

Q3 → How population is related to economic development? Discuss it in an Indian context.

Introduction:

India and many other Third world countries are now passing through the phase of population explosion. It is being argued that this situation has arisen because economic development in these countries has failed to maintain pace with population growth.

Population and Economic Development

The population explosion is a concrete reality in India and its implications are considered to be serious for the future economic development of the country. In India the country's existing population is an obstacle to economic development, considering the available utilisable resources and the level of a technological process.

Population Projections

Year	Population Cr.	Period	Average Annual Growth Rate
2001	102.90		
2006	111.37	2002-07	1.63
2011	179.44	2007-12	2.41
2016	126.75	2012-17	1.20

Population growth and the Declining man Ratio:

In the first place, it is asserted that the pressure of population on land has been steadily increasing and with it land-man ratio is becoming increasingly adverse. Thus, in return is providing to be a serious obstacle to development.

Population growth and capital Formation:

The other argument which find extensive support in academic as well as non-academic circles is that rapidly growing population makes increasing demand on resources for unproductive purposes.