

Welcome students. Today in this module we will be covering the role of public administration in a welfare State, from the chapter, public administration and public management.

The outline of our module is.

First, the role of public administration in the welfare state and Secondly, the importance of public administration in a welfare state.

At the end of the module the students will be able to understand the role of public administration in a welfare state. And they will also be able to comprehend the importance of public administration in a welfare state.

Let us begin with the role of public administration in a welfare state.

Public administration is an essential part of society. And a dominant factor in the life of the modern age.

It is engaged in looking after the different needs of the state - whether it is health, Education. Social Security, Transport, communication etc.

Thus. Public administration has accepted the notion of a public welfare state.

The first role of public administration in the welfare state is that public administration is an instrument

of change and progress. The functions of public administration have expanded over the years in range and nature. In a developing country like India, Public administration is of great importance. It is engaged in a massive effort to lift the country from a state of poverty to a level of prosperity. The economical, cultural and even spiritual progress of a society depends on public administration. Thus the country's progress is largely determined by the quality of public administration.

Another role of public administration in the welfare state is that it is an instrument of national integration. Public administration is a mechanism for preserving and promoting the culture of the community. It is an important social process entrusted with the responsibility of implementing the objectives of the nation and a permanent force in determining the character and activities of a nation.

The third role of public administration is that public administration is engaged in all activities of the government. The state today is involved in activities such as economics, industrial services, Commercial Services as well as social services in various fields. Therefore. Public administration is not only a protector of its citizens but also an educator, manufacturer, helper, etc in different directions.

Thus our wealth depends on the efficiency of public administration. If public administration fails, the

whole structure of modern society will collapse.

As Professor Dunham Rightly said. If our civilization fails, it will be mainly because of a breakdown in administration.

Another role of public administration in the welfare state today is it is involved in providing for basic amenities. An individual in the modern society depends upon administration at every turn of his life. The state provides for Transport, Communication, Education, Health, and even recreation. Therefore. Public administration is of great significance in a modern welfare state.

The next. Role of public administration is that public administration ensures security and protection of the people. The role of public administration has become more important in the era of globalization and Urbanization. Administration today ensures the security and protection of life and property of the society by maintaining proper law and order.

Thus to conclude the functions of public administration has become quite dynamic in a welfare state. And it is constantly evolving in response to the changing needs and demands of the society.

Today, globalization and the incorporation of new management principles are some of the new trends in the area of public administration. Thus increasing the role of public administration in a welfare state.

Some of the references that you could use to further your knowledge is

public administration by Maheshwari.

Theories of public administration by M. Sharma.

But in public administration theories and concepts by Maheshwari.

Thank you.