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"Non performance of duty by a public servant is a form of Corruption". Do you agree with this view? Justify your answer (150w)

Public servants are bound by laws, rules regulation to perform their duty in public interest. Non adherence to public duty or rule shows malfeasance or ~~in~~ inefficiency on part of them.

Non performance of duty can be considered as form of corruption because:-

① It might be due to expectation of favours in Cash or kind in return of service.

eg. For processing a welfare service or pension benefit, an officer may be asking bribe and keeping work pending.

② It might be form of Collusive Corruption where parties reached to Contract or Non enforcement of act or law provision in lieu of favour.

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However, not all nonperformance of duty acts can be reason for Corruption.

Other factors like

- ↳ Lack of resources or Staff
- ↳ Lack of appropriate training for expected role.
- ↳ Low Competency level
- ↳ Procedural issues leading to red tapism or delay.
- ↳ Overburdened due to multiple tasks.

Can also cause ~~due~~ dereliction or nonperformance of expected role. but cannot be termed as Corruption.

It is important to bring necessary reforms and Capacity building like MISSION KARAM YOGI that helps public servant perform duty with full efficiency & effectiveness, from role based to role based for development of Society and nation.

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Q.2(a) Effective utilisation of Public funds is crucial to meet development goals. Critically examine the reasons for under-utilisation & mis-utilisation of public funds and their implications. (150 W).

Ans

Optimum use of public funds is bedrock to achieve goals of development and inclusive growth. Ex. providing welfare services like education, health at affordable price or free of cost.

Underutilisation of funds refers to not utilising the entire sanctioned amount of public funds and mis-utilisation means misuse of funds for other ends ^{differing} from the sanctioned purpose/objective.

REASONS

A) Underutilisation → Fear of 3Cs - Court, CBI, CAG.
past utilisation.
↳ Lack of Capacity building of officials / Competence issue
↳ Regulatory and procedural delay, causing lapse of fund for given year.
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No proper implementation of program / Scheme

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MIS-UTILISATION

↳ Embezzlement, Corruption for private ends

Eg. Recent Scholarship ^{funds} of disadvantaged sections like SC/ST was misused for private use by creating fictitious beneficiary

↳ low emotional intelligence, lack of integrity & other public service values

↳ Poor enforcement of transparency & accountability mechanisms

Implications

↳ Development projects & goals are adversely

↳ impacted
↳ Erosion of Public trust towards administration and government

↳ Societal unrest, Corruption, nexus of businessman, politician, civil servant.

↳ These challenges can be overcome through use of technology initiatives like PRAGATI platform, GIS to bring transparency, accountability and propriety in use of public funds.