

Question No 6

Analysis Of Statement

In this statement different factors are mentioned which resulted in increase electricity Prices.

- ① Expensive Agreements with APPs
- ② Overwhelming dependency on hydrocarbons
- ③ Failure of transmission and distribution sector.

Expensive Agreements:

Expensive Agreements with APPs gave a huge blow to the energy sector. From July 2023 to July 2024, 29 billion were paid to 33 APPs in the context of capacity Payments. Capacity Payments are made to APP just to maintain the capacity in case of increase demand but these Power Plants remain idle and received Payments without Producing electricity. The burden of these Payments was shouldered by Public and it made them come out on streets due to massive hikes in electricity Prices.

Dependency On Hydrocarbons:

Unfortunatly Pakistan is dependent on hydrocarbons when the whole world is shifting towards green energy. Pakistan's economy is not an oil based economy and it doesn't have hydrocarbons resources to generate energy so fluctuations in international oil market adds insult to the injury. It is the failure of leadership that Pakistan didn't focus on growing Parallel resources.

Transmission & Distribution Sector:

Lack of Infrastructure, Poor maintainence and deficient investment in this sector results in energy losses. These losses not only increases the electricity Price but also questions the reliability of supply. These losses are increasing instead of decreasing. FY24 these losses increased by 18.31%, up from 16.84% in Previous fiscal year exceeding the average target of 11.77% by 6.54%.

Critical Analysis:

When capacity payments are made in dollars for the electricity from which no one gets benefits, when energy/electricity is produced by using imported coal and oil instead of growing parallel resources, when losses in transmission and distribution sectors are continuously increasing then one cannot expect other outcome, the only outcome is increase electricity prices. It is the failure of leadership that increase the burden on public and made them come out on streets.

Recommendations

- ① Renegotiate contracts with APPs
- ② Grow Parallel energy sources
- ③ Efficient Grid Structure
- ④ Involvement of Public
- ⑤ Effective Policy making

Renegotiate Contracts with APPs:

with APPs and only paying them for what they are producing can ease the burden for Public or let them produce upto their full capacity and utilize this extra electricity for industrial sector as well as export. Recently government has successfully terminated agreements with five APPs and it is expected that billions could be saved. If APPs don't want to renegotiate then termination of contracts is available option for remaining APPs.

Grow Parallel Energy Resources:

By growing parallel renewable energy resources country can be self-sufficient and can be get out of shackles of global oil market. Pakistan is blessed with four seasons, it can get benefit by investing in solar energy, wind energy, even biofuel can be used. If biofuel is used sustainably then it can hit two target with one stones, can generate electricity

and helps to get rid of animal waste.

Efficient Grid Structure:

maintaining and investing in Grid structure could reduce the losses by transmission and distribution sector. By Properly

Public Awareness:

Public awareness is also very important because it is the Public who is using electricity. Use of energy efficient appliances means less electricity consumption and results in minimum bills.

Effective Policy Making:

Leaders need to design the Policies by keeping the interest of Public in mind because at the end Public have to bear the consequences.

Question No: 8

In the current scenario the chances of two state solution diminishes due to various reasons. Some of them are described here.

Lebanon Invasion:

Invasion of Lebanon by Israel has added fuel to the fire and made it more complex to think of two-state solutions in on-going scenario. This invasion resulted in displacement of more than 1.2 million people and has turned the southern part of Lebanon into rubble. This invasion depicts that Israel is no mood of stopping the war.

Killing of Leadership:

The killing of top brass leadership of resistance movement by Israel has increased the sentiments in the hearts of people for their homeland. In 2024 within 3 months from 31st July

to October, Israel has killed 3 leaders of Palestinian People. But still it didn't able to reduce the flames of resistance indicate that more killing by Israel mean more resistance. No side is willing to surrender so the chances of two state solution are minimum now.

Genocide By Israel:

The continuous genocide by Israel in Gaza is indicating that Israel "intent is clear" which is not to stop the war until People of Palestine becomes subjugated. Israel has killed more than 43000 People including women, children and everyone who was Palestinian.

