

Fundamental Rights & Duties

The fundamental rights occupy an important place in Pakistan constitution. The Muslims did not have any right in British rule and have to face injustice. Quaid-e-Azam demand fundamental rights for Muslims during struggle movement but the British rulers did not pay any attention to Muslims demand. After getting independence the Muslims desired that the fundamental rights should be clearly specified in our constitution. We know that fundamental rights in constitution establish a democratic society in the country different fundamental rights as stated.

Civil Rights

Economic Right

Political Right

❖ Civil Right

1. Right of life

This is the most important right and most of the thinkers regarded it as prior to the incursion of state right of life is regarded as the basic function of the state to produce protect life and liberty to each person. So much emphasis is laid on the protection of this right.

2. Right of Education

Importance of education in the modern age need not to be explained in every citizen in democratic state. Education system of a society is an important right for democracy modern

government provide educational facilities to their citizens so that democratic norms flourish in the society.

3. Right to Family Life

Family life plays a vital role in shaping human behavior. In order to preserve this institution most of the state have enacted family laws to established values. This right include right to privacy marriage and divorce etc.

4. Freedom of Expression

True liberty cannot be enjoyed in the absence of freedom of expression. Every citizen in a democratic system has a right to express his opinion freely. freedom of speech and holding public meeting is also important in this matter. Thus law affords full protection against expressions.

5. Equality Before law

Equality before law implies equality of all in eyes of law the same law applies to all citizen. Every citizen in a modern state has the right to be treated on equal protections of law is concerned.

❖ Economic Right

Economic right one infact a civil right which every state gives to its citizens following are the economic right.

1. Right to Property

Right to own property is regarded a basic human right. Right to property includes ownership to one's belongings moveable and immoveable both and law will afford protection to it. Private

property is infact essential for the development of on's moral personality. A person can test his capabilities through earning of means of live hood. State should be protector of this right and most an invader.

2. Right To Work

Every citizen should have the right to work and adopt the profession of his choice. State is under obligation to provide equal opportunities to all citizen to develop their capabilities according to their choice modern welfare states have introduce a network of labor law.

3. Right To Contract

This right infact is implicit in the right to property. Every citizen is entitled to make contract with an other in industry trade, but the term of contract should be with in the limit of law.

Otherwise such agreement or contract can not be allowed that are against the general interest of the society.

❖ Political Right

In democratic society every citizen are given the following rights.

1. Right To Vote

In democratic countries citizens one given the right to vote but some persons are exempted. In the past discrimination was done on different basis.

2. Right to Contest Election

Specific qualifications and age group are required in different state for contesting election. For example the minimum age required for the membership of national assembly of Pakistan is twenty five years. For presidency the minimum age limit is forty five year under the constitution of Pakistan.

3. Right To Hold Political Offices

Without discrimination all citizen has an equal right to hold even the highest political offices the doors of all political offices are kept open for all.

4. Regular and Free Election

Change in the government is an important feature of democratic system by holding of fresh election. But these elections should be held in free atmosphere. In pakistan election commission perform this duty.

5. Right to Citizens

Healthy criticism in a democratic state is necessary which help the government to keep its policies fare mostly press and political parties perform this job. It is important political right to express their opinion freely.

Important Duties

1. Loyalty To State

Patriotism is the cardinal virtue in the modern nation state. Every citizen is expected to subordinate his interest to the national interest. In case of national emergency due to the threat

of war, he must be prepared even to sacrifice his life and property for the sake of nation.

2. Loyalty to Law

Laws in a democratic policy reflect the collective interest and aspirations of its citizens. It is an obligation on the citizens to cooperate with to law enforcing agencies. A citizen should, under no circumstances, violate the law even if it clashes with is personal interest because once the trend of violation to law takes the root it bears far further violence.

3. Payment Of Taxes

In order to meet up host of demands for the performance of social services, every government needs huge funds. A good citizen is expected to pay the taxes honestly.

4. Sanctity of Vote

Right to vote is also a sacred trust to be exercised in the general interest of the society, over and above one's personal interest and liking or disliking. The misuse of this right bears far reaching disastrous results for the whole nation. A vote is also deemed responsible for the conduct of a representative, good or bad, he has elected at the polls.

5. Other Duties

The highest degree of civic virtues flourishing in a society ensures the advancement of civilization and prosperity of nation. Every citizen is expected to work for earning his livelihood within legal means. A real welfare and prosperous society can

be established if all of its citizens collaborate their activities with the legal machinery in the attainment of national goals.