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History

FRANCE REVOLUTION

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1. A DIRECTORY RULES IN FRANCE

:- After the fall of Jacobins in new Constitution was introduced and power was again seized by wealthier middle class. According to new constitution

Non propertied section of the society had no right to vote.

Two elected Legislative Councils would run the government.

Two elected legislative councils would apoints an executive commithee of five members, called directory which would finally run the government.

Directory could be dismissed by the majority vote of councils.

These new provisions were bought to prevent the concentration of power in one man executive as happened in the reign of jacobins. The clash between directory and members of Councils led to political instability which opened the door of military dictator, Napoleon Bonaparte. Napoleon Bonaparte become the emperor of France in 1804.

2. THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY

:- In the system of slavery people were forced to work, treated as properties and hence sold, bought and forced to work against their will. The trade of slave started in seventeenth century. French merchants bought slave mainly from Africa. The branded and shackled slave were then packed tightly in to ships and after two to three months of voyages they were sold in the Caribbean to plantation owners. The extensive demand of sugar, coffee and indigo in European market was fulfilled by the exploitation of slaves as labours. Many port cities like Bordeaux and Nantes got economic prosperity by The trade of slaves and many of the merchants were increasing their wealth by trade of slavery.

However, the slavery began to be criticized in France. By coming in power jacobins abolished the system of slavery in the France colonies, which was one of the greatest social reforms in their reign. But Napoleon again introduced slavery system. And finally slavery was abolished in France colonies in 1848.

HOME ASSIGNMENT

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. Why did the directory come to power in France?
2. What was the directory rule in France?
3. Why did directory fail in France?
4. Write a short note on directory rule in France?
5. What was the importance of slavery to France?
6. How was slavery abolish in France?

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