

Ch: CONSTITUTIONAL DESIGN

Q.What is meant by 'Constituent Assembly Debates'?

Answer:

The members deliberated for 114 days spread over three years. Every document presented and every word spoken in the Constituent Assembly has been recorded and preserved. These are called 'Constituent Assembly Debates'.

Question

What do you understand by the term 'the Preamble to the Constitution'?

Answer:

The Constitution begins with a short statement of its basic values. This is called the Preamble to the Constitution.

Question

What do you mean by the term 'sovereign'?

Answer:

It means people have supreme right to make decisions on internal as well as external matters. No external power can dictate the government of India.

Question

What do you mean by the term 'secular'?

Answer:

It means citizens have complete freedom to follow any religion, but there is no official religion. Government treats all religious beliefs and practices with equal respect.

Question

Why is the Preamble called the soul of the Indian Constitution?

Answer:

Because it contains the philosophy on which the entire constitution has been built. It provides a standard to examine and evaluate any law and action of government, to find out whether it is good or bad. It is the soul of the Indian Constitution.

Question

What is the significance of the phrase 'We the people of India' in the Preamble?

Answer:

The preamble is an introductory part of the Constitution. It is called the key of the Constitution. "We the people of India" means the Constitution has been drawn up and enacted by the people through their representatives, and not handed down to them by a king or any outside powers.