

# DANGER OF POPULATION EXPLOSION IN THE ASIAN REGION AND THE RAPID EXPLOITATION OF RESOURCES

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## ABSTRACT

This historical and descriptive study was designed to see whether the possible danger of population explosion in the Asian Region and particularly in Pakistan can be diffused through rapid exploitation of resources. The stress was laid on the following topics:-

1. Historical perspective of population growth in the world.
2. The condition in Pakistan.
3. The present state of resources and to see the possibility of solving the problem by rapidly exploiting the resources.

After discussing the situation in the Asian Region and particularly in Pakistan following suggestions were given to overcome the situation in an effective manner:

1. Measures should be taken to conserve different biological species, cropland, water and energy resources.
2. New resources should be exploited.
3. Alternative resources of energy, such as water, wind, biological and solar energy can be put into use.
4. Tree planting must be increased.
5. Modern methods of farming should be introduced.
6. Importance should be given to spread the education even in the remotest areas and the female education needs special attention.
7. World community should take steps to stabilize population at levels which will permit improvements in the quality of life.

## INTRODUCTION

Tremendous increase in world population is a major topic of discussion and debate today. Despite of differences in race, religion and socio-economic conditions, the people of the world are greatly worried about tremendous increase in population. The condition of the world is that more than sixty five (65) million people are annually added to the world population (Siddiqui, S.A. at al. 1990, p. 37). This growth is more prominent in Asia, Africa and Latin America. For example the correct rate of growth in most of the South Asian countries is 2.0 percent. In contrast, zero population growth has been achieved in Europe, U.S.A. USSR, Canada and Japan (UNESCO, 1975 pp. 6-23).