

# OUTCOME OF DEMOCRACY

## HOTS QUESTIONS (HQ)

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**Q.1. How have democracies fallen short of people's expectations ?**

**Ans.** Democracies have fallen short of people's expectations in various arenas like :

- Democracies have failed to hold free and fair elections. Now elections are monopolised by money and muscle power.
- Democracies are also blamed for not sharing information, i.e., the record of transparency.
- Besides, in a democracy there is the biggest danger of corruption.

**Q.2. It is said that democracy is a rule of the majority. The poor are in majority. So democracy must be a rule of the poor. Justify.**

**Ans.** No, it is not justified, because the rule of majority does not mean the rule of people who are majority in number, but it is the rule of the popular government (political party) based on the consent of the majority of people.

**Q.3. Do democracies produce economic development ?**

**Ans.** No, democracies do not produce economic development entirely because democracy is based on the priority of social and economic welfare. Democracy first give preference to welfare than profit.

**Q.4. Democracy means delay in the decision making. Which one is preferable : quick decision of dictatorship or slow decision of democracy ?**

**Ans.** It is true that democracy means delay in the decision-making process as debates and deliberations take a long time. Whereas , dictatorship means quick decisions. But those decisions are the orders of the government and people cannot disagree with them.

In this way, democracy is better even if it takes more time in making the decisions. Here, people have full liberty to protest against the government policies.

**Q.5. Is having democracy enough ?**

**Ans.** It is a proved fact that democracy is people's rule. But only having a democratic government is not enough. It requires certain conditions for the successful functioning, i.e.,

- Alert and enlightened citizens.
- Free and fair elections.
- Social and economic equality.