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# Corruption in Education is Degrading the Quality of Youths

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## Abstract

*Corruption refers to the practice of misusing one's power and position to achieve various illegal ends. Abuse of entrusted power for private (illicit) gains Complex Phenomenon Bribes, fraud, extortion, favoritism, nepotism, embezzlement, collusion. In politics, administration, justice, prosecution, private sector paying for something one is entitled to get (extortion) vs. paying for something one is not entitled to get Grey areas: Lobbying, gifts Criteria: Reciprocity, transparency and accountability, biased decisions.*

*From the point of view of the user one should know at least some of these because some hackers make use of those who are not aware of the various hacking methods to hack into a system. Also when thinking from the point of view of the developer, he also should be aware of these since he should be able to close holes in his software even with the usage of the various tools. With the advent of new tools the hackers may make new tactics. But at least the software will be resistant to some of the tools.*

## Corruption in Education

Enough stress cannot be laid on the importance of education in today's world. But when education itself is full of bureaucracy, how bright can the future be? Between policymakers (ministerial, central level) and providers (schools, teacher, contractors) Bias in regulation favoring vested interests Misallocation of expenditures (e.g. subsidies), ghost schools Favoritisms, nepotism, selling of posts Corrupt, non-competitive procurement of school books, equipments or construction contracts between providers (schools, teacher, contractors) and beneficiaries (students, parents, communities) Teacher absenteeism, ghost teachers, private tutoring Unofficial fees, embezzlement of school resources Selling of exam and other marketable information, selling of diplomas, misuse of selection criteria.

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Forms of Corruption Bribes paid by parents to teachers to ensure good grades and examination results; Bribes paid by teachers to public officials to get preferred posting and promotion; Profiling of children based on parental educational qualifications, financial standing or social standing; Inappropriate use of funds allocated to purchase teaching materials or to build schools. And the list goes so on.

Allocating quotas and reserving seats for economically backward classes (and for other historically discriminated and disadvantaged groups) in higher educational institutions is economically inefficient, morally wrong, strategically flawed, and tactically ineffective. Quotas, if they have any effect on the system, effectively replace qualified candidates with otherwise unqualified candidates. This brings us to the point why quotas in higher education for disadvantaged groups is a morally repulsive policy.

## Quota and Reservation in Education System

Corruption in Education has severe consequences which include – A high drop-out rate which increases at high levels of poverty Low quality teaching leading to poor achievement A system susceptible to adverse political, religious and ethnic influence Deepened inequality between rich and poor, preventing entire generations from pursuing a meaningful future amongst other. Some probable solutions: Funding (but not the provisioning) of universal education up to high school level. Providing an independent regulatory authority for the higher education sector so that private firms can compete fairly on a level playing field. Providing educational loan guarantees to bank.

If the foundation stone happens to be crooked, how can we build up a healthy nation? The importance of quality education in developing India to reach higher pedestals in all spheres of life and to protect our

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democracy and secularism cannot be debated upon. If steps aren't taken to prevent corruption in all ministries, including education the future may not be as bright as it is imagined to be right now. Corruption, which is commonly and very rightfully known as cancer, can and will easily swallow India's democratic laws and regulation making them mere paper tigers, as it is rightly said.

The Pillars of Anti-corruption Integrity Address risks and dilemmas openly promote a culture of discussion – No zero tolerance Foster and protect whistleblowers (anonymity) Transparency Publicize information (e.g. informal payments, regulatory decisions, selection criteria etc.) Is the information accessible? (Space, time, financially) Accountability More effective and efficient controls (externals, CS, medias etc.) Avoid impunity (Law enforcement) A-C Risk Assessment Collective Action Leadership Management Participation Involve Civil Society and others (e.g. Report Cards, Integrity Pacts) Train on how to use information? Foster platforms.

Anti-corruption through Education 1. Primary and secondary education: Important role in transmitting fundamental values 2. Tertiary education: Reach future political, administrative and business leaders 3. Pre-service and in-service trainings: Sensitize and build capacities within staff Knowledge on risks and costs of corruption in specific sectors Provide guidelines on how to react to corruption.

### **Challenges Faced by The Youths**

Some Challenges ... Addressing corruption openly can lead to unintended effects. Anti-corruption efforts in education are a key aspect in the overall fight against corruption but they may go up in smoke if not echoed by more effective prosecution and sanctioning of corrupt cases.

1. Some Indian Educational Institutes have started to get donation of Rs. 5 to 10 Lakh for giving the seat in their institute. This is clear corruption in Indian Education System.
2. Some of private companies in India is doing the business of Entrance Test and earns crores of hard money just for the name of Entrance Test. Educational Institutes have associated with them to enjoy the money which they have earned through this corrupted way.
3. Some of Institute started to give 60% marks for internal assessment. It means you just copy and

paste the assignment of MBA notes and get the degree from these corrupted educational institutes. No need to learn, no need to do hard work, No need to awake in nights for earning 40% marks when you can earn 60% marks just by copy and past. This is one of bad and corrupted system in the India which is being adopted by educational institutions. Who will study when students can get 60% marks through copy and paste work?

4. Some of Indian Educational Institutions are totally fake and doing business without any recognition. These educational institutions are eating crores of Rupees by providing zero education to students. After this education, no student can stand on his own feet.
5. Teacher absenteeism in India is the highest in the world. They get government salary but they do not teach in their school they teach only in their tuition center for getting extra money. This is also a face of corruption in Indian Educational System.
6. Some of Educational Institutions have allowed students to give the certificates to other on the rent like any other product. It means, if you have obtained a certificate after paying 25000 Rs. fees and giving exams. After this, you can give it to other on the rent of Rs. 3000 per month, just like giving any other property on the rent. When I listened this matter from the mouth of one of my old student, I feel very sad and think where Indian Education System is going?

### **Conclusion**

In today's era, corruption is treated as crime. It should be completely eroded out, due to corruption in education youths lose their real direction. They don't work hard for getting education; they know they can get degree easily through parental money. Education system in institutes are more, money based & business than learning & knowledge, real education business based education & institutes never prepare students to face the challenges of life. They do not prepare students for real learning, they just do spoon feeding. Youth's should take concrete step to finish Corruption from every level, so that we can live in better India & lead a real education system in India. It has been started by the step of Mr. Arvind kejriwal & Miss. Kiran vedi. Youth must take participate to ends the corruption and fall in line so that we can have A BETTER INDIA.