

## CIVICS

### CHAPTER 1

#### **BELGIUM**

**Ethnic Composition:** 1. 59% people lives in Flemish region and speak Dutch language. 2. 40% lives in Wallonia region and speak French language. 3. In capital city Brussels 80% speak French while 20% speak Dutch.

**Accommodation measures adopted in Belgium or Elements of Belgium model:**

1. Equal number of French speaking and Dutch speaking ministers in the central government. 2. Many powers of central government were given to the state government. 3. Brussels have a separate government with equal representation of both the communities. 4. Community government is elected by people belonging to one language community no matter where they live.

#### **SRI LANKA**

**Ethnic Composition:** 1. Major social groups were 74% Sinhala speakers and 20% Tamil speakers. 2. Two sub groups in Tamils were Sri Lankan Tamils 13% and rest were Indian Tamils. 3. Most of the Sinhala speaking people are Buddhist. 4. Most of the Tamils are Hindus or Muslims. 5. 7% were Christians who are both Tamil and Sinhala.

**Majoritarian measures adopted in Sri Lanka (1956):** 1. It recognised Sinhala as the only official language. 2. Government favoured Sinhala applicant for university positions and government jobs. 3. State shall protect Buddhism.

**Effects of majoritarian measures:** 1. Developed the feeling of alienation among Tamils. 2. Equal political rights were denied to them. 3. The distrust led to Civil War. 4. Thousands of people were killed from both the sides. 5. It caused terrible setback to social, cultural and economic life.

**Demands of Sri Lankan Tamils:** 1. To recognize Tamil as an official language. 2. Regional autonomy. 3. Equality in getting education and jobs. 4. Independent Tamil Eelam (state) in northern and eastern parts of Sri Lanka.

#### **WHY POWER SHARING IS DESIRABLE?**

**Prudential Reason:** 1. Reduce conflicts between social groups. 2. Ensure the stability of political order. 3. Protects the unity of the nation.

**Moral Reason:** 1. It is the spirit of Democracy. 2. People should be consulted on how they are to be governed. 3. Democracy involves those who are affected by power sharing.