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**First topic**

**Some companies provide important products or service, but also damage environment. Some people believe that government should require more penalty, higher tax and larger fine of these companies, while others believe there are better ways. Which do you prefer?**

Since the environment is a place where humans, as well as animals and plants, live, keeping it clean is our responsibility. By doing so, a suitable condition for thriving and supplying whatever we want will be performed for them. Factories are one of the main environmental polluters. Although some people might believe that the government should demand more compensation from them, I personally adhere to the idea that these ways not only would not change the profitable companies’ behavior but also might lead to higher product prices. In what follows, I will elaborate on alternative ways.

First and foremost, the bosses and employees must be basically trained on how to manage the energy and water use before they start their projects. By insulating windows and walls to reduce heat escaping, regularly maintaining machines, installing solar systems to generate electricity, and switching off unnecessary equipment, more energy would be saved leading to less air pollution. For instance, Advanz Pharma Company installed solar panels for heat generations instead of burning fossil fuels a couple of years ago. As a result, the company managers who aimed to reduce air pollution were praised and funded by the Canadian government in order to purchase new equipment for the project development.

Encouraging companies especially newly established ones to reduce and recycle wastes is another pivotal method that the government should do by providing low-gain loans. Separating different types of wastes in order to know which rubbish can be recycled, building cooperation and communication among the staff on reducing wastes, buying environmentally friendly products are feasible methods to decrease and reuse the wastes. Furthermore, managing hazardous wastes such as radioactive, medical, and electronic materials must be considered carefully. For example, until last year, Oman Methanol Company used to release its wastes into the sea. For solving this problem, instead of being punished, the company was funded by the government to buy waste recycling systems. This appropriate solution almost results in less damage to the environment.

In conclusion, with all taken into account, as providing a safe condition for animals and plants is crucial for human life survival, pollution prevention is far better than punishing companies polluting the environment. Therefore, company managers must assess their production process carefully to see whether it leads to air and water contamination or not. In the end, it is more profitable that the company’s budget is utilized for the improvement of the equipment instead of being spent on penalties or taxes.

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