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A: Introduction:

Gaza is a hell on earth due to increasing war atrocities of Israel. The Israeli army is blinded by the lust of gaining the territory of Gaza. Netanyahu's only vision is to be cruel. In doing so, Israel has committed heinous war crimes as more than 34,000 deaths in Gaza and the largest number of amputated children. Additionally, the war crimes of Israeli has pushed Gaza in darkness. However, the champion of human rights, USA, is showing criminal silence due to its blind support to Israel. Such war crimes and silence of USA have increased tension between USA and the Muslim World.

B: Violation of Human Rights in Gaza by Israel:

Since the inception of Hamas-Israel war in October 2023, Israel is involved in countless war crimes.

a) Targeted Genocide of the Gaza's Population:

The fundamental aim of Israel to promote semitism and target Muslims so that it can gain supremacy in terms of both land and religion. That is why, Israel is brutally targeting the population of Gaza.

Before War
Population of Gaza
2.3 Million

Population
of Gaza After Genocide
2.1 Million

b) Extremity of violence.

The war-crimes of Israeli forces are on increase as they have not missed any opportunity to cause pain to the population of Gaza. For instance, the released prisoners of war narrate that they were severely tortured physically and abuse sexually.

c) Use of Human as War-shields.

The extremity of war-crimes is evident in Gaza as Israeli forces are using Palestinians as war-shields. The use of human-shield is a serious violation of fundamental human rights and Israeli Army is doing it shamelessly.

d) Collapse of Gaza has given rise to infrastructural crises.

Since October 2023, Israeli army has launched thousands of rockets, missiles and bombs on Gaza. Furthermore the intrusion of tanks and army inside the residential territory has caused the collapse of infrastructure. For instance, Rafah and Khan Younis depict a picture of utter destruction as captured by the satellites.

Fall of Infrastructure

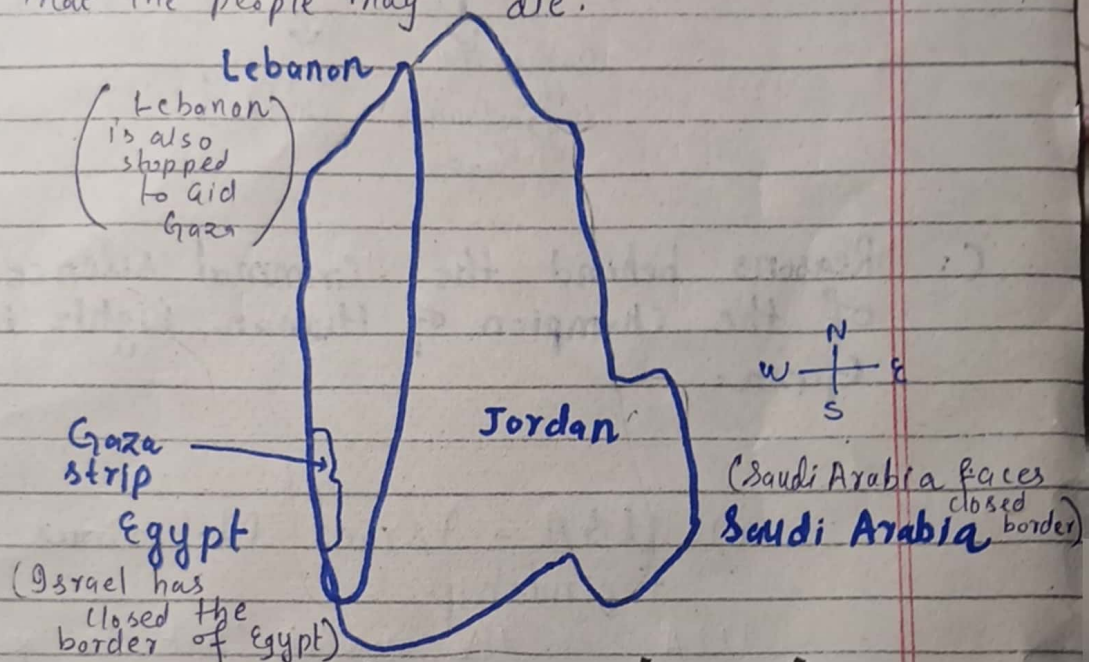
People are living under the extreme weather

