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## Chapter 7

### Outcomes of Democracy

#### ❖ Democracy's Outcomes

- Democracy is a form of government that creates opportunities for the citizen to achieve their goals.
- Democracy should produce a government that is both accountable and responsive to the needs and expectations of the citizens
- In a democracy, decisions are debated and negotiated upon. This makes them more acceptable and effective as compared to the other forms of government.
- Democracy is also a transparent form of government where citizens can question and enquire regarding the functioning of the government.
- However, democratic governments are not very efficient when it comes to sharing information with people.
- A democratic government is people's own government as people wish to be ruled by the representatives elected by them.

#### ❖ Performance of Democracy

- **Economic growth and development**
  - Between 1950 and 2000, dictatorship as compared to democracy, has a higher rate of economic development. However, democracy is still preferred as it has several other positive outcomes.
- **Reduction of inequality and poverty**
  - Democracies are based on political equality but huge economic disparities.
- **Accommodation of social diversity**
  - Both the majority and the minority opinion must be considered for the efficient functioning of a democracy.
  - Rule of majority should not prevail in the fields of religion, language or race.
- **Dignity and freedom of the citizens**
  - Democracy promotes dignity and freedom to individuals.
  - Unequal factions of the society such as women and the people from discriminated castes and classes are also given equal status and opportunity of participation in the democratic process.