

Ignorance of law.

Law is a system of rules and regulations which engage the members of a country or community by regulating their actions. These principles lay out a direction for a community to achieve their aspirations under a permissible framework. Rule and regulations of a realm contain many characteristics, such as binding values, enforced by the government, and generally applicable to all.

The most prominent attribute of these rules and regulations is described in the legal principle that "ignorance of law is no excuse", which simply means that individuals are presumed to know the law. The aforementioned legal principle obliquely puts a duty on the members of a country or community to be well-informed of the provided rules and regulations. Duty, in a sense, means an individual of a state must have knowledge of the prevailing laws and he or she is obliged by such law.

The link between the above legal principle and our country's situation can be theorized by highlighting a conception. People of our country have the abstraction that only the legal fraternity must have concern with

these rules and regulations. Having such notion in their mind, they are not only violating their duty towards the state but also impeding the rule of law, which is to be provided for them in the shape of justice and fundamental rights.

On the other hand, neither the state nor the legal fraternity in our country have taken measures to educate people or emphasized the importance of having knowledge of the law. People need to be edified regarding the aforementioned legal principle, and its preciousness, to pull off the fruits of rule of law in the country.

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