

Question

Write a comprehensive note on the principles of criminal investigation. Illustrate with example from Pakistan.

Answer

INTRODUCTION

Criminal investigation is the essential part of solving crime and identifying criminal. It is the backbone of criminal justice system. It is the core principle to collect evidence, solve case, find criminal and ensure justice. In Pakistan the criminal investigation governed by (CRPC) Criminal procedure code) 1878 and are carried out by legal agencies like Police, FIA and anti narcotic force.

“Every crime leaves a trace”
(Lacordos exchange Princip)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

It is define as

“Criminal investigation is the process of collecting and analysing information and evidence to identify and prove the guilt of an offender.”

PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

→ Principle of legality

Every case should be based on legal investigation process and investigate under legal law. The law ensures that every case should be solved with legal procedures by legal agencies like Police and FIA.

Zainab Ansari Rape-Case (2018)

In Zainab Ansari case, the Lahore high court emphasized the importance of legal procedures which resulted in conviction of the offender.

→ Principle of Objectivity

The Police agency ensure unbiased and professional attitude to solve case and maintain Justice. The legal agencies play a pivotal role in solving case, collecting evidence and catching the real culprit.

In Pakistan, Police sometime take sides of Parties and take money to hide evidence and close the case.

→ Principle of Promptness

The case should not be delayed or based on weak investigation. The Police play a significant role in delaying case or slow collection of evidence. When evidences are not collected properly and witnesses are not investigated on time, the case conclude in a wrong way.

According to Pakistan Bureau of statistics (2021)

In Pakistan, 70% of cases are not solved due to delayed evidence and improper investigation which resulted in wrong conclusion or unjust.

→ Principle of thoroughness

In the investigation process the evidence and the clues matters alot. The crime location is important for solving case and maintaing criminal justice.

Benazir Bhutto assassination 2007

In Benazir Bhutto case in which the weak investigation and removal of evidence made it impossible to solve

After 90 minutes of attacks, the local agencies wash the crime location which remove the crucial forensic evidence and bloodstains.

→ Principle of Documentation ✓

Documentation also plays a significant part in solving crime and catching the culprit. The proper safety of evidence and protection is essential to solve the crime. It is the responsibility of law enforcement agencies to protect the witnesses and evidence before it will present in court and proceeding start.

FIA Cybercrime Wing

The FIA Cybercrime wing save the evidence in proper document or computer documents. They have all the criminal cases in record so if in future any document or clue is needed it will help in current case. ✓

→ Principle of Confidentiality ✓

Confidentiality is another crucial import point in investigation of case. Protecting and Privacy is the responsibility of Police and lawyer before closing of case. Saving evidence from media or public, so it will not ruined the case.

Use of modern technology

The use of modern technology is essential in criminal investigation. The modern equipment, tools, weapons, methods to solve the case.

The use of CCTV, finger prints, ai, forensic science and modern technology to solve case effectively and efficiently

Lahore safe city Project

The Lahore safe city Project use modern technology, CCTV for the safety of the citizen. Almost 5,000 cases are solved through safe city Project CCTVs and modern technology cooperation.

Conclusion

Criminal investigation plays a significant role in investigation and solving case.

The principles of criminal investigation are essential for effective and efficient system. To ensure justice in society efficiency of legal system and agencies are crucial.

“Unjustice anywhere is a threat to Justice everywhere”

~ Martin Luther King

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