# WHAT IS GOVERNMENT

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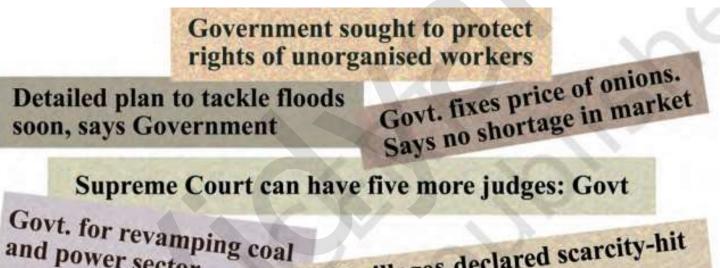
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## **Government**

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# **Government**

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Every country need a government to make decisions and things done.

Government is the group of people with the authority to govern a country or state.

# **Why do we need government?**

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# Why do we need government?

- When human beings live and work together, there needs to be some amount of organization so that decisions can be made.
- Some rules have to be made that apply to everyone. For example, there is a need to control resources and protect the territory of a country, so people can feel secure.
- Governments do this on behalf of their people by exercising leadership, taking decisions and implementing these among all the people living in their territory.

## functionsof a Government

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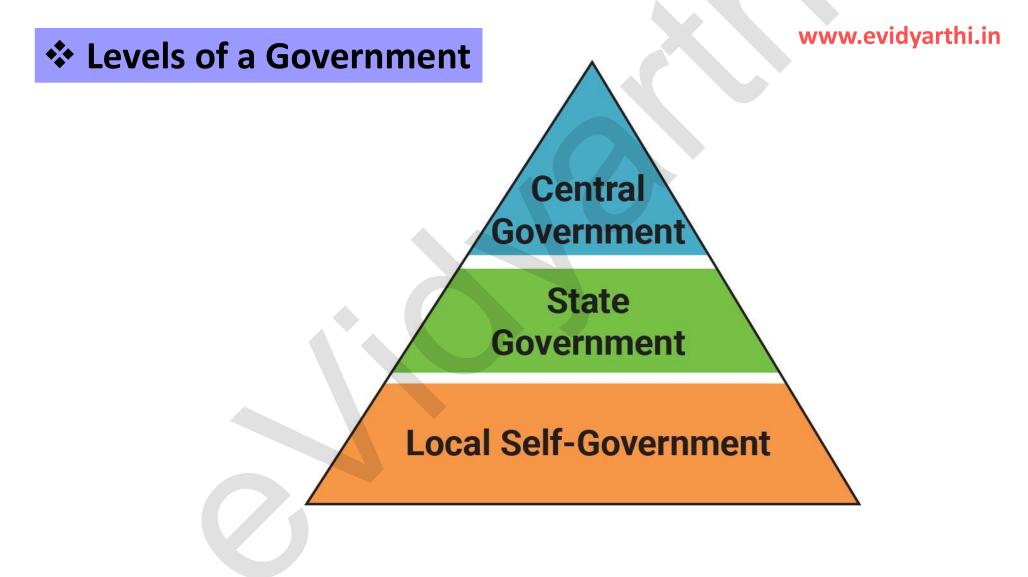
- Takes decisions about:
  - i. Where to build roads and schools.
  - ii. Reduce price of market.
  - iii. Ways to increase electricity supply.
  - iv. Action social issues.
  - v. Protecting boundaries of country and maintain peaceful relation with other countries.
  - vi. for ensuring that all its citizens have enough to eat and have good health facilities.

vii. It does other important things such as running postal and railway services.

viii. government organizes aid and assistance for the affected people during tsunami and earthquake.

ix. If there is a dispute or if someone has committed a crime you find people in a court, a part of the government.





Levels of a Government

- National Level: Government for the entire nation.
- State Level: Governments that covers an entire state like Haryana or Assam.
- Local Level: Governments in village, town or locality.

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# Laws and the government



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- Laws and the government
- The government makes laws and everyone who lives in the country has to follow the laws.
- Government have power to make decisions and to enforce those decisions through penalty.
- Without these laws the government's power to make decisions is not of much use.

# Types of Government

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# Democracy

Monarchy

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Who gives the government this power to make decisions and enforce laws?

The answer to this question depends on the type of government there is in a country.

## **Democracy**

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## Democracy

- Democracy is rule by the people.
- ✓ The basic idea is that people rule themselves by participating in the making of these rules.

- In a democracy, it is the people who give the government power to rule and administer.
- They do this through elections in which they vote for particular persons and elect them.
- Once elected, these persons form the government.
- In a democracy the government has to explain its actions and defend its decisions to the people.

## **Monarchy**

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### **Monarchy**

- This is form of government in which king or queen has the power to make decisions and run the government.
- The monarch have a small group of people to discuss matters with, but the final decision-making power remains with the monarch.
- kings and queens do not have to explain their actions or defend the decisions they take.

### Democratic government

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### Democratic government

- India is a democracy. This achievement is the result of a long and eventful struggle of the Indian people.
- The basic idea is that people rule themselves by participating in the making of these rules.
- Democratic governments in our times are usually referred to as representative democracies. These representatives meet and make decisions for the entire population.

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 It is type of democracy in which people do not participate directly but, instead, choose their representatives through an election process.

# **U** Voting Rights

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## Voting Rights

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✓ In their earliest forms governments allowed only men who owned property and were educated, to vote.

**Universal adult franchise** 

 ✓ A government cannot call itself democratic unless it allows what is known as universal adult franchise.

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# ✓ This means that all adults in the country are allowed to vote.

# **UNIVERSAL ADULT FRANCHISE**

