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Class Xth      Subject Political science

Chapters: OUTCOMES OF DEMOCRACY

Economic Growth and Development

If we are expecting that the democracy should provide good government then we also expect that the government should bring economic growth and development.

But in last 50 years it is observed that the dictatorships have slightly higher rate of economic growth than democratic government. This does not mean dictatorship is better than democratic government. Economic growth depends on factors such as population size, world economic situation, cooperation from other countries, economic priorities of country, etc.

Since the difference of economic growth is minimum hence we should accept democratic government as it has other positive outcomes than dictatorship. (Freedom, people's power, rights)

Reduction of Inequality and Poverty

The prime objective of democracy is equality. But in current situation we find that economic inequalities are growing in democratic country like India. As a result huge wealth belongs to very few rich people however a large population of poor can't afford even their basic needs of life i.e. food, clothes, shelter, education and health.

Every citizen whether rich or poor should have equal right to elect a representative. Since poor people constitute a huge population hence no party will want to lose their votes. but after winning election it is seen that the party did not take any measure to reduce poverty.

Being a democratic government it can be expected that the government should address the problem of poverty and think in direction of reducing the poverty.

Accommodation of Social Diversity

Democracies can have various social divisions. A democracy must negotiate differences among different social groups and bring peaceful and harmonious social life to citizens of the country.

We know that there may be conflict among different social groups and no society can fully resolve these conflicts but democracy should try to reduce the possibility of tension. People should also respect other social groups.

A democracy must fulfil two conditions

Majority should work with Minority: Democracy should not rule by majority opinion, it should consider the minority opinion too. Only by working together a government can produce an effective government that work for people.

Majority in democracy did not mean ruling of majority community i.e. any religion or race or linguistic group, instead it means forming a major opinions of people of different groups. that may

or may not belongs to same social group. Thus every citizen has right to be a part of majority opinion.

Important Questions :

Q.1.What is the Prime objective of Democratic Government?

Q.2.Which two conditions Democratic Government must fulfil?

Q.3.Write the factors on which Economic growth depends in the County.

Q.4.What do you mean by Rule of Majority in Democracy?

Q.5.What is the expectation of the people from Government.

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