



MICRO ANALYSIS OF POLICE CORRUPTION IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

In India, one of the most corrupt departments is Police. They are to maintain the law and order in the country, but they totally polluted towards corruption. It will spoil the natural justice to the poor people. Today, no citizen is entering without fear in the police station even though they may have justice to their problems. A new household survey released by Transparency International reports high levels of corruption in public institutions in South Asia. In that, Police emerge as the most corrupt department. Thus, the researcher picked this topic to study and analyse it in micro basis. This study attempts to deal with types, situations and remedy to overcome or to control the corruption in an effective manner.

KEYWORDS :**INTRODUCTION:**

In our country, the top most corrupt department is Police. Because, most of the citizens are breach the law, they may overcome from the case by paying sum amount of money as corruption to the police personnel. Police Corruption is a form of police misconduct in which law enforcement officers seek personal gain such as money or career advancement, through the abuse of power, for example by accepting bribes in exchange for not pursuing or selectively pursuing, an investigation or arrest.

One common form of police corruption is soliciting or accepting bribes in exchange for not reporting organized drug or prostitution rings or other illegal activities. In few States, liquor business is totally banned by the government, but police personnel instigated the certain groups to prepare liquor and sold into the market. In U.T. of Puducherry, one recent case files against the top Police personnel's towards the prostitution case. They forced the minor child to undergo prostitution and generated income, now the police personnel's are suspended and the case took place.

Another example is police officers flouting the police code of conduct in order to secure convictions of suspects, they produce falsified evidence. Only very few of the police personnel's are deliberately and systematically participate in organized crime themselves.

In other hand, few of the police personnel's are doing their work very sincerely without involving in any corrupt activities and breaking the code of conduct. But our politicians, bureaucrats and top level police personnel's putting lot of trouble to them by transferring from one place to another place frequently, threatening them and without assigning any duty, they will simply sit at one place.

In most major cities there are internal affairs sections to investigate suspected police corruption or misconduct. Police corruption is a significant widespread problem in several countries such as Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Russia and Ukraine.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE:

In India, the U.T. of New Delhi registered their views with Transparency International told that corruption has increased in the past three years. Transparency International's Global Corruption Barometer 2013 report revealed that while 40 per cent of the respondents in India felt corruption has increased a lot. 31 per cent said that it has increased in the past two years. Similarly, 47 per cent felt it is a serious problem, whereas 33 per cent said that corruption is a problem. The Global corruption barometer 2013 is a survey of 1,14,000 people in 107 countries and it shows that corruption is widespread.

Police corruption is a real problem in many countries in the world,

where the police are perceived as one of the most corrupt organizations in the States. In the past, the prevailing interpretation of police corruption depends on the individual characteristics of police officers. It was believed that police officers were involved on corruption because of low moral values.

Sanja's interpretation of police corruption is based on a combination of factors including lack of morals of individual police, other factors related to police organization, leadership of the police, breach of rules, drugs and internal control systems. Police corruption is an act or omission, a promise of action or omission, or an attempted action or omission, committed by a police officer or a group of police officers.

The rotten apple theory became the easy way to explain police corruption, especially by the administration; it is a simplistic explanation that allows the organization and senior management to blame the individual behaviour, rather than addressing the structural factors. The bad apple theory justifies police corruption as an ethical failure. However, it is not a sufficient justification in terms of the reality of organisational culture and professional police work in contribution to development and it is necessary to examine, within the structure and culture of police work and police organization that is more difficult to deal with than the ethical flaws.

Some researchers argue that all efforts that focus on tightening laws, supervision and transparency are not sufficient to address the problem of corruption, which requires the establishment of a system of moral and culture for employees in order to promote these values within the organization.

TYPES OF CORRUPTION:

In general, the police officers have several opportunities to gain personally from their status and authority as law enforcement officers. In 1970, The Knapp Commission in USA, which investigated corruption in the New York City Police Department, divided corrupt officers into two types: 1. Meat-eaters – Aggressively misuse their police powers for personal gain and 2. Grass-eaters – Simply accept the payoffs that the happenstances of police work throw their way.

In our country, the certain types of corruption acts have been committed by police officers that are as follows:

- Police officers may receive free drinks, meals, snacks, stationery items and other gratuities.
- Police officers are receiving payment from referring people to other businesses.
- Police personnel act as thief from arrestees and crime victims.
- Police officers accepts bribes for not to pursue a criminal violation.

- Police officers may protect the illegal activities by accepting payment from the operators of illegal activities such as brothels, drug dealers, dance clubs, etc.. These people are protected from law enforcement.
- Police officers itself may involve direct criminal activities.

Tools to control corruption:

The accurate information about to control the corruption is hard to come by, since the corrupt activities tend to happen in secret and police organizations have little incentive to publish information about corruption. Police officials and researchers alike have argued that in some countries, large scale corruption involved by police not only exists but can even become institutionalised.

To control the corruption, the government should restructure their salaries; upgrade their training programmes, incentives for their higher education, and recreational activities for personnel and taking care of their families. Moreover, more number of personnel is recruited and their duty to work is set in a prompt manner. In most of the high level officers are not permitting the police personnel to go on leave and spend with their family, it should be avoided. The department itself should organise intra-mural relationship with the personnel and their families.

In most of the heads in police department, they are treating their subordinates as slaves and they instigating to involve corrupt activities. In certain cases, the personnel are not interested in the corrupt activity, he will be punished and deputed to dummy places, and it really stimulates the police personnel to involve in bribe activities. For this, the high level officers may treat their subordinates as human beings and they also motivate them to act as a honest person. It really motivates the personnel to work sincerely and render justice for the culprits.

Conclusion:

This paper attempted to analyse the police corruption in a micro basis and the researcher suggests the certain ways to eliminate or control the corruption in a practical manner. The noble cause corruption as ethical corruption is a departure from conventional discussions on police corruption, its main focus on monetary corruption.

According to the field of police ethics, noble cause corruption is police misconduct, 'committed in the name of good ends'. According to professional policing literature, noble cause corruption includes, "planning or fabricating evidence lying or the fabrication and manipulation of facts on reports or through testimony in court and generally abusing police authority to make a charge stick'.

In my research study, most of the personnel are very restless in their activities and they are involved in corruption due to force of higher level officers and family members. Some of them opined that the society itself instigating to do corruption, while they are breaking laws and doing unlawful activities.

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