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Q1- 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 Khadifah, 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 enjoining good (Mau'uf)

and forbidding bad (Mau'kar). 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.

Now 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 and ruling the people. Hence,

he is held accountable if he deviates

from that path. Consequently, he ensures

mentorship, 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 enforces 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 unlawful earnings, as Islam has strictly forbidden unjust earning (Surat 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 Charieh 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

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. This

culture automatically encourages others

to follow suit.

Conclusion

Good governance is not possible without

a system of accountability in public

administration. There is accountability,

works in spirits of honesty, integrity,

Shura and financial system. It

deters corruption, induces self-responsibility

and upholds meritocracy.

ambassador to Abyssinia due to his

exposure to the region.

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 avoiding

bad are an integral part of the

functions and structure of good governance

Ibnul Arabi (RA) during his caliphate

said that the people should obey him

as long as he (RA) obeys Allah.

Shura - Governance by consultation:

Shura is an important part

of good governance in Islam. It conducts

consultation with others on important

aspects of public administration. More -

over, it oversees the conduct of the

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 spirits 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 for division of responsibilities.

Umayyad Prophet (Sufi) consulted the hired

leads in the decision making process.

Local (governors) were appointed during

territorial expansions in different parts

of the new territories. These governors

were delegated and audited by Khalifa

and the Shura.

Conclusion

In conclusion, Islamic system of

good governance is based on

several factors. They include the presence

of Khalifa, delegation 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.