



CO-GOVERNANCE IN THE ERA OF GLOBALIZATION

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ABSTRACT

Post World War II developments have paved the path for democratic process all over the world. People who are the tax payers are increasingly showing interest in electing their representatives and are involving in participatory democratic process. Various organisations are forming to represent their own interests and supporting the political parties that promise in resolving their issues and meeting their demands. People from all walks of life from metropolitan cities to the grassroots are increasingly participating in the democratic process and are expecting enormous socio-economic change in their lives. On the other hand the excluded and backward communities are giving encouragement and reservations to contest in the elections and enabling to play an active role in political sphere and governance of the country. Co-governance process has become the watchword in the era of globalization. Gradually this process of Co-governance within the nation is moving ahead as a Co-governance at the global level since several decades. The developed, developing and underdeveloped nations are coordinating in various aspects like in economic development, development in science and technology, cooperation during calamities, assistance during wars and so on. Hence Co-governance has become a part and parcel of almost all the nations in this era of globalization. Yet several issues that arise from time to time due to various differences are to be addressed with a soft approach.

KEYWORDS: *Co-governance, Globalization, Decision making, Grassroots, Political sphere, Democratic Process, Participatory Democracy.*

INTRODUCTION

The communities in the society have and are making decisions for their own welfare. They have played a key role in establishing a system of various types of governments from time to time. They have even overthrown the autocratic regimes that have threatened their existence. Since the Post Second World War the concept of equality is being heard like a buzz word. People are realising their importance in various



fields. They are forming various organisations to fulfil their demands and requirements. The governments that are elected and other forms are paying increasing attention to the demands of the people and fulfilling their demands from time to time to remain in power. The modern tendency that is being witnessed is that people are using various devices like press, media, strikes, representations and so on to meet their demands as the government is collecting the taxes. The governments are not able to run effectively as there are only handful of government servants as compared to the people living in any nation. So, the

governments are working together with the support of the people in each and every activity it undertakes.

RESEARCH PROBLEM OF THE STUDY

The governments that do not take the confidence of the people living within their nation are unable to run the government effectively. It has led to many petty groups, organisations, left wings, right wings, class groups, caste organisations, merchants organisations, capitalists and so on. They play a key role in destabilising the rule of any government if their interests are not met from time to time. The government in power always keeps an eye on them so that they could track their activities and take necessary steps to overcome them if they disrupt the peaceful functioning of the government. The effective functioning of the government can only be realised through Co-Governance in this era of globalisation.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the study are as follows:

1. To study the significance of Co-Governance after the post World War Scenario.
2. To study the increasing demand of Co-Governance in the era of globalisation.
3. To identify issues in effective Co-Governance with special reference to India.
4. To suggest measures to overcome the issues for successful functioning of the Co-Governance process with special reference to India.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Several important works in the related field have been reviewed for the study and are mentioned below:

- Vayunandan Etakula (2003), Good Governance: Initiatives in India
- Raj Kumar C. (2011), Corruption and Human Rights in India: Comparative Perspectives on Transparency and Good Governance: Comparative Perspectives On Transparency and Good Governance
- Dr.M.Pandu Ranga Rao (2014), Good Governance & Rural Development in India
- Rumki Basu (2015), Democracy and Good Governance: Reinventing the Public Service Delivery System in India
- Mrs.Meetu (2015), Strengthening Democracy and Good Governance in India
- Ranvijay Upadhyay (2017), Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude in Governance
- Dr.C.Vinodan (2017), Good Governance and Development: Challenges in India
- Kush Verma (2017), Community Governance in India: Good Practices in MGNREGA and so on.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

This study provides a clear picture of the effectiveness of Co-Governance in the functioning of any government in the world. The hostile organisations and nations are playing a key role in spreading the arms and ammunitions to destabilise the internal situation so that they always keep us at conflict and prosper through land and sea routes and become economically and militarily strong enough to dominate the global political scenario and this study address this issue to work in confidence with the people. It highlights the significance of the participation of the people either individually or through the organisations they have formed from time to time to fulfil their demands effectively. There are various sections of the people in the society in every nation and it is the duty of the government to give equal preference to each and every individual and extend all the possible benefits to them without excluding any group or community based on the religion, caste, race, sex, class and so on. Infact, the only option with any type of government to maintain a stable government is through Co-Governance in this era of globalization.

