

CORRUPTION AND ITS IMPACT ON THE SOCIETY

The word 'corruption' has its origin from latin verb 'corruptus' meaning 'to break'. In other words corruption means 'a broken object'. In simple words, corruption means 'the misuse of entrusted power for private benefit'. The Transparency International defines corruption as 'Abuse of public office for private gain'.

In simple words, corruption implies pervasion of moral, integrity, character or duty out of a mercenary motives, i.e, bribery without any regard to honest, right and justice. Deprivation of desirable person from their right is also corruption. Besides, theft, dishonesty, wastage of public resources, malpracticing, scams and scandals are other various manifestation of corruption.

It is a vicious sphere, which is started from the politicians who run the country or state, some down to

higher officials and then to the lowest part of the bureaucratic hierarchy, then come to the general people who elect their representatives, the corrupt politician (and) expect special favour from them. It is like a cancer in the public society, which is not restricted to any political parties. In India a bunch of scam is very often such as Taj corridor scam, Hawala case, Fodder scam, Bofor scam, common wealth games scandal etc. and in Mizoram also we have Ai Puk scandal, police modernization scandal etc. There can be different causes of corruption such as lack of effective internal accumulating mechanism, absence of ~~and~~ ~~back~~ the watch-dog agencies, political leaders' incompetence for self-enrichment etc.

The impact of corruption in the economy can be categorised as minor and major. However, both

in one way or other have a serious impact on the individual, community and country.

First and foremost, corruption leads to depletion of economic wealth. It leads to increase the cost of goods and services, depleting the public resources to uneconomic high ^{profile} projects at the expense of the much needed project such as roads, schools and hospitals, diversion and misallocation of public wealth to private property, conversion of resources, imbalanced economic development, etc. Large scale ^{ge} of corruption leads to economic bankruptcy and impoverishes the entire population.

Corruption on society can be seen everywhere. It is like cancer in public life. An honest politician are unrecognised and considered to be foolish. A country where leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel,

Dal Bahadur Shastri and Kamaraj have taken birth and led a valued base is now facing a problem of corruption. Corruption has destroyed our value system. It is like something ~~respectable~~^{respectable} as respectable people are involved in it.

In modern societies, people are more and more material ~~never~~ minded, thinking that money is everything. They start losing the spiritual qualities like fellow feelings of loving, unity, sympathy, etc. They start to accumulate money by hook or by crook and live a restless and meaningless life in greed.

The roots of corruption are linked with dishonesty, extremism, misery and terrorist activities. It makes a sense of insincerity and poverty in the misfortune of the society. It also instills hopelessness and disunity in the life of the people.

People who are able to accumulate
money through corruption become
richer and richer and the people who
try to pay large amount of money
as the bribe still remain indebted become
poorer and poorer and this increase
the huge gap between the rich and
the poor.

People who became materially rich
through corruption degrade themselves
and they started using the ill-accumulated
money in higher criminal activities
like maintaining criminal gangs. Himself
or his children became drug addicts or
alcoholics or gamblers or prostitutes, etc.
They don't live a happy life with
their money.

Poor people are looked down by
the rich counterparts in the society.
Having a decent living, they return to
some gangs to extort money from
those rich people and corrupt people

and thus sprouting up to pseudo-
insurgency groups.

Many central and state funded construction activities are done very bad. Stroddy construction and material ~~sub~~ substance of bad roads and highway bring dangerous and sometimes are washed off when heavy monsoon season arrives. The corrupted money ^{from} public resources becoming black money are either diverted for personal property or remain black money without any usefulness for themselves or the public.

Honest and qualified people but poor and honest ^{who} do not want corruption or bribery remain unemployed. Therefore the services of the expertise of knowledge are for individual benefit lay in the hand of disqualified people. When demerited and disqualified people are given such works that they don't deserve, they started malfunctioning and mismanaging.

In engineering works, structure doesn't last

long and in medical line, people die due to incorrect treatment or wrong surgery. In political line, failure ^(to) in management and administration always happen.

The time of election is the time when corruption is at its peak level. Big industrialist and capitalist bribe the politician so as to have special favour ^{from} _{in} them. Bribery to politicians and by politicians in order to be elected is very common. So, honest and deserve ~~play~~ politicians are dropped down from their position due to this evil practices.

Even in Mizoram, corruption is very common. Officers try to get an extra salary compare to their working. In the case like NREGS, people try to get more money without working hard. This is all part of corruption.

As corruption is deep rooted in our society, we need to ~~have~~ plan some measures to fight it. It may

be very difficult to have complete control over it, but it is not impossible.

Beas Bureaucratic offices should be more friendly to citizens, and should be made more speedy. The courts are also need to be empowered and made to have speedy justice. Our public offices should be more friendly for the people ^{and} transparent ~~and~~. We must take a view to have an atmosphere free from corruption, so we can be the models for the coming generations.