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## Question no:02

How does Pakistan address the growing disparities between water availability in urban and rural areas, ensuring equitable distribution of water resources and mitigation social and economic inequalities caused by water shortages?

### Introduction

There are so many factors need to address regarding water disparities and its availability in urban and rural areas.

If the government and its institutions work together to tackle infrastructure, natural problems, cross border tensions and equal distribution of water among provinces (and) to Moreover, it is also essential to tackle misunderstandings between provinces.

This question will discuss the solutions to tackle <sup>equitable</sup> water distribution and social and economic inequalities due to water shortages.

## (ii) Addressing the growing disparities of water availability in urban and rural areas

### (A) Institutional side

#### 1A. Building infrastructure

Building infrastructure can play a pivotal role to address this problem. In Pakistan, 147 million acre of water flows, while, it is its unfortune to use only 13.7 million acre water. Government should address this issue to build the new infrastructure to prevent water wastage. So that maximum water could be given to the provinces and its areas.

#### 2A. Construction of dams and barrages to give access

The provinces of Pakistan always blame others, that they are <sup>being</sup> given extra water. But the government equally distributed waters among provinces according to their needs and areas. If they are

demanding more water, the government need to build new dams and barrages so that they could get more access to the waters. For this, provinces like Balochistan and Sindh should give agreement to build "Kala Bagh Dam" that will create (3500 mw energy) and will provide water as well.

### 3A (C) Inefficient water

#### management

(a former American President)  
Barack Obama says that:

"A nation that cannot control its natural sources, cannot control its future"

It is totally up to the management and government to give efficient management so that less water could be wasted. For this, the governance should be empowered.

### (B) Natural role

#### 1B. Natural disasters management

There is a true instance in the perspective of Pakistan, of 2022 flood.



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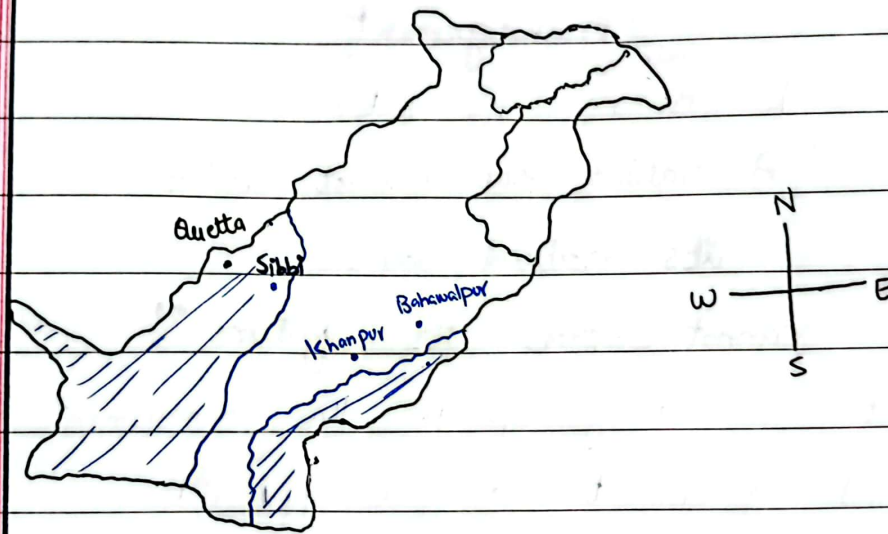
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That not only created a lot of disasters but polluted waters. And millions of people again could not get access to clean water. The strengthened governance could do regarding infrastructure so that this disaster could not create a lot of destruction.

### 23 Climate change factor

Climate is an issue that is creating drought all across the world.



This map indicates that, Pakistan's South western and South Eastern areas are affected due to climate change and are facing <sup>severe</sup> drought.

It will automatically create disparity in this areas. So, government should

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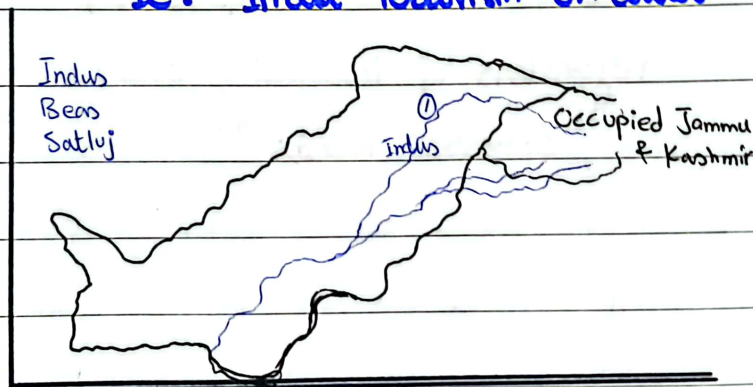
also take steps to address climate issues as well as <sup>it</sup> should negotiate and take help to the neighbouring countries who are the root cause of this issue.

