



CIVICS

Class 7th

Chapter 3: How the State Government Works



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Exercises

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

Ans: A representative is elected by the people from each constituency, who is called an MLA. An MLA is called a member of the Legislative Assembly.

MLA's election: MLA are elected by the people. Many candidates contest elections from each constituency. The candidate who gets the most votes becomes the MLA.

Que 2: How did some MLAs become Ministers? Explain.

Ans:

1. The party who wins the election is called the ruling party.
2. MLAs of the ruling party elect their leader who becomes the Chief Minister.
3. After this the Chief Minister makes some MLAs ministers.
4. The governor appoints the chief minister and other ministers.

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

Ans: The decisions taken by the Chief Minister and other ministers should be debated in the Legislative Assembly because:

1. MLAs give their suggestions on the decisions taken by the government.
2. Proposals for changes are made by the legislators.
3. Members oppose the wrong decision of Ministers.
4. There is a debate on the misuse of money.
5. MLAs can ask questions to the Ministers on important issues.

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

Public meeting	
Legislative Assembly	
Press conference	
Chief Minister	

Ans: There was a lack of water in Patalpuram. Rivers and lakes dried up. Water was supplied to the people once every three days. Under compulsion, people had to drink dirty water. Many people fell ill. The district hospital was overcrowded with patients and ten people had lost their lives.

Public meeting	The people organized a public meeting in which they raised their voice against the government. They demanded that the authorities should take immediate steps to deal with this situation and supply of clean drinking water should be made.
Legislative Assembly	This subject was debated in the assembly. Some MLAs appealed to the Health Minister to take necessary steps. Some MLAs raised the question of the deteriorating condition of the hospitals.
Press conference	Many newspapers published the problems of Patalpuram. Later the health minister held a press conference in which he announced, his government has directed all collectors and chief medical officers to take immediate action to bring the situation under control.
Chief Minister	The Chief Minister visited Patalpuram. He visited families who had lost their relatives. He also went to the hospital to see sick people. He announced compensation for these families.

Que 5: What is the difference between the work that MLAS do in the Assembly and the work done by government departments?

Ans: The members of the Legislative Assembly debate or discuss various issues. They put pressure on the ministers concerned to work. Whereas government departments solve those issues and problems. They are responsible for this.



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