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Episode – 1

A poor man always dreams about his son becoming an officer and behaves like an officer's father. If his dreams take place on a public road, he goes against a rickshaw, falls down and all his clothes are covered with dust. When he comes out his multi-coloured dreams and is walking down the road, a cigarette salesman comes and give him samples of some brands. Coming to know that this man is a wrong choice because he cannot speak in any language except in English and the poor man doesn't know a word of English.

When he comes home, the poor man sees his son in a sad mood. He asks him how his mother is. The son abuses him. He brings two clay vessels used for saving money. One is for his son's education and the other is for his wife's health. He wants to put into one of the vessels a half a rupee coin when the lottery fellow comes. He lures the poor man for getting a lottery of one lakh if he invests half a rupee. The poor man buys a lottery ticket.

The boy cries that his mother is not doing well. The poor man takes an oath that he will bring money by driving a cycle rickshaw. The boy doesn't believe his father. He weeps for his inability to save his mother.

The poor man earns some money, but becomes a slave of drinking. He is not in a condition to know what he is eating. He comes home dead drunk. The son abuses him for not giving money for his wife's treatment and

instead getting drunk. He asks his father where did he get money to drink. The poor man says that he has taken the fifteen rupees under the pillow of his wife. In his helpless condition, the son beats his father.

The son runs into the house hearing the severe coughing of his mother and comes back and embraces his father and weeps.

The poor man feels that it is all due to him and all these habits are poisonous.

The son comes from within the house and says that the government will have to ban these things which are suicidal in the lives of the millions of poor people.