**CHAPTER- PANCHAYATI RAJ**

**QUESTION-ANSWERS**

1. **What happens after people elect their representatives?**

**Answer: After people elect their representatives, the elected representatives of the majority party form the Government.**

1. **What is the link between a Gram Sabha and a Gram Panchayat?**

**Answer: Gram Sabha makes the Gram Panchayat perform its role responsibly.**

**All plans of Panchayat are placed before the Gram Sabha for discussion.**

**All spending of Government grants is controlled and approved by the Gram Sabha.**

**The members of the Gram Sabha elects the Executive Panchayat.**

1. **What is the difference between a Gram Sabha and a Gram Panchayat?**

**Answer: The difference between a Gram Sabha and a Gram Panchayat:**

**Gram Sabha. - It consists of the adults of the village. It is a permanent body of a village. It approves and controls the money of the Gram Panchayat.**

**Gram Panchayat. – It is the executive body of the village consisting of the Sarpanch and the Panch.**

**It is elected for a term of 5 years.**

**Gram Panchayat spend the money on several welfare schemes of the village.**

1. **In some states Gram Sabhas form Committees. Why?**

**Answer: In some states Gram Sabhas form committees to carry out specific work like, Construction Committee is formed to carry out the construction works, whereas Development Committee is engaged in development work.**

**CASE STUDY**

***The Gram Sabha meeting held in the Hardas village with the members of the Gram Sabha and the members of the Gram Panchayat. Mainly two agendas were discussed in the meeting. One is about the bad condition of road and another is about the shortage of water in the village. Along with a villager named Tijia, many other villagers placed their own suggestions. Women had to go to the Suru River which was 3 K.M away to get water. Some suggested about piping water from the Suru River, and some suggested to deepen the handpumps and clean the wells. Finally, Anwar suggested about the Watershed development programme.***

1. **Where was the meeting held?**
2. **Who were present in the meeting?**
3. **What were the two problems of the Hardas villagers?**
4. **How did women bring water?**
5. **What were the suggestion gave by the villagers?**
6. **What was the final suggestion gave by Anwar?**
7. **What is Watershed development programme?**

**CASE STUDY**

***The BPL list was read in the Hardas village. As soon as the list was read out people started whispering. Saroj said to Sukhi, “Something it was wrong in the list. Natwar, who had just bought a Colour T.V and a Motorcycle, his name was in the BPL list, but the real poor Om Prakash’s name was not in the BPL list”. Sukhi replied,” Natwar is a friend of the earlier Zamindar, Amirchand”. Amirchand was sitting in the Gram Sabha keeping an eye on everyone. Then Saroj gets up and said, “Om Prakash name should be listed in the BPL list”, others agree. When the Sapanch asked about the matter to the teacher, who did the survey of the BPL families, he replied, “Om Prakash’s house was locked, when I went there”. Lastly, Om Prakash’s name was listed in the BPL list after getting the approval of the Sarpanch.***

1. **What is the full form of the term ‘BPL’?**
2. **What was the mistake in the BPL list?**
3. **Why did the villagers afraid to say anything against Natwar?**
4. **Why Om Prakash’s name was not in the BPL list? What happened at last?**