

1. Politician-Administrator-Businessman nexus is leading to decay of administrative institutions in India. Elaborate along with steps needed to overcome it.

(250 words)

Answer:

Corruption doesn't occur primarily, because there's a "lack of an independent, empowered, anticorruption institution". The real reasons include a neoliberal policy regime that encourages privatization of common property resources through sweetheart deals and a politician-bureaucrat-businessman nexus; the rise of greedy entrepreneurs; an increasingly compromised civil service; poorly monitored public service delivery; and a dysfunctional justice delivery system. Politician-administrator-businessman nexus is an idea which is a brainchild of the elite theory in political science which talks about how the class of wealthy and powerful gets to control and exploit the wealth and resources of the country for their own benefit thereby marginalizing the masses.

This idea acquired parlance in India primarily in the socialist era when license raj and contractor raj dominated the scenes. The situation however improved marginally with the advent of LPG but off-late, it had again captured the consciousness of the masses in view of the multiple scams and numerous allegations of corruption leveled and also proved against various politicians and bureaucrats. Inquiries at various levels have brought to fore how laws are made, twisted and also broken for the benefit of the ruling class. This is a state of serious concern and needs to be tackled at various levels.

The constitution of the lokpal and the lokayukta is a significant measure which could go a long way in curbing corrupt tendencies in administrative and political circles. The idea of minimum government and maximum governance needs to be encouraged so as to bring about further reduction in bureaucratic formalities and regulations so as to make the system more business friendly, transparent and participative. The media and the civil society armed with the RTI has in the past played a very commendable role in exposing corruption in the government and businesses and it needs to keep doing its good work of highlighting such instances so as to create awareness among the people so that they may be encouraged to stand up against such tendencies whenever they are confronted with.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Answer the following Questions

1. Critically examine whether making healthcare affordable through capping of prices would solve the problem of Out of Pocket Expenditure in health in India? (250 words)
2. Explain how blockchain differs from any normal online database? Discuss its application in the telecom sector. (250 words)