

Question:- What is Good Governance and how it is different in Private and Public Sectors? Elaborate seven good Governance Indicators. Also indicate where Pakistan stands in those indicators.

1) Introduction :-

Good Governance refers to the processes and structures that guide, control and ensure the proper functioning of institutions, organizations and governments. It involves transparent, accountable and effective decision making and management that promotes fairness, rule of law, participation and human rights. Good Governance also emphasizes the efficient use of resources, adherence to the rule of law and fostering an environment where citizens or stakeholders can have their interests and needs addressed.

2) Defining the term "Good Governance"

Good Governance is defined as:-

"the manner in which power is exercised in the management of a country's economic and social resources for development."

(World Bank)

3) Difference in Good Governance in Public & Private Sectors:-

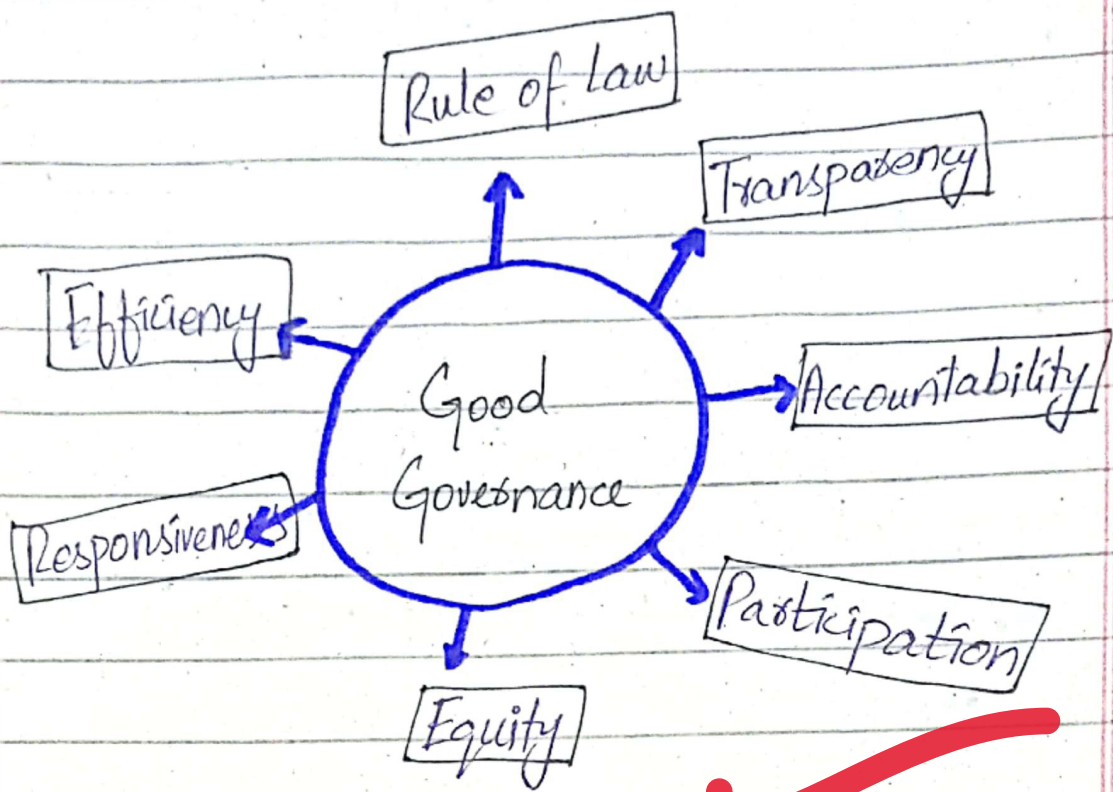
	Public Sector Governance	Private Sector Governance
Focus	Ensuring fairness, accountability and responsiveness to the citizens' needs.	Efficiency, profitability and sustainability of the organization while maintaining ethical practices.
Goals	The main goal is to promote the	The main objective is to maximize

	common good, manage public resources efficiently and ensure social justice and equality.	shareholder value while maintaining ethical business practices and meeting legal requirements.
Stakeholders	citizens, political entities, civil society organizations	employees, shareholders, investors, customers.
Example	A government institution implementing a transparent public procurement system ensuring equal opportunities for all businesses.	A corporation adopting corporate governance practices such as transparent financial reporting, board diversity and stakeholder engagement.

