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History

Nazism and the Rise of Hitler

Question 3.

What was the famous Enabling Act? Mention some of its important provisions.

Answer:

On 3 March 1933, The famous Enabling Act was passed. This Act established Hitler's dictatorship in Germany. It gave Hitler all powers to sideline Parliament and rule by decree. Some of its provisions were:

- (i) The structures of democratic rule was dismantled and dictatorship was established in its place.
- (ii) All political parties and trade unions were banned except for the Nazi Party and its affiliates. The state established complete control over the economy, media, army and judiciary.
- (iii) Special surveillance and security forces were created to control and order society in ways that the Nazis wanted.
- (iv) Apart from the already existing regular police in green uniform and the SA or the Storm Troopers, these included the Gestapo (secret state police), and the SS (the protection squads), criminal police and the security service or (SD).

(v) People could now be detained in Gestapo torture chambers, rounded up and sent to concentration camps, deported at will or arrested without any legal procedures. The police forces acquired powers to rule with impunity.

Question 4.

How were the ideas of Darwin and Herbert Spencer adopted by the Nazis?

Answer:

(i) Hitler's racism borrowed from thinkers like Charles Darwin and Herbert Spencer. Darwin was a natural scientist who tried to explain the creation of plants and animals through the concept of evolution and natural selection.

(ii) Herbert Spencer later added the idea of survival of the fittest. According to this idea, only those species survived on the earth that could adapt themselves to changing climatic conditions.

(iii) Although Darwin never advocated human intervention in what he thought was purely natural process of selection, his ideas were used by racist thinkers and politicians to justify imperial rule over conquered peoples.

(iv) The Nazis argued that the strongest race would survive and the weak ones would perish.

(v) They considered that the Aryan race was the finest. It had to retain its purity, become stronger and dominate the world.

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