

# Can We ensure accountability in our country?

## Outline

### 1 Introduction

### 2. Yes, we can ensure accountability in our country:

- i. Implementing 'law above all'.
- ii. Handsome salaries to FBR and custom officers
- iii. Denial to corruption
- iv. De-centralizing the local bodies; Good Governance
- v. Non-involvement of politicians.
- vi. Implementation of Islamic laws.
- vii. Neutralization of institutions.
- viii. Efficient judiciary system.
- xi. Employment of Chief Justice for life time.

### 3. General perception that accountability can not be ensured in our country:

- i. Elite class, politicians are above law
- ii. Delayed justice in several cases.
- iii. Military is not accountable at any cost.

### 4. In reality, we can ensure accountability in our country:

- i. Elite class, politicians are not above law.
- ii. Justice is provided in many cases.

iii. military is accountable.

5. Conclusion.

Tayyaba a 14 year old girl was working at a house of a judge, beaten by wife of that judge. The case of Tayyaba, just came to light after her photos of torture. The Islamabad High Court sentenced the judge along his wife to 'one year in prison'.

This is one of the examples which ensures the accountability in our country. In fact it can be more liable if implementation of 'law above all' be done widely, the handsome salaries <sup>should</sup> be given to FBR and customs officers, Denial to corruption along with de-centralization of local bodies, <sup>no</sup> political involvement, efficient judiciary system and above all the chief justice should not be retired. all <sup>these parameters</sup> collectively can ensure the accountability in our country Pakistan.

However some people do not believe it due to the fact (according to them) that elite class and politicians are above law. Justice is delayed or not even given in several cases as well as the military class being not accountable in country. There are several manifestations which show that elite class and politicians

are not above law, justice is served in many cases and militarism class is also accountable.

To begin with 'law above all'; The country needs to ensure the rule of law to be imposed on each and every person, <sup>irrespective</sup> of so-called class. as Aristotle says, "law should govern and those who are in power should be servant of the laws." The supremacy of law is the major tool to ensure the accountability in our <sup>country</sup> ~~class~~. No one is above law, be it a poor man or a rich man. The liability renders the accountability.

needs to <sup>like wise, handsome salaries</sup> ~~should~~ be given to the FBR and custom officers. ~~These~~ Both are the major organs of revenue generator as they collect the taxes and revenues, therefore they are worthy enough to have small salaries. It also reduces the <sup>possible</sup> chances of corruption or any other illegal act to be occurred in these departments.

which ultimately higher the chances of accountability.

Moreover, the denial to corruption also plays a crucial role in term of accountability. Corruption, by any means need to be rejected.

Unfortunately, corruption is being practised in every corner of this country. From a small shopkeeper to the high class business man everyone is victimized, therefore no one can be accountable because every second person is culprit of other one. It is the responsibility of each single person, irrespective of class, sect or cast, to deny the corruption. To ensure the accountability in Pakistan.

In addition to that, de-centralization of local bodies can also ensures it. The incorporation of local body into bureaucracy can be beneficial in good governance as evident during the presidency of General Pervez Musharraf 2001-2007. These five years remarked as the golden period of good governance which no one can deny.

Good governance is mother of accountability.

Similarly, the non-involvement of politicians can also ensure the accountability in our country. The political involvement can fragile the process of accountability as seen in several cases. The connections between elite class and politicians hinders the judiciary process. An example is 'Nook-Muqaddam case', her husband brutally killed her. Yet set free by the court due to his close relations with high political profiles. Thus to ensure the accountability the interference of politicians, in such cases, needs to be rejected and not welcome.

Along with that, the implementation of Islamic law is need of the hour. The country needs to revise the punishments and set them as per Islam. The country is named after Islam and the supreme law is Almighty therefore the imposition of at least its punishments and trial process is

a must-do thing to ensure the accountability. There would not be a true accountability process until unless there is no implication of Islamic law.

Apart of that, the institutions needs should to be neutral. No any military influence or political influence ~~can~~ needs to be there on institutions. Country needs to reform the policies in this regard. For instance the civil servants should perform their duties neutrally.

The democratic elected people are ~~people~~ there to serve the people with the help of "non-elected or non-democratic" civil bodies. However the state workers always fall as barrier and services are not delivered at time thus blaming each other. It also decline the possibility of accountability as no one ready to take responsibility of delayed service.

Beside that, The efficient judiciary is also a valid reason for accountability. Unfortunately, the judicial prosecutions take a long time to be done, in our country, therefore

people do not find the justice system as reliable as it should be. Indeed 'the justice delayed is justice denied.'

The responsibilities are not taken to an account on time which slows the process of accountability. In fact there are so many cases in which the litigants passed away and court announced the decision after the demise of them. An efficient and fast and steady judiciary system is needed to ensure the accountability.

Employment of a chief justice for life time can also play an important role to keep them honest and truthful and provide the justice neutrally. In Pakistan, the justices and jurists of the Supreme Court are set to retire at the age of 65, unless the jurists sooner resign or are removed. This can insecure them and get them in a greed and lead them to corruption which in turn intrupt the process of accountability. The US judiciary system



is known as liable and the reason behind it- the supreme justices are never get retired, thus. They are appointed for life time thus making them secure.

After giving the detailed arguments, it is now ~~necessary~~ important to know the opposite arguments as well.

Some people believe that elite class and politicians are above law. They can never face trials and subjected to punishments if they found guilty. They thought that they are exonerated of any charge sheet and can never be accountable.

Similarly, some of them argue that justice is ~~set~~ always delayed in most of the cases therefore accountability is impossible to be achieved. They have lost their complete trust in responsible state holders and judiciary system. They can see the delayed justice only and give examples of

'Shahrukh Jatoi case' who is still  
roaming around freely.

Moreover, people seem to  
be ~~distur~~ pessimist with the attitude  
of militant class. The argue that  
the militant officer always imposed  
martial law, whenever brought to the  
government and not taken to an  
account. Thus they can never be  
accountable after doing a massive  
politics.

~~Following are the points to reject~~

After viewing the opposite side of thoughts,  
It is now relevant to know the counter  
points.

Firstly elite class and politicians  
are not ~~necessar~~ necessarily above the  
law as can be evident in Payyaba  
Case. The culprit was a judge wife's  
yet she had to face the charge  
sheet of punishment of 1 year  
imprisonment. This is <sup>not</sup> only the single  
evidence. There are so many other  
evidences are present too, however

this single example is more than enough to reject the <sup>opposite</sup> opinions.

Secondly, the statement that justice in our country is always delayed. It is not that true. As there are some important examples in which the culprit has got what he deserved. As evident in Zairab case; an ~~an~~ <sup>seven</sup> eleven year old child who got raped and then killed brutally. ~~He~~ ~~Her~~ The culprit was hanged to death soon.

Lastly, the comment that military can never be accountable is totally a false statement. As can be evident in General Pervez Musharraf case.

The former ruler of Pakistan was sentenced to death by special court. This is an example that no one is above law. Be it an elitist, a politician or an army officer.

To conclude it, the accountability can be ensured in our beloved country Pakistan, if the rule of law, Islamic law, efficient judiciary system

handsome salary to FBR and custom officers, and denial to corruption along with life time employment of supreme justices and neutralization of institutions. be imposed. However, there are some people who negate the fact and hardly believe that accountability can be rendered in our country. There are so many evidences to reject their ~~poor~~ opinions. There is nothing which is impossible in this world. The sincere step needs to be taken to ensure the accountability in our country, in a broader spectrum.