



A Study on “Ruling Authorities of Pakistan versus Some Foreign Authorities Regarding Corruption”

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Abstract

This article is written on the real issue of the society which is prevailing mostly in the developing countries. In this article the role of authorities of these developing countries is compared with the role of some foreign countries authorities. In this article, solution of corruption is presented with the practical example of foreign authorities by which they controlled this problem in their country. But, in the case of Pakistan, this situation is quite different because its authorities are also indulged. Being an Islamic state; the corruption is increasing day by day which is also a question mark for our ruling authorities as well as for the followers of Islam. In short, this article presents a saga of increasing corruption in Pakistan.

Keywords: Ruling Authority; the poor; the rich; Corruption; foreign; Dominant culture

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INTRODUCTION

Now-a-days every developing country is indulged in the problem of corruption. But in developed countries this problem is very low or the authorities of these developed countries handle this problem with an iron hand. But the main reason of prevailing corruption in developing countries is that here before tackling with corruption, it is noticed that who is doing this? If poor is doing this then he may be punished if his case has relation with some powerful or rich persons while if rich is indulged in this problem then his wrong action will not be noticed by anyone.

Anyhow before analyzing the role of ruling authorities about corruption, it is necessary to discuss about the word “corruption”.

According to Webster’s Dictionary of American language, the word corruption is formed from Latin word “com & rumpere” which has meaning “together, to break”. But, the literal meanings of corruption are as under:

1-Evil depraved & debased.

2-Taking bribes & dishonest, to make or become corrupt David B Guralink (1983). This may be also derived that people of Latin were also familiar with this word.

Objectives of Research

There are many objectives of research, some are as under:

- To highlight the corruption of authorities of Pakistan;
- To present the differentiation between the corruption of domestic and foreign authorities;
- To eliminate thinking to blame poor regarding corruption incidents;
- To present some measures for corruption free Pakistan;
- To present the importance of Holy Quran teaching & hadith sciences in practical lives for Muslims especially in Pakistan.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Corruption may have its roots in culture and history, but it is nevertheless, an economic and political problem. It produces inefficiency and unfairness in the distribution of public benefits and costs. It is symptom that the political system is operating with little concern for the broader public interest. It indicates that the structure of government does not channel private interests effectively. Political Legitimacy is undermined if government permits some to obtain disproportionate Private gains at the expense of others. Corruption is not a problem that can be attacked in isolation. It is not sufficient for criminal's law to search for bad apples and punish them. Anti-corruption law can only provide a background for more important structural reforms (Rose-Ackerman, & Palifka, 1999).

Anyhow the capitalist system which is the most dominant economic system, has resulted in the concentration of wealth and for all practical purposes, seem to have over emphasized materialism whereas moral values have been given a secondary role .It, therefore tends to make the rich, richer and the poor, poorer.

The concept of socio-economic justice under the capitalist system appears to have developed out of group pressures. In order to offset the influence of socialism, some halfhearted efforts have been made to reduce the imbalances. There was, however, no moral force behind these efforts and the result was that they remained ineffective (Siddiqui, N/M).

Level of corruption and the ways of corruption differ from one to another due to culture, income, resources and the level of literacy differences. The cases in which corruption enhances the efficiency of agents and improves the allocation of public services are limited. The theoretical and empirical evidence does not support widespread tolerance in some areas is that it undermines efforts to reduce corruption in other areas where it is clearly harmful. The possibility that payoffs may sometimes motivate officials to work more efficiently suggests that in particular cases illegal bribes might be converted into legal incentive pay schemes. If some types of payments are viewed as acceptable tips to public officials, they should be legalized and made subject to reporting requirements. One test of "Cultural" justification for payments is the acceptability of proposals to make such payments public (Rose-Ackerman, & Palifka, 1999).

METHODS

Research design

In this paper, descriptive and comparative research methodologies are applied for presentation and analysis of view point.

Purpose of study

The purpose of this research paper is to analyze the corruption of ruling authorities of Pakistan and of foreign authorities so that the image of the poor about corruption might be clarified.

