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Explain the Principles of accountability of rulers according to Holy Quran and Sunnah.

**Introduction :**

Accountability is an important part of public administration. It enables the citizens to know that the person who is ruling them is on the right path or not. Moreover, accountability must also be included in the life of civil servants who are serving the people. These responsibilities are huge and Allah has entrusted them as "Amanah" to man. Allah says in Holy Quran:

"The Amanah (Trust) given to man was given to be Earth and the heavens which devised

it due to its burden".

## Accountability in the light of Sunah:

Holy Prophet was one of the best examples to exist and his leadership is a great embodiment for contemporary rulers. Allah says in Holy Quran about the Prophet:

وَمَا كُنَّا بِمُرْسَلِينَ إِلَّا لِنُبَيِّنَ لِقَوْمٍ أَعْرَضُوا

"Verily, I have sent you (O Muhammad) as a mercy to the worlds"

## Holy Prophet's saying about accountability:

Holy Prophet has said about accountability:

"Everyone is a guardian of everything he has to take care of."

The public administration during Holy Prophet's time was exemplary. He left his legacy with the 4 Caliphs. Bernard Lewis said about Caliph Hazrat Abu Bakr:

"After the Prophet the historic institution of Caliphate granted to Hazrat Abu Bakr was unprecedented".

Thereby, Holy Prophet's legacy was followed by the caliphs.

**Holy Prophet's concept of guardianship-ship:**

Holy Prophet has frequently mentioned about guardianship and its accountability. During the revelation of Holy Quran, Allah often talked about accountability and each one of an individual and especially his Khalifa will be held accountable. Holy Prophet (SAWW) said:

"Each one of us is a guardian and we

will be held accountable for our words. For instance, a man's guardian of his family and a woman is responsible for her husband."

- Hisbah and its meaning:

Relate your headings and arguments to the QS statement

Hisbah is an Arabic word for accountability and each ruler shall be responsible for any discrimination ~~be~~ done against the people of the state. It is a divinely-sanctioned duty on the people who rule over the citizens.

### Accountability of Ruler according to the Holy Quran:

Hisbah has also been mentioned in the Holy Quran. Allah has mentioned the word "Hisab" 8 times in His book. He has stated:

"And we have recorded everything in the form of a book."

## • Accountability and Soul:

Allah has also emphasized on how the soul will speak out against one on the Day of Judgment and it would be enough to ~~also~~ have a record of man's deeds as a ruler and as a layman. Allah says in Holy Quran:

“And your soul is enough on this day to account against your deeds”.

## • Man is Allah's Viceregent

Use specific, elaborate and self explanatory headings

Allah has, on many occasions, created man as his viceregent and he also advised His viceregents to carry out the duties entrusted to by their Lord with honesty. Allah says in Holy Quran:

“And Allah told the angels that I would send my viceregent on this earth”.

## Principles of Accountability:

The principles of accountability/Hisbah have been given by Abdullah Aunin which are necessary for rulers to follow:

### • Principle of Proportionate Reciprocity:

According to this principle given by Abdullah Aunin, Allah will bless/punish a ruler according to the sins or good deeds committed while being in power.

### • Prevention of Misdeeds Principle:

According to this principle, a ruler or Khalifa must avoid bad deeds as Allah has often said in Quran:

امر بالمعروف ونهى عن المنكر

“Enjoin good and forbid evil”

Allah has advised rulers to

avoid bad deeds and always help people.

### • Principle of Trust:

This principle states that whatever a Caliph or ruler deals with everyday is a trust bestowed by Allah Almighty. Every responsibility of a ruler is a trust.

### • Principle of Action:

A ruler must take good actions and avoid discrimination against people who one might not like. This principle indicates one's inclination towards nepotism and favouritism. Allah says in Quran:

Be And stand firm in the way of Allah and bear true testimony!"

### Conclusion:

It has been rightly said:

Improve the quality of headings and relevance of arguments

"A chief is the servant of mankind."

Accountability is ~~more~~ necessary and it must also be in the hearts of rulers. Hazrat Umar said that even if a dog dies out of hunger near the river Euphrates, then he would be accountable for it.

One must follow the Sirah of Hazrat Muhammad and follow the guidelines of Quran while embarking on the journey of bureaucracy or leadership. Ultimately, one would be accountable to Allah regarding one's deeds committed in worldly life.

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A 20 marks answer should have around 15 arguments