

QUESTION NO: 01.

PRICIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE IN ISLAM

INTRODUCTION

Islam is complete code of life. It discusses all aspects of life, from political to social disciplines. Good Governance is a political aspect that is result of implementation of government policies by public administration.

UN has given eight indicators of Good Governance, recently, but Islam has discussed this area thoroughly fourteen years ago. The principles of Good Governance includes, fear of Allah, Sovereignty of Allah, caliph or executive government by consultation, human rights protection, rule of law, transparency, accountability, public welfare and quality assurance. Allah in Quran says,

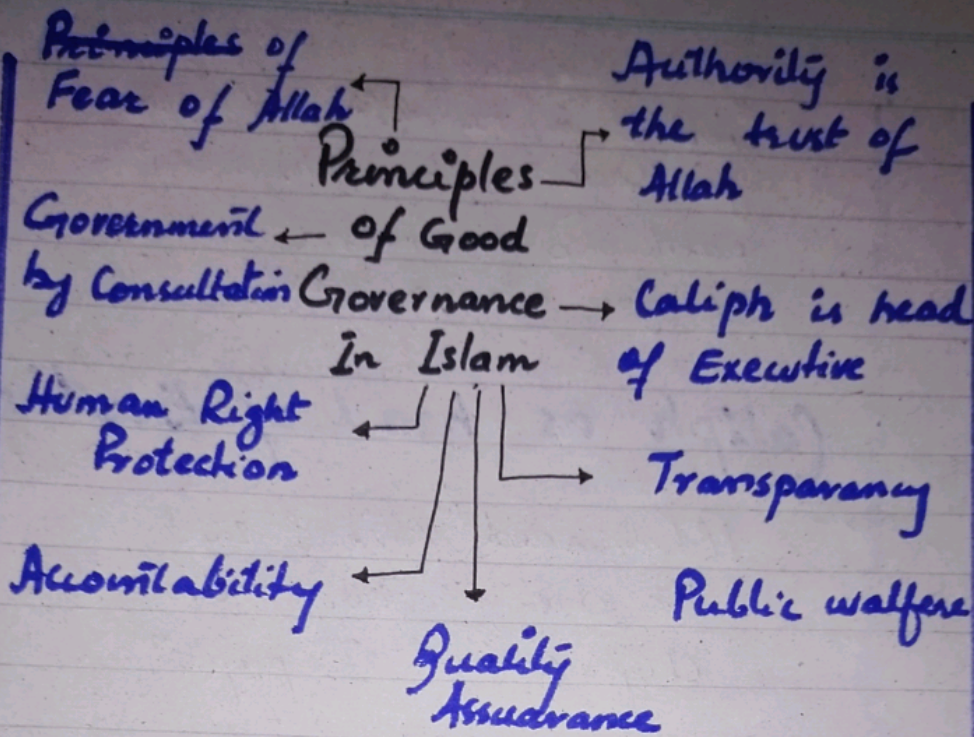
"Indeed Allah Commands you to render trust whom they are due and when you judge between people, to judge with ↑ Justice"

Good Governance

According to UN, Good Governance is efficient and effective implementation of policies of government. It defines Good Governance through eight key principles.

Good Governance In Islam

Good Governance is essential to run a society smoothly. Islam discussed this concept in detail. It is based on principles which are discussed in Quran, Hadith, and life of Caliphs, Hazrat Abu Bakar, Hazrat Umar, Hazrat Usman and Hazrat Ali. The foundation of Good Governance lies on sovereignty of Allah. Islam gives a balance of justice, responsibility and service to people, as it is a complete code of life. It discusses all aspects in detail. The principles of Good Governance in Islam are discussed below.



FEAR OF Allah :

The basic principle of Good Governance in Islam is fear of Allah and attainment of piety.

The letters of Hazrat Umar and Hazrat Ali are prove of it. they mentioned that "fear of Allah" should be in heart as it will help to remain on straight path while implementing the policies.

Authority is the trust of Allah:

Islam takes authority as responsibility

"and it is he who has made you successors (khalifah) upon the earth and has raised some of you above others"

Caliph as head of Executive

Mohammad (ﷺ) said
"The chief of our nation is chief servant of people"

This shows caliph despite being head of state is servant of people.

Government by Consultation

The Decisions must be made through mutual consultation.

"Their affairs are determined by consultation among them".
(2:38)

Protection of Basic human Rights

Islam strictly prohibits innocent killings as Allah has mentioned in Quran,

"The murder of person is
murder of whole humanity".

Rule of Law

Islam focuses on equality before law, It can be illustrated from a Hadith,

"If even my daughter would commit crime, I would cut her hands too".

Transparency

Islam ensures transparency in government issues, there should be no nepotism and corruption and jobs should be on basis of merit. Hazrat "Abul Bakr Siddique R.A" ensured transparency in state matters.

Accountability :

Islam emphasizes on accountability as Hazrat Umar Farooq R.A made "Ombudsman Court" for the purpose of accountability of

civil servants.

Public Welfare

One of the crucial principle of Good Governance, is responsibility of government that there should be availability of all necessary food, water, shelter and other resources.

Quality Assurance

Islam focuses on quality assurance in manufacturing products of industries like cloths, medicine, machinery, food etc.

Conclusion:

Islam is complete Code of life it has a balanced approach on Good governance. The principle of good governance in Islam includes all possible dimensions from Sovereignty of Allah to Quality Assurance. As Hazrat Umar farooq said, "If a dog dies besides river, it is responsibility of state leader".