

WHAT IS THE STATE BUDGET?



*GOVERNMENT

THE STATE BUDGET IS A PLAN OF HOW THE * COLLECTS AND SPENDS MONEY, SIMILAR TO HOW A FAMILY PLANS ITS BUDGET.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY FOR THE BUDGET COME FROM?



MONEY THAT PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES PAY TO THE STATE, FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN THEY BUY FOOD OR OTHER PRODUCTS IN A STORE.



EUROPEAN FUNDS
MONEY RECEIVED FROM COOPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN EUROPE.



MONEY PAID AS INSURANCE IN CASE OF ILLNESS, UNEMPLOYMENT, OR RETIREMENT.

WHAT DOES THE STATE SPEND MONEY ON?



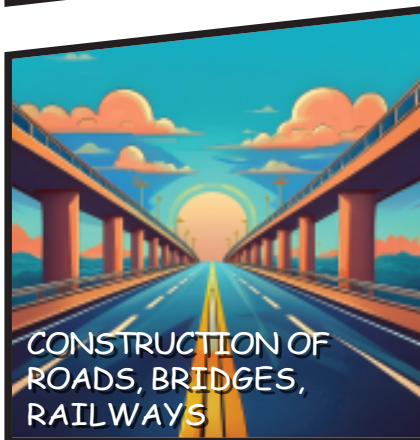
EDUCATION



HEALTHCARE



FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE



CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS, BRIDGES, RAILWAYS



ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE IN NEED



MILITARY, NATIONAL SECURITY

HOW IS THE STATE BUDGET ADOPTED?

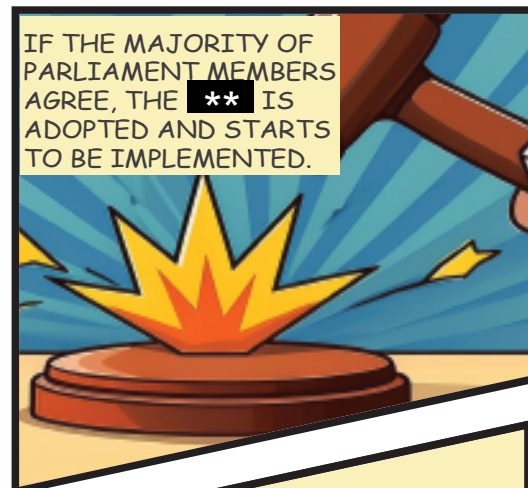
* PARLIAMENT
** BUDGET



THE GOVERNMENT PREPARES A PLAN OF HOW MUCH MONEY IT WILL COLLECT AND HOW MUCH IT WILL SPEND.



THIS PLAN IS DISCUSSED BY MEMBERS OF THE *, AND THEN THEY VOTE ON WHETHER THEY AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE PLAN.



IF THE MAJORITY OF PARLIAMENT MEMBERS AGREE, THE ** IS ADOPTED AND STARTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED.

CAN MONEY RUN OUT?

YES, IF THE GOVERNMENT SPENDS MORE THAN IT COLLECTS, IT FACES PROBLEMS. THEREFORE, IT MUST CAREFULLY PLAN HOW MUCH IT WILL SPEND AND BE CAUTIOUS NOT TO OVERSPEND. IF IT STILL RUNS OUT OF MONEY, IT CAN BORROW IT, BUT IT MUST PAY SOME EXTRA MONEY (CALLED INTEREST) TO THE LENDER AND RETURN THE MONEY EVENTUALLY.



CAREFUL PLANNING

IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES

IN THE CASE OF FLOODS, FIRES, AND OTHER DISASTERS, MONEY FROM A SPECIAL RESERVE IS USED.



THE STATE BUDGET ENSURES FUNDS FOR A SAFER AND BETTER LIFE.