

# How the State Government Works

**Q1. Use the terms 'constituency' and 'represent' to explain who an MLA is and how is the person elected?**

**Answer:** According to the population numbers, a state is divided into constituencies. For representation in the Legislative Assembly, each constituency elects a representative who shoulders the responsibility of representing their constituency at the national level. These representatives are called MLAs or members of the Legislative Assembly are elected through a general election. They can be part of a political party or independent candidates. He also has the additional responsibility of presenting the needs and demands of his constituency to the Legislative Assembly.

**Q2. How did some MLAs become Ministers? Explain**

**Answer:** The party that gets the majority in the general elections forms the government. According to constitutional norms, the ruling party selects its leader as the chief minister of the respective state. After the election of a chief minister, he/she constitutes a cabinet with members of his party. This is done in consultation with the Governor of the state. Once legislators are appointed as ministers through the formation of a cabinet, they are allocated to departments like health, law, education etc., thus they become responsible for the portfolio allotted to him/her.

**Q3. Why should decisions taken by the Chief Ministers and other ministers be debated in the Legislative Assembly?**

**Answer:** Every decision taken by the Chief Minister and his/her cabinet should be debated in the Legislative Assembly to ensure that the decision that is being taken is largely in the interest of the common people. There is also discussion that the said decision should be given a level of priority, the cost of implementing it, or the objections of a particular community will be earned by such a decision.

**Q4. What was the problem in Patalapuram? What discussions/actions were taken by the following? Fill in the table.**

<b>Public meeting</b>	
<b>Legislative Assembly</b>	
<b>Press conference</b>	
<b>Chief Minister</b>	

**Answer:**

<b>Public meeting</b>	Condemn the government, carried out protests and put forth their demand .
<b>Legislative Assembly</b>	Discussed the issue and decided the course of action
<b>Press Conference</b>	The health minister presented the plan of action initiated by the Govt.
<b>Chief Minister</b>	Visited the village of Patalapuram, announced compensation to the affected families, also clarified the future action that will be taken to solve the problem

**Q5. What is the difference between the work that MLAs do in the Assembly and the work done by government departments?**

**Answer:** The difference between the work that MLAs do in the Assembly and the work done by government departments is that every department is headed by a minister who is also an MIA. The minister approves any work done or proposed by the department. The department is responsible for the projections and completion of the work whereas MLAs or ministers coordinate between the Assembly and the departments.

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