No lavatory services

Displaced Kitchen

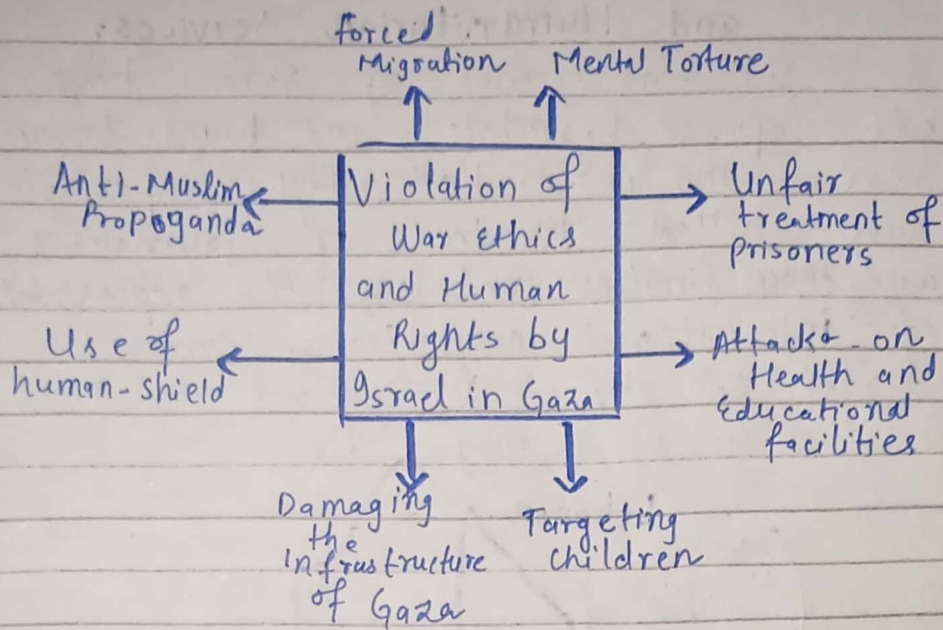
e) Inhumane attacks on Hospitals and Humanitarian Services:

The war-crimes of Israel have not spared hospitals and humanitarian services. The uncontrolled attacks of Israel have killed hundreds of journalists and their families including the representatives of international institutions. Moreover, Israel has stopped foreign aid to Gaza so that the people may die.



f) Gaza's Population is deprived of Basic Facilities of Health and Education:

Gaza is declared as the open air prison of the world because Israeli forces have targeted all facilities of health and education. Furthermore, the recreational opportunities are snatched from the people of Gaza and they are bound to live in the open-air prison and face the cruelties of Israel.



C: Reasons behind the Criminal silence of the Champion of Human Rights in Gaza:

a) USA - Israel Notorious Freindship

USA is the power that is capable of stopping the cruelties of Israel but instead of doing so, USA has joined hands with it. The USA-Israel friendship is one of the major causes behind the criminal silence of USA. It has aggravated war-crimes in Gaza.

b) USA is providing Financial Assistance to Israel:

Israeli army is spending ammunition

as water because USA is funding it. Therefore it has adopted the policy of staying silent.

c) Pro-semitism of USA

USA is utterly against the Islamic narrative and supports semitism. The pro-semitism of USA has enforced it to stay silent on the war cruelties of Israel. USA is silent due to its love for Jews and hatred for Muslims.

d) USA wants to gain War-Advantage against Russia:

USA is a double-faceted power as it supports Israel so that it can win proxy-war against Russia. The hypocrisy of USA and its hatred for Russia has made it mute regarding war crimes of Israel.

USA → Condemns Russian Attack on Ukraine but supports Israeli Attack on Gaza

e) Rat-Race of Power and Dominance:

Furthermore, the hunger of power and lust of dominance has blinded the USA and it feels no shame in supporting the genocide of Gaza. USA's history is abundant of such example as support of Israel because it shows the subjective concern of USA.

D: Hamas - Israel War and Relations of USA with the Muslim World.

a) Strong Retaliation and Condemnation from the Muslim World.

The silence of USA has provoked the Muslim world and Muslim leaders have condemned the heinous silence of USA in open words. Furthermore, Muslim countries have warned USA of serious retaliation if it continues to stay silent on the crimes of Israeli army.

b) A Series of Unprecedented Hatred for USA.

USA is praised by the youth of Muslim countries as it supports them. However, the attack of Israel on Gaza and its support by USA have turned the tables and a series of hatred is seen against USA on social media forums and electronic and print media. Muslims are eager to teach USA a lesson.

c) Slow down of Foreign Ties:

USA is suffering tension in its relations with the world. For instance, Muhammad Bin Suleiman kept the American Secretary of states for hours and met him for

only 15 minutes. Saudi Arabia has refused to refresh its dollar agreement with USA. Therefore, the foreign relations of USA are affected by its silence on war-crimes.

d) Bold steps of Cutting ties with USA:

Iran has shown bold reaction towards the silence of USA even after it was threatened by USA regarding its sanctions. KSA has opted Yuan instead of dollars. A lot of other countries have recorded strong protest over the silence of USA in the war-crimes. Hence, these bold actions are the result of bluntness of USA towards Israel.

E: Conclusion:

It is concluded, that Gaza is an open-air prison due to the extreme crimes and violations of human rights inside its territory. However, the unbridled torture of Israel is supported by USA and it has adopted to stay silent regarding the atrocities of Israel. The silence of USA is based on its subjective means which supports semitism and hates Muslims. Resultantly, USA is being condemned by the Muslim world in strong words and the tension is increasing. It is expected that USA will experience isolation in the future if it continues to do so.

