

08 Importance of Public Opinion -

09 Public opinion occupies an important place
10 in democracy. The democratic government
11 derives its powers from the public
12 opinion and it is based on it. Each
13 government tries to keep the public
14 opinion in its favour and it should
15 not go against it at any cost. The
16 ministers are very much afraid of the
criticism voiced in the press. The electorate
elects the government after every four or
five years. After the elections the
government can not become despotic
because of public opinion. The government
which violates the public opinion cannot
stay long.

The public opinion is considered the best protector of the fundamental rights of the people. In countries, where public opinion is not awakened, the government becomes absolute. An alert and enlightened public opinion is the first essential of democracy. Even in dictatorship, government tries to create public opinion in its favour and for this purpose it controls the means which create it.