

## **Economic Deprivation, Policy Crisis and Bad Governance despite Mega Projects in Balochistan:**

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### **Abstract:**

*Development is generally referred to economic development but technically development includes all fields of life such as economy, trade and commerce, political and social development and geographical integrity. Pakistan, particularly Balochistan is home to bulk of human and natural resource. Balochistan despite having huge bulk of resources, coast line, and strategic location, lags behind in terms of economy, policy formulation, political administration, and execution of public policy. Thus, there is bad governance in institution and public sector is victim of massive corruption which leads to financial crisis, unemployment, sense of deprivation and youth leniency towards separatist movements.*

### **Introduction:**

Baluchistan, one of the largest provinces of Pakistan, has lag behind from rest of the provinces in terms of economic development, political stability, and social security. The relationship between federating units and center is not appreciated to be an ideal one. Strained relationships between center and Balochistan over the issue of provincial autonomy, over natural resources, and distribution of finance and budgeting. Each crisis steps into the triggered atmosphere which further leads to yet another crisis. Studying society and socio-economic progress provide bases to articulate and plan for future needs and wishes of people of an area. Balochistan, a federating unit of Pakistan, is withal one of the most rearward provinces, consisting of multi-linguistic and ethnic groups, their geopolitical and geostrategic location increases its paramountcy. It occupies a consequential position in international comity with reverence to its geographical location and available natural resources. Balochistan is situated in the southwestern moiety of Pakistan and occupies

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proximately 43.44 percent of Pakistan's land mass. But this cyclopean resource potential remains untapped, and Balochistan lags behind other provinces in economic development. Average household incomes are low, as there are diminutive industrial activity and employment opportunities. (PILDAT 2012)

#### **Economic Deprivation and Policy Crisis in Balochistan:**

The political economy of Balochistan and the contribution of public policy towards balance and progress of economic climate is vital. It is imperative to examine and search out that never ending poverty and deplorable condition of common people, offers birth to a view that center-province relationship, feudal lords, Sardars and personal elite have succeeded to maintain hegemony within the process of policy formulation regarding public sector development programs and strategies. Sustainable development and progress is yet day-dreaming. The trust debt between a central federal government and the local people has led the region in deep-rooted insurgencies and separatism. Regional autonomy and economical personal strength has remained call of all leaders, intelligential, historians, writers, poets, and eager beaver. Efforts have been ended in failure as so far no major monetary strength is established even though there are number of opportunities such as large of natural resources, fosse and minerals, long seaside belt, Gawadar deep sea port and above all its strategic location raises the value of study of this research work. Right now CPEC (China Pakistan Monetary Corridor) is another gold opportunity which can switch the faith of folks from centuries old darkness to brightened future. (Dawn Media, 21Feb2006). Furthermore, gape of policy formulation, assessment, rendering and analysis results in bad governance in Balochistan. Rich segment of contemporary society or those who are at the helm of affairs, the privileged school grows richer at the price tag on less privileged class. Disparities, gender or ethnic, at Socio-economic fabric of culture also devastate the management institutions and law making process. The social, financial, cultural, historical, political, and environmental milieu of Balochistan form a class structured society. The job of judgment makers and plan framers, consequently, is not merely to decipher existing guidelines but also to put into practice structural reforms and enhancements.

#### **Geostrategic Location Increase Balochistan's Importance:**

Balochistan, the south-western federating province of Pakistan, is gradually gaining amplified importance in regional and international affairs. Regional powers and international players get inspirational involvement in Balochistan due to their bulk of natural resources such

