

THE LAND OF PAKISTAN

➤ **DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WARM AND COLD WATER CURRENT:**

Those **currents** that flow from the Equator towards the poles are **warmer** than the surrounding **water** and so they are called **warm currents**. The **ocean currents** that flow from the polar areas towards the Equator are cooler compared to the surrounding **water**, so they are called **cold currents**.

➤ **EROSIONAL AND DEPOSITIONAL FEATURES MADE BY RIVER IN ITS DIFFERENT STAGES:**

- **FEATURES FORMED BY RIVER EROSION:**
 - a) **Land forms: (V –shaped valleys)**A stream or river that flows quickly down a steep slope erodes its bed rapidly eventually result in the formation of a deep v shaped valley.
 - b) **River features: (Waterfalls)** Where a river flows over alternate bands of hard and soft rocks a waterfall may form and that waterfall erode the river bed more quickly than the river bank.
- **FEATURES FORMED BY BOTH RIVER EROSION AND DEPOSITION:(Meanders)** Bends in the course of a river are called meanders. The river is always working at a meander eroding and depositing. The current in a river flows in a straight lines.

➤ **FORMATION OF LANDFORMS BY EROSION,TRANSPORTATION AND DEPOSITION:**

- a) **EROSION:** The processes by which the earth's surface is worn away by rivers, ice, the sea and the wind. It involves three main processes;
 - 1. **Hydraulic action:** Cracking and widening in the rocks and lossens fragments.
 - 2. **Corrasion:** The fragments themselves become smoother and smaller as their corners are worn off by eroding the river beds and banks.

3. Corrosion/Solution: Dissolving of some types of rocks, e.g.
LIMESTONE

b) TRANSPORTATION: The material eroded by the river forms the river's load. There are 4 main ways in which a river moves its load.

1. Traction: Large stones or boulders in the river's load are rolled along the river bed.

2. Saltation: Bouncing or hopping of fragments of rocks along the river bed.

3. Suspension: Fine particles of silt and clay in the river's load float in the water and they are suspended in water.

3. Solution: The rocks which have been dissolved in water are carried along in solution.

c) DEPOSITION: A river drops its load i.e. deposits it along its course due to a decrease in the river velocity and a decrease in the river's volume.

➤ **FACTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GROWTH OF A DELTA:**

The conditions necessary for the formation of a delta are:

- The river must carry a large load
- The river must deposit its load faster than the sediment and it can be carried away by currents and tides in the sea.