

Merits of Unitary Government.

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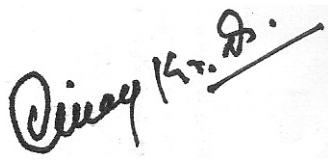
1. In the first place , all the powers are concentrated with the central government which can deal with the internal as well as external problems effectively .
2. Secondly, it ensures uniformity of law and administration . All the laws are enacted by the central government and the provinces have to abide by them . There is also no possibility of conflict between the center and the administration is smooth and efficient .
3. Thirdly , a unitary government is less expensive because there is only one set of government at the center . The units and provinces do not possess separate governments and are created merely for the sake of administrative convenience .
4. Fourthly , under unitary government concentration of all powers of the central governments render quick decisions possible. The central government can take decisions on its own without consulting the local organs .
5. Fifthly , unitary government is also helpful effectively dealing with the war and other national emergencies . The central government can adopt unified policy and act speedily. As Gettell has said “ political interests centers in the national governments, and a single patriotism un weakened by local traditions and jealousies is likely”.
6. Finally, unitary government possess greater flexibility and can adapt and adjust according to changing needs. It also avoids confusion regarding responsibility and duplication of work which contributes to unity and efficiency of administration.

Demerits of unitary government. The unitary government also suffers from a number of defects which can be listed as follow :

1. In the first instance under unitary government as all the powers are concentrated at the centers there are greater chances for authoritarian rule. The unitary government also affords less opportunities for the people to participate in the process of government and influence the enactment of laws and formulation of policies . All this tends to make the central government autocratic.

2. Under unitary system all the powers are concentrated with the central government which tends to make the administration bureaucratic. The administration is carried from a single center and lacks the qualities of flexibility and responsiveness.
3. Thirdly, under unitary government people have very limited opportunities for participation the governmental functioning due to presence of a single set of government at the center . As a result they tend to lose interest in the national policies and decisions .
4. Fourthly, centralization of all power with the reduction of regional units to the position of mere agents of the center greatly crushes the initiative of the people and renders the effective working of democracy doubtful.

No doubt the unitary system of government suffers from a number of defects still it is an ideal form of government for smaller states. It ensures and inexpensive and efficient administration.



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