

# ATOMIC ENERGY EDUCATION SOCIETY

## Class VI –Social science

### Social and Political Life

#### What is Government - Handout-I

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#### I. What is government?

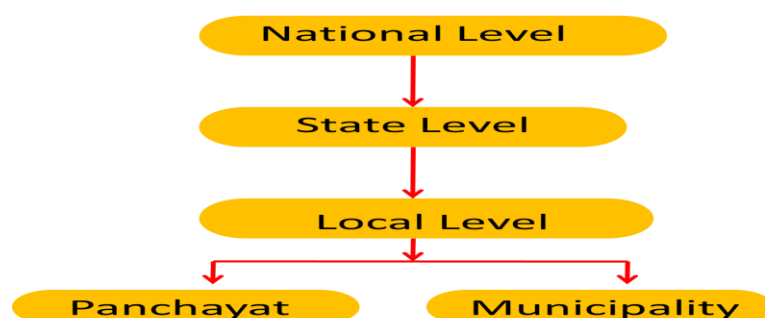
- Government refers to the group of authorized people who rules a country or a state. A government is responsible for everything in the country and officially controls a country.

#### III. A government is responsible to-

- Make rules and regulations and implement them on behalf of its citizens.
- Maintain law and order
- Build and maintain roads, schools and other public facilities
- Protect the boundaries of the country and maintaining peaceful relations with other countries
- Provide postal and railway services
- Ensure basic services such as education, health, water supply, electricity etc..
- Help the people during the natural calamities like tsunami or earthquake
- Plan and execute proper welfare programmes to help the poor
- Control the price of commodities

#### IV. Levels of Government

A government works at different levels. They are



**National Level - (Union Government):** Governs the whole nation.

- Looks after the subjects of national interest such as defence, foreign affairs, banking etc
- State Level-(State Government):** Covers an entire state and looks after the state interest.
- Responsibilities- maintain law and order, education, public health, agriculture, etc.
- Local Level (Municipality/Panchayat):** Covers a village or city (Panchayat/Municipality)
- Responsibilities:-Helps to implement the development programmes and also provides water supply, electricity, sanitation etc. in the village or city