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Q1

Conflict of interest in the public sector arises when (a) official duties, (b) public interest, and (c) personal interest are taking priority one above the other. How can this conflict in administration be resolved? Describe with an example. (150 Words, 10).

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2017 · GS IV · 10 marks · Ethics in Public Administration

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Conflict of interest

A situation in which a public decision-maker has a private stake that could reasonably be seen to bias the decision, even before a bribe is proved.

Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964

Union conduct rules on integrity, gifts, private trade and conduct unbecoming, which frame how personal interest must be kept off the file.

Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988

Criminalises abuse of office for private gain; the hard edge when a conflict becomes a crime.

E-procurement and DBT

Systems that cut face-to-face discretion in tenders and welfare, shrinking the market in which personal interest can be sold.

Recusal

The ethical and administrative act of leaving a file because of a personal link, with the reason recorded, so that another officer decides.

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