Attitude Of Israel Leadership:

The leadership of Israel doesn't want to end the war that is indicated by its actions such as Lebanon invasion and continuously pushing Iran to come into conflict. The statement given by Mr. Netanyahu on the death of Hamas's leader Yahya

sin war was that war is not over yet.
means Israel is planning to engage
in war until all Palestinians perished
and other side of the coin is definitely
all jew's economies collapse and they
have left with no other option except to
pull out of war.

Biasedness of World Powers

It is the diplomatic failure of world powers that even after the one year of war they couldn't stop it. There is no one to question Israel. For example when Iran attacks Israel, the statement by world powers are threatening and when Israel attacks Iran, the hypocritical world powers calls it right to self defence. World powers should maintain their integrity by supporting truth or should remain out of equation. This attitude of game changers is enhancing the madness of Mr. Netanyahu and destruction of Palestine. No chance of ceasefire until world change

its attitude.

Failure of World's Organisations:

The world's organisations such as UN, OIC etc are not playing their role and this is further making the matter worse.

Critical Analysis:

The attitude of world's powers towards ceasefire is not serious and the both sides are not willing to surrender so two-state solution has been jeopardized. The Israel would continue as an apartheid state.

Question No 5

The successful conduct of SCO by Pakistan carries significant takeaway, along with direction for future.

Diplomatic Victory:

The successful conclusion of SCO by Pakistan was a diplomatic victory in a situation when terrorist attacks have again destabilized the peace of country. The arrival of Mr. Jaishankar and his remarks when leaving for his country depicts diplomatic potential of Pakistan.

Enhanced Regional Presence:

It has strengthened the Pakistan's position as an important player of regional geopolitics, and building its soft image around the world.

Economic Opportunities:

The summit has provided increase economic cooperation and investments opportunities between its members states in the field of trade, Agriculture, infrastructure etc.

Security Cooperation:

In the current scenario Pakistan can more effectively

tackle terrorism by regional cooperation and emerge as champion of anti-terrorism.

Soft Image:

It has enhanced the soft image of Pakistan in international community. When everyone was talking about Pakistan as a terrorist state, Pakistan turned the stone and presented its true image.

Recommendations

Follow-up :

Pakistan should work on follow-up engagement with SCO states and focus on joint Project initiatives that results from conference discussions.

Trade Routes:

Invest in infrastructure development that connect Pakistan to CARS, enhancing trade and regional connectivity.

Coordinated Security Initiatives:

Work with SCO members to start joint security initiatives, focusing on intelligence sharing and coordinated responses.

Cultural Diplomacy:

Work on cultural diplomacy to enhance mutual understanding by tourism, education exchange programs and cross-border cultural events.

Achieve SDGs:

Work with SCO member states to achieve SDGs by working on joint projects. Recently Punjab government is trying to seek climate diplomacy with India which is good initiative. Islamabad should also work on similar things.

Question No 1

The Taiwan is Point of contention between US and china due to several reasons.

Historical Perspectives:

Taiwan got separated from china in chinese civil war. china want to restore this region and Taiwan considered itself a sovereign state.

Geographic Importance:

Taiwan is located in Asia-Pacific region which is main hub for military and trade routes. Whoever control the Taiwan can control the routes.

Economic Significance:

Taiwan is leader in semiconductor manufacturing and technology. This thing make it a strategic asset for both countries.

Free & Open Indo-Pacific:

Taiwan by political backing and military weapons because US has supported this backing as a threat to sovereignty. US want free and open Indo-Pacific region. China perceives this backing as a threat to sovereignty.

Reasons to Avoid Conflict:

- + China-US conflict can disturb the global economic stability.
- + Conflict could lead to military escalation.
- + Military escalation would cause humanitarian crises.
- + Regions Peace could be at stake.

How to avoid Conflict:

Conflict can be avoided by following ways.

- ① Diplomatic solution
- ② Enhance cooperation among different sectors
- ③ Respect the decision of Taiwan.
- ④ Respect regional stability.