



Answer the following:

1. Use the terms 'constituency' and 'represent' to explain who an MLA is and how is the person elected?

Answer- MLA is the member of the legislative assembly who represents people and also part of the government.

- (i) Each state has a legislative assembly.
- (ii) A state is divided into different areas or constituencies.
- (iii) From each constituency, the people elect one representative who then becomes a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA).

2. How did some MLAs become Ministers? Explain.

Answer (i) After the elections, a political party whose MLAs have won with more than half the number of constituencies in a state became the ruling party.

- (ii) The MLAs belonging to the ruling party will elect their leader who will become the chief minister.
- (iii) The chief minister then selects other MLAs from his party as ministers.
- (iv) The Governor of the state then appoints the chief minister and other ministers.

3. Why should decisions taken by the Chief Minister and other ministers be debated in the Legislative Assembly?

Answer

- The decisions taken by the Chief Minister and other ministers need approval from the Legislative assembly as these decisions are taken in interest of people at large number.
- Democracy has permitted the other members of the house to ask a question, decide where the money should be spent, and debate on the more important issue. It looks into the matter whether a particular decision is in the interest of the people or not.
- The MLAs selected as Ministers are collectively responsible to the Legislature for their decisions. This enhances the accountability, transparency, and representativeness of the Cabinet.

4. What was the problem in Patalpuram? What discussion/action was taken by the following? Fill in the table.

Answer: There was a lack of proper sanitation and clean drinking water in Patalpuram. It resulted in the death of people due to water-borne diseases that are spreading from filth. The shortage of proper medical facilities has made the condition worse.

Public Meeting: The outcome of the meeting was that MLA should take the responsibility for the provision of proper healthcare.

Legislative Assembly: The MLA requested the government to take adequate steps for providing proper sanitation and healthcare to the public.

Press Conference: Minister explained the steps taken towards healthcare and proper sanitation. They made available the water tankers for the provision of clean drinking water.

Chief Minister: He promised the proper sanctioning of funds for the healthcare and sanitation of the people.

5.What is the difference between the work that MLAs do in the Assembly and the work done by government departments?

Answer (i) Laws for state are made by MLAs in the Legislative Assembly, while the implementation of these laws is done by various government departments.

(ii) Whatever work is done by these government departments has to be approved by the members of the legislative assembly or MLAs.