

kiran g

November 24, 2013 at 6:08 pm (Edit)

Hi,

Yes betting should be legalized in India. If it is legalized in India we can prevent bring down the illegal betting and it prevent down other sources of criminal activities. Now a days illegal betting has became source of money laundering in India. It should be legalized by enforcing certain rules and constrains and even government can generate source of revenue by imposing the tax on it.

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Akand Sitra

November 24, 2013 at 9:22 pm (Edit)



Yup makes sense.

Just like how murders and rapes should be decriminalised. With so many rapes and murders going on, if we just legalize it, then India will be a no-crime zone forever!

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Ananya Basu

November 24, 2013 at 6:24 pm (Edit)



Legalising betting is welcome as people who indulge in it will continue to do so even if prohibited.legalisation will regulate betting and prevent black money circulation.anti betting laws are so much like anti-prostitution or liquour prohibition acts which are mere theoretical.to effectively implement them it is necessary to legalise and regulate.

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Mukul

November 24, 2013 at 6:53 pm (Edit)



Batting shouldn't be legalized

Why not

1. people will start believing on luck n destiny instead of hardwork as there is hardly any correlation between specific actions n success in short people would become more superstitious!!!
2. money without any hardwork or free money has no value it might get use for antisocial activities n vices

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Ravi Jain

November 24, 2013 at 7:00 pm (Edit)



Gambling, the game which started the mythological war of Mahabharat has a particular negative connotation attached to it from ages. It lead brother to fight against each other and collapsed an entire empire. All that was left were misery and destruction.

Keeping this saga in mind, I am of the view that though gambling is rampant in Indian society and can possibly lead to a bounty for exchequer, it should never be legalized as that could provide legality to a game which is known to destroy homes and family. India is a country having the potential to become world super power but it is also plagued with unemployment, illiteracy and poverty. Gambling if legalized could feed easily on these traits and become rampant and uncontrolled.

Gandhi and our constitution makers had already envisioned the idea of an Indian society which is free from vices like alcohol, gambling and this lead them to inculcate their cherished goals in the form of Directive Principle of State Policy. Coming to the argument that it should be legalized as there is already black door market for interested people but the logic of argument is principally flawed as the same can be used by people who want to legalize black money (alternative currency) to forward their case. What is needed is an amendment to Public Gambling Act of 1867 so that it could match the tech savvy gamblers of today's era and deter them with hard punishment. Thus certainty of hard punishment would go a long way in eroding this evil from its very root. Also, the people who forward the view that it would lead to exchequer

getting increased revenue doesn't take the view that government and society is there to look for the citizens into consideration. If revenue has to be increased then more beneficial things can be done by the government like more vocational training institute for students, support for MSME sector and various other social sector schemes so that people could become more productive and contribute taxes to the state exchequer. The tax net also needs to be widen so that government can raised the fund which could then be productively used.

I would like to conclude with the following thought, Gambling does not concur with the Indian valued and it would be wrong to legalize it as doing so would lead India to fray its demographic advantage and push many more families into the vicious circle of poverty, illiteracy and unemployment.

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NAWIN

November 24, 2013 at 7:30 pm (Edit)

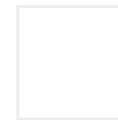


Ravi, according to ur argument state can promote alcohol but why can't betting? is families not affected by alcohol and most of accidents are due to alcohol. better state ban alcohol and is the main reason of poverty, if it believes in bapus principles of ramrajya.

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subbu

November 24, 2013 at 7:39 pm (Edit)

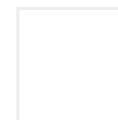


nawin, if u think alcohol consumpcion is the mere reason for accidents ..does it implies only to india or every human beings?...if so why there is no such accedents in foreign ...and why don;t u people drink enough as per ur capacity or by the law prescribed to drive u home safely than banning it

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Aaru

November 24, 2013 at 7:43 pm (Edit)



should prostitution also be made illegal, Ravi?

Reply

Ravi Jain

November 24, 2013 at 7:45 pm (Edit)



Dear Nawin,

Nowhere in my post I mentioned that state should promote alcoholism. State should endeavor to ban alcoholism apart from other evils like illiteracy, child control and must do everything in its power to eradicate these evils. Only then can we lead India to its worthy position in International arena. It has been truly said that International diplomacy starts from your home and that's where we need to put our energy and focus.

