

"The Worst Disease in the World today is Corruption."

Outline:-

1) Introduction:-

Thesis statement:- Corruption is a persistent problem, especially in developing world, posing significant obstacles to national development.

2) Corruption is a global problem for development

- harms the poor and vulnerable
- undermines a country's response to emergencies
- reduces the trust and the confidence of citizens on their leaders

3) Reasons for widespread of corruption:-

- political and economic environment

- Greed of money and desires
- Increasing inflation
- Lack of rule of law
- Failure of governance

4) Examples of Corruption:-

- a) Bribery
- b) Fraud
- c) Nepotism
- d) Extortion
- e) Cronyism

5) Way forward to eradicate corruption:-

- i) creating transparency in government spending
- ii) Reducing inflation
- iii) Increasing employment opportunities and salaries of workers
- iv) Establishing international conventions
- v) Empowering citizens

6) Conclusion

In the today's world, where countries are developing rapidly and becoming modernized by inventing technology day by day, it has become more advanced to give the birth to evils in the society as well. Corruption is spreading globally. It is a form of dishonesty or a criminal offense which is undertaken by a person or organization which is entrusted in a position of authority, in order to acquire illicit benefits or abuse power for one's personal gain. These different causes of corruption as well like increasing inflation, low wages, lack of rule of law, poor governance and greed of money. It can be in the form of bribery, extortion, fraud etc. It is a persistent problem, especially in the developing world, posing significant obstacles to national development.

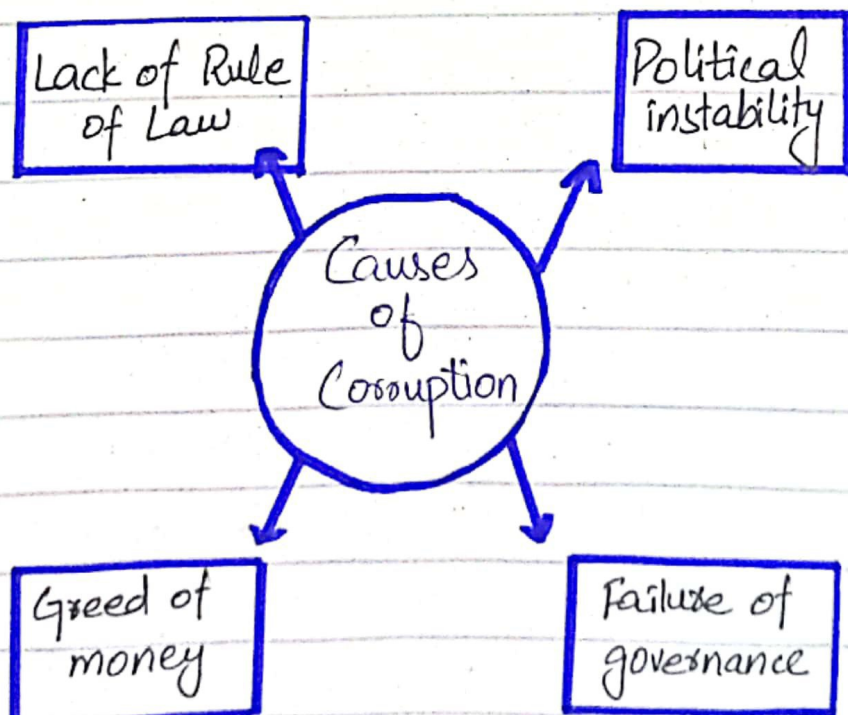
Corruption has become a global problem. It is the worst disease in today's world and affects the whole community.

"Corruption is worse than prostitution. The latter might endanger the morals of an individual, the former invariably endangers the morals of the entire community."

Corruption harms the poor because they are the most vulnerable to poverty. These people suffer to fulfill their basic necessities of life. They have usually less access to food, shelter and other facilities. High prices and inflation add more increase to their sufferings. So, they are affected by corruption in this way.

It can also undermine a country's response to emergencies, leading to unnecessary sufferings and, at worst, death.

It also reduces the trust of citizens on their leaders and institutions. It also leads to lowering their confidence on political influences which can create social friction and may lead to increasing the risk of conflict and violence. That's why corruption has become a global problem for development as well.



These^{are} different reasons for the widespread of corruption. To start with, political and economic environment gives rise to chances of corruption. Political leaders must be accountable for their actions. Political instability is one of the major factors of corruption spread.

"Corruption is a cancer.

A cancer that eats away at a citizen's faith in democracy, diminishes the instinct for innovation and creativity."

(Joe Biden)

Secondly, greed of money and desires play key role to increasing corruption in a society. A man's desires and wishes can never be

fulfilled. He used to wish for things repeatedly and became more realistic. The greed of money reduces his ability to work hard and he depends on others for his even small necessities.

Thirdly, government is increasing inflation day by day. The prices of goods increase and a layman cannot possess enough income to meet his both ends in a smooth way. It can lead to the use of illegal resources by him. So, inflation is also the leading cause of corruption.

Fourthly, rule of law is not used properly. It provides chances to the relaxation of criminals and corrupt individuals. They live freely in the society and also become the major sources of spreading corruption.

Lastly, failure of governance adds more addition to the

widespread of corruption, which can be in different forms.

These are many forms of corruption including bribery, fraud, cronyism, nepotism etc.

Firstly, it can be in the form of bribery. It means that offering or accepting money or gifts to influence decisions or actions, such as a company paying a government official to secure a contract.

Secondly, fraud is also the form of corruption. It involves the manipulating or falsifying information to gain an advantage or deceive others, such as falsifying financial reports to attract investors or evade taxes.

Thirdly, favouring family or friends in hiring or awarding contracts which is called as nepotism. It is leading to unfair advantages and inefficiency.

Fourthly, extortion is also considered a form of corruption. It involves coercing someone into providing money or benefits through threats or pressure, which undermines ethical standards and legal norms.

Lastly, cronyism is also an example of corruption. It includes favouring friends, family or associates in professional or political appointments and decisions, often at the expense of merit and fairness. This practice undermines meritocracy and can lead to inefficiency and abuse of power within organizations or governments. As corruption is spreading globally, however, it can be controlled by various methods.

“And when it is said to them, ‘Do not cause corruption on the earth,’ they say,

We are but peace-makers."

(Surah Al:
Baqara)

In the developing world, these are some ways to eradicate corruption as well. These ways can be used to make a very peaceful society.

To start with, creating the transparency in government spending. Every government official and employee must be accountable for his/her actions and spent of money given for public facility.

"If corruption is a disease,

transparency is the essential part of its treatment."

Secondly, reducing inflation in a society is considered as the best way to reduce the widespread of corruption. It will increase the confidence of a man and his spirit of hardwork.

Thirdly, increasing the opportunities of employment and salaries of labours and workers of offices is also a better option to deal with increasing corruption.

Fourthly, establishing the international conventions plays role in lowering corruption cases. It includes **United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)**. It is a comprehensive global framework for addressing various aspects of corruption.

Lastly, empowering citizens is also one of the better solutions to eradicate corruption. It involves the empowering individuals to do

more hardwork.

“To fight corruption, one should neither wait until there is a controversy nor prejudice. Rather, real actions and measures are expected to be taken.”

(Imam Khamenei)

Conclusion:-

Corruption is a persistent problem posing obstacles to country's development. It is a form of dishonesty and unfairness. It is becoming widespread due to different causes in a society. But these causes can be controlled. Controlling corruption is the global need today as world is developing and modernizing itself.