

### **357 Hurricane Day14 11/07/2022 Governance**

Q1 How does governance impact the economy and international relations of a country? Discuss in the context of India. (10)

Q2 'RTI Act did bring in transparency since its inception, but the journey to real transparency in governance is still very long for India'. Examine. (10)

Q3 'E-governance is a necessity, but it needs to be supplemented with other forms of governance'. How far do you agree with the statement? Elucidate. (10)

Q4 Civil Services could have been one of the most significant ways of ensuring 'Good Governance', but it has failed to do this. Critically examine the statement. (15)

Q5 'Governance which does not add value to human life and makes their life easier is only partial governance'. Do you agree? Substantiate with relevant examples. (15)

Ans. 1

Governance of a country reflects its position in economy as well as international sphere .

### Impact of Governance on the economy of India .

- 1) e-governance has helped various businesses to flourish, entrepreneurship which actually contributes to the country's economy
- 2) Good governance in the form of Corporate social responsibility and citizen charters can increase foreign Direct Investment in India
- 3) e-NAM, common market for agricultural mandis, etc. can flourish country's agriculture status and productivity .
- 4) Gig economy can flourish and improve the economy of the country. like Zomato, etc .

## Impact of governance on International relations of India

- ) In the international sphere, a country like India which has potentials for good governance can attract a strong position in the world.
- ) India, through good governance, can ensure the better relations with its neighbours like  
India - Bangladesh,  
India - Pakistan,
- ) The changing dynamics of geopolitics can be favourable for India if governance is fruitful.
- ) e-governance can bind and integrate economies and increased global competitiveness.

Therefore, governance is an important aspect of a country and can help progressively in economic and international sphere.

Ans. 2

Right to Information Act was enacted in 2005 by replacing Freedom of Information Act, 2002 to

ensure good governance in the country through accountability and transparency.

RTI brought transparency

- 1) There have been number of success stories of RTI which have exclusively dealt with corruption.
- 2) In major cases, there have been delivery of timely information in 30 days.
- 3) Through RTI's response, there have been successful mobilisations in the country.

However the journey to real transparency in governance is still very long for India.



## Lacunae in RTI

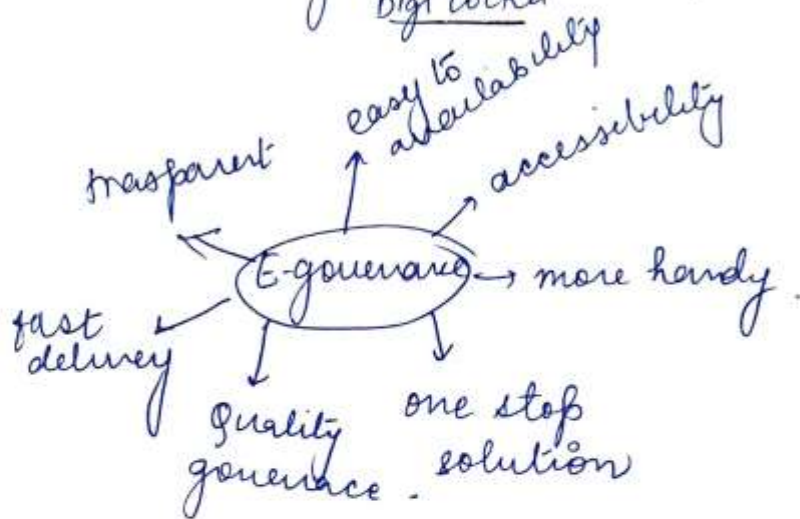
- 1) Denied information on vague reasons.
- 2) The strong penal actions for faulty and false RTIs have actually demotivated the true RTI filers.
- 3) Lack of awareness about RTI in the country.
- 4) Pending information in some cases.
- 5) The RTI Act does not mention the fee for filing RTI and leaves it on public authority which is actually misused by officials.
- 6) Misuse of RTI by false people.

So, in order to ensure full transparency, the lacunae in RTIs have to be corrected, there has to be strong will in political leadership and a sense of awareness among the general public.

As it is said that RTI is one of the strongest weapon to curb corruption -

Ans-3 :-

E-governance is the form of governance implemented through the use of Information and Communication Technologies and Internet. Eg: Direct Bank Transfer, Digi Locker



However, despite e-governance having high popularity, there are issues like digital divide, lack of digital literacy, etc. so, as to ensure quality and complete governance there has to be other forms of governance accompanied with it.

## Other forms of supplementary governance

### 1) Gendered governance

so that no gender inequality is there which persists in e-governance due to digital illiteracy.

### 2) Social governance

so as to ensure positive societal impacts of governance like towards environment, different castes, classes, poor and vulnerable sections, etc.

