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Class VIII

Subject:- History and Civics

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Chapter 2 (Civics)  
The Union Executive (Continued).

Good Morning Students!

This week we will study about Vice President, Prime Minister, Council of Ministers and Civil Servants.

The Vice President is elected by an electoral college consisting of members of both Houses of Parliament. The term of office of Vice President is five years. The Vice President is the ex officio chairperson of the Rajya Sabha. But if the President resigns, is removed or dies, then the Vice President acts as the President until a new President is elected.

The Prime Minister is the real head as the President is only the constitutional head. It is the Prime Minister who assigns different ranks and portfolios to the ministers. The Prime Minister is the chief adviser to the President. The Prime Minister represents the country at international conferences. He/She decides on India's internal and foreign policies. The Prime Minister is responsible for the lapses and failures of the government.

There is a Council of Ministers headed by the Prime Minister. The Council of Ministers included the Cabinet Ministers, Ministers of State and Deputy Ministers. The Prime Minister along with the Council of Ministers work together as a team and hold

collective responsibility. This means that all of them together are answerable to the Parliament for any decision taken by the Prime Minister. If a vote of no-confidence is passed, all of them have to resign.

### Civil Services

The Cabinet formulates the policies and frames the guidelines. These policies are executed through the civil servants. The civil servants are government employees who are not connected to any political party. They are required to implement the policies of the government in an impartial manner.

### Short answer type questions

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2. Please refer to Page No. 163 (Legislative Power - 2 points)
3. Please refer to Page No. 163 (Judicial Powers)
4. Please refer to Page No. 163-164 (Vice President)
5. Please refer to Page No. 165 (Union Cabinet Ministers, Ministers of State, Deputy Ministers)