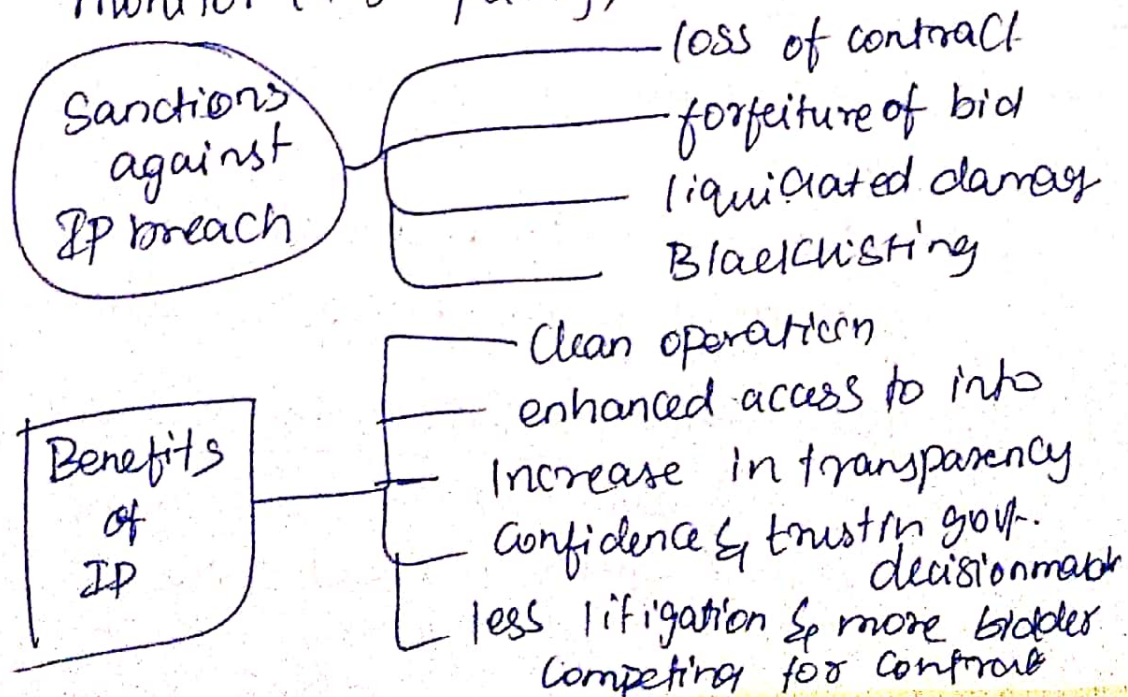


Does the Integrity pact form an effective tool against corruption in the country?
Comment.

According to Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index of India is 42/100 and ranks 80/180. This put us in a very bad category for industries from outside for investment.

Integrity Pact (IP) & its Impact

IP is a signed agreement between contracting govt. agencies & private companies to abstain from bribery and ensure accountability via monitor (a 3rd party)



Ineffectiveness of IP

IP is for an utopian world. In this world, material values are given importance than to ethical values

Issues in IP

- Personal ethics is a private behaviour which is impossible to detect and find the bribery
- In bribery conducive environment where detection is near zero and punishment is near nil, IP is beyond ineffective
- Case study of Agust Westland where Italian firm bribed to get contracts.
- Public tenders are handled without ethical values leads to corruption which in turn leads to erosion of public resources.

To fight Corruption

Amended Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 has provisions

- Penalises supply side of contract (Sec. 9)
- Improvement of formal official (Sec. 10)

2nd ARC Recommendation: In Collusive-bribery, bribery-givers should be punishment double that of other cases of bribery