**WHAT IS THE COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE AND DISADVANTAGE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY FORM OF GOVERNMENT?**

**Advantages of Presidential Form of Government**

Salient features of Presidential system of Government are as under:-

1. A strong and stable Government
2. An able and mature ministry through direct induction of top professionals and technocrats
3. Legislator’s freedom from the fear or ‘party whip’ resulting separation of the Executive from the Legislature
4. Gradual emergency of the two party-systems as a result of pre-election coalition of like-minded parties, before the very eyes of the electorate
5. Bureaucracy remains under the mature surveillance of political leadership, and
6. Rampant defections and uneasy post-election coalitions tend to disappear.

**Advantages of Parliamentary Form of Government**

Salient features of the Parliamentary form of Government are as under:-

1. Selection of Prime Minister on the will of majority of members of the Parliament.
2. Chosen of members by the voting power of people.
3. Decisions on issues on the basis of consensus of majority.
4. Option of citizen to choose best one.
5. Interest of the people in the affairs of the country. Consequently, development of public opinion.
6. Manifesto of the parties for the general public to decide mandate.
7. Criticism by the opposition.
8. Equal representation of all constituencies either urban or rural.
9. Legislation according to the will of the people by the members representing them in the parliament.

**Disadvantages of Presidential Form of Government**

No doubt that Presidential form of Government has many advantages and greater stability and sanity in the politics of a country. However, it has the following drawbacks:-

1. By making the President and his colleagues independent of the Legislature, it makes the executive too powerful and this carries within it seeds of Dictatorship.
2. President considers himself always right because of absolute power, which causes danger to the integrity of country.
3. President selects always his closest friends even not intelligent and remote to their expertise and experience.
4. Sometimes President makes covenant against the country to save his regime.
5. In Presidential System, reign of Government remains in few hands. Resultantly few minds apply on some important issues.

**Disadvantages of Parliamentary Form of Government**

Drawbacks of the Parliamentary form of Government are as under:-

1. Delay in decisions.
2. Ministers are selected by the Prime Minister on the basis of influence in the party.
3. Newly elected members sometimes neglected even competent in their fields.
4. Misuse of authority by the members of Parliamentary because of majority.
5. Members of Parliament cannot go against the party’s policy. Even they cannot vote according to their conscience.
6. Nomination of illiterate members as ministers causing strongest bureaucracy.
7. Influence of small factions on the political parties.