as natural gas, water piping, gold, and chromate and so forth so on. (Gazdar et la, 2007) Foreign traders and developers express profound increasing affinity for Balochistan. Additionally, the geographically vast area of Balochistan creates the major call for the improvement of roads, railways, expressways, and other basic infrastructure to interface it with the Middle East, Central South America, and South Asia. To increase this improvement, the introduction of an outstanding deep sea port at Gwadar has the capacity of getting globalization to the location an exponential way. Despite this advancement and development are the dissident Baloch, whoever proceeded with revolts make a temperamental situation. Regardless of the fact that effecting vast scale development, eagerness for the district maintains on developing, and with it, the danger of global governance issues and motivation crashing in a fierce way as Balochistan develops. In that capacity, the essential significance of Balochistan lies in their capacity to either take the front line being developed in South Asia, or be the epicenter of the following substantial size multinational conflicts. Besides, backwardness and depravity of Balochistan still provides a huge share of natural gas supply to the complete country. The Domestic and consumers and professional units are being run by the gas are more than 75%. Moreover, more than 200 units are being run by coal fosse which also plays a significant role in professional growth and development. Black coals are also supplied from Balochistan. So, despite the poor economic and cultural condition of its residents, Balochistan share in countrywide economic and political progress is encouraging. (Marc-Andre FRanche,)

Profound Port Sea and long coastal belt nearby the Arabian Sea signifies the value amidst superpowers in universal field. Balochistan is viewed as the focal center as it assumes the part of intersection between South Asia, Central Asia and the Persian Gulf. Yet, despite the available opportunities, the public in Balochistan go through extreme poverty and lack of employment. The province still describes an image of feudal and tribal system. Financial operators, policy formulators, and community representatives have shown connection failure towards attainment of sustainable economic growth. Gawadar, the most significant section of Balochistan used as the part of Oman. It absolutely was acquired for 550 million rupees in 1958. Specialists recommended Gawadar as the right business remote sea port. In 2002, Pakistan started the development of port with the collaboration that help of Chinese Government. Gawadar is entryway to Local Gulf, 180 nautical kilometers not even close to Strait of Hormuz which is home

to 40% of the olive oil exchange the world. On like manner, it provides the closest way to Republics of Central South America. Accordingly, America has an eye over Gawadar interface in light of the "potential army installation". When, some Arabian and Middle East nations notice it as bothersome challenge. A way or another, the product of Gawadar as indisputable working port is yet to get old and its effects on financial states of individuals are yet to be seen. Gawadar port made with the assistance of Chinese suppliers which additionally has an eye upon it, attributable to import of crude materials and oil from meeting place east and fare it is materials through passage that could increment from Gawadar to Xinjiang area as the port is closed to strait of Hurmuz and china desires to get admission to the sea due to the land locked western provinces. For this reason, challenges faced utilizing the province can change into possibilities, if proper making plans, dedication, and steady guidelines are applied. (Dawn May 10, 2012)

Concurrently, Recodiq task tested in international court lately, is the fourth biggest store of gold and real estate agent in the worldwide and it's additionally called "hillock of gold". It has been demonstrated that around \$260 billion stores are covered underneath of Recodiq. Your decision of eminent courtroom has uncovered that under and round "hillock of gold" there exists 12 million kg copper and 370-million-gram yellow metal. In accordance with "corridor intrigue", Balochistan could play Center work in intrusion of Persian Gulf and south Asia. Therefore, America as well as partners, India thoroughly, doesn't have Pakistan to prolong those benefits to the kin through key setting. To fulfill their tenets, they abuse littler makes for solo capacity.

### **An Insight of Economy of Balochistan:**

Balochistan is reportedly home to thirty-nine minerals, out of the recorded total 50, which are now mined in Balochistan. This mines and minerals sector generates revenues of almost billions of rupees to the national exchequer. The option of copper stores in the district Chagai region, to assemble with the iron and coal generation in Balochistan, can yield extra pay to the administration exchequer. Saindak and Recodiq projects are viewed as a vehicle of change in the region. (Dawn News, 21Feb2006).

Labor force employed in agriculture is over half the population. The scarcity of water at current age is quite critical and sarcastic.

