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Q8

Public servants are likely to confront the issues of "Conflict of Interest". What do you understand by the term "Conflict of Interest" and how does it manifest in the decision making by public servants? If faced with the conflict of interest situation how would you resolve it? Explain with the help of examples. (10 Marks).

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS IV · 12 marks · Ethics in Public Administration

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Conflict of interest

A set of circumstances in which a public decision-maker's private interest could improperly influence official action.

Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964

Integrity, gifts, private trade and unbecoming conduct; the everyday legal frame for parking personal interest.

Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988

Criminalises abuse of office for private gain when the conflict is acted upon as a crime.

Recusal

Leaving a file because of a personal link, with reasons recorded, so another officer decides.

E-procurement

A system that reduces face-to-face sale of a tender, shrinking one common theatre of conflict.

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