

ATOMIC ENERGY EDUCATION SOCIETY

Class VI –Social science

Social and Political Life

What is Government - Handout-II

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III. Law and the Government

- It is the responsibility of the government to make the law and ensure that the laws are obeyed.
- Government has the power to enforce its decision.
- It is the responsibility of the people to obey the law
- It promotes public safety and uphold the rule of law

V. Types of Government

Monarchy

- Government is ruled by King or queen.
- Rulers are not elected by the people so they are not responsible to the people.
- Rulers come from the same family.

Democracy

- Elected representatives of the people have the power to make decision and run the government.
- Rulers are responsible to the people.

VI. Democratic government.

- Democracy means rule by the people
- Modern democracy is called as representative democracy.
- It is a form of government in which rulers are elected by the people.

VII Women's suffrage movement and their demands

- Began in 1848 but strengthened during the First World War.
- Suffrage means right to vote
- Demanded right to vote for all women. Many suffragettes were imprisoned
- Finally American women got the right to vote in 1920

VIII. Significance of universal adult franchise

- This means that all adults in country are allowed to vote without any discrimination.
- It enhances political equality
- According to Gandhiji, right to vote should be given to all adult citizens without discrimination of class, caste, colour, religion and gender