

Class 8 Social Science (Civics) Chapter 3 Why Do We Need a Parliament

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Assignment continue....

Long questions:

Question 16. How does an individual gives approval to the government?

Answer:

1. One way is through elections. That is, people could elect their representatives to the parliament, then, one group from among these elected representatives forms the government.
2. The parliament, which is made up of all representatives' together, control and guides the government. In this way people through their elected representatives, form the government and also controls it.

Question 17. Briefly describe the composition Rajya Sabha ?

Answer:

- The Rajya Sabha functions primarily as the representative of the States of India in the Parliament. The bill is required to pass through the Rajya Sabha in order to become a law. It, therefore has an important role to reviewing and altering (if needed) the laws initiated by the Lok Sabha.
- The members of the Rajya Sabha are elected by the elected members of the Legislative Assemblies of various States.
- There are 233 elected plus 12 nominated members in Rajya Sabha among them 12 are nominated by the President.

Question 18. Which is one of the most important functions of the Lok Sabha?

Who are the executives?

Answer:

- One of the most important functions of the Lok Sabha is to select the executive.
- The executive is a group of persons who work together to implement the laws made by Parliament. This executive is often what we have in mind when we use the term Government.

Question 19. Who is the Prime Minister in India and what is the main function of ministers selected by him from his party?

Answer:

- The Prime Minister of India is the leader of the ruling party in the Lok Sabha.
- From the MPs, who belong to his party, the Prime Minister selects ministers to work with him to implement decisions.
- These ministers take charge of different areas of government functioning like health, education, finance, etc.

Question 20. How does the Parliament control, guide and inform the government?

Answer:

- **By asking questions:**-The Parliament while in session, begins with a question hour. The question hour is an important mechanism through which MPs can elicit information about the working of the government. This is a very important way through which the Parliament controls the executive.
- By asking questions the government is alerted to its shortcomings, and also comes to know the opinion of the people through their representatives in the Parliament i.e. the MPs. Asking questions is a crucial task for every MP.
- Opposition parties play a critical role in the healthy functioning of a democracy. They highlight drawbacks in various policies and programmes of

the government and mobilise popular support for their own policies. The government gets valuable feedback and is kept on its toes by the questions asked by the MPs.

- In addition, in all matters dealing with finances, Parliaments' approval is crucial for the government. This is one of the several ways in which the Parliament controls, guides, and informs the government.

Question 21: What is the composition of Lok sabha?

Answer:

- Lok sabha is also called the lower house of the parliament, it is also called the house of people.
- Any citizen of india who wants to become the member of lok sabha must be 25 years of age.
- Lok sabha consist of 545 members out of which 543 are elected directly elected by the people and two are nominated by the President of the India.
- The speaker presides over the meetings of lok sabha.
- Its tenure is of five years.