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To achieve holistic development goal, a civil servant acts as an enabler and active facilitator of growth rather than a regulator. What specific measures will you suggest to achieve this goal?

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Answer Hint

Minimum government maximum governance, ease of doing business, single-window clearance, digital governance, stakeholder consultation, decentralisation, capacity building, outcome orientation

Model Answer

Introduction

Modern governance requires the State to create an enabling ecosystem where citizens, entrepreneurs and communities can innovate and participate while regulation protects public interest.

Specific Measures

1. Simplify procedures: Reduce unnecessary licences, approvals and compliance burdens through process re-engineering.
2. Single-window systems: Integrate departmental clearances through interoperable digital platforms with time-bound disposal.
3. Facilitative regulation: Shift from excessive control to risk-based and outcome-oriented regulation.
4. Stakeholder participation: Consult businesses, civil society and communities while framing policies and regulations.

5. Local empowerment: Strengthen local governments through funds, functions and functionaries.
6. Outcome-based administration: Evaluate officers and schemes through measurable outcomes rather than merely procedural compliance.
7. Grievance redressal: Establish responsive systems using technology and citizen feedback.
8. Capacity building: Develop domain expertise, digital skills and behavioural competencies among officials.

Conclusion

A facilitator-state does not mean an absence of regulation. It means smart, transparent and proportionate regulation that enables innovation while safeguarding equity, environment and public interest.

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