### 3B Preventing water wasting in the areas

A lot of water is wasted due to mismanagement. The government department like (IRSA) should develop barrage to connect it to the areas where there is no accessibility of water. For instance in Southern and some Eastern areas of Pakistan.

### (C) Addressing cross p border tensions

#### 1C. India terrorism on water



There are three rivers that are coming from Kashmir. While India is creating problem in facilitating water to Pakistan

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that is totally against the Indus water Treaty of 1960. This is also a problem, that Pakistan cannot meet its end.

Pakistan need to negotiate with India and to memorize her regarding this treaty.

This claims that:

“Both countries cannot stop their water supply”

(UN report, Indus Water treaty 1960)

**2c To prevent India regarding building dams**

India is also building dam on Pakistan's river, that has reduced the availability of water that is against the treaty.

“Both countries cannot build dams on each country's rivers, regardless of irrigation and domestic needs”

(That) These are the reasons; Pakistan is facing tensions between its provinces who even cannot be able to meet their economic and social ~~meet~~ ends. Through the following points, this problem can be prevented.



## Conclusion

Water is the basic need of humans, and Pakistan is one of those countries who is facing desperities due to a lot of reasons. But, every problem has a solution. To address these problems, the government and its institutes should be united in all factors like natural, governance, cross border and climate etc. This question has discussed all problems and its solutions briefly.

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## Question no: 01

Ways to reform Pakistan tax system to increase revenue collection, reduce on external borrowing and create a more equitable economic environment?

### Introduction

To introduce reforms in tax system of Pakistan is a best way to increase revenue collection, to meet economic challenges and in reduction of dependence on foreign aids. For this, it is necessary to implement transparent system for non-tax payers, to introduce digital modes, to lessen human intervention and without any discrimination and disparity between common people and authorities; to impose taxes on everyone. This question will address the tax reformations in Pakistan to meet her challenges.



## (i) Check and balance on non filers

There are so many people in the country who do not pay taxes. This thing is creating a lot of problems including burden on economy and others who file the taxes. For this there should be proper check and balance on non-filers. According to the report:

“27 Lakh people do not pay taxes. It has created seven thousand Arab Rupees tax gap”

(Ali Pervez Malik)

### (A) Check on individuals

It is said by Iqbal:

افراد کے ہاتھوں میں ہے  
اقوام کی تقدیر

(Individuals hold the fortune  
of the nations)

It is need of an hour to create proper check on individuals just like China. To check their accounts etc, so that the government could be able to know about the movement of every person; why he/she

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has not filed the taxes yet.

## (B) Industries and Property

Recently government has passed the bill regarding tax reforms in which non-filers will not be able to buy **800CC** car or to ~~put~~ <sup>more than</sup> **10 Lakh Rupees** in any bank. It is a good step. It is also need of hour to check the <sup>unfiled</sup> factories and industries and property.

## (iii) Digital system of registration of taxes

To meet this challenge, it is essential to introduce digital system of registration of taxes; so that everyone could pay the taxes. Some steps are necessary for this for example:

### (A) Online portal (for records)

Online portals can play a pivot roles to lessen this challenge. It means every citizen has to register him as the tax payer and has to give prove in the form of receipt; he has given the taxes

### (B) Automated Verification:

Automated verification is also a good way for check and balance. Government can get easy access to NADRA and can verify every citizen into its portal system. It can also be done through bank account details.

### (C) Digital Literacy to people

In Pakistan, most of the people are not aware of this digital literacy. So, before implementing this system, government should start awareness programs in every area or through social media.

### (D) Necessity to prevent cybersecurity

As, it is an era of strong media platform and everything is possible through it. Government is already (doing) implementing firewall in the country which is a good way to prevent cybersecurity concerns in the country.



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### (iii) Lessen human intervention

The digital system will also lessen the human intervention if honest forces get the charge. Because to run the system, there is obviously need of some people. But it will reduce the reliance of human intervention to some extent. For instance, there will be no need to write on the copy etc.

### (A) Case of corruption and harassment

Digitalization will also lessen the corruption and harassment cases. Because, everyone will be registered and there is need of strong accountability even in digitalized system.

### (iv) No discrimination

The step in the taxation reforms (will) is a way to irradiate the discrimination between rich and poor. Every politician, <sup>†</sup> burreaucrate has to pay tax. This step

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would be one of the biggest steps for the prosperity of the country. Ali pr Pervez Malik states that

“Goal is for wealthier individuals to contribute fairly to economy”

The following steps will help to increase collection of revenue and equitable economic environment. Moreover, if there is economic prosperity; the country will automatically not more reliant on the foreign aids. Iqbal states that:

ایک ہوں مسلم حرم کی پاسبانی کیلئے  
نیل کے ساحل سے لیکر تانہاؤ کا شرف

### (iv) Conclusion

Tax reforms can play a pivot role in the prosperity of the country especially regarding economy. (To foster this \*iss.)

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foster this issue.  
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