Analysis data

Data analysis using content analysis method, which is an effort to obtain theories or concepts and research results that are able to answer research problems.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Ruling Authorities of Pakistan

In our country, all the departments and all the politicians seem to be quarreling with one another but about the matter of corruption, all defend to one another. It seems as if all are gathered for doing corruption. Even the some politicians are uttering these words :”Everybody has right to do corruption “.So everybody should get his share from this .Even the person who sits on the seat of clerk, he also thinks himself ,the head of concerned department. But, he should feel the trouble of his poor fellows. Because big officials remain busy to assure and defend the benefits of industrialists and big landlords. Now the circumstances have reached at this stage that Govt. servant and officials do not trust one another.

Now, only that work is done who gives money or have approach to the higher authorities of concerned department. Even the concerned authorities gives protocol to that type of person who has approach or gives them money in advance .So corrupt persons utter the words that “All is well” ([Ahmad, 2014](#)).

Dr. Ali Akbar Al-Azhari, wrote about the Pakistani nation, this nation is unique in the sense because this nation is feeling conspiracy from the Kala Bagh Dam. In this country, such minister which made agreement to produce Electricity with fuel power rather than with the water power and this minister was declared corrupt by the Supreme Court due to his dishonesty. But after sometime, this minister was made prime minister of country. So, these circumstances are sufficient to awake the sensitive and faithful nation, but still there are no chances to be awakened ([Al-Azhari, 2012](#)).

World Bank stated that electricity crises, political and administrative instability are responsible of increased unemployment and bad economic conditions. So, Govt. is responsible for all this. And now, that type of degree holder youths are pushing in the field which did not match our needs. This is also the main reason of being un- employed or disguised unemployment. This is fact that our demand is for skilled and technical manpower but mostly persons have simple education. This thing creates problem because these youth people want to participate in the phases of progress but they cannot do anything. This means that this education is obstacle for them to get employment ([Khan, 2012](#)).

If we analyze about the ruling authorities then the reasons of behind condition of its inhabitants will be cleared in the following lines. In the reign of president Zardari, many M.N.A.’s & Ministers of Punjab province and Sind Province shifted their developmental project from Sind and Punjab to Lucky Marwat. They got twenty Lakh rupees cash in turn of one hundred million rupees. And from the rest of amount more than fifty lakh rupees were captured by contractor after making the few schemes of water. He did not see any trick when his close friend who was doctor by fake degree, was getting ten millions rupees monthly from one organization. Speaker of National Assembly of Pakistan,

Fehmida Mirza got relaxation from the turning back of Loans' payment of 87 crore. Then Zardari president also did not see any type of tricks, when one revolutionist lady Minister was shifted from Minister Lodges. At this time, she loaded all the furniture of Ministers Lodges in a truck for Sialkot (Klasra, 2014).

Similarly the case of prime Minister of Pakistan is also acted like that a president. Prime Minister Raja Pervaiz Ashraf also visited his luxury flat containing of six bed rooms which was bought in London near Marble Arch. This beautiful and dearest flat was bought in the year 2009. A column writer told that this flat was bought by Raja Ashraf after becoming Minister of water and power resources in 2009. It is also remembered that Raja Pervaz Ashraf is still explaining about that Flat of London. It is also note able that the flat of was bought at the price of 4.5 million pound by the Hindi Rupees (Noorani, 2013).

Once President of Pakistan Asif Ali Zardari told that he has knowledge about the things that when we will do which work? But why he did not use his wisdom for the country and for the benefit of people of Pakistan. He used his wisdom only for his own purposes and he used his wisdom only for his family and for his own friends to change them into millionaire. Therefore, the properties of his family are now in Pakistan, from London to Dubai. Their built fort of Lahore also better than the building of Pentagon. It is estimated that the cost of the building of fort of Lahore is six hundred billion rupees. From where, they get this huge amount?

Some clever persons invest in all the political parties, leaders of political parties also understand that these investors have some matters for solution which will be solved by the ruling authorities only. Can N.A.B, F.I.A & F.B.R. have courage to give notice to former President Zardari about the construction of Lahore fort? (Klasra, 2014).

