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How can the system of accountability in Pakistan be idealized in the teachings of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). Explain.

1) Introduction:-

When it comes to accountability, Islam sets clear mechanisms and principles for maintaining accountability at all levels of a society. We find these principles in the teachings of Holy Prophet (PBUH) and they can be used to forge a system of accountability for Pakistan. The teachings of the Holy Prophet lay clear accountability rules for every member of the society whether a ruler, a parent, or a worker.

2) Principles of Accountability Laid out by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH):-

The teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) lay the following guidelines for accountability.

a) Everyone is Accountable

The rules of accountability are not just applicable to those in authority. It applies to everyone in Muslim Ummah. Holy Prophet (PBUH) says:

كُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ سَائِلٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّةٍ

Each one of you is a guardian and each guardian is accountable to everything under his care.

b) Everyone in Society Needs to Adhere to Accountability:-

When it comes to the implementation of principles of goodness and prevention of evil, whole of

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the society is responsible. Hadees says:-

“By Him in whose hands is my soul, you must enjoin the Ma'anef and forbid Munkar, otherwise Allah will be about to send punishment upon you.”

c) Accountability Applies to Everyone Irrespective of Status-

Another non-negotiable of accountability that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) taught us is the supremacy of accountability law; no one is above it.

When people of Quraysh wanted mercy for a lady from Bani Makhzum, accused of theft, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said:-

“Do not try to intercede for somebody in a case connected with Allah's prescribed punishments.”

d) Accountability at Administrative Level:

This is the aspect of accountability that has been stressed the most in the teachings of Holy Prophet and it stems from the fact that a leader is in fact the servant for people.

سید القوم خادیم (Hadees)

The chief of the nation is its servant.

e) Administrator Should Dispense Justice

In the realm of administration and other areas of social life dispensing justice is important and a standard for accountable behavior.

اعدلوا هو اقرب للتقوى (Al-Maida)

Be just; that is near to righteousness

f) Administrator Should Ensure Accountability In Terms of

Dealings :-

Fairness in dealings is also a part of being accountable.

It is perhaps the best way to ensure that people know what their administrator is doing.

"Whoso from you is appointed by us to a position of authority and he conceals from us even a needle or smaller than that, it would be misappropriation and will have to produce it on the Day of Judgement." (Hadith).

3) Idealizing an Accountability System in Pakistan Based on These

Teachings :-

Based on these teachings of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), here is how Pakistan can idealize its accountability system.

a) Ensuring Indiscriminate Rule of Law

Pakistan needs to ensure that the supremacy of its laws is upheld at all times - Only then can it achieve impartial accountability. Protecting the rich and punishing the poor will not help.

b) Strengthening Anti-Graft Body

Pakistan's anti-graft body, NAB has achieved great success in the last decade; however, it needs to be strengthened even more to avoid outside influences.

add and highlight references/examples against these arguments

c) Easing RTI (Right to Info)

Laws:-

RTI laws are the biggest tool that public can use to hold the government accountable for their deeds. RTI do exist in Pakistan, but they

need to be eased to avoid procedural delays.

d) Ensuring Accountability for Executive, Legislature and Judiciary (via Separation of Powers)

According to Ibn-e-Khaldun, accountability is a fundamental for general welfare. However, to ensure that no part of the state exceeds ~~its~~ limits, separation of powers and continuous checks and balances are necessary.

e) Highlight the Virtue of Accountability (Hisba) Amongst General Public:

Pakistan needs to promote the general concept of accountability among the ~~public~~ because an elaborate system of accountability can not succeed unless

whole of the society is involved in it.

add a few more arguments in this part.....

4) Conclusion:-

The teachings of Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) lay very clear rules for accountability. These rules can be implemented effectively in Pakistan through administrative, legal and social changes in accountability system of the country. As mentioned by Ibn Khaldun, accountability can truly reform general masses and ensure welfare if implemented the right way.