Q. No. 5

A: **Introduction:**

The recent budget for the fiscal year 2024-25 has shocked the public by deepening the tax-net instead of widening it. Such an action depicts the incompetency of government that has failed to increase the tax base. The public reacted harshly to the abrupt rise in the taxes as the it is already burdened by the sluggish economy of Pakistan. Regrettably, ^{budget of} fiscal year 2024-25 has met an utter ~~dis~~ disappointed. Pakistan can revive the economy by getting rid of the foreign donor. This will ultimately enhance the mechanism of taxation.

B: **Government of Pakistan has Deepened the Tax Network instead of widening it:**

The current government has shown speed in the passing of financial bill of 2024-25 is so because the recent budget is anti-state, anti-economy and anti-public budget. Government has deepened the network of tax instead of widening it and the burden on the shoulders of public is increased.

C: **The Consequences of Heavy Taxation on already taxed population:**

a) **Societal Restlessness:**

The passing of Finance Bill 2024 has caused restlessness across the country because it involves undue, heavy taxation on the public.

b) Rise in Inflation:

The budget is not appreciated by any sector of society in Pakistan because it will not bring prosperity. Instead, it is expected that the inflation will rise. For instance the policy of heavy taxation in 2023 has increased inflation to 30%.

c) Halt in Progress:

The taxation technique of the current budget will not bring progress rather the industry will shut down due to the immense pressure of taxation. Therefore, the recent budget is expected to do more harm than good.

d) Increase in the Disparity Among Rich and Poor:

The unchecked increase in the taxation of the public in the recent budget has increased the differences between the rich and poor. The budget is framed on the principle of biasness as it supports the rich and burdens the poor.

D: Budget for FY 2024-25 and Heavy Taxation:

a) Strict Structural Adjustment Programs (SAPs) of IMF:

The recent increase in taxation is due to the strict terms and conditions of IMF that were agreed upon by the government of Pakistan at the time of the grant of Bailout Package. The SAPs of IMF depend taxation and budget has done the same.

b) Recent Budget Shows Failure of Governance:

Moreover, the undue and unjust rise in taxation explicitly depicts the failure of government. For instance, the government employees will be paying 25% ^{income} tax to the government. This ratio of income tax is insane as compared to the other world. The recent taxation policy of the budget make it evident that government did not consider the consequences of its biased policies.

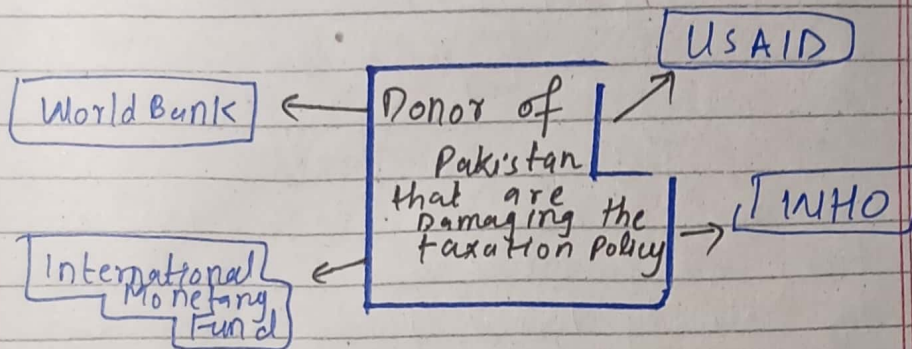
c) Disappointing Performance of FBR:

Unfortunately, the increased in the taxes is due to the poor performance of tax-collecting agencies. For instance, FBR is a crippling

Institutions that has failed to increase the tax base of Pakistan.

d) Excessive Reliance of the Government on Donor Funding:

One of the major reasons of the unreasonable budget is the reliance of Pakistan on the donor funding. Pakistan is addicted to foreign funding which has damaged the tax-net of the country.



e) Increasing External Debts:

Unfortunately, Pakistan is haunted by the handsome external debt. In order to pay the external debt, the budget has added the undue policy of deep taxation.

f) Diverse Internal Issues:

The internal economy of Pakistan has failed, the profile of exports is low and there is no increase in growth. All these circumstances have compelled government to generate revenue from the pockets of the taxpayers by increasing their ratio of the tax.

E: Severe Backlash after the Passing of Finance Bill 2024:

a) Uneven Distribution of Revenue

The Pakistani government and cabinet suffered severe backlash from the public as the budget has unevenly distributed the monetary allocation to different departments. Some institutes get a lion's share of the budget while others are pressed down heavily by taxation.

b) Taxing the Taxed:

The increase in income tax, property tax and fuel tax has laid burden on the already taxed public of Pakistan. Hence, the budget is not approved by any sector of Pakistan.

c) Hike in Energy Tariff

Furthermore the budget has increased the power tariff due to the short energy sources and high demands. The hike in power tariff is a direct attack on domestic users and commercial industries. Therefore, the taxation policy of the budget has spared no one.

d) Politics of Interest has overtaken the Politics of Conscious:

The taxation policy of the budget shows that the government of Pakistan has prioritized its subjective progress over the progress of the nation.

