IAS Interview 2011-2012 (Interview Transcript): 19th March to 27 April 2012

Interview: Some Students of Vision IAS

Candidate: Pritam Shekade

Board: Purushottam Agrawal

Duration: 20-25 minutes

I was the second member to be interviewed. I was sitting outside the interview room waiting for my turn. When the bell rang, the attendant escorted me to the board room.

Me: May I come in Sir

Chairman: Please come in

Me: Good Morning Mam (looking at the lady in the board), Good Morning Sirs (giving a quick glance towards the Chairman and the other members)

Chairman: Please take your seat

Me: Thank you Sir.

(The chairman straight away asked the 1st member to ask questions)

M1:Can you tell us how has the lifebuoy brought transformation in rural India especially women?

M1:Tell me something about E-choupal.

M1: How has it resulted in rural transformation?

M1: which politician from Latur is in news at national level?

M1: What is his portfolio?

M2: How does your MBA help you in civil services?

M2: What do you mean by people skills?

M2: What motivates people?

M2: Do you agree that politicians have excellent people skills?

M2: Then why don't you join politics instead of civil services?

M2: Given the fact that, we are growing quite decently, what do you think about our economy?

M2: What do you think is essential so that we can sustain the level of growth in services?

M2: Now you talked about agricultural growth, how can we go about it? We require 1200 litres of water for producing 1 kg of rice (I was nodding receptively while he was asking)

M3: Earlier Gujarat had a fiscal deficit of more than 7000 crore, now they are having a surplus budget. Can you tell what has happened there?

M3:Now they have done great development in Agriculture. What is the thing that has led Gujarat make such a great development in agriculture whereas rest of India could not achieve the same?

M3: Can it be replicated in other states as well?

M3: How did they separate the power in single and three phases?

M4: Can you tell me why is Latur known for?

M4: So can you tell us about the earth quake there? Do you remember it?

M4: Can you tell us what are the measures taken up there?

M4: Has the rehabilitation complete?

M4: What are special construction related measures taken up?

M4: Maharashtra was known for its efficient administration. But now, there are various problems that have crept up like farmers suicide, naxalism. Do you think administration has deteriorated?

M4: Are politicians in Maharashtra responsible for the situation? You see, Maharashtra is having such a high growth.

M4: You seem to have a teaching experience. Can you tell us what changes have taken place in education?

Experiences:

- 1. No questions asked by chairman
- 2. No questions on hobbies
- 3. Bluffing receives adverse reaction

Suggestions:

- 1. Keep your cool when some things go wrong in the interview
- 2. In case the members show blank face, don't worry, and don't let your bogged down.
- 3. Avoid bluffing to the extent possible.

Thanks

Pritam