4) Indicators of Good Governance :-

Following are the indicators of good governance :-

According to?



i) Rule of Law:-

Rule of law includes the protection of human rights, independent judiciary, impartial and incorruptible law enforcement agencies. It refers to a mechanism, a process, an institution, a practice or a norm which secures particular type of governance.

Example:-

The restoration of the judiciary in 2009 following the Lawyers' Movement, where rule of law was upheld.

ii) Transparency:-

Transparency means free access to information. Good governance is based on transparency of decision-making process which ensures information is freely available and accessible to those who are involved in / affected by decisions taken.

[Example]

The establishment of Right to Information Acts in Punjab and KPK enables citizens to access government records, promoting transparency.

iii) Accountability:-

Accountability is one of the corner stones of good governance. It ensures actions and decisions taken by public officials, and responds

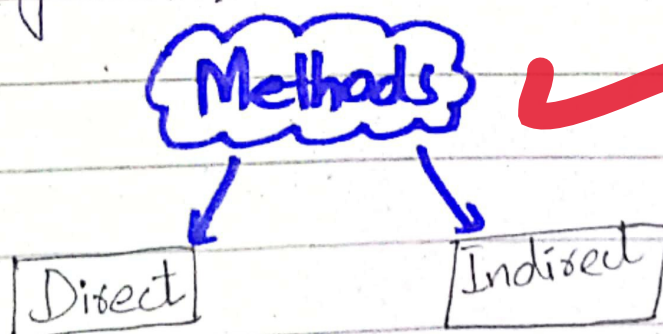
to the needs of community, which can contribute to better governance and poverty reduction.

[Example]

The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has been instrumental in initiating investigations into ~~corruption~~ cases.

iv) Participation :-

Participation involves the involvement of people by formal and informal ways. In this method, the members of community make their values and interests and give feedback to policies, so that their preferences be known to the government.



Direct method means government involves people directly in any country on any issue. While, in the indirect method, people representatives on behalf of them give policy input in any method.

Example

The increased representation of women in the National Assembly achieved through reserved seats, reflects efforts to promote inclusivity in governance.

v) Equity:-

This indicator includes policies to reduce inequality and ensures the marginalized have access to the resources and opportunities.

Example

Benazir Income Support Program provide financial assistance to under-privileged families.

vi) Responsiveness:-

Responsiveness includes timely and effective delivery of public services, infrastructure development and also disaster management.

Example

The government's effective response to 2005 earthquake and establishment of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) reflect improved disaster response mechanisms.

vii) Efficiency:-

This indicator involves the optimal use of resources - time, money and manpower - to achieve maximum outcomes and meet citizens' needs without unnecessary delays or wastage.

Example:-

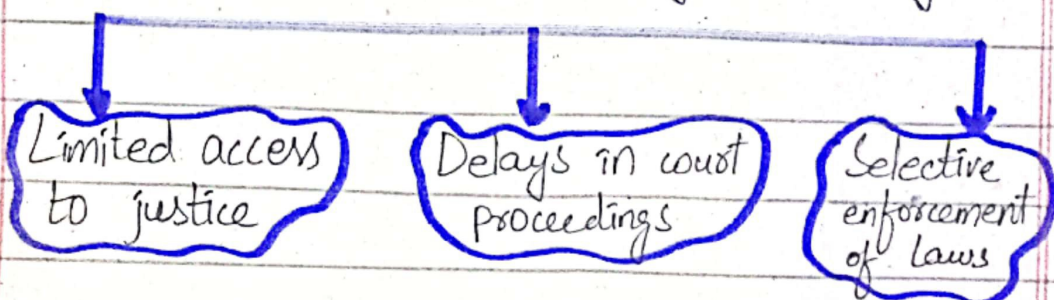
Implementation of E-governance system in Punjab through the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB).

