
Chapter – 03 Civics

How the State Government Works

- Government works at three levels-national, state and local.
 - In states, it is the MLA (Member of Legislature Assembly) who represents the people. The MLAs enter the assembly and form the government.
 - Every MLA is elected from one area. This area is known his constituency.
 - A political party whose MLA's won more than half the number of constituencies in the state get majority. The political party is called the ruling party.
 - All the other members are called opposition.
 - **Working of the Government:**
 - (i) The head of the state is the Governor while the head of the government consists of the council of ministers headed by the Chief Minister.
 - (ii) The leader of ruling party who forms the government is the Chief Minister.
 - (iii) All the MLA's sit in a place called the Legislative Assembly.
 - (iv) The legislative assembly is a place where leaders debate and discuss on important issues and make important bills.
 - (v) In addition to legislative assembly, press conference is also a mode of knowing what the government does for the people.
 - (vi) The government works through various departments like public works department, agriculture, health and education.
 - (vii) The government has the power to make new laws for the state regarding health and sanitation.
 - (viii) Laws for the state are made by the state legislative assembly.
 - (ix) Laws for the country are made by the Union Parliament.
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