

Q Discuss the importance of criminal investigation process in the criminal justice system. How can these be more effective?

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION:

Criminal investigation is a systematic process of uncovering the unlawful acts. It involves interrogation, collecting evidences from crime scene and document all the data in order to provide it to prosecute. Criminal investigation upholds the rule of law, protects the innocent and helps prosecution to proceed the case in the court. An effective criminal investigation, creates deterrence for the future crime to occur. In this manner, criminal investigation is crucial to impart justice.

However, it can be improved by adopting certain measures. These measure will accelerate the effectiveness of criminal investigation.



# IMPORTANCE OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Criminal investigation holds crucial huge importance in criminal justice system. A few ~~can~~ <sup>are</sup> be stated below:

## 1) ESTABLISHING TRUTH:

Criminal investigation uncovers the truth and unlawful act. It provides the information about the innocent and an offender. Furthermore, Criminal investigation also gives data and evidences (such as, fingerprints, CCTV footage etc) which help to determine the culprit. Hence, it is most crucial in imparting justice in criminal case as well as other offences.

## 1) PROTECTING INNOCENT:

In some cases, people are alleged ~~about~~ for the offence, that they have not committed. It



is "criminal investigation" that brings the truth and give protection to the innocent party. Similarly, the victims are also protected by the investigation but they are necessary to provide information about the crime and the criminal.

### III) STRENGTHEN PROSECUTION:

Criminal investigation supports and strengthens prosecution. It provides documented and sequential data to the prosecution, so that they provide it in the courts. In this way, the process of the case accelerate in the presence of proper evidences. This will also punish the criminals without any delay.

### IV) DETERRING FUTURE CRIMES:

In the presence of strict and criminal investigation



process, the criminals will know that they cannot avoid the rule of law. They must be caught through investigation and will face due punishment of the crime committed. Subsequently, it will decrease the crime rate in the country. For example, if a criminal possesses any weapon, that is, if used any illegitimate weapon in committing crime, it will be caught during the investigation. Hence, criminal investigation creates an environment of deterrence for the crime.

## HOW CAN ~~THIS~~ CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BE MORE EFFECTIVE :

Criminal investigation can be improved by addressing few challenges and by adopting few measures. These can be:



## I) USING MODERN TECHNOLOGY:

By using modern technology and methods, ~~such~~ such as forensic Science, Digital Tracking and DNA testing system. The investigation can get ~~eviden~~ ~~confiden~~ firm evidences to prove crime.

## II) LAW REFORM:

The amendments in laws, such as Qanoon-e-Shahadat and Criminal Procedure Code (CPC) can help in effective criminal investigation. It must be added that video or voice recording can be used as a proof in ~~criminal~~ ~~proced~~ case proceedings.

## III) WITNESS PROTECTION:

If the witness identity will be kept confidential, it will motivate the witnesses as well as informant to contribute into ~~evidences~~ and investigation. People hesitate about the identity reveal and then threatening, that they do not come forward as a



witness. So, if the identity will remain confidential and protected, it will foster the effectiveness of criminal investigation.

#### IV) CROSS-AGENCY COLLABORATION:

All the criminal investigating institutions must build consensus and collaboration to deal criminal cases. For instance, FIA possesses ability to combat cyber the cyberdata, which can also be used to determine gather evidences in other case crimes as well. So, this will profoundly accelerate the criminal investigation and its effectiveness.

#### CONCLUSION:

Criminal investigation plays a vital role in criminal justice system. However, few measures can help to improve its efficiency. Recently, Pakistan has adopted various modern investigation techniques that will soon show positive results in crime decrease.

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