If we want to analyze the level of corruption in Pakistan, then the following data will be helpful for knowing about the position of Pakistan regarding corruption:

Pakistan has reached from 42th position to 33rd position in the race of corruption from the list of 175 countries with continual hardworking of our rulers and Govt. Officials.....It is sorrowful that dacoits or robbers of country and nation demands proof from the people. That people cannot give the proof of corruption of Police Inspector and Patwari, that people will give proof of Ministers, advisors and bureaucrats by which method? But from this proof, what will be biggest that ruling section of nation is doing progress by leaps and bounds while the poor have no employment so they cannot eat the bread of two times easily. Government has no diesel to run their trains and to generate electricity due to shortage of gas, many millions labors of industries have become unemployed due to shut down of industries. In these two years i.e. 2011 and 2012, foreign earnings have been decreased nearly two billion dollars. And now Government has no money in the finance ministry to pay their loan installments of I.M.F loans. Despite of all these, the people have no proof of corruption. The rulers have declared that if anybody give proof of their corruption then their rulers will leave politics (Afzal, 2012).

Here, the point is note able that "they told that they will leave politics only after the proof of politics." This means also that on the proof of corruption they will leave politics but they will not leave corruption. Who has courage to take back the money of corruption from the corrupt people?

Transparency International wrote his report about the performance of P.P.P.(Pakistan People Party) in these words:" In last five year ruling, the worst corruption and Bad administration was recorded. With this, 18 thousand Billion rupees of national wealth went to in loss. In the history of Pakistan that is only of 66 years, this last government remained so much bad in the matter of governance and corruption also. While Pakistan got 35 numbers from 47 numbers in the most corrupt countries of the world, in these five years, electricity & gas load shedding reached the worst level of history." (Azhar, 2013).

Besides all this, Anti-Corruption Department has also its offices at divisional head Quarters. But unfortunately their progress is not pure from corruption. It is said about the Anti-corruption department, that "this department does not control the corruption without getting some money". This means for handling the cases of corruption, investing money to the officials of Anti-corruption department is necessary. Without the taking money mostly officials does not take any notice rather action. This means with the help of this department an organized corruption has been started. Only those officials of other departments are caught by the anti-corruption department, who does not give share of this corruption to the officials of anti-corruption department. Anyhow, all the officials do not take bribe. And all the officials also does not do work without taking bribe. This means that from the influences of corruption, this department is not pure from corruption.

Anyhow, a country serious about fighting corruption must carry out a detailed Assessment to determine where corruption is most harmful and where it can most effectively attacked. A first step is to survey the public to find out how corruption affects their daily lives. This provides a way to set priorities that reflect popular grievances. However, survey evidence is not sufficient. The corruption that is most harmful. Thus a second emphasis should be on high level corruption is contracting, privatizations, and concessions that introduces serious economic distortions and undermines the fiscal health of the state. Third, people may believe that they gain from bribery that limits their taxes and reduces their regulatory burdens. Thus bribery of this type may not be reported as a problem by survey respondents. Nevertheless, the cumulative impact of such payoff can be very harmful. Those seeking to set priorities must look behind the individual responses to consider the overall impact of a large number of attempts to circumvent the rules. In such cases, the policy response might be program redesign not increased oversight ([Rose-Ackerman, & Palifka, 1999](#)).

However, now in some cities of Pakistan, many people are discussing about the draw backs of corruption. Even the some movements and tanzeems are also doing work against corruption. Sometimes some are doing wall chalking against corruption. In the district Vehari of Punjab Province, at Haveli Hama near Pakkhi More stop, the slogan was written in these words: "Reject this corrupt system for your offspring."

This written slogan shows that now the people of Pakistan or the people that area especially are thinking that corruption is bad for our system so we should reject this corrupt system. Besides this there are some movements that are also doing their work for the correction of system, from these movements some are religious movements or tanzeems and some working for purely correction of this system.