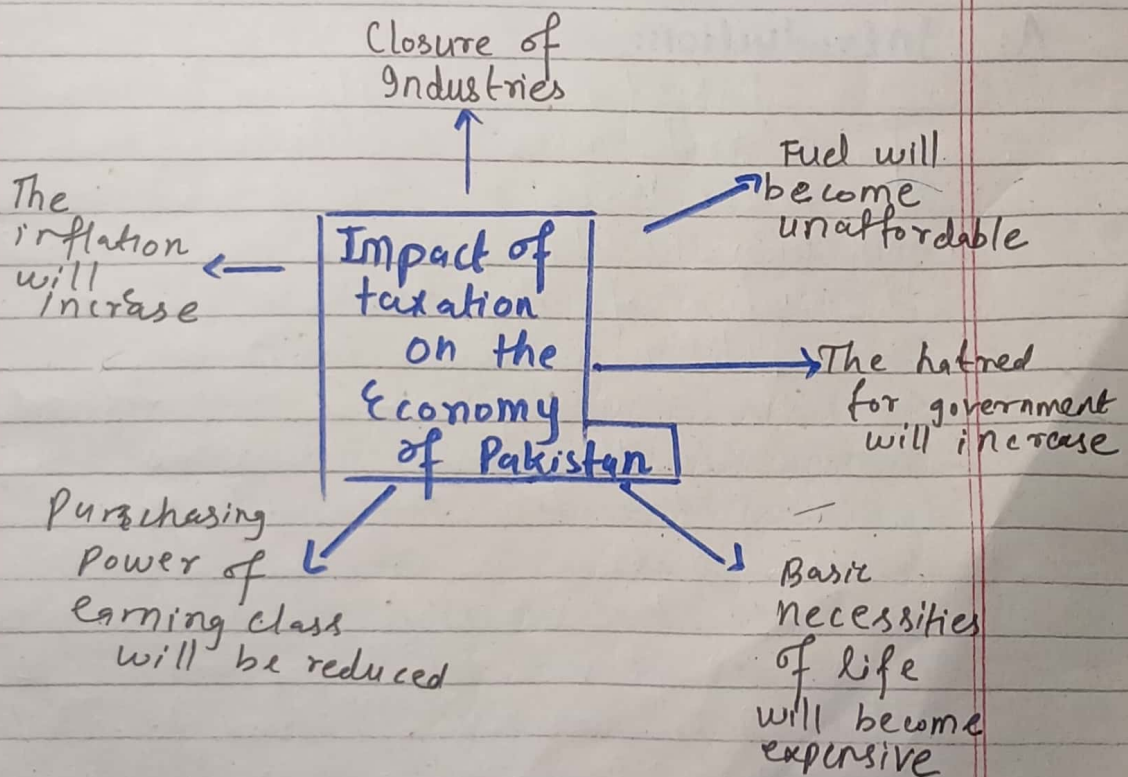
High Tariffs!



Depicts 'Politics of Interest'

F: Budget for FY 2024-25 has aggravated the economic downfall of Pakistan:

The unchecked taxation policies of the budget for FY 2024-25 have indicated that the economy of Pakistan is doomed.



G: Conclusion:

It is concluded that the budget of Pakistan for the FY 2024-25 is a bombshell that has crippled the economy of Pakistan due to high taxation. Furthermore, the taxation policy of the recent budget is highly unjust and unfair as it has taxed the already taxed public. That is why, it has faced criticism and backlash from monetary analysts and public. The government should hold the taxing institutions accountable for their failure in the widening of the tax-base

Q. No. 6

A: Introduction:

Pakistan is caught in the whirl of internal crises since its inception. The power issue has caused load shedding and unavailability of power has increased the price of the available power. Overpopulation, governance incompetency, expensive sources of powers and regional tensions are the reasons behind the energy crisis of Pakistan. Furthermore, the unequal distribution of sources has worsened the situation in which some areas are hardly hit by power ^{crises} while others are spared. However, by developing a mutual consensus and installing new power projects will help Pakistan to get rid of its power

Issues.

B. Reasons behind the Shortfall of Electricity in Pakistan:

a) The Government has never paid heed to the energy development

The politics of power has never allowed the government to pay heed to words the power infrastructure. Unfortunately, the mega dams of Pakistan are filled with sand and residue and there is an immediate need of constructing new project projects but there is no progress in this regard.

