

OUTCOMES OF DEMOCRACY

Q. How democracy is better than dictatorship?

- i] Promotes equality among citizen.
- ii] enhances the dignity of the individual.
- iii] Improves the quality of decision making.
- iv] Provides a method to resolve conflicts.
- v] It provides room to correct mistake.

→ Geheri baate :

* democracy is seen to be good in principle, but felt to be not so good in its practice.

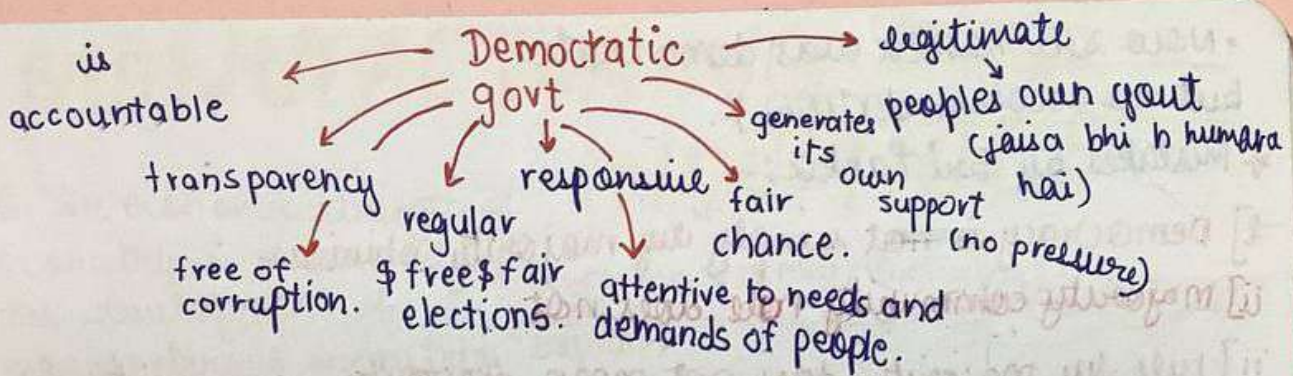
* While the features are common to most of the them, these democracies are very different from each other in terms of their social situations, their economic achievements and their culture.

* The first step towards thinking carefully about the outcomes of democracy is to recognise that democracy is just a form of government.

ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE & LEGITIMATE GOVT

Q. Democratic govt is based on idea of lots of ~~the~~ deliberation and negotiation. Does that make democracy inefficient?

A. Imagine a democracy govt that may take decision very fast. But it may take decision that are not accepted by the people & may ∴ face problem. In contrast, the democratic govt will take more time to follow the procedure before arriving at a decision. Because of this decisions may be both more acceptable to the people and more effective. So the cost of time is well pay is worth it.



* The actual performance of democracies shows a mixed record on this.

* Then why do we follow democracy?

→ because democracy is better than other non democratic regime

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT :-

- dictatorship have slightly higher rate of economic growth.
- But this alone cannot be reason to reject democracy.
- economic depends on - population, size, global situatⁿ etc.
- dictatorship mein sirf income and economic dekha jayega, but democracy mein paise chhod kar bohat sari cheezin aaur hai like good governance, equality, respect etc.

REDUCTION OF INEQUALITY AND POVERTY :-

* Democracy are based on political equality.

- small ~~amt~~ amt of such ppl have immense amt of wealth
- Poor people have aaur bhi kum paisa hota ja rha hai.

* Yet democratically elected govt do not appear to be as keen to address the question of poverty as you would expect them to do.

• But there is always reason to expect reduction of inequality and poverty. → non democratic - no आशा.

ACCOMMODATION OF SOCIAL DIVERSITY

- expectation: harmonious social life
- No society can fully resolve conflicts among different groups but we can learn to respect it.
- Non democratic country cannot handle social differences.

• Now Sri Lanka was democratic but no accommodation !!

* Mistakes by Sri Lanka:-

i] Democracy is not simply by majority opinion

ii] Rule by majority does not mean majority community in terms of race, religion, or linguistic group.

→ in case of every decision, majority of people who want the decision to be implemented will be implemented.

→ Koi bhi majority & minority voting grp mein on basis of opinion shift ho sakta hai.

DIGNITY AND FREEDOM OF THE CITIZENS:

• The passion for respect and freedom are the basis of democracy.

WOMEN

• Dignity should be given to women.

• Now:

* in democratic govt:

→ if women are not given equal treatment and are discriminated

→ women have legal basis to raise their voice.

* in non-democratic govt:

→ if women are discriminated, women have no legal basis to raise their voice they have to accept their fate.

same reason with caste, basis.

● Expectations from democracy also function as the criteria for judging any democratic country.

→ humesha kumi rehti hai.

→ the fact that people are complaining is itself a testimony to the success of democracy.