

## Why Do We Need a Parliament?

**Q1. Why do you think our national movement supported the idea that all adults have a right to vote?**

**Answer:** The freedom movement changed this situation and nationalists openly criticized the British government and started demanding freedom and equality. Based on the experience of colonial rule and the participation of various people in the struggle for independence, it was understood that all the people of independent India would be able to participate in decision making. These views were included in the Constitution of Independent India, which laid down the principle of universal adult suffrage, that is, all adult citizens of the country have the right to vote. In this way, citizens can participate in forming a government and they can monitor its functioning. Therefore, the nationalist movement supported the idea of a universal adult franchise, so that people could form governments and participate in its decision making processes.