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PAKISTAN AFFAIRSQNo: 2Ans: Introduction:

The 26th (Twenty-Sixth) amend in the constitution of Pakistan 1973 was passed late night in Parliament on October 20, 2024. It was then passed into Senate with a the approval of President. The twenty-sixth amendment was passed with two-third ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority in upper and lower house.

Main Objectives of the twenty-sixth amendment:

According to the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ),

"The twenty-sixth amendment passed by Pakistan's Parliament is a blow to Judicial independence, the rule of law and human rights protection."

The main objective of the constitution was to target

judiciary. The amendment includes the appointment of Chief Justice of Pakistan, the three year tenure of the Supreme Court's judges. It also enhanced the power of Prime Minister over other organs of Pakistan. It abolished the "suo motu" power of judiciary. A Constitutional Bench was created into that would solve the cases above Supreme court. Moreover, a constitutional special Parliamentary Committee was inaugurated that contains 12 members.

The twenty-sixth amendment is clearly violation of constitution that challenges separation of powers. Now, Prime Minister hold the power over judiciary and Execution.

"These changes bring an extraordinary level of political influence over process of judicial appointments and the judiciary's own administration". The General Secretary of International Court of Jurists, Santiago Canton

said these words.

Composition of Special Parliamentary Committee:

The Special Parliamentary Committee contains twelve (12) members. Eight members from Parliament and four members from Senate. The function of this Parliamentary Committee is to nominate the Chief Justice of Pakistan from three most senior judges in Supreme Court. The the Committee will send the name to Prime Minister for approval.

Process of Selecting Chief Justice of Pakistan:

The process of selecting Chief Justice of Pakistan has changed. Before 26th amendment, it was selected on the seniority by President however, 26th amendment brought change in Article 175A, that now the Chief Justice of Pakistan will be selected from three most

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senior judges and its process starts from the Special Parliamentary committee which will nominate the name and send to Prime Minister for approval then Prime Minister will send it to the President for final approval. This is how the Chief Justice of Pakistan will be selected.

The Reasons how the twenty sixth amendment affects Separation of Powers:

The 26th amendment in the constitution of Pakistan has impacted on the main ~~three~~ two organs of the state, i.e., Judiciary and Execution. The concept of Separation of power was given by Montesquieu in his book "The Spirit of Laws (1748)". but Pakistan ended this concept. As a scholar said in his speech,

"The concept of Separation of Power born in France with the help of Montesquieu but it died in the Islamic

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Republic of Pakistan with the help of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and N-League".

There are various changes that clearly counter the concept of separation of power. The changes in the constitution of Pakistan are:

Article 48:

Article 48 was changed in the 26th amendment.

However, before this amendment three organs of the state had power to check and balance and regulate their whoever was violating the law even he is an official or Prime Minister, all had equal rights and freedom.

But in this change, it is clearly described that nobody has right to question Prime Minister or Special Parliamentary Committee on the advice to President. If someone asks, he would be sent to prison.

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Article 175A :

Article 175A is about the appointment of Chief Justice of Pakistan. Before this ~~amendment~~ amendment, the Chief Justice was appointed on the seniority base however, after 26th amendment, the Chief Justice of Pakistan will be appointed on the will of Prime Minister. This political influence will curb the right decisions by judges and will compell them to work according to their will. This clearly kills the balance of power. because judiciary is not only promote justice but also ensures fundamental rights. As former Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr Justice Muhammad Muwib said,

"The Judiciary is not only the guardian of the constitution but also the protector of the fundamental rights of the citizens".

Article 184:

Before this amendment,

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the court had authority to take immediate action itself without any complain however, the amendment abrogate the "suo Motu" power to curb its ability to take immediate action. It weakens the separation of power because now judiciary is not allow to take action.

Article 191A :

Article 191A describe the Constitutional Bench of Supreme Court which now has more power to the Chief Justice of Pakistan because it can challenge the decisions of Chief Justice. This is the end of separation of power only Legislation holds the power. As Mr. Furqan Ahmed Chemma said in his article,

"Our Parliamentarians are so close to our holy religion that they selected the time of Tahajjud to perform the procedure of amendment to the constitution".

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Conclusion:

The 26th amendment in the constitution of Pakistan is no doubt a blunder and conspiracy which is challenging the writ of the state and diminishing the rule of law, ending the concept of separation of powers. It is the end of judicial independence means the end of surveillance of fundamental rights, equality and prosperity for nation. It is violating human rights and enhancing the power of one man only that it is the proof of an authoritarian government. If it would not be solve, the people of Pakistan will pay for it.

