

SOCIAL REFORMS MODEL A WAY FORWARD FOR BETTER ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNANCE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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Abstract

This paper is way forward for better role of Government and Governance after reviewing literature on Role of Government and Government in developing countries. This paper has discussed the outcome of World Governance Survey (WGS) carried out on 16 developing countries by Hyden, Court & Mease. The paper discussed the importance of good governance in developing countries as there is lots of commonality of problems in developing countries like poverty, insecurity, lawlessness, weaker check and balance and deliberate democracy instead of true democracy having difference in government rhetoric and real Practice. While keeping these issues in mind Social Reforms Model (SRM) is being developed in this paper for further betterment in good Governance and thought provoking for political executives and bureaucratic administration to coordinate as a team to deliver better governance. This paper is way forward for political scientists to develop such more models to achieve manageable goals of good Governance and true democracy. The paper has promoted the idea of social responsibility of Well-informed Persons and local intelligentsia to keep liaison with the Government as “Ambassadors” of Government at grass root level and helping the local administration in psycho educating the general public to be part of national interest instead of creating chaos and unrest in country.

Key Words: Social Reforms Model, Well Informed Persons, Deliberate Democracy

Introduction

Every government success is evaluated by their good or bad governance. The way the relationship between citizens and state are carried out and deliverance of amenities to the citizens is governance (Hyden,Court,Mease;2003).According to them government is social contract between rulers and ruled the true democratic government should not be based on deliberate democracy and existence of gap between government rhetoric and practices. Such democratic countries give rise to social issues, malpractices and weaker states. According to (Hyden, court & Mease) there are six arenas of governance under which it is based on namely: civil society, political society, executives, bureaucracy, economic status and judiciary. In other words these are pillars of government which gives strength to the government.

Method

The authors of article reviewed World Governance survey used purposive sampling while taking 35 to 40 Well informed Persons. They included government official, parliamentarians, entrepreneurs, researchers, NGO representatives, lawyers and civil servants. The qualitative data was taken from 16 developing countries comprising of Chile, India , Jordan,Mongolia,Tanzania,Thailand Argentina,Bulgaria,China,Indonesia,Peru,Kyrgyzstan,Pakistan,Phillipines,Russia & Togo.

Results

Five indicators used in WGS(World Governance Survey) were drawn from the responses of WIP(well informed persons). Those indicators were personal security or freedom from fear, social welfare or freedom from want, readiness to make tough decisions by the government or national interest, political military relations or strong civilian control, attitude for peace or maintain peace. These five indicators highlighted the importance of good governance, positive use of power, importance of national interest and harmony in the country. The feeling of security and social welfare are integral part in the personality development of nation .These two indicators will help in providing tolerance, life satisfaction and maintenance of peace. The sincere government believes in enhancement of quality of life of their people while catering their physical wellbeing, social wellbeing, economic wellbeing, spiritual wellbeing and emotional wellbeing. After better quality of life of people they can prove to be better citizens and can be taken on board to follow national interest and be integral part of government.

SOCIAL REFORMS MODEL (SRM) FOR BETTER GOVERNANCE

**IDENTIFICATION &
HIGHLIGHTING SOCIAL AND
NATIONAL ISSUES
IN COUNTRY FROM TOP TO
BOTTOM
FOR
BETTER GOVERNANCE**

IMPROVEMENT & REMEDIAL MEASURES FOR BETTER GOVERNANCE

**1-FOCUS ON SECURITY, HEALTH AND
EDUCATION SECTORS
2-MOBILE RELIEF AND MONITORING
TEAMS AT GRASS ROOT LEVEL
3-COMMUNITY CENTERS AT DISTRICT
AND SUB DISTRICT LEVEL TO CATER
SOCIAL AND HEALTHY ACTIVITIES**

**DEVELOPING CONCEPT OF
“AMBASSADORS”
Of
GOVERNMENT AT DISTRICT AND
SUB DISTRICT LEVEL WHILE
COORDINATING WITH LOCAL
WELL INFORMED PERSONS &
LOCAL INTEELIGENSTIA**

**4-24 HOURS TELEPHONIC LINE HELP &
GUIDANCE CONNECTION WITH LOCAL
ADMINISTRATION FOR SPEEDY RELIEF
5-YOUTH PSYCHO & PREVENTIVE
EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THEIR
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
6-SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR
MARGINALIZED POPULATION**

**QUARTELY EVALUATION & FEED BACK
FROM
LOCAL “AMBASSADORS” AND WELL INFORMED PERSONS
FOR BETTER GOVERNANCE THROUGH LOCAL
ADMINISTRATION**

- IMMEDIATE RECTIFICATION OF PEOPLE GENIUNINE GRIEVANCES**
- CORDIAL COMMUNICATION WITH THE CITIZENS**
- WATCH THE NATIONAL INTEREST**
- PROPER AND POSITIVE USE OF PRINTED AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA BY THE GOVERNMENT**

SOCIAL REFORMS MODEL A WAY FORWARD FOR BETTER GOVERNANCE

The Social Reforms Model (SRM) presented in this paper developed by the reviewing the literature on Role of Government and Governance. The Social Reforms Model is based on Top –Down Approach starting from general to special in implementation of social reforms and quality of life enhancement of citizens of developing countries. The formation of Government “Ambassadors” at district and town level comprising of local intelligentsia and well informed persons(WIP) of local areas .The major aim of “Ambassador” concept to activate the process of security, social welfare and basic amenities of life of general public and mobilize the Government in resolving such issues. In other words they will act as bridge between general citizens and political government and local bureaucracy. The formation of District and Town Community centers will cater social welfare services, community involvement and awareness against national risks. The community center will act as hub for trainings, psycho education, liaison, networking, counseling, health care, new skills training for male and female youth, sports activities and special programs for marginalized population, 24 hours telephonic help line for solving grievances and complaints. The most important part of Social Reforms Model is Quarterly Evaluation and Feedback to the local administration and Government political representatives to rectify the issues and involve them and patronize local social welfare initiatives taken by respective communities with guidance and help of local

intelligentsia and “Ambassadors” to uplift the wellbeing of all people without any discrimination.

Conclusion

According to Grindle(2008) governance can be better if the government is fair, judicious, transparent, participatory, responsive, well managed and efficient. The concept of good governance can change the fate of the people in developing countries. Biswas (2020)in his paper on good governance emphasized on the important indicators which are highly important for good governance namely: participation, responsiveness, equity & inclusiveness, effectiveness and efficiency, accountability, consensus oriented, transparency and rule of law. Good governance leads to economic development, social development and political development. There is one of the important aspect in the good governance is the positive working relationship between bureaucracy and political government Davy (1962) in his book “Public administration as a field of study in the United States”public administration will not exist if there no politics and politics cannot work if there is no administration. Ishak, Hasibuan and (2020) discussed the relationship between bureaucracy and politics in realizing good governance system the balanced relationship between two can be transformed into judicial restrictions. The professional approach in bureaucracy and politics and minimize corruption and nepotism which will enhance the quality of life and social reforms can be observed. The literature reviewed on government and good government has given new pathway to political scientists, social scientist to develop working models for betterment of social policies in developing countries. The Social Reforms Model (SRM) developed in this paper is positive effort to promote researchers to

work further for social welfare, security and maintenance of peace in developing countries.

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