Reply

Ravi Jain

November 24, 2013 at 8:03 pm (Edit)



Dear Subbu and Aaru,

I would like to submit my view point as:-

1) The debate question was should betting be made legalized and hence taking this debate to compare it with legalizing prostitution is uncalled for. However I would like to point out that Prostitution has been made legal in many countries; from the developed one's like Germany to developing one's like Thailand and the result has been similar. It has led to increase in state revenue and has helped to curb the illegal prostitution but as per a recent survey done by Economist, it has been found out that legalizing it has pushed many unsuspecting girl/women into the flesh trade. In India, prostitution is not legal and should never be made as in a fabricated society like ours, it would put many unwilling girls and women into the flesh trade. Also, existing laws should be strengthened to curb the illegal

trade going on and cases should be handed over to fast track courts.

2) Subbu, Alcohol consumption is not wrong but it becomes immoral and wrong when it leads poor people to spend their entire earnings on it. Alcohol consumption is a problem in developed countries but it becomes a menace in developing country like India who has the highest burden of poor people in world.

My point is that all these vices can be good if limited but it becomes a menace for a fragmented underdeveloped country like India.

Reply

aaru

November 24, 2013 at 8:31 pm (Edit)



Yes, the debate was on legalizing betting but your arguments implicitly mention that everything that is considered a vice should be banned or so i understood and hence the reference with prostitution and i don't see anything uncalled for here. FYI, prostitution is 'legal' in India.

Reply

Ravi Jain

November 24, 2013 at 8:51 pm (Edit)



Aaru, now I could clearly see the point you were making and I do agree with that. Everything which is considered a vice should not be banned as it could lead to many incongruous situation (Khap panchayats could declare same gotra marriages as vice and thus illegal). What we need is a debate at national level and ban or keep only those vices illegal which goes with our view of a developing country.

Also, thanks for letting me know that prostitution is legal in India.

Reply

NAWIN

November 25, 2013 at 7:29 am (Edit)



@ Ravi, Regarding same gotra marriage, it is empirically proved that, the marriage between blood relation will result in handicap children and any how gotra is consists of clan with same blood relation. it is good step in banning. In india same gotra marriage is taboo.

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NAWIN

November 24, 2013 at 10:49 pm (Edit)



Ravi ji, tell me frankly it is possible to ban alcohol, where in world of globalization, where we speaking of legalising prostitution . don you know in mahabharat & ramayana alcohol is allowed with the name somarasa. gandhi failed to notice that in ramayana also alcohol allowed, but he still wanted ramarajaya

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Ravi Jain

November 24, 2013 at 10:55 pm (Edit)



Dear Nawin,

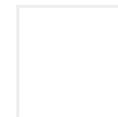
We have to write down the question from examiners point of view and not from what is wrong and what is right. In contemporary era It is impossible to ban alcohol, prostitution or betting. The question did not asked us to elaborate on that.

This kind of arguments should best be left to Tv anchors and we should write down what is required from us, a clear conscice and practical answer. Hope you would understand the point I am trying to make.

Reply

neha

November 24, 2013 at 7:01 pm (Edit)



illegal betting leads to proliferation of back money in economy which is hard to detect. legalizing betting will definitely streamline money circulation and minimize illegal betting. a recently held workshop on “ethics in sports” by cbi highlighted the need for imparting a code on ethics viz-a-vi deliberate under performance, doping, under age prescription and ILLEGAL BETTING. hence, the need to legitimise it arises

Reply

subbu

November 24, 2013 at 7:43 pm (Edit)



u were smart in mentioning the minimize(instead of stop) of illegal betting if it is legalized

Reply

NAWIN

November 24, 2013 at 7:04 pm (Edit)

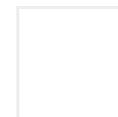


My fundamental question is. How can state promote lottery, which is also gambling, then why can't it legalise betting? what is the rationale behind this? because, people who involve in lottery are mostly poor and to make them rich this is may be a socialistic principle they adopted. I think this is the one of the place state considered DPSP , so called socialistic state.

Reply

subbu

November 24, 2013 at 7:45 pm (Edit)



nawin would u plz elaborate this for me “this is may be a socialistic principle they adopted. I think this is the one of the place state considered DPSP , so called socialistic state.”

Reply

NAWIN

November 24, 2013 at 10:32 pm (Edit)



ya, dpSP come to figure when making of any laws, considering of weaker section is imp... so i criticized state in this regard...allowing of lottery..where only poor ppl will play

Reply

Naga

November 24, 2013 at 8:26 pm (Edit)



Now a days, Lottery is confined to poor, and it doesn't involve big hands. Racing on the other hand is confined to rich and middle men don't usually get involved. But betting in India is mostly associated with most popular game, Cricket. Legalizing betting will lead to more middle class getting into addicted to it and investing their hard earned money for easy cash. Especially youth, who are the most vulnerable. now Majority youth refrain from it, for the fear of being caught though in some cases they indulge. legalizing will lead to middle class craving for easy money and spoil their hardearned money.

