

Question 3:

Formation of new Provinces

1) Introduction

"No one country is poor in the world, if it is, because of poor management of resources."

—Noam Chomsky

The formation of new Provinces is a hot debate in the country. The aim of creating new provinces is a good governance and efficient services delivery. However, this formation has several hurdles and challenges in his way. These hurdles are some Political, constitutional, economic, and social that may prevent of this work to happen.

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2) Hurdles in Making New Provinces

- Constitutional hurdles
- Ethnic concerns
- Financial Problems
- Management Problems
- NFC share
- Power distribution
- Water Distribution

i: Constitutional hurdles in making new Provinces

According to the Constitution, changes in each province will be required to pass a bill in two-third majority in that provincial assembly. It is difficult

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In current political scenario
in the country, due
to high polarization
and huge differences.

ii) Ethnic Concerns

Pakistan is ~~eth~~ ethnically
diverse country where
different communities are
resident. Each one
has different language
and cultures. The current
provinces are also made
on their names. Such as
Sindh of Sindhis, Punjab
of Punjabis, Balochistan
of Baloch, and Pakhtunkhwa
of Pakhtuns. Therefore
they have concerns in
making new provinces in
~~divide~~ making divide these
communities.

iii) Financial Problems

It also casts huge

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ammount in making new
Provinces. Making of new
Secretariates, shifting of
government machinery, and
even changing of names
in documents costs
huge money.

For Example: In 2012, When
NW.F.P name was changed to
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa costs
nine billion rupees which
is huge ammount in
just reshaping documents.

IV) Management Problems

It also sparks management
problems in limiting power
and authorities of the
officers and provincial
setup. In the debate
of new Provinces, they have
recommended more than
a dozen Provinces. So
this way, it can be
make managing ~~another~~ difficult.
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V) Problems in NFC shares

NFC shares are also a major issue in existing Provinces. The present four Provinces have ^{big} concerns on sharing of provincial share with the centre. If they make more Provinces, it would be difficult for them to resolve this problem.

vi) Power distribution & hurdles

Power distribution is a major hurdle among Provinces and centre. After 18th amendment, the power was devolved from centre to Provinces, but still it is in the hands of centre. They ~~an~~ create local government system, aimed at devolution of power to lower level but still faces implementation problems.

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So the question is, they will give power to new provinces.

Vii) water distribution issue

Water distribution is also another hurdle in creating new provinces. How Policy makers will distribute water in new provinces:

For example: If they create two to three provinces or more in Balochistan then each province will demand of water for drinking water and agriculture. Because Balochistan faces severe drought required water.

3) Recommendations

i) Devolution of Power

The government should implement 18th amendment properly and practical the local government system. It will enhance

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good governance and resource services delivery through devolution of power from centre and provincial secretariats.

ii) ensure rule of law

Rule of law is a major step in ensuring good governance and sustainability.

Rule of law based on constitutional principles prevails productivity and reducing inefficiency.

iii) Removal of corruption

Corruption is prevalent in every institution which has weakened their roots.

Prevention of corruption and ensuring of transparency and accountability can create smooth functioning of the system.

iv) Reforms in institutions

The government should ensure bring reforms in the

Institutions that make effective changes in the bureaucratic system. Reform will also make these institutions efficient and improve their productivity.

4) Conclusion

The creation of new provinces faces many hurdles. These hurdles may lead further political, ethnic differences, if they insist in doing so. Different ethnic groups live in the country would not allow to break their communities and lands.

Thus, Insisting of making new provinces, instead, they should create the current system smooth and efficient.

Apply eighteenth amendment, promote local government, bring reforms in institutions and ensure rule of law can make good governance and efficiency. This will also save economic cost and avoid ethnic and political differences.