



CLASS: III

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SUBJECT: SST

LESSON- 8 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

A. Pre Activity : Name the following ministers of India:

- i) Name the first President .
- ii) Name the current President.
- iii) Name the first Prime Minister .
- iv) Name the current Prime Minister .
- v) Name the chief minister and deputy chief minister of Maharashtra.

B. Key Words: 1. democratic 2. elections 3. Constitutions 4. Central Government 5. Lok Sabha
6. Rajya Sabha 7. Gram Panchayat 8. Municipal Committee 9. Ward Councillor 10. State
Government 11. Governor

C. Fill in the blanks.

- 1) India is **largest** populated country in the world.
- 2) The Union Government is also known as the **Central Government**.
- 3) The first Prime Minister of India was **Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru**.
- 4) Each **city** is divided into wards.

D. Write T for True or F for False against each statement.

- 1) In a small city, the municipal committee is known as a municipal council. **True**
- 2) There should be no woman member in the Gram Panchayat. **False**
- 3) The Union government function from New Delhi. **True**
- 4) Every state has a President, who is responsible for the welfare of the people of that state. **False**

E. Short answer questions.

1) Name the houses of the Parliament.

Ans. The Parliament has two houses – Rajya Sabha (Upper House) and Lok Sabha (Lower House).

2) What is the minimum age to cast a vote according to the Constitution of India?

Ans. The minimum age to cast a vote according to the Constitution of India is 18 years.

3) Who are Gram Sevaks?

Ans. The Gram Panchayat appoints a Gram Sevika or Sevak who helps the villagers by assisting and guiding them to improve their living conditions.

D. Long answer questions.

1) Name a few key features of democracy.

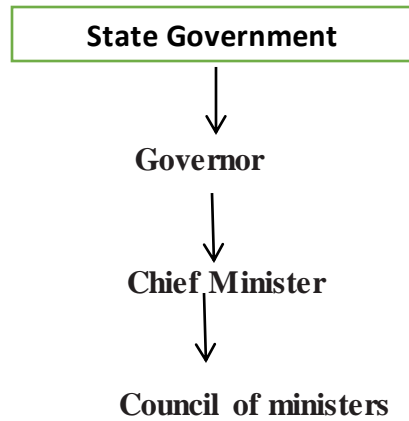
Ans. Key features of democracy:

- Indian citizens who are 18 years and above have a right to vote and elect their representatives.

- The elected members form the government.
- Elections are held at regular intervals of five years in India.

2) Discuss the components and the roles of a state government.

Ans. Every state has a government, which looks after the needs of the people of that state. This government is known as the State Government.



Key features of the State Government are:

- A state government looks after the needs of the people like education, medical facilities, finance, security, health, sanitation, food, electricity, water supply, etc.

3) Describe the Gram Panchayat.

The elected people are represented in the villages by the Panchayats and in the cities or towns by the Municipal Committees. Features of the Village Panchayats are:

- The Gram Panchayat, takes care of the basic amenities of the villagers.
- The members of the Gram Panchayats are called the Panchs and there should be at least a woman member in the Gram Panchayat.
- The head of the Gram panchayat is known as Sarpanch.

4) Discuss the importance and the role of a municipal committee.

- A municipal committee looks after the needs of the people of the city like education, medical facilities, health, sanitation, food, electricity, water supply, etc.
- Municipal committees maintain land records and collect taxes.

F. Make a flow chart of levels of government in India.