

LESSON – 17

MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES

I. Tick (v) the correct option:-

1. The municipal committees collect money through_____.

Ans. c. Taxes

2. The gram panchayat is elected for_____ years.

Ans. b. 5

3. The_____ manages the affairs in the village.

Ans. c. Gram Panchayat

4. The head of a Municipal Corporation is called a_____.

Ans. d. Mayor

II. Fill in the blanks:

1. Municipal Corporations of **Kolkata** and **Chennai** are among the oldest in India.

2. A local self government looks after the **basic needs** of the local people.

3. In towns and cities, civic amenities are provided by the **Municipal Corporations**.

4. The elected members of the Municipal Committee are called **Municipal Councillors**.

5. The municipal committees need **money** to provide better civic facilities.

III. Mark the statements as True or False:

1. A panchayat is elected for eight years. **False**

2. Members of the municipal corporations are elected by the people directly through elections. **True**

3. The head of a panchayat is a Sarpanch, elected the panchayat. **True**

4. The panchayat manages the affairs in the big cities. **False**

5. Villagers who are 18 years of age and above elect the members of the Gram Panchayat. **True**

IV. Answer in brief.

1. What are the elected members of a municipal committee called?

Ans. The elected members of a municipal committee are called municipal councillors.

2. Who can elect the members of Gram Panchayat?

Ans. Villagers who are 18 years of age and above can elect members of the Gram Panchayat.

3. What is the head of panchayat called?

Ans. The head of panchayat is called Sarpanch.

4. What is the serving period of a municipal committee?

Ans. The serving period of a municipal committee is 5 years unless it is dissolved.

5. Who looks after the construction of roads and water supply in a city?

Ans. Municipal corporation looks after the construction of roads and water supply in a city.

V. Answer the following.

1. What are civic amenities?

Ans. Necessary community services like infrastructure, health care, education, housing, transport etc. are called civic amenities.

2. List any five functions of a Municipal corporation.

Ans. Functions of municipal corporation are:-

1. The construction and maintenance of water-works and means for providing supply of water for public.

2. The construction, maintenance and cleaning of drains and drainage work.

3. To build roads, parks, hospitals etc.

4. The construction and improvement of public streets and bridges.

5. To provide free educations to children from families.

3. What is local self government? Why is it needed?

Ans. The local self government is the government formed by the people of a certain village, town or city .It is needed to look after the basic needs of the local people.

4. What do you understand by the term' Gram Panchayat'?

Ans. A Gram Panchayat is a village level council and the cornerstone of local self government organization in India. The term 'Panchayat' means council of five.

5. What are the taxes collected by a Municipal Corporation to provide civic amenities?

Ans. To provide civic amenities the Municipal Corporation collects money. This money is collected through toll tax, water tax, property tax, entertainment tax, road tax etc.