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Ch5-Panchayati Raj System (Civics)

Panchayati Raj At village level

A village has a Gram Sabha, a Gram Panchayat and a Nyaya Panchayat to look after the Welfare of the residents.

Gram Sabha:- It is the foundation of the Panchayati Raj System. It means a meeting of the village. All residents of the village who are 18 years of age, form the Gram Sabha. All the development schemes for the village are discussed in the Gram Sabha. It also approves the budget. 2 meetings of the Gram Sabha are compulsory in a year. It has the power to review the work done by the Gram Panchayat & examines its account of expenditure.

The Gram Panchayat:- A gram Panchayat is established in a village having minimum population of 750. The village having less population are grouped under a common Gram Panchayat. The number of Gram Sabha directly elect members of the Gram Panchayat. Any member of the Gram Sabha whose age is 21 years or more can contest election for membership of the Gram Panchayat. The tenure is 5 years.

There is reservation of seats for Scheduled castes, Scheduled tribes & OBCs. One-third of the total number of seats is reserved for the women.

To preside over the meeting of the Gram Panchayat, a sarpanch or Pradhan is elected. The sarpanch signs important documents & co-ordinates the activities of the Panchayat. A Up-Pradhan is also elected who works in the absence of the Pradhan.

The Gram Panchayat has a Secretary who is a government employee. His job is to keep an account of income & expenditure. He keeps records of the meetings & the work done by the Panchayat .

Functions of Gram Panchayat

- Looking after the general sanitation of the village.
- Construction & maintenance of approach roads and dams.
- Management of cremation & burial ground.
- Provision for drinking water
- Provision for street lighting.
- Checking unauthorized occupation of public land
- Registration of births, deaths & marriages in the village.
- Maintenance of social education centre & Panchayat Ghar.
- It also finalise the list of families below the poverty-line so that they can benefit from various developmental schemes.

Next topic to be taught

The Nyaya Panchayat & Block Samiti

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