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Commonwealth



COMMON WEALTH:

- ⇒ Commonwealth is the name of an international organization.
- ⇒ The head of this organization is Queen Elizabeth II.
- ⇒ "This organization is also called as intergovernmental organization"
- ⇒ Sometimes it is called as organization of like-minded peoples with "common way of life"

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK:

The total members of this organization are 54 in numbers including United Kingdom.

- The member states are not bound to join it or withdraw from it. The member states are from different races, cultures, traditions and from different economical backgrounds but all share a common language, to some extent, similar administrative as well as judicial systems. Almost all the members of this organization were once the colonies of Britain. This organization

has certain principles although it has no constitutional structure and those principles are the foundation of democracy, law, individual liberty, free trade, human rights and multilateralism. All the member state work with each other within frame work of these principles.

IMPORTANCE FOR MEMBER COUNTRIES:-

- If any commonwealth member country wants to promote its economy then this forum may prove helpful.
- For the development of the countries in economic and social sectors, the organization, secretariat provides technical assistance to the govt of the respective country.
- Commonwealth ~~secretary~~ Secretary-General is called the ~~head~~ head of ~~secretariat~~ secretariat.
- Central agency of common wealth maintain interaction and cooperation among member states.

PAKISTAN AND COMMONWEALTH:

→ Pakistan is also one of the commonwealth one is one of the countries who got freedom from the British rule.

→ Pakistan emerged as an independent state on 14th August 1947. → After independence Pakistan as well India became member of Commonwealth.

→ There are two groups of people who give their opinion regarding the membership of Pakistan in commonwealth.

→ One school of thought had the opinion that Pakistan should have joined the commonwealth because Pakistan rejected Monarchy as its Governor-General while India accepted his offer.

→ So India would have more good relations with commonwealth than Pakistan and if any issue arise among these two, the Indian will likely favour India.

→ Second school of thought has the opinion that Pakistan should not withdraw from it because the problems that Pakistan is facing can be solved through this platform. They have the opinion that

on the forum every country is considered equal and many issues with India and th other countries can be solved on this platform on the basis of equality

→ Historically, the first school of thought poses its point of view through unimpaired or atleast far behind then

the required role of commonwealth is the solution of kashmir problem. The

→ United Nation and commonwealth could not give substantial results on many long standing issues between both the neighbours

→ The right of self-determination had not been given to the people of kashmir and they are still oppressed and persecuted by Indian Government.

In case of Ex-Italian colonies and Palestine, the attitude of certain members were shocking for Pakistan as well as for muslim world.

→ From these examples an opinion has developed that membership of commonwealth have not been much worthwhile.

→ From second school of thought, Pakistan can get benefice through this forum with practical approach.

→ Pakistan can get security, development and financial help from this forum.

⇒ So it can be concluded that membership of this forum can be used for better results if careful and uniform free diplomacy is practiced.

⇒ In fact, there were many ups and downs between the Commonwealth and Pakistan.

⇒ History vindicates that the fact that in 1974 when Pakistan withdrew from this organization it was loss and it face severe consequences.

⇒ In 1989 it rejoined the organization and till now, it has been the member of this organization except a brief period of suspension following the declaration of emergency by the Dictator General Musharraf.

⇒ So above all the points explains that the role of Pakistan and the relation of Pakistan and Commonwealth is very important.