

Civics
Lesson-6
Rural Administration

A. Fill in the blanks with the correct answers:

1. The Ministry of Rural Development has two departments -- Land Resource and _____.
(a) Rural Development (b) Rural Affairs.
(c) Revenue collection (d) Land records.
2. The Village of Gahmar is located in Ghazipur district of _____.
(a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Haryana.
(c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Punjab.
3. The police station in the village is important because it helps in _____.
(a) maintaining law and order (b) registering complains
(c) Links the villages to the administration (d) all of these.
4. The Patwari is _____.
(a) Appointed by the government (b) elected by the people.
(c) Elected by the Chief Minister (d) appointed by the Collector.

B. Write T for true and F for false.

1. Local self government helps to develop villages. True
2. The patwari is an important official in the urban administration. False
3. The District collector is the highest official of the state government. False
4. Trade is the mainstay of the rural economy. False
5. A district is further divided into blocks and villages. True

C. Given below are some important officers of administration. List two duties for each of them.

1. Patwari- (1) collecting land revenue from the farmers.
(2) Updating the land records every year or in case of any changes.
2. District Collector – (1) to maintain law and order in the district.
(2) Collection of income tax, excise duties etc
3. Sub inspector –(1) his duty is to investigate the case based on the FIR.
(2) He has to file a charge sheet in the court.

D. Answer these questions in brief.

1. **In what ways have the people of the rural areas become actively involved in governance?**

Ans.1 Through the localised form of government, the people have become actively involved in governance.

2. **Who is the head of the district administration?**

Ans.2 The District Collector is the head of the district administration.

3. Why does the Indian army take special interest in the Gahmar village?

Ans.3 The Indian army takes special interest in the Gahmar village because each family member of the village is in the Indian Army.

4. Why is it important to maintain land records in the villages?

Ans.4 It is important to maintain land records in a village to avoid conflicts and maintain the collection of land revenue.

E. Answer these questions in detail.

1. Interpret the views of Mahatma Gandhi on the villages.

Ans.1 Mahatma Gandhi once said “if villages of India perish, India will perish too. By this line he meant that villages are the back bone of India. Now days Industrialization on a mass scale is leading to passive or active exploitation of the villagers as the problems of competition and marketing come in. Therefore we have to concentrate on the village being self-contained, manufacturing mainly for use. Provided this character of the village industry is maintained, there would be no objection to villagers using even the modern machines and tools that they can make and can afford to use.

2. Why are the functions performed by the patwari crucial for the rural administration?

Ans.2 The functions performed by the patwari are crucial for the rural administration because the Patwari is responsible for organising the collection of land revenue from the farmers and providing information to the government about the crops grown in this area. This is done from the records that are kept, and this is why it's important for the Patwari to regularly update these.

3. Which Ministry of Rural Development is responsible for developing rural areas? How does it carry out its work?

Ans.3 The Department of Rural Development is responsible for developing rural areas.

Its work is carried out in many ways:

(i) It provides livelihood opportunities to those in need including women.

(ii) Providing social assistance to the elderly, widow and disabled persons.

(iii) Providing urban amenities in rural areas for improvement of quality of rural life.

(iv) Capacity development and training of rural development functionaries.

(v) Promoting involvement of voluntary agencies and individuals for rural development

4. Write a short note on the role of a patwari in a village?

Ans.4 Detailed records of land holdings in the villages have to be maintained in order to reduce the number of complains. Each farmer's land is measured by the government so that there is clarity over who owns how much land. It is the responsibility of the village patwari to ensure the records are maintained properly.

5. What is the role played by the police in a rural area?

Ans.5 If there is a conflict in a village, the people of the village reach out to the respective police station of their area. In the rural areas, the police station is an important link between the people of the village and the district administration. At the police station, a written complaint is lodged. Then, a First Information Report (FIR) is registered for the case. Then the police officer in charge of the village investigates the complaint and resolves it.

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