

Objectives of Economics Teaching in India

Keeping the above needs and assumptions of economics teaching in India, the objectives of teaching economics in India can be described as follows :

1. To Cultivate Economic Citizenship in Students : Development of economic citizenship will help students understand their economic rights and duties, and they will cultivate a sense of responsibility in the economic field.

2. To Introduce Economic Problem of the Country : When students are made aware of the economic problems, their gravity and causes, they will be encouraged to find their solution.

3. To Acquaint Them with Abundant Natural Resources of the Country : Students will be able to contribute in national economic progress only when they know about the presence of abundant, extensive and varied natural resources of the country, which they can exploit for economic development.

4. To Cultivate Economic Consciousness : India lacks economic consciousness. We still think in terms of fate and undertake no activities for our progress. We blame God for our poor condition. We fancy of becoming rich and prosperous while lying idly on our beds. This is the reason that we can see lottery stalls being thronged by people in large numbers every evening. It is due to lack of economic

consciousness. It should be cultivated so that we can become devoted to our duty with aptitude and interest.

5. To Become Good Consumers : An aim of economics teaching in India is to make of student good consumers. In this capacity, they will be able to satisfy their needs with limited resources through the knowledge of principles of demand and supply etc., and beget maximum utility. This is the law of frugality.

6. To Know Economic Principles, Laws and Systems : There are a number of principles, laws and systems for economic progress. Their practical knowledge should be given so that economic progress can be achieved.

7. To Teach Economic System of the Country : Students should be made to feel and know the country's economic system, production system, exchange and distribution system and so on. This understanding can help them coordinate with economic system of the country.

8. To Know Economic Policies of the Country : Students should be enabled to know about the country's economic, industrial, commercial and financial policies, so that they can mould their economic decisions and activities accordingly.

9. To Teach Economic Systems of Different Countries : A large-scale international trade is undertaken in the modern times. For it, it is necessary for students to know different economic systems prevailing in different countries of the world, so that they can find the position of their products in the international market, and find out their merits and demerits. This will help them modify their products accordingly. It will also help them adopt merits of other economic systems for improvement in the country.

10. To Acquaint with Economic Measures of Economic Progress : An aim of economic teaching in India should be to acquaint students with those measures by which they can realize their economic progress in their future life. For it, they should be taught the capital system, labour system, legal systems etc.

11. To Teach Economic Concepts : An aim of economics teaching should be to teach students different economic concepts. Such concepts include need, taxation, fee, land, utility, market, trade balance, revenue, depreciation law, appropriate utility, budget etc.

proper solution, there is need to think over their different aspects, rationally and logically, and draw adequate solutions. With this in view, economy presents different types of problems before us in order to cultivate the faculties of logic and decision-making in students.

9. To Acquaint Economic Systems : The study of economics can help students know about different economic systems and their principles. It can explain their natures, and how they can be applied in practical life. Thus, economics is important both theoretically as well as practically.

10. To Cultivate Scientific Attitude : An aim of economics teaching is to cultivate scientific attitude in students. Students become able to take suitable decisions regarding economic systems, activities, processes, policies and economic decisions after their proper analysis.

11. To Cultivate Sense of Responsibility : An aim of economics teaching is to cultivate sense of responsibility, so that they can undertake different economic activities with a sense of responsibility and thus effect their economic progress. To make economics teaching practical and to awaken their sense of responsibility, it is necessary that the school should give students theoretical as well as practical knowledge, which may be linked to their day-to-day life. For it, the school should hold school bank, student consumer forum, cooperative store, cooperative canteen, cooperative consumer shop etc., in which optimum cooperation and participation of students can be ensured.