

Q. Discuss the role of ethics in Public Administration. (150w)

Ethics is a moral philosophy that guides a person with what is right & what is wrong. Ethics help a person in leading a good life based on moral principles. These principles when applied in public administration, gives rise to an egalitarian, just & fair society.

Kautilya's Arthashastra says that "YATHA RAJA TAT PRAJA", which means, the people of the kingdom will have similar behaviour as the king.

ETHICS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

1. The leader <sup>(Pub. Serv.)</sup> should have high ethical standards.

2. The public servant should avoid red tapism in his/her dept.

3. Practise honesty & integrity.
  - Honesty means truthfulness & integrity is consistently following honesty.

4. Empathy & Compassion.
  - Empathy in simple words mean, truly able to imagine,

someone else's shoe. Compassion means to understand someone's situation & working for their betterment.

5. Transparency & Accountability  
The work done by the public servants or bureaucrats should be visible to people, it is transparency. Accountability is answerability to the work or task completed.

6. Service before self.  
A bureaucrat should prioritise his work before self.

All these qualities when adopted & inculcated by the people working in public administration will help in making our country an ideal society. Some of the eminent public servants are T.N. Shesham, Kiran Bedi, Shakti Nagpal, etc.

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