

The background features a series of concentric, overlapping circles in light grey and white, some solid and some dashed, creating a dynamic, geometric pattern.

HOW THE STATE GOVERNMENT WORKS (EXERCISE QUESTIONS-ANSWERS)

Class VII. Civics.

Name of the department	Examples of their work
School Education	Look after the matters related to school and education, like infrastructure of schools, syllabus.
Public Works Department	Look after the matters like condition of roads, making new roads, maintenance of old roads and other infrastructures.
Agriculture	Look after the matters related with agriculture; like crop insurance, providing better seeds, providing fertilizers etc.

1. Use the terms constituency and represent to explain who an MLA is and how is the person elected?

Answer: The MLAs represent the people of a constituency. They represent those people in the state legislative assembly by asking questions and discussing or criticizing government policies on behalf of the people.

The MLAs are elected by the people in each state election.

2. How did some MLA become ministers? Explain.

Answer: some of the MLAs from the ruling party are selected by the CM as ministers and given the responsibility of one or more departments. It is the governor of the state who appoints the chief minister and other ministers.

3. Why should decisions taken by the Chief minister and other ministers be debated in the legislative assembly?

Answer: the chief minister and the ministers have to answer questions that are asked in the legislative assembly and convince people asking the questions that proper steps are being taken. Legislative assembly is the assembly of the MLAs, who represents the common people. So, by this kind of debate the MLAs can assess and regulate the decisions of government. It can help the betterment of the decisions and identify the drawbacks or shortcomings of the decisions taken by the Chief minister and other ministers.

4. What was the problem in patalpuram? What discussion/action was taken by the following? Fill in the table.

Answer: There were many problems in Patalpuram district related to the clean drinking water and sanitation. The health infrastructure of the district was not upto the mark.



Public meeting	Demand for the improvement of the health care and sanitation facilities.
Legislative assembly	Questioning the policies and working of Government and assurance from the government side.
Press conference	Organised by health minister. The reporters widely discussed the issue and questioned the minister.
Chief minister	The Chief minister visited the place. He met the families who had lost their relatives and other affected persons. The CM announced the compensation and steps taken by the government to tackle the problem of sanitation and drinking water.

5. What is the difference between the work that MLAs do in the assembly and the work done by the government departments?

Answer: The government departments work for the betterment of people and implement the laws. The MLAs in assembly make those laws and and approve or assess the works of various departments of government.