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DOES CORRUPTION FEED TERRORISM? HOW CAN WE GET RID OF SUCH CORRUPTION?

Corruption

- Corruption is lack of integrity
- It could be financial, moral or intellectual integrity
- The corruption temperature of any society depends on three factors
 - The individual sense of values
 - The values cherished by society
 - The system of governance



Corruption and Terrorism – A nexus



- Corruption is
 - Anti national
 - Anti poor
 - Anti economic development
- All three of these lead to flourishing of terrorism in a society

Corruption – Anti national

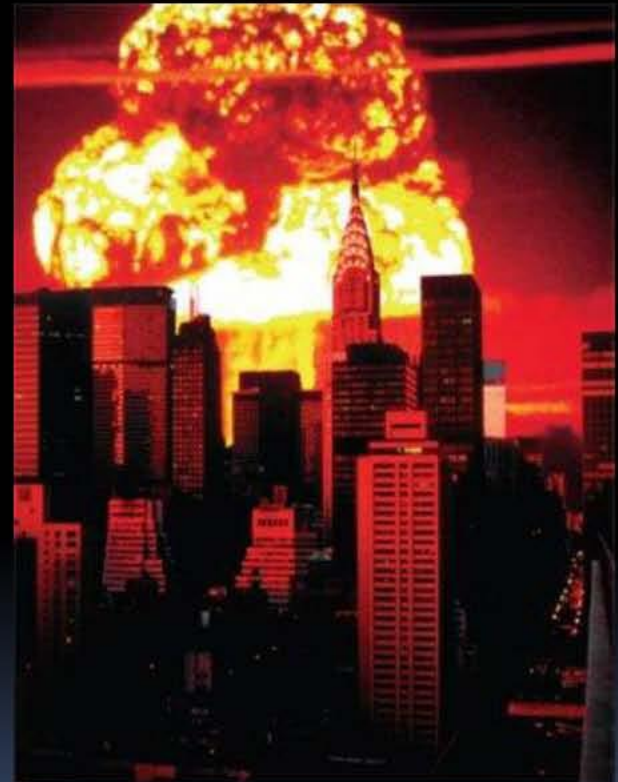
- Hawala scam showed how anti-national Kashmiri militants were getting money from abroad, the same route through which other sections of the society like politics, business and bureaucracy were also receiving money



➤ Terrorism is further bolstered by this nature of corruption

Terrorism – The three elements

- Foundation
- Financing
- Breeding



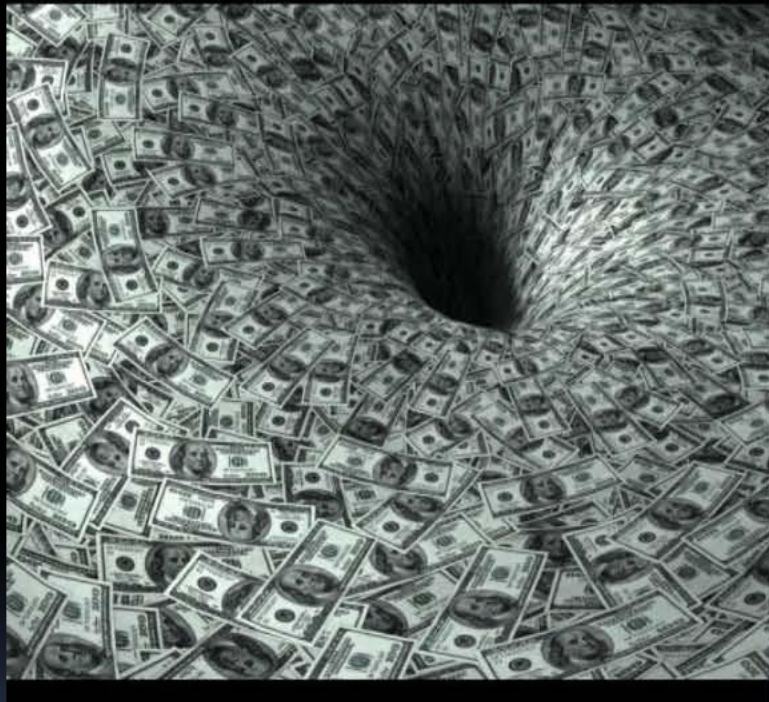
Terrorism - Foundation

- Corruption encourages physical acts of terrorism. Militant activity in the North East and in Jammu and Kashmir can be directly linked to the extensive and pervasive corruption in these places
- GOI has been consistently throwing a lot of money in an effort to promote development in these states but thanks to corruption, the legitimacy of the formal state is compromised and the militants gain greater public sympathy and legitimacy



