

Chapter - 26

GOVERNMENT AND YOU

SOLUTIONS:

EXERCISES

- 1. Answer the following questions in one sentence:
 - (a) Name three services provided by the government.

Ans: Three services provided by the governments are – Health, Education and Electric Power.

(b) When did five year plan start in India?

Ans: The five year plan was started on 1st April 1951.

(c) Which five year plan is currently in operation?

Ans: The five year plan is currently not in operation.

(d) Who presents the union budget and where?

Ans: The Union Finance Minister presents the union budget in the Lok Sabha.

(e) What is charged expenditure?

Ans: A charged expenditure is that charged items of expenditure on emoluments of the President, salaries and allowances of the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha and the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha, salaries, allowances and pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court, the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India, interest on and repayment of loans raised by Government and payments made to satisfy decrees of courts etc.

2. Answer the following questions in about 30/40 words each:

(a) What do we have to do to use money from the consolidated fund of **Government of India?**

Ans: The Consolidated Fund of India includes revenues, which are received by the government through taxes and expenses incurred in the form of borrowings and loans. All expenditure of Union Government is incurred from the Consolidated Fund of India with authorisation from Parliament. This is a check on the power of the government to ensure that public money is properly spent.

(b) How is a budget related to a five year plan?

Ans: In India development activities are taken up on the basis of five year plans. India has been committed to planned economic development since independence. Since the induction of Five Year Plans, the Union Budget has become a significant statement of government policy. The budget spells out the requirements of the government over a financial year to finance consumption expenditure and capital expenditure. It also spells out how the government intends to mobilise the resources necessary for financing its requirements. UCATION (S)

(c) What does our five year plan show?

Ans: Planning plays an important role in the smooth functioning of an economy. The five year plan shows economic growth, economic equity and social justice, self reliance, employment opportunities and modernisation of the country.

(d) Why is infrastructure development so important for development?

Ans: The components of physical infrastructure such as electricity, railways, roads, ports, airports, irrigation, urban and rural water supply and sanitation are very important in ensuring inclusive growth. High rate of growth of economy cannot be sustained if the shortages in infrastructure are not properly tackled.

3. Choose the correct answer:

- (i) The duration of eleventh five year plan is
 - A. Jan 2007 Jan 2012
 - B. April 2007 March 2012
 - C. Jan 2007 -Dec 2012
 - D. June 2007 July 2012
- (ii) The Union budget is first presented in the
 - A. Lok Sabha
 - B. Rajya Sabha
 - C. State Assembly
 - D. Rastrapati Bhavan
- (iii) The Chairman of planning commission is
 - A. President
 - **B.** Vice President
 - C. Prime Minister
 - D. Speaker
- (iv) Of the following whose salary is a voted item
 - A. President
 - B. Speaker
 - C. Prime Minister
 - D. Chairman of Rajya Sabha
- (v) A five year plan, for implementation, has to be approved by
 - A. Planning Commission
 - **B.** Finance Commission
 - C. National Development Council
 - D. Prime Minister's advisory council.

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Answers: (i) – B. April 2007 – March 2012, (ii) - A. Lok Sabha, (iii) –C.Prime. Minister, (iv) – C. Prime Minister, (v) –A. Planning Commission

4. Which of the following statement are true:

- (a) Every year Orange festival is held in Tamenglong district to encourage orange growers.
- (b) Below Poverty Line (BPL) families can buy food grains at a price lower than the market price under the Targeted Public Distribition System.
- (c) The Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) seeks to provide central assistance for rural development.
- (d) If any government fails to pass a budget before 1st April the government will not be able to spend a single paisa from its fund.
- (e) The Contingency Fund of India is an imprest placed at the disposal of the Prime Minister of India to facilitate Government to meet urgent unforeseen expenditure pending authorization from Parliament.

Answers: (a) True, (b) True, (c) False, (d) True, (e) False



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