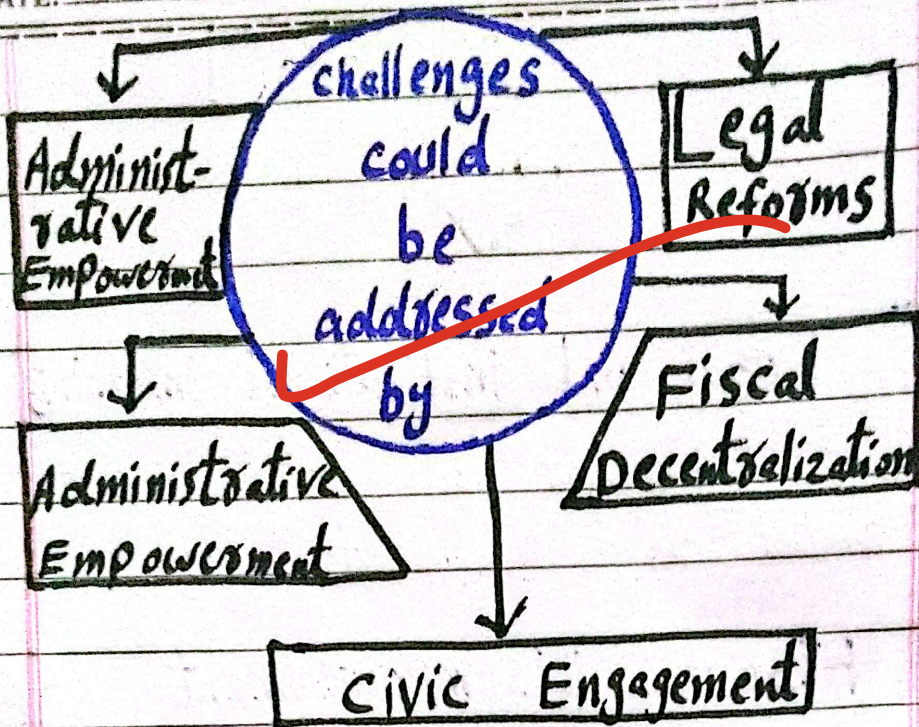
Weak Public Participation

Local government operate disconnected from community, with non-functional public hearing, participatory budgeting and grievance mechanism.

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Conclusion

Local government in Pakistan facing numerous challenges as discussed above. By focussing on issues with true faith will lead the nation at the open & progress, and only said:

"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today"

(F.D. Roosevelt)