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NAWIN

November 24, 2013 at 7:08 pm (Edit)

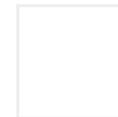


And i will add another point what about race course? it is also gambling right in every capital cities of state you can find race course?

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subbu

November 24, 2013 at 7:49 pm (Edit)



yes betting means everything ...even if u played it on a women what dress she wears etc kind if or on ur friends like how much one drinks ..bet lagao kind of .. as casual in form of money or gifts....

[Reply](#)

Anand

November 24, 2013 at 7:14 pm (Edit)



It shouldn't be legalized as it will hamper one to realize his inner real potential rather he would waste his time in these unscrupulous activities. Gambling in indian society and culture has always been seen with debauched view.

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Aaru

November 24, 2013 at 7:19 pm (Edit)



Legalizing betting is certainly gonna reap benefits to the exchequer. Gambling on anything is inherent in people and even if the govt. doesn't legalize it, betting is not going to stop. Even after the bookies and cricketers were arrested in IPL fixing, there was estimated Rs.500 crore betting on matches.

However, there are some serious consequences if people get addicted to it and start betting heavily. Govt.has to tread a middle path and try to legalize betting where it involves unprecedented amount of money like in cricket.

Legalizing betting universally is only going to cause serious ramifications in our social fabric and we don't want another problem on our back.

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subbu

November 24, 2013 at 7:33 pm (Edit)

To some extent it seems feasible as they stated the betting should be legalized to ensure the safety and security of the players by taking this sector into organized form, which is most exploitative in nature by the muscle men, wealthy ..etc kind of people on the innocents which is prevailed mostly in the metros and cities..by legalizing the betting we can monitor the organizers to safe play, players can exercise judicial guarantee if it was played foully and can impose the taxes based on the revenue generating on this business which eventually add to the exchequer. and we can categorize the fields(where bet can play) based on which is the most populous or which field is attracted by which sector of the society to make suitable tax bases as like we did in the income tax, unlike uniform tax base which might back fires.

on the other hand by legalizing the betting we are attracting more complexities with the flow of money in the market than now which are most of them are black money and are played by the people who are well known to the society on behalf of the anti social elements whom are funded by the corporates or politicians to have their benefits from them. and it may also increase the laundering of money, if it is not enforced through proper channel which is to put for bet. unless the money is channelled through the banks or the legal financial institutions it creates a havoc in the market and increases the liquidity that in turn leads to inflation which might spoil the mood of the govt by the outrage of the people and the opposition for price raises, and may damage the image internationally.

Since now india is poorly administered financially due to lack of banking facilities, or out of cash or even small of their livelihoods to save in the banks to administered, people are not ready to use the transactions in white for what they purchase even they can afford. For ex. On every occasion of DIWALI "the reserve bank governor" would be frightened for how much money is going to come into the market which is unaccounted, who has to take that back from the market to curb inflationary pressures. earlier one of the governor said approximately 80,000 crores are coming in as unaccounted. and moreover whom should have the controlling authority, since most of the regulating agencies are inefficient due lack of powers or political influences which is leading to the de-moralisation of the regulators to discharge their duties.

finally, I see it as too early to legalize the betting since we have so many hurdles to deal in the financial sector of the industries which is largely unorganized(agriculture, retail, food etc) and yet to bring them is prime concern which are exploiting the poor badly. and i don't see the exchequer would become fat if it is legalized than any other industries which is yet to have which are source of livelihoods. if you want to

increase the revenue of the exchequer better bring some sectors whom largely depended and whom you think are prone to vulnerability into organized and take from them as appropriately than this merely entertainment of pleasing ones which serves no purpose .

Reply

subbu

November 24, 2013 at 7:56 pm (Edit)



to the respected participants,

could you(whosoever interested) plz give me a feed back on my post , I am dare enough to accept them in either way but must be genuine , don't give if u are like heck of kind of plz ...

thank you .

Reply

guy fawkes

November 24, 2013 at 8:38 pm (Edit)



Betting should not be legalized in India. Gambling is part of Indian history and still it is not allowed. Legal Gambling or betting are mostly associated with surplus economies i.e economies where tertiary sectors are most important. The per capita income that half of the economy generates is low by all standards. Government is already struggling with poor man's mismanagement of resources and alcoholism.

Betting is complex process where athletes or sports persons are duly informed of their rights and counseling is done properly . Since most Indian athletes come from poor background lure of making some quick money can destroy lot of careers. We are a country of more than a billion people we have handful of injury treatment centers for sportsmen how will we counsel so many old and young ones and keep an eye on them.

