

Causes and Consequences of Delayed Justice

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- 2.2.2 Frequent adjournments
- 2.2.3 Misuse of legal loopholes

C. Administrative And Governance Causes

- 2.3.1 Poor case management systems
- 2.3.2 Lack of accountability
- 2.3.3 Political interference

(D) Socio-Cultural Causes

- 2.4.1 Low legal awareness
- 2.4.2 Corruption and elite influence
- 2.4.3 Increasing population and litigation

(3) Consequences of delay justice

(A) Individual Level Consequences

- 3.1 Violation of fundamental rights
- 3.2 Psychological and Financial Suffering
- 3.3 Loss of faith in justice system

(B) Societal Consequences

- 3.2.1 Rise in vigilantism
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- 3.2.3 Social injustice and inequality

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The Essay

Allah Almighty Commands in the Holy Quran: "Indeed, Allah Commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people, judge with justice" (Surah An Nisa 4:58) highlighting the centrality of timely and fair justice in human society. Justice is the backbone of the civilized state, ensuring protection of fundamental rights, maintenance of social order, and public confidence in state institutions. In a democratic system, the judiciary is entrusted with the responsibility of delivering prompt and impartial justice; however, delay in judicial processes have become a chronic problem across many countries. According to judicial and governance reports in 2025, millions of cases remain pending worldwide, reflecting systemic inefficiencies and overstretched legal institutions. Such prolonged delays not only aggravate the suffering of litigants but also weaken

the Credibility of the rule of law.
Delay justice is Primarily Caused by
institutional weaknesses, procedural
Complexities, and governance failures,
and its ultimately results in denial
of Fundamental rights, Social unrest,
and erosion of Public trust
in the legal System.