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1-(A) Ethical decision refers to accounting the principle of righteousness in framing one's perspective over the given situation

Eg:- Understanding others condition to show empathy in decision

Ethical decision not purely rational

I) The role of conditionality in ongoing situation like showing compassion towards lactating women to allow traffic rules break.

II) Ethical decision must ensure wider connotation. Eg:- Idea of emotions are necessary for ethical governance

III) It helps to overcome rules based to role based decision like Karmayogi mission

IV) It promotes micro accountability

Eg:- Emotional intelligence towards widowed old women.

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Impact of feelings on decisions

I) It ensures centricism with conscience like feeling to do good help Charvi Rajawat to improve education in Soda village

II) They ensure affective-cognitive consistency like idea of integrity by Ashoka Khemka on personal moral grounds

III) The role of feelings to overcome prejudice like spirit of Sarwa Dharma Sambhava for tolerance

IV) Feelings ensure attitude shaping like overcoming prejudices against marginalized sections

Thus feelings ensure greater competency than mere rationality

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1(B) Ethics management measures the competancy of individual to stand in path of righteousness despite adversity and balance situation of ethical dilemma

Eg:- Professional integrity by accountable course of action

Yes, public officials can manage

i) Like transparency in budgetary preparation to ensure governance with responsibility like adhering to spirit of citizen-centricism

ii) Similar to policies making based on comprehensive evaluation and implementation by spirit towards reaching last mile

iii) The care at personal space be replicated like Kiran Bedi helding prisoners as notorious children needing reforms

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Adopting code of ethics and conduct

Benefit
- → consistency with objectivity in action
- → Ensuring accountability through rules and regulations
- → Ensuring commitment to serve the people based on standard procedures

Limitation
- → lack of capability for micro accountability
- → low potential to balance objectivity with empathy
- → The law incentivizes towards out of box governance

Need of an hour

i) The right training based on role based governance through Karmayogi

ii) Creating internal sense of responsibility like Japanese way of public services

iii) Promoting incentives for innovation and role modelling

Thus increasing competancy for ethical management

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2(A) The different ethical principles account to changed area of focus based on their thoughts and prioritization.

Traditional Ethics

i) Notion of justice based on idea of collective social good like declaring transgenders as illegal (Sec. 377)

ii) The fair allocation on the core of "welfare society" bec. Eg:- Reservation for backward sections

iii) Obligation towards social development by ways like Right To Education (Art 21(A))

Ethics of care

i) Connectedness between different segments like Vasudaiva Kutumbakam idea

ii) Promoting care by ways of compassion like care for adults at hom

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In my accordance, care ethics is more suitable because :-

I) It helps public servant to overcome 'iron cage of rationality', by having compassion like Sreriash Sharan sending his wards to Government school.

II) It shifts the narrative towards inclusive governance like creating Garima Greh for tranggender in Kerala

III) Expanding domain towards public centric governance like IAS Prashant Nair, Operation Sulamani for food security

However, traditional ethics can complement

I) The impartiality in action to prevent political interference

II) Ensure commitment to fulfil spirit of "rule of law"

Thus public service needs broader ethics for ethical governance.

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2(B) Quality in service delivery refers to overcoming 'just doing duty' with sense of transparency, accountability and responsibility with ethical governance.

Components of service quality

1) Transparency :- To ensure dissemination of information like Telangana Open data governance

II) Accountability :- Through timely feedbacks like CPGRAMS portal

III) Commitment :- Towards inclusivity like showcase fortitude in disaster management

IV) Integrity :- Consistency in action
Eg :- Vinod Rai exposing 2G scams as CAG

V) Impartiality :- To prevent exclusion like objective allocation with adequate public information

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Ways and means to ensure

i) In terms of efficiency, by means of comprehensive training like teaching modern ways like e-governance

ii) The economic evaluation by ways of public audits or Jan Bhagidari for utilization of public funds

iii) The effectiveness through means like integrity pacts and upholding them answerable through RTI

iv) The need for evaluation mechanism with grievance redressal as Sevottam Model by DARPG

v) The role of citizen charter to ensure consistency with commitment

Thus quality holds importance for inclusive governance.

