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Chapter - 1 Key Elements of a Democratic Government

Notes

* Democracy is the government of the people, by the people and for the people.

* Key elements of democratic government.

i) Equality - is one of the important key features of democracy. All forms of democracy must respect the principle of equality one person = one vote.

* Liberty means freedom to hold an opinion and express it.

* Participation

Means exercising every opportunity to elect the suits to take part in decisionmaking directly or indirectly.

* Justice

As also a principle of characteristic of democracy. Democracy rejects all forms of discrimination, it stands against oppression and fight for, social, Justice and exploitation.

* Need to resolve conflicts -

• Conflict occurs when people of different cultures, religions, regions or economic backgrounds do not get along with each other. This leads to gain and tensions among others living in an area. The government responsible for helping to resolve conflicts.

• Religious processions and celebrations can sometimes lead to conflicts.

• The government, particularly the police play an important role in getting representatives of concerned communities to meet and arrive at a solution.

• Recently dispute is between Karnataka & Tamil Nadu.

* People participate in government by:-

i) Voting in election

ii) Taking an interest in the working

of the government.
iii. Criticising the government when required through channels, rallies, strikes, signature campaigns etc.

* Apartheid law -
means separation on the basis of race.

* Before 1994 African followed Apartheid law.

* Nelson Mandela fought the against the apartheid system for several years. Finally they succeeded and in 1994 South Africa became a democratic country.

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Q/A

Q.1 - How would Naya's life be different in South Africa today?

Ans - Today Naya is free to learn any language, to get admission in any school and to use any facility as other people use in Africa.

Q.2 - What are the various ways in which people participate in the process of government?

Ans - In Notes

Q.3 - Why do you think we need a government to find solutions to many disputes or conflicts?

Ans - In Notes

Q.4 - What action does the government take to ensure that all people are treated equally?

Ans - The government makes special provision for group within society that are unequal as backward classes are given in government.