The Balochistan coastline, at 750 km, comprises 70% of Pakistan's coastline, however, contributes just 30% of Pakistan's landed catch. Boats landing in Gawadar and Pasni is requesting yet supporting framework and administrations. An expected 30% of marine stores are

squandered due nonattendance of all recent preparing offices. By coordinating the improvement of the seaside thruway and the Gawadar port, the financial approach will make linkages that support the advancement and add worth to the angling section and the nearby economy. (Ishrat Hussain 1, volume 38)

The legislature is spending immense soon add up to assemble Gawadar remote ocean port into a key exchange and industry center through CPEC focused ventures. The geographic position of Gawadar port makes it an ideal entryway to Afghanistan and the non-seaside Central Asian republics. Other primary street and rail organize ventures are likewise being arranged, one of them, the 533 km Mekran beach front thruway and funds in streets, railroad extension, and comparable undertakings. Such tasks, if fused with a typical monetary approach, can rouse financial movement and induce development and work in the territory. (Gazdar et la, 2007)

The Balochistan government understands that, unless a sound assessment of the most popular economy is created, it's hard to view the advance of current projects or to plan new ones. Balochistan is among the regions in Pakistan where ADB has urbanized a thorough help program which includes key administration activities. Consummation neediness and acculturating rustic vocations recommend that there surely is a crucial need to help the broadening of Balochistan's economy and social segments and to look into the base for arrangement definition in the area. (Gazdar et al, 2007)

A sizable quantity of population is engaged in agriculture, animal husbandry sectors which can result in dynamic economic activity in Balochistan. Besides, trade also engages over 90 percent undocumented businesses and is the informal sector. Trade is situated on natural trade routes between sub-continent, South Asian, and Afghanistan. Iran and Central Asia on the main one hand and the Arab Emirates on one other take advantage of this trade.

The province has been affected severely by security and political conflict for many years, which, harms economic growth. The specific situation is exacerbated by poor communication and road infrastructure, as well as feeble governance arrangements. Balochistan has always been ranked as the cheapest in the country with regards to education, health facilities. With use of schools limited by only 60 percent of its settlements existing schools require basic facilities and education materials. Schooling indicators for females are in the modest form in the country. With girl's enrollment, only 40 percent of the population among girls' wills schools.

`In some parts of the province rate of enrollment is as little as 7 percent. In response to an appeal by the Government of Pakistan, it had been recognized to back financially critical investments to get reconstruction. Peacebuilding in crisis-affected areas of Balochistan province can be challenging and daunting the economic governance in the civil bureaucracy.

### **Public Policy Crisis and Bad Governance:**

It is tried to an increased extent to clarify that public policy has acquired a key role in development and growth of our economy in any given society. Pakistan, in general, and Balochistan, specifically, can turn the problems into opportunities if the political elite understand and realize that the happy class must little go through at the extent of unprivileged class. The position quo of the latest vivacious state in Balochistan are unable to be broken until the policymakers are chosen from between the commons. Very good governance, policy reforms, institutionalized professionalism can be achieved only through the specially role and participatory system at a grass origin level. Political economy is the backbone of the monetary activity in particular in the emerging countries like Pakistan one of the developing nations has imperfect market, dependence of the contributors on credit and skilled labor this is why small and medium-size corporations' hobby to run commercial enterprise of the nation easily and make competition inside industry, the policymakers turning into fault making plans and implementation segment. Ishrat Hussain 1, volume 38)

Public policies are dominated by political and economic elites of the country/province. Social choices contribute with their vested interest and short-term gains. Whereas, depriving almost all to be educated, healthy, peaceful and prosperous, Balochistan too legs behind. The revenue raised by the state, the resources used on, and the opportunities created in are successful only if public policy addresses the overall needs of society. Before the elites recognize that the existing status quo is untenable and have a long-term view of the self-interest, the most popular man will continue to stagnate and struggle. Balochistan issue has been aggravated because of the absolute absence of good governance.

### **Way Forward:**

In Balochistan good governance cannot be achieved without training by federal and provincial governments for post 18<sup>th</sup> amendment scenario. Efficient Provincial Civil Management Service PCMS, de-linked from political expediencies in provincial machinery and bureaucracy fully skilled with modern management tendencies are highly needed. The

Punjab and KPK have introduced PMS system that has proved very efficient and successful. Thus, Balochistan also needs administrative reform on the same pattern.

