



State executive: The state executive consists of the governor, chief minister and council of minister. The governor is the head of the state.

The administration of the state is carried on in his name. But the actual responsibility is of the chief minister and his council of ministers.

Governor: They run the state administration in the name of the governor. Generally, a governor is appointed for one state but sometimes he can be the head of more than one state.

Qualifications: To be a governor, a person must fulfill the following conditions.

- She/he should be a citizen of India.
- She/he must not be less than 35 years of age.
- She/he must not be a member of either of the two houses of Parliament or of state legislature.
- She/he must not hold any government office.

Appointment: The governor is appointed by the president for a term of five years. However, the president may remove her/him from office before the completion of the term.

Functions and powers of the governor: The governor has many important powers which he/she exercises on the advice of the chief minister and the council of ministers. His/her important powers include:

a. **Executive powers:** The governor appoints the leader of the majority party as the chief minister of the state. Other ministers in the ministry are appointed by the governor on the advice of the chief minister. She/he also appoints other top level officials like advocate general and members of state the public service commission.

b. **Discretionary powers:** Normally, the governor works on the advice of the chief minister, but there can be situations where she/he has to exercise independent judgment. Such a situation calls for the use of discretionary powers of the governor.

c. **Legislative powers:** Every bill passed by the legislature should have his approval. If the assembly is not in the session, and a law is urgently required, he can issue an ordinance which becomes equivalent to law.

d. **Financial powers:** No money bill or the annual budget can be introduced in the house without permission from the governor.

e. **Judicial powers:** The governor can grant pardon or reduce the punishment of people convicted under the state laws.

Chief Minister and the Council of Ministers:

- The governor appoints the leader of the majority party as the chief minister who then advises her/him on the appointment of other
- Ministers of the council. All the powers regarding the administration of the state are vested in the chief minister and her/his ministry. They are answerable to the state legislature.

Powers and functions of the chief minister: Her/his main powers are:

- To direct the ministry and determine its policies
- To supervise the administration of the state
- To allocate, reallocate or take back portfolios from his/her ministers
- To coordinate the working of various ministries





Powers and functions of the council of ministers: The functioning of the state government takes place through various departments. These departments are headed by ministers. The council of ministers introduces necessary bills in the assembly and gets them approved.

State Judiciary: The judiciary at the state level consists of the high court and subordinate courts like the district and session's courts, the provincial courts and the Nyaya panchayts. The high court stands at the head of the judiciary at the state level.

A Wallpaper Project: Wallpaper is an interesting activity through which research can be done on particular topics of interest. After introducing the topic and having a brief discussion with the whole class, the teacher divides the class into groups. The group discusses the issue and decided what it would like to include in the wall- paper. Children then work individually or in pairs to read the collected material and write their observation or experiences. They can do this through creating stories, poems, case studies, interviews etc. each group then presents the wallpaper to the entire class. After each group has presented, it would be a good idea to have a feedback session.

