

Colonial Mentality in judiciary:

This comes from the true reflection of colonial mentality where the public is considered inferior and judiciary superior. This is shown the way aggrieved person appear before them. The very words to address judges are 'My lord', 'your honour', or 'Your Excellency', or 'lordship'. These words are the clear manifestation of the practices of colonial masters where the native indians begged for justice. Even the word request for justice is written as 'prayer' at the end of the plaint. This creates

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the master and servant. Similarly, most of the decisions of judiciary are always influenced in the favour of ruling elites. Just like the colonial judiciary, the present day judge seldom gives verdict against the influential authorities. The colonial mentality never give importance to the public. For instance, in Molvi Tameer ud Din case, the federal court ruled in favour of Governor General and judiciary look oath of to support the

actions of dictator. The same was happened in Gen Zia era, when PCO took an oath of allegiance to take judicial decisions against military issues. This damaged the progress of Pakistan. Finally, there is unjustified delay in decision and dispensations of justice. Since ethnocentric mentality make them see public inferior, they give more preference to high profile cases than the common ones. Finally there are millions of cases pending in the courts and the second generation of litigants is facing them. One such case was hanging of Mazhar Hussain from Rawalpindi. His case was fixed for hearing in the supreme court in 2016 when he was hanged two years ago. The supreme court declared him innocent after his execution. There is no repentance on the part of judiciary in that case since it referred to the common citizen. The case of Shitto, the first elected representative of people was another example. All this superior mentality and attitude has badly

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progress of Pakistan.