1). Construction of Kalabagh Dam is Pending:

2). The Diamer Basha Dam is also unconstructed

b) Expensive and Demandings IPPs:

Independent Power Producers (IPPs) are expensive as they have signed agreements with the government that their due will be in dollars instead of Pakistani Rupee. This practice is heavy on the finance of government as it is already being run on international funding. Hence, the expensive agreements with IPPs is one of the causes of loadshedding and highly expensive electricity in Pakistan.

c) Import of Expensive Hydrocarbons:

The power production involves the use of hydrocarbons which are imported. Their import demands a handsome investment. So the government increases the power tariffs in order to buy hydrocarbons.

d) Faulty Transmission Lines:

Pakistan is the ^{only} country in South-Asia in which highest amount of electricity is wasted in the transmission lines. The faulty transmission lines cause long hours of load shedding and because of loss, the remaining electricity is given to users at a high price.

e) Scarcity of Resources:

Due to the over-population and climatic changes, the sources of energy are becoming rare. For instance, the life span of water in Pakistan is of only 30 days as compared to the international standard of 120 days.

⌘: Hike in Electricity prices in Pakistan:

a) IMF's SAPs demands Hike in Price of Electricity:

The ballooning of electricity prices is done due the terms

terms and conditions of IMF. The packages granted by IMF demand high energy tariffs.

b) End of Energy subsidy by Government due to Budget Deficit:

The feeble economy of Pakistan has caused the end of subsidy granted by government. The end of subsidy has increased the prices of electricity and it is becoming unaffordable.

c) Unequal Distribution of Electricity:

The 18th amendment is not practiced by the federal and the units that are resulted in the unequal distribution of electricity. The preferred zones get full access to power while the neglected zone suffer due to the unequal distribution.

D: How Load shedding and Ballooning Electricity prices have hit the Economy of Pakistan:

There are numerous strategies that can help the economy of Pakistan which is hit by the loadshedding and highly expensive electricity.

a) Increase in Regional Disparity:

The long hours of loadshedding have surged the regional

disparity. For instance, rural areas are suffering loadshedding of 10-12 hours while urban areas are having load shedding of maximum 5-6 hours.

b) These practices have given fuel to the fire of insurgency:

The rise of insurgency is due to the unequal distribution of power which neglects the areas of insurgents and they are given a genuine reason to stand against the nation. The highly expensive electricity is fuelling the fire of insurgency.

c) Blazing Relations between the Federal and Units:

Furthermore, the differences between the units and the federal is the main cause of power issues in Pakistan. The consumers of K-Electric are suffering more as compared to the ^{national} consumers.

d) Increase in Inflation:

The highly expensive electricity is being produced by Pakistan due to the increase in inflation. The overall collapse of the growth has resulted in the production of expensive power.

e) The Machinery of Textile is damaged badly:

Due to the long hours of loadshedding and highly expensive energy, multiple textile units have stopped working. These power crises has crippled the industry.

f) Excessive Burden on already Burdened Population.

The consumption of energy is charged heavily due to the high tariff of power. In this way, the already burdened population is facing the burden of costly electricity.

E: Possible Recommendations to curb Load shedding and Ballooning Electricity Prices:

The following recommendations are possibly expected to solve the energy crises.

a) Construction of Energy Projects Across the Country:

There is an urgent need of constructing new avenues of energy. Special Investment Facilitation Council is a golden opportunity to invite foreign investors in the energy production of Pakistan.

b) Adoption the Politics of In Conscious:

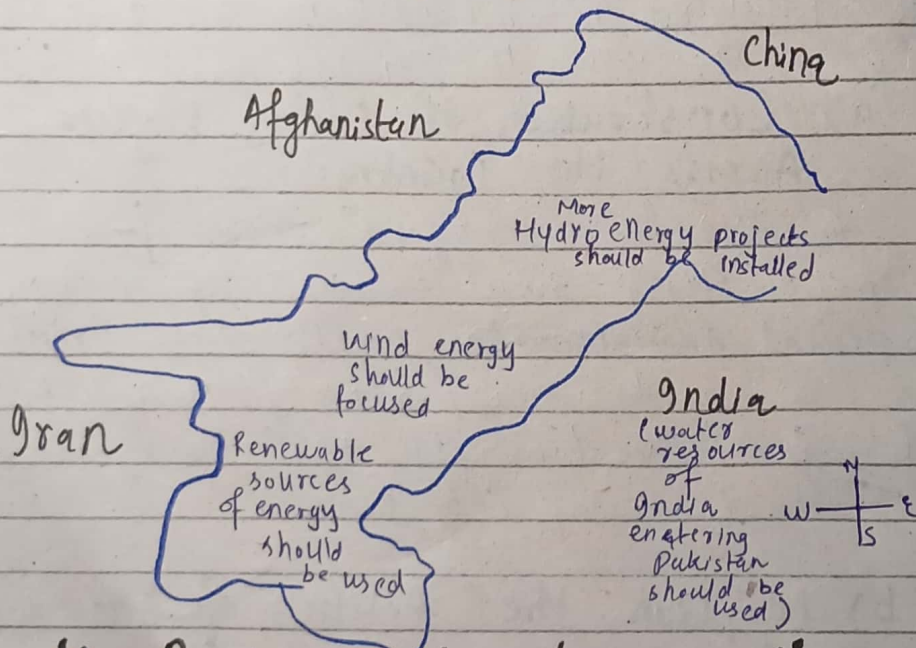
Additionally, the government of Pakistan needs to shun its subjective policies of self.