From these types of movements, the movement named, "tehrir-e-Islahe muashra" is also working against corruption and dishonesty. But still there is corruption prevailing in all the government offices as well as private offices also. Still there is needed to take steps to crush the corrupt system.

Foreign authorities' corruption & Steps to control corruption

Every nation takes steps to control the corruption from his country. The nation with state controlled media can use corruption stories to teach cautionary lessons. In the Soviet Union, for example, corruption revelations were common place news items. To a western economist; they indicated the rigidities and inefficiencies of the planned economy. To the Soviet Officials themselves, they were part of periodic clean up campaigns that did not challenge the underlying organization of the economic system ([Rose-Ackerman, & Palifka, 1999](#)).

In Singapore, Government also took strict action against the corrupt ones by neglecting the status of corrupt people. Their action may be seen as under:

“In 1982, In Singapore Lokpal Bill was implemented and 142 corrupt Ministers and officials were arrested in one day. But today ,Singapore has only 1 % poor people, no taxes are paid by the people to the government, 92% Literacy rate, better medical facilities ,cheaper prices ,90% money is white and only 1% unemployment exists ([Bajwah, 2013](#)). If we analyze about the Afghanistan, the situation is also strange from Pakistan.

In Afghanistan, the Taliban emerged as a local power in Afghanistan starting in 1994 because they were able to provide protection and stability in a context of war, raping and corruption .They found ready support from elements within the Pakistani state which welcomed an ally likely to protect trade routes to Central Asia and to provide a friendly buffer on the frontier .Similarly ,the Taliban also appeared in the mid of 1990s to serve a range of U.S .interests, above all in securing a route for an oil pipeline to the central Asian oil fields outside Iranian control ([Metcalf, 2004](#)). International institution and international business community can help provide incentives for reform. Aid and lending institutions should take a broad approach.

Efforts to keep and project clean while ignoring the rest of government’s activities will be ultimately in effective as corrupt officials and private individuals and firms seek opportunities elsewhere. Clearly international organizations ought not to abandon efforts to keep their own projects free of corruption but the more serious that effort becomes, the more they will need to help countries reduce corruption throughout their institutions. Fundamental change requires commitment from the top of government and a willingness to follow through as the anti-corruption effort unfolds. Serious reform can be carried out with in any existing structure of Government. Such governments may be able to move quickly in the short run but pose the risk that their policies will be reversed in the future.

Anti-corruption Campaigns can be used to undermine political opponents and discipline troublesome groups. Reforms should resist those who would use an anticorruption crusade to limit political opposition .Nominal reform efforts that become a vendetta against political opponents will lose credibility ,only structural changes can accomplish credible change ([Rose-Ackerman, & Palifka,1999](#)).

As concerned the corruption of Muslim countries, it is also so much than the non - Muslim countries. This also shows that the people of these corrupt countries do not follow the teachings of religion Islam.

The paradox of the Muslim world is that it is resource rich but economically poor and weak .Development planning has been introduced in a number of Muslim countries. In some, the art is now at a fairly advanced level. Nigeria, Egypt, Syria, Algeria, Iran, Pakistan, Malaysia and Indonesia are some of the instances. But in almost all these countries developmental effort is modeled after the prototypes of growth developed by the western theorists of planning and “sold” to the planners in the Muslim countries via international diplomacy, economic pressurization, intellectual infiltrate and covert means ([Ahmad & Ansari, 1999](#)).

The major challenges for the region include corruption amongst the ruling elites, inequality and perception of high youth unemployment. All of this contributes to widespread demoralization, Russian and local government efforts beyond investment have been limited. However, in Dagestan, a center for dialogue has been established, dominated by Sunni, Moderate salafi figures. Although, this represents a bilateral discussion on social and religious concerns for the first time in Dagestan, it is unlikely to have significant impact ([Matveena, 2012](#)).

