

Chapter – 03 Political Science

What is Government?

- Every country needs a government to run the country according to some laws.
- The government plays an important role in our lives and does a number of things for the people.
- **Need for a Government:**
 - (i) The government is required to maintain law and order in a country.
 - (ii) Government makes provision for services like roads, electricity, waterways, railways, health and sanitation, etc.
 - (iii) Government even protects against external aggression and is responsible for maintaining unity and integrity of the country.
- **Level of Government:**
 - (i) Government in any country functions at several levels-central, state and local.
 - (ii) Central government looks after nation, state after the provinces and local looks after the villages and towns.
- **Laws and the Government:**
 - (i) Laws are made by the government and as citizens of a country, people have to abide by it.
 - (ii) Government even has the power to enforce these laws.
 - (iii) Courts have the power to give justice to the aggrieved party.
- **Types of Government:**
 - (i) The laws are made by the government in a manner depending on the type of government in the country.
 - (ii) There are two types of governments: Democratic and Authoritarian.
 - (iii) In a democratic government people have a right to choose their representatives. For example, India, UK and USA.
 - (iv) Authoritarian governments are where there is absolute obedience to the authority. Examples of such type of governments are Saudi Arabia and Myanmar.