

Prof. Gunnar Myrdal maintains that economic development results in a circular causation process leading to rapid ~~development~~ while development of developed countries the weaker countries tend to remain behind and poor. Myrdal believes that international and interregional economic relations in practice involve unequal exchange in the sense that ~~the~~ strong always exploits the weak. ~~It does~~ He describes the backwash effect of migration, capital movement and trade, ^{as a cause of} ~~in~~ ^{backwardness of the} ~~or backward~~ region. The main cause

of backwardness and regional disparity has been attributed to strong backwash effect and the weak spread effect.

Backwash effect :-

The negative effect on an underdeveloped region that results from economic growth in a more developed region. This can include migration of people from UDC to DC, capital outflow from UDC, and decreasing tax base for UDCs.

Spread effect

The positive effect of development that spread out from prosperous region to less developed region. This includes the movement of investment, innovation and economic institution from the more developed region to the less developed region.

The inequality between regions emerges when backwash effect $>$ spread effect. Developed regions are experiencing faster rate of growth at the cost of backward region. Income earned by developed region are never reinvested in poor region but is repatriated to developed sectors/areas leading to more development in these areas. The spread

effect continues to become stronger in developed countries however its magnitude is insignificant compared to the strength of the backwash effect experienced by the under developed regions. The two effects never settle in equilibrium condition

As to him if market forces are left free, economic activities which give a higher than average return in developing economy as well as cultural activities would tend to cluster in certain localities or regions due to increasing benefits of internal and external economies. The rest of the country would remain in backwater. Myrdal was convinced that market forces lead to deepening of interregional differences i.e. the rich regions are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer.

Market mechanism will not bring equality between regions but will increase inequality. contention is that - the free play of market forces and operation of profit in system normally tends to increase

inequality between regions