

# National Corruption free week

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Corruption in private sector and how to combat it.

## VOICES

The United Nations Convention against Corruption - the world's only global legal instrument against corruption - has the potential to safeguard the interests of both private and public sectors. It calls upon governments to become more transparent and accountable. It also creates an opportunity to develop a common global language against corruption and can set universal standards to be used by both sectors to increase integrity.

“What should concern us is if there are people being bullied, mistreated and made victims of injustice. We should be concerned if instead of good deeds, the examples leaders set are of corruption and abuse of power – if our nation is without values and ethics.

*His Majesty's address to the 6th Session of the Parliament*

“Combating of corruption in the private sector is very much required. It is a good thing that ACC is making an impact and creating a much transparent situation in the private sector. The system needs to be streamlined

*Richen Dorji, chairman, Industries Association of Bhutan*

“They are doing fine but can also do more substantive work. As of now many things are under control and they have good mechanism,

*Tshenchok Thinley, managing director of Tashi Tours and Treks*

“While coming to the private sector, ACC can do better and I know they have more abilities to combat corruption in private sector and so they should be more efficient than ever,

*Kesang Lhendup, a contractor*

“I think ACC had made of lot of impact on curbing corruption in the private sector. Many companies in fact have made headlines in the papers. A positive effect of ACC's investigations and role was that in many sectors the system had been made more transparent and friendly,

*BCCI general secretary Phub Tshering*

“It is a good thing that ACC is determined in combating corruption in the private sector as the sector is one of a major area of corruption.

*Singhye Gyamtsho, joint director, Dah Chzen Moters*

“ACC should put more informers to monitor corruption in the private sector. It need not be officials it can be a shop keeper or a farmer or even a school dropout.

*Jimee Tshering, Sparks Gallery, Punakha*

“ACC is trying its and in fact this morning I read that that they have blacklisted vikas (medical supplier) which is good. They are doing their job but it is a long process and success cannot be achieved overnight. With an entity like ACC corruption has not increased and in fact a lot of contractors have been taken to task and blacklisted which has had an impact,

*Aum Phub Zam of Yarkay Group*

“For Buddhist country of little more than half a million population, corruption can be prevented if there is complete transparency in matters relating to procurement, constructions, training, employment and promotion. The Buddha said “three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth,” and this goes for corruption too.

*Gyambo Sithey, Centre for Research Initiative*

“ACC need to pull up its socks in combating corruption in the private sector. We have a good mechanism to fight corruption. But not yet in the private sector

*Dawa Penjore, owner, Mobile Shop, Thimphu*

“It is very good that ACC is thinking about corruption in the private sector

*Lalita Lama, Sonam Trophel*

“There is lots of corruption in the procurement and big fish manage to get all the supply and small fish like us cannot afford, ACC should intervene,

*Chandra Lal, a Book supplier*

“Corruption hurts us! Corruption disunites us! Corruption widens the chasm between rich and poor! Corruption demoralizes and drives us to hopelessness! Corruption allows our resources – our small habitable and arable land, our fragile earth, our limited funds and our trust to be plundered! Corruption gags our voices against injustice! Corruption makes us insecure! Without justice and security, how can we be happy? So, let's fight corruption NOW! Citizenship is not just about rights but also about duties!!!

*Neten Zangmo, a citizen & chairperson, ACC*