

Give a man a fish, and he will eat for a day. Teach a man how to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime.

① Introduction:

While attempting to help others, understanding the balance between immediate help and long-term empowerment is necessary.

② Explanation of proverb and its origin.

③ Immediate gratification of the fish is not only temporary but also debilitating.

(a) Stipends granted by government to people with special needs.

(b) Charity given to needy people would never end poverty and hunger.

④ Teaching as an act of Empowerment

(a) Instead of stipends, provide them with a seed of knowledge so that they can cultivate a whole garden from it.

⑤ Instead of Taker becomes a provider/contributor to society if <sup>they are</sup> taught skills.

⑥ Similarly spoonfeeding information might give answers temporarily but hinder problem solving ability in longer run.

⑦ But only teaching skills will not help either as what you taught a person might become useless if there is no fish to begin with.

(a) Government should provide its people with resources like institutions, as well so that people can use there learned skills.

⑧ The proverb hints at another idea as well i.e. instead of a quick fix to an immediate problem fix the underlying cause

(a) Providing relief funds and rescue services at face of crisis is also the responsibility of government but before that it must raise awareness among its citizen

about climate changes that are causing the problem and try to mitigate it even before it occurs.

⑨ Conclusion.