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## Capital punishment

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Capital Punishment is also called as Death Penalty. The term “Capital” has been derived from the Latin term “Capitalis” which means concerning the head. Hence, to be sentenced a death penalty or capital punishment means “to lose one’s head”. It is sanctioned by the state/ government where the person who has committed a crime or an offense at a serious or an extreme level is sentenced to death. The act or process of carrying out the procedure of the sentence is known as an “Execution”. The death penalty can be defended or denounced on the fields of equity or utility.

Although, many countries have abolished the death penalty there are still many countries where the practice of capital punishment is still followed for the heinous crimes committed by the criminals. When such loathsome crimes are committed, following the practices of capital punishment helps in curtailing and deterring such crimes due to the fear which warns the other individuals from doing the same. Capital punishment can be avowed that it is the greatest deterrent to criminals and potential criminals.

When such kinds of crimes are committed, the execution of death penalty is much cheaper on the grounds of expenses incurred by the state or it can be considered cost-effective when compared to serving life imprisonment.

There are individuals who are serial, harsh, aggressive killers and criminals who don’t belong in general public population because their existence among the innocent population would create fear in the minds of people and take away the peace and harmony with which the people live and grow with the flow of life.

When such harsh and serious steps are taken, it warns and awakens people that taking away the life of an innocent person is easy but giving away or surrendering your own life is not. The popular expression in the bible clearly mentions, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth”. This is an appropriate statement for the capital punishment.

There are many statistics that show that there is a decrease and reduction in the crimes committed or offenses made due to the effect of capital punishment.

Thus, in order for abolishing terrorism, rapes and murders etc., such practices should not be abolished and should continue to exist in order for the existence of the fear in the minds of people.