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### TO DO OR NOT TO DO: A CASE STUDY ON MORAL DILEMMA

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#### ABSTRACT

In our daily life we came across many instances of moral dilemma the most peculiar features of a moral dilemma is that the person has to do both the actions; and possibly the person can do each of the actions; but that the person cannot do both of the action at the same time. The person at that time looks to be in a situation of moral dilemma; it is not necessary that what that person is or was, what position he holds and how much he earns but it is more important that what action he is going to take out of the possible alternatives. There are many internal and external variables that are going to influence the decision of the person this case is going to discuss the issues and concern in associated with the condition of moral dilemma.

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## INTRODUCTION

### Background of the Problem

Moral dilemma is a psychological process which occurs when a person cannot decide what to do and what not to do when he thinks both the point of view are equally relevant and important. As the famous psychologist Sigmund Freud has rightly described that human being revolves around three psychological states Id, Ego and Superego. Where Id and Superego are almost contradictory to each other. In our day to day life, we are often facing similar type of conflicting situations where we have to choose one among the several equally promising alternatives. In such situation the moral dilemma is a major concern to take care.

### The Problem Itself

Mr.Arup Kumar Baraik is a chemical engineering final year student of Vira Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla. He is a resident of Atabira block of Sambalpur district. It is agrarian village. His father is a poor farmer with no land of his own. He is person with principles And does not believe in the use of chemical pesticides for farming as it is hazardous for both human being as well as the plants. He inculcate the same values in the minds of his two children one son Arup and daughter Nita, who is the elder sister of Arup and now in the marriageable age. The monetary condition of the family is not good and they are eagerly expecting Arup to finish his study

and join some good job. So, Arup has huge family responsibility to carry out at the same time he has also the mind set to not use pesticides in farming as it is harmful in nature. Recently Arup was selected in the campus interview of renowned pesticide plant in a higher position with a lucrative pay package. But both his father and he himself are averse to join while the other members of the family are suggesting joining the job. When Arup look at the family conditions Arup also inclined to join the job but his wishes are against this proposition. He is in a terrible moral dilemma.

### The Questions

Whether Arup should join the firm or not?

Which duties towards the family or ethical values of his father and that he possess?

If he is not going to join the job, why he has done chemical engineering?

If the firm is doing something unethical it is the duty of the government to address the issue?

What are the implications of his decision upon his family and the society?

### A Plan for Solving the Problem

Disagreement of thoughts and opinions are expected when someone faces moral dilemma. There might be a number of possible alternatives available to choose for. It is important to consider all the theoretical frame work and all possible practical consideration before coming to a logical conclusion. The theoretical Framework may be consists of the utilitarian theory; the deontolosisim theory and the virtue theory all these

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theories has few basic conclusions that it set forth moral theories that are abstract, timeless and universal in nature, that there is no reference to practical point of view and there are some considerations which are always relevant to all types of situations. The practical considerations includes consideration for what is actually happening in the real world; that the consideration for the context in which it has occurred and the other conditions and elements who are going to effected by the decision. There is also a moral relevance to this issue which demands to access the facts relating to the condition and its background, the duties and obligation to carry out; the concepts, values and notions that are going to be part of the process, the ethical issue associated with the decision and more importantly the impact of the decision on the society at large.

### Conclusion

The case here is primarily presented to communicate the issues, complexities and concern associated with the moral dilemma. It was also to analyze the damaging effects that the moral dilemma might cause if an appropriate decision will not be taken. There are varied factors responsible while taking a solution and before coming to a conclusion he has to analyze all the possible solutions. As this process is always confusing one has to be prudent enough to know his priorities and pros and cons of his decision. One can always consider theoretical and practical consideration to come to justifiable conclusion.

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