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### Federalism

Political Science

Lecture – 01

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# Topics

*to be covered*

1 Federalism

2 Meaning and Objective

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Hemlo Dosto ! Padhai  
Karliya Kro ..  
Nahi to Pampa Pitai  
Karege ...Hui..Hui..



## Question



The 7% Christians that lived in Sri Lanka spoke which language ?

**A** French

**B** Tamil

**C** Sinhala

**D** Both b and c

Federalism



Division of powers



Ques

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Compare and contrast the changes that came in  
Belgium before 1993 and after 1993? ✓✓

# Belgium



## Before 1993

- ① Regional govt. of the two States existed.
- ② They had powers but very less.
- ③ These powers can be taken by central govt.

## After 1993

- ① Powers of central govt. was reduced and more power was given to regional govt.
- ② Regional govt. now became powerful and independent.
- ③ Regional govt. was now not answerable to central govt. for its decisions.



\* Belgium shifted from unitary form of govt. → Federal form

Ques. Belgium after 1993 made a transition from unitary form of govt to federal.

- (a) Unitary; dictatorship
- (b) federal; unitary
- (c) unitary; federal
- (d) None

# Sri Lanka

(a) Only the national  
govt. has all  
the powers

(b) Tamil leaders  
Wanted  
Sri Lanka to be  
federal

(c) So, Sri Lanka  
still follows  
unitary  
System



Ques Pick out the incorrect statement

- (a) Belgium shifted from unitary → federal
- ☒ (b) Sri Lanka remained a federal country
- (c) Both a & b
- (d) After 1993 → Regional govt in Belgium became more powerful



What is Federalism?



Federalism is a system of govt:- where power is divided between a central authority and various constituent units.

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\* → Usually, a Federation has two levels of govt. ✓

These levels of  
govt. are  
both powerful  
and independent.

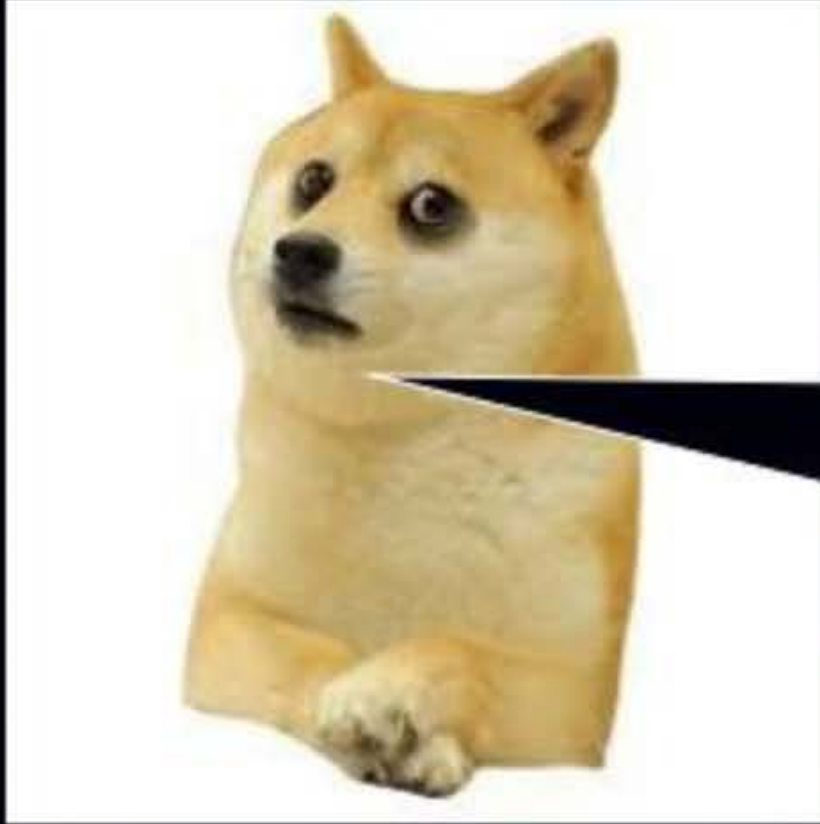
Level 1 → Central / Union / General govt.

Rules over the Country

Level 2 → Provincial / Regional / State govt.

Rules over a region or State





**Dosto ! Padhliya Kro ! Mai exam me likh ke  
aya – “ Single sheet of paper cannot  
decide my future .Hui Hui Hui “**

**Fir ye baat Papa ko pta chal gyi! Ab mere  
pas sirf single haddi bachi hai !!**



Ques  
(PYQ)

Differentiate between unitary and federal form of govt.? (3).



