



## **Pakistan Studies**

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**Question 1: While Keeping in mind the importance of Agriculture Sector of Pakistan, propose essential steps that should be taken by the government for agricultural reforms and sustainable development as a remedy to enhance the agriculture development in Pakistan.**

**Introduction**

Agriculture plays the role of backbone in the economy of any country. Pakistan is basically an agricultural country, it is not wrong to say the Pakistan's economy depends very much upon agriculture, which is yet to be developed, only agricultural sector can provide the industries with the raw material, not only that but a larger portion of our population which lives in villages depends upon agriculture, to increase the minimum wage of any nation and to create chances of employment, it is necessary to develop this sector, besides it is the responsibility of the Government to provide the farmers with good seeds, machinery and better fertilizers.

**Following Point** generally Highlight the Importance of agriculture in the Economy of Pakistan:

- Provision of Food
- Provision of Raw Material to the Industries
- Provision of Employment
- Increase in Foreign Reserves
- Industrial Development
- Balance in Imports and Exports
- Economic Revolution

## **Reasons for Agricultural backwardness of Pakistan**

Although Pakistan is a very fertile country and people here are very hard working, but still we are behind in our agriculture sector in comparison to other countries, per acre production in Pakistan is very low, for this backwardness there are many reasons

**Following** are some of the reasons:

- Old Method of Cultivation
- Lack of Agricultural Education
- Feudal System
- Increase in Population
- Lack of money
- Increasing Illiteracy rate
- Problems of Ownership of Land
- Water Logging and Salinity
- Substandard Irrigation system
- No Use of Medicines
- Economic Exploitation of the farmers
- Lack of means of transportation

## **Suggestions for Agricultural Reforms in Pakistan**

In my viewpoint if we want to develop our Agriculture sector, the Government needs to take our Agricultural sector more seriously as we all agree that it is the backbone of our country and if we are ever going to prosper, it will play a crucial role.

**Following** are my suggestions that can help improve the Agricultural sector:

### **❖ Use of Modern Methods of Agriculture.**

Farmers should be freed from old methods of cultivation and harvesting, they should be provided modern machinery, and Pakistan should also take advantage of its Relations with china and learn from them, as their agricultural sector has developed a lot in recent years.

### **❖ Arrangement of Agri-Education.**

The Government should make arrangements to give the necessary education to the farmers regarding agriculture, so that their hard work goes in the right direction and our country gets maximum benefit.

### **❖ Stoppage of Land Division and Ownership.**

The Government should ensure that agricultural land is not divided and that every farmer gets enough land to use his machinery easily and increase the growth of his crop.

### **❖ Ensuring good Relations between Farmers and Owners.**

The government should develop a mechanism, in which it ensures that both the farmer and the owner of the land feel secure and are happy, because only then the end product which is the crop can turn out to be good.

### ❖ **Controlling Population**

Increasing populations is one of the main reasons behind our depleting economy, if somehow our government controls the population of our country, this will give relief to farmers, overcoming their economic problems.

### ❖ **Provision of Interest Free Loans.**

The Government should support our farmers financially as well, by providing them interest free loans, so that they can arrange seeds, fertilizers and medicines in time.

### ❖ **Increasing Literacy rate.**

The Government should focus on increasing the literacy rate of the country, as it will bring revolutionary changes in our country and it will make our educational system better, hence more research will be done in the field of agriculture and better ways of development will be discovered.

### ❖ **Working on Barren Land.**

A Large portion of Pakistan's Land in the south is barren, the government should ensure that using modern techniques and modern infrastructure it utilizes that barren land and makes it useable for agriculture to increase the production of crop in the country.

### ❖ **Improving Irrigation System.**

Improvement of our Irrigation system should be the number one priority of our Government, as this system is the reason why our agriculture sector has not developed in past seventy years, new canals should be dug and new barrages should be made to cater the needs of our Agriculture system.

### ❖ Use of Standard Seeds and Fertilizers

To increase the agricultural production of our country, standard seeds and fertilizers should be used because only then we will be able to compete with the world, as around the world farmers get the best seeds and fertilizers but, in our country, there is no check and balance, which is why our agriculture sector suffers.

### ❖ Development of means of Transport

The government should make enough infrastructure and roads to help farmers easily bring their crops to the markets, they should be provided easy and cheap transport, this will also boost their morale that their Government is with them.

### Conclusion:

Although Pakistan is an agricultural country, yet is not self-reliant in this field, our past tells us the importance of this area, and that it has always been fertile, which is why foreign powers always tried to take hold of this area, The British took advantage of it in defense but deprived it from agricultural development, this backwardness continued even after the creation of Pakistan, but now the time has come and we feel that Pakistan's development is linked with this sector, and progress in this sector will be good economically and will raise the living standard of the people, now we need revolutionary arrangements for the development of agriculture sector so that we can progress in this field and can become self-reliant.

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