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Why do we need a Parliament?

- Legislature is not merely a law making body.
- Lawmaking is but one of the functions of the legislature.
- It is the centre of all democratic political process.
- It is packed with action; walkouts, protests, demonstration, unanimity, concern and cooperation.
- Indeed, a genuine democracy is inconceivable without a representative, efficient and effective legislature.
- The legislature also helps people in holding the representatives accountable. This is indeed, the very basis of representative democracy.

Why do we need two Houses of Parliament?

- The term Parliament refers to the national legislature.
- The legislature of the States is described as State legislature.
- The Parliament in India has two houses.
- When there are two houses of the legislature, it is called a bicameral legislature. The two Houses of the Indian Parliament are the Council of States or the Rajya Sabha and the House of the People or the Lok Sabha.
- The Constitution has given the States the option of establishing either a unicameral or bicameral legislature.
- At present (2015) only Seven States have a bicameral legislature.