# The corrupt have many masters. The honest serve none”. In the light of the above statement discuss the reasons for decrement of ethics in public service. (200 words)

Institualisation of corruption in Indian society has led to a situation where people don’t mind indulging in corrupt practices if they can avoid, bypass certain rules and regulations. An honest civil servant may be heckled for not avoiding the same. Statement just trying to say that the corrupt has support of of more stakeholders Dan the honest.

Public service is the one which is rendered in interest of public, usually provided by government to people either directly or by financing provision of services. The related values are accountability, transparency, service motive, probity. These values are on decline due to following reasons-

1. Absence of clear accountability i.e. the buck stops with whom?
2. Complexity and multiplicity of laws and loopholes
3. Increasing consumerism and materialistic tendency of society- A public servant wishes to to catch up with his friends from other profession and thus indulges in corrupt practices which is also supported by family members
4. Treatment meted out to honest public officials like Ashok Khemka, Sanjiv Chaturvedi in form of frequent transfers also decreases the motivation to remain honest.

To Check these tendencies we need to make laws simple with increased checks and balances; More societal participation in form of RTI, social audit; reduce politicization of bureaucracy and uphold values of honesty and integrity as a society so that it we can remain true to the philosophy of “Satyamev Jayate” enshrined in our National Emblem.