## Unitary Govt.

- ① Only one level of govt.
- ② If sub-units or regional govt. exist, then they will be less powerful than the central.
- ③ Central govt. can give orders to state if it exists.

## Federal govt.

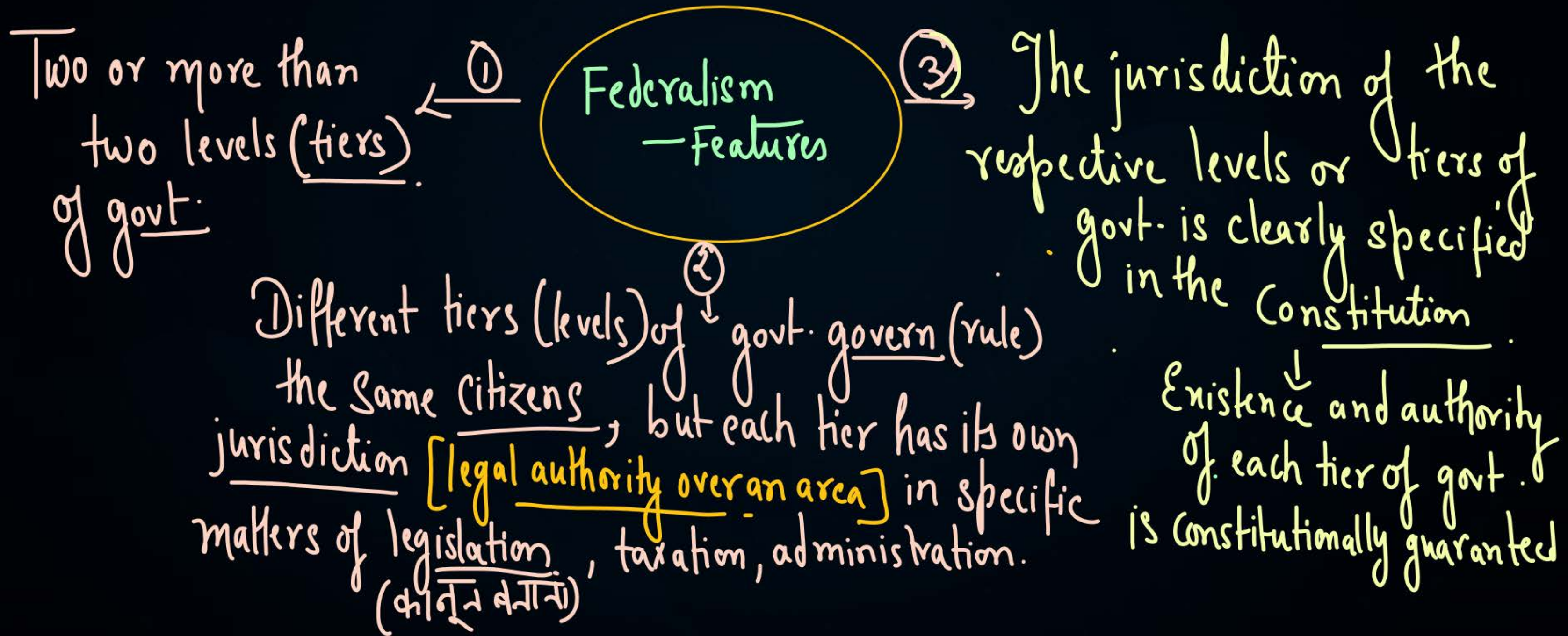
- ① Two or more levels of govt.
- ② Central govt. cannot give orders to state
- ③ State govt. is independent and not answerable to the central govt.



Ques

Which of the following is an example of unitary system of govt.

- (a) India
- (b) Belgium
- (c) USA
- ✓ (d) Sri Lanka





Fundamental provisions of the Constitution cannot be unilaterally changed by one level of govt. Such changes require consent (approval) of both levels of govt.

④

Federalism  
Features

⑤ Courts have the power to interpret the constitution.  
(समझना)



## Question



Which of the following are key features of Federalism ?

- A** Two or more levels of Government
- B** Fundamental Provisions of Constitution cannot be changed by one level of govt.
- C** Courts have the power to interpret the constitution
- D** All of the above

Last Poll

Usually a federation has \_\_\_\_ levels of govt.

(a) Five

✓ (b) Two

(c) Ten

(d) Six





Bye!





THANK  
YOU

