

QUESTION 1. USE THE TERMS 'CONSTITUENCY' AND 'REPRESENT' TO EXPLAIN WHO AN MLA IS AND HOW IS THE PERSON ELECTED?

ANSWER. 1. An MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) is the person affiliated to a political party or









independent who represents a constituency (an area). 2. The person is elected in the following manner:



> A specific area is called a constituency.



All the adults above 18 years of age are the voters.

They vote for the candidate of their choice.



The person who gets the maximum number of votes is

The elected representative is called an MLA.

declared elected.





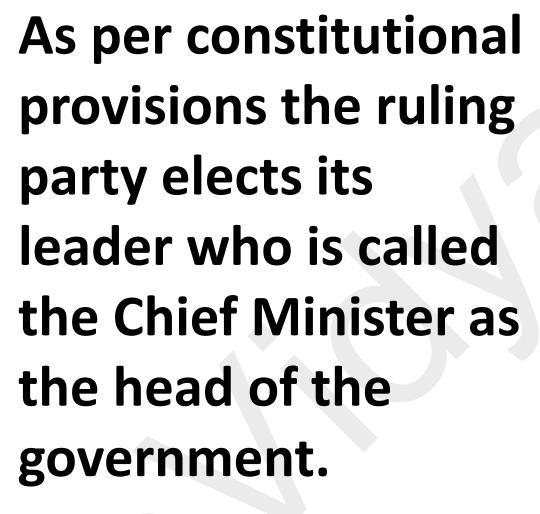
QUESTION 2. HOW DID SOME MLAS BECOME MINISTERS? EXPLAIN.

ANSWER. The party which is elected in the majority for the Legislative Assembly forms the government.











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The Chief Minister, in consultation with the Governor, constitutes a cabinet which includes members of his/her party as ministers.





The MLAs who become ministers are allotted with a portfolio. Here the MLAs turned ministers become accountable for the entire state for that particular portfolio.





QUESTION 3. WHY SHOULD DECISIONS ARE TAKEN BY THE CHIEF MINISTER AND OTHER MINISTERS BE DEBATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY? **ANSWER.** The decisions taken

by the Chief Minister and other ministers should be





debated in the Legislative Assembly because of the following reasons:

1. The decisions, it is not necessary, taken by the Chief Ministers and ministers are beneficial to one and all.





2.All the MLAs should know about them. 3.mportant suggestions may be incorporated in the final decisions.

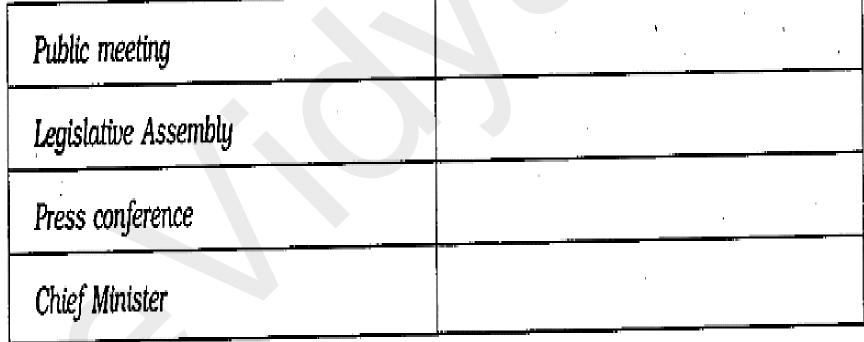


4. Adversely affecting points are deleted after the debate. 5. The decisions so taken are the decisions of all the members and hence the people.





QUESTION 4. WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM IN PATALPURAM? WHAT DISCUSSION/ACTIONS WERE TAKEN BY THE FOLLOWING? PILL IN THE TABLE.











Public meeting	protest put their demand to Govt.
Legislative Assembly	Discussed the issue and decided the course of action
Press conference	The health minister presented the plan of action initiated by Govt.
Chief Minister	Visited the village of Patalpuram announced compensation to the affected families, also clarified the future action to solve the problem.



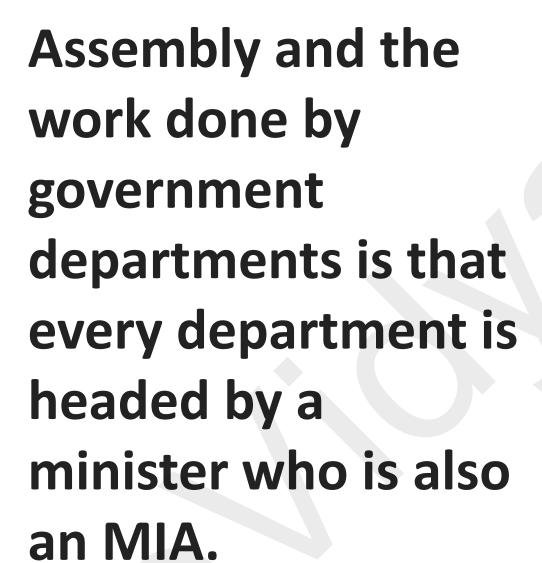
QUESTION 5. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WORK THAT MLAS DO IN THE ASSEMBLY AND THE WORK DONE BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS?

ANSWER. The difference between the work that

MLAs do in the











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The minister approves any work done or proposed by the department. The department is responsible for

the projections and completion of the work whereas **MLAs or ministers** coordinate between the Assembly and the departments.

