

Q2. Critically analyze the lack of development as backward linkage for Extremism in India. (250 W)

Ans. Extremism refers to holding of extreme political or religious views.

India is facing key challenges related to extremism and lack of development is one of the key cause for spreading of extremism.

Development & Extremism:-

- Naxalism which is a radical left wing movement has a backward linkage of lack of development.
- India is land of diversity clubbed with disparities, <sup>which</sup> all often become a cause of spreading of extremism.
- Extremism is spreading rapidly in the tribal and forest areas of our country, because the benefits of these areas are being exploited by outsiders by

threatening the livelihood opportunities of the natives. This has led to extremism gaining roots in the region.

→ It is ~~is~~ said that red corridor spreading in different parts of the areas of Telangana, Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal because these region lacks development and performs poorly in human resource development indices.

→ Similar is the story of the areas of North-East, lack of development has led to extremism.

Lack of development is a major factor in spread of extremism but there are some other factors as well which are responsible for the spread of extremism in our country to a great extent.

Other Factors -

- (1) Lack of governance - Governance is mainly concerned the significant issue as that lack a long term strategic perspective. Government bodies give importance only to industrialization and not to the people living in tribal areas and they have been denied their constitutional rights and justice and it became the reason for spread of extremism.
- (2) One of the major social issue is of education. These people are lacking primary education and once the population is literate and well educated, they will be

able to think logically and do not involve violent actions.

- (3) Political deprivation leading to hopelessness or a sense of powerlessness.
- (4) Socio-economic inequities, unemployment, despair about the future.
- (5) Long festering political disputes

#### CONCLUSION -

Hence, it can be said that lack of development can be a significant factor for spread of extremism but not a sole reason for spread of extremism.