

The opinion of Business & Industry and Consumers and the general public

Business-persons and Industrialists say that there is wide-spread corruption and, in order to get anything done, they have to pay some money to almost all kinds of officials, for, otherwise, their business suffers. They cannot afford time to go and meet officials again and again, and even if they do that, the delays hamper their production which they cannot afford because they have to pay their employees and compete in the open market economy. They say that, for these and other reasons, they have to increase the prices or do other things even against their conscience. They emphasize that they offer goods and services at some cost and that they are engaged in useful activity and the bureaucracy and the policy-makers should help them in this activity and liberalise rules and put no impediments so that the nation may prosper. They, therefore, aver that if the officials are honest and un-obstructing and the politicians do not make heavy demands, they would, certainly, lower the prices. But they want people to realise that Business is for profit and no one can run it on losses. And, Business & Industry are different from other professions because one has to invest money, take risks and spend much time and employ many special abilities. They, therefore, suggest that the government machinery should be made more smooth, liberal, co-operative and, above these all, honest and efficient and the workers should work with responsibility, sincerity and with a spirit of conciliation, accord and with excellence.

The consumers, in turn, say that Businessperson sell goods at much higher prices than their overall cost of production and marketing would justify. They say

that Business & Industry make quick money by fair or foul means and by malpractices. They, therefore, conclude that if Business persons and Industrialists observe three values, namely 1: Honesty and Integrity, 2: Trusteeship and 3: Excellence, then all would be satisfied. They point out that Business & Industry are the axle of the wheel of economy, they are the means of production of by every individual and every home and no human activity can be done without making use of their goods and services. So, if we wish the world to be a better place to live in, we must have Business & Industry based on Values; otherwise no other profession can be based on Values.

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