interest and should work tirelessly for the collective cause of the nation. In this way, the energy crises can be tackled.

c) Strengthening Bilateral and Multilateral Ties with other Countries:

Pakistan holds a great geo-strategic location. This should be should in solving the energy issues by joining hands with the regional countries.

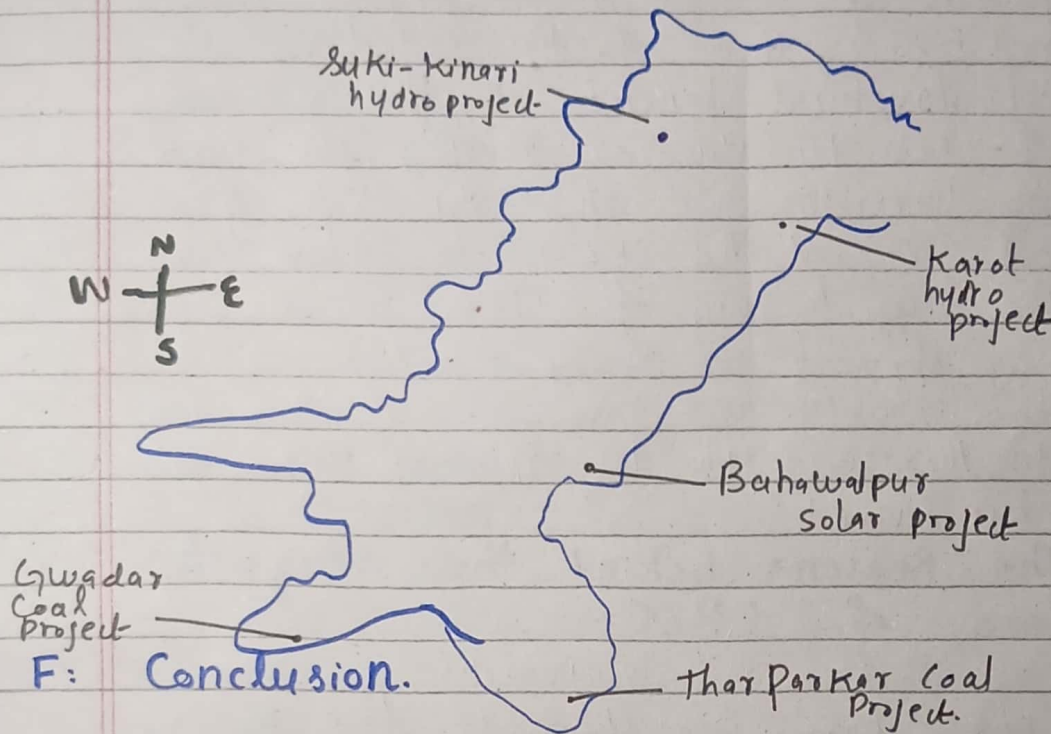
Pakistan should strengthen ties with;



d) Reviving the true spirit of CPEC:

The revival of CPEC will

certainly help Pakistan to curb loadshedding and power crises as CP&C is working on the thermal solar and hydro power plants of energy.



It is concluded that the power issues of Pakistan are due to multiple reasons which includes the failure of governance and strict conditions of donors. Furthermore, over-population is damaging the energy production of Pakistan and the produced energy is charged highly. The overall failure of economy is a great source of energy crises in Pakistan. However, the policies of population control, multilateral and bilateral agreements, installations of new power plants can help Pakistan to cope with energy crises.

Q.No.7

A: Introduction

CPEC is a bilateral tie of Pakistan with China that ensures the sustainable growth of Pakistan. It was signed in 2014 and since then it has added valuable infrastructural benefits to the economy of Pakistan. However, recently the surge in terrorism and the democratic gap has caused the CPEC to slow down. The sluggish pace of CPEC can be revived by showing solidarity and improving the security and governance of Pakistan. In this way, the true spirit of CPEC can be revived.

