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Q: Write a note on probation and parole? (10)

Introduction:

Probation and parole are both a part of restorative justice. Restorative justice aims to rehabilitate offenders and reintegrate them into the society. Various governments use the tools of probation and parole to serve such a justice system. Pakistan also uses this system. There are some inefficiencies and room for improvement in the system but the cost of improving does not exceed the benefits of restorative justice. Hence, probation and parole are important elements of criminal justice system.

What is probation?

A sentence in which, rather than being incarcerated, an offender is retained in community under supervision of a probation agency and is required to abide by rules and conditions to avoid incarceration.

What is parole?

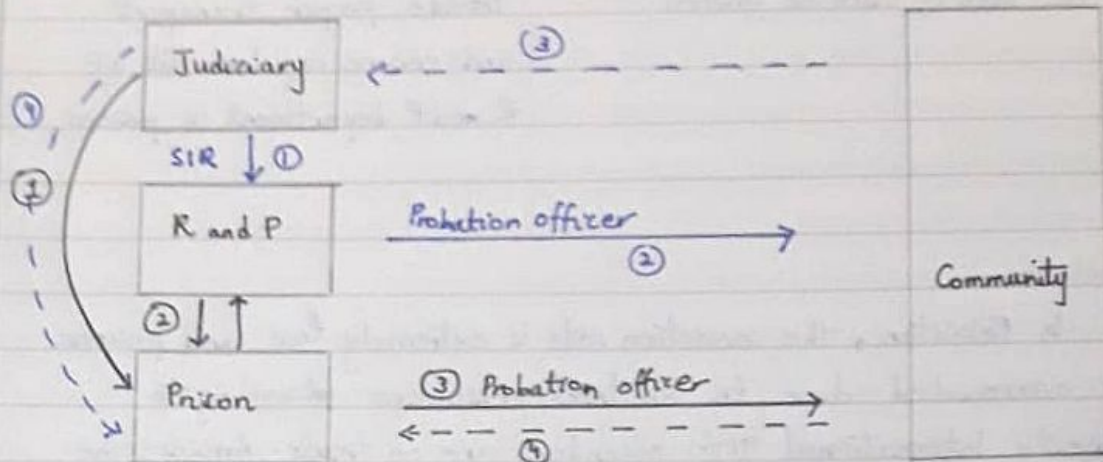
According to Black's law dictionary, parole is a method of prison release whereby inmates are released at discretion of a board or other authority before having completed their entire sentence.

Laws governing probation and parole

- 1) Probation of offender 1990
- 2) Probation of offenders 1961
- 3) CRPC 562 and 564
- 4) KPK Act 2021
- 5) Prisoner's probational Act 1926

- 1) prisoners' probational rule 1927
- 2) executive parole order 1924

The current ecosystem of probation and parole



- Key
- parole
 - probation process
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 - in case term and condition are not met

Current Issues and Wayforward

Issue	Wayforward
(1) lack of awareness	Introduce probation and parole in multiagency trainings of law enforcement agencies and bar associations.
(2) lack of personnel (340 prisoners : 1 probation officers)	Increasing the number of probation officers and hiring of vacant positions
(3) Improving infrastructure	Providing proper offices and

(d) R & P departments jobs are no attractive	building (like in KPK) Give growth and development opportunities and increase remuneration.
(e) lack of visits to prisons	Provide proper transport and ensure regular visits of R and P department to prisons

Conclusion

In Pakistan, the conviction rate is extremely low and prisons are overcrowded due to on trial prisoners according to Amnesty International 91% offenders are on trials. Amidst the inmates are also juveniles and females. In such a situation probation and parole could add efficiency to criminal justice system of Pakistan. Moreover, it could help Pakistan prosper by adding to the number of valuable citizens through proper rehabilitation. This could lead to overall uplift of society. Therefore, these systems need to be the key focus of criminal justice system of Pakistan.