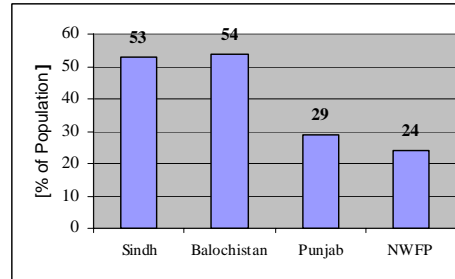


LIST OF GRIEVANCES OF SINDH

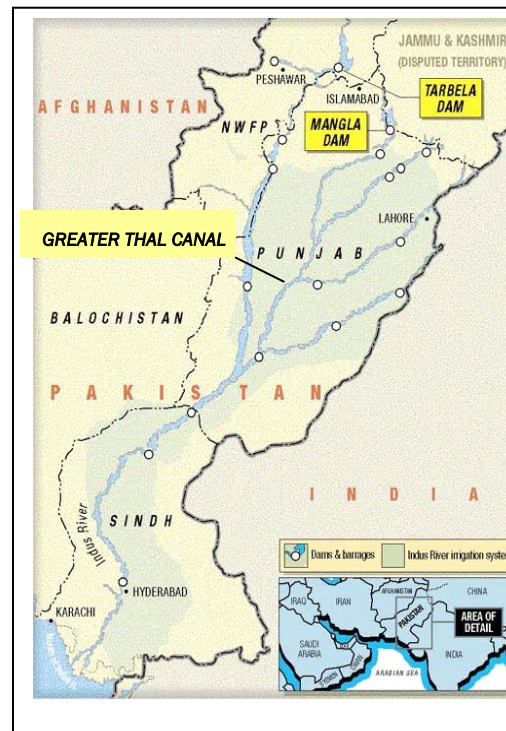
- ❖ Karachi was separated and made the capital of Pakistan, and it remained under federal exploitation till 1971.
- ❖ Forced migration of Sindhi Hindus from Sindh. Sindh was deprived of its educated and skilled middle classes.
- ❖ The allotment of the evacuated properties and the most fertile agricultural lands near *Gudu* and *Kotri* Barrage to immigrants from India and to the retired military and civil bureaucrats.
- ❖ The formation of One Unit, which resulted in the total abolition of statehood for all the provinces. This was done just to deny equal sharing of resources to Province of Bengal and other smaller provinces.
- ❖ Continuous migration from Punjab and other provinces. Official re-settlements of *Biharis* from Bangladesh, and *Afghanis*. Additionally, the construction of *Tarbela* and *Rawal* Dams caused a great influx of immigrants from NWFP and Punjab to Sindh.
- ❖ Forced Islamization and denial of indigenous cultures and Sufi traditions. State controlled media and school curricula popularize Islamic heroes and preach Pan-Islamicism and Two-Nation Theory, which is against the grain of Sindhi people.
- ❖ State sponsored dominance of the Urdu language and total negligence of the indigenous languages, literature and heritage.
- ❖ Direct or indirect military rule or the 'governor rule' throughout the 56 years of so-called freedom.
- ❖ Hundreds of Sindhis killed by the state agencies in 1983 and 1986 during the campaigns for Movement of Restoration of Democracy. Also massacres of Balochs were carried out in 1947 and 1973, and Bengalis in 1970-71.
- ❖ Repeated federal dismissal of elected assemblies of Sindh and other provinces in 1992, 1995, 1998 and 1999. Military installed the current 'civilian' government of 2002.
- ❖ State engineered civil wars among various communities in Sindh. Total negligence of law and order in Sindh, resulting in the paralysis of civic life.
- ❖ Unfair allocation of funds for Sindh. Sindh contributes 57% to the federal revenues and gets only 14% back.
- ❖ Continued efforts for the construction of Greater Thal Canal, Kalabagh Dam, which have been disapproved by three provincial assemblies.

- ❖ Manipulations of population census figures.
- ❖ The construction of Asia's largest military cantonments in Sindh.
- ❖ Spending more than 70% of total budget on defense and debt servicing.
- ❖ Unequal water distribution that has damaged Sindh's agriculture.

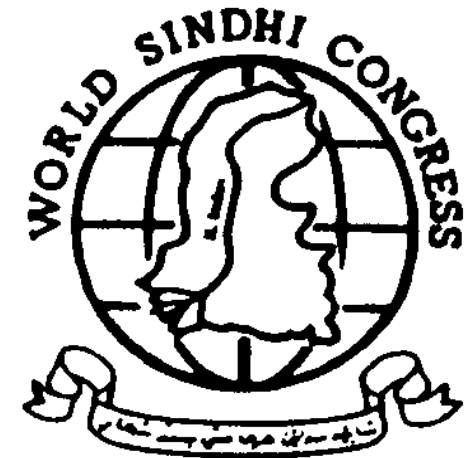
'Poverty Rate' Comparison among the Provinces of Pakistan*



*Source *The Dawn*, Sept 25th, 2002, Reference to Asian Development Bank.



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OUR OBJECTIVES

- To create a better understanding among the international community about the disadvantaged status of Sindhis in Pakistan and about Sindhi people's struggles for their human rights, including the right of self-determination.
- To advocate and support all organizations working on human rights, sustainable development, equal rights for women and religious minorities, as well as conflict resolution and peaceful initiatives in Sindh.
- To raise awareness amongst the people of Sindh about sustainable development, appropriate technology involved in agriculture, possible trade and commerce, equal rights for women and minorities, and human rights.

Means of creating such awareness include, but not limited to, organizing seminars; publishing newsletters, reports and research papers; working with media, non-governmental organizations, academicians, and other conscientious individuals.

- To promote and encourage the association of Sindhis living throughout the world.
- To promote awareness of Indus Valley Civilization through out the World.
- To establish an international body to promote Sindhi culture and language and preserve Sindhi heritage.

OUR ACTIVITIES

- Participate in UN Human Rights Commission and other UN organized forums.
- Publish human rights reports and brochures and distributed them to various UN forums, EU, US officials and various academic forums, and to various print and electronic media.
- Publishing of a newsletter called 'The Sindh Perchar'.
- Organize International conferences on Sindh in US, UK and Sindh. Ten conferences have been organized so far (1994-2003)
- Collaborate with various international human rights groups on issues related to South Asia and other regions of the world.
- Maintain an education web site.

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