The best example is Pakistan. Their team is exceptionally talented but lure of quick money has ruined many in the team. Mohd Amir bowled

no balls in the test match because his captain had asked him. Imagine yourself as a teenager, picked in the Indian team and Dhoni asks you to bowl a no ball, wont you? Though afterwards he claimed ignorance but still careers were destroyed because of collective greed of many.

Many a times a powerful person would not like to lose money so he may pressurize the players not to give 100%. Indian Premier League was in the limelight recently not because some people took money to concede runs but main reason is because sports fans who tuned into tv sets or bought match tickets, jerseys, souvenirs were cheated of their hard earned money.

Yes their are various advantages such as more tax income, openness etc.

But still for the average Indian sportsman who toils for decades for a limelight of two, four, six years of play at the top level shortcut of making a quick buck is far too risky. India is has announced its arrival as a power in archery, billiards, chess, cricket, boxing, badminton, shooting, wrestling and many other sports. Think over, in most sports salaries are not high as cricket, I sincerely doubt other players will remain loyal to their sport if a loss is going to pay them more than what they can earn whole life winning.

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amit singh

November 24, 2013 at 8:49 pm (Edit)



As far as betting is concerned it is totally decision between the two parties which likes to do this. But legalizing it would not be a good move as it would involve a paper action, every time a bet is made which would also be a burden on administration, it is one part of thought process but if the other side is taken then it would help in reducing number of crimes, which arise out of verbal promise of fulfilling the demand of bet. The person who loses the bet may not do his promise good which may involve fight because there is no documentation of the bet having no legal proof. Many a times cases becomes so serious that it may even lead to heinous crimes like murder. If a gamble is legalized it no longer remains a gamble. Playing cards is not a gamble if money is not involved in it. If it is simply played for enjoyment without involving money then it is not a gamble. It is we who are making it a gamble by involving money which is neither taxed nor accounted and is out of supervision of accounting authority.

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Atul

November 24, 2013 at 10:47 pm (Edit)



As far as betting under the supervision of law is concerned than i think it should be legalized as it will have many positive connotations:-

- * firstly, after legalizing it will close the door for laundering to a great extent as it would become easy to trace out the transactions.
- * secondly, it will definitely put a bar on illegal betting.
- * thirdly, legitimizing the betting would provide the state for a huge monetary benefit, as today India is also looking for many other sources for the revenue.
- * fourthly, specially will help in making down the teenager's courage to involve in these kind of activities.
- * fifthly, whether you legalize it or not betting will carry on, so in that case why to loose the revenue

But, one thing has be kept in mind while making betting legal that a proper law to supervise the betting should be there with standard rules and punishment provisions so that the core interest of legalizing it can be gained.

Reply**Nitin**

November 25, 2013 at 9:58 pm (Edit)



As seen in the recent past betting have developed a strong hold in the country and is also resulting in many henious crimes to that of robbery,murder etc.Time have come now to make betting legalised unlike in other countries like south africa which can also help the government to earn some revenue and also there will be a decrease in the crime rate which would eventually prove out to be in interest of the populace of the country.

Reply**NITIN**

November 26, 2013 at 10:20 am (Edit)



First of all I would like to point a difference between Betting and Gambling as some of other contributors are confused between two.

In Gambling, the outcome is purely dependent on chance, no role of historical performance or data.....While In Betting, Historical data play some role in predicting the output.

Now coming to the Should Betting be Legalized or not.

I think IT SHOULD BE LEGALIZED BIT UNDER STRICT REGULATORY FRAMEWORK.

Under this , The police is no longer involved in preventive action but in regulatory action. The bet amounts on players/teams/events are known. The betting agencies are regulated. Tracking cash exchanges are easier. There's reputation at stake. In such a regulated environment, an unusual activity (such as a huge bet on 9th over of the match) is easier to detect. It doesn't completely solve the problem of fixing, just makes it easier to track, investigate and catch anomalies. And when there's a greater chance of getting caught, then of course the fear of fixing also increases. This fear can translate into lesser illegal activities such as fixing.

The other advantage of legalization, though not related to policing, is the fact that revenue generated through taxes on such betting would be quite enormous. The betting market runs into thousands of crores and the taxes would generate quite a lot of extra revenue for the Government, which can then put it to good use (assuming a somewhat improbable clean Government!). The held view is that, if nothing else, it can at least take away the money from organized crime and send it into municipal coffers!

The proponents against legalization are of the view that legalization will turn sportsmen into roulette chips. Players might yield more easily to the temptation of fixing, which could jeopardize the integrity of sports. Then there's the ethical angle – the view that gambling is essentially a habit with many negative side effects.

There are both sides to it, but the greater view being taken in the light of increasing cases of match/spot fixing is that legalization can at least lead to a way to regulate betting, tax it and control it with more sensible, enforceable laws.
