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Exploding Population – A Negative Impact on Natural Environment



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Human being, being the topmost sensible species of the world has unique ability to identify and assess problems. Not only that, it has also unique capability to invent various devices to solve problems. But very unfortunately, it fails to cope adequately with its tremendous growth rate which is one of the major obstacles for protecting our natural environment. Population growth rate and its adverse impact may differ from country to country depending upon country's socio-economic infrastructure. Situation is acute in case of low income countries. Illiteracy, unemployment, poverty, crime, pollution especially soil and water pollution, are the signs of over population.

Ever-growing population needs more and more housing as well as industrial and farm productions. To meet their growing demand, more and more natural or forest lands are needed for urban expansion, industrial development and also for agricultural production. All these activities are responsible for climate change and, consequently, for environmental deterioration. Moreover, increasing population and their abuse of beautiful landscape, unwise and unauthorized development activities generate a huge volume of waste products and sewage which also pollute the environment. Frequent happening of natural calamities and after that unwise handling or mismanagement of hazardous impact are also playing an important role in degrading the environment. Therefore modern world is now facing a series of serious environmental problems in different ways. However this paper deals with the negative impact of over-population on natural resources which is responsible for degradation of the environmental ecosystem.

A nation can protect her natural environment by creating job facilities, eradicating poverty, decreasing illiteracy rate, minimizing crime, and controlling population growth rate. But to cope with these problems common people of a country should be educated properly, giving due importance to geosciences knowledge and how to apply that knowledge for environmental protection. It is also

necessary to make them understand how their unwise and unauthorized activities pollute the environment. And, once the environment is polluted then it becomes a big threat for their health as well as for their national production, industrial and agricultural, which lower national economic growth and consequently their living standard.

