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Introduction

Accountability in public administration is important for transparency and fairness in public administration, which is important component of good governance. Accountability in Islam is based on the principles of Khalifah, Justice, Shura^{and} Finance to ensure effective governance. Contemporary world basits its accountability in public administration on the spirits of democracy.

Islamic perspective on accountability in Public administration - an integral part of good governance

Definition of accountability in Public administration:

Accountability in Islam has been derived from the Arabic word 'Intisab'

which means enjoying good (Mauuf)

and fortifying bad (Maukar). In contextual

terms, it is the checks and

balances enjoined over the people under

the spirits of Islam. In Quran, Allah

is mentioned as "Master of the Day

of judgement" which highlights the

significance of accountability in Islam.

How the concept of Khalifah creates

accountability and good governance:

Allah has principle-agency relationship

with people. Hence, Muslims are responsible

to represent and follow the commands

of Allah on earth. Khalifah is the

representative of Allah responsible for

obeying Allah with ruling the people. Hence,

he is held accountable if he deviates

from that path. Consequently, he ensures

mentoracy, transparency and efficiency

out of fear of Allah, leading towards

good governance. In Quran Allah have said in the Quran that he has sent a vicegerent from among human beings.

How Islamic Justice system establish a system of good governance through accountability:

Justice system in Islam is based on Shariah law. It empowers rule of law over the public servants. From their appointment to their services, everything falls under the ambit of Justice system. During their caliphates, Hazrat Umar (R.A) and Hazrat Ali (R.A) appeared in courts to face trials. This implies that when no one is above the law, Justice prevails, leading to a strong system of Public administration. Also Public servants will conduct their duties with due diligence.

Shura ensure checks and balances of public administration.

Shura (consultation) is an important component of Islamic political system. It was institutionalised during Rashidun Caliphate, ensuring accountability of public servants. Hazrat Ali commanded Malik Al Ashtar to consult on matters.

Financial matters and the need of financial accountability in Islam:

Quran has strictly commanded on the concept of Karb-e-Halal (Halal income). It has condemned wrongful earnings, as Islam has strictly forbidden unjust earning (Surah Nisa). Hazrat Umar (R.A) took permission from the public before taking borrowing from Bait-ul-Maal during his caliphate. This ensures the safety of public wealth by preventing its exploitation through public servants. Thereby, ensuring smooth financial governance by the state.

Contemporary relevance of accountability in public administration for good governance in spirits of Islam

Deterrence against corruption:

A strong Public administration on the basis of strict Islamic Judicial system will prevent public servants from funds embezzlement and corruption. The state implements strict penalties in accordance to Shariah system. Islam says that a person seeking power ~~is~~ and for self interest is not eligible for that position.

Meritocracy upheld:

Public servants are recruited and recognized on the basis of their abilities and skills.

Strict accountability dominates Nepotism and Patronism. When merit prevails, public administration becomes more efficient. Prophet (SAW) appointed a non-Muslim

ambassador to Abyssinia due to his exposure to the region.

Accountability triggers self-responsibility

Accountability acts as a deterrent

against ~~the~~ poor public administration.

A public servant works with care and

acts with determination. A system

of true governance emerges. Thus

culture automatically encourage others

to follow suit.

Conclusion

Good Governance is not possible without

a system of accountability in public

administration. To ensure accountability

works in spirits of Khadfa, Judiciary, Shura and financial system. It

deters corruption, induces self-responsibility and upholds meritsocracy.

Q2- Introduction

Good governance is an essential part of Islamic political and administrative system. Principles of good governance consist of the concept of khulifat, shura, accountability, Justice system, financial system, police and administrative bodies.

Principles of good governance in Islam

Khulifat as the vicegerent of Allah:

The head of the state in Islam is called khulifat. He is the representative of Allah on earth. Hence, he ensures the establishment of Shariah law and Islamic system to govern. The khulifat is directly answerable to Allah. Hazrat Umar (R.A) said that if a ruler stumbles in his caliphate due to lack of roads,

he will be answerable to Allah for it.

Accountability to deter and hold

those ~~accountable~~ responsible:

Islamic system has developed

the concept of Ihtisab in good governance

Hence, enjoying good and rewarding

had an integral part of the

functions and structure of good governance

Imam Abu Bakr (R.A) during his caliphate

said that the people should obey him

as long as he (R.A) obeys Allah.

Shura - Governance by consultation:

Shura is an important part

of good governance in Islam. It conducts

consultation with others an important

aspect of public administration. More -

over, it oversees the conduct of their

charged with governance. Hence, it is an

auditing body that ensures transparency and effective decision making in governance.

Prophet (SAW) said,

"My Ummah will never agree upon an error."

Justice system: An integral part of good governance

Justice system upholds the spirit of Shariah law to ensure that the governance system is properly conducted. It holds the head of the state and those charged with governance responsible for any negligence or corruption. Hence, it upholds the rule of law before Magna Carta formed. For instance, a court gave a decision against Caliph Harun Al-Rashid in favour of a Jew, maintaining a strict system of good governance.

Transparent Financial system to ensure good governance:

Financial system plays role in good governance through a number of ways: First, it ensures that the funds are not misappropriated by keeping the Islamic concept of Kasb-e-Halal. Second it mandates separation of state's resources from private use. Umar bin Abdul Aziz deposited the jewelry gifted to his wife back into Bait-ul-Maal. Third, it encourages transparency of Bait-ul-Maal. Hazrat Umar (R.A) appointed secretary finance for this purpose and took the permission of people before borrowing from the treasury.

~~Police~~ Police system to ensure implementation of law:

Islamic good governance ensures

strict implementation of law to ensure good governance. Hence 'Shunta' was appointed as a law enforcement agency to oversee the presence of law and ensure smooth functioning of governance. Harish Umay (RA) established police and prison system to establish rule and hold those accountable for their crimes.

Ombudsman courts to hold civil servants accountable:

Ombudsman courts were initiated by Harish Umay (RA) to inspect and oversee the conduct of civil servants. Grievances were brought to this court against those responsible for operating governance. This acts as a system of deterrence and accountability to ensure efficient and transparent public administration.

Decentralization of command to ensure efficient governance:

Islam advocates the division of responsibilities. Holy Prophet (SAW) consulted the trusted heads in the decision making process. Local (governors) were appointed during territorial expansions in different parts of the new territory. These governors were diligently audited by Khalifas and the Shura.

Conclusion

In conclusion, Islamic system of good governance is based on several factors. They include the presence of Khalifas, deterrence through accountability, establishment of rule of law, consultation by Shura body, robust financial system, effective Judiciary and presence of Police force. This ensures a sound functioning of Governance and prevents negligence

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or corruption in the spirits of
Shavich system.