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Ch: CHALLENGE TO DEMOCRACY. (NOTES)

Redefining Democracy

Democracy is a form of government in which the rulers are elected by the people.

1. The rulers elected by the people must take all the major decisions.
2. Elections must offer a choice and fair opportunity to the people to change the current rulers.
3. This choice and opportunity should be available to all the people on an equal basis.
4. The exercise of this choice must lead to a government limited by basic rules of the constitution and citizens' rights.

Here we have summarised the points that you have learned in democratic government and politics.

1. You have learned the democratic rights at length and understood that these rights are not limited to the right to vote, stand in elections and form political organisations. Also, you have read about some social and economic rights that democracy should offer to its citizens.
2. You get to know that power-sharing is the spirit of democracy and how power-sharing between governments and social groups is necessary in a democracy.
3. You saw how democracy cannot be the brute rule of the majority and how a respect for the minority voice is necessary for democracy.
4. You have learned how eliminating discrimination based on caste, religion and gender is important in a democracy.
5. Finally, in this chapter, you get to know about the outcomes of democracy

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