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3(A) Public service attitude refers to readiness of psyche of public servant to act, react in a manner to have consistency with principle values of services

Impact of attitude bias

i) Reinforce prejudice like showcasing antipathy towards sex workers observed by supreme court in Buddhadev case

ii) The misuse of authority like Bejbaruah committee shown holding blacks as criminal due racism

iii) It leads to corruption. Eg:- ~~Diversify~~ Distort funds in order to serve only to limited sections like MSP reaching to higher class

iv) finally it precipitate into legal genocide like tribals forced to naxalism

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To overcome attitude bias :-

i) The right socialization at grassroot level to inculcate value of empathy and tolerance

ii) The stringent means through training based on emotional development like field based training

iii) The role of social influence from leaders in service to ensure right snowballing effect in work culture

iv) The persuasion based on social conditioning through means like seeking public servant to spend time with such people

In this manner, attitude can be molded towards righteousness.

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3(B) This quote from Gandhi epitomizes the spirit of humanity over religious differentiation and hence advocate for tolerance and fraternity

Meaning of Gandhian quote

i) He aims to highlight that religious identity is human construct

ii) Falsifying the role of religion to differentiate, but rather towards humanity.

Religion harmful for moral life

i) Religion leads to social stratification thus against morals of universalism

ii) Religion advocates exclusivity like not allowing temple entry to lower caste in Hinduism causing discrimination

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iii) Religion forces individual to choose religion over nation like fundamentalism causing militancy in Kashmir Youths

However religion can complement

i) It helps to create right moral compass like Bhagvad Gita teaching "Sthitha Prajna" to showcase steady wisdom

ii) Aids to develop emotional intelligence like Guru Granth Sahib for service to society is service to God

iii) It promotes solidarity and unity like festivals celebration.

Way forward

i) The religion must complement but not limit individual choice

ii) Right socialization by right interpretation of religious values.

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4(A) The traditional idea highlighted by Karl Marx that business are done for economic exploitations that shape social superstructure in a way to safeguard their monetary goals.

Belief of business responsibility

I) The utilization of resources for economic activities like use of factors of production (land, labour etc)

II) The profit maximization for sustaining business and fulfilling corporate aspirations like creating new unicorns

III) They restrict in economic aspect by provider of job

IV) The believe that run by rationality over social responsibility

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However, social responsibility is not compromise to core principles

i) The idea of compassionate capitalism helps to expand their economic reputation like 'TATA' as people's company

ii) The social responsibility helps in public trust like Volvo praised for not patenting seat belts in automobile

iii) It helps to create sustainable business like integration of people, profit and planet for future generation

iv) Such activities help business to give back to society, thus improving internal work culture, like CSR activities help employees mental health (WHO study)

Thus idea of modern business expanded towards sustainable development

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4(B) Wisdom refers to ability of individual to use his knowledge in desired manner

Wisdom = knowledge + ethics

Relevance of traditional wisdom

i) "Tyaga", helps public servant to give up chaste for corruption Eg:- Durga Shakti Nagpal standing against sand mafia despite constant bribes

ii) "Seva", helps instilling sense of devotion and dedication Eg:- IAS armstrong Pame accounting to crowd funding for Seva of local people

iii) "Daanam", helps to broaden moral responsibility like civil servants contribute to PM Relief fund for Covid-19

iv) "Damah", helps to showcase emotional intelligence and hence essence for public trust

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However, they can't limit :-

i) The modern value system in order to serve comprehensively like spirit of integrity over honesty

ii) The essentiality to showcase objectivity with impartiality for preventing leakage of public funds

iii) The modern mechanism in order to innovate public services for eg. IAS Saurabh Kumar, asking for blowing whistle by children to stop open defacation

iv) The need to showcase spirit of servic with qualitative approach like Janta darbaars

Thus wisdom holds essentiality for quality servic delivery.

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5(A) Conflict refers to state of crisis arising due to inconsistency between alternatives and when nothing is totally right or wrong.

Conflict among Interests

i) It is the dilemma between two choices like personal versus professional integrity during Covid-19, due risk of spread

ii) The interest are based on individual's related aspect like objectivity versus compassion in situation of service delivery

iii) It is largely resolved by accounting to conscience like Snowden choosing transparency over confidentiality

iv) Thus intra-conflict in nature based on individual's preferences.

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Conflict amongst authority

i) The inter-conflicting nature like Weber highlighted between traditional versus legal rational authority

ii) It involves more than one individual like charismatic leader or bureacrats to influence large public

iii) Conflict arise due difference in value system like Rajni Kothari observed politician for election, while bureacracy for policy implementation

iv) This conflicts requires consensus building and external deliberations like rapport building for collective responsibility

Hence conflict resolution is key aspect for good governance.

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5(B) Courage refers to ability of individual to cope up with adverse condition and capability to act for larger good.

