

Q. Critically analyze the link of development as backward linkage for extremism in India. (250 w)

Ans - Extremism is regarded as holding of extreme political or religious views. India is facing major challenges due to extremism and lack of development is one of the key cause. It is outside normal attitudes of society interrupting moral standards.

Extremism and Development

India is land of diversities alongwith disparities which often become cause of spreading extremism. Nazalism has backward link with lack of development and is radical left wing movement. Red corridor spans in

areas of Telangana, Odisha, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, poorly performing in human resource development activities. Being energy rich regions, benefits exploited by outsiders threatening natives' livelihood opportunities. As a result extremism gained roots. Following are development deficit in LWE areas-

① Health, education, other services

Lack of basic quality services deteriorates further the already poor community.

② Infrastructure - Mostly remote areas & interior forest lacking proper transportation, electricity etc.

③ Administrative, political neglect - Administrators display apathetic behaviour, lack of political integration.

④ Being rich in resources (coal, iron etc) many heavy industries are attracted, exploiting labour and local people's agriculture.

⑤ Land reforms deprive them ownership of land which is their most important asset.

But apart from development there are other causes too of LWE which are-

(i) Marxist agenda of armed overthrowing of states

(ii) One grievance is denial of forest rights.

(iii) Socio-cultural isolation leading to feeling of alienation

among people of LWE areas.

- (iv) Maoist want to establish communist ideology instead of parliamentary democracy in country's governance.
- (v) Khalistan movement was based on ethnic identity.

Thus, development may be a significant factor but not a sole reason for spread of extremism. Most basic ideology is bone of contention.