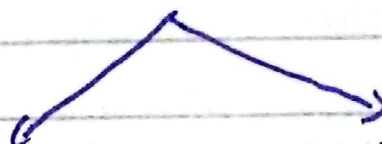


Q No-2

Introduction:

Pakistan decided to send back illegal Afghan immigrants in Oct, 2023. The decision involved the legal and security dimension to it. Pakistan cited universal practice of deporting illegal migrant residing in a country. It also stated that the illegal migrants were involved in terrorist activities. However, the decision of sending back has potential to adversely affect Pakistan. It can lead to deterioration of relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan as Kabul opposes Islamabad's decision. It can also give birth to shortage of labour as Afghan immigrants worked in many industries of Pakistan.

(A) → The legal and security dimension of the repatriation of illegal Afghan migrants

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- (i) Involvement in terrorist activities (ii) Universally accepted practice

(i) Involvement in terrorist activities

Pakistan has stated that out of 24 terrorist attacks in 2023, 14 attacks were conducted by Afghans. Therefore, it decided to send back 1.73 million illegal migrants to have control on terrorism in Pakistan.

(ii) Universally accepted practice

Pakistan states that international law allows the states to send back/deport illegal immigrant. So, its action is legal. This practice is followed by all the states around the world.

(B) → Reaction to the decision taken by Pakistan

The decision has invited sharp criticism. Afghanistan and international organizations have taken the Islamabad's decision unfavourably for variety of reasons.

(i) Reaction of Afghanistan

Taliban has opposed the decision and has asked for reversal of it. It says that its country is passing through economic crisis as its foreign accounts have been frozen. In this situation, it will be hard for it to take burden of 1.73 million refugees that come back to country.

(ii) Reaction of international organizations

"Pakistan should look back

to its policy concerning
Afghan immigrants."
(UNHCR)

International organizations
have criticized Pakistan's
decision to withdraw illegal
Afghan immigrants. They
argue that the time was
not right for expulsion.
There is cold weather
in Afghanistan. It will
be hard for refugees to
go back Afghanistan and
find shelter in a very
short span of time.

© → Implications of repatriation
of illegal Afghan migrants

The decision of repatriation
of illegal Afghan migrants
can affect Pakistan
significantly. How it
affects is discussed in
heads;

(i) Deterioration of relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan

"Expulsion of illegal Afghan migrants creates tensions between Kabul and Islamabad."
(Michael Kuglerman)

The decision of expelling illegal Afghan migrants strains relations between both nations. Kabul may take it as an ethnic issue and call its diplomatic back and close border for trade with Pakistan.

(ii) Stoppage of international aid for refugees

International aid flows to Pakistan. This aid is sent for refugees that reside in Pakistan. However, expulsion of refugees can lead these organizations

to stop aid sending to Pakistan as refugees are not left in Pakistan.

(iii) Shortage of labour

There are 1.23 million illegal Afghan refugees as per estimates. These refugees are employed in many economic sectors of Pakistan. They are also a source of cheap labour. However, their expulsion can trigger shortage of labour.

Conclusion:

To conclude, repatriation of illegal Afghan migrants involves legal and security aspects. Universally accepted practice and surge in terrorism are cited as cause of their expulsion. However, the expulsion can adversely affect Pakistan in the shape of straining of relations.

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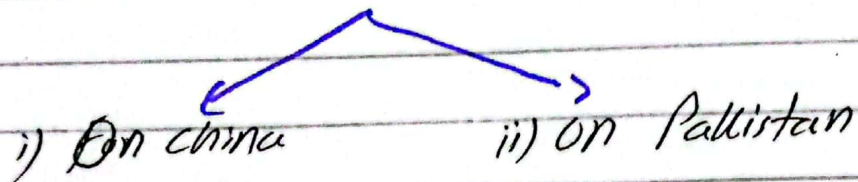
Q No-3

Introduction:

CPEC has greatly influenced economic and geopolitical dynamics in the region. It is considered to be a mega project. It is a win-win situation for both Pakistan and China. Their economies can take great boost from this project. The project brings investment in Pakistan and provides shortest route to China for import of oil from Middle East. The project has changed geopolitical dynamics. The US considers China as a threat to its hegemony in the world. Therefore, it forms alliances to contain China. USA considers India as a major ally in this endeavor. These alliances implicate

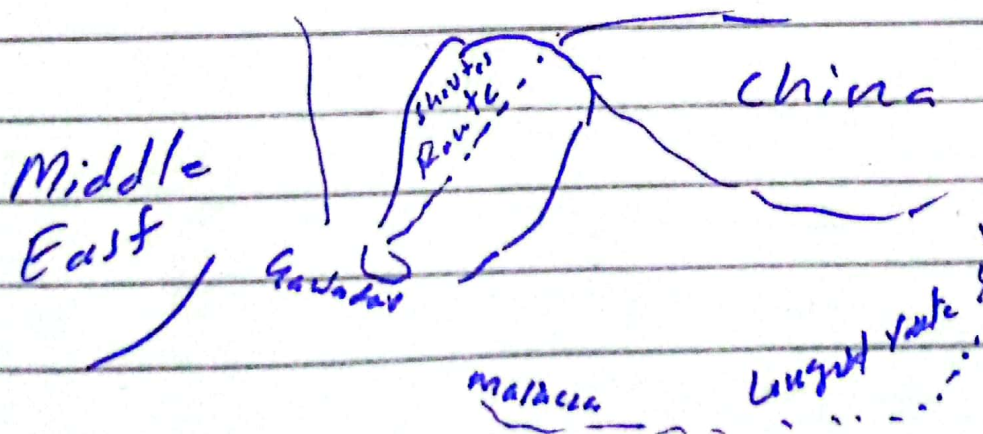
Pakistan's relations with neighbouring countries especially India, Iran and China.

A) Influence of CPEC on economic landscape



i) Influence of CPEC on China's economy

China is an energy deficient country. It imports oil from middle east. CPEC provides shortest route for transport of fuel to run the industry. It also helps it navigate Malacca dilemma.



ii) Influence of CPEC on Pakistan's economy

CPEC brings investment in Pakistan. Infrastructure, industrial sector and energy sector can be improved.