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Chapter 7: Outcomes of Democracy

Exercises

1. How does democracy produce an accountable, responsive and legitimate government?

Answer:

Democracy produces an accountable, responsive and legitimate government in the following ways:

- Democracy produces a government that is accountable to citizens and is responsive to their needs and expectations. It makes sure that people have the right to choose their rulers and if these representatives do not work according to the people, people have the right to remove them.
- A democratic government is a legitimate government, as it is elected by citizens and enjoys the confidence and trust of the citizens. It follows procedures and its decisions are more acceptable to the people and are more effective. Regular elections are a key feature of the democratic government.
- Democracy produces a responsive government where people start taking actions when the government becomes insensitive about their aspirations. People can force the government to respond to them through protests, campaigns and rallies.

2. What are the conditions under which democracies accommodate social diversities?

Answer:

Democracies accommodate social diversities as democracy is not just the rule of the majority. In democratic countries, both the majority and minority work together to achieve progress and development of the nation. It is also necessary that rule by majority does not become rule by majority community in terms of religion or race or linguistic group, etc. Any person or group may become a majority in a democracy.

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