

## What is Federal Government?

A federal government, on the other hand, is one in which powers are divided between the national government and the regional governments by the Constitution itself and both operate in their respective jurisdictions independently.

US, Switzerland, Australia, Canada, Russia, Brazil, Argentina, and so on have the federal model of government.

In a federal model, the national government is known as the Federal government or the Central Government or the Union government, and the regional government is known as the state government or the provincial government.

## What is Unitary Government?

By definition, a unitary government is one in which all the powers are vested in the national government, and the regional governments, if at all exist, derive their authority from the national government.

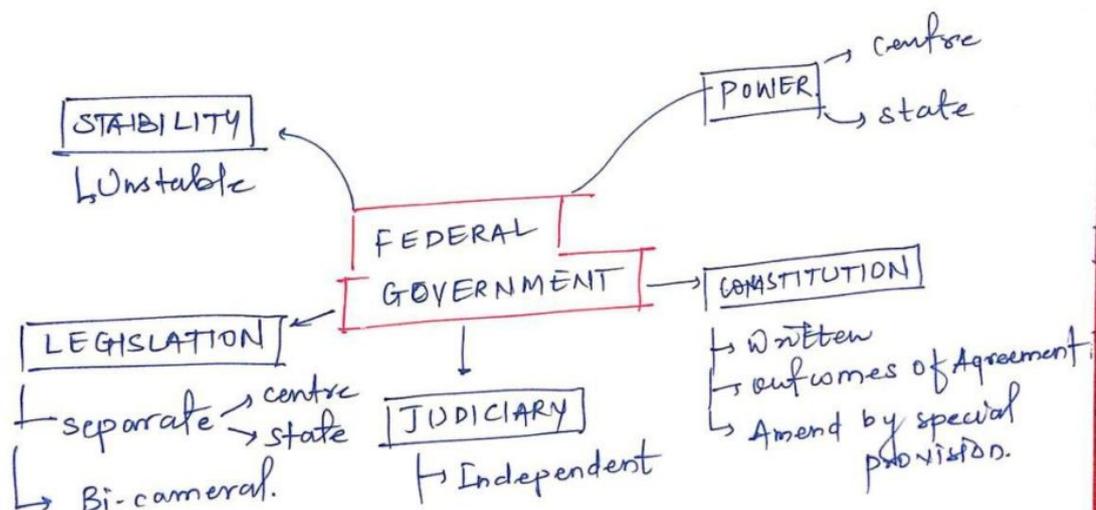
Britain, France, Japan, China, Italy, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Spain, and so on have the unitary model of government.

## Explain the difference between Federal and Unitary Governments?

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01	Powers are distributed between centres and States.	All powers are concentrated in one source.
02	Independent Judiciary: to resolve a conflict between Centre and State.	No Independent Judiciary
03	Citizens obey two sets of Laws.	Unitary law prevails

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04	The constitution is the outcome of an agreement and can only be amended by special procedures.	Can be changed by own supreme authority. Not an outcome of an agreement.
05	Separate legislature: at Centre and State.	Supreme central legislature.
06	Fear of Separation	promotion of national integration.
07	Unstable government	Stable government
08	Diversity prevails	No diversity
09	Democratic government	Non-democratic government
10	Politically aware government	Politically unaware government.
11	Must have written constitution.	May or may not have a written constitution.
12	Bicameral legislature	may be Bicameral or Unicameral.

Below Mind, the map will help you remember the Federal Government Trick very fast.



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