

## Chapter – 03 Civics

### How the State Government Works

- Government works at three levels-national, state and local.
- In states, it is the MLA (Member of Legislature Assembly) who represents the people. The MLAs enter the assembly and form the government.
- Every MLA is elected from one area. This area is known his constituency.
- A political party whose MLA's won more than half the number of constituencies in the state get majority. The political party is called the ruling party.
- All the other members are called opposition.
- **Working of the Government:**
  - (i) The head of the state is the Governor while the head of the government consists of the council of ministers headed by the Chief Minister.
  - (ii) The leader of ruling party who forms the government is the Chief Minister.
  - (iii) All the MLA's sit in a place called the Legislative Assembly.
  - (iv) The legislative assembly is a place where leaders debate and discuss on important issues and make important bills.
  - (v) In addition to legislative assembly, press conference is also a mode of knowing what the government does for the people.
  - (vi) The government works through various departments like public works department, agriculture, health and education.
  - (vii) The government has the power to make new laws for the state regarding health and sanitation.
  - (viii) Laws for the state are made by the state legislative assembly.
  - (ix) Laws for the country are made by the Union Parliament.