A kleptocratic ruler can affect the benefits of privatization. A corrupt ruler is likely to be especially eager to privatize monopolies that earn excess profits so long as he can extracts share of the gains. But it is one thing for kleptocrat to want to privatize a state

firm and quite another for private investors to make bids .A private firm will have little value to investors if it can be taxed on all its profits,

Renationalized at will without adequate compensation, or excessively and arbitrarily regulated. Only if the state can credibly commit to a reasonable future policy will the firm be worth more as a private entity. But a corrupt ruler faces special difficulties because he is committed only to personal enrichment.

Furthermore, even if he can somehow write binding contracts with investors, they may worry that a corrupt ruler risks overthrow. A change in regime can lead to the cancellation of previous understandings (Rose-Ackerman, & Palifka, 1999).

Sometimes anticorruption policies include a restructuring of the state to reduce its role through privatization and deregulation because this reform will reduce the number of officials needed, they can be expected to resist the change.

One study recommends obtaining bureaucrats support for such reforms by giving officials “golden handshakes” in the form of one time surge in bribe receipts. This given them a financial stake in the success of the long run reforms effort and an incentive to reveal needed information to the reforms (Rose-Ackerman, & Palifka, 1999).

Similarly, when the worship of wealth and greediness for rule prevails in the society, then its inhabitants worship material values of life ... In the worship of material power and economic power, their attitude becomes so much wrong that they did not consider what is right and what is wrong? And even sometimes, they did not consider that said statement is right or wrong but they note this “, who is telling this statement”? And the person who is telling this, belong to which community? He is rich in economic status or not? If they found him deprived of worldly honor & status then they refuse to affirm their statement true because they want to judge the true through persons or community (Ud-Din Siddiqui, N/M., p-81).

War, Strikes civil commotions and social convulsions provide ample warning to the people that there is something wrong to the people that there is something wrong about the society in which they live. However, when people give no heed to the warnings administered by history and by the men who have a deeper understanding of the moral factors that of retribution is not long in coming (Siddiqui, 1975)

The revival of the ummah is thus the first pre-requisite to the attainment of Lord's help. In the divine eye, we are the best community raised up by our Lord for the guidance of mankind. Our Lord has created us with the express purpose of providing leadership to the nation of the world. He has commanded us to act as dispenser of justice among other nations if the situation so demands. He has created us as an Ummah Justly balanced (Malik, 1991)

Teachings of Islam regarding Corruption

Religion Islam has clear teachings against corruption also. The most authentic source of Islam is Holy Quran. After Holy Quran, the second authentic source of Islam is Hadith Sharif. In the Holy Quran Allah told that “o believers, do not eat (capture) the wealth of others by wrong doings.” (Al-Quran, Sura Ar-Rahman & verse 9) This means we should not do such tactics to eat others wealth by wrong doings, if we believe on Allah, And who does wrong doings ,this means ,this person does not believe on God , If he had believe then he would obey the order of Allah almighty.

In many verses of Holy Quran, it is commanded to do fair dealings and it is forbidden to deceive the other whether the matter is about business or other mundane matters. Similarly, many ahadith also guided us to be fair and pure in the matters of business or worship.

Similarly, many Hadiths also show that we should avoid from earnings of wrong doings. Another hadith also shows clearly that the person who gives bribe and takes bribe, both will be the material of fire (Abdul Aziz ,2000). Anyhow, in all books of sihah sittah(six books of hadith) teachings and sayings of Holy Prophet against wrong doings and corruption are also mentioned clearly.

CONCLUSION

In short, it may be stated that corruption in Islamic societies notifies that followers of Islam has no fear from God and no fear from the punishment of Day of Judgment. The prevailing situation of corruption also shows that the followers of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) are not acting upon the teachings of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.). This is the main reason of present situation of corruption of Pakistan. Therefore, it may be stated vividly that in the situation of Corona Virus, those are involved in crime of corruption; actually they prefer worldly wealth on the hereafter rewards. Besides this, concerned persons also neglect Holy Quran and hadith sciences in their practical lives. Furthermore, it may be stated that when people will unable to fulfill their economic needs then they have to do some negative or illegal measures to meet their needs. Therefore, it is better that such measure in practical lives for earning livelihood must be taken so that they could meet their needs in legal ways.

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