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Ans :

Introduction:

Pakistan is one of the developing countries that faces various challenges and existing issues. The position of Pakistan at international levels depends on its domestic ills and approaches. However, Pakistan is currently facing weak democracy, political instability and terrorism, that hit Pakistan severely. But Pakistan now trying to engage in global cooperation in various sectors such as economic, trade agreements, climate combating, new infrastructure projects and combating terrorism. As Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said in SCO 2024 that,

"We should focus on road, rail, and digital infrastructure to better integrate our region".

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif highlighted to project of CPEC and ensured a

a better, safe, and prosperous Pakistan.

There are various reasons behind the issues of Pakistan. They are as followed:

i- Terrorism:

Pakistan is such nation which have always engaged itself into combating terrorism to ensure^{at} international arena a safe and peace promoting nation. However, the terrorists groups in Pakistan with the help of international support and Afghanistan attack on the Pakistani citizens especially, armed forces. They are exacerbating the conditions in Pakistan.

ii- Lack of Unity in Political Parties:

There is a lack of unity in politics that worsens the image of Pakistan at an international arena.

iii- No rule of law :

According to Rule of law Index 2020, Pakistan ranks at 129th out of ~~142~~ 142 countries. The elites have wealth and power however, poor remain poor.

Pakistan can overcome all existing issues by taking few steps. They are as follows:

1- Strengthening Democracy:

Pakistan should strengthen democracy by ensuring freedom of speech, will of people and ensuring equality. Moreover, the existing issues like violation of rule of law by powerful people should be put in focus and ensures the citizens rights and facilitation to the marginalized people. Democracy is the government by the people for the people, therefore, let the people decide who they select.

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By reducing military intervention Pakistan can ensure a safe and prosperous Pakistan to the world.

ii- Political Stability:

However, Pakistan currently facing political instability which curbs its development. Pakistan need to unite all political parties to ensure their demand will be focused through dialogue Pakistan can ~~bring~~ bring political stability to ensure the world for safe investment

iii- Competent Government:

Competent government is necessary for Pakistan to ensure its development and prosperity. It should focus on people interest and bring new productive policies and new projects in the country.

iv- Trust Deficit:

Trust deficit is one of the existing issues that bring gap between government

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and citizens. Therefore, government should address trust deficit and ensure their demands and work for the betterment of nation.

Conclusion:

To conclude, Pakistan should overcome the existing issues in the country through pragmatic measures to ensure the world a safe, prosperous and peace promoting nation. It should focus on marginalized people and listen their demands. Through these measures, Pakistan can achieve its goal.

Q No: 7Ans:Introduction:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you use to change the world". Nelson Mandela highlighted the importance and value of education not in previous time but also contemporary world. Education the backbone of a nation to achieve its goals and for its development. It is necessary to all. However Prophet (P.B.U.H) said, get education from cradle to the grave. It is very important factor in life. Pakistani education system is very poor as compared to the other world. However, the world has shifted towards digital education but Pakistan still keeps traditional approach.

Issues of Education Advancement:i- Lack of technology:

Pakistan lacks

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technology in education. however, the world has adopted digital learning but Pakistan still use traditional learning mechanisms.

ii- Low Budget Allocation:

Due to low budget allocation, Pakistan can not achieve modern techniques and proper tools for digital learning.

iii- Weak infrastructure:

Pakistan still use old infrastructure no, LED, no learning tools which make Pakistan behind the world.

iv- Lack of Teacher training and Syllabus:

Pakistan still uses the same old traditional syllabus with old non-trained teachers which can't teach in a modern way.

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Problems of Education Advancement

i- Weak

i- Low Literacy Rate:

However, according to a report, the literacy rate of education of Pakistan is 59%. This exacerbates the support to the students.

ii- Out-of School Children:

Approximately, 23 million children (age 5-6) are out of school due to poverty, cultural barriers and lack of infrastructure.

iii- Gen Political involvement and Corruption.

Corruption is one of the driving issue that curbs the system to bring new changes. and political interference further exacerbates it.

Solutions:

i- Adequate Funding:

The government should increase funds for education

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to develop and afford 3-4 experiences.

ii- Digital Learning:

Government should replace a traditional learning with digital learning to reach the world's education competition.

iii- Update Syllabus:

The government of Pakistan should update syllabus to bring new change like scientific and technological to aware students with modern world.

Conclusion:

Education system of Pakistan need to bring advancements in syllabus, proper teacher training and inculcate digital learning to reach the international area and develop the nation.