5) Level of Pakistan among all indicators:-

Pakistan faces significant challenges in achieving good governance across several key indicators. Below is an assessment of where Pakistan stands on various indicators of good governance:-

a) Rule of Law:-

Pakistan has weak rule of Law due to the following challenges:-



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b) Transparency:-

Pakistan has moderate to weak level of transparency in governance, due to the challenges like high levels of corruption in government departments and lack of transparency in public procurement and budgeting processes.

c) Accountability:-

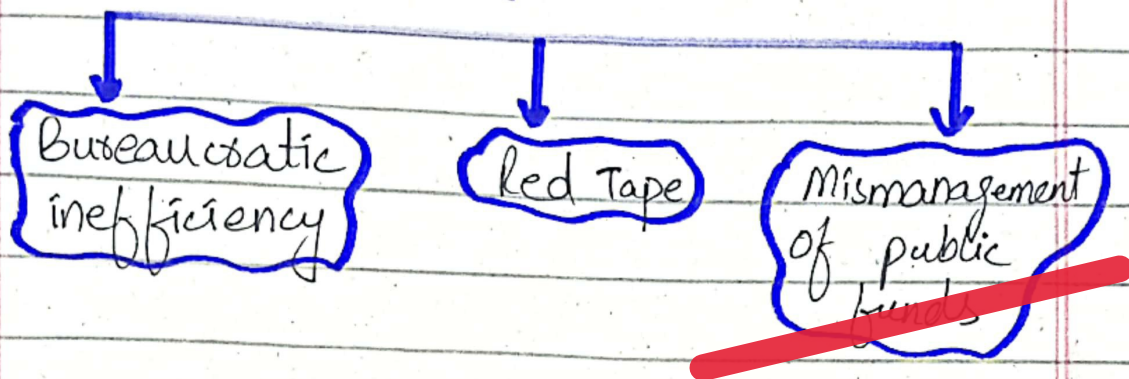
Pakistan is weak in accountability indicators because the accountability institutions are often criticized for selective accountability and politicization.

d) Participation:-

Pakistan ranks moderate in this indicators. Political participation is hindered by socioeconomic inequalities and marginalized groups
e.g., women, religious minorities

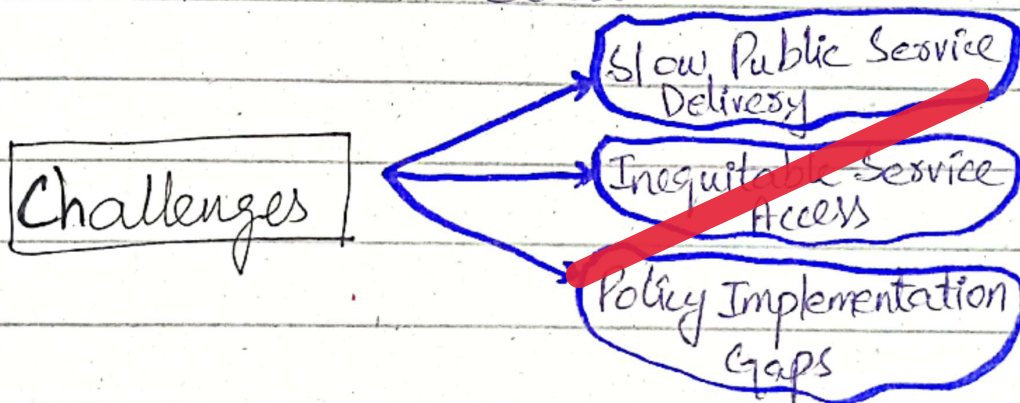
e) Efficiency:-

Pakistan is weak in its efficiency indicators of governance. The challenges of low efficiency level are:-



f) Responsiveness:-

Pakistan has moderate to weak level in this indicators.



g) Equity:-

Pakistan has weak level of equity according to the governance. The

challenges in the indicators are:-

Substantiate properly
You need to add reports and references from books as well

Income inequality

Gender inequality

Regional disparities

Religious & Ethnic Minorities

6) Conclusion:-

Good governance is essential for the development and well-being of any country. Pakistan has made some progress in areas like participation, transparency and responsiveness, it still faces challenges in other indicators of governance. To improve governance, there is need to focus on strengthening Pakistan's institutions, ensuring its more equitable resource distribution and improving service delivery. All these reforms will ensure good governance in Pakistan.