B: The Reasons behind the sluggish Pace of CPEC:

There are numerous reasons that have resulted in the failure of governance of Pakistan and the pace of CPEC is affected.

a) Multiple Incidents of Terrorism and Extremism in Pakistan:

The terrorists attacks have threatened the progress of CPEC. For instance, in the mid-2024, Chinese officials were attacked in Shigar. Such activities have shown hatred to the CPEC and its pace is affected.

b) Revival of Insurgency:

The revival of insurgency is the cause of the slow pace of CPEC because CPEC projects are in Balochistan, KP and Sindh.

c) Killing of Chinese Teachers and Engineers:

The retaliation was shown by the Chinese government when extremist elements of Pakistan targeted the teachers and engineers of China. Thus, the pace of CPEC was badly hurt.

d) Political Instability in Pakistan:

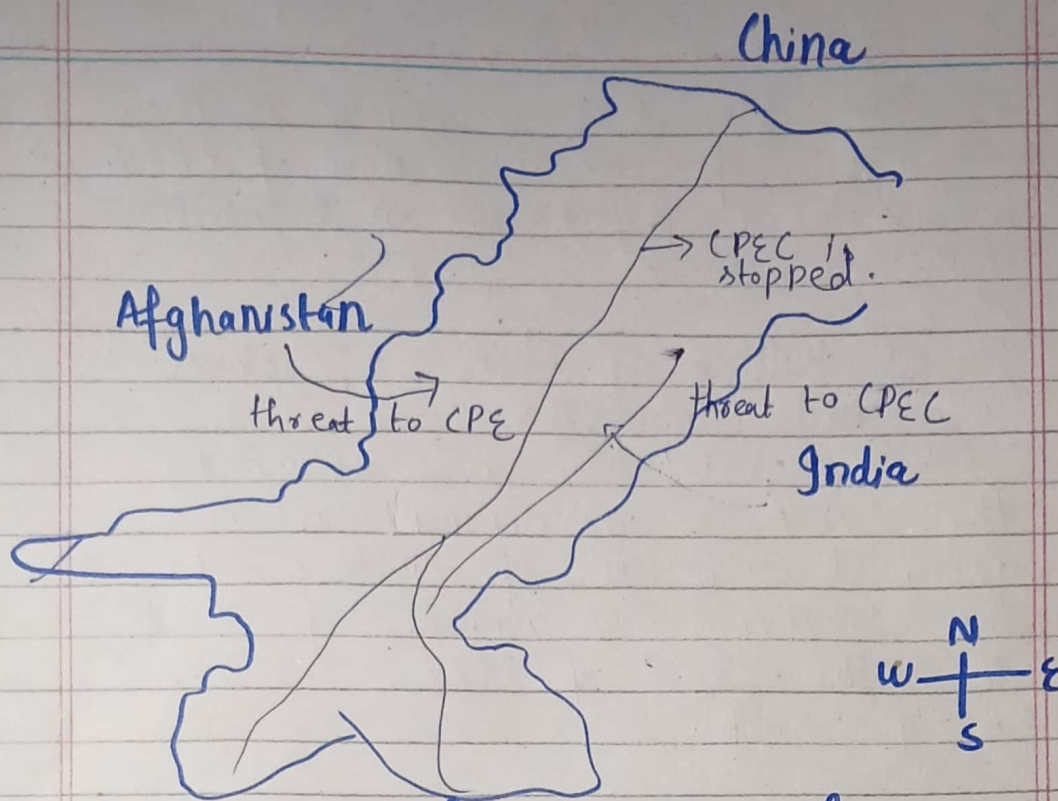
Furthermore, the political instability in Pakistan is the primary cause of lagging behind of CPEC. As CPEC is an amalgam of mega projects, it requires an active participation by government.

Political Gap

Halt in the pace of CPEC

e) ↗ Cross Border Interference:

The borders of Pakistan are joined with India on the east and Afghanistan on the west. Both are a substantial threat to the prosperity of Pakistan and CPEC.



B: Implications of slow Pace of CPEC Projects:

a) Growing Concerns of Chinese officials:

The slow pace of CPEC has shown the growing concerns of the Chinese officials regarding the security of their teachers and workers. China demands the elimination of terrorism from Pakistan before reviving CPEC.

b) The slow pace of CPEC can provide advantage to Anti-state Actors:

The slow-pace of CPEC has benefitted the anti-state elements who want to see the failure

of CPEC. For instance, India has breached the national integrity of Pakistan for multiple times in order to derail CPEC. Also, Afghanistan has always promoted anti-CPEC agenda. Such practices have halted the speed of CPEC.

c) Rise of Terrorism:

The revival of terrorist group in Pakistan poses a great threat to the CPEC. There are multiple terrorist organizations working in Pakistan that targets CPEC and Chinese. In this way, the progress of CPEC is hindered.

d) Economic Deterioration of Pakistan:

CPEC is a joint venture of China and Pakistan but it is seen that China alone is supporting the projects as Pakistan lacks reserves to invest in the projects. The economic growth of Pakistan is halted and it has in turn, affected the pace of CPEC.

