

Essay

Topic: Causes and Consequences
of delayed Justice

Outline

Introduction

The major causes of delayed justice in Pakistan are ~~lack of accountability and transparency, and organizational and procedural shortcomings~~ that lead to encouragement of informal justice system and promotion of authoritarianism.

=> Debunking the term "Delayed Justice"

=> Unfavourable outcomes of delayed justice for a country

=> A bird's eye view of condition of rule of law in Pakistan

What are the major causes of delayed justice in the Pakistan?

Lack of accountability and transparency

Evidence: Pakistan ranked 135th out of 180 countries in Corruption Perception Index.

Militarization and Politicization of Justice system

Evidence: Pervez Musharraf, a military leader, abrogated the constitution and ordered Chief Justice Iftikhar Chaudhary to take oath of his military order.

Organizational and procedural shortcomings

Evidence: According to Judicial Commission of the Pakistan 2024 Report, 2M cases of providing justice are pending.

Complex Institutional framework

Evidence: According to the Transparency International Report, unclear laws, and complex procedural methods undermine the efficiency of justice system.

What are the Consequences of delayed justice in the Pakistan?

Encouragement of informal justice system

Evidence: Dr. Muneeb Ahmad Mughal in his Book "Access to Justice" aptly said, informal dispute resolution mechanism such as jirga systems has increased in tribal and rural areas due to lack of access of justice through formal ways.

Foster social unrest

Evidence: Dr. Mahrang Baloch, with his companions, campaigned against the delaying justice related to illegal detentions of Baloch people.

Promote authoritarianism

Evidence: According to International Commission of Justice Report, the misuse of power and law enforcement agencies has grown, undermining the rule of law in the Pakistan.

Erode public trust on judicial system.

Evidence: According to Human Rights Commission Report, 30% of people in the Pakistan do not petition for their rights due to complex procedure and delayed justice.

→ Conclusion

From social stability to national legitimacy, justice plays a pivotal role in maintaining social order and ensuring fundamental rights in a country. However, those countries in which justice has

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delayed can only aspire to political stability but can never achieve it. Sadly, Pakistan is also one of them. The major causes of delayed justice in the country are lack of accountability and transparency, militarization and politicization of justice system, complex institutional framework and organizational and procedural shortcomings. It leads to encouragement of informal justice system, promotion of social unrest and authoritarianism and erosion of public trust on judicial system of the country. This essay examines the causes and consequences of delayed justice in the Pakistan.