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PARLIAMENTARY FORM OF GOVERNMENT

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The parliamentary system of government is the one in which the executive is responsible to the legislature for its policies and acts. The parliamentary government is also known as cabinet government irresponsible government or Westminster model of government and is prevalent in Britain, Japan, Canada, India among others.

FEATURES OF PARLIAMENTARY FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

⇒ Nominal and Real Executives: The President is the nominal executive (de jure executive or titular executive) while the Prime Minister is the real executive (de facto executive). Thus, the President is head of the state, while the Prime Minister is head of the government.

⇒ Majority Party Rule: The political party which secures majority seats in the Lok Sabha forms the government. The leader of that party is appointed as the Prime Minister by the President; other ministers are appointed by the President on the advice of the Prime Minister. However when no single party gets the majority, a coalition of parties may be invited by the President to form the government.

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PRESIDENTIAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT

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The Presidential Form of Government is also known as non-responsible or non-parliamentary or fixed executive system of government basically built on the principle of separation of power, and is prevalent in USA, Brazil, Russia, Sri Lanka among others.

FEATURES OF PRESIDENTIAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT :

⇒ The American President is both the head of the State and the head of government. As the head of state, he occupies a ceremonial position. As the head of government, he leads the executive organ of government.

⇒ The President is elected by an electoral college for a fixed tenure of four years. He cannot be removed by the Congress except by impeachment for a grave unconstitutional act.

⇒ The President governs with the help of a cabinet or a smaller body called "Kitchen cabinet". It is only an advisory body and consists of non-elected departmental secretaries.

⇒ The President and his secretaries are not responsible to the Congress for their acts. They neither possess membership in the Congress nor attend its sessions. The President cannot dissolve the House of Representatives - the lower house of the Congress.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PARLIAMENTARY FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND PRESIDENTIAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Presidential Form of Government	Parliamentary Form of Government
↳ President is directly elected by the people.	↳ Prime Minister is the leader of majority Party Central.
↳ President is Supreme	↳ Legislature is Supreme
↳ Separation of powers.	↳ Absence of Separation Powers Centralization.
↳ Independent branches	↳ Independent branches with overlapping functions.
↳ President - head of the state	↳ President - head of the state
↳ President - head of the government.	↳ Prime Minister - head of the government.
↳ Separation of powers.	↳ Centralization.
↳ Independent branches.	↳ Independent branches with overlapping functions
↳ Individual leadership.	↳ Collective leadership.
↳ President is not accountable to Congress.	↳ Collective and individual Responsibility.