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* 1- Reforms of Caliph Umar (RA)

The period of Hazrat Umar bin-Khattab marked a significant reforms and contributions to the development of the Islamic state.

Key Reforms during the Caliphate of Umar (RA) (634 - 644 AD)

i- Administrative Reforms:

Structured Bureaucracy

creation of Diwaan

Taxation System

Judicial Reforms.

a- Establishment of structured Bureaucracy:

He established a formal administrative system that included proper positions such as Governor for effective management.

b- Creation of Diwaan:

He created the diwaan i.e.

state treasury to manage the finances of state.

c. Taxation System:

He implemented the system of zakat & Jizya in a well-measured way.

d. Judiciary Reform:

Harun Umar established the courts & appointed judges (Qazis) in them to ensure justice.

ii. Legal Reforms:

Codification of Islamic law

Enforcement of justice

Rights of Non-Muslims

a. Codification of Islamic law:

~~codified~~ Islamic legal system became more structured. He referred Quran & Sunnah ~~as~~ for implementation & interpretation of Islamic laws. He also referred Ijma to resolve legal issues.

b. Enforcement of justice:

He emphasized the impartiality of the judicial system. ~~as~~ He ensured that even Caliph is not above the law.

c- Rights of Non-muslims :

He protected the rights of Non-muslim (Ahl-al-Dhimmah).

90i- Military Reforms :

Expansion of Islamic state

Establishment of military camp

a- Expansion of Islamic state :

Under the rule of Umar (RA) significant territories were conquered such as Persia, Egypt, & parts of Byzantine Empire.

b- Establishment of military camp :

Umar (RA) established garrison towns which were known as Amr-al-Aqsam. He established them in newly conquered regions to secure military presence and administration.

iv- Economic Reforms :

Market Regulation

Introduction of currency

a- Market Regulation :

He introduced measures to regulate market such as :

fair trade, prevention of fraud, appointment of supervisors & fair prices.

b. Introduction of Currency:

Umar R.A introduced the Islamic currency system. He established Dinar & Dirham for trade & transactions.

v. Social Returns:

Welfare programs

Infrastructure building

Education

a. Welfare programs:

He introduced various welfare programs and encouraged charity for poor, widow, orphan & older people.

b. Infrastructure Building:

He focused on public infrastructure such as roads, wells, bridges & mosques.

c. Education:

Umar R.A emphasized on religious & secular education. He supported establishment of schools & libraries to develop a formal education system.

vi- Urban Planning:

He founded various urban centres such as Kufa & Basra. These cities were efficient in governance & military control.

vii- Military & Foreign Policy:

Consolidation of conquered territories.

Diplomacy

a- Consolidation of conquered territories:

Hazrat Umar ~~was~~ consolidated the vast territories of Islamic state. He built strong defences & fair governance.

b- Diplomacy:

He conducted diplomatic affairs with neighbouring powers, including non-Muslims. Through efficient diplomacy, he secured the borders of Islamic state.

viii- Social Justice:

Protection of women rights.

Support for the underprivileged.

a- Protection of women rights

Umar R.A upheld the law of inheritance in the society. He advocated for women rights & improved their legal & social status.

b- Support for marginalized people:

Hadrat Umar R.A always ensured that the basic needs of marginalized people were met.

Where Dreams Come True

a. Responsibilities of Civil Servants:

Civil servants are the members of the civil services, or that hold the important administrative posts in the government. According to the teachings of Islam, civil servants are ascribed to follow some responsibilities which are as under:

i- Clean intentions while joining the service:

It is the responsibility of civil officers to fulfill their calls.

"There is no faith for the one who can not be trusted & there is no faith religion for the one who cannot keep a promise"

(Al-Hadith)

ii- Ensure justice:

Civil servants are responsible for ensuring justice

"Indeed Allah order justice and good conduct"

(Al-Quran)

iii - Ensure Role of Law:

Role of law is necessary for the establishment of law & order in society.

"The people before you were destroyed because they used to inflict the legal punishment on poor & forgive the rich"

(A-Hadith)

iv - Maintenance of Law & order:

Maintenance of law & order is necessary to encourage regulation of economic activities & free movement of people.

v - Abstaining from Nepotism/Favoritism

Nepotism or favoritism is prohibited in Islam.

"When Usame RA approached prophet (SAW) on the behalf of a woman who committed Zina, the prophet (SAW) said, by Allah, if Fatma did that, I would cut off her head"

Responsibilities of civil servants

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No corruption

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vi- Engage in Promoting welfare:

Promotion of welfare is the responsibility of all the public administrators & civil servants

"You are the best community that has ever sent to humanity. You advocate for what is moral & forbid what is immoral"

(Al-Quran)

vii- Being Easily Accessible

The civil servants need to be accessible for the common public easily

"When Caliph Umar R.A appointed a governor he would invariably advise, that do not make reception halls, so that people can approach them easily"

viii- Ensure accountability of themselves & others:

The civil servants must be open for accountability of themselves. They also ensure the accountability of all the administrative process of other peoples.

ix - No Corruption:

Corruption is inhibited by Islamic teachings.

"Abu Huraira reported that prophet (SAW) cursed those who offer bribes and accept bribes in judgements."

"Allah's curse is on the briber & on the bribed & the agent b/w them"

(Al-Hadiith)

x- Upholding of Islamic Values as much as possible:

Upholding of Islamic values in the public administrative affairs is an important responsibility of the civil servants.