Challenges in governance :-

i) The uncertainties arising due to social volatility and differences like social riots, risk of disaster

ii) The ambiguities based on emerging new social problems and low prior knowledge like problem of radicalization

iii) The paradoxes due to competing value system like acceptance of transgender versus religious restriction on sexuality

Impact of it

i) The lack of capabilities to act based on limitation of rule based governance

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ii) The withdrawl from the situation due low courage like running away from situation

iii) The low public trust due to incompetancy to uphold responsibility

Relevance of internal courage

i) It helps to ensure consistency with ethics despite situation. like Satyendra Dubey exposing corruption

ii) It give sense of greater commitment towards larger good like T.N. Seshan as Election Commissioner for fair and free election

iii) The scope to creatively manage ambiguities like Bhilwara model to prevent spread of covid-19

Thus courage is key to ethical governance

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(a) Adam Smith in his "Wealth of nations", envisaged on role of collective responsibility over individualism across facets of economic, political and social is key for sustainable development

Perfection of human nature

i) To feel for others is vital for compassionate society like Swami Vivekananda calling "Jiva is Shiva".

ii) Little for ourselves promotes greater sense of responsibility like Transparency International stated it as means to curb corruption

iii) To restrain our selfish, helps in preventing one's action for self consumption like company Aditya Birla stated for social responsibility in commitment of work culture.

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iv) Exercising benevolent affections helps in showcasing spirit of public services like helping someone on compassionate grounds

Learning from it

i) It helps to ensure commitment with greater responsibility towards public good

ii) Resolving temptations or derelications of duty for selfish gains

iii) Ensuring integrity to serve the society in best of capabilities

iv) The application in international ethics towards multi-lateralism

Thus such attitude helps in ensuring minimum government, maximum governance

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6(B) Aristotle defined power as the potential of individual to realize his wills over other, despite low acceptance in particular situation.

Virtues lies in our power and vices too

i) Power act as source of responsibility like Sardar Patel calling Civil services as steel frame of governance

ii) The virtue of righteouness prevent misuse of power like IAS Ashoka Khemka, as crusader of integrity

iii) It is the test of one's vices as it can be doubled edged sword.

Eg:- Kautilya called kings wealth as honey with poison, tempting his subordinates

iv) Power shapes virtues like Gandhi Ji with his leadership, shaped non-violent virtue of Indian struggle.

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Power to act or not is controlled

i) The crisis of inaction having severe impacts like lack of support against gender discrimination makes our sister and mother vulnerable

ii) The power to act depends on approach Using for right cause like APJ Abdul Kalam using scienc for social good, however misuse by Ayub Khan for nuclear proliferation and war.

iii) Controlling one's action is test of values like using power for right cause like Abraham Lincoln to abolish slavery

iv) Therefore ethical principles hold key for right use of power.

Hence power can be dual edged sword and one must use in right way.

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6(c) Socrates statement is the testimonial of having right character and approach for pursuit of knowledge because its an endless and lifelong learning phenomena

Intelligent implies knowing that I know nothing

i) It makes one humble and active toward learning like conversion of Siddhartha to Buddha for enlightenment

ii) It helps one to constantly aspire for betterment like Michael Phelps who believed, he is still not the best

iii) It is necessary to understand social roles like respecting teachers or spirit of Guru-Shishya Parampara

iv) Innovation streams from positive outlook to learn like technological competency shown by PM Modi

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Ways to inculcate such attitude

i) The importance of having emotional intelligence to recognize own capability and limitations

ii) The right grassroot socialization for eagerness and curiosity building like APJ Abdul Kalam mentions in "Wings of fire" from "child to missile man"

iii) The role of timely self evaluation and motivation to learn, so that one remain grounded

iv) Finally building moral values like compassion to showcase spirit of humility and humbleness to learn

Thus having such attitude makes public servant nature and inclusive

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7- In the backdrop of prevailing practices like greenwashing, have highlighted cases of dichotomy between legal-ethical situation the same case accounts here, calling for deeper course of action.

Stakeholders :-

I) Company, producing eco-friendly good
II) Me, as compliance officers
III) The environment whereby waste disposed
IV) Regulating agencies.

