

# WELFARE STATE:

- Concept of Welfare State
- How Pakistan can become a welfare state.

## Concept of Welfare State:

### History of State

- ↳ In the past there were big empires
- ↳ Later concept of city states came
- ↳ Today's nation states becuz of West Falia in 1648
- ↳ There were many revolutions in Congress of Vienna in 1815.
  - Many princes, rulers, heads participated in the congress.
- ↳ Today states have their borders, visas, ~~passwords~~ passports, etc.
  - States concept was based on security.

### Origin of Welfare State

⇒ Islam gave the concept of welfare state

⇒ First welfare state was Madinah in 1600s

\*Responsibilities of state\* Salient features of Welfare State:

- Good quality of life (despite religion, caste, color, creed)
- Equality between citizens.
- Responsibility to provide minimum standard of living.
- Government involves in citizens life at every life.

Eg: Hazrat Umar made 26 reforms that are know in the world as Umar's reforms.

Purpose: Social and Economic well being of citizens.

Holy Prophet (PBUH) established the first welfare state in Madinah. and the concept of welfare state started from here.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF WELFARE STATE

- food
- security
- shelter
- equality
- free health facilities
- basic necessities
- no ethnic biasness
- equal opportunities
- freedom of speech
- freedom of expression
- rights of citizens
- allowances
  - ⇒ family allowances
  - ⇒ unemployment allowances
  - ⇒ after child birth
- medical care
- free education
  - ⇒ especially universal education (primary education)
- income supplement
  - ⇒ people earning too little
- old age benefits
  - ⇒ pension
  - ⇒ free health care
  - ⇒ shelters
  - ⇒ etc
- public housing
- Economic and Social Justice
- Malaysia, Turkey and Pak (to some extent) are somehow democratic out of 57 Islamic countries
- Eg: America is a welfare state as it is a land of opportunities
- In a welfare state rulers are supposed to be answerable.
- A proper interaction between ruler and ruled.



## For a welfare state

- ⇒ A relation between rulers and ruled is established
- ⇒ Standard of living should be improved
- ⇒ GDP should be spent for people's well being (social welfare)
- ⇒ Measures to equalize social differences shld be taken
- ⇒ There should be political participation
- ⇒ There should be a proper tax system.

- Every state claims to be a welfare state.

⇒ But living standards are diff in each.

⇒ There was an idea of National insurance in 1800s during German unification.

- There were policies of health initiated
- There was concept to provide rights from cradle to grave.
- (HDI) Human development Index: Muslim states have low HDI.
- According to a survey in Washington university that 'how much Islamic states are Islamic'
- Malaysia was on 33<sup>th</sup> no. and highest of the Islamic world.

⇒ Income disparity in Pak

- In Islam wealth is circulated like blood in body.
- They Islamic states are copying West rather than Islam.

How Pakistan can become a welfare state?

- There should be true democracy  
⇒ People based, People let and People owned.
- Wealth circulation



- True representation of people
- Quality Education
- Equality should be established
- Rule of law.

• Western States are mostly welfare states.  
⇒ Islamic states have a low rank in the list of welfare states each year.

### FUTURE SCENARIOS:

Is our future HOPE or DISAPPOINTMENT?

Is Pakistan as a <sup>critical</sup> political juncture?

- Political economic regional politics
- Big powers involvement.

⇒ We look at today's Pakistan i.e. two <sup>decades</sup> ~~years~~ after 9/11.

⇒ We look at our political culture and system.

⇒ We observe the behaviour of voter and society.

⇒ What do the voters look for in a leader before casting vote.

⇒ Political contingency

We look for the candidate suitable for us.

⇒ A sudden change through parliament is not possible in the near future.



## Economic conditions

- ⇒ Our state is resourceful that is why people are trying to loot us and this state.
- ⇒ Our state is being looted that is why the elite/politicians are becoming more rich but the poor remains poor from generation to generation.
- ⇒ Pak is on critical juncture
- ⇒ Loan from 1947-2008 is more or less equal to the loan taken from 2008-2018

## Regional Politics

- ⇒ Peace in Afghan is necessary.
- ⇒ Relations with India shld be settled.
- ⇒ Kashmir issue shld be resolved.

Elite has to choose a block for future politics.

## ADVANTAGES TO PAKISTAN

- Rich in minerals
- Mountains
- Glaciers
- Youth bulge
- ~~Terror~~ Tourism attractions

There is a brain drain in Pakistan.

## FUTURE SCENARIOS

1. Straight line projection of the present system.

- Pak will have the same system
- Pak will have the same circumstance
- Pak will not become developed.
- Despite Pak being a rich naturally rich state, the status of the state will remain the same.
- This is one of the future scenarios because none wants to change themselves and hold them accountable.

2. Emergence of modern moderate democratic state.

- This is the vision of our founding fathers.

Background In 1956 first constitution was implemented

Position of governor general finished

Post of president introduced.

- This is apparently not possible
- It required a very big social movement.
- Currently PTI can launch this movement targetting the youth.
- It will take a long time for a social movement to become successful.
- Our current political leadership is not ready for this

3. Rise of authoritarianism (Power of Corridor)

- There is always a power corridor in Pakistan.
- Strings of power always remained with the establishment.
- In authoritarianism there is always a one-man show.
- Authoritarianism exist directly by martial law or using a puppet govt.



#### 4. Rise of an Islamic/Islamist state:

- Religion (Islam) is always exploited in Pakistan
- It is quite difficult for Pak to become a ~~P~~ Islamic state.
- There are diff Islamic states, even if Pak ~~is a~~ becomes a <sup>Islamic</sup> ~~welfare~~ state it is to be determined that which type of Islamic state it becomes.

#### 5. Pakistan after a major war with India

- A war fought for Kashmir
- A war can be predicted after looking at the regional instability.
- It is to be seen that which state compromises.
- If this issue is resolved then Pak will be better as there will be peace stability and defence budgets will reduce and thus economy will improve.