# **Ethics and Governance**

P C Parakh

In law a man is guilty when he violates the rights of others. In ethics he is guilty if he only thinks of doing so.

Immanuel Kant

Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have right to do and what is right to do

Potter Stewart

# Dilemmas' in Ethical Conduct

Story of a Bus Conductor

### Actors in Governance

- 1. Elected Representatives of People
- 2. Political Executives

■ 3. Permanent Civil Service

• 4. Judiciary

"This rot in the Congress is that of people's representatives in the legislative bodies. They are vociferous about stopping the widespread corruption, but they themselves resort to worse corruption. They take money from people to get licenses, indulge in black-marketing, trade in ignorance of masses, corrupt the source of justice, and force administrative machinery to get transfers of administrative personnel."

#### Case Studies

With the Government of AP

■ 1. Civil Supplies Department

2. AP Mining Corporation

3. Nizam Sugar Ltd

#### Case Studies

With the Government of India

■ 1. E- Marketing of Coal

2. Allocation of Coal Blocks

3. Appointment of Chairman Coal India

"Any party which comes to power tends to appoint pliable bureaucrats who are expected to carry out the wishes of party leaders, irrespective of their merit or legality. If a bureaucrat does not comply, he is likely to be transferred to another position. In Uttar Pradesh over half the corps of IAS officers was transferred within twelve months of posting"

- Bimal Jhalan former Governer RBI Senior Haryana-cadre IAS officer Ashok Khemka was on Thursday transferred again by the Haryana government - the 47th transfer for the officer in 25 years of his service.

-Hindustan times

A 2009-batch IAS officer Durga Shakti Nagpal posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of Gautam Budh Nagar suspended for leading crackdown on UP sand mafia - Hindu

# Tip of the Iceburg

- Chairman of Assam Public service commission arrested
- Chairman of Punjab Public service commission arrested
- Chairman of Maharashtra Public service commission arrested
- Mahesh Kumar, Member Railway Board Arrested
- · Mr. Srivastav, Chairman NALCO arrested

#### State of Civil Service

#### 1956

"India shared with Britain the distinction of having the best body of generalist civil servants in the world."

-Paul Appleby

#### 2012

Indian bureaucracy is about the worst in Asia, with a score of 9.21 out of 10.

Political and Economic Risk Consultancy

### Corruption Perception Index

Rank	Country	Score
1	Denmark	90
1	New Zealand	90
2	Finland	89
3	Sweden	88
4	Switzerland	86
79	India	40

#### Kind of Civil Servants

- 1. Those willing to collude with political leaders and join them in loot.
- 2. Those unwilling to collude but unable to resist pressures.
- 3. A small minority, who despite all odds, still stand by the civil service values of integrity, impartiality and fearlessness.

## Conclusion

As Civil Servants **You** can make a difference!