



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

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



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**independent who
represents a
constituency {an area}.**

**2.The person is elected
in the following
manner:**

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- **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 declared elected.**
- **The elected representative is called an MLA.**



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.



As per constitutional provisions the ruling party elects its leader who is called the Chief Minister as the head of the government.



**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.



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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.important
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? FILL IN THE TABLE.

<i>Public meeting</i>	
<i>Legislative Assembly</i>	
<i>Press conference</i>	
<i>Chief Minister</i>	



ANSWER. Patalpuram was facing an acute crisis of water

Public meeting	Condemned the government and showed 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



Assembly and the work done by government departments is that every department is headed by a minister who is also an MIA.





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.**

