Class –VI political science

Panchayati Raj

Answer1: The main problem which the people of the Hardas village faced was storage of water. The hand pump water has gone well below the point up to which the ground has been drilled. We hardly get any water in the taps. Women have to go to the Sum river which is 3 k.m. away to get water. One of the members suggests piping water from the Suru and making an overhead tank in the village to increase the supply. But the others think that this will be expensive. It's better, they feel, to deepen the handpumps and clean the wells for this season. Tijia says, "This is not enough. We need to do something more permanent as groundwater levels seem to be going down every year. We're using more water than is seeping into the ground."

Another member, Anwar then tells everyone that he has seen ways of conserving water and recharging (refilling) it in a village in Maharashtra where he'd once gone to visit his brother. It was called watershed development and he had heard that the government gave money for this work.

In this brother's village people had planted trees, constructed check- dams and tanks. Everyone thought this was an interesting idea and the Gram Panchayat was asked to find out about it in detail.

Answer2: The Gram Sabha help the villagers in solving their basic problems and fulfilling their needs. Yes, it is important to all the members to attend the meeting of Gram Sabha. It secures the participation of the villagers in the commodity development.

Answer3: The Gram Sabha is a meeting of all people (men and women) of the age of 18 years or above, who live in the area covered by the Panchayat. Anyone who is 18 years old or more and live in the area covered, has a right to vote is a member of the Gram Sabha.

Gram Sabha and Gram Panchayat are linked with each other through the meeting of Gram Sabha. Gram Panchayat comes to know about the problems of the people and try to solve them.

Answer4:

(a) *Task:* A connecting road from village to the main road.

(b) *Fund:* The money came from Gram Panchayat fund.

(c) Yes, the work has been completed.

Answer6:

(a) Bhagvan was beaten because he insisted that the water from the tanker should be emptied in the storage tanks constructed as part of the water supply scheme

by Nimone Gram Panchayat so that there would be equal distribution of water. However, the upper caste men did not agree to the suggestion given by Bhagvan as they believed that the tanker was not meant for the lower castes. As a result, Bhagvan was beaten with sticks, iron rods and axes.

(b) Yes, the above is a case of discrimination because the upper caste people did not agree to the suggestion given by a lower caste person, Bhagvan, even though the suggestion was appropriate.

Answer7: Watershed development is a process which helps in conserving and recharging the ground water resource. Large amounts of water accumulate in a watershed. Fertile soil also collects along with the water at this point.

Benefits of a watershed:

(i) As the land is fertile, trees grow at that place.

(ii) Helps in checking soil erosion and water logging.

(iii) Barren lands turn into meadows.

(iv) Unfertile land turns into fertile land.