



Lesson 19

GOVERNMENT

Notes:

- Men felt the necessity of an organisation for the maintenance of peace among them.
- Organisation benefits the whole society.
- Every country requires a government to make decisions and get things done.
- The government makes laws and everyone living in the country has to obey these laws.
- The government can function with the help of these laws.
- **Monarchy, Dictatorship, Democracy** are various forms of Government.
- **Democracy** is a government ruled by the people.
- **Democracy** is of two kinds: **Direct democracy and Indirect Democracy.**
- In India we have **representative democracy (i.e. indirect democracy).**
- In democracy ultimate power rests in the hands of the people.
- The term suffrage usually means right to vote.
- **Universal Adult Franchise** is the system of suffrage where right to vote is extended to every adult citizen irrespective of sex, colour, literacy, poverty etc.
- Political equality i.e. 'One man, One vote' led to economic equality and social equality has been granted to citizens.
- In India every adult above 18 years have been granted 'the right to vote'.
- The government controls the resources and protects the territory of a country to ensure the security to the people.

