

URBANISATION IN CALIFORNIA.

Urbanisation refers to the process of growth and development of towns, cities and urban areas.

California is with numerous urban centres, cities and towns which have developed due to many factors and these towns include Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento, Fresno etc.

FUNCTION OF URBAN AREAS.

- ✓ Act as industrial centres because of industries.
- ✓ Act as administrative centres because of parliament, offices.
- ✓ Act as communication centres because of developed transport networks systems.
- ✓ Act as medical centres because of modern Health care centers eg hospitals.
- ✓ Act as education centres because of universities, colleges, school.
- ✓ Act as tourism centres because of tourism attractions like museums.
- ✓ Act as commercial centres because of shopping malls.
- ✓ Act as entertainment centres because of stadiums, cinema halls.
- ✓ Act as accommodation centres because of five star hotels.

SAN FRANCISCO.

The city is located on the Pacific ocean coast on the west coast of USA at the river confluence of river Sacramento and San Joaquin. San Francisco enjoyed such an excellent and good geographical location site.

The part has grown into an industrial centres and an urban centres with numerous industries such as oil refining due to oil deposits, chemical engineering industries.

LOS ANGELES.

The city is located in the southern coast of California to the Pacific ocean and it is the second largest industrial town with many industries such as ship building, engineering industries, chemical industries, food processing industries.

FACTORS OR CONDITIONS WHICH HAVE FAVOURED THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF URBAN AREAS IN CALIFORNIA.

Physical factors.

* presence of large water bodies around California e.g Pacific ocean which provides water used in urban areas for industrial and domestic use.

* Presence of favourable climatic conditions in California e.g ice free seasons which attract settlements in these urban areas.

* Presence of numerous rivers in California e.g Sacramento, Colorado which help to generate HEP used in Los Angeles e.g San Francisco, San Diego etc.

* Large extensive land in California e.g in Hollywood which is used to set up infrastructures like roads in Urban centres and for expansion of urban areas.

Human factors.

* Skilled labour in California e.g town administrators who have helped to do work in these urban areas.

* Sufficient capital in California e.g from government and investors which has been used to pay workers, taxes and developed urban areas.

* Efficient and reliable transport networks in California e.g helicopters, roads which are used to transport people in Urban centres e.g San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco.

* Favourable and supportive government policy in California e.g tax holiday which have helped to attract investors and market to urban areas.

* Presence of wide and ready market in California e.g domestic and international levels eg Europe, Asia which has helped to buy products of industries in urban areas.

* Advanced and modern technology in California e.g underground trains, helicopters which have simplified work in Urban centres.

* Sufficient power supply in California e.g HEP generated from rivers like r.sacramento, Colorado which is used for domestic and industrial purposes in Urban centres.

* Political stability in California e.g police that keep law and order which has attracted investors and market to urban areas.

CONTRIBUTIONS/IMPORTANCE/BENEFITS OF URBANISATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF CALIFORNIA.

* It has provided employment opportunities to the people of California e.g administrators which has earned them income.

* It has generated revenue to the government of California which has been used to development infrastructures like roads, schools and hospitals.

* Urbanisation has promoted infrastructural developments in California e.g school roads which have improved standards of living in California.

* Urbanisation has promoted international relations between California with others like Europe Asia which has helped to promote peace and unity in the region.

* It has provided market to others sectors in California e.g agricultural industry,tourism which has helped others sectors earn income for development.

* It has promoted education and research e.g Universities and colleges in California which has helped students to acquire knowledge and skills about urban planning Field.

PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES FACED BY URBAN AREAS IN CALIFORNIA.

*Unfavorable climatic conditions e.g winter which interrupts daily activities hence limiting production.

* High costs of transport in California e.g helicopters which is expensive to construct and maintain hence high spending urban centres.

* Limited skilled labour in urban centres this has made work and production difficult in California..

* Unsupportive government policy e.g high taxation in California which has discouraged investors and market in Urban centres.

* Occurrence of accidents especially road accidents in California which has caused injuries and death.

* Political instability especially threats from terrorists discourage investors and market.

* Labour migration to other sectors e.g fishing which has slowed and discouraged the development of Urban areas.

* Low levels of technology e.g duplicated machinery which make work and production difficult in film making sector.

WAYS OF IMPROVING OR SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS FACED BY URBAN AREAS IN CALIFORNIA

*Mechanisation such as use of machines should be used to solve the problem of shortage of skilled labour.

* Putting traffic regulations to minimize the occurrence of accidents.

*Construction of modern transport networks to easy the transportation of people.

*Modern advertisements to attract Investors to develop urban areas.

*Use of advanced technology to solve the problem of low levels of technology.

* Improvement on workers conditions in Urban areas to solve the problem of labor migration.

PROBLEM RESULTING OR CAUSED BY URBAN AREAS TO THE HUMAN AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT IN CALIFORNIA

Problems on the Human environment.

✓ Accidents occurrence during rush hours leads to injuries and loss of lives.

✓Labour migration in other sectors leading to labor shortage in other sectors eg fishing.

✓ rural urban migration which leads to over population in the urban towns.

✓ Displacement of people leading to creation of unplanned settlements eg slums.

✓ Regional imbalance in the country which leaves Urban towns more developed than other town.

✓ urban related problems like prostitution which increase high crime rates in industrial towns.

A SKETCH MAP OF URBAN AREAS IN CALIFORNIA.