1- Ethical issues and dilemma

a) Legal versus ethical

Despite fulfilling rules, the challenge of severe impact

b) Company's role versus local environment

Company fulfilling compliance as per laws, may not be sufficient for good health of natural condition by disposal

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c) Outdated laws versus larger goal

The incompetancy of law poses dilemma of limited role of compliance or going further for greater good

d) Personal conscience versus legal

The crisis of conscience against the situation despite having legal backing

2:- Options available

a) Informing head of company

Merit :- may lead to change of method, resolve crisis of conscience

Demerit :- lack of chance of any action, jeopardize my career progress

b) Reporting to Government authorities

Merit :- May lead to legal changes; action against Company in future course

Demerit :- Against professional integrity

c) Submit my report with action plan

Merit :- active role for seeking change, high chance of compliance

Demerit :- may be rejected.

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3- Course of action :-

i) Since the situation test my integrity and conscience towards ethical action, I will actively act against the process

ii) At first, reporting the concern to higher authorities and also connoting for alternative practices by persuading them on the basis of their set principles "adhering to ~~climate~~ environment ethics standard"

iii) If they fail to act in the desired manner, it is my responsibility to inform about legal loopholes to Government authorities for bringing stringent rules and regulations

iv) Finally "walk the talk", taking up all active ways to find alternative disposal means.

In this manner, I will showcase ethical conduct to set right precedent in work culture.

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8- The given case is inspired from Sabarimala Case, whereby High Court held that Right To gender equality as fundamental right against the temple rituals

1- The administrative issues

i) Ensuring law and order with fulfilling constitutional mandate

ii) Acting with impartiality may impact religious sentiments

iii) Ensuring peaceful protest by women is not jeopardize by violence from religious group

Ethical issue

i) The dichotomy between legal rights of women and traditional beliefs

ii) Slow acceptance of religious institutions to accomodate changing social narratives

iii) The gender equality is challenged on orthodox beliefs

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2- Options available :-

i) Prevent social unrest by religious tone

Merit :- It will maintain law and order, prevent religious fervours

Demerit :- Against the rights of women and constitutional fallout

ii) Allowing women at any cost

Merit :- Safeguarding their rights and progress for gender equality

Demerit :- It may lead to state interference in religious matter

iii) Acting as bridge between both parties

Merit :- Promoting rapport building, control law and order and inclusive outcom

Demerit :- May not lead to desired outcom

iv) Seeking advice from senior officers

Merit :- Getting right prudence to resolve conflict

Demerit :- It may not result in long term solution

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3- My course of action :-

i) As DM, my role is to ensure upholding rule of law and case clearly mention legal obligation for equality, I have to ensure protection of women rights

ii) In this regard, first I will try to mediate consensus between religious leader and women leader to resolve differences and come for common outcomes.

iii) In case if mediation breakdown, will have to ensure law and order situation while protecting right of women by some temporary arrangements, before clear mandate by legislative pronouncement

iv) Preventing religious chaos by persuading political leader to support towards principle of constitutionalism

In this way, situation can be resolved by according to legal mandate.

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9- In Jan Chowkidari Case, Supreme Court clearly mandated Election Commission to take significant step to curb criminalization of politics and safeguard their rights to conduct free and fair electio

1- The issue involved in the case :-

i) The devotion to duty is challenged by safety concerns

ii) The criminalization of politics hampers democratic principles and aspirations

iii) The lack of trust within department due to consequence of truth faced by member

iv) The misuse of money and muscle power to jeopardize independent election

v) Challenge in fulfillment of role arising due election malpractices

vi) Lack of commitment shown by candidates to fulfill directives.

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2- Devotion to duty over personal safety

i) The necessity to uphold constitutional principle of election like Newton Movie highlighted courage to conduct

ii) Devotion to duty is key for professional integrity and may require fortitude

iii) Devotion helps persistent efforts for fulfilling responsibility despite adversity

However personal safety is needed

i) To ensure micro accountability to fulfill duty with full conviction

ii) Personal safety increase devotion with sense of belongingness and acceptance in service

iii) Personal safety helps taking tough decision in situational constraints

3- My approach in this case :-

i) To ensure smooth conduct of election, first need is to ensure safety of my

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team, by seeking help from police and senior department to ensure sense of safety in work culture

ii) Setting up right precedence by registering FIR for justice to videographer and providing compensation based on rules

iii) The final ultimatum to the leaders of both parties and also to support in taking strict action against worker involved in violence

iv) For free and fair election, it is my responsibility to publically present their historic background, so that public can decide on merit.

v) The devotion to service by circulating for safety of voters to safeguard their right to vote of choice.

In this manner balancing my responsibility with safety of team for comprehensive coverage.

