

CBSE Notes Class 6 Civics Chapter 7-Urban Administration

A city, much bigger than a village and more spread out has crowded markets, many buses and cars, water and electricity facilities, traffic control and hospitals. Who is responsible for running all this? How are decisions made? How is planning done? Who are the people who do all the work?

Urban Administration

Municipal Corporation-takes care of street lights, garbage collection, water supply-keep the streets and the market clean-responsible for ensuring that diseases do not break out in the city-run schools, hospitals and dispensaries.-makes gardens and maintain them. In a big city-is called a Municipal Corporation. In smaller towns, it is called a Municipal Council.

The Ward Councillor and Administrative Staff

Decisions like where a park or a new hospital should go-usually made by the Ward Councillors-city divided into different wards-ward councillors get elected-decisions that affect the entire city taken by groups of councillors-form committees to decide and debate issues-for problems within a ward people can contact their councillors-Councillor's Committees and the councillors decide on issues-Commissioner and the administrative staff implement these-Commissioner and the administrative staff are appointed-Councillors are elected. All Ward Councillors meet - make a budget and the money is spent according to this-Ward Councillors try to ensure that the particular demands of their wards are placed before the entire council-decisions are implemented by the administrative staff- work in the city is divided into different departments-water department, the garbage collection department, a department to look after gardens, another to look after roads-garbage lying all over the street if uncollected attracts dogs, rats and flies- people get ill from the smell.

In recent times, the Commissioners of several municipalities across the country hired private contractors to collect and process garbage- Sub-Contracting-work that was earlier being done by government workers is now being done by private company-contract workers get paid less- their jobs are temporary-Collecting garbage is a dangerous job- these contract workers do not have any access to safety measures and are not taken care of if they are injured while working.

Municipal Corporation was the one who suggested to people that they have two dustbins at home to sort out their garbage, thus reducing their work.