

PAPER – 111

PRIVILEGED CLASS DEVIANCE

Syllabus

1. Introduction :

- 1.1 Conceptions of white collar crimes
- 1.2 Indian approaches to socio-economic offences
- 1.3 Notions of privileged class deviance as providing a wider categorization of understanding Indian development
- 1.4 Typical forms of such deviance
 - 1.4.1 Official deviance (deviance by legislators, judges, bureaucrats)
 - 1.4.2 Professional deviance : journalists, teachers, doctors, lawyers, engineers, architects and publishers
 - 1.4.3 Trade union deviance (including teachers, lawyers / urban property owners)
 - 1.4.4 Landlord deviance (class/caste based deviance)
 - 1.4.5 Police deviance
 - 1.4.6 Deviance on electoral process (rigging, booth capturing, impersonation, corrupt practices)
 - 1.4.7 Gender-based aggression by socially economically and politically powerful

Note : Depending on specialist interest by the teacher and the taught any three areas of deviance of privileged class may be explored. What follows is only illustrative of one model of doing the course.

2. Official Deviance :

- 2.1 Conception of official deviance - permissible limit of discretionary powers
- 2.2 The Chambal valley dacoit - Vinoba Mission and Jai Prakash Narain Mission - in 1959 and 1971
- 2.3 The Chagla Commission Report in LIC-Mundhra Affair
- 2.4 The Das Commission Report on Pratap Singh Kairon
- 2.5 The Grover Commission Report on Dev Raj Urs
- 2.6 The Maruti Commission Report
- 2.7 The Ibakkar - Natarajan Commission Report on Fairfax

3. Police Deviance :

- 3.1 Structures of legal restraint on police power in India
- 3.2 Unconstitutionality of "third-degree" methods and use of fatal force by police
- 3.3 "Encounter" killings
- 3.4 Police atrocities
- 3.5 The plea of superior orders
- 3.6 Rape and related forms of gender-based aggression by police and para-military forces.

4. Professional Deviance :

- 4.1 Unethical practices at the Indian bar
- 4.2 The Lentin Commission Report
- 4.3 The Press Council on unprofessional and unethical journalism
- 4.4 Medical malpractice

5. Response of Indian Legal Order to the Deviance of Privileged Classes

- 5.1 Vigilance Commission
- 5.2 Public Accounts Committee
- 5.3 Ombudsman
- 5.4 Commissions of Enquiry

5.5 Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947

5.6 The Antulay Case

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