State Government  Central Government
Which political party/parties is/are currently in power?  
Who (name) is the current representative from your area?  
Which political parties currently form the Opposition?  
When were elections last held?  
When will the next elections be held?  
How many women representatives are there from your state?  

You have read in Chapter 1 that the Parliamentary form of government that exists in India has three tiers. This includes the Parliament (central government) and the various Stat Legislatures (state governments). Fill in the following table with information on the various representatives from your area:

Solution

Students are suggested to do this taste themselves. They can taken help of their elders or their teachers.

Who among the following is the founder of the Bahujan Samaj Party?

A Kanshi Ram  
B Sahu Maharaj  
C B.R. Ambedker  
D Jotibe Phule

Solution

Bahujan Samaj Party is a national political party in India and was formed in 1984. It was founded by Kanshi Ram. The core support group of the BSP consists primarily of the Dalits. The word ‘Bahujan’ literally means ‘the majority of the people’ and ‘samaj’ means ‘society’.

What is the guiding philosophy of the Bharatiya Janata Party?

A Bahujan Samaj  
B Revolutionary democracy  
C Integral humanism  
D Modernity

Solution

Bharatiya Janata Party, established in 1980, is one of the largest political party in India. Its guiding philosophy is Integral humanism. It was first presented by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya in the form of four lectures delivered in Bombay on April 22-25, 1965.
Consider the following statements on parties.
A. Political parties do not enjoy much trust among the people.
B. Parties are often rocked by scandals involving top party leaders.
C. Parties are not necessary to run governments.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

A. A, B, and C
B. A and B
C. B and C
D. A and C

Solution
The average election turnout in 2014 Lok Sabha elections over all nine phases was around 66.38%. Though this was the highest ever in the history of Indian general elections, approximately 33% of Indians still resisted from voting. This shows that political parties do not enjoy much trust among people.

Some of the popular scandals attributed to the rule of the Congress Party are Commonwealth Games Scam (2010), Coal Scam (2012), Chopper Scam (2013), etc.