Public Sector Development Programs (PSDP) must be prepared on need-based demands. Schemes are contained in annual development on the recommendation of Provincial Minister and Person in Parliament. There's no mechanism and benchmark available which can assess certain requirements of an area. In this regard, District administration, representatives of different political parties in concerned tehsil and district must submit proposals to Planning and development Department through Public Representatives respectively.

The thought of "Self Sufficient Community" must be introduced. This can be achieved on "Inexpensive No Cost" basis. Local communities in this regard play their role in social development such as for instance literacy rate enhancement, provision of basic health facilities, infrastructure development.

Develop institutionalize mechanisms at provincial stages for socio-monetary tendencies for bridging the gap between policy makers and the masses, thus supplying conducive surroundings to heal the simmering feedings of deprivation.

Accelerated and expedited legislation for socio-economic growth and sustainable development is need of the hour. Public representative, members of the assembly have to be fully aware of the duty towards general people.

Political parties and central committees must be engaged in dialogues and affiliated initiatives towards issues and problems faced by common man.

Relating to point of the research, a development displays with training and human capital and foundation advancement must be produced. The model considers four kinds of open use: (I) open use to upgrade instruction and develop of human capital, (ii) open foundation venture to fund general, market and subsistence generation (transport framework, for instance, streets, spans, harbors, water supply, sanitation, foundation for medicinal services and training), (iii) exchanges which may enter family units 'inclinations and (iv) open utilization speaking to consumption with open products 'attributes (vital for the working of the legislature). These four use streams enable us to consider the arrangement impact of open use on development - as has been proposed in numerous current investigations.

Public subsidy for financial development is likewise encouraged. One rationale for public subsidy of monetary improvement is feasible fiscal

blessings. New jobs may be created with improved local income, wages, sales, and assets values, all of a good way to decorate local tax revenue.

The socioeconomic assistance program can be very productive. The internet monetary advantages of financial advancement help could be more prominent if in most cases the monetary improvement help is unequivocal in new comprehensive business action. Establishment of new industries, small and large size factories, small and medium size enterprises in Balochistan is direly needed. New markets must be established in light of ongoing mega projects in the province.

Provincial political management which reflects the aspirations of a common people, now nicely seated within the corridors of power, it can be a catalyst of fantastic exchange.

The leadership must know about the problems faced by common men such as for instance poverty, unemployment, and lawlessness and thus need to enhance good governance.

18 Amendment and NFC Award have completely neglected to convey, fundamentally on account of intense administration issues. A strong, trick evidence instrument must be produced to deal with administration related issues of Balochistan. Balochistan issue has been exasperated because of outright nonappearance of good administration.

Control over natural resources to augment economic autonomy and sustainable development requires the potentials to be utilized. Other than farming and industry, alternate possibilities of financial development of Balochistan originate from mineral assets, trade and commerce and waterfront improvement. The overall population of the region haven't any specialist to perform their own particular financial undertakings and haven't any influence over their normal assets. Thus, economic autonomy for Balochistan will fulfill the wishes of people.

Industrialization and socio-political stability can be a critical ingredient for economic Investment. Economic boost cannot take place in an environment of political instability.

Facilitated Economic Policy (FEP) and a suitable methodology for financial improvement at region level can support interest in every beneficial stream, (for example, minerals, agribusiness, and fisheries) and human asset advancement.

Fiscal and Financial Management is a modern concept which must be implanted in provincial bureaucracy. This can lead to transparency and efficiency in the public service delivery infrastructure.



**Conclusion:**

In nutshell, economic deprivation, unemployment, and leniency of youth towards separatist movements, can be curbed through sound public policy, good governance, and viable economic growth. National integrity, unity and provincial stability is possible only through institutional professionalism in terms of planning and policy formulation.

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