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Summary:

The problem of food and energy crisis is becoming a global concern. The reasons for this problem are overpopulation, lack of funds for development of new and efficient energy resources, corruption, hoarding and poor supply chain and man management. The possible answer to the problem is population control, lending monetary support to nations for development of efficient fuel resources to meet the energy demands. Corruption should be stopped. Hoarding should be prevented and land allocation for the purpose of vegetation should be done. All in all a combined and dedicated effort on the global front is the need of the hour.

Essay:

A wise mathematician once said, “The problem with every problem is not in the difficulty in finding the solution but in finding and understanding the problem itself”. Therefore I start by analyzing the problem.

In today’s world, food and energy has become a major cause of concern. The reason for this is different in different countries. In most of the developing countries, the problem is their huge population and the consequential high consumption of resources. The other problem is that of funds: funds for better and more efficient means of engaging their resources, without adversely affecting the environment.

In several other countries, the problem is that of hoarding. Looking deeper into the problem of hoarding, we can see that it arises due to various reasons. One major reason being faulty logistics handling, which in turn breeds out of a deficient and inadequate supply chain. This condition is known as “artificial scarcity” in economic terms. Corrupt suppliers hold back a good share of the goods and prevent them from entering the market. This gives the illusion that there is a scarcity of goods in the economy and as a result, the goods in the market are sold at a much higher rate. This is the illegal profit that these suppliers make by selling their goods at a later date with the price being high.

So, in order for the society to improve its well being, it has to overcome and eradicate these ills of the economic market. Firstly, population has to be controlled. For that, issues of family planning need to be dealt with more openness and awareness. The developed nations should lend a helping hand to their developing and underdeveloped counterparts in terms of energy and funds. The recently accomplished nuclear deal is a good headway in this direction. Use of nuclear energy solves a major portion of the energy crisis that the country faces. It is an efficient source of energy. The recent focus on Green energy is another step towards a cleaner and efficient mode of energy.

The problem of hoarding has to be looked into by the central government and other responsible players in the logistics market. Corruption needs to be stopped by directing heavy fines towards offenders or even banning them from the economic front. Supply chains under various logistics firms need to be well maintained, efficient and reliable. Employment of officials should be done on the basis of talent as well as passion for work. Corruption breeds out of those who don't love the work they are doing or are not satisfied by their employment returns and therefore seek other means of income and resort to unfair and corrupt ways. This proves costly, not only for their firms but for the economy on the whole. In times of crisis, the government should step up as in a mixed economy and exercise control over the market and regularize the economy and not allow the situation to blow out of proportion.

Food still remains a major concern. The reason for the problem is the same. As a solution however, we have to look into various ways of reallocating land for agricultural purposes. Reckless felling of trees and green lands in order to accommodate the ever-increasing population has to be stopped.

In the end, we can take solace in the fact that all is not lost yet. With the combined efforts of all dedicated people we can make a difference and slowly but surely resurrect our society and meet the food and energy crisis.