

CHAPTER – 3

Why Do We Need a Parliament?

❖ EXERCISES

Question 1:

Why do you think our national movement supported the idea that all adults have a right to vote?

Answer:

Our national movement supported the idea that all adults have a right to vote because of the following reasons:

- (a) First of all the nationalist had started openly criticizing the British government and make demands.
- (b) If we look in 1885, the Indian National Congress demanded that there be elected members in the legislation with the right to discuss the budget and ask questions.
- (c) Also, the Government of India Act 1909 allowed for some elected representation.
- (d) People demanded their say in government decisions.

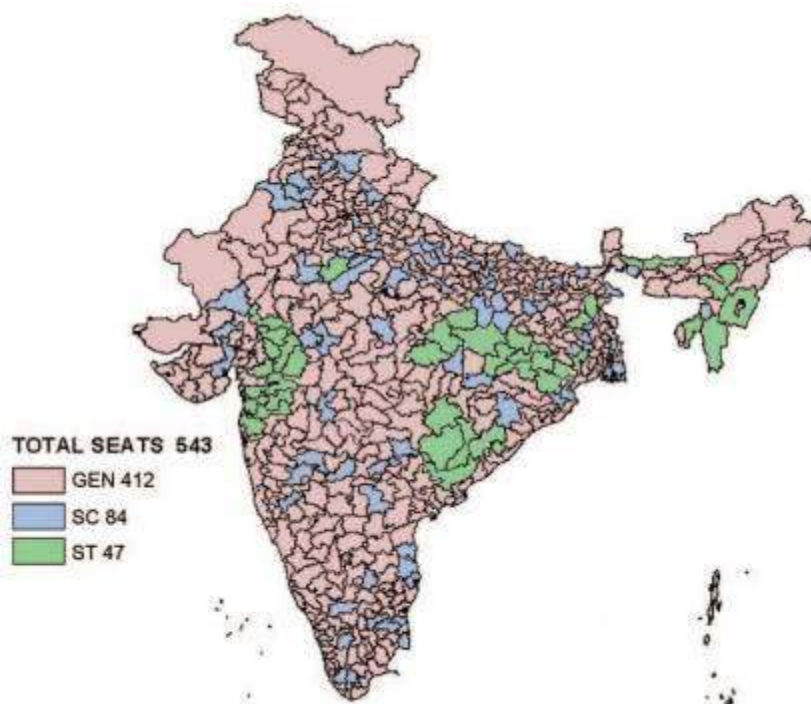
These all led the nationalist movement to support the idea that all adults have the right to vote.

Question 2:

In this 2004 map of Parliamentary constituencies alongside, roughly identify the constituencies in your State. What is the name of the MP from your constituency? How many MPs does your state have? Why are certain constituencies coloured green



while others are coloured blue?



Answer:

Students have to answer this question according to the results of the election of 2004 of their respective states.

The constituencies colored green are reserved for ST population and the ones colored blue for SC population.

Question 3:

You have read in Chapter 1 that the 'Parliamentary form of government' that exists in India has three tiers. This includes the Parliament (central government) and the various State Legislatures (state governments). Fill in the following table with information on the various representatives from your area:



	State Government	Central Government
Which political party/parties is/are currently in power?		
Who (name) is the current representative from your area?		
Which political parties currently form the Opposition?		
When were elections last held?		
When will the next elections be held?		
How many women representatives are there (from your state)?		

Answer:

In this question, students have to fill the details on the basis of ruling party of their respective areas.

❖ Intext Question Pg-31

Question 1:

What do you think the artist is trying to convey through the image of Parliament on the previous page?

Answer:

Through the image of parliament on the previous page we can conclude that the artist wants to say that the parliament of any nation can only be held up and run in a proper way only if all the



citizens living in that state or nation collaborate with each other, taking their responsibilities as a citizen.

❖ Intext Question Pg-32

Question 1:

Give one reason why you think there should be universal adult franchise.

Answer:

The Universal adult franchise is one of the most important feature of our constitution as it gives right to every individual who is 18 years or above to choose their leaders according to their choice. It gives people a feeling that they are also important part of this country.

Question 2:

Do you think there would be any difference if the class monitor was selected by the teacher or elected by the students? Discuss.

Answer:

Yes, there is a huge difference in this as the class monitor that is elected by the students is the true leader of the class as it is being selected by the students of the class but if teacher appoints the class monitor than it will maintain good atmosphere in the class also this is not part of our democracy.

Question 3:

From the list below, identify the work of a State government and that of a Central government.

- (a) The decision of the Indian government to maintain peaceful relations with China.
- (b) The decision of the Madhya Pradesh government to discontinue Board exams in Class VIII for all schools under this Board.
- (c) Introduction of a new train connection between Ajmer and Mysore.
- (d) Introduction of a new 1,000 rupee note.

Answer:

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❖ Intext Question Pg-33

Question 1:

Use the terms ‘constituency’ and ‘represent’ to explain who an MLA is and how the person gets elected?



Answer:

The constituency can be described as the body of voters at any certain area who elects their leader. But MLA is the Member of legislative assembly who each represents a single electoral district. MLA is basically a representative elected by the voters of an electoral district to the Legislature of a State in the Indian system of government.

❖ Intext Question Pg-35**Question 1:**

Use the table alongside to answer the questions below:

- (i) Who will form the government? Why?
- (ii) Who will be present for discussions in the Lok Sabha?
- (iii) Is this process similar to what you have read about in Class VII?

Answer:

- (i) Bhartiya Janta Party will form the government because it has won maximum seats in the elections.
- (ii) The opposition party will present for discussions in the Lok Sabha i.e. Indian National Congress (INC).
- (iii) Yes, this process is exactly similar to what we have read in class VII.

❖ Intext Question Pg-38**Question 1:**

In the above question, what information is being sought from the Minister of Women and Child Development?



Answer:

In the above question, minister of women and child development has asked whether the NCPCR which stands for National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has asked all state government to ban the junk food in the schools or not and in reply of the question it has been said that a letter has been sent by NCPCR to all the schools for creating a new school nutrition plan.

Question 2:

If you were a Member of Parliament (MP), list two questions that you would like to ask. to ask.

Answer:

There are many questions that a MP can ask for:

- (a) Firstly, he can ask for a healthy nutrition diet for the children of schools for which government have to provide his area a suitable budget.
- (b) Secondly, he will ask what efforts the government has made in uplifting the remote areas economically.

❖ Intext Question Pg-39**Question 1:**

Looking at this table would you say that people's participation during the past 50 years has: decreased/increased/been stable after initial increase?

Lok Sabha	Election Year	Voter Turnout (%)
1 st	1951 – 52	44.87
4 th	1967	61.04
5 th	1671	55.27
6 th	1977	60.49
8 th	1984	63.56
10 th	1991	56.73
14 th	2004	58.07
15 th	2009	58.19
16 th	2014	66.4

Answer:

It is clear that the participation of people during the last 50 years has been increased as in the election of 1951-52 more than 61% people have voted while in the recent election of 2014-15 more than 66% of people has participated in voting.

❖ Intext Question Pg-40

Question 1:

Why do you think there are so few women in Parliament?
Discuss.

Answer:

The population of women in our country is less and they are discriminated by their family as well as society. These are the reasons for few women in the parliament.



If we look the facts, then India has about 10% of MPs who are women. Also, India is still a male dominating country this can also be a reason of less number of women in the Parliament of our country.