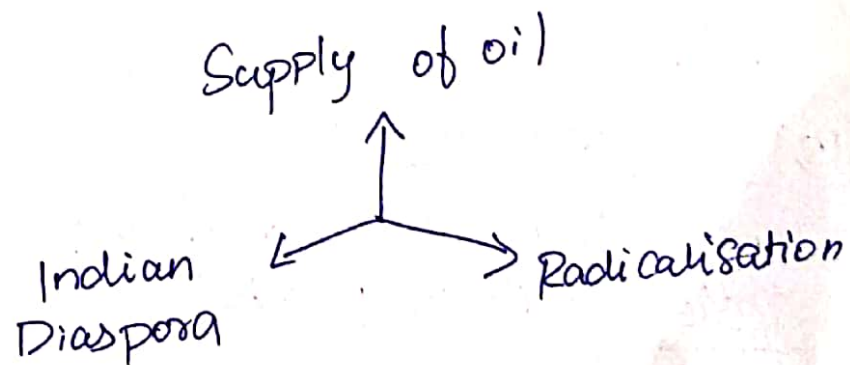


The Indian Government should keep a wary eye on developments in the Gulf, impending West-Asian crisis and make its own pre-
parations. Analyse

USA killing of Gen. Soleimani of Iran military force has escalated into war-
like situation in West-Asia. It has affected the oil prices globally and particularly India as it has to balance both USA & West-Asia relations.

Development in the Gulf and its Impact



i> Supply of oil

- Iraq being India's largest oil importer and India imports almost 80% of oil for domestic use, it has huge implications.
- Further it will lead to current account deficit

- Inflation may go high and affecting Overall India's economy

ii) Indian diaspora

- Large number of Indian diaspora is in Persian Gulf.
- India has consider the safety of them & conduct evacuation operation if needed
- Plus it will affects India's remittance as the regions almost contributes to 56-1% of total remittance

iii) Radicalisation

- Possibility of radicalisation of Shia muslims in India

iv) Infrastructure project:

- Construction of Chabahar port & INSTC project will be affected

Preparedness

- Reach out to Venezuela & USA for oil supply
- Prepare for evacuation strategy
- Use India's soft power to mediate b/w USA & west-Asian countries to de-escalate the issue

In this turbulent situation, India must actively lead & reach out to common nations to reduce the impact and enhance its role in world order.