

NEVER GREASE THE PALM**Dr. Aamarpali Roy**DOI: <http://doi.org/10.47211/tba.2021.v06i02.002>**ABSTRACT**

Bribing is one of the burning problems of the modern-day world. There is no country or region that has been able to successfully keep itself away from bribing. It is defined as a dishonest behavioural pattern that involves giving money or any other sort of material consideration to anyone. The objective of bribing is to derive a favour from someone. Most of the time, it is seen that the objective behind bribing is a dishonest objective. Thus, bribing is defined as a dishonest behavioural pattern. It is against the Science of Ethics or morality. The person, who indulges in bribing, either by giving it or accepting it, is a dishonest person. Nowhere, in the world a person involved with bribing is considered a person in the side of morality. Thus, bribing is considered a crime in every nook and corner of the world.

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INTRODUCTION

Grease someone's palm means to bribe that person, give him a gratuity, or to give him money in exchange for favours. With the progression of the civilization, there has been a rise in the greed of man. Greed has been accompanied by not mere fulfilment. It has been accompanied by fulfilment within a short period of time. Thus, in order to save time to attain the objectives, bribing became a popular option. From this view point, bribing may also be linked with a race against time. One more aspect involved with bribing is that many a times this goes unnoticed. Installation of CCTV cameras will never solve the problem of bribing. Of course, it cannot be denied that technology has been able to solve the problem to some extent. But, if this problem has to be solved then we need to teach our future generations the need and importance of the Science of Ethics. If teaching of Ethics is neglected then we cannot expect to bring the world out of the problem of bribing. The urge to overcome bribing should come from within the souls. Then we would be able to combat this social crime.

The Industrial Revolution in England had a deep impact on business, trade and commerce. But, apart from that it also had a deep impact on human psyche. That impact changed the behavioural patterns of humans around the globe. The European powers started oppressing the lesser organized nations. India became a victim of this sort of imperialistic policies of some countries. In a similar way, many African countries were also a part of the entire process of setting colonies and converting them into raw material producing countries. As a result of this, 'oppression' became a familiar word in the dictionaries of the common people in many parts of the world. Thus, life became difficult. Meeting the basic requirements of life became difficult. It was during this time that the world became a prey of another modern concept. This concept is that of consumerism. This concept was introduced in the developing and lesser organized nations without any prior understanding of the concept. Thus, people started making wrong interpretations of this word. In many parts of the world, people felt that consumerism was all about meeting one's demands, even when those demands were not backed by purchasing power. This led to conflicts. Such conflicts were not only economical. But they were also social and political by nature. Thus different parts of the human society and different elements attached with it became subject to conflicts that raised confusions. These confusions were about what has to be done, how it has to be done, what are the ways that are acceptable and what are the ways that are not acceptable. These all contributed towards human minds getting objective oriented and not focussing on the process. Thus, bribing became a common phenomenon. It became an integral part of human lives. Now, it has reached to such a height where it seems that getting anything done without it is next to impossible.

There has been so much written and so much discussed about bribing. The bad effects of these are terrible and so difficult to manage. One of the most dangerous effects of bribing is that it raises expectations irrationally. When we bribe someone, that person is getting more for doing what she/ he is supposed to do. Thus, that person loses the habit of doing that for less. This is extremely harmful for the society. Once a person develops the habit of getting more, then that person cannot settle for less. The problem starts with motivation. The person concerned develops a bad habit of motivating herself/ himself only when she/ he get more. Now, every time it is not possible to give more to that person. If the society is looked at as a whole, then it can be found that production is more or less constant at a given period of time. Resource creation cannot be changed in the short run. Therefore, when one person has to be given more, then someone (who probably is a more deserving

person) has to settle for less. Thus, bribing in the micro level ultimately leads to social and economical problems in the macro level. It leads to unbalanced concentration and distribution of wealth. This is extremely harmful for the human society. This gives rise to social agitation, irritation, anger and as a result the disruptive forces get momentum. Another significant side effect of bribing is that the person, who gets a bribe, starts to link motivation to physical wealth. Thus, in case of such persons motivation does not remain intrinsic. It becomes dependent on external 'stimuli'. Bribing is a common phenomenon in developing nations. Thus, it creates a vicious circle. These nations remain developing because of bribing. And, bribing keeps these nations developing. It is so hazardous to get a job done in such societies.

The biggest question that haunts the whole world in the context of bribing is that how to stop it. To be honest, there is no one way or a few ways by which we can stop bribing. If at all this has to be stopped or it can be stopped, that is through a mass revolution. In this sort of a revolution every human being has to think this way that if that person is bribing, then the impact of that can be seen and felt in the entire human civilization. That person has to think that if she/ he are bribing someone then the entire human civilization is going backward. The progress is being hampered. The sacrifice of generations will go to vein. The problem with today's world is that nobody thinks in these lines. This is the age when everyone thinks of getting the job done by whatever way it may be. The process, the road, the method, the way does not matter. People's minds are result oriented. Thus, bribing provides a short cut to the destination. And, people are happy to take the short cut, without realizing that the shortest routes often become the longest routes in life. Unfortunately, that is causing havoc in the civilization. No one has an idea that how bribing reduces the standards of the work done and how deep an impact it can have on the psyche of humans. Therefore, every human being has to consider her/ him a soldier against bribing. If the revolution does not reach this phase, then it will be impossible to stop the crime.