

**POLITICAL SCIENCE · CHAPTER 4**

# Executive

A 1-page guide for parents · 90-second read.

**EXPECTED MARKS**

**A well-prepared student should comfortably score 7-8 out of 8. Below 4 usually means confusion between the nominal President and the real Prime Minister.**

**TIME TO MASTER****6-8 hrs****HELPLINE****70330 05444****WHAT THIS CHAPTER IS, IN PLAIN ENGLISH**

This chapter explains who actually RUNS the government once laws are made. Your child learns that the 'executive' is the branch that carries out laws and manages everyday administration. India follows a PARLIAMENTARY system, in which the President is the formal head of the country but the real power to govern lies with the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers, who must keep the support of the elected Lok Sabha. The chapter covers how the President is chosen and what powers he has, how the Prime Minister is appointed, the important rule of 'collective responsibility', and the role of permanent officials — the civil services recruited by the UPSC. It is usually worth 6 to 8 marks.

**5 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD**

- What is the difference between a parliamentary and a presidential system? Why does having a President NOT make India presidential?
- Who is the real head of the executive in India — the President or the Prime Minister? Explain.
- How is the President of India elected — directly or indirectly?
- What does 'collective responsibility' mean, and what happens if the Lok Sabha passes a no-confidence motion?
- Who recruits civil servants, and what is the difference between the political executive and the permanent executive?

**WEAK-SPOT INDICATORS**

- Says the President runs the government — confusing nominal with real executive.
- Thinks India is a presidential system because it has a President.
- Believes the President is directly elected by the people.
- Cannot explain that the WHOLE Council of Ministers resigns on a no-confidence vote.

**WHEN TO WORRY — AND WHAT TO DO**

If your child cannot clearly say that the President is the nominal head and the Prime Minister is the real executive, they will lose 4-6 marks here. The fix is to make them WRITE comparison

answers (parliamentary vs presidential) point-wise — Political Science marks come from structured writing, not just reading.

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