



Why Elected Local Govt. System is Necessary?

10 Questions & 10 Answers

1. Is Local Govt. System mandatory for Provinces?

Yes! Article 140-A of the Constitution of Pakistan legally binds each provincial government to establish a local government system and transfer political, administrative and fiscal responsibilities to these elected bodies. Without timely elections, provinces are effectively operating in violation of this constitutional injunction.

2 How Local Govt. System Strengthens Democracy?

An elected local government system deepens democratic culture. It increases political participation among ordinary citizens. People learn democratic values through voting, accountability and public debate at the local level. It creates future political leadership by giving young politicians administrative experience. Many national leaders first gained experience in local governments.

3. How Local Govt. System improved Public Service Delivery?

When citizens lack direct access to an elected representative for localized issues; such as water supply, sanitation street and roads repairs, the system of governance falters. Elected Local governments act as the first tier of state functioning, making service delivery more efficient and responsive to immediate community needs.

4. What is the main benefit of elected local govts.?

The main benefit of elected local govts is their closeness to citizens, which allows them to be much more responsive to improving local services such as waste management, water supply, sewerage and street lights etc. Decisions regarding municipal issues are best handled by the elected representatives who live in the community.

5. Does Local Govt. System strengthen citizens participation?

Local elections enable ordinary citizens and marginalized groups—including women, peasants, youth and minorities, as guaranteed under Article 32 of the Constitution—to participate directly in decision-making. This moves the country away from a top-down, bureaucratic approach to governance, placing power directly in the hands of the electorate at grassroots level.

6. Does Local Govt. System improve Direct Accountability?

Yes! Local representatives remain directly answerable to the people living in their area. Citizens can easily monitor their performance. Local representatives, such as Union Council Chairmen, live in the neighborhoods they serve, meaning voters can hold them immediately accountable for their performance.



7. Does Local Govt. System bring Government Closer to the People?

Yes! Local governments operate at the grassroots level, making it easier for citizens to communicate their problems directly to elected representatives. Residents can raise their municipal issues without depending entirely on provincial authorities. Decision-making becomes faster because local officials better understand local needs.

8. Does it reduce burden on the Judiciary and provincial governments?

Yes! Empowering local governments eases the burden on higher tiers of government and the judicial system. Local disputes, municipal issues and community development plans are resolved swiftly at the local level rather than overloading provincial governments.

9. Is elected Local Govt. System faster and ensures more efficient Service Delivery?

The elected local bodies respond quickly to everyday civic problems and efficiently manage: Garbage collection, Sewerage systems, Local roads, Parks, Birth and death registration and public health services. Without elected local governments, even small problems often require approval from provincial departments, causing delays.

10. Why non-elected LG system needs replacement with Elected system?

Elected local gov't system shifts administrative power away from non-elected civil servants and places government functions under the direct supervision of local elected representatives who better understand the development priorities of their areas and know these realities better than provincial officials.

Let us join Hands!

for a robust elected local government system in Punjab to bridge democratic deficits, gap between citizens and the state, decentralize bureaucratic power and ensure equitable resource distribution at grassroots level.

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