

ABSTRACT

Industry is the backbone of the economy of any country. Pakistan had negligible industry at the time of partition in 1947. Initiatives were taken to promote industry gradually. During first two decades of its existence, growth of industry was despondent. After that, it got a smooth passage for development. Lahore is one of the industrialized cities of Pakistan. Analysis of decadal industrial growth of Lahore is portraying rise and fall of its industrial development from 1947 to 2010. Gradual rise was observed in industrial growth in every decade from 1941 to 2000. In the latest decade, a decline was observed in industrial growth. Industrial growth was also observed along two major roads Raiwind Road and Multan Road since 1947. Pattern of industrial Growth was irregular. Industrial development was slow during first four decades 1941-1980 along Raiwind road. After that, major development of industry occurred. Gradual rise was observed along Raiwind Road till 2010. Industry is still developing with regular pace along Raiwind Road. Industrial growth also remained developing along Multan Road during every decade till 2000. During last decade 2001-2010, a decline was observed in industrial growth along Multan Road. In recent era; industry is going down due to terrorism, energy crises, and lack of interest of government. It had worse impacts on the environment and resulted in water pollution, air pollution. Temporal analysis of landuse of Raiwind and Multan Roads, Lahore, depicts the sharp contrast of conversion of vegetation cover into built up area in a decade (2000-2010). It is highly evident of the growth of industry along Raiwind and Multan Roads, Lahore. Government should developed green belts in Lahore to counter industrial impacts on environment.