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Assignment 2

Title : Practice session to differentiate between prosperity and accumulation. (Unit 1)

Aim : To understand prosperity vs accumulation by discussion on –“What is meant by prosperity?. How can it be ascertained? Does accumulation ensure prosperity?”

To Submit : Soft copy of essay on the understanding of prosperity vs accumulation.

Prosperity vs Accumulation

The feeling of having or making available more than required physical facilities is prosperity. Almost all of us feel that wealth alone means prosperity and try to explain this phenomenon as this nonexistent or half fact. In the current scenario, we are generally trying to achieve happiness and prosperity by maximizing the accumulation and consumption of physical facilities. This is an attempt to achieve happiness through pleasant sensory interactions. The physical facilities are not seen in terms of fulfilling bodily needs but as a means of maximizing happiness. This has resulted in a wrong assessment of wants for physical facilities as being unlimited. But this pursuit is self-defeating. Neither can we hope to achieve continuous happiness through sensory interactions nor can we have prosperity, as it amounts to trying to fulfill unlimited wants through limited resources. This effort is engendering problems at all levels. It is becoming anti-ecological and anti-people and threatening human survival itself. Some of the consequences of such a trend are – rising problems of depression, psychological disorders, suicides, stress, insecurity, psychosomatic diseases, loneliness, breaking of joint families, mistrust, conflict between older and younger generations, insecurity in relationships, divorce, dowry tortures, family feuds, wasteful expenditure in family functions etc. thus we can say accumulation does not ensure prosperity.

For prosperity, two things are required that are Identification of the required quantity of physical facilities, and Ensuring availability/production of more than required physical facilities. We can be prosperous only if there is a limit to the need for physical facilities. If there is no limit what so ever be the availability the feeling of prosperity cannot be assured.