### 3) Economic governance

to ensure economic prosperity.

### 4) Political governance

for better political environment and stronger democracy.

Therefore, alongwith e-governance, we can actually have various other forms of governance to bring a comprehensive governance in the country for the holistic development.



Ans. 4

One of the strongest pillar of Indian Governance is civil services like All India Services, Central Services. It has been an institution from British times and has only strengthened with time.

Civil service ensure good governance

There are various expectations from this institution because they have ensured quality governance :-

1) Policy-Makers → ensures policy making and assist in administrative aspects.

2) Grassroot level issues

Since civil servants like District collector work on-ground, more aware about ~~their~~ <sup>these</sup> local needs hence ensures justice to them.

3) Uphold values

like integrity, honesty, etc.



- 4) Emotionally intelligent people  
Because of concrete training given to them.

However, despite such huge potentials for good governance, they have failed to do uphold it.

Reasons :-

1) Lethargic and lazy bureaucrats

↳ There have been complaints regarding their lethargic nature.

2) Politicalization of Civil Servants

There have been instances that civil servants remain under political pressure and favour political elites.

3) Red-tapism has curbed

their creativity and innovation to arrive at quality service delivery.

4) Lack of will in the civil servants to work for the people.

5) Corruption one of the most prevailing evil in the civil servants

So, as to ensure good governance through civil service, following can be done :-

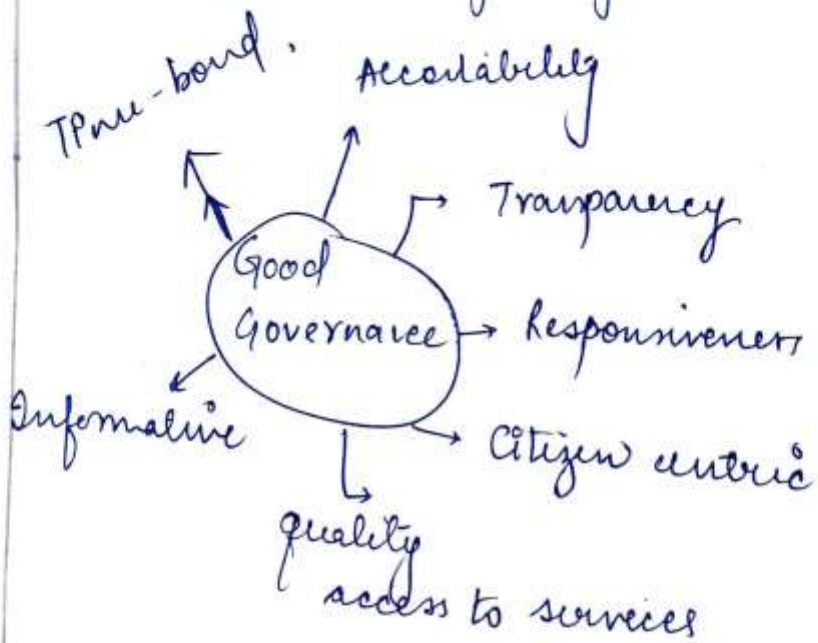
- 1) civil services reforms
- 2) changed nature of training - more vocational.
- 3) latent entries for specialization.
- 4) ease of rules and regulations to curb red tapism

There have been several examples like Ashok Khemka who is an IAS officer who have actually worked for the better delivery of governance.

Hence, through the above way forwards, civil services can actually ensure good governance.

Ans. 5

Governance is a term used to explain the government's way of implementing policies and delivering services to the citizens. So, as to ensure quality governance, it should have features of good governance.



So, governance as a model has to add value to human life and make their life easier so as to ensure complete governance.



### 1) Accountability

→ very important aspect of governance.

→ Only an accountable government can ensure full governance.

→ Examples of ensuring accountability:-

Lokpal and Lokayukta institutions

Central Vigilance Commission,

CBI.

### 2) Transparency

If a citizen is denied transparency, then the governance is incomplete.

Like Right to Information Act, 2005, ensures transparency.

### 3) Citizen centric

It should inculcate citizen feedback and constructive criticism and make sure the governance is complete.

Examples: Senotlarn model ,  
Citizen Charter

#### 4) Quality Access to services

through various mechanisms  
like e-courts, MNREGA's

CRISP-M apps , GPS system ,

RTI as an Important tool -

If these mechanisms are lagging  
like:-

- 1) weak infrastructure -
- 2) delay in justice like pending cases.
- 3) lacunae in RTI like delayed information.
- 4) not a strong institution of Lokpal.

Then, these mechanisms do not  
add value to human life, here  
the governance remains partial or  
weak.

Therefore, strong infrastructure, multi-  
stakeholder approach, strong political  
will should ensure comprehensive  
governance.