RELEVANCE OF THE STUDY

The principle of Co-Governance establishes the concept of mutual trust, mutual reciprocity, equal distribution of benefits based on the contribution by the organisations or individuals, establishes

cooperation, emphasises responsible citizens and responsible government, ensures protection to the people at large and especially to the weaker sections, physically handicapped, women, children and other vulnerable groups and their habitats. It provides assistance to many institutions that play a key role in the socio-economic development of the nation to its fullest extent possible.

REQUIREMENTS OF CO-GOVERNANCE

The major requirement of effective functioning of Co-Governance are stated below:

Fairness
Accountability
Independence
Transparency
Mutual Trust
Tackling Common Issues
Extending all possible support at times of distress
Balanced policies
Commitments
Responsive Government
Performing duties effectively and efficiently
Rule of Law
Consensus oriented approach
Stable Political System
Social and Economic Stability
Standard Institutions
Maintenance of effective law and order system internally and externally etc.

CO-GOVERNANCE AND GLOBALIZATION

The present era is the era of globalization. In this era the interaction among the people and the governments have increased by leaps and bounds. The impact of globalization is being felt on every field like social, economic, cultural, political and so on. So, the present trend demands for a citizen friendly, respect and protection of human rights, responsive, citizen centric, welfare oriented, caring, sensitively dealing with every issue etc. Today, no nation is totally dependent on itself. Each and every nation is dependent on other nations for instance on science and technology, arms and ammunitions, skilled workforce, fighting for global issues like terrorism, climate change, health sector, economic dependency and growth. Every field has been in consonance with the process of development. This has extended from the grassroot level to the most urbanised region of any nation. National and international organisations are playing a key role in forming various committees and commissions to have a smooth and balanced system of Co-Governance in this era of globalization at a transparent level.

ISSUES IN ACHIEVING EFFECTIVE CO-GOVERNANCE

Several issues are identified for an effective Co-Governance with special reference to India:

- Caste politics
- Religious differences
- Naxalism
- Terrorism
- Communalism
- Poverty
- Unemployment
- Women Exploitation
- Child labour issues

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- Educational Backwardness
 - Lack of skilled manpower
 - Traditional ways of cultivation
 - Illiteracy
 - Regional conflicts
 - Corruption
 - Drug culture
 - Numerous cultures
 - Numerous languages
 - Rural Urban disparities
 - Alcoholism
 - Population explosion
 - Mis-Governance
 - Red-tapism
 - Exploitation of government officials
 - Growth of slums
 - Farmer suicides and so on.

SUGGESTIONS

The suggestions to overcome the hindrances in effective Co-Governance with special reference to India are stated below:

- Transparency
- Participatory approach in governance
- Equality
- Eradication of corruption
- Controlling crime
- Effectively overcoming issues like regionalism, terrorism, naxalism, cultural and language differences
- Employment opportunities
- Welfare schemes
- Infrastructure
- Overcoming Slums and re-habitation of the residents of the slum
- Empowerment of women and their safety and security
- Free education from Pre-Primary to Post Graduation
- Skill training
- Development of the primary, secondary and tertiary sector
- Reducing and overcoming red-tapism
- Protection and development of vulnerable, children, disabled and aged
- Food security
- Linking education and jobs to overcome unemployment
- Long term developmental planning from grassroots to metropolitan cities
- Effective utilisation of the natural resources
- Advertising the programmes of the government
- Simplifying the procedures to the level of layman in order to apply for the welfare programmes and online acceptance and provision of the schemes to the beneficiaries
- Caste clashes should be reduced and reservation should be based on population
- Religious issues should be solved peacefully

CONCLUSION

Globalization has influenced every aspect of human society since the beginning of the 21st century. Government has to deal with new challenges posed by the globalization. The challenges are related to social, economic, political, cultural and so on. People are expecting the governance to be friendly, enabling, welfare state, market friendly etc. Numerous pressure groups have grown like mushrooms and are trying to control the functioning of the governance process through press and media. The demands of the people at large are that they need better quality of Co-governance that promotes holistic development. On the other hand the governments are depending on the global markets for fulfilling its various needs and development of their nation. The competition among the local traders and international traders is getting tougher and the governments are experiencing failures in protecting the local traders. This has resulted new issues and the amount of poverty is gradually increasing and many are losing their traditional source of income and disintegrating. The need of the hour is that the government should focus on overcoming the new challenges of globalization by making effective policies so that the local traders and the interests of the common man are protected and thereby enabling the development of the country in every sphere.

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