

## ***Social Development precedes Economic Development or vice versa***

### **Social Development:**

“Social development is a process which results in the transformation of social structure in a manner which improves the capacity of the society to fulfill its aspirations.”

**(Or)**

“Social development refers to an alteration in the social order of a social group or society; a change in the nature, social institutions, social behaviours or social relations of a society.”

### **Economic Development:**

“Economic development is the qualitative measure of progress in an economy. It refers to development and adoption of new technologies, transition from agricultural based to industrial based economy and general improvement in living standards.”

**(Or)**

“Economic development is the process whereby an economy’s real national income increases over a long period of time.”

When there is social development in the country, the following factors exist which in result bring economic development. These factors include:

#### **1. Education:**

Social development aims at ensuring high literacy rate in the country. As all of us know that education is the third eye of a man. It is the only weapon by which one can fight and win the battle of life. It is considered an essential element of economic development. Because educated not only make their lifestyle better but also provide highly qualified manpower to the country. These educated people will get better opportunities of employment which will give rise to the national income, hence, economic development will occur in result.

Not only this, education also helps to remove many social evils like poverty, social injustice, child labour, etc. and provides resources and opportunities to underprivileged classes for upward social mobility and social inclusion.

#### **2. Health Facilities:**

Social development ensures good health facilities to all the individuals of the country. When the people are healthy, they can enjoy their life in a perfect manner and can use all their energies and potentials for the development of their nation. As a famous proverb says, sound

body has a sound mind. These healthy people can work actively and can prove to be an efficient labour force for the economic development of their country.

### **3. Infrastructure:**

The basic facilities, services and installations needed for the functioning of a community, such as transportation and communication systems, water and power lines, public institutions including schools, hospitals, post office and prisons and roads, dams, bridges, etc, all are known as the basic infrastructures of a country.

Social development aims at ensuring good quality infrastructure in the country in order to improve living standard of the people and to grow the economy to the global level. In this way trade and other economic activities will increase and, hence, economic development will take place.

### **4. Inventions:**

Social development promotes inventions which are the master key towards economic development. As inventions are a part of technology and every invention leads us towards development, for example, cars and mobile phones are the impacts of social development which bring economic development in result. Not only this, inventions also make human labour and capital goods more productive.

### **5. Discovery and Proper Use of Natural Resources:**

Another objective of social development is the discovery and proper use of natural resources which help to grow the economy and to increase the production and per capita income of the country. When there is greater production and higher per capita income, the rate of economic development will automatically be accelerated.

### **6. Social Security:**

Social development ensures social security or provision of social welfare services to various helpless or deserving sections of the society like orphan, destitute or street children, widows, old aged and disabled persons etc. so that these people may also live a better life. It enables them to stand over and also to participate in different economic activities and, hence, in the economic development of their country.

### **7. Attitudes of the People:**

Attitudes of the people are the basic factor that can bring change in the economic field and can lead it towards development. Hence, social development brings positive changes in the behaviours of the people by eliminating conflicts, broadening their vision and improving social relations. Thus people become liberal, readily accept new changes (discoveries, inventions and

new methods of production) and use all their resources, time and energies in the constructive activities which ultimately increase the rate of economic development.

## **8. Political Stability:**

Social development promotes political stability. So when there is political stability, dedicated and efficient leadership and no corruption in the country, the development projects will get complete. Not only this, more and more local and foreign investment could also be done which will accelerate the rate of economic development of the country in result.