

## IMPACT OF ACCOUNTABILITY ON GOOD GOVERNANCE IN PAKISTAN

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Good governance has dramatically impacted our state as the problems of corruption, red-tapism and inefficiency crept into our country's internal structure. Today, good governance occupies a central place in our state and is regarded as a crucial element in building a nation. The nation cannot flourish in the absence of good governance. It is the need of an hour. Without the presence of good governance, no country can play a pivotal role in the globe. It is regarded as the soul of the country. Governance is very pertinent in every sphere of life, whether it is a house or office, good governance is needed to perform effectively. It provides a strong foundation for the developmental process.

According to the World Bank Report of 1989, Good Governance is an efficient public service, a reliable judicial system, an administration that is accountable to the public". Similarly, another report was presented by the World Bank in 1992. According to this report; good governance includes public sector management, Accountability, legal framework, information and transparency.

Political commotion plays a very negative role in every state. No country in this world can survive easily in political turmoil. Lack of Accountability at a different level of governance is the root cause of all evils. From the very inception, Pakistan has been facing

the threat of political uproar. It created a significant gap in the economic development and progress of society. It gives a platform for several other problems. The condition of Pakistan is not commendable. It faces bundles of threats because of political instability. The government should play an influential role to curb this menace. Several miscreants are taking benefits from this self-created political instability. For the survival of their existence, politicians are trapping in the nets of trouble makers. Good governance cannot establish in the presence of political commotion. Politicians have become power greedy. Lust for power has tightly closed the curtain of the brain. They cannot have the potentials to comprehend the shrewdness of trouble makers. They are habitual of perks, privileges and power.

Presence of public participation plays a very influential role in the establishment of good governance. It revolves around the decision-making process. Public support and cooperation possess great importance in good governance. When people joined hands together, no power can defeat them. So, in this regard, national integration is very pertinent. Constitutional supremacy is fundamental in this regard. It provides a framework for policymakers.

On the same lines, institutional supremacy is also very much important. This clash has

erupted in the absence of mutual consensus. Negotiation is a better way to curb this clash. Socio-economic development provides a strong foundation for governance. It includes the followings; controlled population, massive employment opportunities, proper education system, the effective rule of law, improved law and order condition, robust design of Accountability, removal of corruption and so on.

Accountability has positive impacts on individual life, social life, political life, and economic life. It spreads the environment of peace and prosperity. An individual feels secure when all his/her necessities of life would be fulfilled. It removes the feeling of self-deprivation and insecurity. When individuals feel secure, ultimately, the whole society feels secure. Society is made up of groups, and groups are formed from individuals. Groups formed nation. When the government is satisfied, it ultimately brings gratification around the whole country. All are interconnected and intertwined. It eventually brings satisfaction in political and economic spheres. Both democracy and good governance are interconnected.

According to Abraham Lincoln; democracy is for the people by the people and through the people. Active participation of people has been required in the decision-making process. Thus, good governance is regarded as the heart of every country. It brings management. It is essential for the operation of functioning. It boosts the development process. It gives foam to the socio-economic

foundation. It creates an environment of perfection. Necessities of people are fulfilled in an organized manner. According to Etoungue Manguella, "Good Governance implies the presence of the rule of law, safeguard of human right, the existence of honest government, Accountability, transparency, predictability and openness.

Public Accountability and anti-corruption generate strong interest and are of vital importance to the public and effective governance. In Pakistan, public Accountability is often reduced to mean only anti-corruption and thus associated with criminal activity. However, the layered checks and balances that constitute public Accountability for achieving an efficient and honest administration in Pakistan are very complex.

The Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP), Public Accounts Committees (PACs) of National and Provincial Assemblies, National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), Federal and Provincial Ombudsman, Provincial Anti-Corruption Establishments, Federal and Provincial Services Tribunals, Federal and Provincial Public Services Commissions, Prime Minister's and Chief Ministers' Inspection Commissions/Teams, Establishment Division and Services & General Administration Departments in provinces are all part of the administrative edifice developed over the years to ensure Public Accountability.