



## CHAPTER - 5

### Outcomes of Democracy

How do we Better form of Government because ÷

Democracy is better form of Government because →

- It Promotes equality among citizens.
- It Enhance the dignity of the individual.
- It improve the quality of decision making.
- It Provides a method to resolve conflicts.
- It allows room to correct mistake.

\* we prefer democracy because in democracy we have all kinds of rights to express our feeling our voice in front of common people and government.

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Democracy is Just a form of government It can only create Condition for achieving something. citizens have to take advantage of those condition and achieve those goal.





## Is the democratic government efficient

- \* Non-democratic government take fast decisions.
- \* Non-democratic leader or ruler do not have to bother about deliberation in assemeration in assemblies or worry about majority and public opinion.
- \* A democratic government will take more time to follow procedures before arriving at a decision.
- \* In democracy decision making is based on the idea of deliberation and negotiation.
- \* Because it has followed procedures, its decision may be both more accetable to the people and more efficient.

## Accountable, Responsive and Legitimate government

Accountable government is government which is answerable or which is required to justify its action or decisions.

A democratic government is answerable to people or to the Parliament.

Accountable government should also have transparency: means that every individual belonging to a particular democratic country has the right to examine or instigate that whether the law, plans, actions, policies or decision taken by government are correct or not or the decision was taken through correct Procedure or not.





→ A government said to be responsive government when it responds to the demands of the public and considers it very much part of the government

Legitimate government: People's own government

- \* Democratic government is legitimate government. it may be slow, less efficient, not always very responsive or clean. But democratic government is people's own government. That is why there is an overwhelming support for the idea of democracy all over the world.
- \* People wish to be ruled by representative elected by them
- \* Democracy's ability to generate its own support is itself an outcome that cannot be ignored.

For a democracy to produce an accountable, responsive and legitimate government, it must ensure the following →

- \* Regular free and fair elections.
- \* Open public debate on major policies and legislation.
- \* Citizen's right to be informed about govt. policies.
- \* A government free from corruption.
- \* Economic Growth and Development
  - \* Between [1950 to 2000], dictatorship have slightly higher rate of Economic growth.
  - \* But we cannot reject democracy on this reason, because Economic growth depends on various factors.





- Size of the population of a country.
- Global situation.
- Co-operation from other countries.
- Economic policies adopted by the country.

\* However, the difference in the state of economic development between less developed countries with dictatorship and democracy but it is better to prefer democracy as it has several other positive outcomes.

### \* Reduction of inequality and poverty

- \* Democracy are based on political equality. All individual have equal weight in electing representatives. Parallel to the process of bringing individual in to the political arena on an equal footing, we find growing economic inequalities.
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- \* Small number of ultra-rich enjoy a highly disproportionate share of wealth and incomes. Their share in the total income of the country has been increasing.
- \* Those at the bottom strata of the society have very little to depend upon. Their income have been declining.
- \* Poor constitute a large proportion, No party will like to lose their vote, But democratically elected government do not appear to be as keen to address the question of poverty.
- \* In Actual life, democracies do not appear to be very successful in the reducing economic inequalities





## Accommodation of Social Diversity]

- \* No society can fully and permanently resolve conflicts among different social group but we can evolve mechanisms to negotiate the differences.
  - Democracy is best suited to produce this outcomes
  - Non-Democratic regimes often turn a blind eye to or suppress internal social differences.
  - Ability to handle social differences, division and conflicts is a plus point of democratic regimes.
  - But democracy must fulfill 2 condition in order to achieve
  - The majority always need to work with the minority so that government functions to represent the general view.
  - Rule by majority should not be rule by majority community in terms of religion or race or linguistic group.

## Dignity and freedom of the citizens

- \* Democracy stands much superior to any other form of government in promoting dignity and freedom of individual
  - \* The passion for respect and freedom are the basis of democracy
  - \* Democracies throughout the world have recognised this, at least in principle.
- So, we can say democracy promotes dignity and freedom of Individual.