➤Corruption thus plays a substantial role in foundation of terrorist activities

Terrorism - Financing



- Drug trafficking: 321 billion USD
- Human trafficking: 10 - 15 billion USD
- Illicit arms trafficking: 2 -10 billion USD
- Hawala
- Piracy
- Charities

➤ All these activities flourish only in a corrupt society – A corruption free society will paralyze these sources of financing and hence terminate terrorism

Terrorism - Breeding

- Higher corruption incidences triggers more youth to indulge in terrorist activities
- Higher corruption leads to rapid spreading of terrorist activities
- Higher corruption leads to greater and easy expansion of terrorist organizations



Address corruption or terrorism?

- Corruption is pre-requisite for all 3 elements of terrorism
- To kill terrorism from its roots, corruption must be ended
- A well planned & sustained attack on corruption will lead to better & terror free world

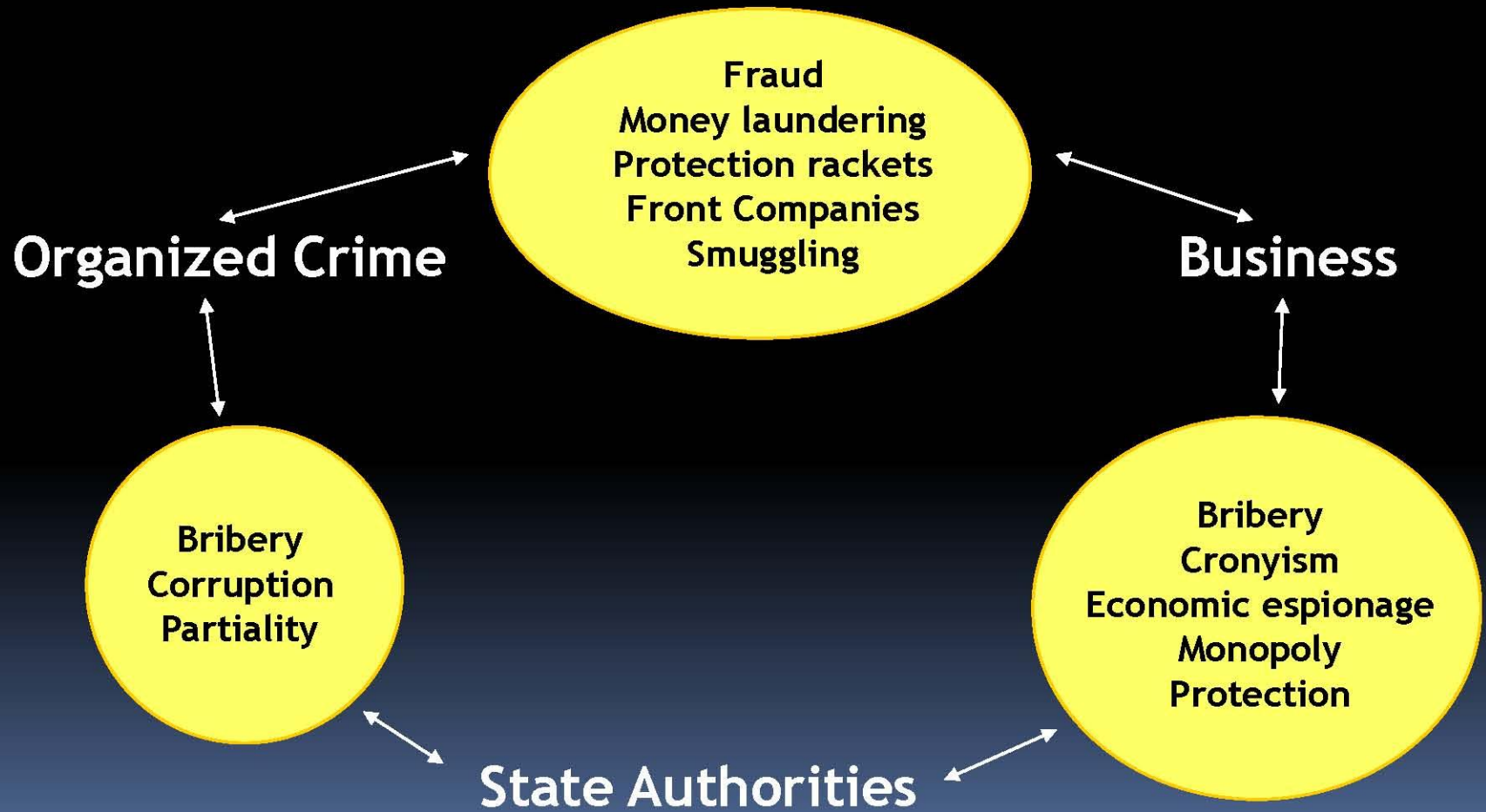


Understanding roots of corruption and terrorism

- Cultural and social roots
 - Culture of tolerance
 - Sinner gets redemption by enchanting Narayana during his last few moments
- Vicious circle and prestige needs
 - Belief that power is an opportunity to amass wealth and hence abuse power
- Growing consumerism
 - Desire to have best lifestyle at the start of career
 - To earn wealth by hook or crook or even corruption
- Social Pressure
 - Family needs
 - Low salaries of government employees – Leading to substandard lifestyle



The Network of Organised Crime & Corruption



Unaccounted money in India is estimated to be in the range of Rs.550 to 600 thousand crore more than the combined revenue of the Centre and the state government in the last fiscal.

Solution – The three pillars

- A solution has to encompass all the elements of the society to generate a sustainable and effective solution to eradicate corruption
 - Individual
 - Organization
 - Agency



Individual

- Educating the importance of ethics
 - The society will be corruption free if every individual decides to maintain highest standard of ethics
 - Implementation of education systems and subjects which promote highly ethical standards
 - Road shows and demonstrations to promote ethical business
