

Good Governance

Why the adjective?

- **Debatable issue**
 - A govt. that governs the least?, or
 - A govt. that controls everything?
- **“mis-governance”**

What is Good?

- **Derived from the word ‘God’, means an ability to distinguish between right and wrong, just and unjust, fair and unfair, etc.**
- **In the context of good governance, governance for public interest and serves for public interest.**

Good Governance

A generally implied orientation of the people in favour of a democracy, the good, welfare or interest of the people is assumed to be the necessary and sufficient condition of governance.

Characteristics of Good Governance

- **Participatory**
- **Consensus-oriented**
- **Accountable**
- **Transparent**
- **Responsive**
- **Effective & efficient**
- **Equitable & inclusive**
- **Follows rule of law**

participatory

- **People are the key to good governance**
- **People are not only beneficiaries, but also agents of good governance**
- **People act not only through formal bodies, but also through various groups**

Participation: How?

- Participation of Elected Representatives
 - Standing Committees
 - Steering Committee
 - Sub-committees
 - Joint Committees
- Participation of People
 - Grama Sabha/Ward Sabha
 - Neighbourhood Groups (NHGs)
 - Working Groups
 - Development Seminar

transparency

- **Availability of information to the general public.**
- **Transparency helps in curbing corruption.**
- **Right to information.**

Transparency: How?

- Access to Information
 - Right to Information
 - Citizens Charter
 - Citizens Card
 - Development Reports
 - Plan Documents

accountable

- **Those who rule are answerable to those from whom they derive their authority**
- **Establishing standards or criteria for judging the performance of public officials.**

Accountability: How?

- Redressel Mechanism
 - Ombudsman
 - Appellate Tribunal
 - Social Audit

Consensus oriented

- **Many options**
- **Many actors**
- **But mediation of different groups**
 - **Consensus in Grama Sabha**
 - **Norm based selection of Beneficiaries**

responsiveness

- **Institutions and systems**
- **Serve all stakeholders**
- **Within a reasonable time frame**
 - **Citizens' Charter**
 - **Redressal Mechanism**

Equity and inclusiveness

- **All members of the society feel they have equal stake**
- **none should be excluded from the mainstream**
 - **Reservations**
 - **SCP, TSP, WCP**

Effective and efficiency

- **Processes and institutions produce results**
- **Best use of the resources**
 - **TQM**
 - **Front Office**

Rule of law

- **Enforcement of legal framework impartially**
- **Protection of human rights, especially minorities**
- **Requires impartial judiciary and force.**
 - **Budget Window**
 - **Norm based allocation**
 - **Special provisions**

Thank you