C: How CPEC can be Revived:

1) Prompt Actions of Government Against Terrorism:

CPEC can be revived through strict operations against terrorism as it is one of main reasons

of the failure of CPEC regarding speed. The government should take necessary steps to ensure terrorism-free Pakistan so that CPEC should continue its work.

b) Securing the Durand Line:

If the porous Durand line is secured, then the pace of CPEC will be revived as Durand line poses a potent threat to CPEC.

Therefore, the Durand line should be fenced completely so that CPEC is free of external threats.

c) Guaranteeing Foolproof Security to Chinese Officials and Workers:

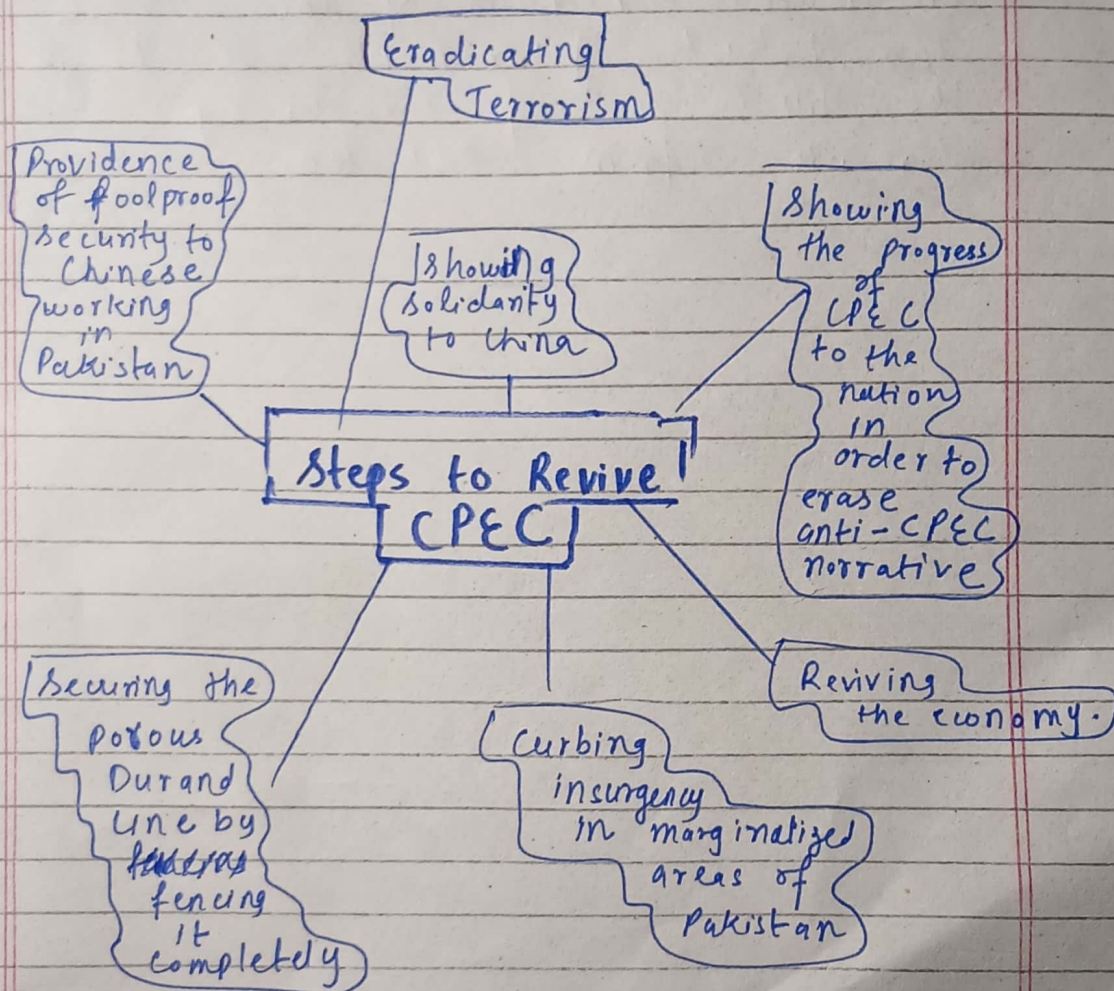
There should be foolproof security arrangements for the Chinese working in Pakistan, so that there is no chance of any interference. This will revive the confidence of the Chinese workers and ultimately CPEC will be revived.

d) Eradicating Differences among Units and Curbing the Insurgency:

The 18th Amendment should be implemented with its true essence in order to curb the insurgency which is the biggest enemy of CPEC.

e) Showing Solidarity to Chinese:

Pakistan can regain the confidence of China by show solidarity to Chinese and reviving friendship. the friendly revival will definitely revive the pace of CPEC



Conclusion:

It is concluded, that CPEC is a major developmental and structural investment of China in Pakistan that is slowed down due to various internal crises and external threats to Pakistan. However, the true spirit of CPEC can be revived by the mutual consensus of the Chinese and Pakistani governments and through the elimination of threatening elements from Pakistan.