 - Explaining the effects that corruption has on the society
- Setting examples
 - Awards to recognize ethical workers
 - Setting up initiatives to promote ethical behavior
- Initiation of a full fledged “Ethical India” program

Ethical India program

- Television and Radio
 - Television and radio shows to address corruption
 - Commercials inspiring anti – corruption feeling in youth
 - Shows and contests to recognize and appreciate ethical behavior
- Public showdown and moral attack on corrupt officials
- Initiatives in all the offices where corruption is rampant
 - Inspirational seminars
 - Motivation programs
 - Addressing and implementing views of officers which can eradicate corruption
- Internet
 - Blogs and website forums to recognize ethical behavior and promote it as well as attack corruption
 - Pop ups to promote ethical behavior

Fighting corruption - Agencies

Judiciary

- In its recent judgments the Supreme Court has enunciated 3 important principles, which will go a long way reduce corruption
 - Constitution is supreme and it expresses people's will
 - Corrupt politicians who claim that they have been acquitted in highest court, namely people's court in elections can no longer claim that
 - Special provision in constitution to the effect that a person who is not member of legislature can be made a minister for 180 days cannot be invoked more than once
 - Clear judgment in case of chief minister of TN pointing out that a person, who is not eligible to contest elections, cannot be sworn in as a minister

Fighting corruption - Agencies

- Bodies like the CVC, CBI, anti corruption bureau, vigilance commissioners in the state
 - The recent case in Delhi where the issue of corruption to the extent of the Rs.40 crores per month indulged in by the police and the municipal officials by collecting bribes from the hawkers, vendors and rickshaw pullers was resolved due to the act of Madhu Kishwar, an activist from NGO Manushi

Fighting corruption - Agencies

- Print and electronic media
 - To publicize cases of corruption and policies that encourage financial terrorism
- Direct action
 - The action taken by Lok Satta, an NGO in Andhra Pradesh to expose the extent of tampering of meters in petrol pumps and corrupt practices