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Q₁ ACCOUNTABILITY

(I) Introduction

The essence of good governance rests upon the notion of meaningful accountability. As such, accountability within the domain of public administration is vital if good governance is to be realised. It is why Islam places an inordinate stress on the idea of accountability, and why the duties were taken by the Holy Prophet (PBUH) himself and then later on institutionalised by Hazrat Umar and the Abbasid monarchy.

(II) Accountability (hisbah) in Islam

and the Holy Prophet (PBUH) as the first accountability authority:

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The Holy Prophet (PBUH) stressed the high importance of accountability. He himself inspected the market to ensure fair practice. He stressed ^{its} importance:

"Whomever we appoint over a job and he hides a needle or more, it will be misappropriation." (Hadith)

"Everyone is a shepherd and every one of you will be asked about his flock." (Hadith)

(B) Institutionalisation of accountability



official designation,
formalised by Hazrat
Umar

ex: Al-Shifa' bint Abdullah as a
women market inspector

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MUHTASIB

Formalised in the
Abbasid tenure

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(III) How effective accountability in public administration ensures good governance

(A) Ensures justice is prevalent in society

Justice is among the core tenants

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of any functioning society. Accountability ensures both judicial and institutional justice. The Quran commands:

"Stand firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah." Al-Nisa (4:135)

(B) Effective use of resources

Accountability ensures that resources are utilised for concerning needs and are effectively spent. This mitigates the chances of sanctioning any frivolous projects.

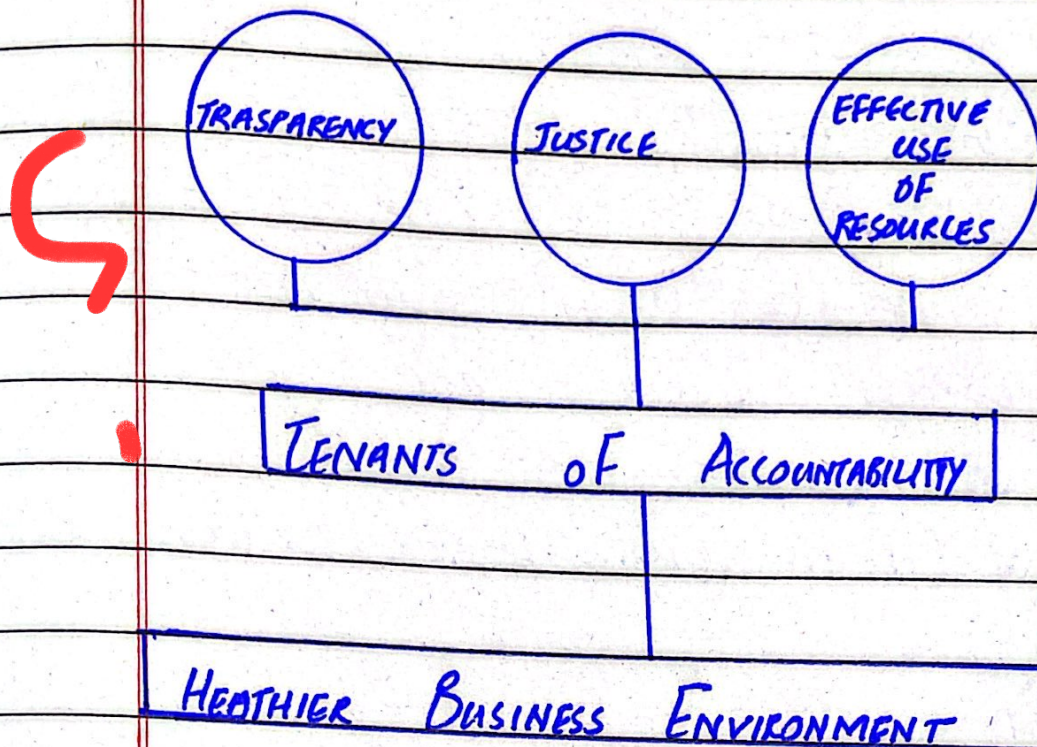
(C) Reduce corruption and leakages

Good accountability diminishes the chances of kickbacks, resource leakages and corrupt endeavours. It ensures that transparency is followed, hence enhancing the public welfare.

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(D) Healthier business environment



A more healthier business environment, ensuring further collective prosperity, is achieved due to accountability.

(E) Long-term stability

Accountability ensures policies and state machinery are not subjected to arbitrary changes, thereby guaranteeing economic, political, and social stability in the long-run.

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(F) Strengthens Institutionalism

Accountability stabilises the role of institutions. By weeding out the black sheep, accountability ensures merit prevails. Consequently, empowering the institution and its practices.

(G) Effective public service delivery

Accountability ensures civil servants carry out orders according to the law. Uniformity in application and quick and speedy action enhance public service.

(H) Ensures public-centric policies

Accountability makes sure that policies are designed with the benefit of the public kept in-mind. Free, and fair and transparent services are ensured and collective transparency is kept at the center.

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(I) Incentivises Consultation and devolution of power

Accountability ensures that authority is not concentrated in a group or person.

"And consult them in affairs..." (3:159)

(II) Mandates the rule of law

Accountability mandates the prevalence of the rule of law. When institutions and people ~~are~~ have a fear of being reprimanded than the rule of law will prevail.

"Then you will surely be asked that Day about pleasure." (10:28) (102:8)

(IV) Conclusion

In essence, accountability is a vital aspect of good governance. It is the linchpin upon which

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collective well-being is predicated.
Without meaningful accountability,
chaos may prevail in a society.
The vitality of accountability is
emphasized by both the Quran
and by the Holy Prophet (PBUH)

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