

# IMPORTANCE OF THE STUDY OF PA

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# INTRODUCTION:

- ◉ PA constitutes the permanent executive of the modern government.
- ◉ PA has a very important place in a welfare state both as an instrument of governance and as a mechanism for preserving and promoting the well being of the governed.
- ◉ According to Charles A. Beard, administration is the Key science of contemporary civilization.
- ◉ Henry Fayol believes that the administrative process is universal.
- ◉ It is commonly agreed that PA plays an important role in modern society. The well being of entire community depends on PA.
- ◉ If public administration fails, the whole structure of modern society and civilization collapse.

# IMPORTANCE OF PA .....

- The importance of the study of PA may be listed under the following heads –
  1. An instrument for providing services,
  2. An agency for executing the policies,
  3. A stabilizing force in society,
  4. An instrument for social change ,
  5. Its importance in a welfare state,
  6. PA is a fourth branch of the Government,
  7. An agency for national development,
  8. A mechanism for promoting the values of the society,
  9. Its importance as a subject of study, etc.

# 1. AN INSTRUMENT FOR PROVIDING SERVICES:

- The individuals in the modern society depend on administration throughout their life.
- They depend on PA for the protection of life and property.
- It provides a number of services for the people such as education, health, social security, housing and so on.
- People expect help and relief from public administration when faced with problems such as unemployment, natural calamities, epidemics and war.
- So much are the services provided by public administration that it would be difficult to imagine life without public administration.

## 2. AN AGENCY FOR EXECUTING THE POLICIES:

- ◉ Modern governments formulate a number of policies for the well being of its citizens.
- ◉ It is the public administration that translate these policies into action.
- ◉ Thus public administration is the is the sole agency or instrument for the effective implementation of the numerous policies of the government.

### 3. A STABILIZING FORCE IN SOCIETY:

- The main function of public administration is to maintain stability in society.
- According to Paul Pigors PA is a great stabilizing force in society.
- Administrators are considered as the stabilizers of society and guardians of traditions.
- PA also provides an element of continuity.
- For example, the government may come and goes but administration need not necessarily change.
- Many a times PA provides a link between the old and the new orders.
- For example, even after independence there was no change in the basic pattern of administration in India.

## 4. AN INSTRUMENT FOR SOCIAL CHANGE:

- ◉ It acts as an instrument of social change.
- ◉ The burden of carrying out the policies and plans of the state to improve the social and economic standards of the people rests upon the Public Administration of the country.
- ◉ It is a great instrument for ending social inequality, spread of education, etc.
- ◉ The role of PA as an agent of social change is far more greater in a developing society like that of ours where the expectations of the people are very high.

## 5. ITS IMPORTANCE IN A WELFARE STATE:

- ⦿ Modern states are welfare states and in such a state the importance of PA enormously increased.
- ⦿ Today, there is an ever increasing demand on Public Administration for more and more services to people.
- ⦿ In a welfare state the people expect a wide variety of services and protection.
- ⦿ In such a state the individual depend on administration at every turn of his life from the cradle to the grave.



## 6. PA IS A FOURTH BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT:

- ⦿ Administration is the basis of the state, no government can exist without administration.
- ⦿ W.F. Willoughby has considered Public Administration as the fourth branch of the government.

## 7. AN AGENCY FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- ⦿ Every modern state undertakes planning to achieve national development.
- ⦿ The formulation and execution of development plans is done with the help of expert administrators.
- ⦿ Public Administration in the developing nations must be competent to meet the challenges of economic development.

# 8. A MECHANISM FOR PROMOTING THE VALUES OF THE SOCIETY:

- ⦿ PA is not only an instrument of governance but also an important mechanism for preserving the culture and values of the society.
- ⦿ It is a part of the social and cultural life of the people.

## 9. ITS IMPORTANCE AS A SUBJECT OF STUDY:

- In view of the important role of Public Administration in the life of the people, its study cannot be ignored by the citizens of the country.
- Therefore, its teaching should become a part of the curriculum of educational institutions.
- The student of today are the administrators tomorrow.
- The knowledge of Public Administration will prepare them to become better citizens and administrators in future.
- It also facilitates the administrators to take their willing participation in the nation building programmes.

# CONCLUSION:

- ⦿ Thus, PA holds a very important place in the lives of the people. It influences them at every step.
- ⦿ The citizens depend upon PA for the satisfaction of most of their needs.
- ⦿ Therefore its study cannot be ignored by its citizens of a country.
- ⦿ The knowledge of PA will prepare them to become better citizens and administrators tomorrow.
- ⦿ That is why the teaching of PA should become a part of the curriculum of educational institutions.
- ⦿ To conclude in the words of WB Donham, “if our civilization fails it will be mainly because of a breakdown of administration.”