

A Case Study:

Corruption in sports: An analytical study

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Corruption is a devil spread all over the world. It is too difficult to measure the depth and scope of corruption. It has affected top to bottom. Corruption is a financial terrorism. According to the Corruption Index, out of 133 countries listed in the order of corruption INDIA ranked at no. 83. Now a day's corruption has become lifestyle of India. It has putrefied the root of Indian morality. Young generation or teenagers wants to become rich in a night without any hard work. They follow the path of corruption to fulfill their requirement and become thief, blackmailer, murderer, terrorist etc. In 70's Lok Nayak Jayprakash Narayan has said "As I diagnose the poor cause of the country's critical state of health, I identify it unhesitatingly as corruption and precipitous fall in the moral standard of our politics and public life".

Sports is also not escaped from the infection of corruption. Corruption has ruined the basic principles of sport *i.e.* commitment to solidarity, discipline, impartiality, respect, fair play and teamwork. Educating youth through sports for a better world without any kind of discrimination, was a dream of the founder of the first Olympic movement. As more financial resources have flown into sports, sports become a commercial activity like any other. Financial assistance has raised corruption in sports and has rotten sportsmanship of the sports personal. Corruption is one of the biggest threat to modern sports. Bribing arbiters, decision makers, betting scandals, match fixing, corruption in construction of sports infrastructure, sponsors trying to influence

sporting decisions, existence of secret doping network etc., demonstrate a wide range of possibilities for corruption in sports. Corruption develops cheating rivals and the audience and ruin the dreams of millions of fans.

Some sports associations and organizations often spent huge amount of money, which have negative impact on the perception of sport ethics. In 2002, for example, the IOC's reputation and credibility have been over showed by vote buying accusation in the bidding process for the game in Salt Lake City. As a consequence some members of the committee were expelled or resigned but there has never been a conviction. Online sport betting has developed a ways for match fixing. The true competition of the rivals is ruined by financial incentives or rewards given for losing against a weaker rival. Sports is being corrupted in many ways. Corruption can't be resist without making clear rules and regulation and its proper execution. These rules must ensure that the people involves in vote buying, sports betting and match fixing can be sentenced with some penalties. The Chairman, Secretary and members of the boards, associations and organizations must be from the respective sports field with adequate knowledge. They must not be Politicians, Leaders, Businessmen or anybody else from non-sporting field. For these people sport is only a source of income. They do nothing for the betterment of sports and sportsmen. They never take clever decision, never make proper selection and never spent enough amount of money on equipments,

infrastructure, training and diet needed for performance.

According to media, the estimate of Common Wealth Games, Delhi was Rs 655 Crore but it rose to Rs 6399 Crore. It was found that the work was awarded to bidder at higher rates, poor quality construction, work was allotted to ineligible agencies, huge amount of money was transferred without any receipt, site management was poor and the project was not timely completed. This was only financial terrorism. Investigation is going on for the last six months without any result. To prevent sports from corruption it become necessary to gather sports organizations and anti corruption sporting and non-sporting society for movement. Sports organizations should clearly express their intention to fight against corruption and criminal manipulation. Such a move would be a message

to criminals and support to sports persons. Everyone must communicate that corruption in sports is unacceptable.

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