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10- In civil services, many times Civil servants are held accountable, despite showcasing objectivity and impartiality largely due to stringent monitoring mechanisms, with high pendency of immediate investigation

1- The given in my accordance :-

i) Not a case of conflict of interest, as I have followed objectivity and impartiality in tender allocation

ii) The situation is more of percieved bias by Mr. Patel on account of prior relation of me and Mr. Sharma

iii) This situation largely highlights lack of public faith due to existing past precedence of corruption

iv) The issue of publically scrutinizing personal sphere without adequate evidence

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2- Relevance of impartiality and non-partisan stay

i) It is key for preventing misutilization of public funds like tender distribution based on objectivity

ii) It prevents mixing of professional integrity with personal relation like giving tender to Mr. Sharma on merit

iii) It helps in creating right work culture, as department percieve me honest and competant from past prudence

iv) It helps to strengthen one's prospect to resolve conflict based on sufficient evidence for objective allocation.

3- In my accordance :-

i) In no way, I should refrain Mr Sharma of his right just because, he ~~possess~~ posed to be my neighbour to ensure rule of law.

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II) For my part, I should transparently brought into public domain the course followed for allocation

III) If any complaints arises then after, than reporting my case objectively to competant authority with my defense for allocating tender

IV) For this instance, I could learn to ensure detailled ~~ref~~ preparation before publically dissiminating info so that if any case of conflict arise, my defence held ready.

V) Taking public trust into consideration accounting to practice like integrity pacts or social audits for transparency

In this manner resolving such situation with commitment and perserverence to uphold righteousness.

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11- In the workplace, the stringent hierarchy can be the cause of poor work culture, which not only hamper efficient working but also bad political competition on favouritism and backdoor politics

1- The administrative issues:-

i) Lack of compassion in head for casing out workers losing job

ii) The sense of percieved disrespect by head seeking for revenge in wrong way

iii) The lack of departmental involvement in cases like downsizing

Ethical issues

i) The downsizing without adequate reason or alternatives for workers

ii) Lack of competancy in work culture impacting relations

iii) The issue of staff efficiency making them appear liability.

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2- In my account, it is right because :-

i) The step is taken after following procedure to consult with department senior

ii) This showcase sense of commitment and proactiveness towards the workforce in my department and also kept the head in loop

However :-

i) For greater accountability, could have first discussed with chief secretary after informing the head.

ii) Also keeping head aware of my course of action beforehand.

3- Available options

i) Clarify my stance of following procedure, of prior discussion with head

ii) Talking with head and persuade him to take back complaint

iii) Accept transfer to other department

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My course of action :-

i) At first, it is necessary to discuss my approach with the head and try to persuade him to reverse his decision on revenge ground

ii) In case he fails to listen, than strongly presenting my case to investigation agency of prior consultation with head.

iii) Also empirically providing evidence to cooperate with committee in ensure to restore faith on me in department

iv) It is also necessary to keep the workers in loop, to explain my course of action, so that they will be able to stand for my side

In this manner, showcase courage and determination to present my defence of following protocols

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12 - The Civil servants while joining the service are under the commitment to uphold public trust and ensure right utilization of public fund. This same spirit will drive my action in the given situation

Ethical issues :-

i) The misuse of public fund causing situation of authority's dereliction of duty

ii) The exclusion of intended beneficiaries impacts their economic situation

iii) The personal prospects may be jeopardize on reporting irregularity

iv) The lack of transparency and accountability, creating scope of misutilization of public fund

v) Breakdown of service righteousness for selfish gains.

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2- Options available :-

i) Not reporting the given case

Merit :- Safeguard my career progression

Demerit :- Crisis of conscience, violation of integrity, vecious cycle of misuse

ii) Reporting it to competant authority

Merit :- Action against perpetrators, uphold professional integrity, economic wellbeing of people

Demerit :- may jeopardize my career, sense of revenge in senior official

iii) Seeking guidance from seniors

Merit :- Providing right approach, keeping him in loop for safeguarding my auth

Demerit :- he may not provide courageous solution

iv) Becoming whistleblower

Merit :- Prevent misuse of fund

Demerit :- Against my professional responsibility and rules of services

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3- My choice of option :-

i) I will choose to report the case to competant authority based on data and facts about misuse of MNREGA funds

ii) In this aspect, I would prefer courage and perseverence to account for corrupt practices and set right precedence for no-tolerane to corruption

iii) Furthermore, I mustn't be feared of my career progression, as doing right action is important based on Kantian categorical imperative

iv) This will do justice to villagers who are deprived of fund due siphoning off in corrupt acts

Thus showcase my commitment towards good governance.