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Economics

Development

Question 1.

Explain with reasons why state of Punjab with a very high per capita income has a low literacy rate.

Answer:

Per capita income is not a useful criterion at all to measure the human development ranking of a state. High per capita income is not the only attribute to a good quality life. Money cannot buy all the essential things required for a good life.

This can be seen in the case of Punjab which has a very high per capita income but a low literacy rate. Having money in one's pocket cannot buy all the goods and services that we need to live well. Money cannot ensure education and literacy. Another reason for low literacy rate in Punjab could be the lack of free and compulsory educational facilities. The government needs to open more schools and provide other facilities so that all children have a chance to study.

Pollution-free atmosphere to ensure good health, protection from infectious diseases, lowering of mortality rate, promotion of literacy, etc. are essential for a good standard of living. In order to achieve these, joint efforts have to be made by all members of a community, be it rich or poor. Question 2.

Why do different individuals have different as well as conflicting notions of developmental goals?

Answer:

(1) Different individuals have different as well as conflicting notions of developmental goals because life situations of persons are different. People seek things that are most important for them. These things can fulfil their aspirations, desires or needs.

(2) Certainly, different persons can have different developmental goals. For example, landless agricultural labourers may expect more days of work and better wages. Prosperous farmers may want a high family income through higher support prices for their crops. People belonging to Scheduled Castes want higher income, social equality, increase in job opportunities, Quality education and better health facilities.

(3) It is also true that sometimes these goals may be conflicting. For example, industrialists may want more dams to get more electricity. While tribals and farmers may resent this as it may submerge their land and disrupt their lives. They may prefer small check dams or tanks to irrigate their land.

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