

STATE GOVERNMENT – STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS

The **State Government** is the **government at the level of each state** in India. It operates under the framework of the **Indian Constitution**, similar to the Union Government but limited to the jurisdiction of the state.

STRUCTURE OF STATE GOVERNMENT

It is divided into **three branches**:

1. Executive – *Implements laws and governs the state*

- **Governor** – Constitutional Head (appointed by the President of India)
- **Chief Minister** – Real Executive Head (elected leader of the majority party)
- **Council of Ministers** – Assists the Chief Minister in administration

2. Legislature – *Makes laws for the state*

- **Unicameral** (in most states) or **Bicameral** (in some states like UP, Bihar, Maharashtra)
 - **Legislative Assembly (Vidhan Sabha)** – Lower House
 - **Legislative Council (Vidhan Parishad)** – Upper House (only in few states)
- **Governor** is part of the legislature

3. Judiciary – *Ensures justice and interprets state laws*

- **High Court** – Top court in the state
- **District and Subordinate Courts**

FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT

◆ Executive Functions:

- Implements laws passed by the state legislature
- Administers various state departments (health, education, transport, etc.)
- Maintains law and order through the state police
- Executes welfare schemes and developmental programs

◆ Legislative Functions:

- Makes laws on subjects in the **State List** and **Concurrent List**
- Passes the **State Budget**
- Controls the executive through questions, motions, and debates

◆ Judicial Functions:

- The **High Court** protects the rights of citizens within the state
- Supervises subordinate courts
- Interprets laws made by the state legislature

Summary Table:

| Branch | Head | Role | Institutions |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Executive | Governor & Chief Minister | Enforce laws, run the state government | State ministries, departments |
| Legislature | Speaker (Assembly) | Make state laws, pass state budget | Vidhan Sabha, Vidhan Parishad |
| Judiciary | Chief Justice of High Court | Deliver justice, interpret state laws | High Court, district courts |