

Chapter-9 Public Facilities

1. *Why do you think there are so few cases of private water supply in the world?*

There are very few cases of private water supply because water supply is primarily the function of the government. Also the privatization of water facility means a rise in its price which is opposed by many.

2. *Do you think water in Chennai is available to and affordable by all? Discuss.*

No, water in Chennai is not affordable and available to all. The government is unable to provide water supply to a large number of people. They have to buy water at high prices which is not affordable by all.

3. *Why are most of the private hospitals and private schools located in major cities and not in towns or rural areas?*

Most number of private hospitals and schools are found in urban areas as it has a large population and mostly the government is not able to provide proper facilities so by setting up schools and hospitals in urban areas one earns more profit than in rural areas.

4. *Do you think the distribution of public facilities in our country is adequate and fair? Give an example of your own to explain?*

The distribution of public facilities in our country is inadequate and unfair. We can understand this by the example of electricity facility in India. Rural area is facing electricity supply shortage as more than 18000 villages in India lack electric supply, whereas a good area in a big city get 24 hour electricity with many other facilities like he can call to the distribution office for any complains, etc.

5. *Data on some of the public facilities are collected as part of the Census. Discuss with your teacher when and how the Census is conducted?*

Census in India is conducted once in every 10 years. The government officials are assigned to go from house to house to gather information on the population, age, occupation, literacy, sex ratio, etc. Other surveys are conducted by the government to mark the development of agriculture and industries.

6. *Private educational institutions - schools, colleges, universities, technical and vocational training institutes are coming up in our country in a big way. On the other hand, educational institutes run by the government are becoming relatively less important. What do you think would be the impact of this? Discuss.*

The impact could be that the government stops paying much attention to the government institutes which would result in the unavailability of good quality education to the poor students as private institutions usually charge high fees. If it happens then the duty of the government to provide quality education to all under Right to Education will not be fulfilled.

- **Extra Question:-**

1. *What was the UN statement regarding water?*

UN's statement regarding right to water is that everyone should have sufficient, safe, accessible and affordable water for personal and domestic use .

2. *What is the most essential features of public facilities?*

The most essential features of public facilities are as follows.

- It is the facility provided by the government to the people.*
- Benefit of public facilities are shared by all.*

iii. The facilities are provided to the people at an affordable price.

3. What is special about Porto Alegre?

Special thing about Porto Alegre is that although having poor people in the city, the city has a very low infant death rate than compared to many well known cities.

4. What do you understand by Universal Access?

Universal Access means that everyone should have a physical access to a good and can also afford it.

5. Where is Porto Alegre situated?

Porto Alegre is situated in Brazil.

6. Which is the worlds densest railway route?

Mumbai subarban railway is the densest railway route in the world.